

Finding Diverse Books for Kids 2022

GRADES 3-5



Cohn, Edith **Birdie's Billions**

When Birdie discovers cash in an abandoned house she thinks it could be the answer to her and her mother's problems, but she wonders about the people who left that money behind and what is the right thing to do.

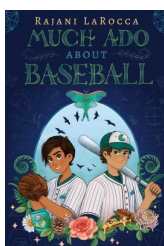
Income Inequality



Johnson, Varian **Playing the Cards You're Dealt**

When Anthony Joplin's best friend gets grounded, he teams up with new girl Shirley to play in the spades tournament every Joplin man before him seems to have won while worrying about living up to his father's expectations.

Race & Ethnicity: Black



LaRocca, Rajani **Much Ado About Baseball**

Math rivals Trish and Ben find themselves on the same baseball team whose poor performance is improved by a mysterious book of logic puzzles and their team sponsor's magical, performance-enhancing snacks.

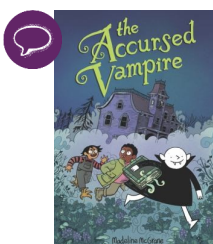
Race & Ethnicity: Asian & Pacific Islander



McGovern, Kate **Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen!**

After being diagnosed with dyslexia, Maple has to repeat fifth grade instead of beginning middle school. She tries to hide the truth from her new classmates while lying to her friends about the reason she was held back.

Intersectionality



McGrane, Madeline **The Accursed Vampire**

Dragoslava, a vampire kid under a witch's curse, sets out with their immortal friends to find the witch's missing spellbook in the mysterious town of Baneberry Falls.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



Misako Rocks! **Bounce Back**

After moving from Osaka to New York, basketball-loving Lilico has trouble adjusting to her new school until a pair of anime-loving classmates and a guardian cat spirit help her figure out where she fits in.

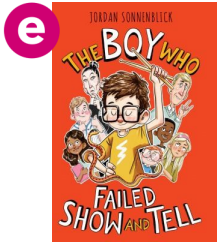
Citizenship Status



Quigley, Dawn
The Used-To-Be Best Friend

Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore.

Race & Ethnicity: Indigenous



Sonnenblick, Jordan
The Boy Who Failed Show & Tell

Based on true stories from the author's childhood, Jordan tries to keep his cool during a memorable fourth grade year in which there's A LOT going wrong ALL THE TIME.

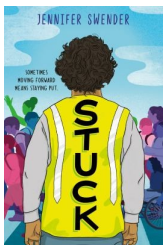
Religion: Jewish



Spiegelman, Nadia and Sergio García Sánchez
Blancaflor: La heroína con poderes secretos / The Heroine with Secret Powers

When a prince falls from the sky and wakes up in Blancaflor's lap, she moves heaven and earth to help the endearing, yet not so clever, young man, all while trying not to let him know about her magical abilities.

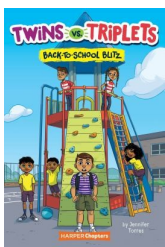
Language (Spanish)



Swender, Jennifer
Stuck

After years of switching schools and hiding his inability to read, a new friend and a chance to join his new school's Safety Squad help Austin realize that he's ready to stand out.

Disability



Torres, Jennifer
Back to School Blitz

The Romero twins have always ruled David's school. But when a set of trickster triplets moves to town, David gets stuck in the middle of a full-on prank war!

Race & Ethnicity: Latinx



Youssef, Bassem and Catherine R. Daly
The Magical Reality of Nadia

After a new kid starts teasing Egyptian-born Nadia about her heritage, the hippo amulet she bought in Cairo starts glowing—and reveals the spirit of an ancient Egyptian teacher trapped inside.

Religion: Muslim



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Spanish