

Finding Diverse Books for Kids 2022

GRADES 9-12



Brown, Mahogany L.

Chlorine Sky

Picked on at home, criticized for talking trash while beating boys at basketball, and always seen as less than her best friend, a girl struggles to like and accept herself.

Race & Ethnicity: Black



Clark, Tea Rozman and Julie Vang (ed.)

Our Stories Carried Us Here: A Graphic Novel Anthology

Ten first-person stories told and illustrated by immigrants and refugees living across the United States. Faced by unfamiliar vistas, they are welcomed with possibilities and confronted by challenges and prejudice.

Citizenship Status



Elhillo, Safia

Home Is Not a Country

After her best friend is injured in a hate crime, Nima, the daughter of working-class Muslim immigrants, wonders who she would have been if her parents had named her Yasmeen instead.

Religion: Muslim



Gerster, Michelle

Travesía: El Viaje de Una Joven Migrante / A Migrant Girl's Cross-Border Journey

A bilingual graphic novel based on the true story of a teenage girl's harrowing experience crossing the Mexico-US border.

Language (Spanish)



He, Joan

The Ones We're Meant to Find

In a near future when life is harsh outside of Earth's last unpolluted place, Cee tries to leave an abandoned island while her sister, STEM prodigy Kasey, seeks escape from the science and home she once trusted.

Race & Ethnicity: Asian & Pacific Islander



Kemp, Laekan Zea

Somewhere Between Bitter & Sweet

Told in two voices, Pen, whose dream of taking over her family's restaurant has been destroyed, and Xander, a new, undocumented, employee seeking his father, form a bond.

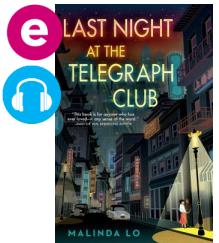
Race & Ethnicity: Latinx



Little Badger, Darcie **A Snake Falls to Earth**

Nina, a Lipan girl who lives on Earth, and Oli, a boy from the Reflecting World, are brought together by a catastrophe on Earth and a strange sickness in the Reflecting World.

Race & Ethnicity: Indigenous



Lo, Malinda **Last Night at the Telegraph Club**

After Lily and Kath meet at the Telegraph Club, a lesbian nightclub in 1950s Chinatown, they must choose between hiding who they are and risking everything to let their love see the light of day.

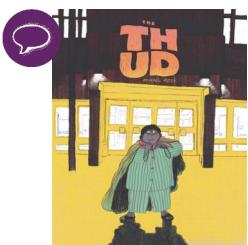
Intersectionality



Reynolds, Hannah **The Summer of Lost Letters**

A packet of old letters sends Abby Schoenberg to Nantucket to unravel a family mystery, but things get complicated when Abby meets the cute grandson of a prominent family who wants to stop her from investigating.

Religion: Jewish



Ross, Mikael **The Thud**

A boy with developmental disabilities finds his world turned upside down after his mother has a stroke and he moves to Neuerkerode, a German village where most of the people have developmental disabilities as well.

Disability



Sanchez, Jasper **The (Un)popular Vote**

When Mark—whose politician dad keeps Mark's trans identity hidden—sees a manipulatively charming candidate for student body president inflame dangerous rhetoric, he risks his low profile to become a political challenger.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



Thurlbourn, Cara **The Boy Who Lived In the Ceiling**

Freddie, a homeless teenage boy who's harboring a secret, befriends a lonely classmate named Violet after she finds him taking refuge in her family's attic.

Income Inequality

 **e-book available**

 **audiobook available**

 **graphic novel**

 **Spanish**