

# Finding Diverse Books for Kids 2021

## GRADES 3-5



### **Baptist, Kelly J.** **Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero**

Facing homelessness after his father's death, ten-year-old poet Isaiah Dunn finds inspiration in his dad's old notebooks featuring stories of Isaiah as a superhero.

*Income Inequality*



### **Cohen, Tziporah** **No Vacancy**

Miriam, a Jewish eleven-year-old, and her new friend Kate, who is Catholic, team up to save the run-down motel Miriam's family buys after her father loses his job..

*Religion: Jewish*



### **Cordova, Zoraida** **The Way to Rio Luna**

Foster kid Danny Monteverde goes looking for his missing older sister Pili in Rio Luna, the magical land in her favorite book, after finding a map in a mysterious library book.

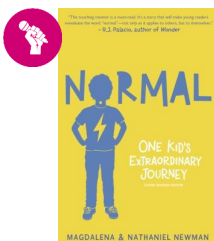
*Race & Ethnicity: Latinx*



### **Mian, Zanib** **Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet**

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.

*Religion: Muslim*



### **Newman, Nathaniel** **Normal: One Kid's Extraordinary Journey**

A mother and son team up to write a humorous, uplifting memoir chronicling Nathaniel's journey with the same craniofacial condition as the boy from *Wonder*.

*Disability*



### **Ortega, Claribel** **Ghost Squad**

Afro-Latinx Lucely Luna and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits who wreak havoc throughout St. Augustine and endanger the spirits of Lucely's ancestors.

*Intersectionality*



**Park, Linda Sue**

**Prairie Lotus**

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna—an aspiring dressmaker—and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

*Race & Ethnicity: Asian/Pacific Islander*

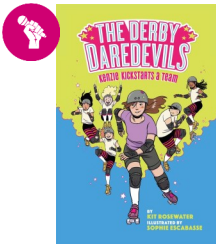


**Pheasant-Neganigwane, Karen**

**Powwow: A Celebration Through Song & Dance**

A celebration of Indigenous song and dance told through the history of powwow culture in North America, from its origins to the thriving modern powwow culture of today.

*Race & Ethnicity: American Indian*



**Rosewater, Kit**

**The Derby Daredevils: Kenzie Kickstarts a Team**

Fifth-grade best friends Kenzie "Kenzilla" and Shelly "Bombshell" dream of becoming roller derby superstars one day, but when a junior league forms and they must recruit teammates, will their friendship survive?

*Gender Identity & Sexuality*



**Ryan, Pam Muñoz**

**Mañanaland**

Max, who loves the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers on a journey into tomorrow, sets out on a dangerous quest to discover what the future holds.

*Language (Spanish)*



**Staniszewski, Anna**

**The Wonder of Wildflowers**

In Amberland, where natives rely on a dwindling supply of magical fluid and foreigners are unwelcome, ten-year-old Mira juggles her loyalty to her immigrant roots and her desire for acceptance.

*Citizenship Status*



**Watson, Renée**

**Ways to Make Sunshine**

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

*Race & Ethnicity: Black*



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