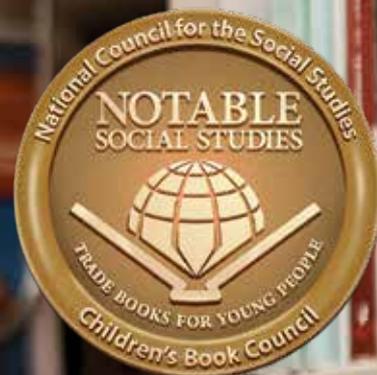


2023 Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People



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About the List and Criteria for Selection

The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2022 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children's Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbooks.org/membership/member-list.

Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies: A Framework for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment*, to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- 1 CULTURE
- 2 TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- 3 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- 4 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- 5 INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- 6 POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- 7 PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- 8 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- 9 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- 10 CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Key to a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with a red asterisk are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator 5. Publisher. 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) 8. Price as of January 2022 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies (see list above).

1. 	2. Buffalo Sisters.	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. ISBN 0-696-67321-1	8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks's childhood on the American frontier.	11. (ABM)	12. 3 6

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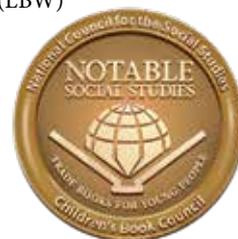
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Ain't Gonna Let NOBODY Turn Me 'Round: My Story of the Making of Martin Luther King Day. Kathlyn J. Kirkwood. Illustrated by Steffi Walthall. HarperCollins Children's Books / Versify. 114pp. Trade ISBN 9780358387268, \$16.99. (I, M) Kathlyn Kirkwood recounts, through verse, her participation in the long fight to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. This inspiring book details the work and dedication of everyday activists to turn an idea into a law. Includes Glossary, Blueprint/Diagram of Lawmaking, Bibliography. (LBW) ●●●●

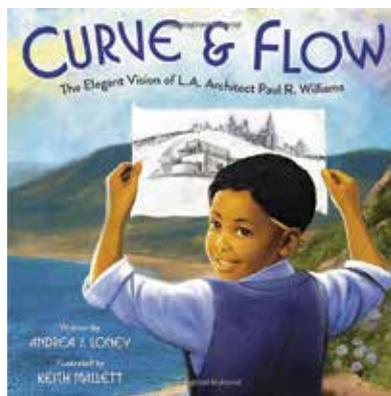
Annette Feels Free: The True Story of Annette Kellerman, World-class Swimmer, Fashion Pioneer, and Real-life Mermaid. Katie Mazeika. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 36pp. Trade ISBN: 978166590343, \$18.99. (P) This touching story celebrates Annette Kellerman, who became a world class swimmer at a time when women were expected to swim in skirts and pantaloons. Kellerman successfully fought so women could wear less restrictive swimwear. Includes Author's Note, Biographical Pictures, Facts about Kellerman. (LE) ●●●●

Black Trailblazers: 30 Courageous Visionaries Who Broke Boundaries, Made a Difference, and Paved the Way. Bijan Bayne. Illustrated by Joelle Avelino. Andrews McMeel Publishing. 128 pp. \$21.99. Trade ISBN 9781524874773. (I) A rich anthology of notable Black trailblazers and pioneers who changed the course of history. This celebration of Black brilliance and excellence features widely recognized names as well as lesser known changemakers. Includes Author's Note/Introduction. (KW) ●●●●

***Bold Words from Black Women: Inspiration and Truths from 50 Extraordinary Leaders Who Helped Shape Our World.** Dr. Tamara

Pizzoli. Illustrated by Monica Ahanonu. Simon & Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9781534463943, \$19.99. (I, M, H) Featuring quotes from 50 influential Black women—such as Beyoncé Knowles, Michelle Obama, and Serena Williams—this inspirational book includes stunning illustrations and biographical information about each woman. (AMM) ●●

Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna and the Race to Understand Our Genetic Code. (Young Readers Edition) Walter Isaacson with Sarah Durand. Simon & Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9781665910668, \$17.99. (H) This biography of Jennifer Doudna, the Nobel Prize-winning scientist responsible for the CRISPR gene-editing technology, traces her development as a scientist and the significance of her discoveries. Includes Epilogue with photographs and Glossary. (VSW) ●●●●



Curve & Flow: The Elegant Vision of L.A. Architect Paul R. Williams. Andrea J. Loney. Illustrated by Keith Mallett. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780593429075, \$18.99. (P) *Curve & Flow* takes the reader on the triumphant journey of Paul Williams, an early twentieth-century Black architect. The book chronicles the racism Williams faced during his career and his ultimate success as an internationally celebrated architect. Includes Author's Notes, Bibliography,

Selected Historical Photographs, and Historical Timeline. (KB) ●●

***Hanged.** Sarah Miller. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 333pp. Trade ISBN 9780593181560, \$18.99. (H) This book is a biography of Mary Surratt, a woman found guilty of aiding and abetting in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Miller examines the role sexism played in Surratt's trial and death. Includes Author's Note, Historical Annotations, and Selected Sources. (LE) ●●●●

Her Name was Mary Katharine: The Only Woman Whose Name Is on the Declaration of Independence. Ella Schwartz. Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780316298322, \$18.99. (I, M) A rare account of a woman in Colonial America with a thriving career. Mary Katharine had several jobs that were atypical for women of that era and, most notably, she played an important part in the creation of the Declaration of Independence. Includes Author's Note, Important Terms, and Selected Sources. (PK) ●

I Am Muhammad Ali. Brad Meltzer. Illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos. Penguin Young Readers / Rocky Pond Books. 25pp. Trade ISBN: 9780593405857, \$15.99. (P,I) This biography of Muhammad Ali designed for young readers spotlights Ali's courage to speak out against racism rather than focusing on his boxing career. Includes Pictures, Resources, and Timeline. (LE) ●●

I Will Protect You: A True Story of Twins Who Survived Auschwitz. Eva Mozes Kor and Danica Davidson. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 226pp. Trade ISBN 9780316460637, \$17.99. (M) The first-hand account of a survivor of Nazi "experiments" performed on twins. This memoir introduces and presents Nazi atrocities without gore or graphic detail. It follows Eva into adulthood, showing readers how these experiences affected her life. Includes Timeline, Glossary. (KJH) ●●●●

A Life of Service: The Story of Senator Tammy Duckworth. Christina Soontornvat. Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781536222050, \$18.99. (I) This biography of Tammy Duckworth chronicles events of her life and captures the strength and character that have guided her through each decision, injury, battle, and into motherhood. Includes Timeline, Sources. (BL) 237567

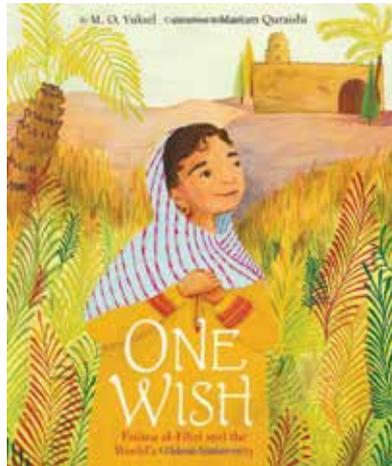
Mae Jemison (Little People, BIG DREAMS). Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. Illustrated Janna Morton. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Book. 35pp. Trade ISBN 978711270954, \$15.99. (P) In easy-to-understand language, this biography of astronaut Mae Jemison details the obstacles Jemison overcame to join NASA in 1992. A perfect book for young readers. (LE) 33

Lola Out Loud: Inspired by the Childhood of Activist Dolores Huerta. Jennifer Torres. Illustrated by Sara Palacios. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780316530125. \$18.99. (P) Lola is just a little girl. However, she recognizes injustices in her community. Using the lesson she learned from her family, Lola knows that despite being little she can speak out against big problems. Based on the life of civil rights activist and labor leader Dolores Huerta. Includes Author's Note. (KVH) 123

Mama in Congress: Rashida Tlaib's Journey to Washington. Rashida Tlaib, Miranda Paul, Adam Tlaib. Illustrated by Olivia Aserr. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780358683438, \$18.99. (P) This is a charming picture book biography about Rashida Tlaib, one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress, and her family. Includes Author's Note, Glossary. (SLR) 262

Maya's Song. Renée Watson. Illustrated by Bryan Collier.

HarperCollins Children's Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780062871589, \$19.99. (P) Through poetry, vivid watercolor, and collage illustrations, this biography of Maya Angelou presents a nuanced collection of moments in the poet's life, including memories of a supportive family, the aftermath of abuse, and the power of joining her voice with civil rights leaders. Includes Timeline, Author's Note, and Illustrator's Note. (VSW) 277



One Wish: Fatima al-Fihri and the World's Oldest University. M.O. Yuksel. Illustrated by Mariam Quraishi. HarperCollins Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780063032910, \$18.99. (P) A biography of ninth-century trailblazer Fatima al-Fihri, a woman who founded the oldest existing university in the world. A story of perseverance, faith, and kindness, and the impact that al-Fihri's dream for a school has had on untold numbers. Includes Author's Note, Glossary, Bibliography, Timeline. (TSS) 63

Parks for the People. Elizabeth Partridge. Illustrated by Becca Stadtlander. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781984835154, \$17.99. (P, I) This picture book recounts the story of Frederick Law Olmsted, an American landscape architect, whose work includes Central Park in New York, Yosemite in California, and the U.S. Capitol grounds. Author's Note,

Timeline, Bibliography, Resources. (SA) 22

Rise up With a Song: The True Story of Ethel Smyth, Suffragette Composer. Diane Worthey. Illustrated by Helena Pérez Garcia. Bushel & Peck Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781638191315, \$16.99. (P, I) Ethel Smyth did not allow family opposition and gender barriers to dampen her passion for a career in music. She composed a variety of musicals and used her talent to support the women's suffrage movement. Includes Timeline, Reading List. (BL) 237567

★**She Persisted: Coretta Scott King.** Kelly Starling Lyons and Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger and Gillian Flint. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 80pp. Trade ISBN: 9780593353509, \$14.99. (I) In this outstanding informational text, readers learn about the amazing life of Coretta Scott King—and how *she persisted*. Includes introduction by Chelsea Clinton, black-and-white illustrations, and ways readers can follow in King's footsteps and make a difference. (SLR) 262

She Persisted: Wangari Maathai. Eucabeth Odhiambo and Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger and Gillian Flint. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9780593353585, \$14.99. (I) Wangari Maathai's love of nature, knowledge of science, and commitment to justice led her to found the Green Belt movement, earning her a Nobel Peace Prize for her environmental activism. Includes Author's Note on "How you can persist." (VSW) 262

Spearhead: An American Tank Gunner, His Enemy, and a Collision of Lives in World War II (Adapted for Young Adults). Adam Makos. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780593303450, \$17.99. (H) This detailed account explores the different perspectives of tank warfare in World War II. Although graphic and violent in places, readers learn about the personal

triumphs and tragedies of American and German soldiers, during and after the war. (KVH) 666

Stacey Abrams and the Fight to Vote. Traci N. Todd. Illustrated by Laura Freeman. HarperCollins Children's Books. 34pp. Trade ISBN 9780063139770, \$18.99. (P) This picture book biography of Stacey Abrams for young learners describes her work to make voting fair and easy. The story is told through an imagined conversation with civil rights activists of the past, whose work Abrams continues. Includes Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography. (LBW) 666

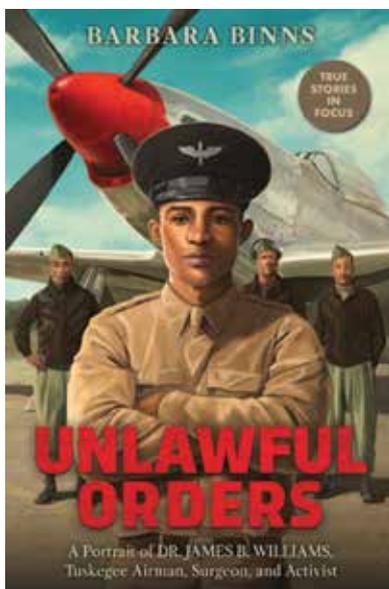
Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler. Ibi Zoboi. Penguin Young Readers / Dutton BFYR. 115pp. Trade ISBN 9780399187384, \$16.99. (H) A beautiful verse-written book about science fiction writer Butler. As an African American child growing up, Octavia Butler didn't see herself reflected in the science fiction books she loved to read, so she grew up to write them. Includes Photos, Quotes, a list of Butler's work. (LE) 66

Sweet Justice. Mara Rockliff. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781524720643, \$18.99. (P) This wonderful story recounts Georgia Gilmore's passionate social activism throughout the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Using her incredible culinary skills, and her commitment to equity and justice, Gilmore sets out to create meaningful change in her community. Includes After the Boycott, Author's Note, Bibliography. (KB) 666

That's Betty!: The Story of Betty White (Who Did it First). Gregory Bonsignore. Illustrated by Jennifer M. Potter. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 48 pp. \$18.99. Trade ISBN 9781250796608. (P, I). This celebration of Betty White's life and legacy follows a boy who's doing a class presentation

about his hero, Betty White. Betty encourages the boy not to be afraid and to always be himself. Timeline, Sources for Further Reading. (KW) 66

Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James B. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon, and Activist. Barbara Binns. Scholastic / Scholastic Focus. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9781338754261, \$19.99. (I, M) This middle grade novel features numerous primary source documents, photographs and biographical information about unsung hero Dr. James B. Williams. Useful as a novel study or as excerpts within social studies classes to expand student perspective. Includes Bibliography. (JT) 66



Wilma Mankiller. Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara. Illustrated by Alexandra Bowman. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 32pp. \$15.99. Trade ISBN 9780711271203. (P) A biography of activist Wilma Mankiller, the first woman to be elected Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Includes Timeline and Photos of Wilma Mankiller's life. (KW) 6666

CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS

Attack of the Black Rectangles. A. S. King. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781338680522,

\$18.99. (I, M) An empowering middle grade novel about book bans and censorship from the perspective of a sixth grader and his friends. (JT) 666

Better Than We Found It: Conversations to Help Save the World. Frederick Joseph and Porsche Joseph. Candlewick Press. 528pp. Trade ISBN 9781536224528, \$19.99. (H) Featuring interviews with more than two dozen activists, authors, actors, and politicians, this book addresses the greatest crises facing today's young people and provides support for making positive change. (KJH) 66

Caste (Adapted for Young Adults). Isabel Wilkerson. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 338pp. Trade ISBN 978059342794, \$18.99. (H) Wilkerson compares the racial marginalization of African Americans to caste systems in India and Nazi Germany. Through personal experiences of the author and historical events, readers comprehend that the United States, too, has a caste system. (LE) 666

Don't Look Back: A Memoir of War, Survival, and My Journey from Sudan to America. Achut Deng and Keely Hutton. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 368 pp. Trade ISBN 9780374389727. \$18.99. (H) A Sudanese refugee recounts the horrors that forced her from her home, her struggle to survive in a refugee camp, and the difficulties of settling in the United States. Includes Author's Note. (KVH) 666

Fight: How Gen Z Is Channeling Their Fear and Passion to Save America. John Della Volpe. Macmillan Publishers / St. Martin's Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781250260468, \$28.99. (H) Young readers will find this thoroughly researched and data-driven text to be informative, entertaining, and empowering. Volpe makes the case that Gen Z, having faced unprecedented challenges, is poised to organize, fight, and demand positive change. Includes List of Sources, Index. (PK) 6666

Garvey in the Dark. Niki Grimes. Astra Publishing House / Wordsong. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9781635925265, \$17.99. (M) This verse-written novel follows Garvey, an African American teen, as he struggles to make sense through music of the police killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd as well as the emerging COVID pandemic. Includes California COVID 2020 Timeline and Note on Poetry Form. (VSW) 1052

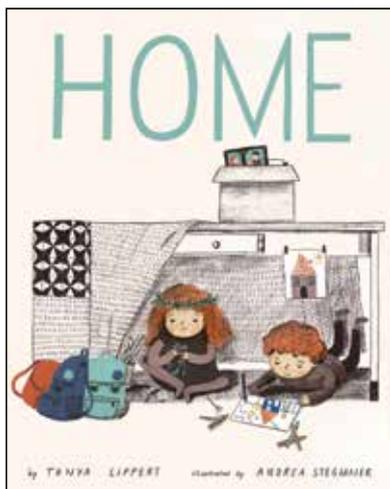
★**Hold Them Close: A Love Letter to Black Children.** Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow. Illustrated by Patrick Dougher with photography by Jamel Shabazz. HarperCollins Children's Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780063036178, \$18.99. (P) A spectacularly illustrated picture book that recognizes current and past pain, while spotlighting the joy, triumph, and potential of each new generation of Black children. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Background, and Selected Sources. (PK) 1052

Home. Tonya Lippert. Illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier. American Psychological Association / Magination Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781433836862, \$16.99. (P, I) A family experiences homelessness due to unforeseen circumstances. Two siblings learn how to empathize with others, even after they have finally moved to a permanent home. Includes Reader's Note. (BL) 1052

How We Can Win: Race, History and Changing the Money Game That's Rigged. Kimberly Jones. Macmillan Publishers / Henry Holt & Co. 180pp. Trade ISBN 9781250805126, \$23.99. (H) In 2020, a video of Jones explaining the racial wealth gap through Monopoly went viral. In her book, she dives into the history of the racial wealth gap and offers practical tips young people can use to build wealth and change the system. Includes In Memoriam of Black Cities Lost to White Racial

Violence, Resources. (LE) 1052

If You're a Kid Like Gavin. Gavin Grimm and Kyle Lukoff. Illustrated by J Yang. HarperCollins Children's Books / Katherine Tegen Books. 40 pp. \$18.99. Trade ISBN 9780063057562. (P) This autobiography chronicles Gavin Grimm's fight for transgender rights. An inspiring and necessary read for students. Includes Author's Note, Recommended website about Students' Rights from the American Civil Liberties Union. (KW) 1052



More than Peach. Bellen Woodard. Illustrated by Fanny Liem. Scholastic. 40pp. ISBN 9781338809275, \$17.99. (P) When middle schooler Bellen Woodard was eight years old, she started the More than Peach Project so that all children could see themselves in the colors of the crayon box. This picture book offers strategies for how children can take informed action and create change. Includes Author's Note, How to Grow Your Space, How to Start a Drive. (KB) 1052

Muhammad Najem, War Reporter: How One Boy Put the Spotlight on Syria. Muhammad Najem and Nora Neus. Illustrated by Julie Robine. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780759556904, \$12.99. (I, M) A powerful graphic memoir on the Syrian War told from a young boy's perspective. Armed with a camera phone and access to social

media, 15-year-old Muhammad Najem reported stories to the world about what families like his were suffering as their own government dropped bombs. (AMM) 1052

New from Here. Kelly Yang. Simon & Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers. 368pp. Trade ISBN 9781534488304, \$17.99. (I, M) Ten-year-old Knox learns that international crises tend to bring out the best and worst in people. Like every other family in his new home, Knox and his mom are learning to live through the Coronavirus outbreak. Knox also must learn how to overcome racism and how to accept who he is. (KVH) 1052

A New History of Immigration. Jaclyn Backhaus. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780593386125, \$8.99. (M) Part of the "True History" middle-level nonfiction series, this book presents a candid look at U.S. immigration history, exploring terms such as settler colonialism, refugee, asylum seeker, and nativism, in an easy-to-read, dynamic format. Great for classroom use as a whole or through excerpts. Includes Photo Inserts, Bibliography. (JT) 1052

The Notebook Keeper: A Story of Kindness from the Border. Stephen Briseño. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780593307052, \$17.99. (P) Inspired by true events, this picture book tells the story of a mother and daughter who leave their home in Mexico for the United States. At the border, they join a system of kindness, hope, and written record among refugee families waiting to enter the United States. Includes Author's Note. (JT) 1052

A Pandemic is Worldwide. Sarah L. Thomson. Illustrated by Taia Morley. HarperCollins. 37pp. Trade ISBN 9780063086265, \$17.99. (P, I) This easy-to-read science-based story explains the history of pandemics, how vaccines stop them, and ideas for how to stay healthy and safe. This book supports Next

Generation Science Standards. Includes Glossary, Timeline. (LBW) 820

Respect the Mic. Peter Kahn, Hanif Abdurraqib, Dan “Sully” Sullivan and Franny Choi. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9780593226810, \$16.99. (H) This powerful anthology of student-created poetry focuses on contemporary concerns from students’ perspectives and experiences. Not all poems may be suitable for classroom use due to profanity or topic. Adult support is highly recommended for conversation and reflection. (JT) 776

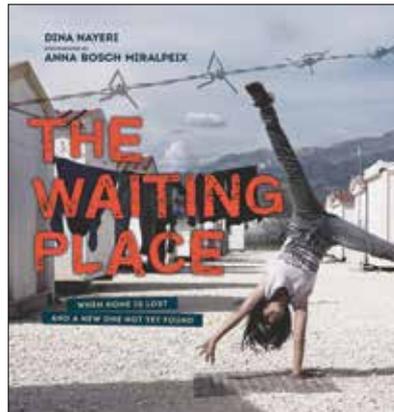
Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party’s Promise to the People. Kekla Magoon. Candlewick Press. 390pp. Trade ISBN 9781536214185, \$24.99. (H) This is an excellent reference for understanding the larger historical, cultural and political context of the Black Panther Party. It includes details on the party’s origins, key leaders, party platforms and schisms, as well as FBI response and raids. Includes numerous photographs, Author’s Note, Key People, Timeline, Glossary, Further Reading. (KJH) 5610

Some Kind of Hate. Sarah Darer Littman. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 336 pp. \$18.99. Trade ISBN 9781338746815. (M, H) This is a timely read and cautionary tale about an angry young adult who becomes radicalized into white nationalism through peer interactions and online spaces. An author’s note sets the context for the story and provides suggestions about what to do if the book becomes difficult to read. (KW) 566

Something Happened to My Dad: A Story about Immigration and Family Separation. Ann Hazzard and Vivianne Apponte Rivera. Illustrated by Gloria Felix. American Psychological Association / Magination Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781433839443, \$16.99. (P, I) A Mexican American girl misses her father who has been detained because of his immigration status. This compelling story is told through the eyes of an

immigrant child. Includes Glossary of Spanish terms, Discussion Guide, Tips for cultural sensitivity. (SA) 7500

This Little Voter. Ann Bonnie. Illustrated by Carol Herring. Little Bee Books. 14pp. Trade ISBN 9781499813241, \$6.99. (P) Kids will enjoy this new take on the classic nursery rhyme “This Little Piggy” that teaches them about voting. Even the littlest citizens can learn about civic responsibility and how to make their voices heard. (AMM) 06



‘Twas the Night Before Pride. Joanna McClintick. Illustrated by Juana Medina. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781536213430, \$17.99. (P) A child with two moms tells their younger sibling about why people come together to celebrate and show solidarity at Pride parades and about its origins in the 1969 Stonewall protest. “Pride’s not just about tutus and rainbow suspenders. It’s about rights for queers and all our beautiful genders.” (VSW) 2107

***The Waiting Place: When Home Is Lost and a New One Not Yet Found.** Dina Nayeri. Photography by Anna Bosch Miralpeix. Candlewick Press. 62pp. Trade 9781536213621, \$18.99. (I, M) This book by a former refugee conveys the lives of children living in refugee-camp shipping crate homes. Colorful photographs bring to life the stories of 10 refugee children. Includes Afterword, Glossary, Author’s Note. (KJH) 256

What the Fact?: Finding the Truth in All the Noise. Seema Yasmin. Simon

& Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers. Trade ISBN 9781665900034, \$19.99. (H) Written by a journalist and physician, this book is a great guide on media literacy and determining the truth in an era of “fake news.” Young adults will enjoy this actionable guide on how information and disinformation spread through the media and will learn steps they can take to become informed citizens. (KW) 00

You Sound like a White Girl: The Case for Rejecting Assimilation. Julissa Arce. Macmillan Publishers / Flatiron Books. 197pp. Trade ISBN 9781250787019. \$19.99. (H) Julissa Arce draws upon her own experiences as a Mexican immigrant growing up in Texas to describe the pressures to assimilate. She takes an unapologetic look at American systems that perpetuate racism and offers a powerful call for immigrants and people of color to proclaim their heritage with pride and not give in to assimilation. (KVH) 2510

ENVIRONMENT / ENERGY / ECOLOGY

It’s Up To Us: Building a Brighter Future for Nature, People and Planet (The Children’s Terra Carta). Christopher Llyod. Illustrated by various artists. What On Earth Books. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781913750565, \$21.99. (P, I) Celebrate the beauty of nature while also learning how to save the environment, conserve natural resources, and protect endangered animals. Includes Note from King Charles, Glossary. (LE) 89

Kapaemahu. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, Dean Hamer and Joe Wilson. Illustrated by Daniel Sousa. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 9780593530061. \$17.99. (P, I) In this retelling of a Native Hawaiian legend, four individuals with dual male and female spirits bring healing arts from Tahiti to Hawaii. Written in Olelo Niihau (Hawaiian language, Niihau dialect) and English. Includes Authors’ Notes, History of the Healer Stones, Language Glossary. (KW) 1359

Kids Fight Climate Change: Act Now to Be a #2minutesuperhero. Martin Dorey. Illustrated by Tim Wesson. Candlewick Press. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978153622348, \$19.99. (I) This practical text empowers young readers with small ways that produce big results to fight climate change. The 2-minute missions scattered throughout the book award points, which can be tallied to determine each reader's level of climate change superheroism. (PK) ③⑦

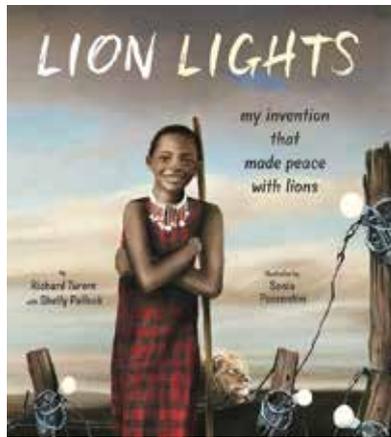
Lion Lights: My Invention That Made Peace with Lions. Richard Turere and Shelly Pollock. Tilbury House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780884488859, \$18.95. (P) A young boy in Kenya invents a device to protect his farm animals from predators, and his invention is now used throughout the world. Ingenuity and innovation modeled for children by children. Includes Glossary, Overview of the Maasai culture. (JT) ③③②

The Poem Forest: Poet W. S. Merwin and the Palm Tree Forest He Grew from Scratch. Carrie Fountain. Illustrated by Chris Turnham. Candlewick Press. 30pp. Trade ISBN 9781536211269, \$18.99. (P) Poet and ecologist W. S. Merwin revitalized soil depleted from agricultural toxins, planted more than 3,000 palm trees, and turned his Hawaiian property into a nature conservatory. Digital illustrations in muted shades accompany the story of Merwin's journey from a childhood in the city to life in the wilderness. Includes Author's Note, Poem by W.S. Merwin. (KJH) ③②③②

Thirst. Varsha Bajaj. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 179pp. Trade ISBN 9780593354391, \$17.99. (M) The story of a courageous young girl in Mumbai, India, and the dramatic struggle between rich and poor for water resources. Vivid descriptions paint a picture of water use and shortages, and how they affect life in the city. Will our hero risk her life to confront a water thief? Includes Author's Note. (LBW) ③③③

This Book Will Save the Planet. Dany Sigwalt. Illustrated by Aurélie Durand. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln

Children's Books. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780711268890, \$15.99. (M) Sigwalt uses vibrant illustrations and age-appropriate vocabulary to explain the current climate crisis and what individuals and communities can do. The book presents practical and useful ways to take informed action working for environmental justice. Includes Further Reading, Glossary, Bibliography. (KB) ③⑦⑩



Two Degrees. Alan Gratz. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 384pp. Trade ISBN 9781338735673, \$15.99. (I, M) In this fast-paced novel, teens face three separate climate disasters—a wildfire in California, a hurricane in Florida, and the threat to polar bears in the Canadian tundra—and come together to organize and speak at a climate summit. Includes Author's Note. (VSW) ③⑩

***We Have a Dream: Meet 30 Young Indigenous People and People of Color Protecting the Planet.** Mya-Rose Craig. Illustrated by Sabrena Khadija. ABRAMS / Magic Cat. 64 pp. \$16.99. Trade ISBN 9781419756665. (I) An anthology of 30 young environmental activists fighting to preserve our planet. The book includes an index of activists, and ways to take action and connect with environmental groups (KW) ②③③②②

FOLKTALES

Carrimebac, the Town That Walked. David Barclay Moore. Illustrated by John Holyfield. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781536213690, \$18.99. (I) Black Free Folk in Walkertown use

magic and ingenuity to thrive, despite discrimination from neighboring whites. When “Fearful Folks,” depicted in Klan hoods, threaten the town, Julius ties the town to his pet duck who pulls it away never to be seen again. Includes vivid acrylic illustrations. (VSW) ②①

GEOGRAPHY/PEOPLES/PLACES

Africa Town. Charles Waters and Irene Latham. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 448pp. Trade ISBN 9780593322888. \$18.99. (H) This story, told from 14 different perspectives, tells about the last 110 people sold into slavery and the successful community they created. Different historical figures use poetry forms to convey the complex truths about this history. Includes Author's Note, Glossary, Timeline, List of Poetry Forms/Styles Employed, Bibliography. (KVH) ②⑤⑥

Baseball Around the World: How the World Plays the Game. Chris Singleton and Dean Burrell. Bushel & Peck Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781638190912. \$21.99. (I) A multicultural look at America's favorite pastime—baseball—and how it is played around the world. A wonderfully written and illustrated informational book. Includes a timeline woven throughout the book and discussion of baseball in various countries. (DJC) ①②③④⑤

***I Hate Borsch!** Yevgenia Nayberg. Eerdmans / Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780802855800. \$17.99. (I) The protagonist can't stand borsch, no matter how much her community tries to make her like it. Her opinion starts to change once she immigrates to the United States. This story explores how children can embrace and reject parts of their culture. Includes Author's Note, Recipe for Beet Soup. (KVH) ①⑦⑨

Mommy's Hometown. Hope Lim. Illustrated by Jamie Kim. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781536213324, \$17.99. (P) This picture book uses a Korean's mom memories shared with

her young child to explore the concept of change over time. (JT) 236

Nana, Nenek and Nina. Liza Ferneyhough. Random House Children's Books / Dial Books for Young Readers. 25pp. Trade ISBN 9780593353943, \$17.99. (P) Nina takes two trips to visit her grandmothers, one in England and the other in Malaysia. As she travels between her grandparents, she learns about the customs and culture of the two countries. (LE) 7

Our Story Starts in Africa. Patrice Lawrence. Illustrated by Jeanetta Gonzales. ABRAMS / Magic Cat. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781419760228, \$18.99. (P) During Paloma's visit with her family in Trinidad, her aunt recounts how their family came to the Caribbean through colonialism and enslavement and the ways their people survived and thrived. Includes Letter to the Reader, Question-and-Answer Section, and Further Reading. (PK) 39

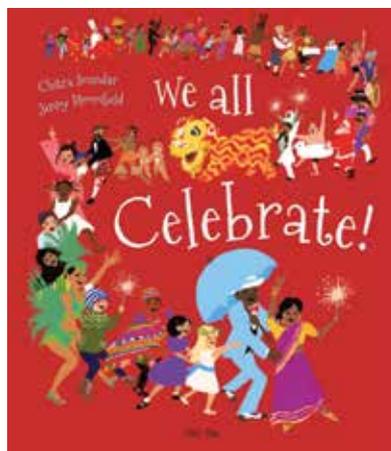
The Secret Battle of Evan Pao. Wendy Wan-Long Shang. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 272 pp. Trade ISBN 9781338678857, \$17.99. (I, M) Evan Pao learns the many meanings of marginalization. He is excited to learn that a Chinese American soldier served in the Civil War, but this doesn't counter the aggression and violence his family experiences in his new, mostly white, town. (KVH) 2610

Song in the City. Daniel Bernstrom. Illustrated by Jenin Mohammed. HarperCollins Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN #9780063011120, \$17.99. (P) Emmalene, a young blind girl, hears the sounds of her city as a symphony of music; but Grandma Jean thinks only the traditional songs of their church are beautiful. Once Emmalene covers her grandmother's eyes, the sounds of the city come alive for Grandma too. (PK) 3

In The Spirit of the Dream. Aida Salazar. Illustrated by Alina Chau. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 40pp.

Trade ISBN 9781338552874, \$11.39. (I) This powerful, nonfiction text offers 13 courageous stories of well-known American immigrants. The book highlights individuals such as surgeon and inventor Ayub Khan and cellist Yo Yo Ma. Includes Author's Note. (DJC) 2279

We All Celebrate! Chitra Soundar. Illustrated by Jenny Bloomfield. Tiny Owl. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781910328897, \$16.99. (P) This important picture book introduces readers to a rich journey of festivities. From Diwali to Chinese New Year, students discover rich traditions and customs that unite us all. (SLR) 739



HISTORY / LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS

An ABC of Democracy. Nancy Shapiro. Illustrated by Paulina Morgan. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 52 pp. Trade ISBN 9780711264793, \$17.99. (P, I) A colorful, engaging book that teaches young children about concepts surrounding politics and government. Each right-hand page has a brightly decorated letter and the left-hand page has an illustration and text describing the concept (e.g., F is for Freedom; V is for Voting). (TSS) 610

All Through the Night: Important Jobs That Get Done at Night. Polly Faber. Illustrated by Harriet Hobday.

Candlewick Press. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9781536227512, \$17.99. (P) Colorful illustrations show the range of people who "work through the night" to provide services in a city—from cleaning office buildings, to providing medical care and driving buses. (VSW) 7

***Because of You, John Lewis.** Andrea Davis Pinckney. Illustrated by Keith Henry Brown. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781338759082, \$15.99. (P, I) The true story of 10-year-old Tybree Faw who learns about Congressman John Lewis and his march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in the fight for voting rights—and decides he must meet Lewis. Tybree's grandmothers take him on a seven-hour drive to join Lewis's annual walk across the bridge and a friendship between the two begins. Includes Biography of John Lewis and His Relationship with Tybree, Timeline of John Lewis's Life, Historical Photos. (TSS) 310

Blue. Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond. Illustrated by Daniel Minter. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A Knopf BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781984894366, \$16.99. (I) An amazing and creative celebration of the color blue. The author ingeniously incorporates history, culture, and the arts into the text. The beautiful illustrations highlight the color blue to match the themes and subject matter. Includes an Author's Note, Bibliography (DJC). 2239

***Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement.** Angela Joy. Illustrated by Janelle Washington. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9781250220950, \$19.99. (I) The strength and perspective of a mother shines clear in this picture book showing how her son's death inspired Mamie Till-Mobley's lifelong activism. Includes Author and Illustrator Notes, Timeline. (JT) 32

Evicted: The Struggle for the Right to Vote. Alice Faye Duncan. Art by Charly Palmer. Astra Publishing House / Calkins Creek. 63pp. Trade ISBN 9781684379798. \$18.99. (M) With beautiful illustrations, the author spotlights the courageous actions that African Americans took to be able to exercise their right to vote. A valuable book, especially for middle schoolers, that highlights little-known aspects of the civil rights movement. Includes Timeline, Resource Guide, Author's Note, Artist's Note. (DJC) 12367

Exploring Civil Rights: The Movement 1965. Jay Leslie. Scholastic / Franklin Watts. 96pp. Trade ISBN 9781338769845, \$11.99. (M) An informational book that highlights civil rights events in 1965: the murder of Malcolm X, Bloody Sunday, and the marches from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights. Ultimately, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law. (TSS) 510

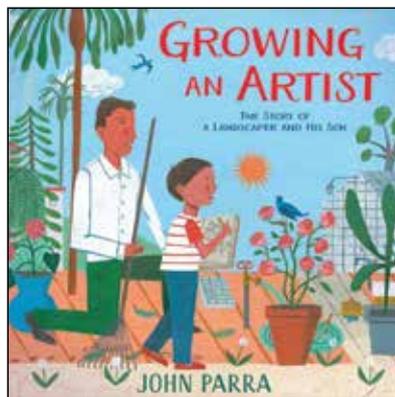
The Founders Unmasked (True History). Jennifer Sabin. Introduction by Christopher Sebastian Parke. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9780593386101, \$8.99. (M) Sabin explores the hidden history of the United States. She connects anti-Black, pro slavery laws like the three-fifths compromise to issues related to race today. The book offers young people an accessible account of the past and its ongoing impact. Includes Author's Note, Resources. (LE) 12366

Growing an Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son. John Parra. Illustrated by John Parra. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781534469273, \$9.49. (P) A biographical story of Juanito, a young boy who likes to draw. When he gets to work with his dad, a landscape contractor, he learns to become a true artist. Author's Note, includes some text in Spanish, a Spanish edition is also available. (SA) 1367

H is for Harlem. Dinah Johnson. Illustrated by April Harrison. Little

Brown Books for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780316322379, \$17.99. (P, I) This alphabet book uses each letter to identify an important aspect of the history of Harlem. The book takes the reader on a celebrated journey through Harlem's unique history and culture. Includes Author's Note. (KB) 12

★**The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee** (Young Readers Adaptation). David Treuer. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9780593203477, \$19.99. (H) This highly anticipated young readers' adaptation details the complicated history of Indigenous peoples in the U.S since 1880. It describes how Native Americans fight to preserve their cultural traditions and language and remain integral to our national story. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography. (KB) 12566



★**History Comics: The Stonewall Riots: Making a Stand for LGBTQ Rights.** Archie Bongiovanni. Illustrated by A. Andrews. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / First Second. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781250618351, \$12.99. (M) In this graphic novel, three teens—Natalia, Jax, and Rashad—are transported back to 1960s New York by their abuela to help them understand the history leading up to and beyond the Stonewall Riots. Themes include intersections with race, police violence, and the power of the media. Includes Introduction with historical context, Author's Note, LGBTQIA+ Resources

for Youth, "A Letter to Young LGBTQIA Activists," and Glossary. (VSW) 2266

History Smashers: Underground Railroad. Kate Messner and Gwendolyn Hooks. Illustrated by Damon Smyth. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 199pp. Trade ISBN 9780593428931. \$8.99. (I, M) A brilliantly illustrated graphic novel that brings the Underground Railroad alive for young readers. This well written text dispels many myths about African American history. Includes Timeline, Authors' Notes, Bibliography. (DJC) 12367

Isla to Island. Alexis Castellanos. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 9781534469242, \$21.99. (H) A graphic novel with beautiful and vivid illustrations that tells the story about a young girl from Cuba who immigrated to New York in the 1960s. Author's Note, Note about Operation Peter Pan. (KW) 12366

Just Like Jesse Owens. Andrew Young (as told to Pamela Young Shelton). Illustrated by Gordon C. James. Scholastic / Scholastic Inc. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780545554657, \$17.99. (P) A child recalls his desire, fueled by his father's support during turbulent racial times, to emulate Jesse Owens in body, mind, and spirit. Inspired by Owens, Andrew Young went on to be a U.S. congressman, mayor of Atlanta, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s longtime friend. Includes Author & Illustrator Notes. (JT) 33

Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanks-giving Story. Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry and Alexis Bunten. Illustrated by Gary Meeches Sr. Charlesbridge. 30pp. Trade ISBN 9781623542900. \$16.99. (I, M) This is a beautiful book that integrates history and culture in its telling of an alternative Thanksgiving story from a Native American perspective. Includes additional teaching resources. (DJC) 1266

The Legacy of Jim Crow (True History). Clarence A. Haynes. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 134pp. Trade ISBN 9780593385999, \$8.99. (M) An elucidation of the late nineteenth-century “Jim Crow” policies that created segregated facilities for African Americans in the South. The book explores how those racist policies have had lasting effects across America, and how they impact TV and film to this day. Includes Recommended Media. (LBW) ②③②

Loyalty. Avi. HarperCollins / Clarion Books. 341pp. Trade ISBN 9780358248071, \$16.99. (I, M) A middle level novel about Noah, a boy whose family is loyal to King George III in 1775 Massachusetts. Noah’s father is murdered by the Sons of Liberty, and Noah clings to his father’s beliefs. But atrocities on both sides of the war make it difficult to decide which side is right. Includes Author’s Note. (TSS) ③⑥

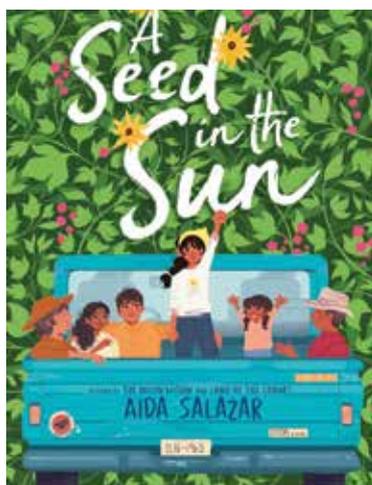
My Nest of Silence Matt Faulkner. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 384pp. Trade ISBN 9781534477629, \$18.99. (M, H) Using both text and graphics, Faulkner highlights two realities of Japanese Americans during World War II. Mak was serving on the segregated Japanese American legendary 442nd infantry regiment, while his sister Mari and their family were interned at Manzanar. (BL) ①②③④⑤⑥

My Town / Mi Pueblo. Nicholas Solis. Illustrated by Luisa Uribe. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780593109915, \$17.99. (P, I) Two cousins living in different towns separated by the U.S./Mexico border love visiting each other. The cousins describe what they see and do while crossing borders and the similarities and differences between their two towns. Told in Spanish and English. (SA) ①③⑤⑦⑩

Our World of Dumplings. Francie Dekker. Illustrated by Sarah Jung. Little Bee Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781499812343, \$17.99. (P) In an apartment building populated by international families, everyone makes their traditional dumplings for the dumpling festival—from johnny cakes to krepelach and

khinkali to jiao zi. Dumplings bring the community together. Includes Glossary. (BL) ①③④⑤⑩

Sanctuary: Kip Tiernan and Rosie’s Place, the Nation’s First Shelter for Women. Christine McDonnell. Illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781536211290, \$18.99. (I) A beautifully illustrated book that recounts the true story of Kip Tiernan, who opened the first women’s shelter in the U.S. Includes Biography of Kip Tiernan and the Great Depression. (SA) ②⑤⑩



A Seed in the Sun. Aida Salazar. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books for Young Readers. 272 pp. Trade ISBN 9780593406601, \$17.99. (M) Lula learns what matters most as she participates in the California labor strikes. Written in poetic verse, Lula’s journey is positioned within the larger historical context of the workers’ movements of the 1960s. Includes: Dear Reader, Bibliography. (KB) ④⑤⑩

Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams’s Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration. Elizabeth Partridge and Lauren Tamaki. Chronicle Books. 123pp. Trade ISBN 9781452165103, \$21.99. (H) A photograph filled book about the history of prison camps created by the U.S. to detain Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor.

Told through the perspective of three renowned photographers who chronicled the camps. (LE) ①②③

Stand Up!: 10 Mighty Women Who Made Change. Brittney Cooper. Illustrated by Cathy Ann Johnson. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781338763850, \$15.99. (P) This beautifully illustrated book recounts the stories of 10 African American women and girls who stood up against injustice. (SA) ②④⑥⑩

Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Frank Morrison. Random House Children’s Books / Crown BFYR. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780593306345, \$17.99. (I, M) Incorporating breathtakingly beautiful illustrations, this book highlights the intersection of Black spirituality, culture, and history. The author chronicles African American history, from 1619 to the present, through a classic spiritual. Includes Glossary, Author’s note. (DJC) ①②③⑩

To the Front: Clara Barton Braves the Battle of Antietam. Claudia Friddell. Illustrated by Christopher Cyr. Astra Publishing House / Calkins Creek. 39pp. Trade ISBN 9781635923223, \$18.99. (I, M) The text weaves together Clara Barton’s words with delicate verse to narrate events as Barton tends to the wounded at the Battle of Antietam. Realistic illustrations portray the bravery and endurance of this self-taught Civil War nurse in one of the bloodiest battles of American history. Includes Afterword about Barton’s life, her friendship with Fredrick Douglass, and her pursuits as a humanitarian and suffragist, Places to Visit. (KJH) ③④⑩

We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963. / Nancy Paulsen Books. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9780593407486, \$17.99. (M) This fictional account of the 1963 Birmingham Children’s Crusade tells the story of Rufus Jackson Jones, a young Black man, and the important role he and other children played in the civil rights movement. (SA) ②⑤⑩

What is Juneteenth? Kirsti Jewel. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9780593384695, \$5.99. (I) This book offers a close look at the history of Juneteenth and the fight for its recognition. The holiday's significance in historical and contemporary contexts is presented in an accessible manner for young readers. Includes 16-page photo insert. (KVH) 2610

★**When the Schools Shut Down: A Young Girl's Story of Virginia's "Lost Generation" and the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Decision.** Yolanda Gladden and Tamara Pizzoli. Illustrated by Keisha Morris. HarperCollins Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780063011168, \$16.99. (P, I) Prince Edward County, Virginia, closed its public schools for five years following the 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision. Black families in Farmville came together to provide education for their children. This autobiographical picture book highlights Black power, resistance, and creativity against power and oppression. (SA) 235610

When Winter Robeson Came. Brenda Woods. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9781524741587, \$16.99. (M) In the summer of 1965, just before the Watts uprising, Winter Robeson visits his cousin Eden in Los Angeles. While on a mission to find his long-lost father, Winter and Eden, an aspiring songwriter, get caught up in the historical events and learn about redlining, gentrification, and police violence in their community. Includes Author's Note. (VSW) 2566

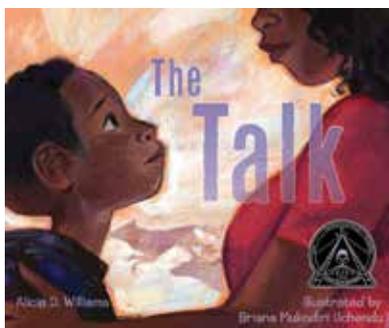
The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation. Casey Newman and Kirstie Hudson. Orca Book Publishers. 91pp. Trade ISBN 9781459836129, \$24.99. (P, M) Through colorful photographs and informational text, Newman and Hudson convey the impact that residential boarding schools had on Native American families in Canada. Survivors of the schools create a witness blanket to heal and share their

stories. Includes Glossary, Resources. (LE) 2356

IDENTITY

Pink, Blue, and You! Elise Gravel and Mykaell Blais. Random House Children's Books / Anne Schwartz Books. Trade ISBN 9780593121924, \$17.99. (P, I) A kid-friendly and engaging picture book on definitions and examples of gender, gender stereotypes, pronouns, and the history of laws and social mores against gender equity. Includes Fun Facts about Gender and Clothing. (SA) 2756

POWER, AUTHORITY, GOVERNANCE



Alias Anna. Susan Hood. HarperCollins Children's Books. 339pp. Trade ISBN 9780063083899, \$16.99. (M, H) True story, told in verse, about two Ukrainian sisters who escaped Nazis by changing their names and playing piano. Includes the piano pieces played by Zhanna and Frina; facts about Hitler, Stalin and music; field trips and places of note; poetry notes. (KJH) 2776

The Bluest Sky. Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Random House Children's Books / Alfred a Knopf BFYR. 314pp. Trade ISBN 9780593372791, \$17.99. (M) In this book, set in 1980 Cuba, a young boy struggles with conflicted feelings when the Communist Cuban government offers exit visas to those who wish to leave. His mother is ready to go. But can Héctor leave his friends and his country behind? Includes Glossary with Spanish words and phrases. (KJH) 2766

Exploring Civil Rights: The Movement: 1955. Nel Yomtov. Scholastic / Children's Press. 96pp. Trade ISBN 99781338769722, \$11.99. (M) Part of a series highlighting key events in the Civil Rights Movement by year. Primary source photographs and text vividly bring 1955 to life. Features the murder of Emmett Till and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Includes Timeline, Glossary, Bibliography. (KJH) 2660

★**The Talk.** Alicia D. Williams. Illustrated by Briana Mukodiri Uchendu. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781534495296, \$18.99. This beautifully illustrated and well written picture book addresses racism and police violence in a child-appropriate manner. (DJC) 1260

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS/ RELATIONSHIPS

Alte Zachen / Old Things. Ziggy Hanaor. Illustrated by Benjamin Phillips. Cicada Books. 86pp. Trade ISBN 9781800660229, \$22.99. (I) Cast in fuzzy gray drawings reminiscent of Marc Chagall, this graphic novel explores the streets of Manhattan and Brooklyn with Bubbe Rose and her pre-teen grandson, Benji, as they shop for supper groceries. Readers catch glimpses of Bubbe's faded past as Benji gently apologizes for his grandmother's dementia-tinged interactions with shop owners and pedestrians. (KJH) 1227

Black Boy, Black Boy: Celebrate the Power of You. Ali Kamanda and Jorge Redmond. Illustrated by Ken Daley. Sourcebooks Explore. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781728250649, \$17.99. (P, I) This picture book encourages boys to imagine everything they can be and the great things they can do. Notable Black men—from Colin Kaepernick to Chinua Achebe—are spotlighted. (SLR) 1220

Daddy Speaks Love. Leah Henderson. Illustrated by E. B. Lewis. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books.

32pp. Trade ISBN 9780593354360. \$17.99. (I) A powerful ode to the love, wisdom, and insight of fathers. Accompanied by the illustrator's brilliant watercolors, this book presents a diverse cast of fathers spending quality time with their children. Includes Author's Note. (DJC) 7/10

Gibberish. Young Vo. Levine Querido. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781646141104, \$17.99. (P) Making friends at a new school is hard. Even more so when the words spoken around you make no sense at all. Perfect for helping students understand the perspective and experiences of English Language Learners. (JT) 7/7

Hair to Share. Sylvia Walker. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780593426883, \$17.99. (P) When Suri learns that her friend, Amaya, has hair loss, she donates her own hair to make a wig. Illustrations and text show the characters' love and pride in their hair. Includes Author's Note on Hair Donation. (VSW) 7

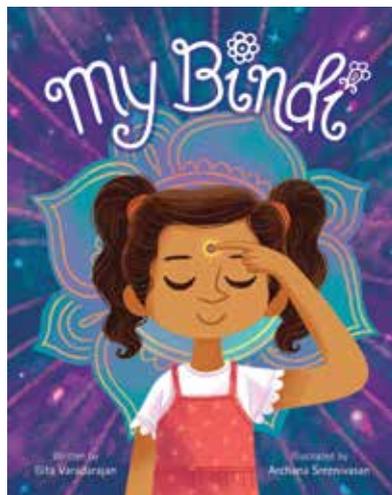
A History of Me. Adrea Theodore. Illustrated by Erin Robinson. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780823442577, \$18.99. (P) The only brown girl in an all-white classroom navigates honoring family and heritage while celebrating her own unique identity. The strong, confident main character attempts to break down racial stereotypes as she recognizes her own talents and interests. Includes Author's Note, Artist's Note. (KB) 7/7

Honey and Me. Meira Drazin. Jacket illustrations by Shamar Knight-Justice. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 283pp. Trade ISBN 9781338155433, \$17.99. (I, M) This coming-of-age book follows Honey and Milla, two Bat-Mitzvah-aged girls who have been friends throughout the years. It explores issues of school, teachers, friendship, family, tradition, values, and belonging. Provides an enlightening glimpse into a modern orthodox Jewish community.

Includes Author's Note, Glossary of Jewish terminology. (TSS) 7/5/5

I'll Go and Come Back. Rajani LaRocca. Illustrated by Sara Palacios. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781536207170, \$18.99. (P, I) When Jyoti visits her grandma in India, she has to make adjustments in order to enjoy her visit. Later when grandmother visits her in the U.S., Jyoti helps grandma make adjustments to enjoy her stay, too. (BL) 7/2/3/7/5/9

Lunch from Home. Joshua David Stein. Illustrated by Jing Li. Penguin Young Readers / Rise x Penguin Workshop. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780593384459, \$16.19. (P, I) Based on the real stories of four chefs who, as children, brought lunches to school that other children said looked "ewww." This school lunch time story celebrates comfort foods with origins from all over the world. (SA) 7/7/7/7



A Mermaid Girl. Sana Rafi. Illustrated by Olivia Aserr. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 9780593327609, \$17.99. (P) When summer begins, Heba is looking forward to wearing her yellow burkini and swimming like a mermaid. But too many questions from her peers make Heba feel self-conscious. When her mother tells her about the mermaid girls in her Muslim family, Heba swims with pride. (KW) 7/7/5/7

My Bindi. Gita Varadarajan. Illustrated by Archana Sreenivasan. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781338598810, \$17.99. (P) Little Divya can't bring herself to embrace the Indian Hindu traditions of wearing a bindi like her amma (mom). Her mother explains that the bindi on her forehead will bring protection and lets Divya choose her own. Will Divya's American classmates accept her with the bindi? With the help of her teacher, Divya is able to explain its importance. (TSS) 7/5/9

Omar Rising. Aisha Saeed. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9780593108581, \$17.99. (M) Omar receives a scholarship to attend the elite Ghalib Academy, but quickly realizes the system is rigged against poor students. The book tackles tough issues such as fighting for equity and justice and the complexities of attending a prestigious academic school. (KB) 7/5

Rain Rising. Courtne Comrie. HarperCollins Children's Books. 336 pp. Trade ISBN 9780063159730, \$16.99. (I, M) Middle-school student Rain struggles to find acceptance from her peers and from herself. Written in poetic verse, this story explores structural racism, racial violence, family dynamics, depression, and the development of personal and racial identity. A beautiful story about perseverance. Includes Author's Note. (KB) 7/5

A Song for the Unsung: Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the 1963 March on Washington. Carole Boston Weatherford and Rob Sanders. Illustrated by Byron McCray. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 20pp. Trade ISBN 9781250779502, \$19.99. (P, I) While facing ostracism as a gay man, Bayard Rustin planned the 1963 March on Washington, an inspirational display of peaceful protest for economic justice. The text captures the tenacity and frustrations of a man who got things done despite the shadows of intersectional inequalities. (KJH) 7/10

Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls. Atinuke. Illustrated by Onyinye Iwu. Candlewick Press. 96pp. Trade ISBN 9781536225174, \$15.99. (P, I) Tola and her family live in a run-down apartment with dignity and authenticity in Lagos, Nigeria. Even though her family can't afford the same things as the "Three Fine Girls" Tola admires, she lives a more joyous life than her peers with conventional comforts. (BL) ●●●●●

Vinyl Moon. Written and Illustrated by Mahogany L. Browne. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 176pp. Trade ISBN. 9780593176436. \$10.99. (M, H) A powerful book that features a young girl struggling with a past hurt who finds healing in the words of Black writers. The author weaves notions of culture, history, and identity in a perfect blend for thoughtful teen readers. (DJC) ●●●

★**Wishing Upon the Same Stars.** Jacquetta Nammar Feldman. HarperCollins Children's Books. 360pp. Trade ISBN 9780063034389, \$16.99. (I, M) A coming-of-age novel about two young girls in Texas whose family roots threaten to tear apart their newly formed friendship. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict becomes personal because of extended family on opposite sides. A beautiful story of home, heritage, and peace. Includes Author's Note. (LBW) ●●●

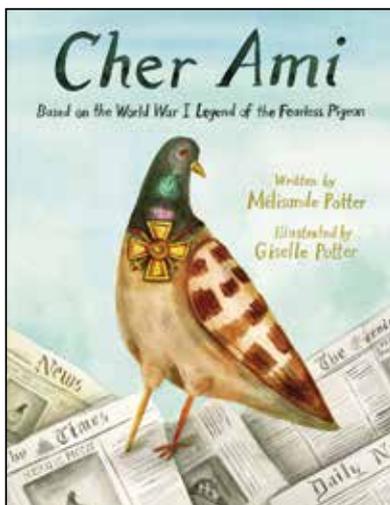
With Lots of Love. Jenny Torres Sanchez. Illustrated by André Ceolin. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 9780593205006, \$17.99. (P) This beautiful immigrant story is about young Rocio who moves to the U.S. from Central America but misses her family and former life. Rocio is determined to keep her cultural traditions alive as she starts her new life. (KB) ●●●

The Year We Learned to Fly. Jacqueline Woodson. Illustrated by Rafael López. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN

9780399545535. \$18.99. (I) A thoughtful book that weaves in African American culture and folklore. This beautiful integration of social studies and language arts would be a great addition to any classroom library. Includes Author's Note. (DJC) ●●●●●

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The Best Kind of Mooncake. Written and Illustrated by Pearl AuYeung. Page Street Publishing Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781645675563. \$18.99. (I) A masterfully written and illustrated book that highlights Chinese culture and emphasizes the importance of giving. An important addition for classroom libraries. Includes Author's Notes, Photographs. (DJC) ●●●●



Cher Ami: Based on the World War I Legend of the Fearless Pigeon. Mélanie Potter. Illustrated by Giselle Potter. Little Brown Books for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780316335348, \$18.99. (P, I) This inspiring picture book explores the true story of Cher Ami, a messenger pigeon who saved the lives of soldiers during World War I. (SLR) ●●●

Dragonfly Eyes. Cao Wenxuan. Candlewick Press. 384 pp. Trade ISBN 9781536200188, \$19.99. (M) This powerful story of Ah-Mei and

her grandmother depicts the challenges their family faced during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. The book chronicles Ah-Mei's life during the 1960s, using her family experiences to examine complex Chinese history. Includes Historical Note. (KB) ●●●

Eighteen Vats of Water. Ji-li Jiang. Illustrated by Nadia Hsieh. Creston Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781954354067. \$18.99. (I) The compelling true and outstanding story that celebrates the art of calligraphy and ancient Chinese culture. This beautifully illustrated book highlights diversity and the arts and will make a great addition to any classroom library. Includes sample Chinese pictographs, an author's and illustrator's note. (DJC) ●●●●

If You Were a Princess: True Stories of Brave Leaders from Around the World. Hilary Homzie. Illustrated by Udayana Lugo. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781534456174. \$18.99. (P) Any girl can be a princess if she uses her talents and interests to create positive changes. Brief and engaging biographies provide readers with examples of how women leaders around the world engaged in their communities. Includes Bibliography. (KVH) ●●●

A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters. Written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419749421. \$19.99. (I) A unique text that celebrates literature and diversity through Aztec codices tradition, this fantastic book is wonderfully illustrated to complement the subject matter. Includes Glossary, Author's Note, Bibliography, Resources. (DJC) ●●●●

Lines of Courage. Jennifer A. Nielsen. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 400pp. Trade ISBN 9781338620931, \$17.99. (I, M) This work of historical fiction artfully weaves together the stories of five children living through World War I

in Germany, Russia, France, Austria-Hungary and England. (SLR) 2239

Lioness of Punjab. Anita Jari Kharbanda. Cover Artist Anantjeet Kaur. Yali Books. 214pp. Trade ISBN 9781949528718, \$22.99. (H) A retelling of the story of Mai Bhago, a real Sikh warrior in 17th-century Hindustan. Readers will be inspired by her courage, bravery, and tenacity. A prologue introduces readers to the history of the region. (KW) 12910

Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves. Elliott, L. M. HarperCollins Children's Books / Katherine Tegen Books. 284pp. Trade ISBN 9780063056565, \$16.99. (I, M) Set in a coastal Virginia town facing Nazi U-boat attacks on Allied ships following Pearl Harbor, a 13-year-old girl navigates loss and uncertainty on the World War II home front while helping her mother manage mental illness. Includes Author's Note. (KJH) 226

A Mind Like Mine: 21 Famous People and Their Mental Health. Rachael Davis. Illustrated by Islenia Mil. The Quarto Group / Wide Eyed Editions. 64pp. Trade ISBN #9780711274013, \$24.99. (I, M) Davis provides brief biographies of luminaries ranging from Michelangelo to Jameela Jamil. The bios include mentions of each person's mental health challenges in their own words. Spotlights on specific mental health issues are interspersed. Includes Glossary. (PK) 3

Morning Sun in Wuhan. Ying Chang Compestine. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 197pp. Trade ISBN: 9780358572053, \$16.99. (M) This uplifting historical novel explores Wuhan, China, during the early days of COVID-19 from the perspective of a 13-year-old girl who finds comfort in cooking. Mei struggles with the grief of losing her mom and worries about her father, a hospital worker, as the mysterious virus shuts down her city. Includes

Author's Note, Recipes, Glossary. (LE) 1233

Mother Goose Goes to India. Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal. Illustrated by Wazza Pink. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781534439603, \$17.99. (P) A Hindi twist on beloved Mother Goose rhymes with vibrant illustrations. With rhyming and cadence intact, the authors seamlessly substitute words and cultural references for an Indian twist. (KJH) 19



One Sun and Countless Stars: A Muslim Book of Numbers. Hena Khan. Illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini. Chronicle Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781452182728, \$17.99. (P) This charming picture book offers an introduction to numbers and celebrates the many diverse traditions of the Muslim world. Includes Author's Note, Glossary. (SLR) 139

Peace Is a Chain Reaction: How World War II Japanese Balloon Bombs Brought People of Two Nations Together. Tanya Lee Stone. Candlewick Press. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9780763676865, \$24.99. (M, H) During World War II, Japanese schoolgirls make wash paper balloons that, unbeknownst to them, were used to transport bombs. The author discusses the complexity of victims and victimizers during a war. Includes Dear Reader letter, Bibliography, Reading List. (BL) 123569

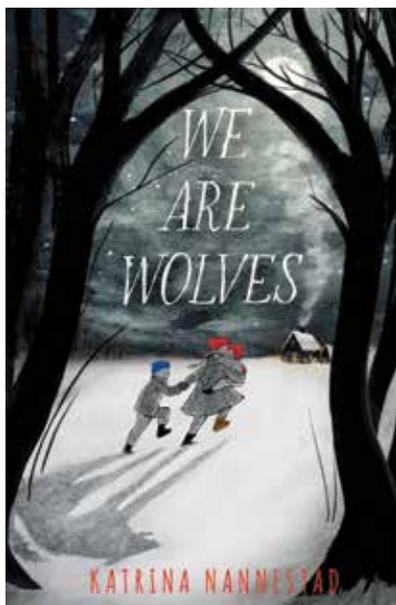
Playing with Lanterns. Wang Yage. Illustrated by Zhu Chengliang. Translated by Helen Wang. Amazon

Crossing Kids. 40 pp. ISBN 9781542029841, \$17.99. (I) This delightful story chronicles the two weeks of Chinese New Year's celebrations through the eyes of young Zhao Di and her friends as they celebrate the tradition of smashing lanterns. Captivating artwork. Includes Author's Note. (KB) 7

Rima's Rebellion: Courage in a Time of Tyranny. Margarita Engle. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781534486935, \$18.88. (H) Rima fought for women's rights in 1920s and 1930s Cuba. Told in verse, this piece of historical fiction highlights the ways in which race, class, and gender interests intersect in social movements. Includes Historical Note, Timeline of Women's Suffrage. (VSW) 926

Three Sisters. Heather Morris. Macmillan Publishers / St. Martin's Press. 404pp. Trade ISBN 9781250276896, \$28.99. (H) This fictional story is based on the real-life events of Cibi, Magda, and Livia, young sisters living in Slovakia. Their father makes them promise they will stick together. When Nazis invade, Livia is sent to Auschwitz, and Cibi follows her. Magda hides in their hometown, but she is also eventually captured and sent to Auschwitz, where the three sisters are reunited. They vow to survive their nightmare. Includes Author's Notes, Afterwords from Livia Ravek, Oded Ravek, Ayala Ravek, Yossi Lahav (Lang), Primary Sources, Photos. (TSS) 39

Unbreakable: The Spies Who Cracked the Nazis' Secret Code. Rebecca E. F. Barone. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company. 260pp. Trade ISBN 9781250814203, \$19.99. (H) Learn about the British Hut 8 Team and the French and Polish intelligence officers, scientists, and mathematicians that cracked the German's Enigma code, one of the most difficult codes used in combat. Includes Epilogue, Timeline, Photos. (LE) 353



We Are Wolves. Katrina Nannestad. Illustrated by Martina Heiduczek. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books. 294pp. Trade ISBN 9781665904223. \$17.99. (I, M) Eleven-year-old Liesl and her younger siblings, Otto and Mia, live in East Prussia at the end of World War II. Their father has gone off to fight in Germany's effort to stave off the Russian advance. The children, their grandparents, and their mother join the mass exodus of people to avoid the advance. When they become separated from their mother, the children become "Wolfskinder," the German orphans and lost children attempting to survive in the forests. (TSS) ●●●

Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country. Kelly Yang. Penguin Young Readers / Dial BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780593463055, \$18.99. (P) In this visually appealing picture book, Yang highlights the accomplishments of a wide range of Asian Americans. Each page is illustrated by a different Asian artist. The minimal text is supported by biographies of each featured Asian American in the back matter. Includes Author's Note. (PK) ●●

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