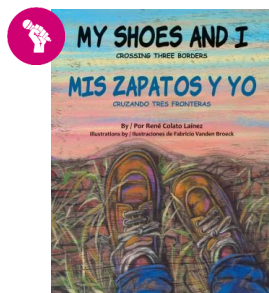


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Citizenship Status



Grades K-2

Lainez, Rene Colato

My Shoes & I: Crossing 3 Borders / Mis zapatos y yo: cruzando 3 fronteras

As a boy and his Papá travel from El Salvador to the United States to be reunited with Mamá, his wonderful new shoes help to distract him from the long and difficult journey.

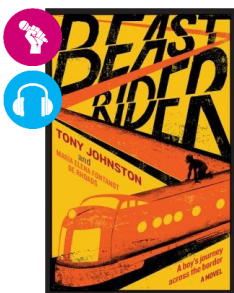


Grades 3-5

Lai, Remy

Pie in the Sky

When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making the cakes from his grandparents' bakery back home.

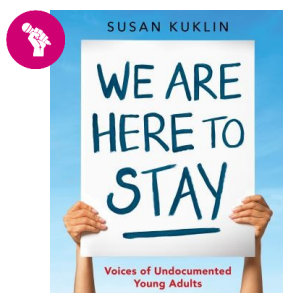


Grades 6-8

Johnston, Tony and María Elena Fontanot de Rhoads

Beast Rider: A Boy's Journey Beyond the Border

Having faced great danger, twelve-year-old Manuel finally succeeds in hopping a train out of Mexico but after reuniting with his brother in Los Angeles, he realizes something is not right.



Grades 9-12

Kuklin, Susan (editor)

We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults

Meet 9 courageous teens who have lived in the US with a secret for much of their lives: they are not US citizens. All have heartbreaking and hopeful stories about leaving their homelands and starting a new life in America.



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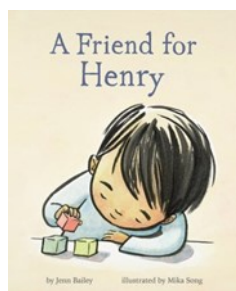
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Disability



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Bailey, Jenn

A Friend for Henry

Henry would like to find a friend at school, but for a boy on the autism spectrum, making friends can be difficult. Henry keeps trying, and in the end he finds a friend he can play with.

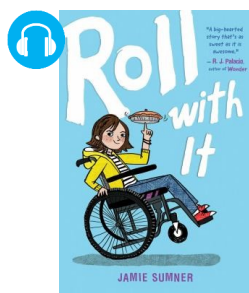


Grades 3-5

Reeves, Jordan and Jen Lee

Born Just Right

When Jordan Reeves was born without the bottom half of her left arm, the doctors reassured her parents that she was "born just right." Jordan and her mother tell her story about growing up in a way that never felt limited.



Grades 6-8

Sumner, Jamie

Roll With It

Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.



Grades 9-12

Gervais, Alison

The Silence Between Us

After moving to Colorado, deaf seventeen-year-old Maya is forced to attend a hearing school, where she must navigate a new life and prove that her lack of hearing will not stop her from pursuing her dreams.



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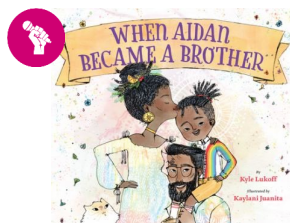
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Gender Identity & Sexuality

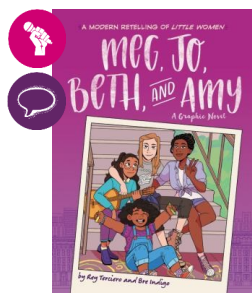


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Lukoff, Kyle

When Aidan Became a Brother

Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

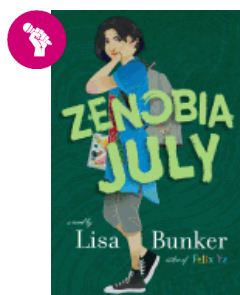


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Terziano, Rey

Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy

The March sisters are having a tough year with their dad overseas and their mom working overtime. Whether it's school woes, health issues, boy troubles or simply feeling lost, they all need the same thing: support from each other.

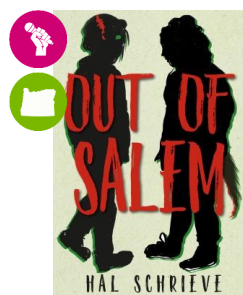


Grades 6-8

Bunker, Lisa

Zenobia July

Zenobia sets out to solve the mystery behind the hacker posting hateful memes on her new school's website while wrestling with the challenges of a new family and presenting her true gender for the first time.



Grades 9-12

Schrieve, Hal

Out of Salem

Genderqueer 14-year-old Z has to adjust quickly to their new status as a zombie after a car crash that killed their parents and sisters. Set in an alternate version of 1990s Salem, OR filled with werewolves, fey, and other monsters.



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Income Inequality



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McKissak, Patricia

What Is Given From the Heart

Despite their own poverty since Daddy died, Mama tells nine-year-old James Otis they need to help Sarah, whose family lost everything in a fire.



Grades 3-5

Gemeinhart, Dan

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.

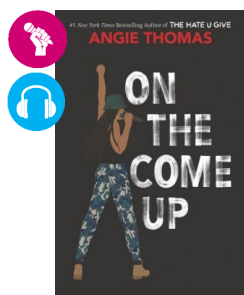


Grades 6-8

Abbott, Tony

The Great Jeff

Thirteen-year-old Jeff's life spirals downward into homelessness after his alcoholic mother loses her job.



Grades 9-12

Thomas, Angie

On the Come Up / Hora de brillar

Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother.



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Language (Spanish)



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Sotomayor, Sonia

[¡Solo pregunta! / Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You](#)

Sonia and her friends plant a garden, and each one contributes in his or her own special way, in a book that celebrates the many differences among humans. Inspired by Sotomayor's own childhood diagnosis of diabetes.



Grades 3-5

Gonzalez, Saraí and Monica Brown

[Saraí y la feria alrededor del mundo / Saraí & the Around the World Fair](#)

When Saraí outgrows her bike, she worries she'll never get to travel anywhere. But when Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary hosts their first Around the World fair, Saraí learns that with a little imagination you can go anywhere you want!

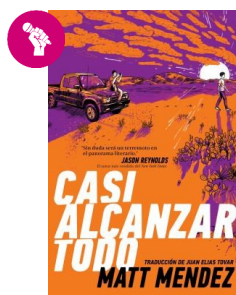


Grades 6-8

Pérez, Celia C.

[La primera regla del punk / The First Rule of Punk](#)

After María Luisa O'Neill-Morales moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago, she violates her school's dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurns the popular girls to start a band with like-minded friends.



Grades 9-12

Mendez, Matt

[Casi alcanzar todo / Barely Missing Everything](#)

Three Mexican-Americans—Juan, JD, and Fabi—each try to overcome their individual struggles as they all grapple with how to make a better life for themselves when it seems like brown lives don't matter.



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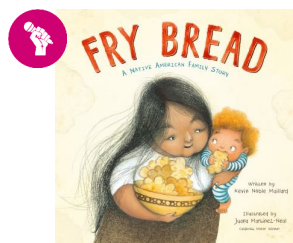
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American Indian



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Maillard, Kevin Noble (Seminole Nation, Mekusukey Band)

[Fry Bread: A Native Aamerican Family Story](#)

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America, this volume tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across the North American continent. Includes a recipe!

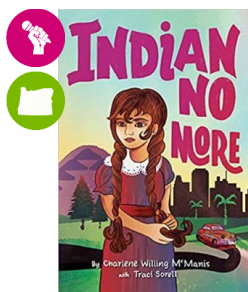


Grades 3-5

Day, Christine (Upper Skagit)

[I Can Make This Promise](#)

When 12-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her history and identity.



Grades 6-8

McManis, Charlene Willing (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde)

[Indian No More](#)

When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.



Grades 9-12

Spillet, Tasha (Nehiyaw)

[Surviving the City Vol. 1](#)

Miikwan and Dez are best friends. When Dez's grandmother becomes too sick, Dez is told she can't stay with her anymore and disappears. Miikwan is devastated. Will Dez's community find her before it's too late?



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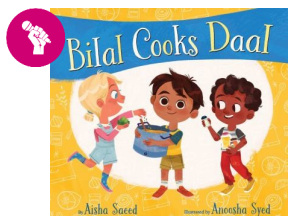
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Asian & Pacific Islander



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Saeed, Aisha

Bilal Cooks Daal

Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done.



Grades 3-5

Wang, Jen

Stargazing

When Moon's family moves in next door to Christine's, the very different girls become best friends. But when they're least expecting it, catastrophe strikes. After relying on Moon for so long, can Christine be the friend Moon needs?



Grades 6-8

Gourlay, Candy

Bone Talk

More than a hundred years ago in the Phillipines, a boy named Samkad thinks he knows everything about the world. But everything changes when a new boy arrives in the village bringing news of a people called 'Americans.'



Grades 9-12

Alkaf, Hanna

The Weight of Our Sky

Melati Ahmad, who believes that she must appease a djinn inside her by counting and tapping in order to save her mother's life, must survive the chaotic outbreak of war with China in 1969 Kuala Lumpur.



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Black



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Lyons, Kelly Starling

[Going Down Home with Daddy](#)

Alan looks forward to the annual family reunion at the farm where Daddy grew up, but everyone is supposed to share something special and Alan worries about arriving with empty hands.

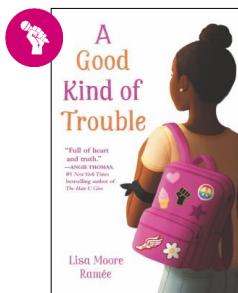


Grades 3-5

Giles, Lamar

[The Last Day of Summer](#)

When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the un-moving seconds are not as much fun as they expected.

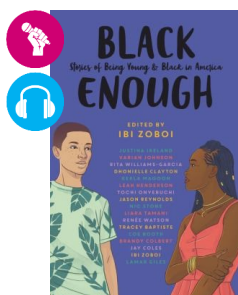


Grades 6-8

Ramée, Lisa Moore

[A Good Kind of Trouble](#)

After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement. When the school gives her an ultimatum, she has to choose between her education and her identity.



Grades 9-12

Zoboi, Ibi (edited by)

[Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America](#)

A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that each person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are unique.



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Latinx



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Quintero, Isabel

[My Papi Has a Motorcycle / Mi papi tiene una moto](#)

When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees a community that is both familiar and rapidly changing around her. Still, she knows that the love she feels will always be there.



Grades 3-5

Cervantes, Angela

[Lety Out Loud / Lety alza su voz](#)

When a local animal shelter needs a volunteer to write animal profiles, bilingual Lety gets stuck working with a classmate who turns their team project into a competition that might ruin her chance to adopt a shelter dog.



Grades 6-8

Hernandez, Carlos

[Sal & Gabi Break the Universe](#)

In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. But no one expected him to be able to take it further and 'relax' things into existence by reaching into time and space to retrieve things from other universes.



Grades 9-12

Mejia, Tehlor Kay

[We Set the Dark on Fire](#)

A top student at the Medio School for Girls, which trains upper class young women for roles as homemakers or mothers, Daniela Vargas must spy for a resistance group in order to keep her lower-class origins hidden.



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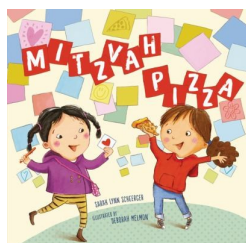
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Jewish



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Scheerger, Sarah Lynn

Mitzvah Pizza

Missy is trying to decide what to buy during her weekly Daddy Day when she meets a new friend and learns she can buy pizza for people who cannot afford a slice. Includes facts about Rosa's Fresh Pizza in Philadelphia.



Grades 3-5

Pasternack, Sofiya

Anya and the Dragon

In an alternate ninth century, twelve-year-old Anya and a new friend face a Viking and a tsar to protect the water dragon that saved her life, putting her family's home at risk.

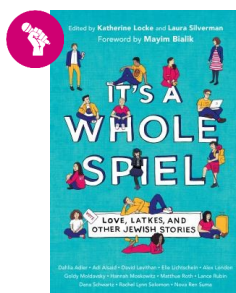


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Sloan, Holly Goldberg and Meg Wolitzer

To Night Owl From Dogfish

Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, Bett and Avery, two eleven-year-old girls, eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up.



Grades 9-12

Locke, Katherine and Laura Silverman (edited by)

It's a Whole Spiel: Love, Latkes, and Other Jewish Stories

From confronting their relationships with Judaism to rom-coms with a side of bagels and lox, It's a Whole Spiel features stories that says we are both Jewish and queer, disabled, creative, political, and anything we want to be.



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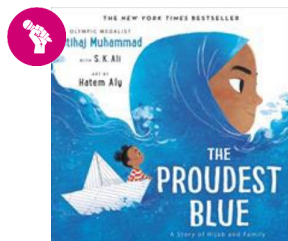
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Muslim



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Muhammad, Ibtihaj with S.K. Ali

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.



Grades 3-5

Warga, Jasmine

Other Words for Home

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life.

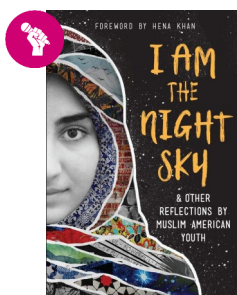


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Riazi, Karuna

The Battle

A virtual reality game freezes time in New York City and thrusts twelve-year-old Ahmad Mirza and his classmate, Winnie, into the game world of Paheli, where they must overcome the Mastermind and the Architect.



Grades 9-12

Khan, Hena (foreword by)

I Am the Night Sky & Other Reflections by Muslim American Youth

During an era characterized by both hijabi fashion models and enduring post 9/11 stereotypes, ten Muslim American teenagers came together to explore what it means to be young and Muslim in America today.



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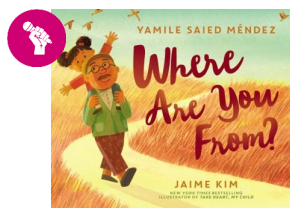
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Intersectionality

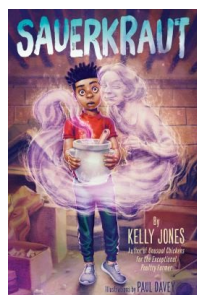


Grades K-2

Méndez, Yamilé Saied

Where Are You From / ¿De dónde eres?

When a young girl is asked where she's from—where she's really from—she decides to turn to her dear abuelo for some help with this ever-persistent question. But he doesn't quite give her the answer she expects.

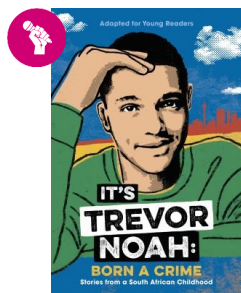


Grades 3-5

Jones, Kelly

Sauerkraut

HD Schenk wants enter a computer he built in the county fair, but the ghost of his German great-great-grandmother is haunting a dusty old pickling crock and wants HD to enter her sauerkraut recipe instead.

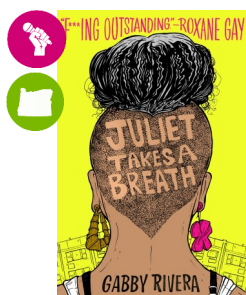


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Noah, Trevor

It's Trevor Noah

The comedian traces his coming of age during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed, offering insight into the farcical aspects of today's world.



Grades 9-12

Rivera, Gabby

Juliet Takes a Breath

Juliet, a self-identified queer Puerto Rican-American, comes out to her family to disastrous results the night before flying to Portland, OR to intern with an icon whose problematic definition of feminism excludes women of color.



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