

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens 2020

Grades 6-8

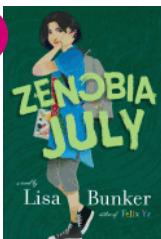


Abbott, Tony

The Great Jeff

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

Income Inequality



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.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



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.'

Asian & Pacific Islander

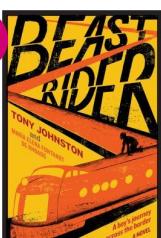


Hernandez, Carlos

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.

Latinx



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.

Citizenship Status

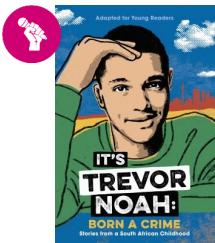


McManis, Charlene Willing (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde)

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.

American Indian



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.

Intersectionality

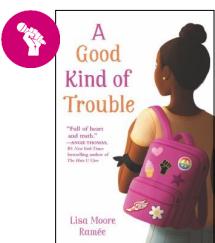


Pérez, Celia C.

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.

Language (Spanish)



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.

Black



Rizvi, 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.

Muslim



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.

Jewish



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.

Disability



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