

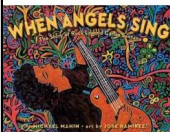

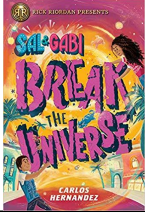

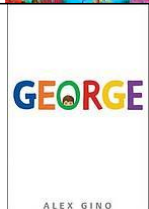




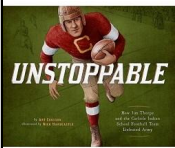
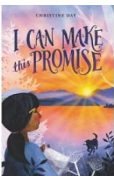
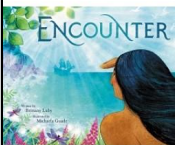
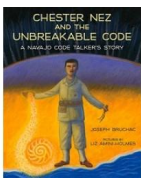
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Cover	Title	Author	Description	Diverse Themes	Grade	AR Level	ISBN
	Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré	Anika Aldamuy Denise (author), Paola Escobar (illustrator)	Named one of the Best Multicultural Children's Books of 2019 by the Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature.	Hispanic Heritage Month	K-3, 3-6	4.0	978-0062748683
	When Angels Sing	Michael Mahin (author), Jose Ramirez (Illustrator)	Carlos Santana loved to listen to his father play el violín. It was a sound that filled the world with magic and love and feeling and healing—a sound that made angels real. Carlos wanted to make angels real, too. So he started playing music.	Hispanic Heritage Month	K-3, 3-6	4.0	9781534404137
	Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet	Elizabeth Rusch (author), Teresa Martinez (illustrator)	Mexican-American Mario Molina is a modern-day hero who helped solve the ozone crisis of the 1980s. Growing up in Mexico City, Mario was a curious boy who studied hidden worlds through a microscope. As a young man in California, he discovered that CFCs, used in millions of refrigerators and spray cans, were tearing a hole in the earth's protective ozone layer. Mario knew the world had to be warned—and quickly.	Hispanic Heritage Month	3-6	5.4	978-1580895811
	Sal & Gabi Break the Universe	Carlos Hernandez	Pura Belpré 2020 Winner. Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents a brilliant sci-fi romp with Cuban influence that poses this question: What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including your mother, who is no longer living (in this universe, anyway)?	Hispanic Heritage Month	3-6	4.9	978-1368022828
	The First Rule of Punk	Celia C. Pérez	Twelve-year-old Malú inadvertently upsets Posada Middle School's queen bee, violates the school's dress code with her punk-rock look, and disappoints her college-professor mom in the process. Her dad, who now lives a thousand miles away, says things will get better as long as she remembers the first rule of punk: be yourself. Pura Belpré 2018.	Hispanic Heritage Month	3-6	4.5	978-0425290408


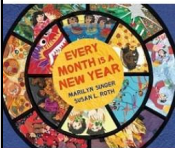
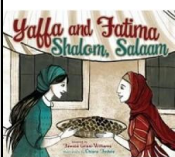



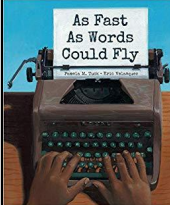

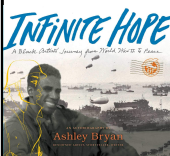
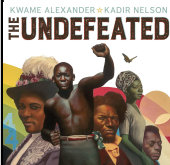
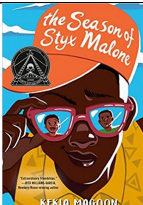
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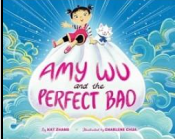
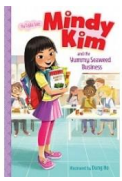

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	The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island	Dana Alison Levy	Rainbow Project Book List. Love the TV show Modern Family? Wait until you meet the family Fletcher! With two dads, four adopted brothers, two cats, and one pug, the Fletchers will have you laughing out loud! Welcome to Rock Island, Where Time Stands Still!	LGBTQ+ History Month	3-6	4.7	978-0553521337
	Hurricane Child	Kacen Callender	"An appealing tribute and successful remedy to the lack of titles about the groundbreaking librarian . . . a must-have for all libraries." —School Library Journal (starred review)	LGBTQ+ History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month	3-6	5.3	978-1338129311
	George	Alex Gino	Stonewall Award Winner. When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy.	LGBTQ+ History Month	3-6	5	978-0545812542
	Princess Princess Ever After		When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain. They'll need to join forces and use all the know-how, kindness, and bravery they have in order to defeat their greatest foe yet: a jealous sorceress, who wants to get rid of Sadie once and for all.	LGBTQ+ History Month	3-6	2.5	978-1620103401
	The Best At It	Maulik Pancholy	Rahul Kapoor is heading into seventh grade in a small town in Indiana. The start of middle school is making him feel increasingly anxious, so his favorite person in the whole world, his grandfather, Bhai, gives him some well-meaning advice: Find one thing you're really good at and become the BEST at it. Funny, charming, and incredibly touching, this is a story about friendship, family, and the courage it takes to live your truth.	LGBTQ+ History Month	3-6	4.8*	978-0062866417


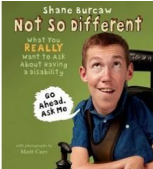
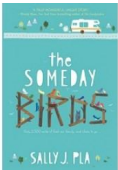
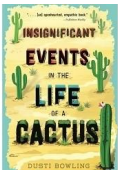


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	Bowwow Powwow	Brenda J. Child (Red Lake Ojibwe) Illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Ojibwe)	American Indian Youth Literature Award 2020. Windy Girl is blessed with a vivid imagination. From Uncle she gathers stories of long-ago traditions, about dances and sharing and gratitude. Windy can tell such stories herself—about her dog, Itchy Boy, and the way he dances to request a treat and how he wriggles with joy in response to, well, just about everything.	Native American Heritage Month	3-6	3.6	978-1681340777
	Unstoppable: How Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team Defeated Army	Art Coulson (author), Nick Hardcastle (illustrator)	In the autumn of 1912, the football team from Carlisle Indian Industrial School took the field at the U.S. Military Academy, home to the bigger, stronger, and better-equipped West Points Cadets. But for lightning-fast Jim Thorpe and the other Carlisle players, that day's game was about skill, strategy, and determination.	Native American Heritage Month	3-6	4.7	978-1543504064
	I Can Make This Promise	Christine Day	All her life, Edie has known that her mom was adopted by a white couple. So no matter how curious she might be about her Native American heritage, Edie is sure her family doesn't have any answers. Until the day when she and her friends discover a box hidden in the attic—a box full of letters signed "Love, Edith" and photos of a woman who looks just like her.	Native American Heritage Month	3-6	6.2*	978-0062871992
	Encounter	Brittany Luby (author), Michaela Goade (illustrator)	Based on the real journal kept by French explorer Jacques Cartier in 1534, Encounter imagines a first meeting between a French sailor and a Stadaconan fisher. As they navigate their differences, the wise animals around them note their similarities, illuminating common ground.	Native American Heritage Month	3-6	2.6*	978-0316449182
	Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story	Joseph Bruchac (author), Liz Amini-Holmes (illustrator)	As a young Navajo boy, Chester Nez had to leave the reservation and attend boarding school, where he was taught that his native language and culture were useless. But Chester refused to give up his heritage. Years later, during World War II, Chester—and other Navajo men like him—was recruited by the US Marines to use the Navajo language to create an unbreakable military code.	Native American Heritage Month	3-6	4.8	978-0807500071

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	What Do You Celebrate	Whitney Stewart (Author), Christiane Engel (Illustrator)	Across the globe, every country has its special holidays. From Brazilian carnival and Chinese New Year to France's Bastille Day and our very own Fourth of July, What Do You Celebrate? presents 14 special occasions where people dance, dress up, eat yummy foods, and enjoy other fun traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6	2.9*	978-1454932130
	Every Month is a New Year	Marilyn Singer (author), Susan L. Roth (illustrator)	In many places around the globe, the new year starts on January 1. But not everywhere! Chinese New Year is celebrated in January or February. Iranians observe Nowruz in March. For Thai people, Songkran occurs in April. All these diverse cultural, regional, and religious observances, and many others, have deep-rooted traditions and treasured customs.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	K-3, 3-6	4.7	978-1620141625
	Batman : Li'l Gotham : Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year	Dustin Nguyen	On Valentine's Day, Joker's plans to become Cupid backfire when all of Gotham's women relentlessly pursue him. Then, during the Lunar New Year's celebration in Chinatown, a rare artifact is stolen. Damian Wayne, Bruce's son, takes the case. Along the way, he gets a history lesson from Alfred in addition to a real mean martial arts lesson from Katana!	World Holidays/ Cultures Month, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	K-3, 3-6	2.6	978-1250133380
	Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam	Fawzia Gilani-Williams (author), Chiara Fedele (illustrator)	Two neighbors one Jewish, one Muslim have always been best friends. When they both fall on hard times, can they find a way to help each other? In Fawzia Gilani's retelling of this folktale which has both Jewish and Arab origins differences are not always causes for conflict and friendship can overcome any obstacle.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6	2.0*	978-1467794237
	Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story	Angela Shelf Medearis (Author), Daniel Minter (Illustrator)	When they are given the seemingly impossible task of turning thread into gold, the seven Ashanti brothers put aside their differences, learn to get along, and embody the principles of Kwanzaa. When they are given the task of turning thread into gold, the seven Ashanti brothers put aside their differences, learn to get along, and embody the principles of Kwanzaa.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6	3.9	978-0807573150

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	As Fast As Words Could Fly	Pamela M. Tuck	"A thirteen-year-old African American boy in 1960s Greenville, North Carolina, uses his typing skills to make a statement as part of the Civil Rights movement. Based on true events. Illustrated.	Black History Month	3-6	4.3	978-1600603488
	Tristan Strong	Kwame Mbalia	Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents Kwame Mbalia's epic fantasy, a middle grade American Gods set in a richly-imagined world populated with African American folk heroes and West African gods.	Black History Month	3-6	4.8	978-1368039932
	Infinite Hope	Ashley Bryan	Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award 2020. Kirkus Reviews Best Middle Grade Book of 2019. A deeply moving picture book memoir about serving in the segregated army during World War II, and how love and the pursuit of art sustained him. Illustrated.	Black History Month	3-6	6.6	978-1534404908
	The Undeclared	Kwame Alexander & Kadir Nelson	Winner of the 2020 Caldecott Medal. 2020 Newbery Honor Book. Originally performed for ESPN's The Undeclared, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes. Illustrated.	Black History Month	3-6	2.6	978-1328780966
	The Season of Styx Malone	Kekia Magoon	Coretta Scott King Award-Winning. Meet Caleb and Bobby Gene, two brothers embarking on a madcap, heartwarming, one-thing-leads-to-another adventure in which friendships are forged, loyalties are tested . . . and miracles just might happen.	Black History Month	3-6	3.8	978-1524715984

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	Girls with Guts! The Road to Breaking Barriers and Bashing Records	Debbie Gonzales (author), Rebecca Gibbon (illustrator)	A celebration of the strength, endurance, and athleticism of women and girls throughout the ages, Girls with Guts! keeps score with examples of women athletes from the late 1800s up through the 1970s, sharing how women refused to take no for an answer, and how finally, they pushed for a law to protect their right to play, compete, and be athletes.	Women's History Month	3-6	5.0	978-1580897471
	For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story	Rebecca Langston-George (author), Janna Bock (illustrator)	She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. Discover Malala's story through this powerful narrative telling, and come to see how one brave girl named Malala changed the world.	Women's History Month	3-6	4.9	978-1491465561
	Shaking things up : 14 young women who changed the world	Susan Hood (author), Selina Alko (illustrated)	Shares stories of fourteen inspiring young female rebels ... who broke down walls to pursue their interests, talents, and rights. They fought fires, discovered prehistoric animals, circled the globe, braved Nazis, championed sports, changed the way we eat, integrated schools, improved medicine and more	Women's History Month	3-6	5.7	978-0-06-269945-9
	What would she do? : 25 true stories of trailblazing rebel women	Kay Woodward	Covering 25 diverse women from early world leaders to modern day heroes, What Would She Do? is an inspiring and empowering illustrated guide for today's budding young feminists. From historic world leaders to brilliant scientists, artists, and modern-day pioneers, What Would She Do? shares twenty-five incredible women's stories that educate and empower.	Women's History Month	3-6, 6-8	6.2	978-1-33821-640-0
	A lady has the floor : Belva Lockwood speaks out for women's rights	Kate Hannigan (author), Alison Jay (illustrator)	Activist Belva Lockwood never stopped asking herself the question Are women not worth the same as men? She had big dreams and didn't let anyone stand in her way--not her father, her law school, or even the U. S. Supreme Court. She fought for equality for women in the classroom, in the courtroom, and in politics. In her quest for fairness and parity, Lockwood ran for President of the United States, becoming the first woman on the ballot.	Women's History Month	3-6	4.3	978-0763693565

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	Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao	Kat Zhang (author), Charlene Chua (illustrator)	Amy loves to make bao with her family. But it takes skill to make the bao taste and look delicious. And her bao keep coming out all wrong. Then she has an idea that may give her a second chance...Will Amy ever make the perfect bao?	Asian Heritage Month	K-3, 3-6	2.2*	978-1534411333
	Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix	Jacqueline Briggs Martin (author), June Jo Lee (illustrator)	"Sohn maash" is the flavors in our fingertips. It is the love and cooking talent that Korean mothers and grandmothers mix into their handmade foods. For Chef Roy Choi, food means love. It also means culture, not only of Korea, where he was born, but the many cultures that make up the streets of Los Angeles, where he was raised.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	3-6	4.0	978-0983661597
	Mindy Kim #1 - Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business	Lyla Lee (author), Dung Ho (illustrator)	Mindy Kim just wants three things: A puppy! To fit in at her new school. For her dad to be happy again. But, getting all three of the things on her list is a lot trickier than she thought it would be. On her first day of school, Mindy's school snack of dried seaweed isn't exactly popular at the lunch table. Luckily, her new friend, Sally, makes the snacks seem totally delicious to Mindy's new classmates, so they decide to start the Yummy Seaweed Business.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	3-6	3.1*	978-1534440074
	Aru Shah and the End of Time (A Pandava Novel, Book 1)	Roshani Chokshi	Seventh grader Aru should never have lit the ancient lamp. When she put the lighter to the wick, the world froze and she released the awful Sleeper. Aru is suddenly launched into the world of the gods and surrounded by mythical characters come to life. Aru discovers she is a Pandava, born with the soul of one of the five brothers featured in the Mahabharata.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	3-6, 6-8	4.7	978-1368012355
	Stargazing	Jen Wang	Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic ... and though they both grew up in the same Chinese American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she has visions, sometimes, of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, World Holiday Month	3-6, 6-8	2.5	978-1250183880

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	Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability	Shane Burcaw	Shane Burcaw was born with a rare disease called spinal muscular atrophy which hinders his muscles growth. This humorous, relatable, and refreshingly honest glimpse into Shane's life tackles many of the mundane and quirky questions that he's often asked and shows readers that he's just as approachable, friendly, and funny as anyone else.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	K-3, 3-6	4.1	978-1626727717
	The Someday Birds	Sally J. Pla	Charlie wishes his life could be as predictable and simple as chicken nuggets. And it usually is. He has his clean room, his carefully organized sketchbooks and colored pencils, his safe and comfortable routines. Now his life consists of living with Gram, trips to the hospital, and wishing things were back to normal.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	3-6, 6-8	4.8	978-0062445773
	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling	Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	3-6, 6-8	4.6	978-1454932994
	Mighty Jack	Ben Hatke	Jack might be the only kid in the world who's dreading summer. But he's got a good reason: summer is when his single mom takes a second job and leaves him at home to watch his autistic kid sister, Maddy. But then, one day at the flea market, Maddy does talk—to tell Jack to trade their mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds. It's the best mistake Jack has ever made.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	3-6, 6-8	2.1	978-1626722644
	The Girl With More Than One Heart	Laura Geringer Bass	There are times we all feel we need more than one heart to get through. When Briana's father dies, she imagines she has a new heart growing inside her. It speaks to her in her Dad's voice. Some of its commands are mysterious. Find Her! it says. Be Your Own!	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	3-6, 6-8	3.6	978-1419728822

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