

# 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.

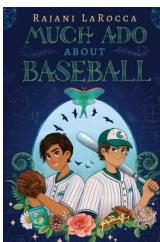
*Income Inequality*



### 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.

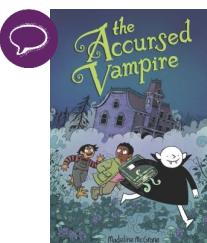
*Race & Ethnicity: Asian & Pacific Islander*



### 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.

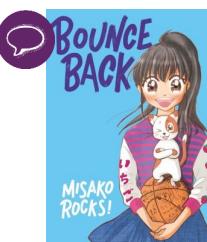
*Intersectionality*



### 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.

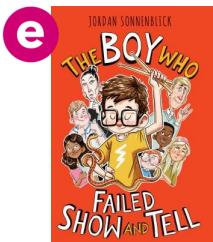
*Citizenship Status*



## 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.

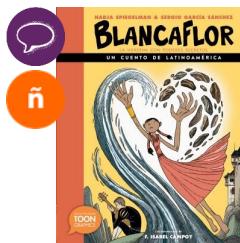
*Race & Ethnicity: Indigenous*



## 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.

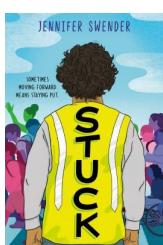
*Religion: Jewish*



## Spiegelman, Nadia and Sergio García Sánchez Blancaflor: La heroina 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.

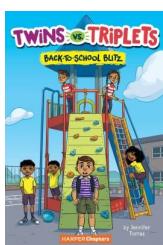
*Language (Spanish)*



## 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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**audiobook available**

**graphic novel**

**Spanish**