

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

Grades K-2

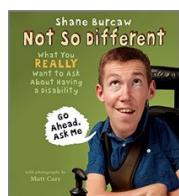


Barton, Chris

[Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions](#)

Chronicles the life and achievements of the NASA engineer and inventor, from his childhood to his accidental invention of the Super Soaker water gun.

Identities: African Americans

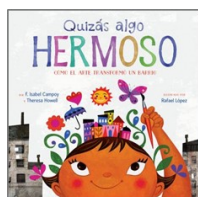


Burcaw, Shane

[Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability](#)

A picture book answering the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.

Identities: Disabilities

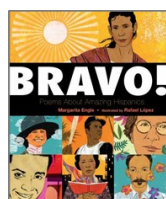


Campoy, Isabel F. and Theresa Howell

[Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood](#)

Mira lives in a gray and hopeless urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors.

Identities: Language ([Spanish](#)), Latinx Americans

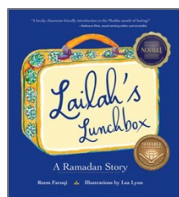


Engle, Margarita

[Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics](#)

Bold, graphic portraits and beautiful poems present famous and lesser-known Latinos from varied backgrounds who have faced life's challenges in creative ways.

Identities: Language ([Spanish](#)), Latinx Americans

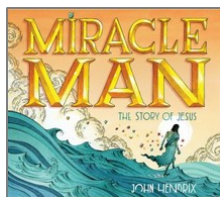


Faruqi, Reem

[Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story](#)

Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge.

Identities: Muslim



Hendrix, John

[Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus](#)

This picture book written and illustrated by John Hendrix focuses on the Biblical accounts of miracles performed by Jesus and concludes with the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

Identities: Christian



Kissinger, Katie

All the Colors We Are / Todos los Colores de Nuestra Piel

Magnificent color photographs and simple, engaging language capture the essence of one way we are special and different from one another—our skin color!

Identities: Intersectionality, Language (Spanish)

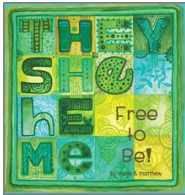


Martin, Jaqueline Briggs and June Jo Lee

Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix

Describes the popular street cook's life, including working in his family's restaurant as a child, figuring out what he wanted to do with his life, and his success with his food truck and restaurant.

Identities: Asian Americans

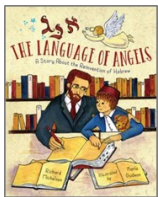


Maya & Matthew

They, She, He, Me: Free to Be

Pronouns serve as a familiar starting point for kids and grown-ups to expand ideas about gender and celebrate personal expression with fun imagery that provides a place to meet and play.

Identities: Gender Identity & Sexuality

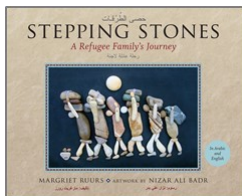


Michelson, Richard

The Language of Angels: A Story About the Reinvention of Hebrew

Ben-Zion's father insisted that his son speak only Hebrew. But in the 1880s, the Jewish people who lived in Jerusalem spoke Yiddish or the languages of the places where they grew up. Hebrew hadn't been in everyday use for more than two thousand years, and adults said it could never be revived.

Identities: Jewish

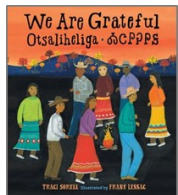


Ruurs, Margriet

Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey

In this picture book, a young girl and her family are forced to flee their village to escape the civil war that has engulfed Syria and make their way toward freedom in Europe.

Identities: Citizenship Status, Language (Arabic), Muslim

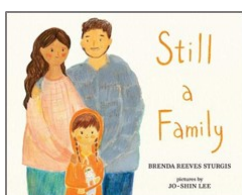


Sorell, Traci (Cherokee)

We Are Grateful / Otsaliheliga

Otsaliheliga is a Cherokee word that is used to express gratitude. Journey through the year with a Cherokee family and their tribal nation as they express thanks for celebrations big and small. A look at modern Native American life as told by a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Identities: Language (Cherokee), Native Americans



Sturgis, Brenda Reeves

Still a Family

A little girl and her parents have lost their home and must live in a homeless shelter. Even worse, due to a common shelter policy, her dad must live in a men's shelter, separated from her and her mom. Despite these circumstances, the family still finds time to be together.

Identities: Income Inequality