

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens 2020

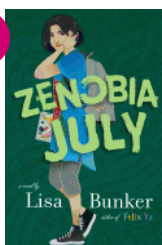
Grades 6-8



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 Philippines, 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.'

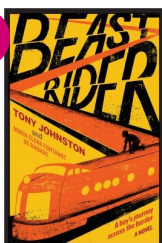
Asian & Pacific Islander



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.

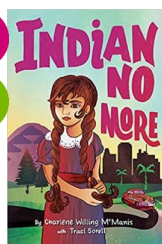
Latinx



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.

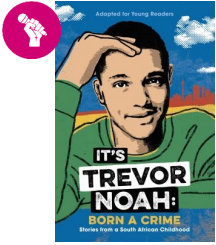
Citizenship Status



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.

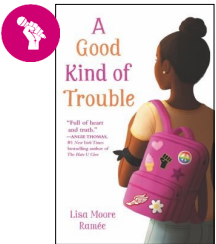
Intersectionality



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



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.

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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