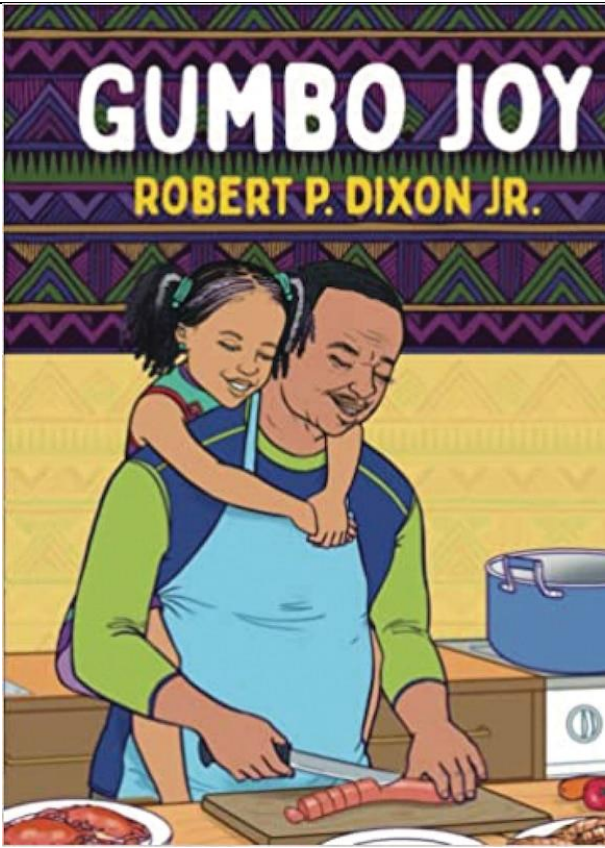


Culturally Responsive P-6 Resources in the Authorized Learning Resource (ALR)



**Gumbo Joy** by Robert P. Dixon Jr

Grades pre-primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007298

Gumbo reflects the rich cultural history of the African Diaspora, from West Africa's shores to the bustling streets of New Orleans, Louisiana. Gumbo combines the richness of flavors and cultures to make a festive meal for the entire family.

When you cook gumbo for your family and friends, it makes you feel joyous that you made a pot of gumbo filled with a lot of love. Gumbo is meant to be shared with the masses. It brings families and communities together. You smell love and embrace what is good in the world when you cook gumbo.

# Kofi Loves Music

By Dr. Artika Tyner



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Grades pre-primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007299

If we can come together, if we can build together, if we can make music together . . . We will build the type of harmony we need to promote love, justice, and freedom.

Kofi Loves Music celebrates the power of music in bringing families together, embracing cultural heritage, and engaging in community-building. This counting book also introduces African instruments which have influenced music-making around the world. Enjoy learning about new instruments and having fun with Kofi as he learns to play music with his family.



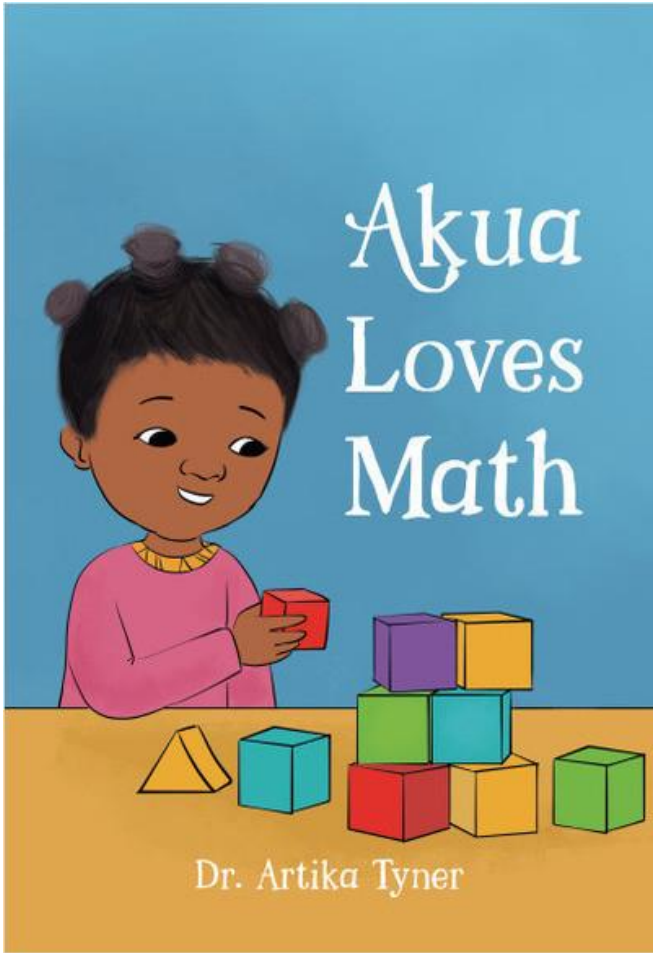
**Akua is Great** by Dr. Artika Tyner

Grades pre-primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007300

Each night, Akua's mother shares a bedtime story and concludes with a delightful list of affirmations. Akua waits excitedly to name the affirmations one by one, and her mother joins in, connecting each affirmation with an inspiring role model who has made a difference in the world.

This empowering story celebrates a young girl's journey of learning about her identity and heritage.



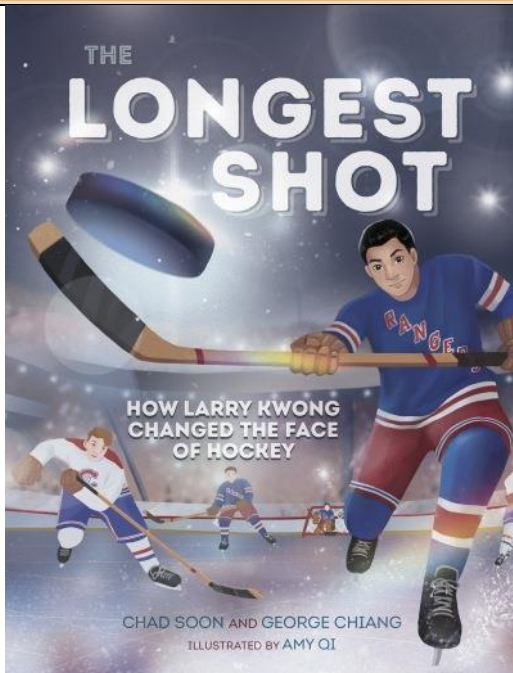
**Akua Loves Math** by Dr. Artika Tyner

Grades pre-primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007301

**Each day, Akua’s mother teaches her a new math lesson through fun and interactive learning activities.**

Akua discovers joy in learning mathematics, which boosts her confidence in STEM. She shares this gift of knowledge with her friends and encourages them to explore mathematics in their daily lives.



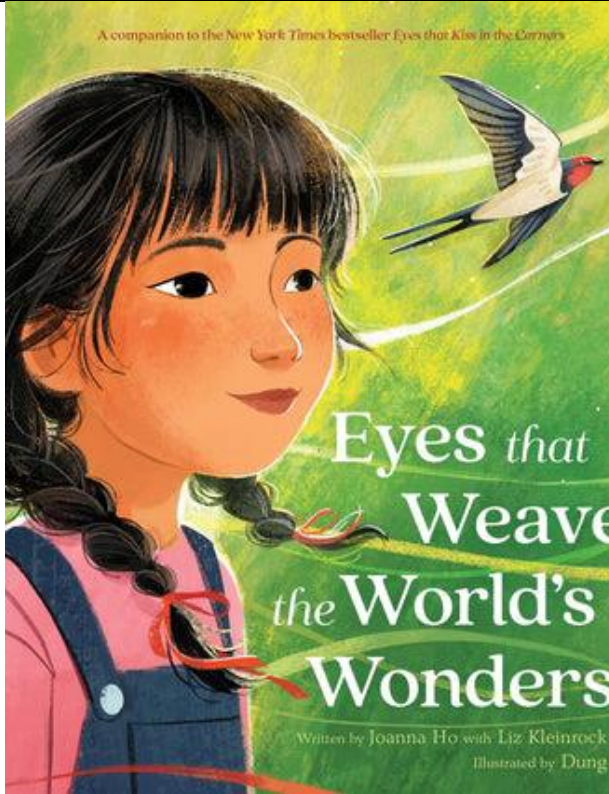
**The Longest Shot - How Larry Kwong Changed the Face of Hockey** by Chad Soon and George Chiang

Grades 6 to 8

NSSBB# 1007261

**Larry Kwong became the first player of Asian descent in the NHL when he played one shift with the New York Rangers in 1948.**

Even though Larry's achievement happened more than 70 years ago, his contribution to hockey is only now being recognized. He broke hockey's color barrier and fought racism and discrimination at every step of his career. From his humble beginnings on the outdoor rinks in Vernon, British Columbia's Chinatown all the way to playing at Madison Square Garden and in the NHL, this inspiring hero has a timeless story for all readers.

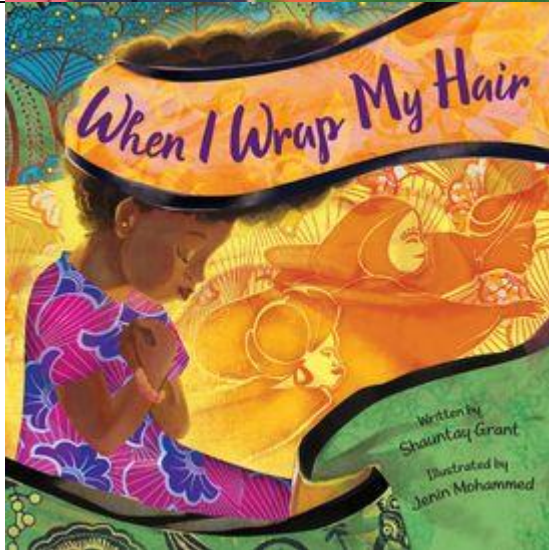


**Eyes that Weave the World's Wonders** by Joanna Ho

Grades pre-primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007258

Her family bond is deep and their connection is filled with love. She wonders about her birth mom and comes to appreciate both her birth culture and her adopted family's culture, for even though they may seem very different, they are both a part of her, and that is what makes her beautiful. She learns to appreciate the differences in her family and celebrate them.



**When I Wrap My Hair** by Shauntay Grant

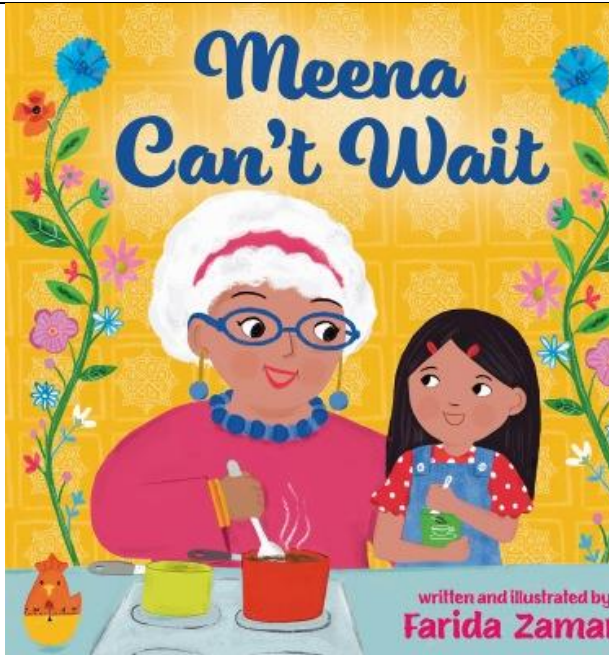
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007257

In the vein of *I Am Enough* and *Hold Them Close*, this inspiring and beautiful picture book celebrates how hair wrapping ties together past and present.

*When I wrap,  
my roots run deep.*

*As deep as an African marketplace  
or a city sidewalk  
or the stories between them.*



**Meena Can't Wait** by Farida Zaman

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007265

**Meena is excited because today she's going to Nanu's house to drink tea and eat treats.**

When Meena gets there, she's ready to get started...but her nanu tells her it's not time yet. Today they're going to have a very special Bengali tea called *doodh cha*, and they are going to make it together.

First, they harvest some ingredients from the garden. Then they head inside to prepare. Meena's tummy is rumbling as she smells her grandmother's freshly baked samosas and spice cake, but she helps crush the cardamom and cloves and learns when to add the milk, sugar and tea. While they're waiting for the *doodh cha* to be done, Nanu shares memories of her past in Bangladesh as they look at old photos, paint pictures and set the table. And when the *doodh cha* is finally ready, it's just as delicious as Nanu had promised. Nanu was right: "It always tastes better when we make it together."



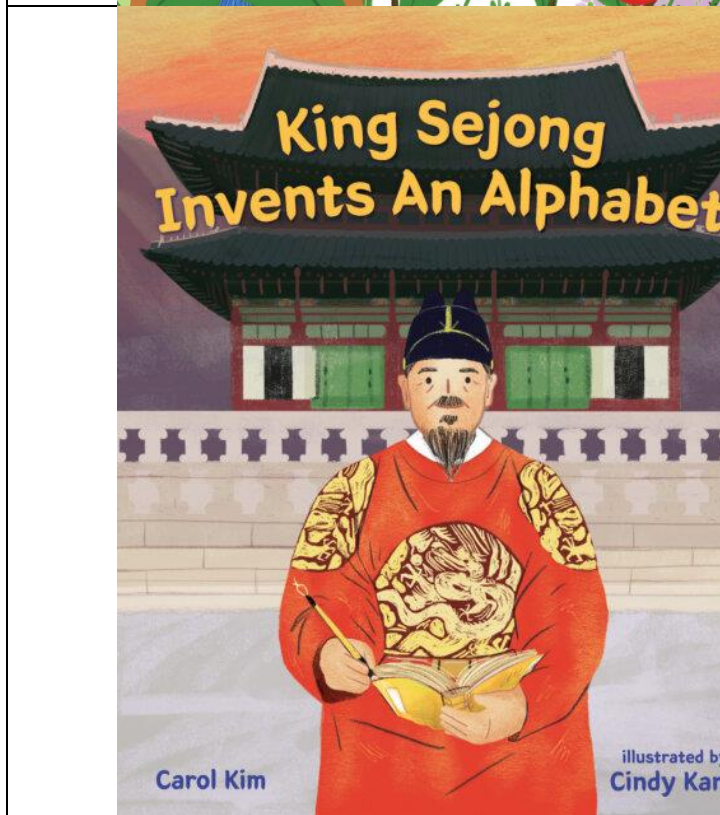
**The Yellow Handkerchief** by Donna Barba Higuera

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007263

My abuela wears an old yellow handkerchief that her grandmother gave to her. I don't like the yellow handkerchief.

When a young girl feels ashamed of her family for being "different" and subconsciously blames her abuela, she gradually grows to not only accept but also love the yellow handkerchief that represents a language and culture that once brought embarrassment.

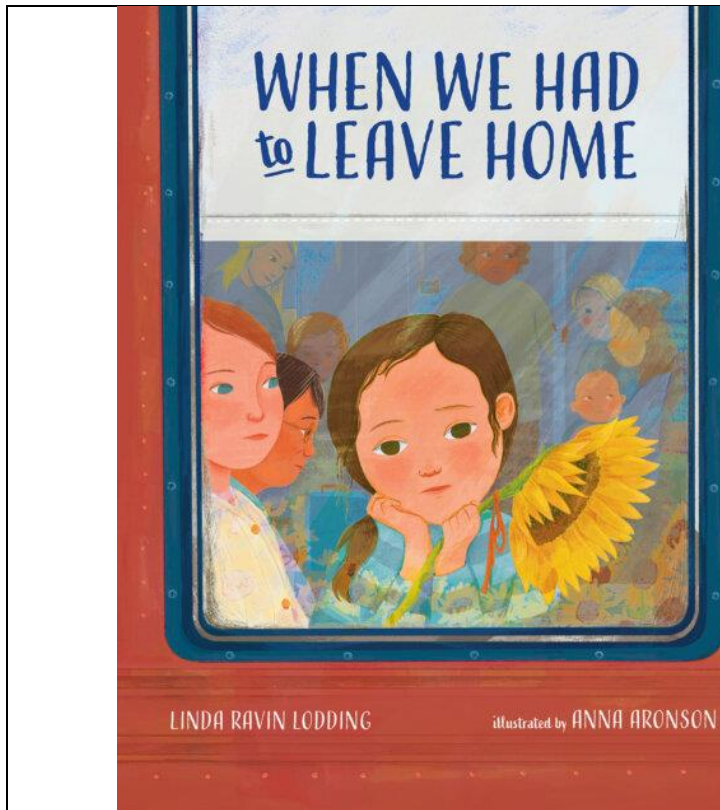


**King Sejong Invents an Alphabet** by Carol Kim

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007262

In 15th-century Korea, King Sejong was distressed. The complicated Chinese characters used for reading and writing meant only rich, educated people could read—and that was just the way they wanted it. But King Sejong thought all Koreans should be able to read and write, so he worked in secret for years to create a new Korean alphabet. King Sejong's strong leadership and determination to bring equality to his country make his 600-year-old story as relevant as ever.

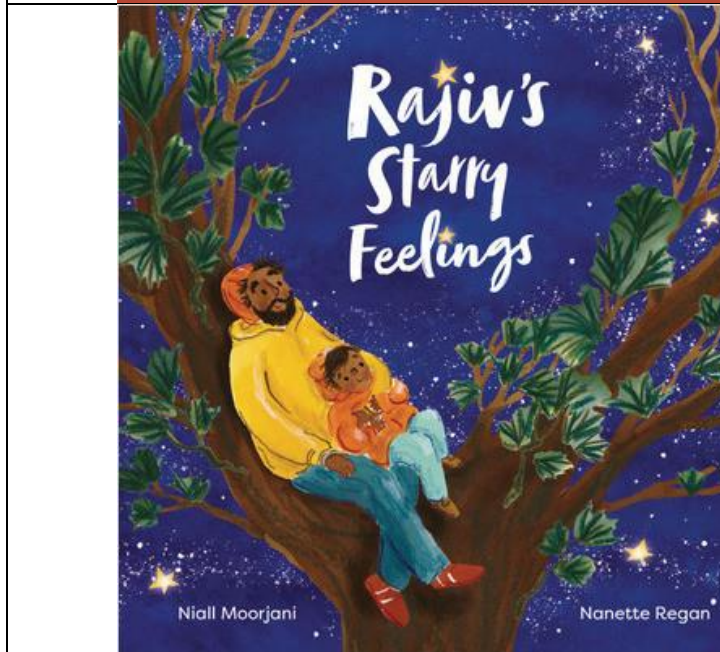


**When We Had to Leave Home** by Linda Ravin Lodding

Grades pre-primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007264

When war comes to Sofiya’s country, she and her mother and grandmother are forced to set off on a long journey to escape the violence and find safety. Sofiya doesn’t know whether she will ever see her friends or her beloved garden again, so she takes a sunflower with her as a reminder of all that she is leaving behind. But this homegrown keepsake has a surprise in store—one that will help Sofiya put down her own roots and feel at home in a new place.



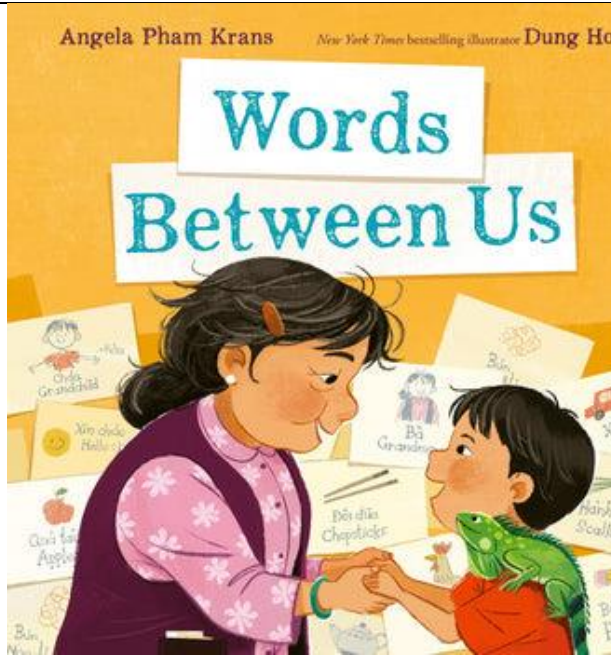
**Rajiv's Starry Feelings** by Niall Moorjani

Grades 2 to 3

NSSBB# 1007241

Rajiv has feelings for everything. He can feel confident. He can feel happy. He can feel silly. But today, he feels angry, and he doesn’t know why. With the help of his father, he sets out on a journey to make sense of his feelings. It is a journey that will take him to a park, then up into the branches of a tree, and from there all the way to the stars . . .





**Words Between Us** by Angela Pham Krans

Grades pre-primary to 4

NSSBB# 1007242

Felix and Grandma have always lived oceans apart—until the day Grandma arrives. Felix is so excited to meet Grandma and spend time with her.

Except she doesn't know English!

And he doesn't know much Vietnamese!

But maybe they can connect in other ways—like over their shared love of pizza.

One day, when Grandma gets lost and doesn't know how to ask for help, Felix decides to teach her English. And by working together and teaching each other, they just might learn to share words as well.

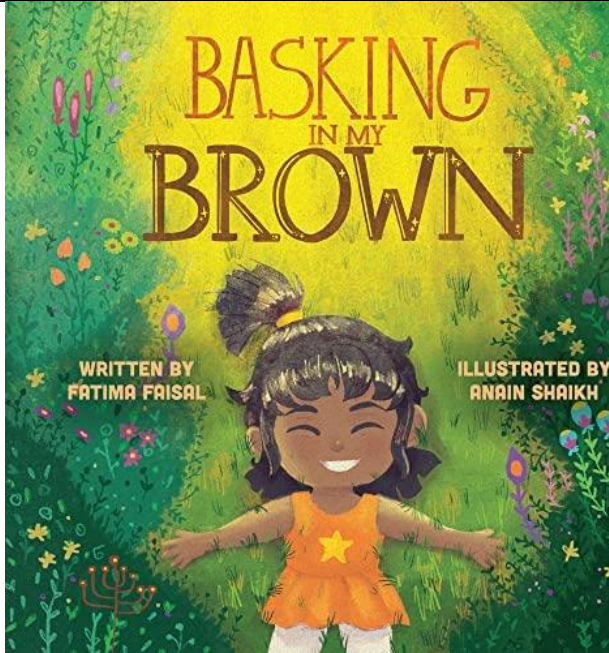


**Oh, Olive!** by Lian Cho

Grades pre-primary to 2

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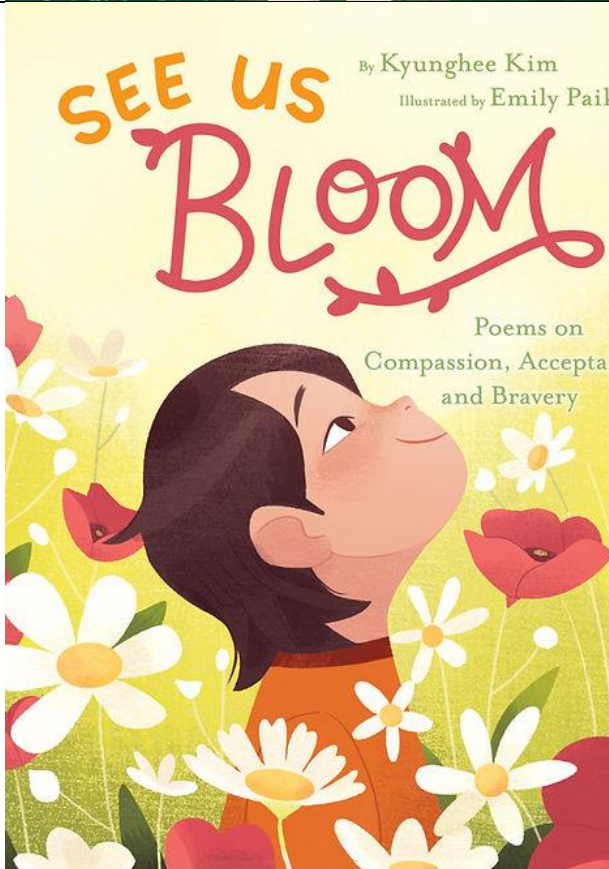


**Basking in My Brown** by Fatima Faisal

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1007234

**A young brown girl loves the feeling of sitting out in the sun, basking in her beautiful, brown skin.** Her skin comes with a rich history and power that should be celebrated. It is strong, it is ambitious, it is bold, it is soft, it is sweet, it is fearless, it is special. *Basking in My Brown* is a poetic tribute to the dark-skinned girls of the world.

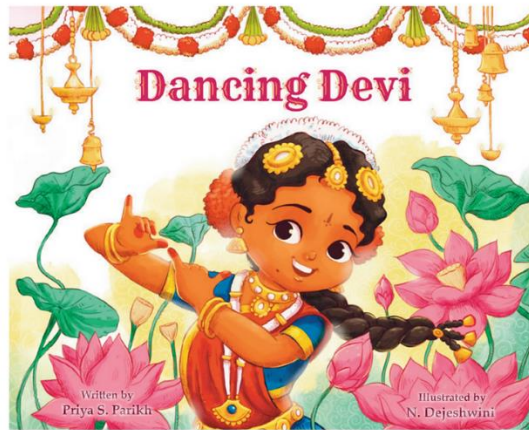


**See Us Bloom** by Kyunghee Kim

Grades pre-primary to 4

NSSBB# 1007236

An inspiring and comforting collection of poems that will take kids on a journey to discover their own identities, find inner strength, and learn to love themselves — and one another. Filled with gracefully simple poems and vibrant, lyrical illustrations, all kids will be able to find a piece of themselves reflected within the pages of this book.

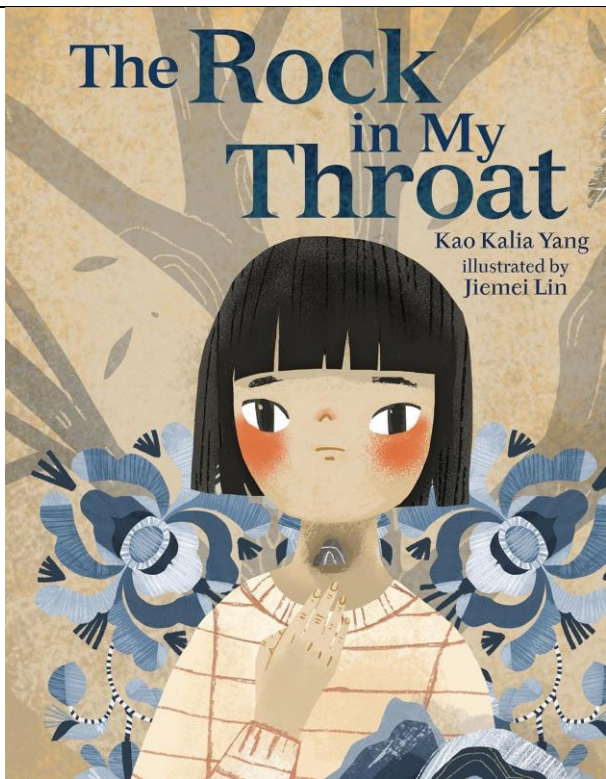


**Dancing Devi** by Priya S. Parikh

Grades pre-primary to 4

NSSBB# 1007235

Devi knows that she's a good dancer. In fact, she's one of the best Bharatanatyam dancers at her dance school. So she's very upset when she learns she's lost the big dance competition. Her mom is a perfect dancer and Devi needs to be, too. Devi vows to practice her facial expressions and footwork until her dance is flawless, but no matter how much she practices, she keeps making mistakes. Come along with Devi as she learns that failure is an important part of learning and growing.

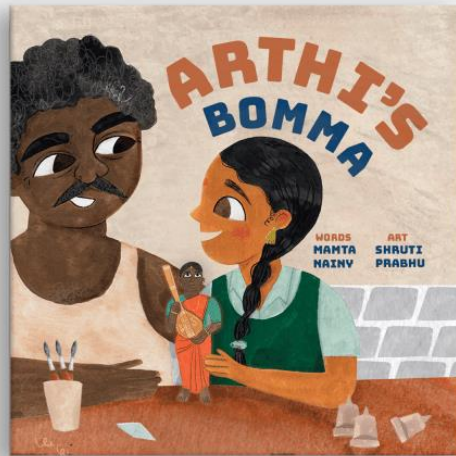


**The Rock in My Throat** by Kao Kalia Yang

Grades 3 to 4

NSSBB# 1007226

At first, no one noticed when I stopped talking at school. In this moving true story, Kao Kalia Yang shares her experiences as a young Hmong refugee navigating life at home and at school. Having seen the poor treatment her parents received when making their best efforts at speaking English, she no longer speaks at school. Kalia feels as though a rock has become lodged in her throat, and it grows heavier each day. Although the narrative is somber, it is also infused with moments of beauty, love, and hope.

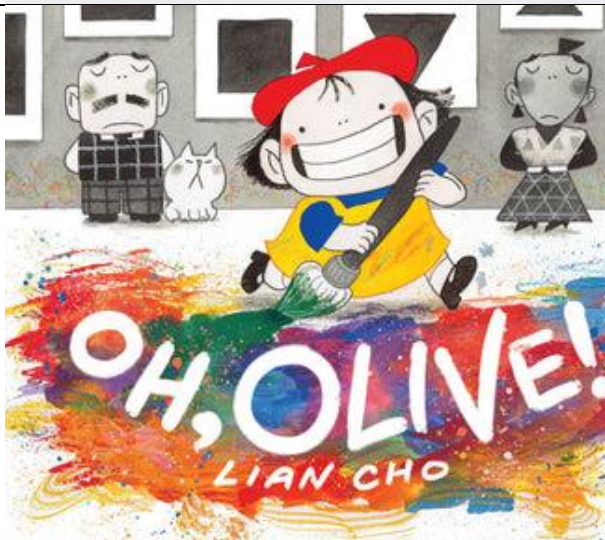


**Arthi's Bomma** by Mamta Nainy

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1007225

Arthi's father is a doll maker, but she wishes he would be anything else. No one plays with the wooden bommalu her nanna makes anymore. But crafting dolls from wood is her father's entire world, so Arthi sets out to find out why these dolls mean so much to him. She asks everyone she knows in her small doll-making community and learns that bommalu are memories, warm as the sun, whispering stories older than time and capturing colors that run wild. They are a celebration of life and more. Much, much more!

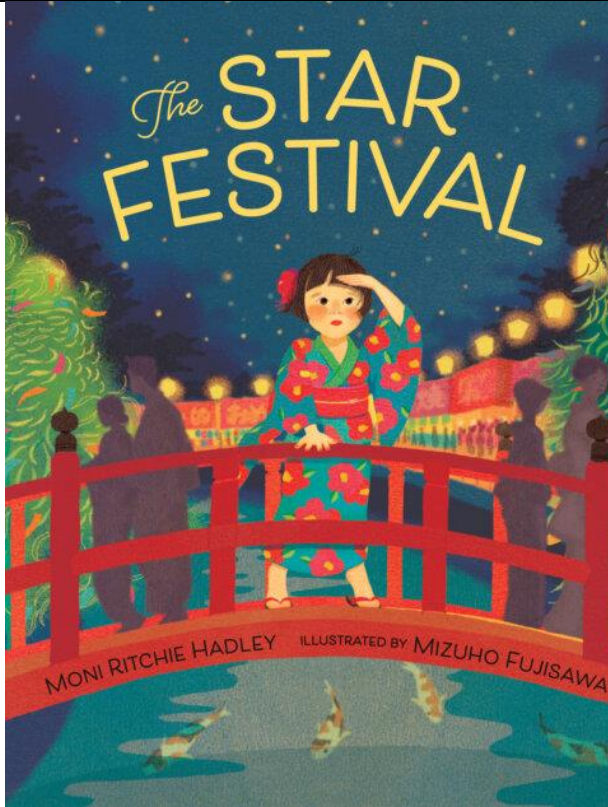


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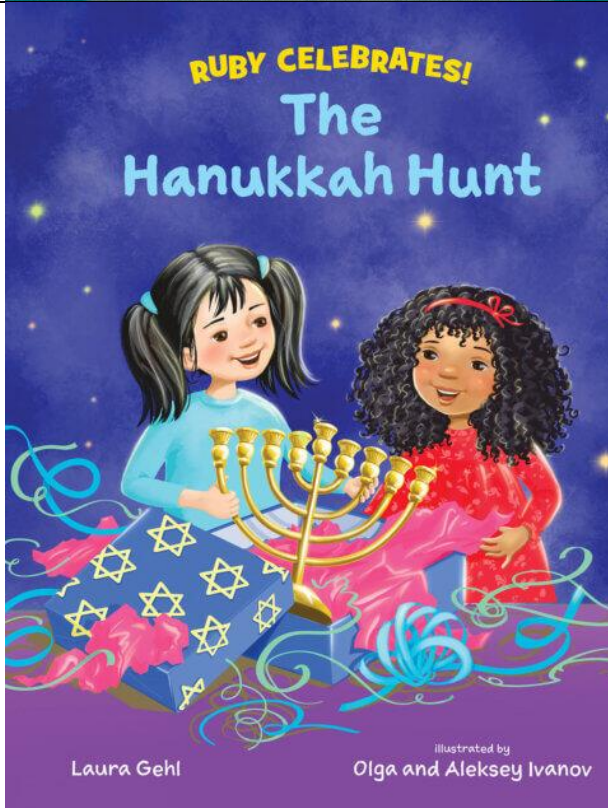


**The Star Festival** by Moni Ritchie Hadley

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007276

Tanabata Matsuri, the Star Festival, celebrates a popular folktale: The Emperor of the Heavens separates his daughter, Orihime, from her love, Hikoboshi, all year—but on this day the two stars finally reunite, crossing a bridge over the Milky Way. For Keiko, her mama, and her grandmother, Tanabata is about making tanzaku wishes, taking in the colorful decorations, and eating delicious food like nagashi somen and shaved ice. But when Obaasan gets lost in the crowd, Keiko and Mama must make their own bridge to find her again—and see if their tanzaku comes true.



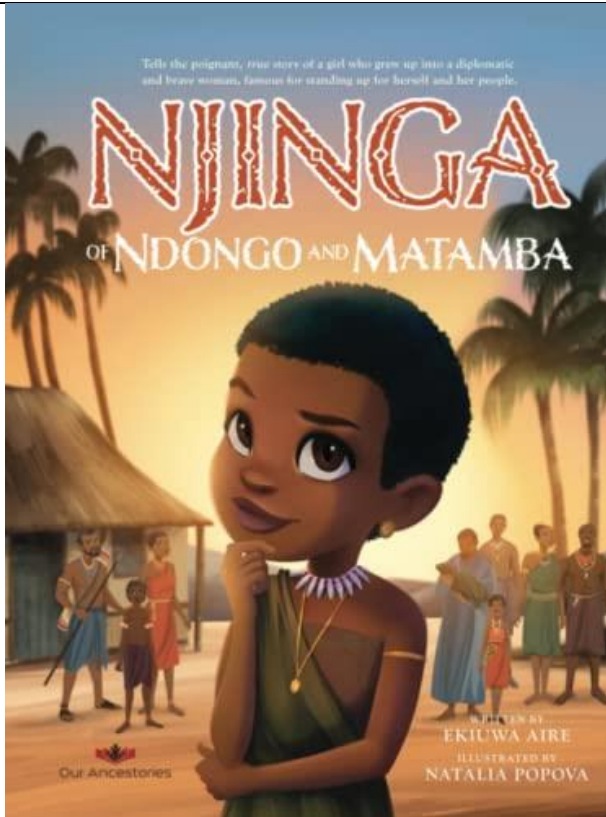
**The Hanukkah Hunt** by Laura Gehl

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007274

**Ruby and her family celebrate Hanukkah in a brand-new way.**

Ruby's cousin Avital is sad because her mom is going to be away on a work trip during Hanukkah. To help make sure Avital still has a happy holiday, Ruby plans an enormous eight-night treasure hunt. But will she be able to think up a good enough surprise for Avital to discover on the final night

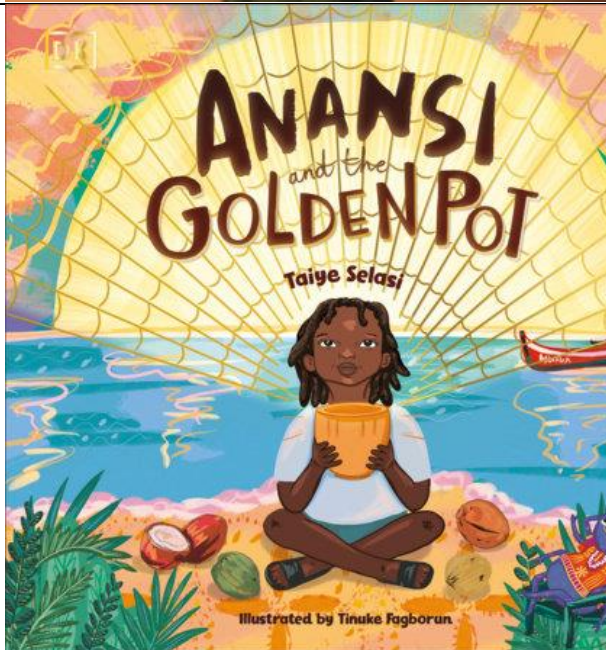


**Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba** by Ekiuwa Aire

Grades 2 and 3

NSSBB# 1006502

Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba is the true story of a girl who had a difficult birth but went on to become the Queen of two ancient African kingdoms. Revered for her wisdom, courage, and strength, Njinga became a dominant political figure in Angola in the 1600s.

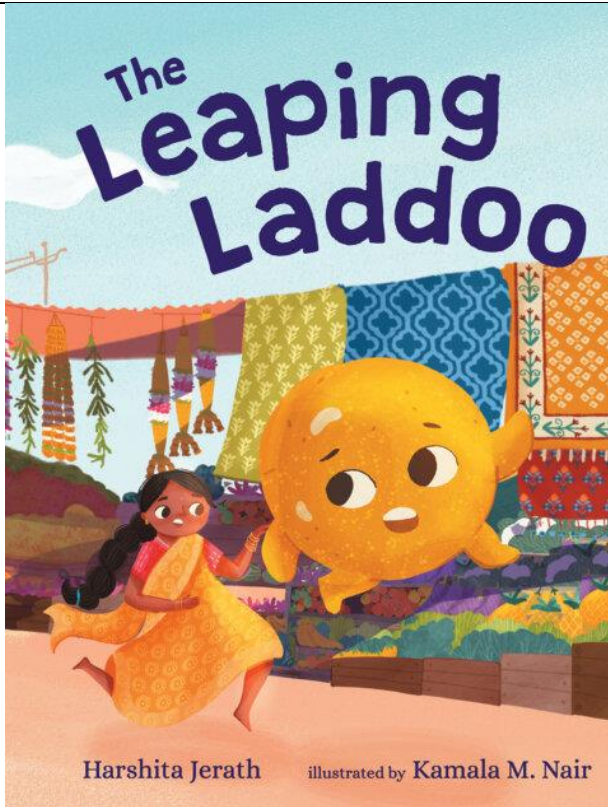


**Anansi and the Golden Pot** by Taiye Selasi

Grade 2

NSSBB# 1006683

Award-winning author of *Ghana Must Go*, Taiye Selasi, reimagines the story of Anansi, the much-loved trickster, for a new generation. Kweku has grown up hearing stories about the mischievous spider Anansi. He is given the nickname Anansi by his father because of his similarly cheeky ways. On a holiday to visit his beloved Grandma in Ghana, Anansi the spider and Anansi the boy meet, and discover a magical pot that can be filled with whatever they want. Anansi fills it again and again with his favorite red-red stew, and eats so much that he feels sick. Will he learn to share this wonderful gift?

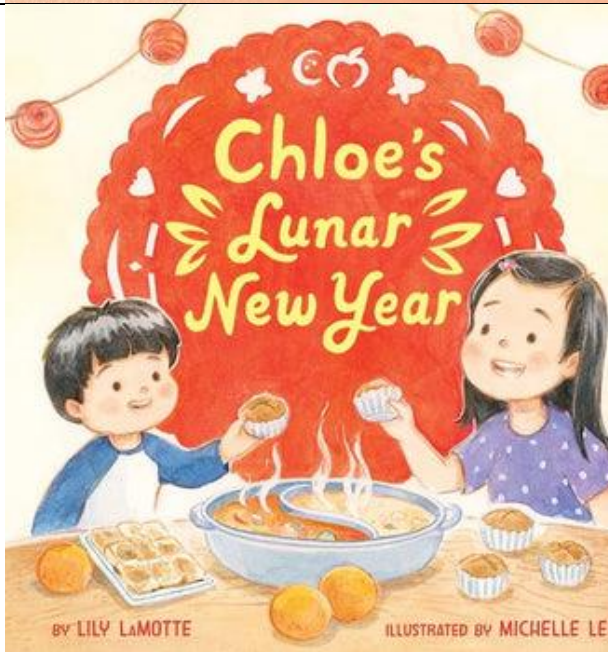


**Leaping Laddoo** by Harshita Jerath

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007275

Join a frolicking chase on the bustling streets of contemporary India. Bhago, Bhago as fast as you can! Follow the leaping laddoo (luh-DOO), an Indian dessert, as it flees from the hands of its maker and eludes children, a tea seller, a groom on an elephant, and more. Can anyone end this crazy chase? Featuring vibrant illustrations and sprinkled with Hindi words, this fun read-aloud also includes a laddoo recipe.



**Chloe's Lunar New Year** by Lily LaMotte

Grades pre-primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007239

It's almost Lunar New Year, and Chloe can't wait to celebrate! But first, Chloe and her family must prepare for the new year. They buy new shoes, lay out good-luck oranges in a bowl, decorate the red envelope, and make a crispy turnip cake. Everyone comes together to cook a fantastic feast, saving a plate for A-má, of course. Chloe enjoys the festive celebration and yummy food, but most of all, she loves spending time with her family.



**The Lunar New Year Surprise** by Jade Wang

Grades primary to 4

Amid Lunar New Year preparations and celebrations, bespectacled young Gege attempts to give little sister Meimei a handmade present: a crocheted Chinese lion. But every time Gege tries to offer the gift, Meimei is off helping and taking part in the “biggest, yummiest, NOISIEST celebration of the year!” Wang details traditional Spring Festival customs and their meanings, portrayed in Tammy Do’s festive illustrations: red paper cutouts decorate the house to “bring happiness and good blessings,” and the lion dance is powerfully loud “to chase away ghosts and evil spirits.” As the red-clad family settles down post-feast, Gege finally delivers the present, to Meimei’s delight. Back matter includes more about Lunar New Year dishes globally and a zodiac animal guide.



**The Great Henna Party** by Humera Malik

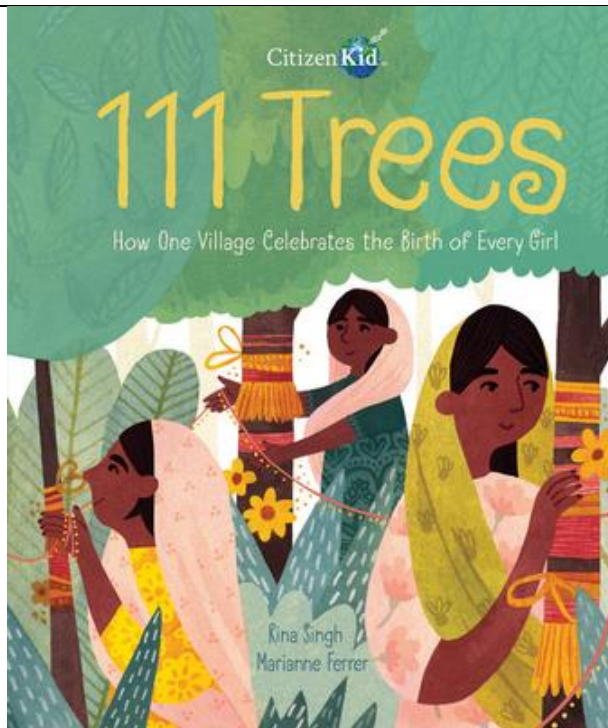
Grades primary to 2

**If you were to name the person you loved the most, who would you choose?**

Noor’s cousin is getting married tomorrow, and tonight, Noor’s family will hold a henna party in her honor. They’ll sing traditional songs, eat delicious treats, and have their hands painted in swirling designs using a dye called henna.

Noor is especially excited to play the henna name game. The henna artist will hide the name of the person Noor loves the most in the pattern she paints on Noor’s hands. But whose name will Noor choose?





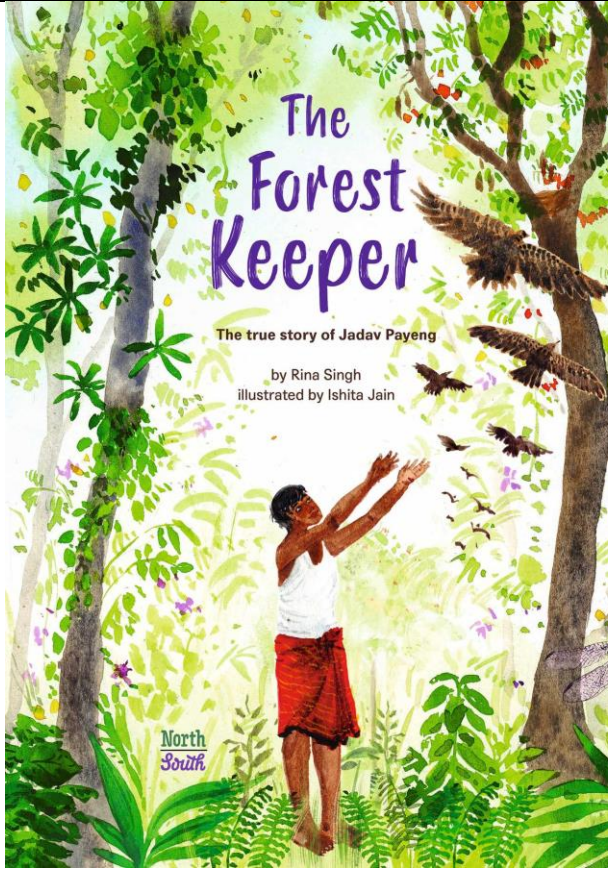
**111 Trees – How One Village Celebrates the Birth of Every Girl** by Rina Singh and Marianne Ferrer

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006696

In a small village in India, a boy grows up to make a huge difference in his community by planting trees to celebrate the birth of every girl.

Based on a true story, this book celebrates environmental sustainability, community activism and ecofeminism. This is the story of Sundar Paliwal, who is from a small Indian village ruled by ancient customs. As he grows to be a man, Sundar suffers much heartbreak and decides it is time for change to come to his village. Sundar is determined to live in a place where girls are valued as much as boys and where the land is not devastated by irresponsible mining. Sundar's plan? To celebrate the birth of every girl with the planting of 111 trees. Though many villagers resist at first, Sundar slowly gains their support. And today, there are over a quarter of a million trees in his village, providing food, water, and opportunities for women to earn a living. His efforts have turned an once barren and deforested landscape into a fertile and prosperous one where girls can thrive.



**The Forest Keeper – The True Story of Jadav Payeng**  
by Rina Singh

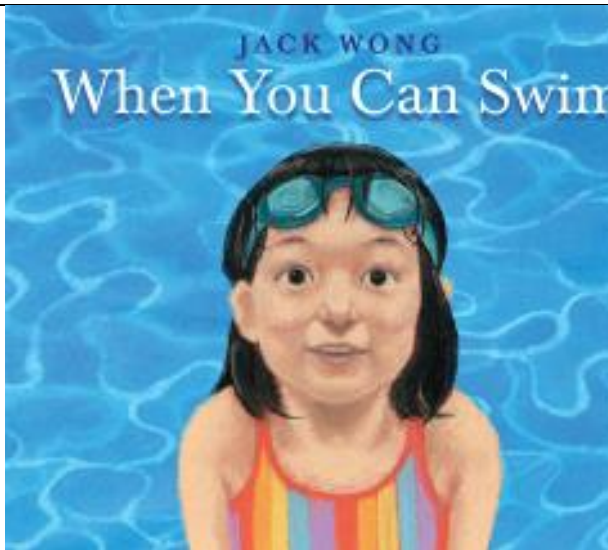
Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1007120

***Trees don't grow on sandbars . . . but a boy from India grew a forest.***

What can one person do in the face of global environmental degradation? Indian Jadav Payeng has proven that each and every one of us can make a difference. As a boy, he began planting trees on a sandbank in the state of Assam. Nobody believed that he would succeed in doing so. But since 1979, a forest the size of Central Park has emerged, offering a home to countless animals and plants. It was not until 2007 that a photographer accidentally discovered the forest and made Payeng known to the world beyond India.

Rina Singh has sensitively retraced the story of young Jadav. In Ishita Jain's picture book debut as illustrator, readers feel immersed in the spectacular habitat whose existence borders on a miracle come true.



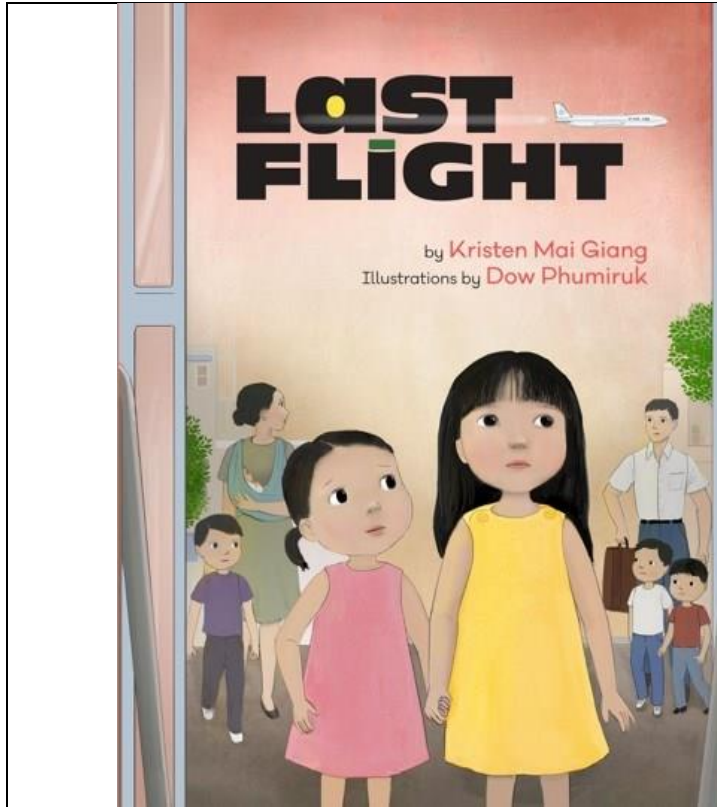
**When You Can Swim** by Jack Wong

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007019

**A reverent celebration of learning to swim among a diverse cast of children and families who each experience the mysterious joys of water in nature.**

In expansive vignettes, we meet sandpipers, peaceful lakes, the feeling of a small waterfall on one's shoulders. *When You Can Swim* invites children into the warmth and wonder of the natural world and its watery splendors. At the same time, children will experience the joyousness that nature's lessons teach us through its beauty.

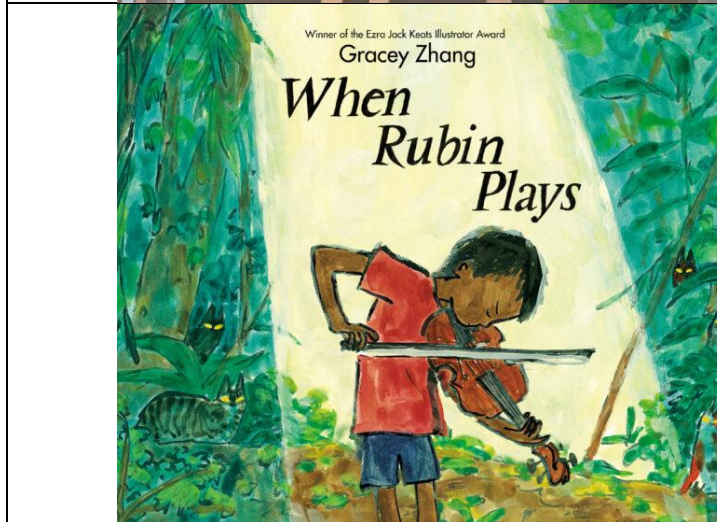


**Last Flight** by Kristen Mai Giang

Grades primary to 3

On April 24, 1975 the last flight out of Saigon, Vietnam carried over 400 people to the United States, six days before Saigon's surrender to the North Vietnamese Army.

Kristen Giang was a little girl, on that flight with family, and here in this story she shares all the emotions of the decision to flee from the perspective of someone eight years old; Playing a game of space-explorers to protect herself and her sister's eyes from tear gas; sneaking a stuffed animal into the family's overstuffed suitcase for comfort.

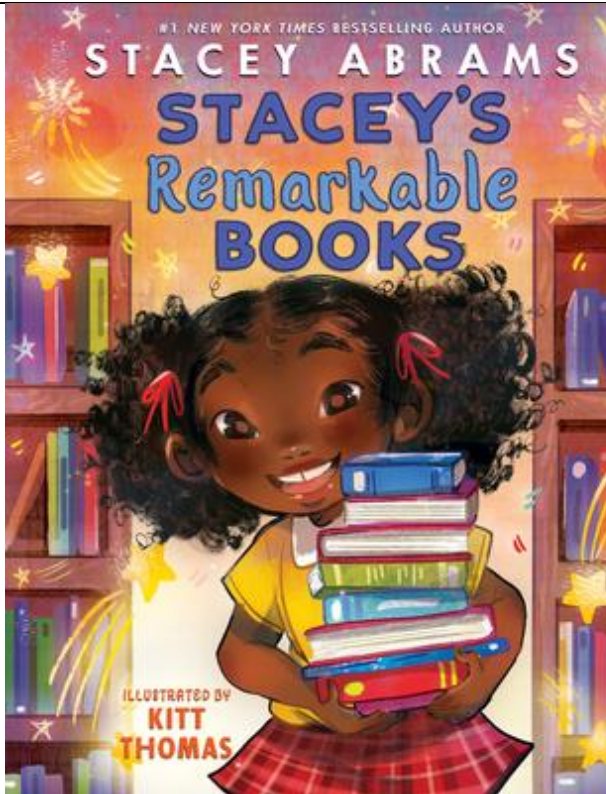


**When Rubin Plays** by Gracey Zhang

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007223

Rubin loves the beautiful sounds that are played by the orchestra. He wants to learn to play the violin and make his own music. But when Rubin plays, it doesn't sound like he imagines it should. Rubin goes into the forest to practice alone and despite only getting the violin to screech, he finds an unlikely audience that loves his unique style.



**Stacey's Remarkable Books** by Stacey Abrams

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007064

Stacey's favorite day of the week is Thursday, when the whole class goes to the library and she gets to lose herself in her beloved books.

On one of these special days, Stacey discovers that a new student named Julie has trouble reading in English, so they begin sharing books and stories to practice. Soon, more students start to join them.

Books take the group on magical adventures and reveal other worlds and cultures--but best of all, they bring them together as friends.



**The Words We Share** by Jack Wong

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006689

Angie is used to helping her dad. Ever since they moved to Canada, he relies on her to translate for him from English to Chinese. Angie is happy to help: when they go to restaurants, at the grocery store, and, one day, when her dad needs help writing some signs for his work.

Building off her success with her dad's signs, Angie offers her translation skills to others in their community. She's thrilled when her new business takes off, until one of her clients says he's unhappy with her work. When her dad offers to help, she can't imagine how he could. Working together, they find a surprising solution, fixing the problem in a way Angie never would have predicted.



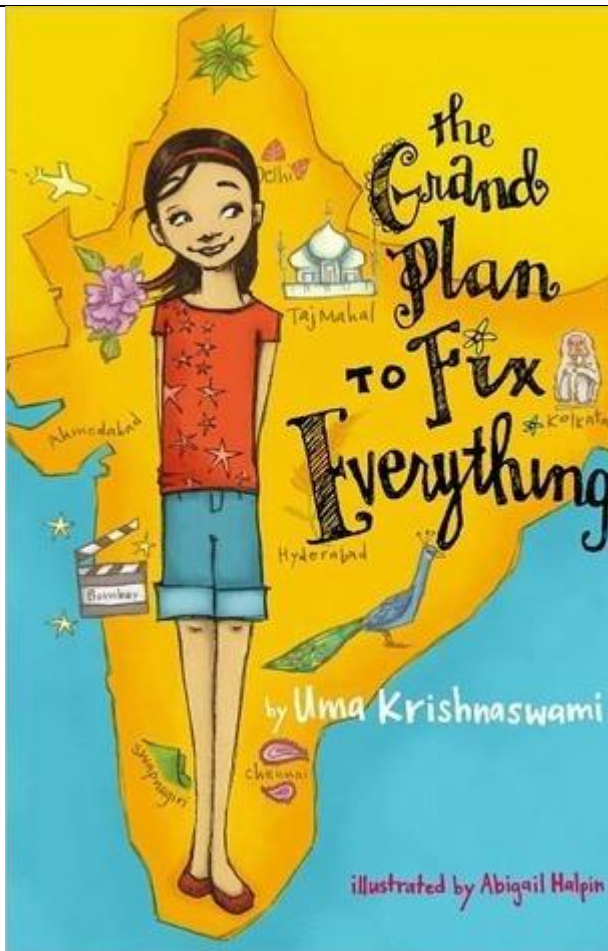
**Mira and Baku** by Sara Truvert

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006688

**With the help of a magical friend, a young girl searches for her missing father in this poignant story set during Japanese internment in World War II.**

It's a week until Mira's birthday, and she's getting worried. Where is Papa? He has never missed her birthday before. When Mira's friend Baku, a creature from Japanese folklore, offers to help, they journey over farmlands and forests, mountains and river mouths, gathering clues to Papa's whereabouts—clues that echo Mira's memories and overheard conversations in the camp where she lives with Mama.



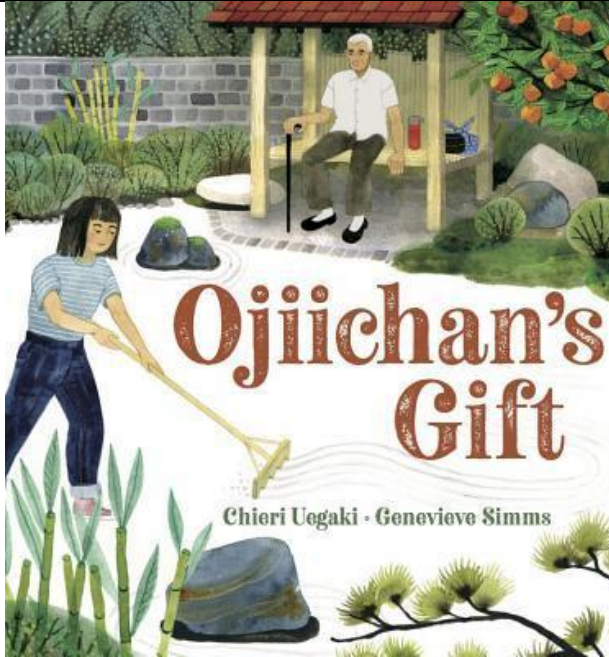
**The Grand Plan to Fix Everything** by Uma Krishnaswami

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1006665

Eleven-year old Dini loves movies—watching them, reading about them, trying to write her own—especially those oh-so-fabulous Bollywood movies where you don't need to know the language to get what's going on. But when her mother reveals some big news, it does not at all jibe with the script Dini had in mind. Her family is moving to India. And not even to Bombay, which is the "center of the filmi universe" (and home to Dini's all-time most favorite star, Dolly Singh). No, they're moving to a teeny, tiny town that she can't even find on a map: Swapnagiri. It means Dream Mountain, a sleepy little place where nothing interesting can happen....

But wait a movie minute! Swapnagiri is full of surprises like rose petal milk shakes, mischievous monkeys, a girl who chirps like a bird, and...could it be...Dolly herself?

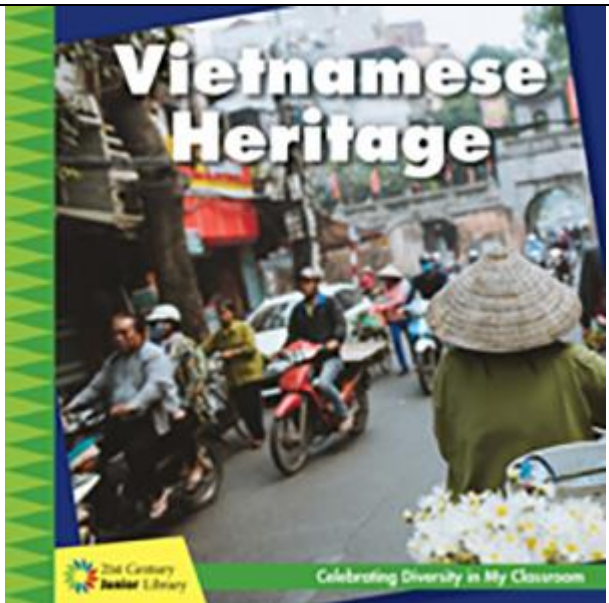


**Ojiichan's Gift** by Chieri Uegaki

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006664

When Mayumi was born, her grandfather created a garden for her. It was unlike any other garden she knew. It had no flowers or vegetables. Instead, Ojiichan made it out of stones: "big ones, little ones and ones in-between." Every summer, Mayumi visits her grandfather in Japan, and they tend the garden together. Raking the gravel is her favorite part. Afterward, the two of them sit on a bench and enjoy the results of their efforts in happy silence. But then one summer, everything changes. Ojiichan has grown too old to care for his home and the garden. He has to move. Will Mayumi find a way to keep the memory of the garden alive for both of them?

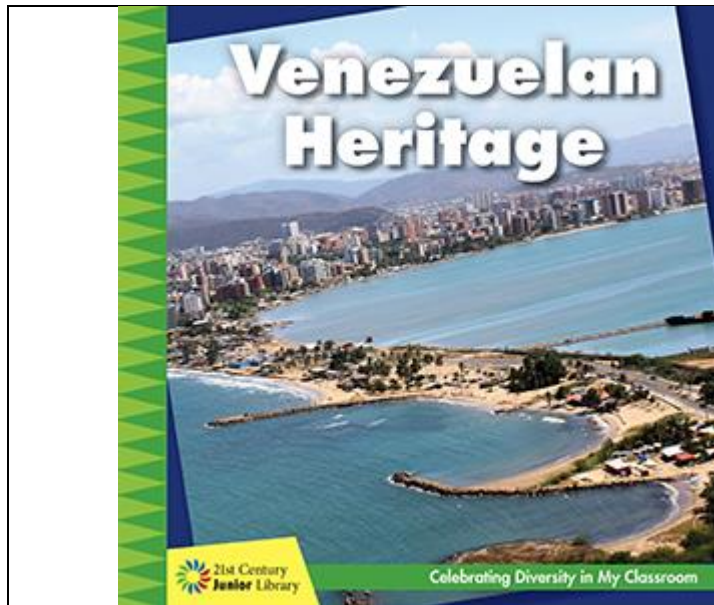


**21<sup>st</sup> Century Junior Library Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom Vietnamese Heritage**

Grades primary to 3

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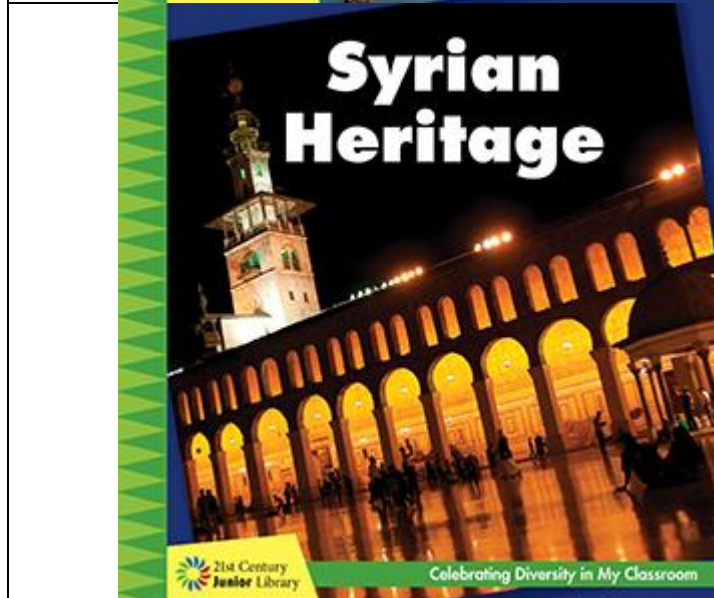


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Syrian Heritage in the Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom series explores the geography, languages, religions, food, and culture of Syria.

The book cover for 'Somali Heritage' features a photograph of a town with yellow buildings and red roofs, set against a backdrop of a mountain range under a clear blue sky. The title 'Somali Heritage' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue shadow effect. At the bottom left is the '21st Century Junior Library' logo, and at the bottom right is the text 'Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom'.

# Somali Heritage

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Junior Library Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom Somali Heritage

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007253

Somali Heritage in the Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom series explores the geography, languages, religions, food, and culture of Somalia.

The book cover for 'Saudi Arabian Heritage' features a photograph of a mosque with a large green dome and several minarets against a blue sky with light clouds. The title 'Saudi Arabian Heritage' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue shadow effect. At the bottom left is the '21st Century Junior Library' logo, and at the bottom right is the text 'Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom'.

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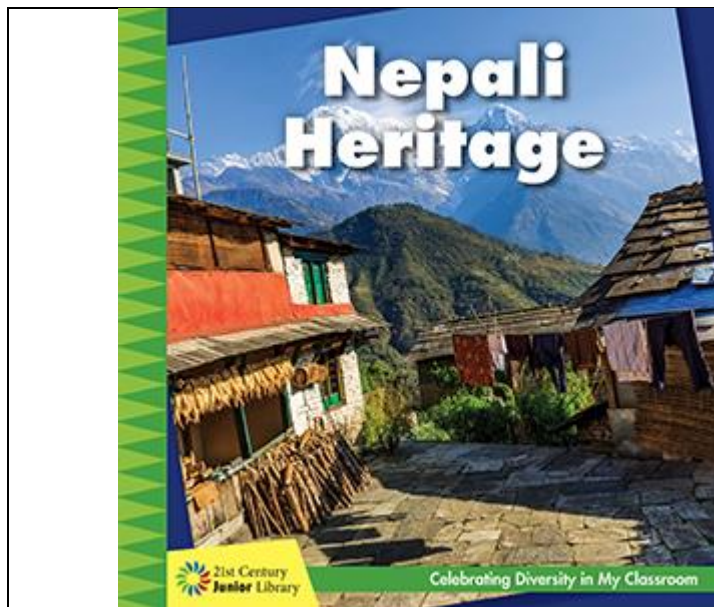
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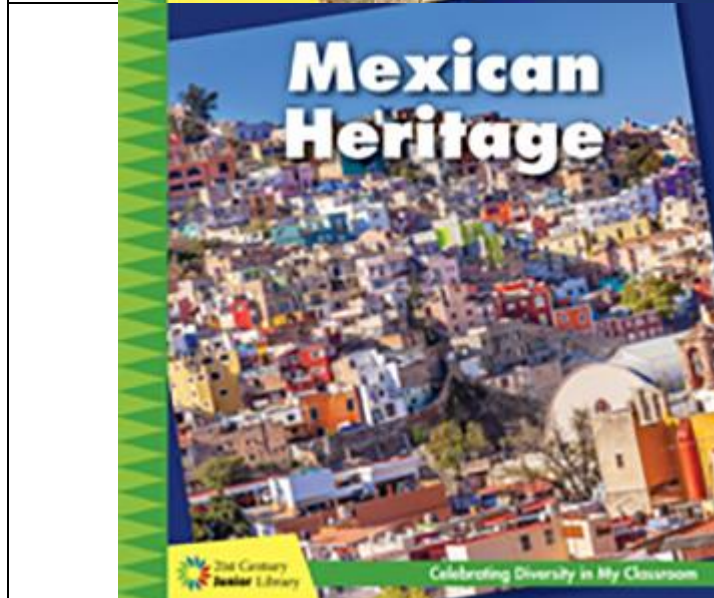


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Nepali Heritage in the Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom series explores the geography, languages, religions, food, and culture of Nepal.



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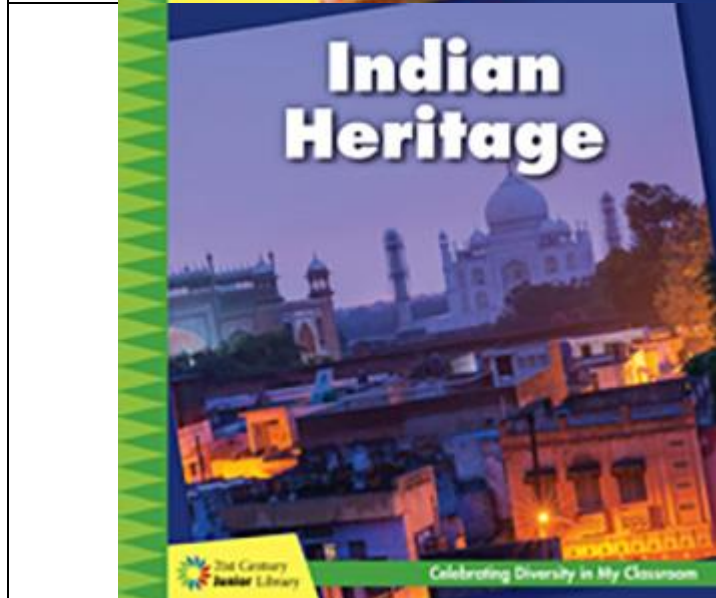


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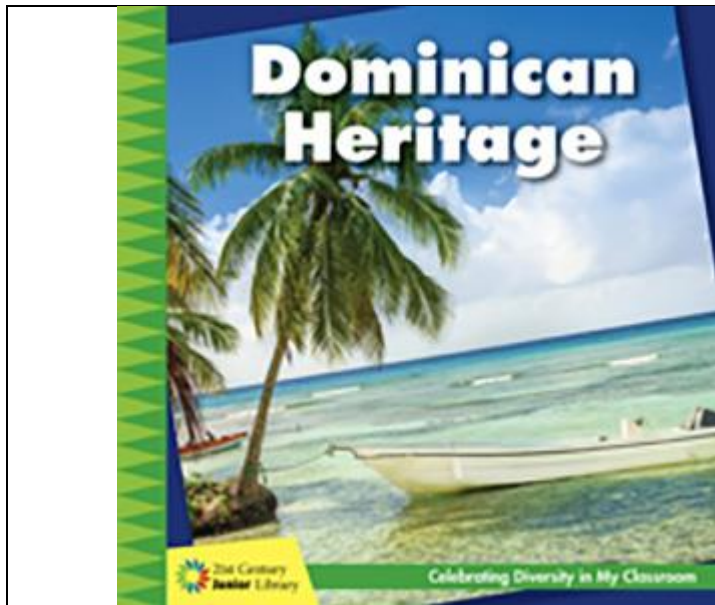


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Indian Heritage in the Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom series explores the geography, languages, religions, food, and culture of India.



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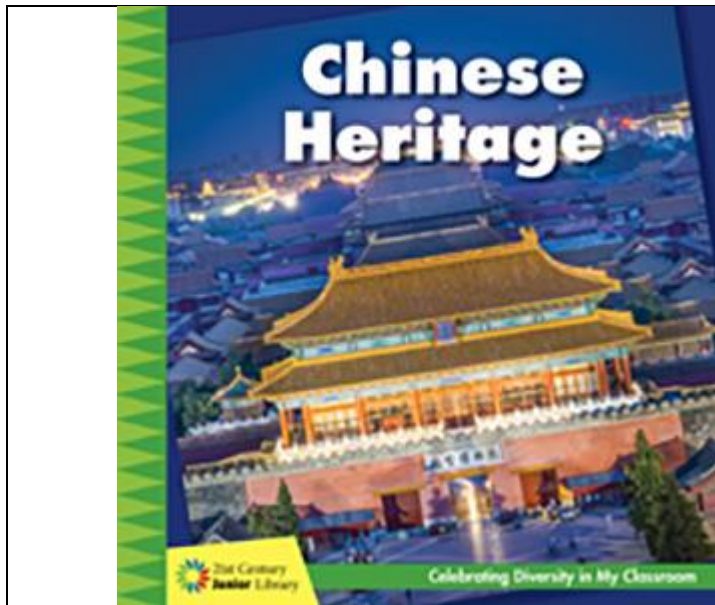


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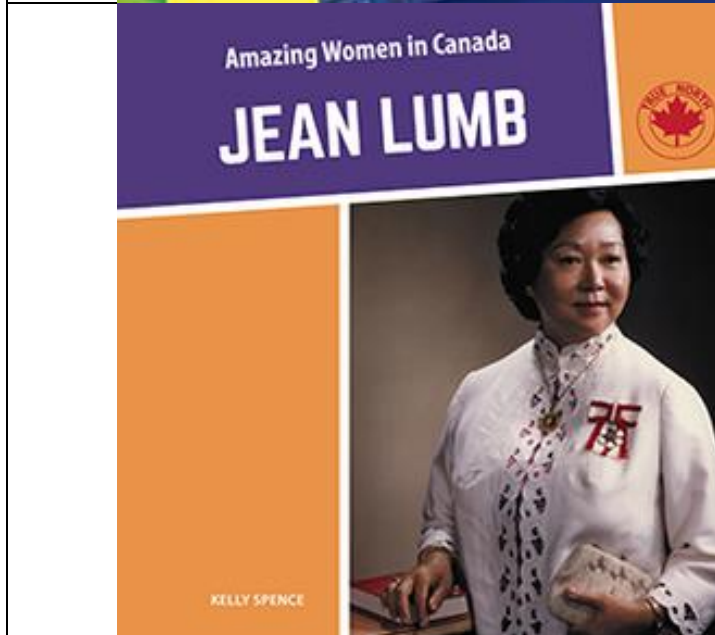


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Grades primary to 3

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Chinese Heritage in the Celebrating Diversity in My Classroom series explores the geography, languages, religions, food, and culture of China.



**Amazing Women in Canada: Jean Lumb** by Kelly Spence

Grades 1 to 6

NSSBB# 1006659

Discusses the efforts of Jean Lumb, a Chinese-Canadian businesswoman and activist, to improve the lives of Chinese immigrants in Canada and to preserve Toronto's Chinatown.



**Celebrate Canada: Diverse Voices**

**Welcome to Paldi: A Place for Everyone** by Harman Singh Pandher

Grades 1 to 6

NSSBB# 1006657

A girl learns from her grandparents about Paldi, BC, a small town founded by Mayo Singh, a Sikh lumber mill owner.



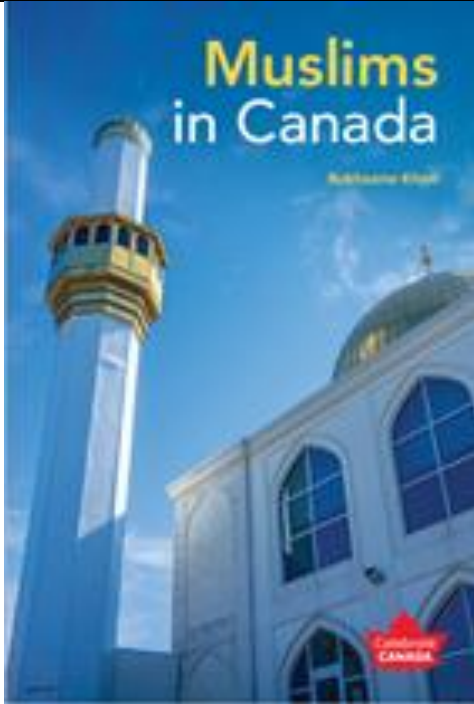
**Celebrate Canada: Diverse Voices**

**A Tour of Chinatown** by Marty Chan

Grades 1 to 6

NSSBB# 1006651

A young boy takes his friend on a tour of Chinatown, explaining some key features.



**Muslims in Canada** by Rukhsana Khan

Grades 1 to 6

NSSBB# 1006654

Part history book about the history of Muslims in Canada; part celebration of the positive impact of Canadian Muslims; and part memoir about the author's life as a Muslim kid growing up in Canada.



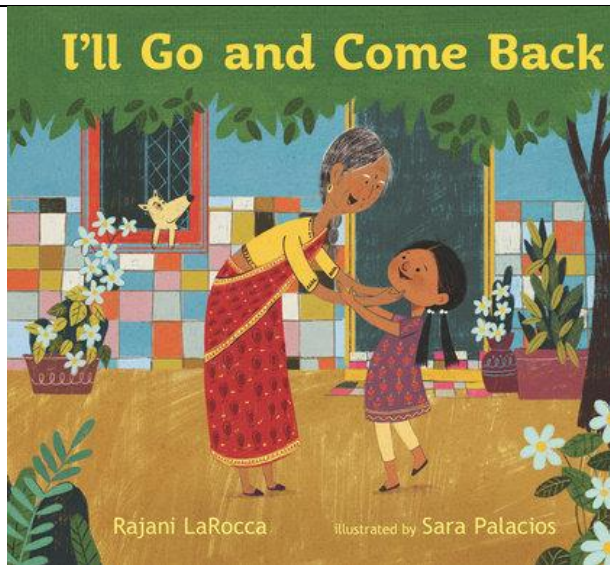
**If You Could Be Anything** by Jennifer Britton

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1006663

*If you could be anything, what would you be?  
I'd be a tall ship, racing fast on the sea  
I'd fill up my sails with the salty cool breeze  
If I could be anything. If it were up to me.*

A gentle lullaby celebrating the abundant nature of the East Coast.

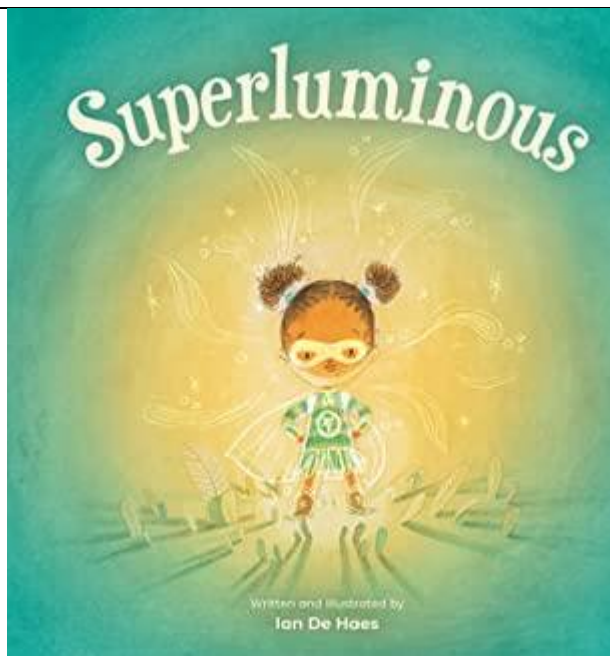


**I'll Go and Come Back** by Rajani La Rocca

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006648

When Jyoti visits her grandmother halfway around the world, she is overwhelmed by the differences between India and home. At first she feels lonely and out of place, but soon, despite a language barrier, she and Sita Pati are able to understand each other. They form a bond—looking at books together, making designs with colored sand, shopping at the market, playing games, eating chapatis, and sipping warm milk with saffron to bring sweet dreams. When it's time to part, Jyoti doesn't want to leave, but then she remembers that in Tamil, people don't say goodbye, they say "I'll go and come back." Sure enough, the two reunite the next summer when Pati visits Jyoti in America, and it's Jyoti's turn to make her grandmother feel welcome. Can they create some special memories that will last until the next time they see each other?



**Superluminous** by Ian De Haes

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB#1005959

Nour has a superpower: she glows. Her light shines so bright, she feels like a star in the night sky. But when kids at school notice her glow, they're not impressed. If she had a *real* superpower, they say, she could fly or turn invisible. So Nour stops feeling special. And as her light dims, her world darkens . . . until a nighttime cry from her baby sister shows her how powerful her glow can be.

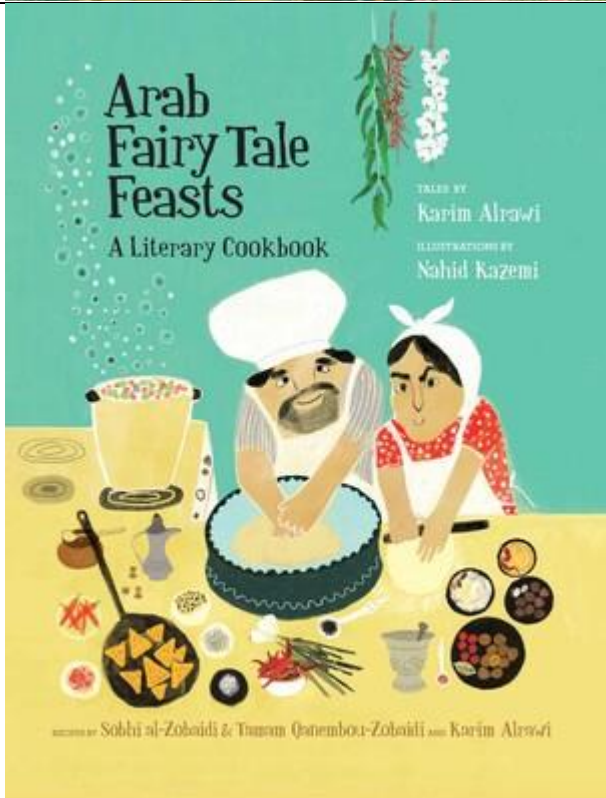


**Anita and the Dragons** by Hannah Carmona

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1006647

Anita watches the dragons high above her as she hops from one cement roof to another in her village in the Dominican Republic. But being the valiant princess she is, she never lets them scare her. Then one day, Anita must face her fears to begin a new life in a new country. Will she be brave enough to enter the belly of the beast and take flight to new adventures?



**Arab Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook** by Karim Alrawi

Grades primary to 6

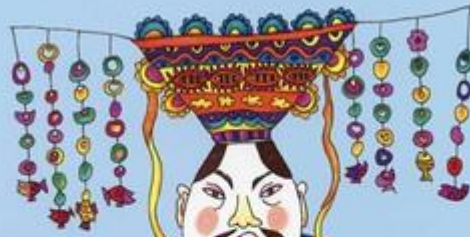
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Award-winning writer and storyteller, Karim Alrawi, draws on his deep knowledge of Arab culture to create original stories that are a feast for young imaginations. Told with intriguing details, the tales take young readers on a delicious cultural journey and invite them to consider an Arab perspective. Each tale symbolically incorporates food and concludes with a traditional recipe, lovingly flavored with colorful folkloric illustrations, making this a literary banquet to savor with family and friends across generations time and again.



# Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts

A Literary Cookbook



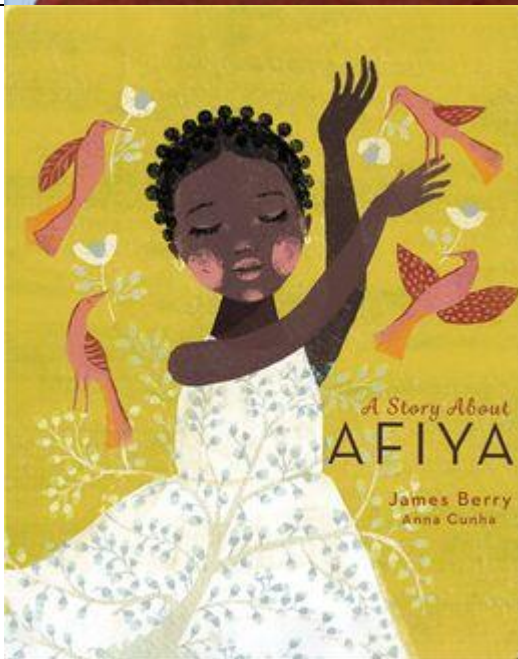
TALES BY Paul Yee ILLUSTRATIONS BY Shaoli Wang  
RECIPES BY Judy Chan FOREWORD BY Jane Yolen

## Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook by Paul Lee

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1007137

The fairy tales and folklore of China—like stories told throughout the ages everywhere- bring the fantastic world of ghosts and demons into our everyday lives. So it is not surprising that food makes an appearance here- each story is followed by a simple recipe.

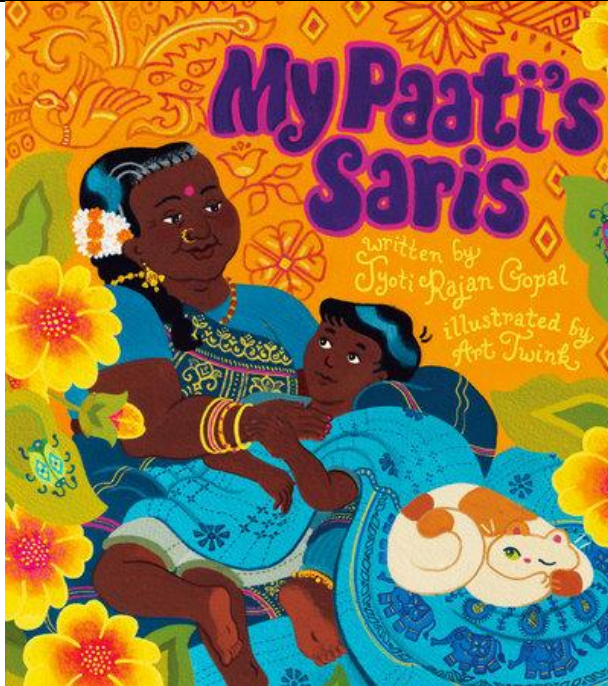


## A Story About Afiya by James Berry

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006646

Some people have dresses for every occasion but Afiya needs only one. Her dress records the memories of her childhood, from roses in bloom to pigeons in flight, from tigers at the zoo to October leaves falling.



**My Paati's Saris** by Jyoti Rajan Gopal

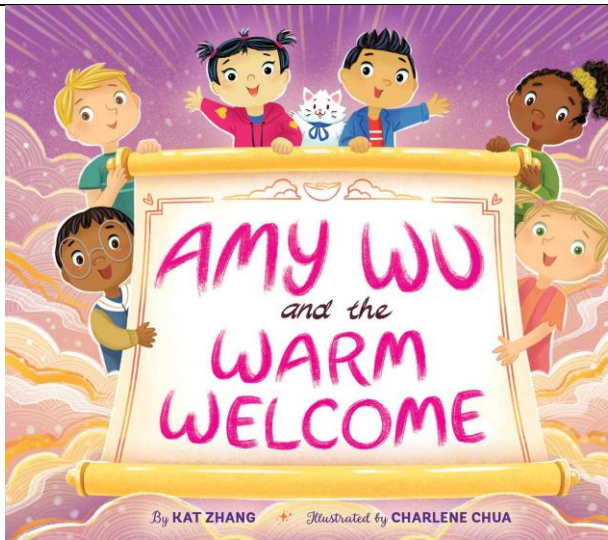
Grade primary

NSSBB# 1007138

**A Tamil boy explores his love for his grandmother and her colorful sari collection in this tale of expressing your true self.**

Another exciting day with Paati begins with a host of fun activities done in preparation for tonight's party; threading flowers into garlands for decoration, going to the market, and helping her in the kitchen with the scent of sambar in the air.

Through it all the boy finds comfort in Paati's sari, whether he's wrapped in its colors for dress-up or clutching its folds for comfort. Each sari holds a story—ones that speak to him, but most important of all they allow him just to be.



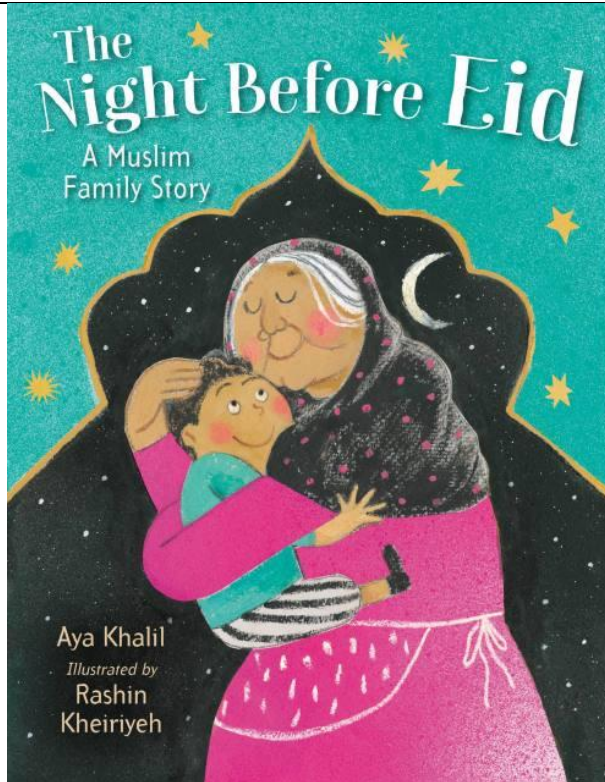
**Amy Woo and the Warm Welcome** by Kat Zhang

Grade primary

NSSBB# 1006405

Amy's class has a new student from China! Amy tries hard to make Lin feel included, but she can't draw him out of his shell. Then she sees Lin chattering happily in Chinese with his family. The gears in her head start to turn, and a plan blossoms. Step one: invite Lin to her dumpling party...

With a little help from her grandma and a shiny new banner, can Amy give Lin the warmest welcome?

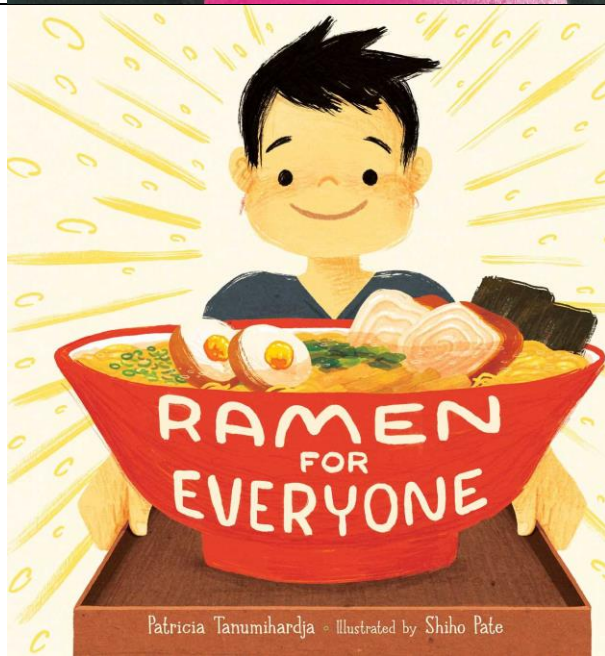


**The Night Before Eid – A Muslim Family Story** by Aya Khalil

Grades pre-primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007130

On the night before Eid, it's finally time to make special sweet treats: Teita's famous ka'ak. Zain eagerly unpacks the ingredients from his grandmother's bulky suitcase: ghee from Khalo Karim, dates from Amo Girgis, and honey from Tant Tayseer—precious flavors all the way from Egypt. Together with Mama and Teita, Zain follows his family's recipe and brings to life Eid songs and prayers, pharaonic history, and the melodies and tastes of his Egyptian heritage.



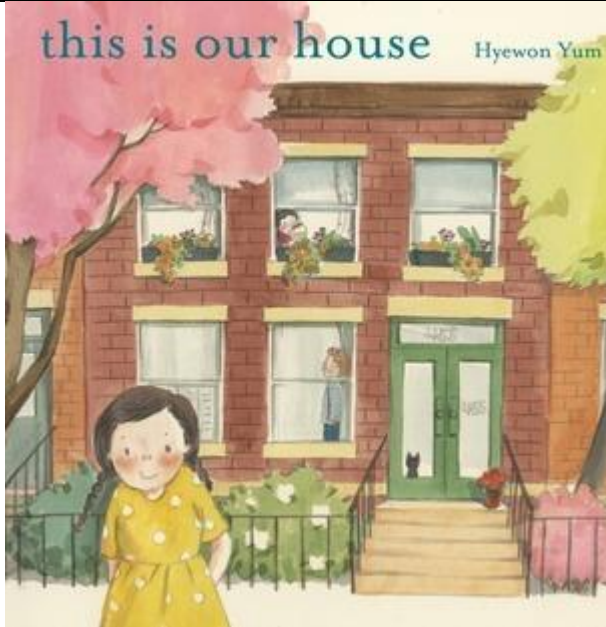
**Ramen and Everyone** by Patricia Tanumihardja

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006916

Hiro loves ramen. Every Sunday, Hiro's dad makes delicious, perfect ramen for dinner, using a recipe passed down from his dad. There's nori seaweed, briny like the ocean; nitamago egg, the yolk golden like the sun; and chashu pork so tender, it melts in your mouth. Yum!

Hiro's dream is to make his own perfect bowl, and he's sure he can do it after watching his dad and taking notes. But when he gets started, things don't go according to plan. The seaweed crumbles! The eggs slip through his fingers! The pork falls apart! Hiro is worried he'll never be a real ramen chef...but thanks to his father's wise advice and his own creativity, Hiro discovers that every person's perfect bowl of ramen is unique.

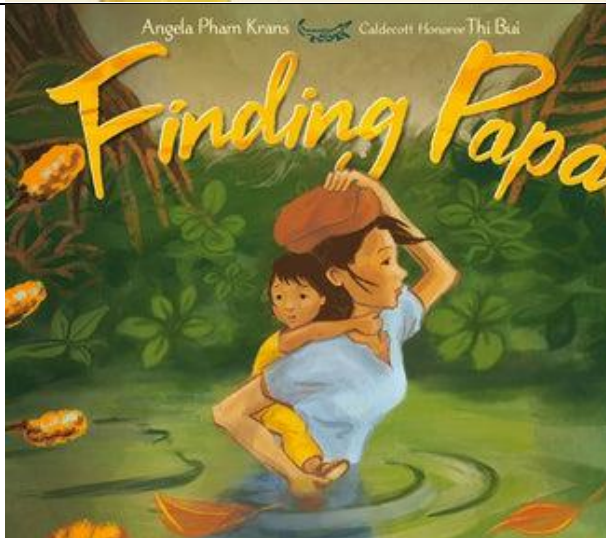


**This is our house** by Hyewon Yum

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007070

A tree has bloomed on a city block outside a house for many years. Inside that house, several generations of a family have grown up. Grandma and Grandpa arrived at the house from a country far away, and Mom and her brothers played on the steps on warm summer days. This little girl learned how to walk on that street, too.



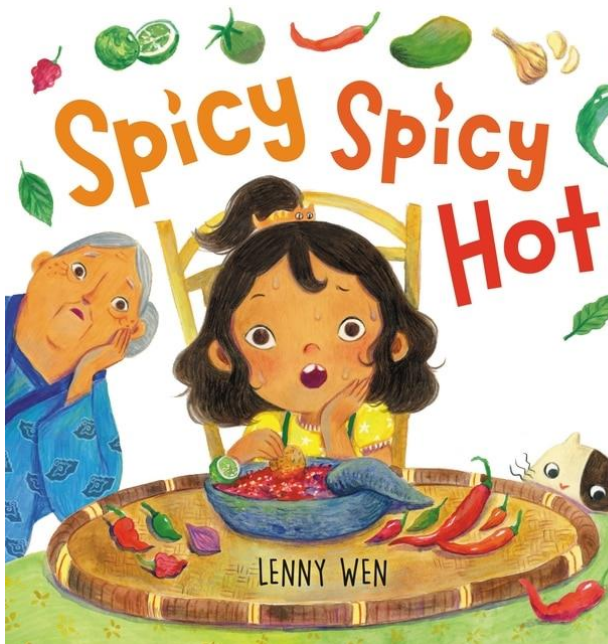
**Finding Papa** by Angela Pham Krans

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007067

No one can make Mai laugh like her Papa! She loves playing their favorite game—the crocodile *chomp chomp*! But then Papa leaves Vietnam in search of a new home for their family in America and Mai misses him very much.

Until one day, Mama and Mai pack a small bag and say goodbye to the only home Mai has ever known. And so begins Mai and Mama's long, perilous journey by foot and by boat, through dangers and darkness, to find Papa.



**Spicy Spicy Hot!** by Lenny Wen

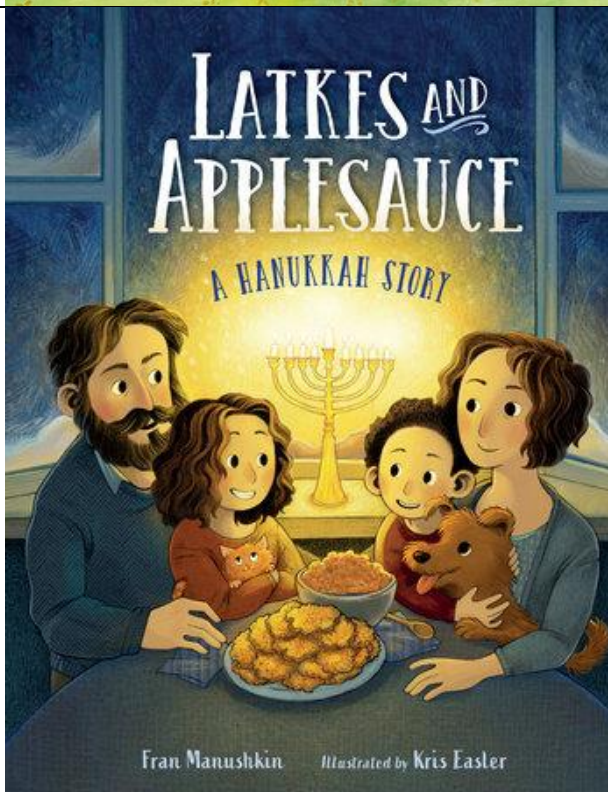
Grades pre-primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007129

When Lintang finally gets to taste her nenek's yummy, mouthwatering sambal, she's delighted! But when she takes a bite it's . . . SPICY!

Her lips burn, her mouth feels like it's on fire, and her taste buds are crying for help. Desperate to fit in with her family, Lintang tries many different types of sambal, but they're . . . HOT!

With a little help from Nenek, will Lintang find a way to beat the heat and connect with her Indonesian heritage?

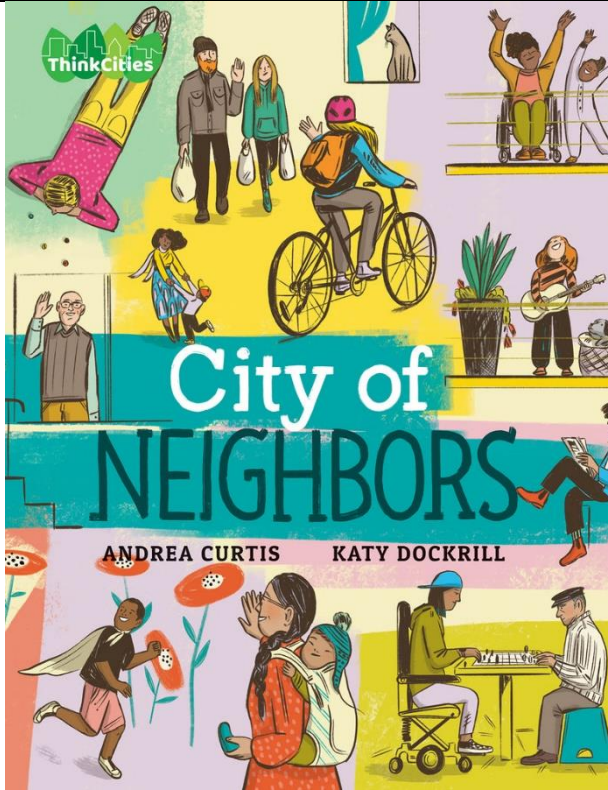


**Latkes and Applesauce – A Hanukkah Story** by Fran Manushkin

Grades pre-primary to 1

NSSBB# 1007121

The Menashes love latkes and applesauce during Hanukkah. But a blizzard begins and erases any hope that they'll harvest potatoes and apples in time. When a stray cat and dog show up, there's not a lot of food to offer them, but kindness prevails, and they're invited in. It turns out that the dog—Latke—and the cat—Applesauce—save the day.



**City of Neighbors** by Andrea Curtis and Katy Dockrill

Grades 5 to 6

NSSBB# 1007047

Neighborhoods where people look out for each other, eat together, make art and build community are healthier, happier, greener and cleaner. Journey around the world to discover how people have been dreaming up new ways to ensure their cities and neighbourhoods are creative, inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

These placemaking ideas can be big — like the skateboard park built on the grounds of an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya — or small — like the painted rock snake that winds along a beach in Toronto, Ontario. Together, we can create public spaces where everyone belongs. Includes a list of ideas for children to get involved in their neighborhoods, along with a glossary and sources for further reading.



**Let's Do Everything and Nothing** Julia Kuo

Grades primary to 2

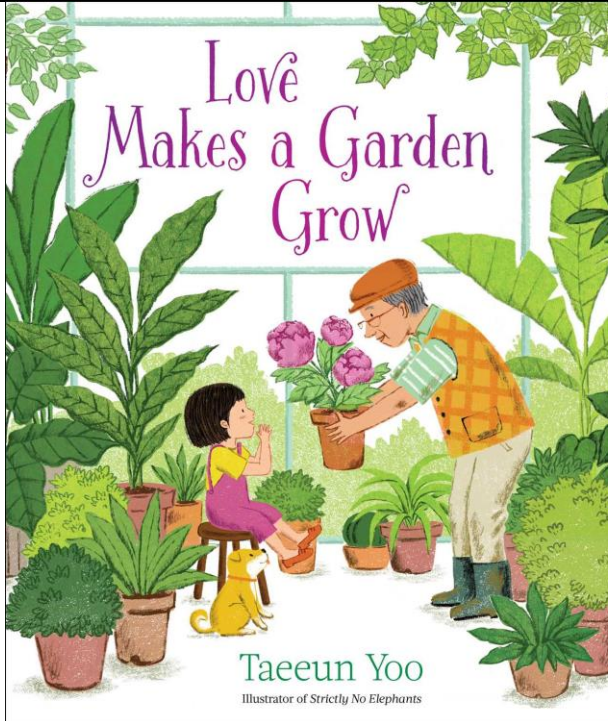
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*Will you climb a hill with me?  
Dive into a lake with me?  
Reach the starry sky with me,  
and watch the clouds parade?*

Love can feel as vast as a sky full of breathtaking clouds or as gentle as a sparkling, starlit night. It can scale the tallest mountains and reach the deepest depths of the sea.

Standing side by side with someone you love, the unimaginable can seem achievable.

But not every magical moment is extraordinary. Simply being together is the best journey of all.



**Love Makes a Garden Grow** by Taeun Yoo

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006977

A young girl observes the bugs and blooms and the rich smell of the soil of her grandfather's garden. Her grandfather hums as he waters his treasured plants. And when he gives the girl a flower of her own, caring for it teaches her to feel her grandfather's love.

Even as time passes and her grandfather's garden grows smaller and the girl grows up, she never forgets what she learned or loses her closeness with her nurturing grandfather.



**Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms** by Maya Prasad

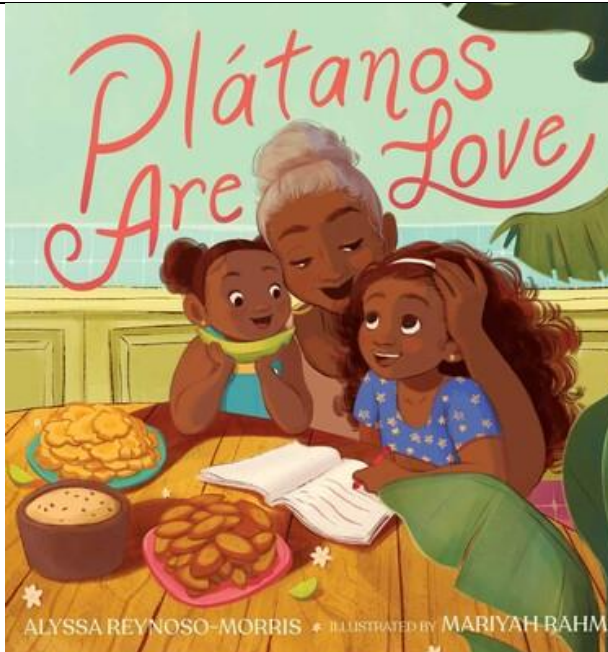
Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1007119

NSSBB# 1007260 (hard cover)

Sejal Sinha is looking forward to celebrating Diwali with her family. But when a hurricane appears, Sejal and her cousin Mira learn that the house is in danger from the imminent storm. With the help of Sejal's favorite stuffed animal, Professor Cheetah, the two girls use Cardboard Box Magic to build their own Hurricane Hunter and fly into the eye of the hurricane!

They learn about a project from the 1960s called Project Stormfury, where a team actually tried to stop hurricanes. Can Sejal and Mira do what the previous Stormfury team couldn't and battle the superstorm?



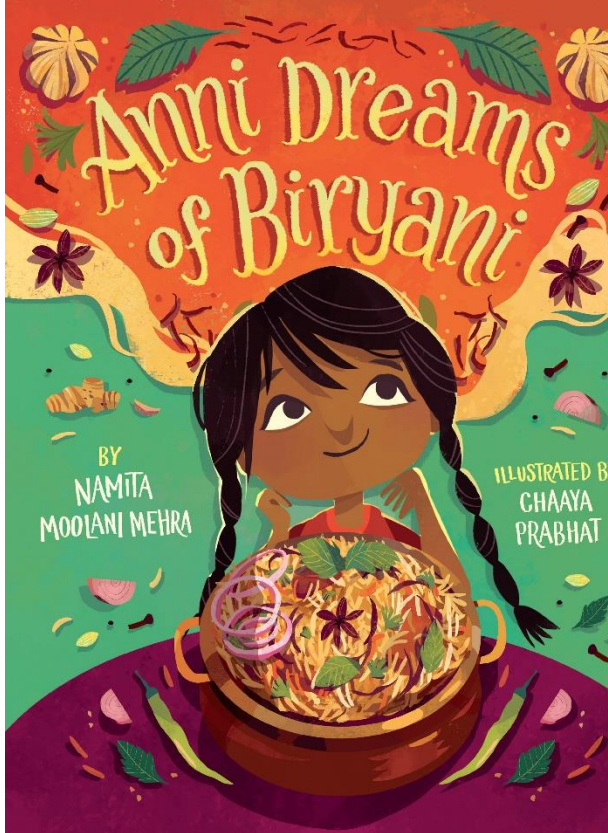
**Plátanos Are Love** by Reynoso-Morris

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006739

*Abuela says, “plátanos are love.”  
I thought they were food.  
But Abuela says they feed us in more ways than one.*

With every *pop* of the tostones, *mash* of the mangú, and *sizzle* of the maduros, a little girl learns that plátanos are her history, they are her culture, and—most importantly—they are love.



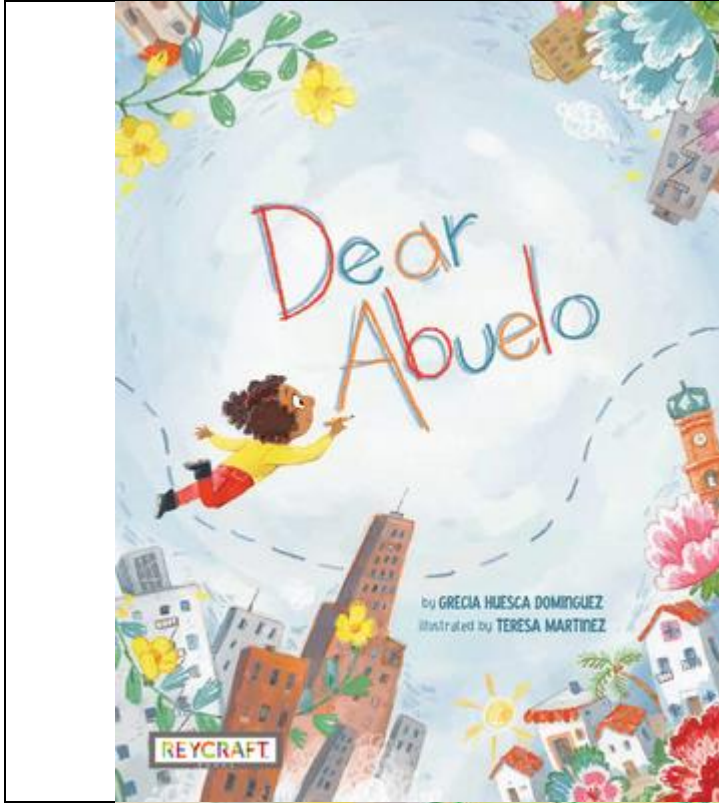
**Anni Dreams of Biryani** by Namita Moolani Mehra

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006725

The café across the street from Anni’s home in Little India makes the best biryani in the world. Fluffy and fragrant, spicy, and succulent—Anni could eat it every day. In fact, Anni loves that biryani so much that she’s determined to uncover the secret to the recipe. She has so many questions for Uncle, the grumpy chef and owner of the café. But he isn’t providing any easy clues. So, with some careful planning, Anni sets out on a mission to find out the secret ingredients to this most special dish. Will Anni get the answers she’s looking for...before it’s too late?





**Dear Abuelo** by Grecia Huesca Dominguez

Grades P-3

NSSBB# 1006780

There is much Juana is going to miss as she moves from Mexico to New York, but nothing more than her abuelo. Through letters, she details her flight, new apartment, first days of school where everyone speaks a language she barely understands, and the incident where her teacher mispronounces her name. When Juana makes her first friend--a girl named Elizabeth who speaks English and Spanish--things begin to change. Elizabeth explains to the teacher how to pronounce Juana's name and the school librarian shows her books in Spanish, leading her to want to one day write her own--in both Spanish and English.

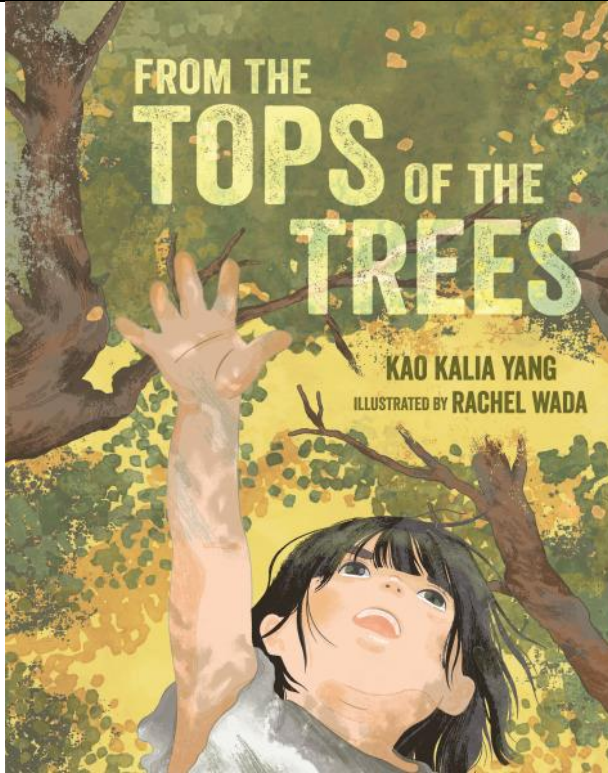


**Abuelita's Secret** by Alma Flor Ada

Grade 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1006779

This beautiful and heart-warming story is about a boy who dreads the first day of class at his new school because he feels he has nothing special to share about himself. Then his grandmother whispers a secret in his ear...when it's his turn to talk, all he needs to do is open his backpack. What has Abuelita hidden away for him?



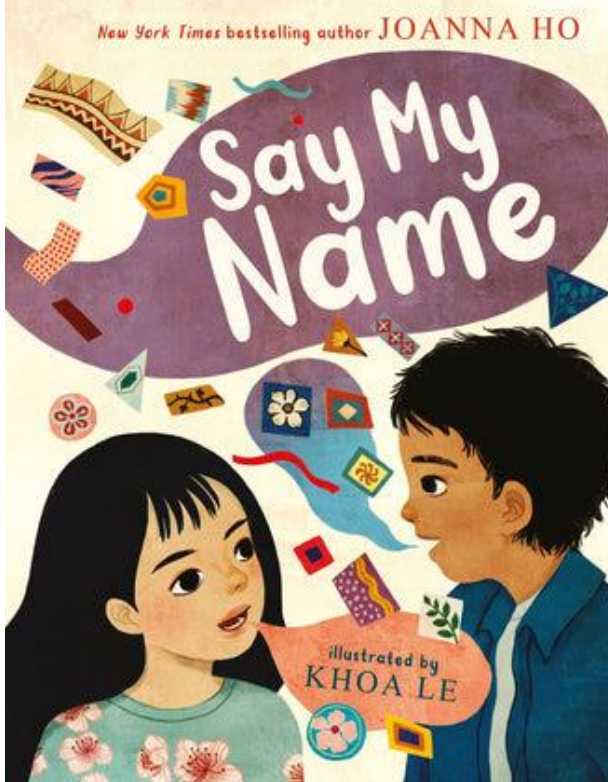
**From the Tops of the Trees** by Kao Kalia Tang

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006741

Young Kalia has never known life beyond the fences of the Ban Vinai Refugee Camp. The Thai camp holds many thousands of Hmong families who fled in the aftermath of the little-known Secret War in Laos that was waged during America's Vietnam War. For Kalia and her cousins, life isn't always easy, but they still find ways to play, racing with chickens and riding a beloved pet dog.

Just four years old, Kalia is still figuring out her place in the world. When she asks what is beyond the fence, at first her father has no answers for her. But on the following day, he leads her to the tallest tree in the camp and, secure in her father's arms, Kalia sees the spread of a world beyond.



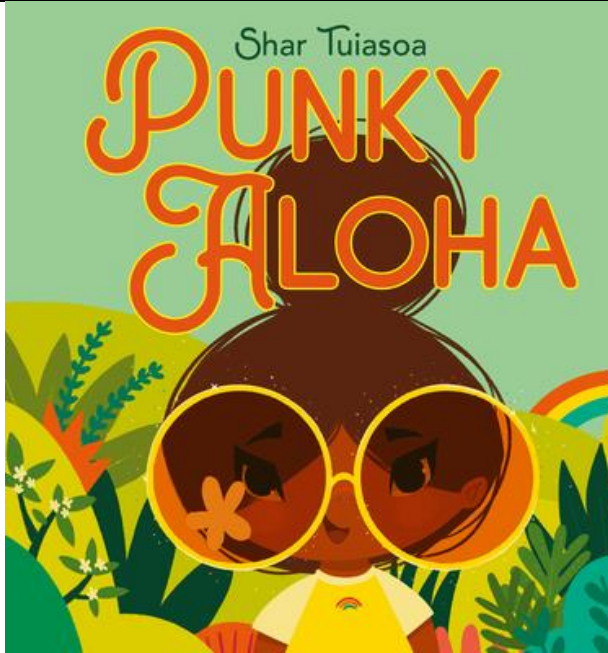
**Say My Name** by Joanna Ho

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1007105

Names reveal generational ties and histories, weaving an intricate tale of the past. Names—and correctly saying them—are important. Each one carries the hopes, dreams, and traditions of those who came before us.

Six children connect with the reader and proudly celebrate their names and backgrounds: Hé Xiao-Guang, Ofa Kivaha Tupoumalohi, Bijan Hosseini, Nizhoni Yazzie, Xóchitl Luna, and Akosua Acheampong. These captivating kids of Chinese, Tongan, Persian, Navajo, Mexican, and Ghanaian descent also honor their ancestors and cultural histories.



**Punky Aloha** by Shar Tuiasoa

Grades primary to 3

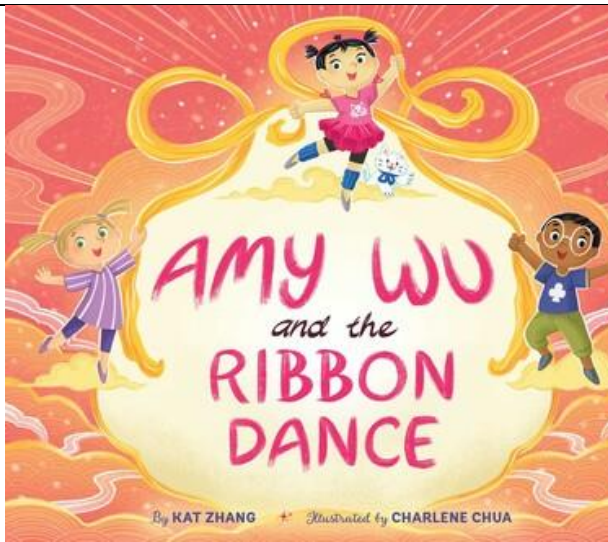
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Punky loves to do a lot of things—except meeting new friends. She doesn't feel brave enough.

So when her grandmother asks her to go out and grab butter for her famous banana bread, Punky hesitates. But with the help of her grandmother's magical sunglasses, and with a lot of aloha in her heart, Punky sets off on a BIG adventure for the very first time.

Will she be able to get the butter for grandma.

Punky Aloha is a Polynesian girl who carries her culture in her heart and in everything she does.

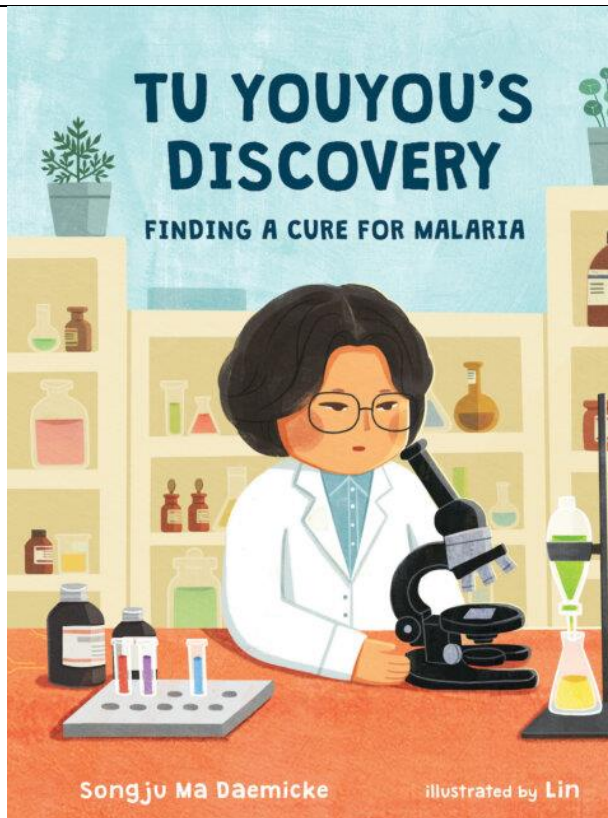


**Amy Wu and the Ribbon Dance** by Kat Zhang

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1007066

Amy Wu loves to move. From wriggling to shimmying to toe-tapping, she just can't keep still, not when there's music all around her! So when Amy sees Chinese ribbon dancing for the first time, she has to try it out. Only, how can she throw the perfect dance party when she doesn't have the perfect ribbon for her dance?

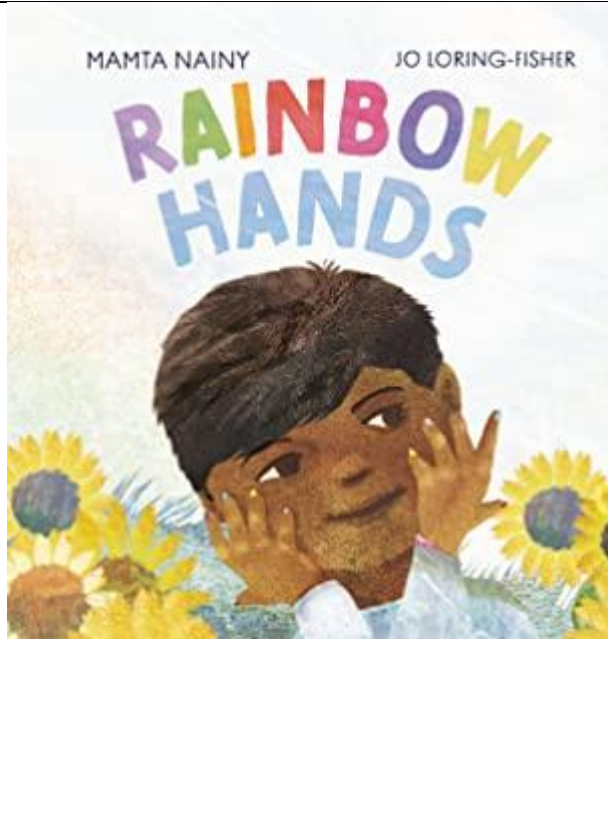


**Tu Youyou's Discovery - Finding A Cure for Malaria**  
by Songju Ma Daemicke

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006624

Tu Youyou had been interested in science and medicine since she was a child, so when malaria started infecting people all over the world in 1969, she went to work finding a treatment. Trained as a medical researcher in college and healed by traditional medicine techniques when she was young, Tu Youyou started experimenting with natural Chinese remedies. The treatment she discovered through years of research and experimentation is still used all over the world today.



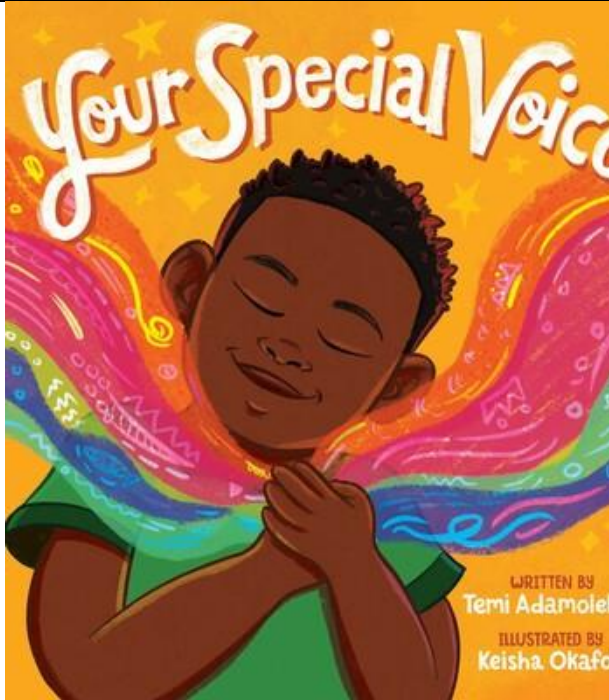
**Rainbow Hands** by Mamta Nainy

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006623

When a young boy paints his nails with his mom's nail polish, he discovers the most important thing of all: the magic of being his true self.

As the long late summer day stretches ahead of them, a young boy eagerly looks forward to his favorite time—painting-your-nails time. He knows that when he dips into those magical bottles of nail polish, he will discover a color to express his every mood and feeling. Purple is the color of magic and mystery. White is the color of endless possibilities. At times, his papa frowns and says, "What have you done to your nails?" At other times, he says, "Why don't you paint on paper instead?" But the little boy knows that painting his nails makes his hands look beautiful.



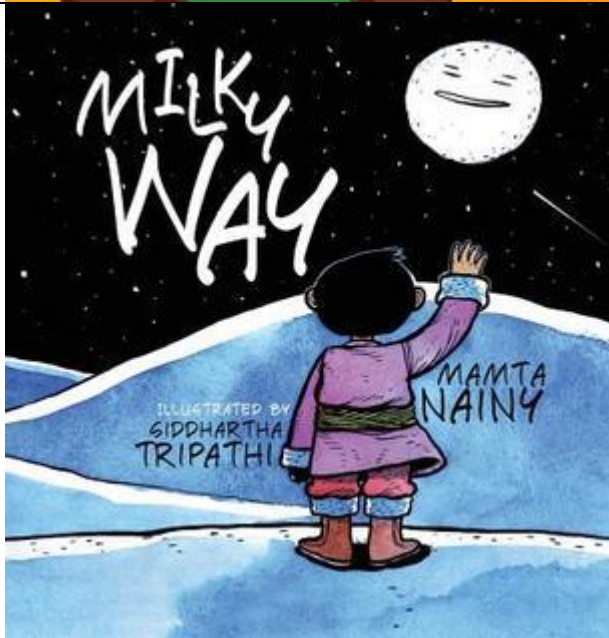
**Your Special Voice** by Temi Adamolekun

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006625

*If you want to make a difference,  
but you don't know where to start  
Begin by searching way deep down  
to find what's in your heart*

Whether your voice shines through singing, drawing, or dancing—whether it's soft or loud, kind or proud—everyone has a voice that can effect change.



**Milky Way** by Mamta Nainy

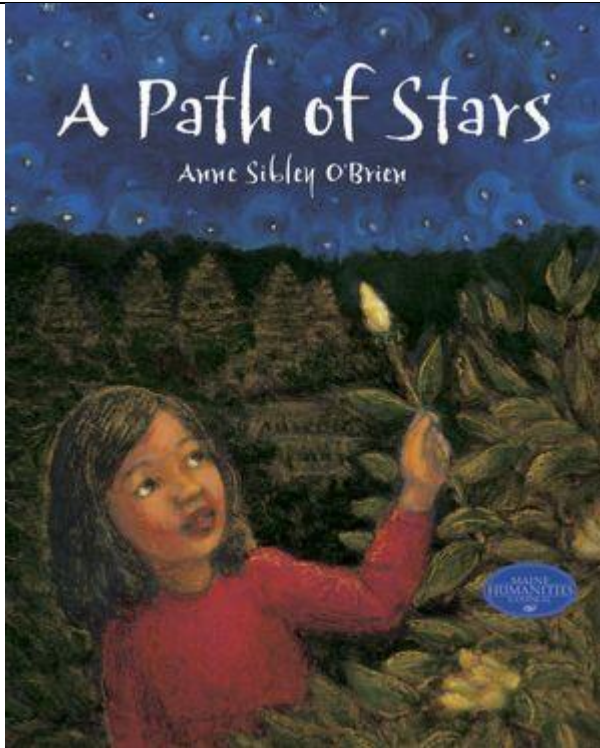
Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006593 (hard cover)

NSSBB# 1006594 (paperback)

Tashi is worried about his friend, the Moon. He seems thinner than usual. Maybe the Moon's Amma-ley isn't giving him enough to eat? Tashi decides to help his friend. And what does the Moon have to say? Well, he just smiles his special smile-- eyes closed and no teeth showing.

Set in the remote mountains of Ladakh in India, Milky Way is a sweet tale of friendship between a boy and the moon. The story highlights the importance of the moon in Tibetan Buddhism and showcases elements of Himalayan cultures, including their delectable cuisine.

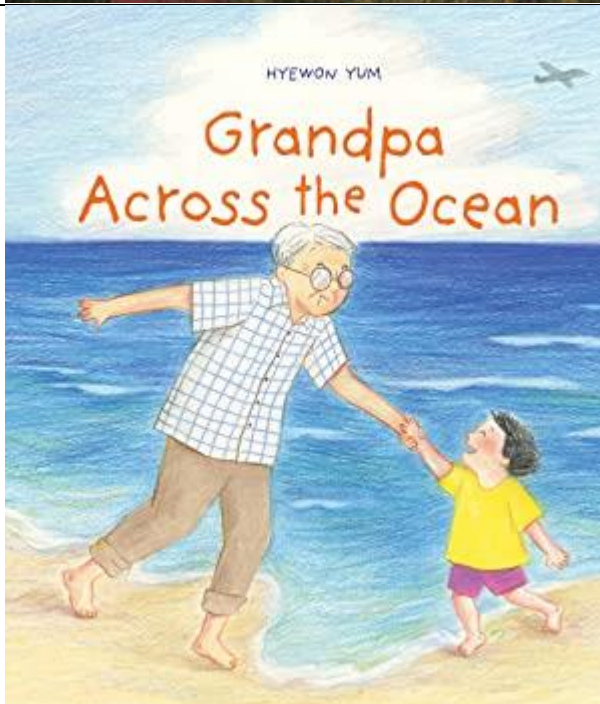


**A Path of Stars** by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Grades 4 to 5

NSSBB# 1006569

Dara's grandmother, Lok Yeay, is full of stories about her life growing up in Cambodia, before she immigrated to the United States. Lok Yeay tells her granddaughter of the fruits and plants that grew there, and how her family would sit in their yard and watch the stars that glowed like fireflies. Lok Yeay tells Dara about her brother, Lok Ta, who is still in Cambodia, and how one day she will return with Dara and Dara's family to visit the place she still considers home. But when a phone call disrupts Lok Yeay's dream to see her brother again, Dara becomes determined to bring her grandmother back to a place of happiness.



**Grandpa Across the Ocean** by Hyewon Yum

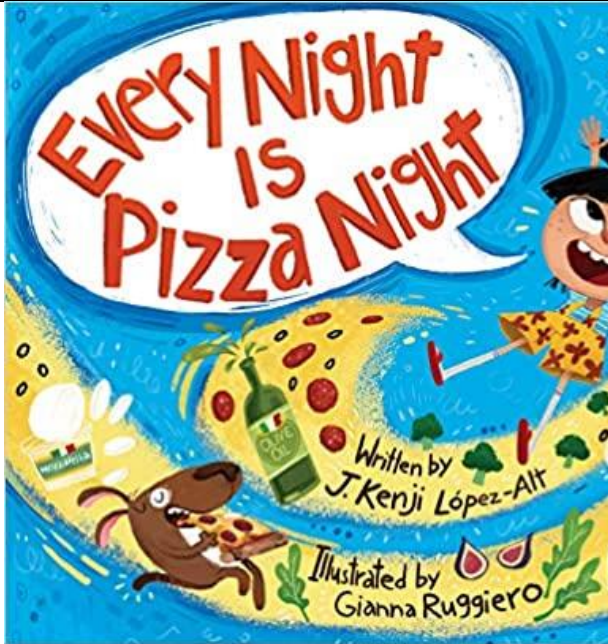
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006571

Grandpa lives on the other side of the ocean.

He takes naps all the time. He eats different foods. He speaks an unfamiliar language. His house is the most boring place on Earth!

Or is it? A little time together just might reveal that Grandpa is also a great singer, an energetic sandcastle builder, and a troublemaker . . . just like his grandson!



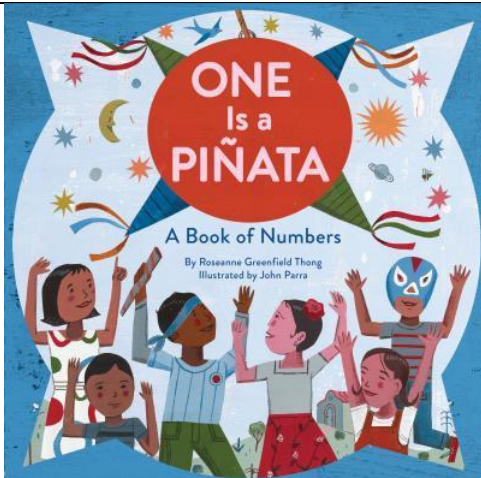
**Every Night is Pizza Night** by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006570

Pipo thinks that pizza is the best. No, Pipo *knows* that pizza is the best. It is scientific fact. But when she sets out on a neighborhood-spanning quest to prove it, she discovers that "best" might not mean what she thought it meant.

Join Pipo as she cooks new foods with her friends Eugene, Farah, Dakota, and Ronnie and Donnie. Each eating experiment delights and stuns her taste buds. Is a family recipe for bibimbap better than pizza? What about a Moroccan tagine that reminds you of home? Or is the best food in the world the kind of food you share with the people you love?



**One is a Piñata** by Roseanne Greenfield Thong

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1006595

Filled with bright and colorful images that makes counting objects a party. Includes numbers 1 through 10 in English and Spanish and incorporates Spanish words into the rhyming text.

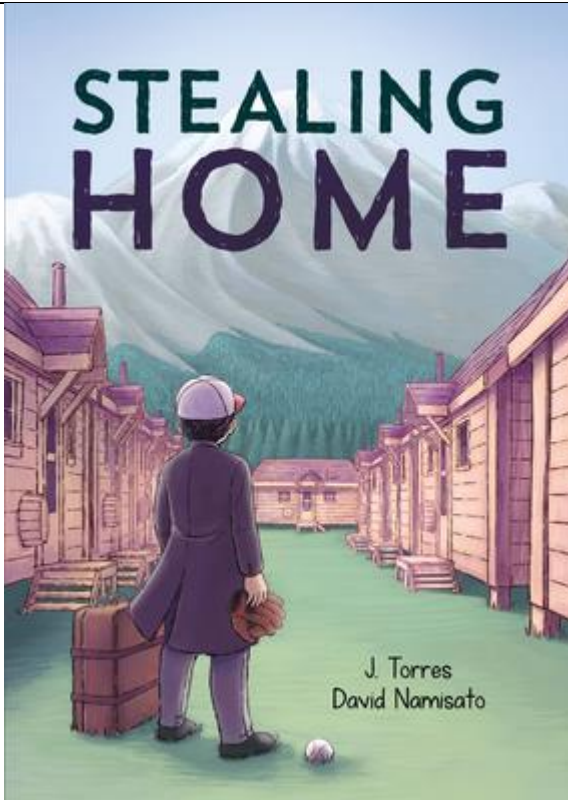


**The Journey** by Francesca Sanna

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006532

With haunting echoes of the current refugee crisis this beautifully illustrated book explores the unimaginable decisions made as a family leave their home and everything, they know to escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war.

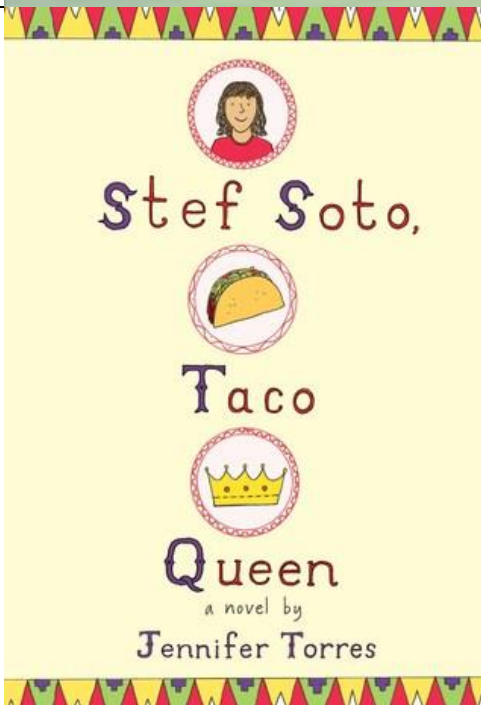


**Stealing Home** by J. Torres

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1006501

Sandy Saito is a happy boy who reads comic books and is obsessed with baseball—especially the Asahi team, the pride of his Japanese Canadian community. But when the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, his life, like that of every other North American of Japanese descent, changes forever. His family is forced to move to a remote internment camp, and his father must spend months away from them. Sandy, his mother, and his brother cope as best they can with the difficulties at the camp. Over time, Sandy comes to realize that life is a lot like baseball. It's about dealing with whatever is thrown at you, however you can. And it's about finding your way home.



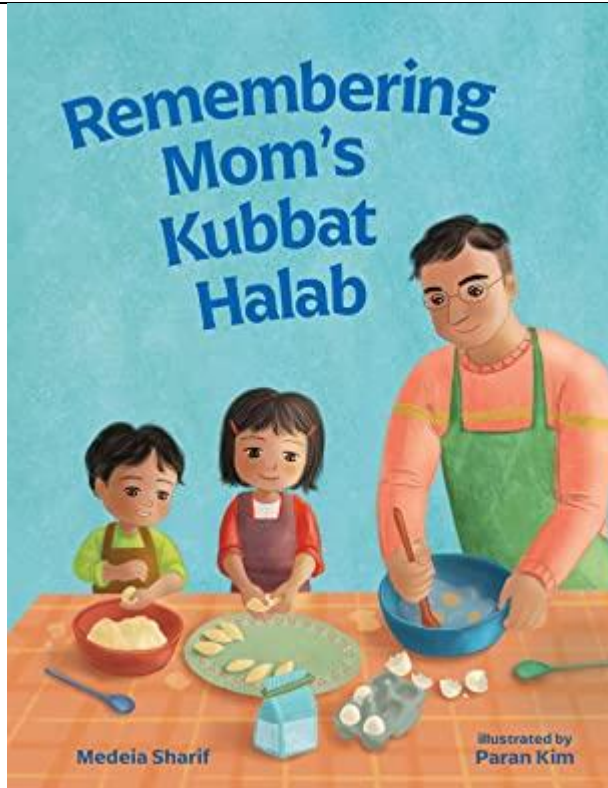
**Stef Soto Taco Queen** by Jennifer Torres

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1006518

Estefania "Stef" Soto is itching to shake off the onion-and-cilantro embrace of Tia Perla, her family's taco truck. She wants nothing more than for her dad to get a normal job and for Tia Perla to be put out to pasture. It's no fun being known as the "Taco Queen" at school. But just when it looks like Stef is going to get exactly what she wants, and her family's livelihood is threatened, she will have to become the truck's unlikely champion.





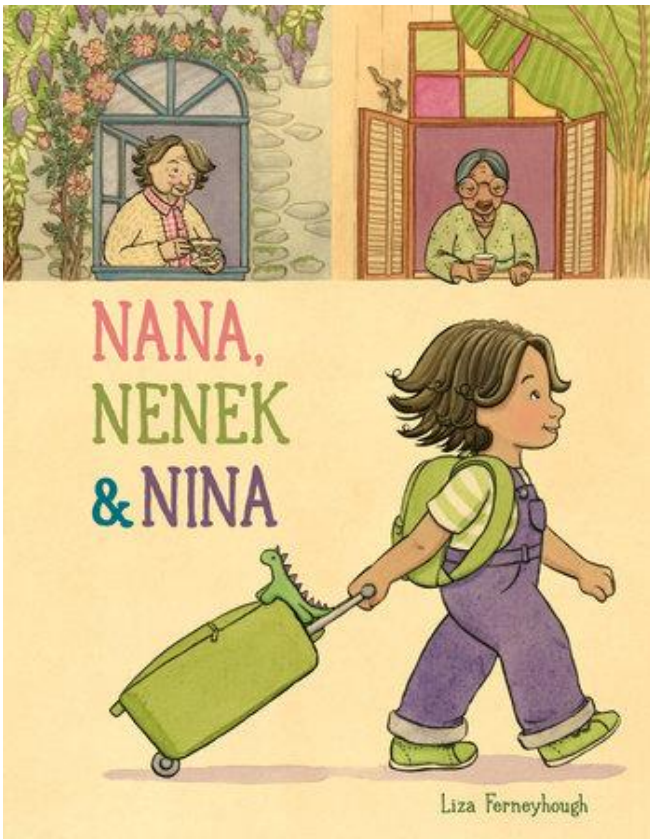
**Remembering Mom's Kubbat Halab** by Medela Sharif

Grades primary to 3

NSSB# 1006515

When a loved one dies, remembering them through shared experiences and the ways they expressed their love, helps with loss.

Bushra misses her mother, her dayik. So does her brother Sherzat. Mom used to help them with homework, read to them, and tuck them into bed at night. For Bushra, she would cook kubbat halab, perfectly golden rice-and-potato patties made without meat. No one can make kubbat halab quite like Mom, but Bushra wants to try.

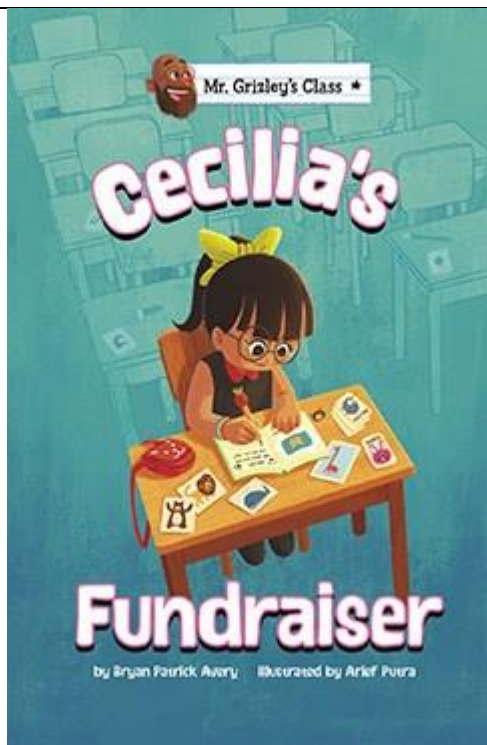


**Nana, Nenek & Nina** by Liza Ferneyhough

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006531

Nina lives in San Francisco with her parents, and she loves visiting her two grandmas across the world. Follow Nina as her two trips unfold side by side: Young readers will love poring over the details of what is the same and what is different at Nana's home in England and at Nenek's home in Malaysia. In each place, Nina wears different clothes, plays different games, and eats different food.

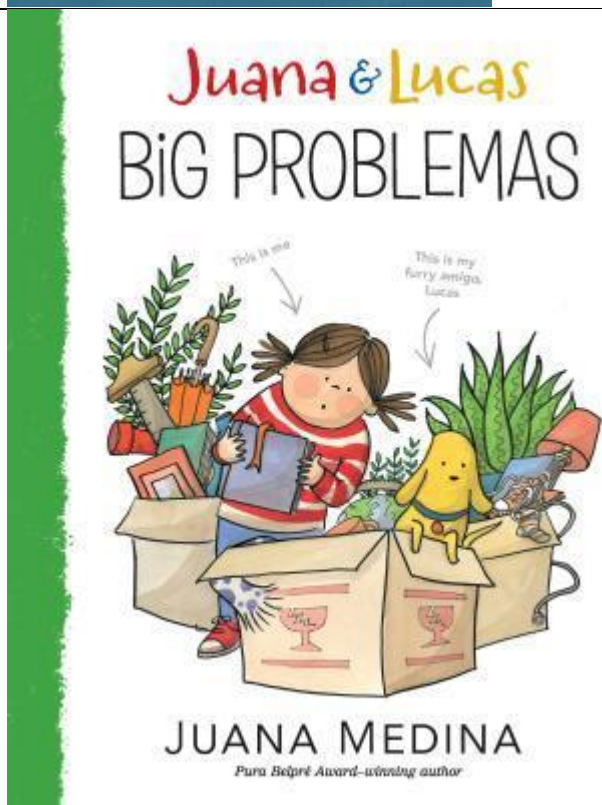


**Cecilia's Fundraiser** by Bryan Patrick Avery

Grade primary

NSSBB# 1006608

Mr. Grizley's class is hosting a fundraiser for the animal shelter. Cecilia is disappointed that she forgot the tamales she was going to sell. Can her classmates come to the rescue and help her make a new plan? This early chapter book offers a fun and inviting approach to character education, complete with a special activity reinforcing social emotional learning skills.



**Juana and Lucas: Big Problemas** by Juana Medina

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1006481

Juana's life is just about perfect. She lives in the beautiful city of Bogotá with her two most favorite people in the world: her mami and her dog, Lucas. Lately, though, things have become a little less perfect. Mami has a new hairdo and a new *amigo* named Luis with whom she has been spending a LOT of time. He is kind and teaches Juana about things like photography and jazz music, but sometimes Juana can't help wishing things would go back to the way they were before. When Mami announces that she and Luis are getting married and that they will all be moving to a new *casa*, Juana is quite distraught. Lucky for her, though, some things will never change -- like how much Mami loves her.



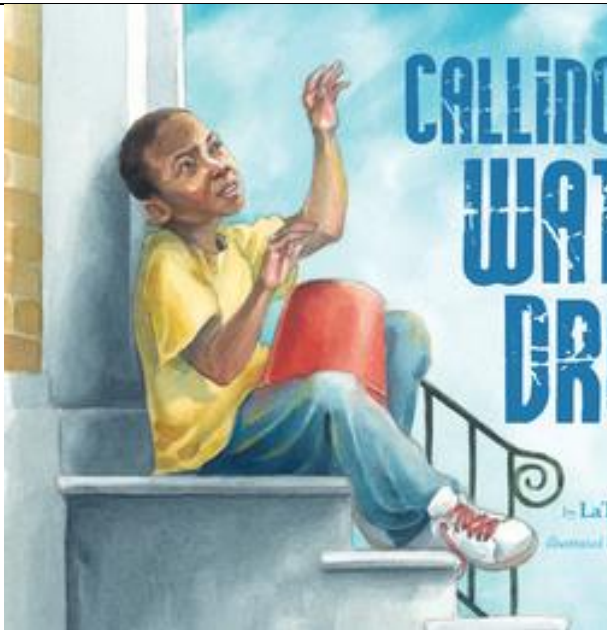
**You Are My Favorite Color** by Gillian Sze

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006507

*When you ask me why your skin is brown,  
I will tell you that you are my favorite color.  
I will say that your skin was decided long, long ago.  
Time was just waiting for you.*

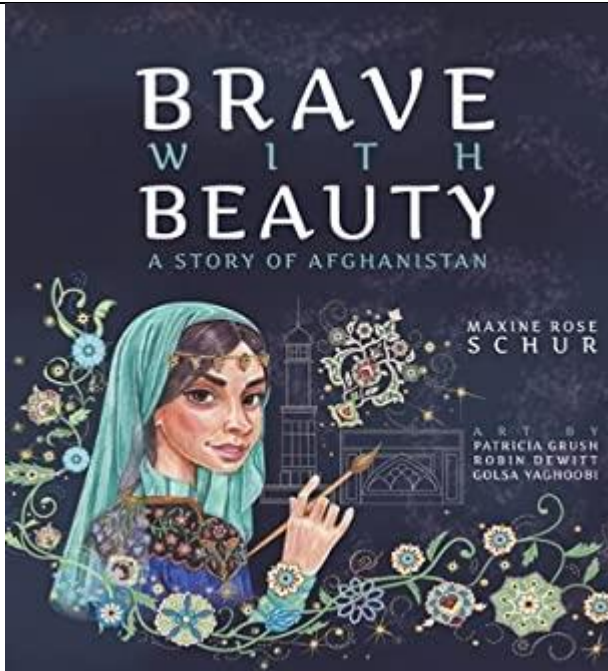
So begins a mother's celebration of her children's brown skin, told through warm and vivid poetry. With sweeping descriptions of what brown skin means—it is the brawny bear whose paws know the ground of its home, the sequoia tree that reaches up and touches the sun, the glossy shell of roasted chestnuts—this is a book that empowers as it embraces, and that reminds young readers that they have shades of color that only they can discover and express.



**Calling the Water Drum** by LaTisha Redding

Grades 3 to 5 - NSSBB# 1006479

Henri and his parents leave their homeland, Haiti, after they receive an invitation from an uncle to come to New York City. Only able to afford a small, rickety boat, the family sets out in the middle of the night in search of a better life. Out at sea Henri dreams of what life will be like across the great waters. Then the small boat overturns, and Henri is placed on top of the boat as his parents drift further out at sea. Overcome with grief, Henri retreats into himself and is no longer able to speak once he reaches land. Encouraged by his uncle and neighbor, Henri takes a bucket and plays on it like a drum. The drumming becomes a link to his past and a conduit for his emotions. Slowly, through his drumming and the kindness of his uncle and friend, Henri learns to navigate this new and foreign world without his parents.

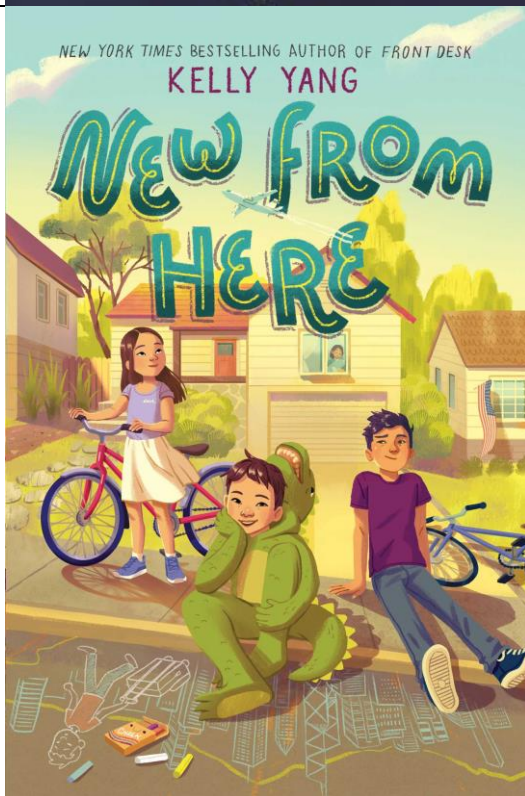


**Brave with Beauty: A Story of Afghanistan** by Maxine Rose Schur

Grades 3 to 6

NSSBB# 1006410 (paperback)

This is the extraordinary story of Queen Goharshad, a 15th century monarch, who many historians now believe was the most powerful woman in world history. Ruling from the Timurid artistic and cultural center of Herat in western Afghanistan, Queen Goharshad ushered in a remarkable, rare period when poetry, music, calligraphy, painting, and the sciences flourished as never before. A poet and an architect, she designed a complex of buildings that were considered to be some of the most beautiful structures ever built on earth.

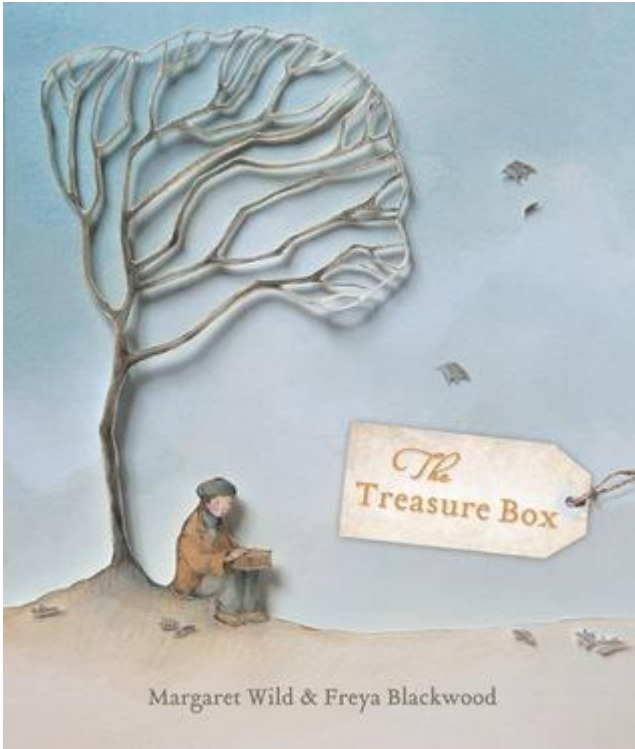


**New From Here** by Kelly Yang

Grades 5 to 6

NSSBB# 1006412

When the coronavirus hits Hong Kong, ten-year-old Knox Wei-Evans's mom makes the last-minute decision to move him and his siblings back to California, where they think they will be safe. Suddenly, Knox has two days to prepare for an international move—and for leaving his dad, who has to stay for work. At his new school in California, Knox struggles with being the new kid. His classmates think that because he's from Asia, he must have brought over the virus. At home, Mom just got fired and is panicking over the loss of health insurance, and Dad doesn't even know when he'll see them again, since the flights have been cancelled. And everyone struggles with Knox's blurting-things-out problem. As racism skyrockets during COVID-19, Knox tries to stand up to hate, while finding his place in his new country. Can you belong if you're feared; can you protect if you're new? And how do you keep a family together when you're oceans apart? Sometimes when the world is spinning out of control, the best way to get through it is to embrace our own lovable uniqueness.



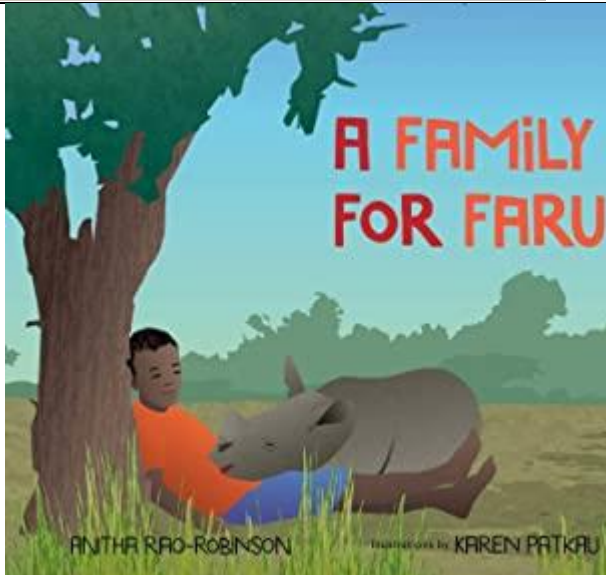
**The Treasure Box** by Margaret Wild

Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1006506

As war rages, Peter and his father feel their home, taking with them a treasure box that holds something more precious than jewels. They journey through rain and long cold nights, and soon their survival becomes more important than any possessions they carry.

But as the years go by, Peter never forgets the treasure box, and one day he returns to find it.

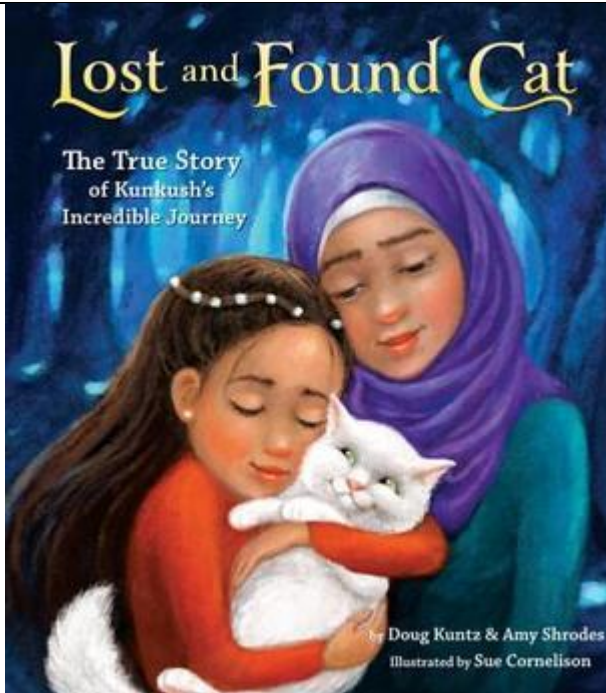


**A Family for Faru** by Anitha Rao-Robinson

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006508

Tetenya and his mother have found Faru, a baby rhinoceros, alone on the savannah. They know that rhino herds will adopt orphaned infants, but finding the rangers who protect local herds may be a long and risky prospect—there are poachers lurking about the landscape. Undaunted, Tetenya sets out, leading Faru past giraffes CHOMP-CHOMPING on acacia leaves, amongst the PATTERN-PATTERNING footsteps of young warthogs, and around guinea fowl SCRITCH-SCRITCHING the earth for seeds. Suddenly, danger is upon them: two poachers are coming near. There are only seconds to spare, and Tetenya has nothing but his wits and a basket of berries to help him.



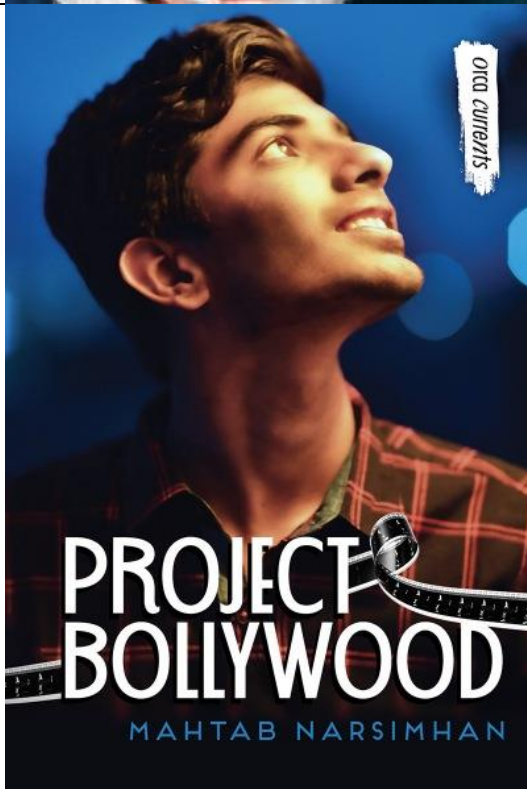
**Lost and Found Cat. The true story of Kunkush's Incredible journey** by Doug Kuntz and Amy Shrodes

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006505

The true story about one cat's journey to be reunited with his war-torn family has been seen by millions of people and is now a heartwarming picture book.

When an Iraqi family is forced to flee their home, they can't bear to leave their beloved cat, Kunkush, behind. So they carry him with them from Iraq to Greece, keeping their secret passenger hidden away.



**Project Bollywood** by Mahtab Narsimhan

Grades 4 to 8

NSSBB# 1006384

Salman loves Hindi movies and wants to produce a short Bollywood film for his school project.

He gathers his friends when he's ready with the script, which is a mashup of all the movies he has ever seen. As director, Salman insists everyone follows the script exactly. But it's full of stereotypes and the cast and crew are not shy about expressing their concerns. Salman wants to remain true to the Bollywood model for his film but when his entire cast threatens to walk out, he has to decide whether to stand firm or find a way to collaborate.



**Wishes** by Muon Thi Van

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 2002522

An arresting, poetic journey and a moving reflection on immigration, family, and home, from an acclaimed creative team.

*Wishes* tells the powerful, honest story about one Vietnamese family's search for a new home on the other side of the world, and the long-lasting and powerful impact that makes on the littlest member of the family. Inspired by actual events in the author's life, this is a narrative that is both timely and timeless. Told through the eyes of a young girl, the story chronicles a family's difficult and powerful journey to pack up what they can carry and to leave their world behind, traveling to a new and unknown place in a crowded boat.



**The Blur** by Minh Le

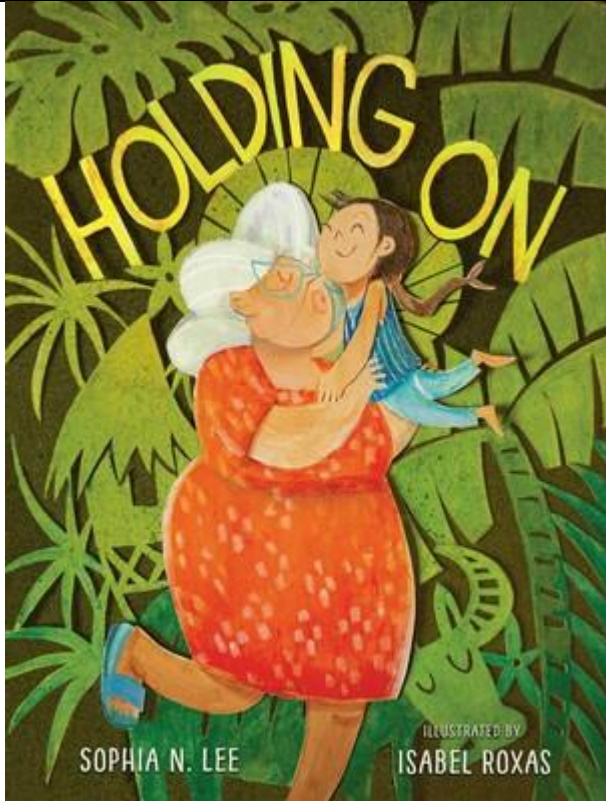
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006468

*From the very beginning, there was something different about this child...*

An ultrasonic voice. Fantastically elastic limbs. Super-magnetic powers. But it wasn't until the child took her first steps that she became: THE BLUR!

Nothing can stand in her way as she takes the world by storm: always on the move and darting into danger! All too soon, she is zipping through the days, and zooming over the years...



**Holding On** by Sophia N. Lee

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006556

There is always singing in Lola’s house. Sammy Davis Jr. in the morning, Dean Martin in the afternoon, and all throughout the evening, old Tagalog love songs from Nora Aunor, Basil Valdez, and more. Lola always says: “If you want to hold on, you gotta sing your songs.”

Her granddaughter tucks these sounds and Lola’s wisdom deep within her heart. And when Lola starts slipping into silence and stillness, she helps Lola hold on, piece by piece, with the joy and music that Lola taught her.



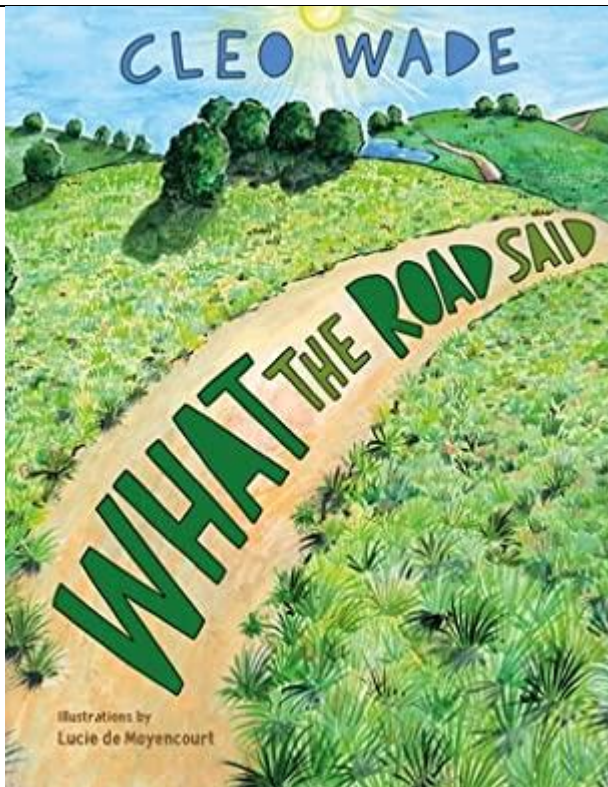
**One Earth** by Eileen Spinelli

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1004856

Kids can count reasons to love the planet and ways to protect it in the pages of this conservation-themed book. Gentle verse reminds the reader of Earth's beauties--starting with "one wide sweeping sky, two honey bees" and continuing all the way to "ten fields to plow." The text then starts counting backwards, listing simple ways children can help, such as reducing waste and reusing items. The conclusion takes us back to number one with the book's key message: "One Earth so beautiful. Remember--only one."





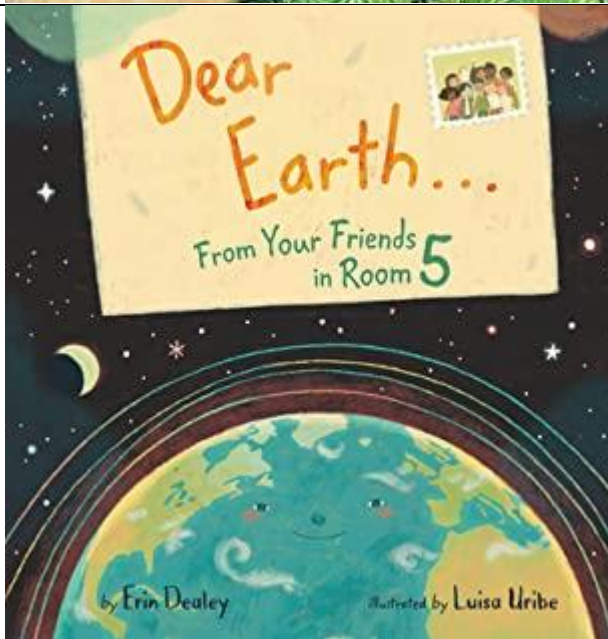
**What the Road Said** by Cleo Wade

Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1006526

*Which way do I go?  
That is your choice to make,  
said the Road.*

But what if I go the wrong way?  
The Road curved a little,  
almost as if it was giving me a hug, and said,  
Do not worry. Sometimes we go the wrong way on our  
way to the right way.



**Dear Earth...From your Friends in Room 5** by Erin Dealey

Grades 1 to 2

Young readers will learn about environmental conservation, along with simple things they can do to help care for the planet—like recycling and reducing energy consumption. There is even a reversible jacket cover that features a poster printed on the inside with twelve months of Earth Hero activities. These fun and interactive activities will encourage children to help protect our planet year-round.

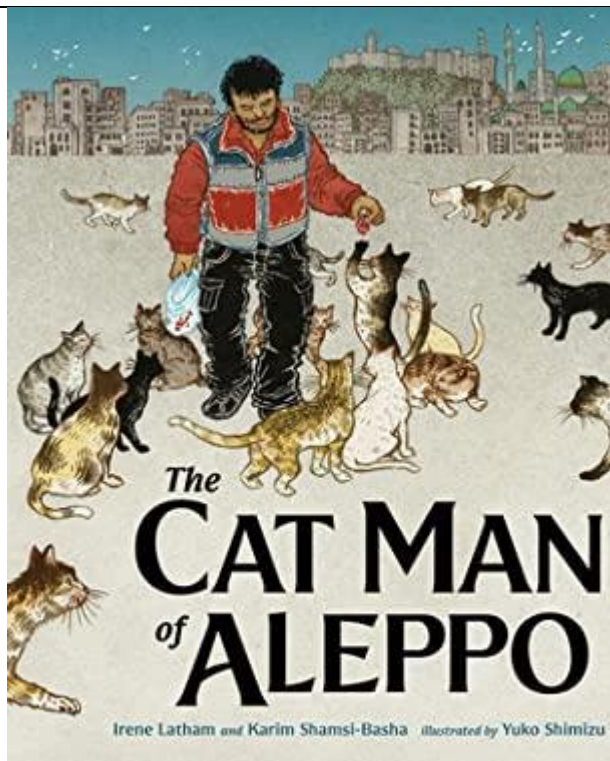


**Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers** by Lina Al-Hathloul

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006391

Loujain watches her beloved baba attach his feather wings and fly each morning, but her own dreams of flying face a big obstacle: only boys, not girls, are allowed to fly in her country. Yet despite the taunts of her classmates, she is determined that some day, she too will learn to do it--especially because Loujain loves colors, and only by flying will she be able to see the color-filled field of sunflowers her baba has told her about. Eventually, he agrees to teach her, and Loujain's impossible dream becomes reality--inspiring other girls to dare to learn to fly. Inspired by co-author Lina al-Hathloul's sister, formerly imprisoned Saudi women's rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Loujain al-Hathloul, who led the successful campaign to lift Saudi Arabia's ban on women driving.

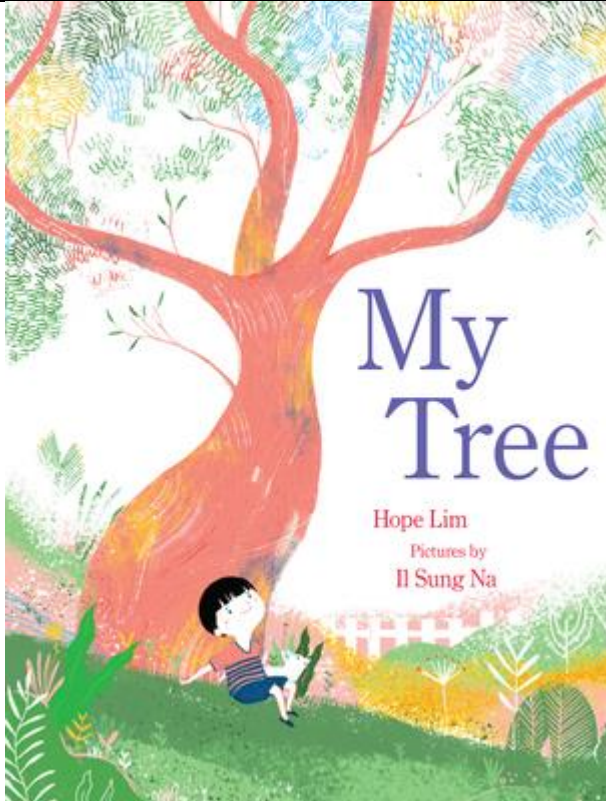


**The Cat Man of Aleppo** by Irene Latham

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1006395

Alaa loves Aleppo, but when war comes his neighbors flee to safety, leaving their many pets behind. Alaa decides to stay--he can make a difference by driving an ambulance, carrying the sick and wounded to safety. One day he hears hungry cats calling out to him on his way home. They are lonely and scared, just like him. He feeds and pets them to let them know they are loved. The next day more cats come, and then even more! There are too many for Alaa to take care of on his own. Alaa has a big heart, but he will need help from others if he wants to keep all of his new friends safe.



**My Tree** by Hope Lim

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006393

A young boy, recently arrived from Korea, finds a glorious plum tree in his new backyard. It reminds him of a tree his family had back home, and he names it Plumee for the deep purple plums on its branches. Whenever the boy is homesick, he knows he can take shelter in Plumee's tall branches.

And when a storm brings the old tree down, he and his friends have all kinds of adventures on its branches, as it becomes a dragon, a treehouse, and a ship in their imaginations. But soon it's time to say goodbye when the remains of the tree are taken away. Before long, a new plum tree is planted, new blossoms bloom, and a new friendship takes root.



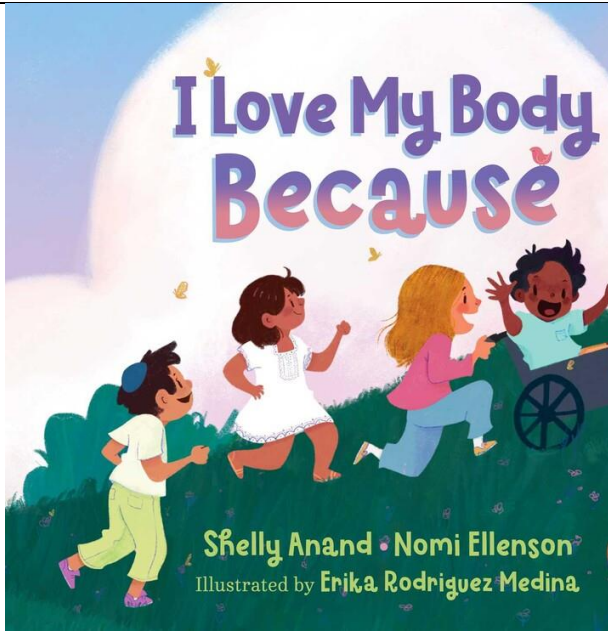
**Rosa's Song** by Helena Ku Rhee

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1006467

When Jae looks out the window of his new home, he wishes he could still see his old village, his old house, and his old friends. But his new apartment feels empty and nothing outside is familiar. Jae just arrived from South Korea and doesn't even speak the new language.

Yet, making friends is the same wherever you go and he soon meets a girl with a colorful bird perched on her shoulder. Rosa knows just how Jae feels and the two become fast friends. Not only does Rosa show Jae his new neighborhood but she shows him how his imagination can bring back memories of his old home. Then Rosa leaves unexpectedly one night but leaves her parrot for Jae. He thinks about the song that Rosa would sing: "When I fly away, my heart stays here." And when Jae meets two other newly arrived kids, he teaches them Rosa's song and becomes their guide to this new world.

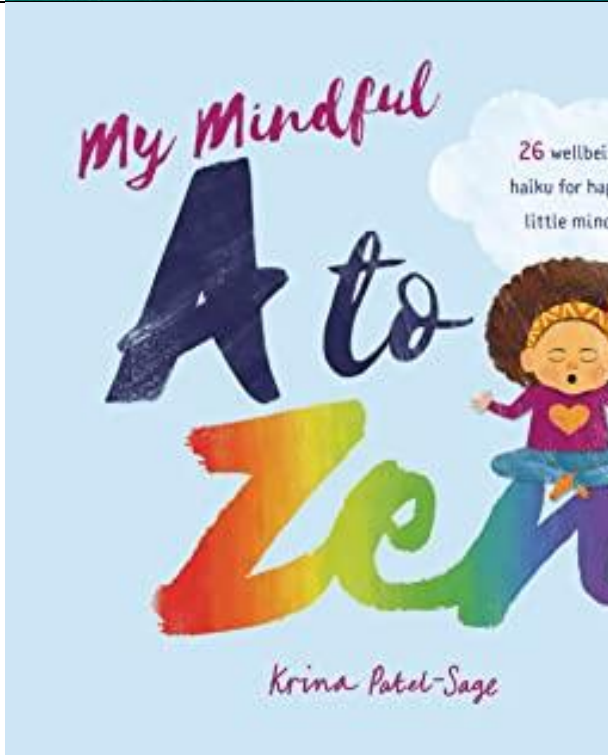


**I Love My Body Because** by Shelly Anand and Nomi Ellenson

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006460

Everybody has a body and every body is good. Your body takes you where you want to go. Your body is your first home. And your body is different from everyone else's body! *I Love My Body Because* is a gentle and poetic picture book for the youngest readers about celebrating your own body and all the different, wonderful bodies that make up our world.



**My mindful A to Zen: 26 Well-Being Haiku for Happy Little Minds** by Krina Patel-Sage

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB#1006428

A book of poetry that gently introduces children to mindfulness concepts like Om, Yoga and Zen, as well as goals for mindful living like Gratitude and Positivity. With its delightful cast of inclusive characters, this inspirational poetry collection promotes well-being with every letter.



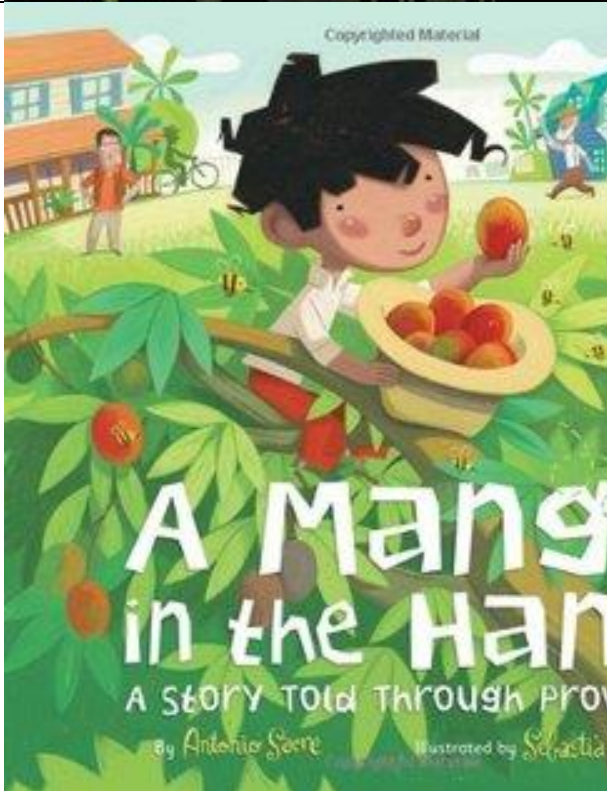
**Lift** by Minh Le

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006383

When Iris's elevator button-pushing is disrupted by a new member of the family, she's pretty put out.

That is, until the sudden appearance of a mysterious new button opens up entire realms of possibility, places where she can escape and explore on her own.

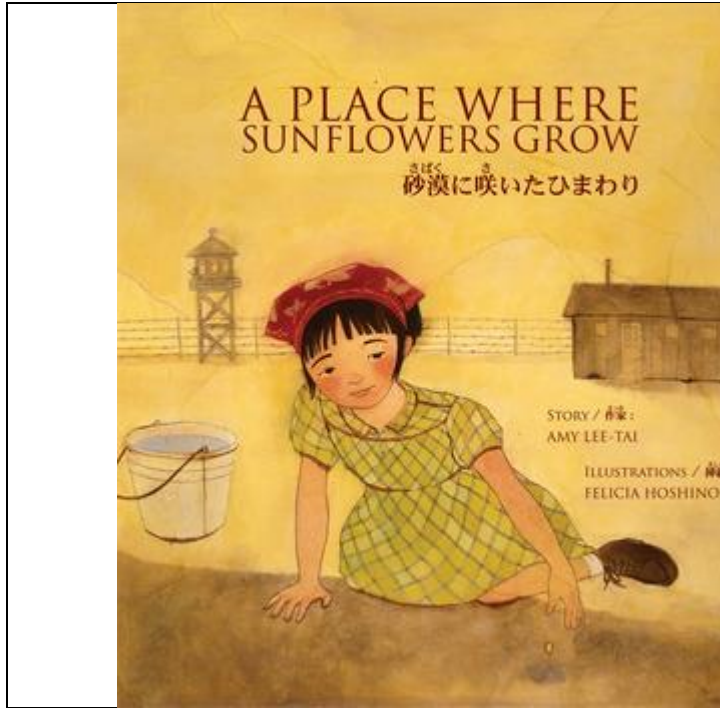


**A Mango in the Hand: A Story Told Through Proverbs** by Antonio Sacre

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006380

Francisco is finally old enough to journey to the mango grove all by himself to gather the mangoes for a special dinner. But bees swarm the fruit, and Francisco has trouble picking them from the tree. He returns to his father several times, and each time his father shares a different proverb to inspire Francisco to continue trying. "*Querer es poder*. Where there's a will, there's a way!" Finally, Francisco is able to gather some mangoes, and on his way home he stops to visit his uncle, grandmother, and aunt. Francisco shares his mangoes with them, and by the time he gets home he no longer has any! "*Es mejor dar que recibir*. Sometimes it's better to give than to receive."

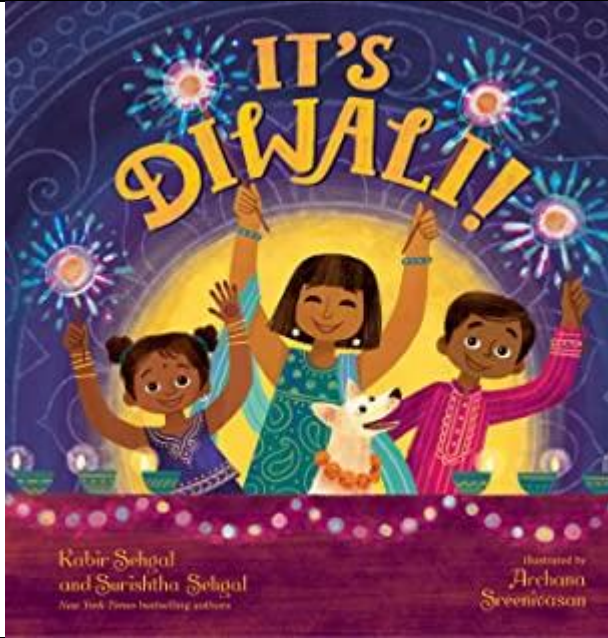


**A Place Where Sunflowers Grow** by Amy Lee-Tai  
(English and Japanese)

Grades 2-6

NSSBB# 1006381

Under the harsh summer sun, Mari's art class has begun. But it's hard to think of anything to draw in a place where nothing beautiful grows—especially a place like Topaz, the internment camp where Mari's family and thousands of other Japanese Americans have been sent to live during World War II. Somehow, glimmers of hope begin to surface—in the eyes of a kindly art teacher, in the tender words of Mari's parents, and in the smile of a new friend.



**It's Diwali!** by Kabir Sehgal

Grades primary to 3

Count up to ten and back down again to the tune of “One, Two, Buckle My Shoe” while learning about the traditions that make Diwali a fun-filled festival! Celebrated during autumn harvest, Diwali symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. From sweet treats to intricate henna designs to exciting firework displays, kids will delight in this vibrant glimpse into the Festival of Lights.



**From Far Away** by Robert Munsch and Saoussan Askar

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006445 (hard cover)  
 NSSBB# 1006446 (paperback)

When Saoussan immigrated with her family from war-torn Lebanon, she was only seven years old. This picture book tells the story of how she had to adjust to her new home in Canada. She describes the frustration of not understanding the teacher when she started school, not knowing how to ask to go to the bathroom and being terrified of a Hallowe'en skeleton.



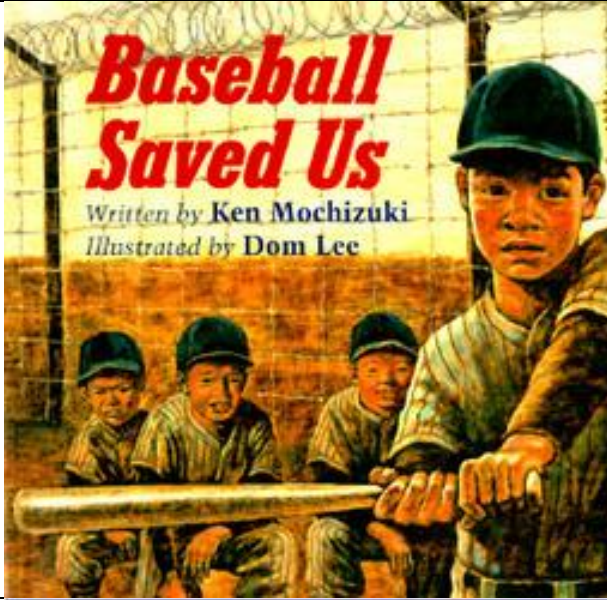
**Hannah and the Ramadan Gift** by Qasim Rashid

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006382

It's the first day of Ramadan and Hannah wants to be a part of this important month every way she can. But if she's too young to fast, how can she observe Ramadan? By saving the world, Dada Jaan tells her. And so Hannah learns that by helping her friends and neighbors and by showing kindness and generosity, she can make the world a better place.





**Baseball Saved Us** by Ken Mochizuki

Grades 3 to 5

NSSBB# 1006444 (hard cover)

Shorty and his family, along with thousands of Japanese Americans, are sent to an internment camp after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Fighting the heat and dust of the desert, Shorty and his father decide to build a baseball diamond and form a league in order to boost the spirits of the internees. Shorty quickly learns that he is playing not only to win, but to gain dignity and self-respect as well.

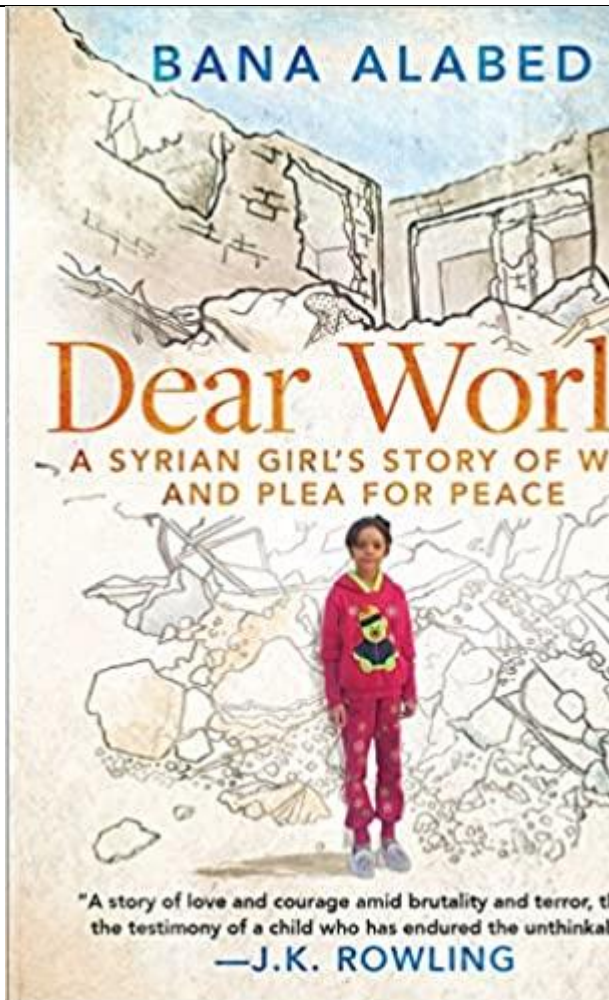


**Zahra's Blessing: A Ramadan Blessing** by Shirin Shamsi and Manal Mirza

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1006400

Zahra hugs her cherished teddy bear and prays that Ramadan will bring her a longed-for sister. When her bear subsequently goes missing, Zahra finds herself grappling with intense feelings of loss. Over the next few weeks, as she volunteers with her mother at a local shelter for asylum seekers, Zahra befriends a displaced child, resulting in a newfound sense of gratitude and an unexpected Ramadan blessing.



**Dear World: A Syrian Girl's Story of War and Plea for Peace** by Bana Alabed

Grade 6 to 9

NSSBB# 1006385

When seven-year-old Bana Alabed took to Twitter to describe the horrors she and her family were experiencing in war-torn Syria, her heartrending messages touched the world and gave a voice to millions of innocent children.

Bana's happy childhood was abruptly upended by civil war when she was only three years old. Over the next four years, she knew nothing but bombing, destruction, and fear. Her harrowing ordeal culminated in a brutal siege where she, her parents, and two younger brothers were trapped in Aleppo, with little access to food, water, medicine, or other necessities.

Facing death as bombs relentlessly fell around them—one of which completely destroyed their home—Bana and her family embarked on a perilous escape to Turkey.

In Bana's own words, and featuring short, affecting chapters by her mother, Fatemah, *Dear World* is not just a gripping account of a family endangered by war; it offers a uniquely intimate, child's perspective on one of the biggest humanitarian crises in history. Bana has lost her best friend, her school, her home, and her homeland. But she has not lost her hope—for herself and for other children around the world who are victims and refugees of war and deserve better lives.



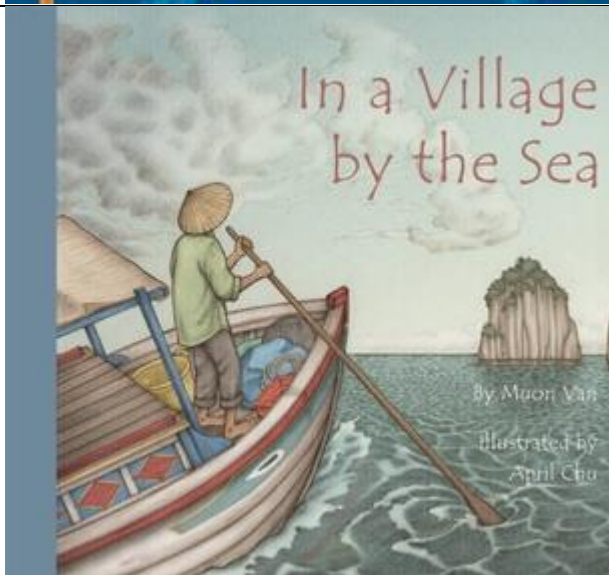
**You Are Revolutionary** by Cindy Wang Brandt

Grades 3 to 4

NSSBB# 1006399

You have what it takes to change the world!

This is the empowering message parenting author and podcaster Cindy Wang Brandt wants every child to hear and embrace. In this inspiring picture book she speaks to every child who sees injustice in the world, revealing that they already have inside themselves everything they need to make big, transformative change in the world--just as they are. Every kid is a revolutionary! You don't need to wait until you grow up. You don't even need any special skills. Kids who are loud, kids who are quiet, kids who make art, kids who are good at math, kids with lots of energy, kids who are good listeners--all kids have what it takes to make a difference.

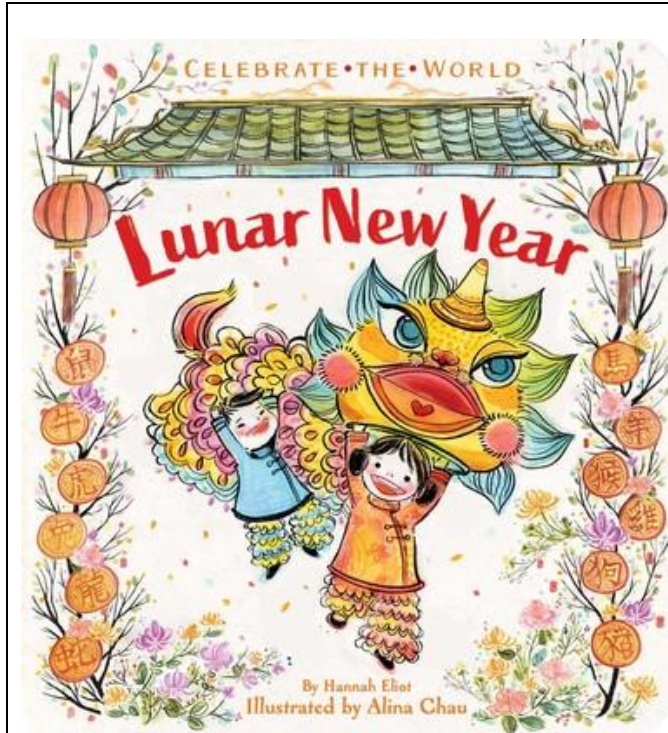


**In a Village by the Sea** by Muon Van

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006387

Written in a spare, lyrical style using fresh, evocative imagery, *In a Village by the Sea* tells the story of longing for the comforts of home. A perfect book for teaching about diverse cultures and lifestyles through rich pictures and words, moving from the wide world to the snugness of home and back out again.

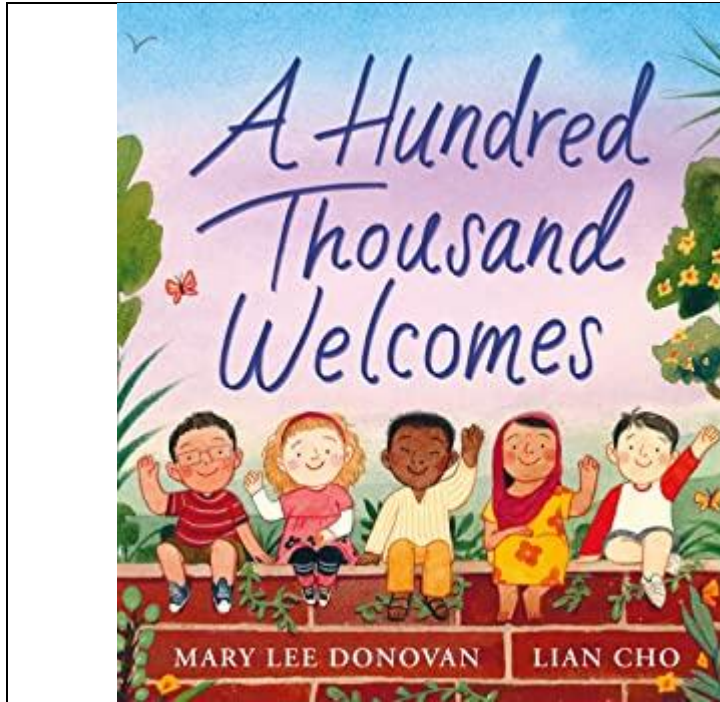


**Lunar New Year (Celebrate the World)** by Hannah Eliot

Grade primary

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Learn all about the traditions of Lunar New Year—also known as Chinese New Year.

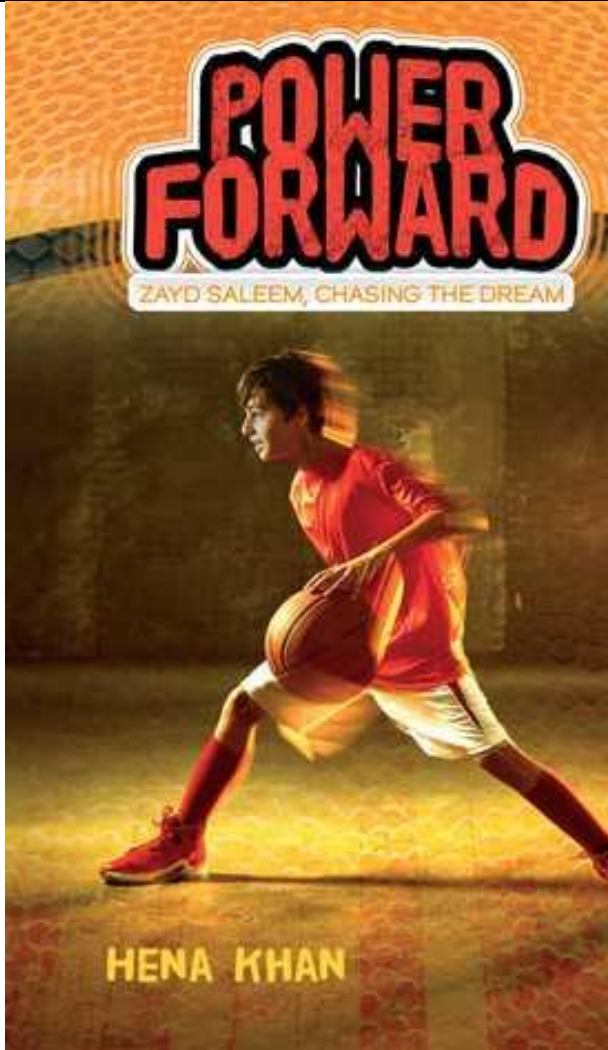


**A Hundred Thousand Welcomes** by Mary Lee Donovan and Lian Cho

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006432

Welcome, come in! You are invited to travel to homes around the world in this beautifully illustrated picture book about hospitality and acceptance, featuring the word “welcome” in more than twelve languages. Fans of *Here We Are* and *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* will enjoy this timeless story about family, friendship, empathy, and welcoming others.



**Power Forward** by Hena Khan

Grades 5 to 6

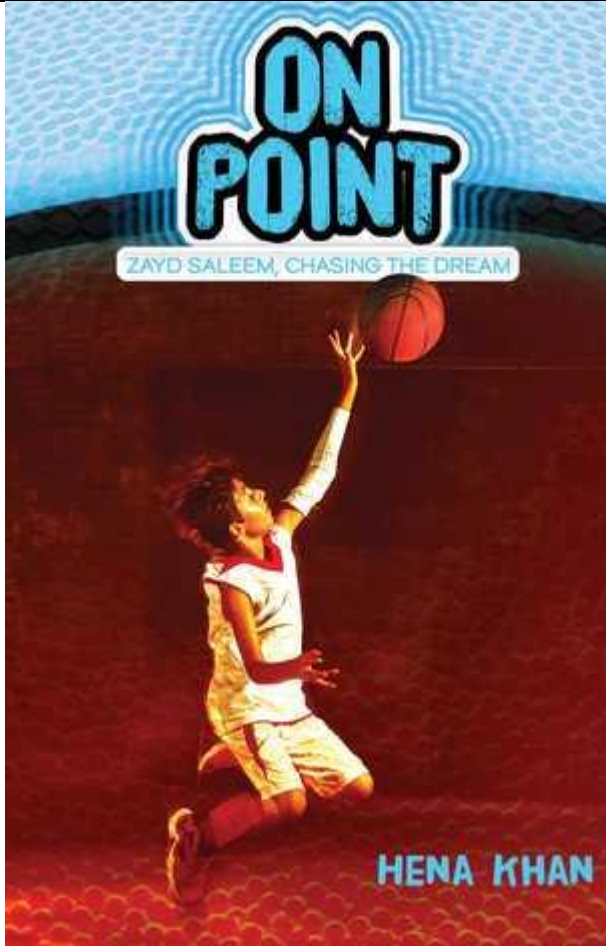
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Fourth grader Zayd Saleem has some serious hoop dreams. He's not just going to be a professional basketball player. He's going to be a star. *A legend.* The first Pakistani-American kid to make it to the NBA. He knows this deep in his soul. It's his destiny. There are only a few small things in his way.

For starters, Zayd's only on the D-team. (D stands for developmental, but to Zayd it's always felt like a bad grade or something.) Not to mention, he's a bit on the scrawny side, even for the fourth grade team. But his best friend Adam is on the Gold Team, and it's Zayd's dream for the two of them to play together.

His mom and dad don't get it. They want him to practice his violin *way* more than his jump shot. When he gets caught blowing off his violin lessons to practice, Zayd's parents lay down the ultimate punishment: he has to hang up his high tops and isn't allowed to play basketball anymore.

As tryouts for the Gold Team approach, Zayd has to find the courage to stand up for himself and chase his dream.



**On Point** by Hena Khan

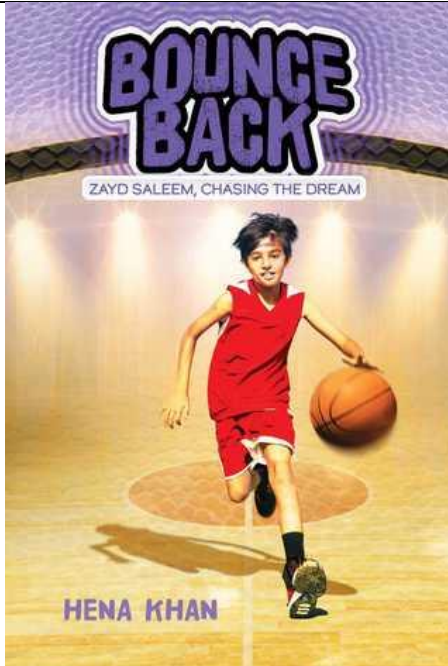
Grades 5 to 6

NSSBB# 1006443

Now that Zayd has made the Gold Team, he's hustling hard and loving every minute of the season.

But when the team starts to struggle, Zayd can't help wondering if it has something to do with him. Even worse, his best friend Adam suddenly starts acting like he doesn't care about basketball anymore, even though they are finally teammates. He stops playing basketball with Zayd at recess and starts hanging out with other kids. Then, Adam up and *quits* the Gold Team to play football instead.

While his uncle's wedding preparations turn life into a circus at home, Zayd is left on his own to figure things out. He has to decide how to still be friends with Adam *and* step up to fill the empty shoes he left on the court. Does Zayd have what it takes to be on point and lead his team back to victory?



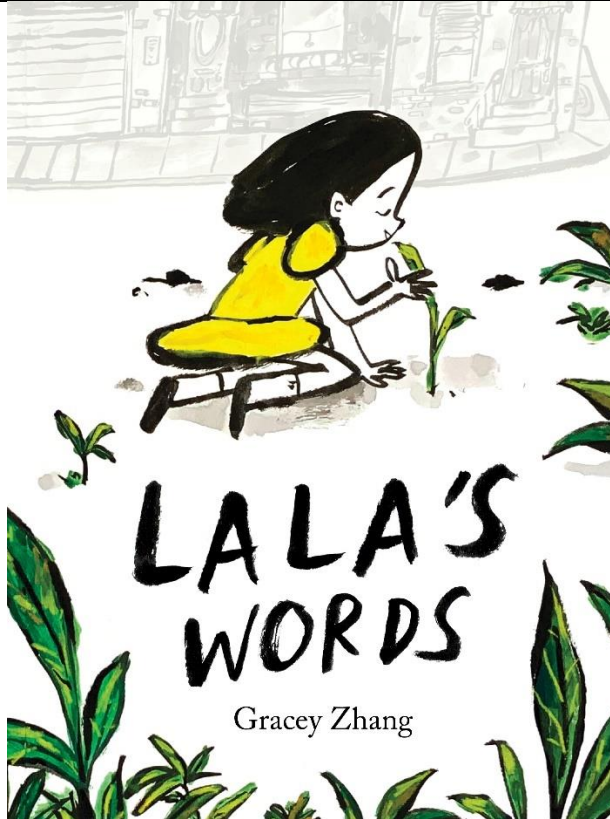
**Bounce Back** by Hena Khan

Grades 5 to 6

NSSBB# 1006443

Zayd has a plan. He's ready to take the reins as team captain of the Gold Team.

But when an injury leaves him on the sidelines, his plans get derailed. Can Zayd learn what it means to be a leader if he's not the one calling the shots?



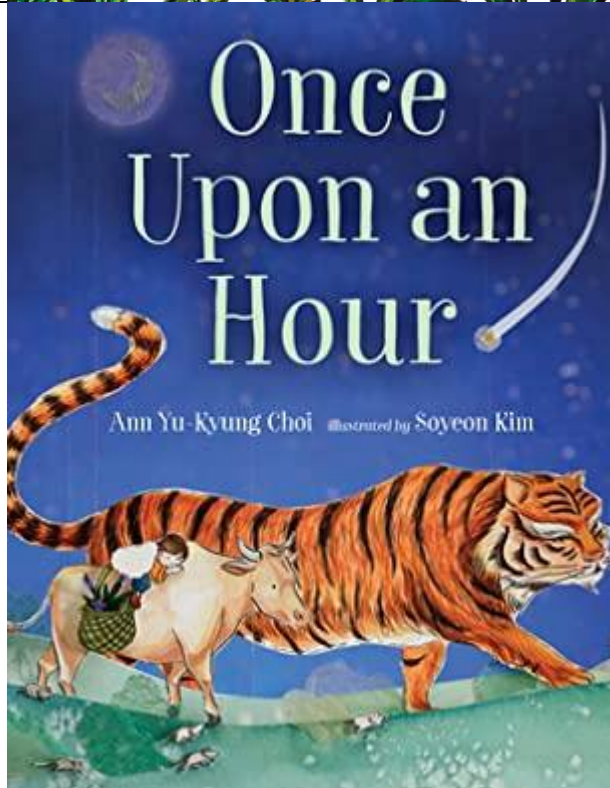
**Lala's Words: A Story of Planting Kindness** by Gracey Zhang

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005010

Oh, there goes Lala! She carries a pot of water around the corner, down the block, and over the fence, to a patch of dirt and concrete where tiny weeds sprout. "Hello, hello, friends!" she whispers. Lala waters the plants every day, but it is her kind words that make them sway and nod.

Lala's wild nature and quiet compassion enchant in this evergreen story about the power of kind words and the magic of being loved for who you are.



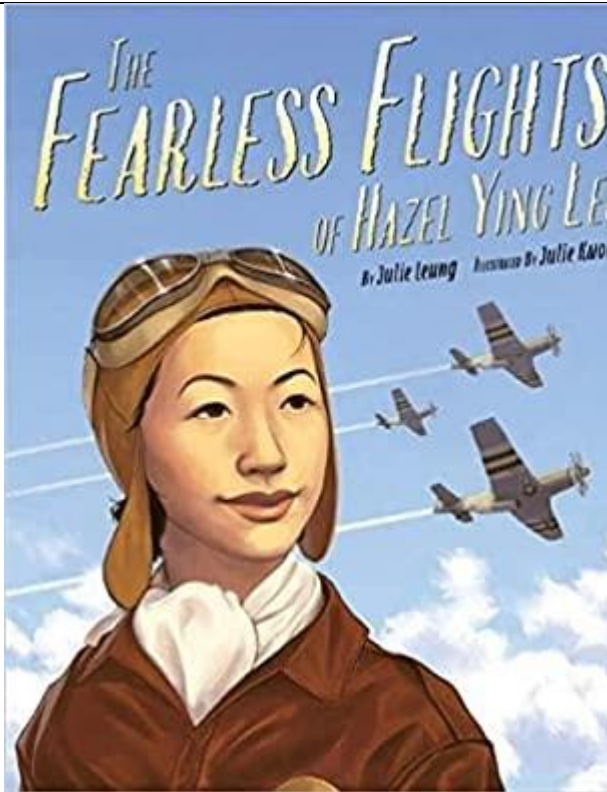
**Once Upon an Hour** by Ann Yu-Kyung Choi

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1006456

Yu-Rhee, a young Korean girl, wants to know how to tell time using a clock. Her mother tells her a tale from her childhood based on the traditional Korean practice of timekeeping, where the 12 animals of the zodiac are assigned to 2-hour sections of the 24-hour clock. Told from the point of view of a mountain, the story follows a child as they climb the mountainside in search of a plant to heal their ailing mother. The climb is steep, the path wild and the way difficult. The mountain watches the child struggle and calls on the animals that live on the mountainside to help the child, but as sunlight turns to moonlight, each animal claims to be too busy. Ultimately, *Once Upon an Hour* is a story about determination and teamwork that shows young readers the importance of helping others.



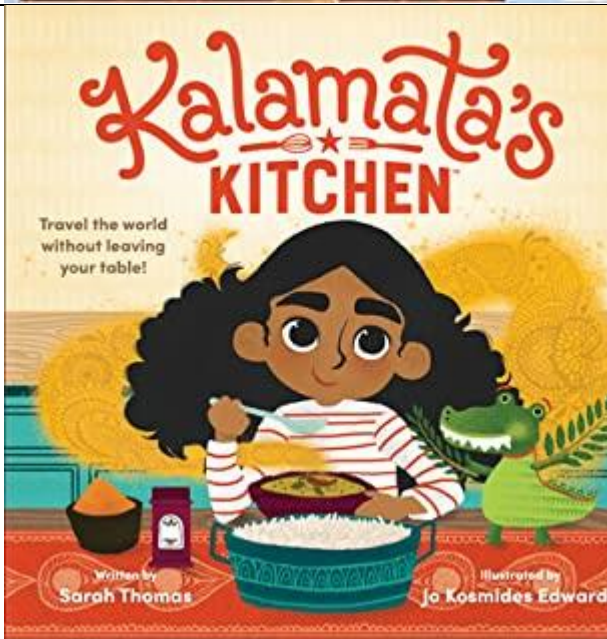


**The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee** by Julie Leung

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006448

Hazel Ying Lee was born fearless -- she was not afraid of anything, and the moment she took her first airplane ride, she knew where she belonged. When people scoffed at her dreams of becoming a pilot, Hazel wouldn't take no for an answer. She joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. It was a dangerous job, but Hazel flew with joy and boldness.



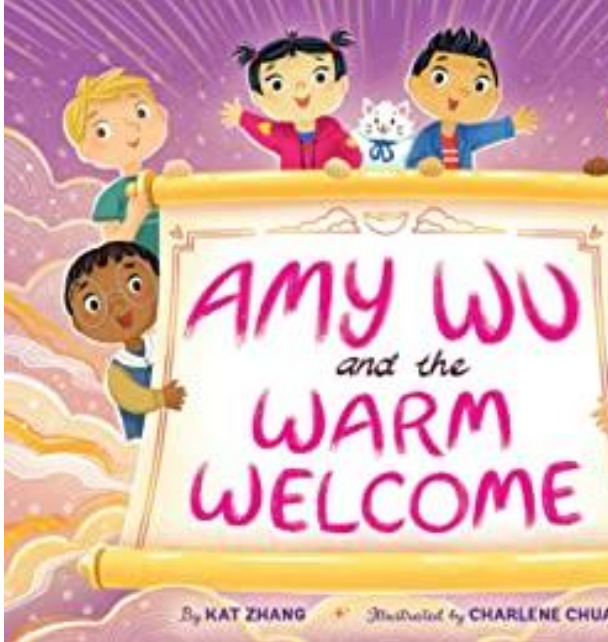
**Kalamata's Kitchen** by Sarah Thomas

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006447

*Grown-ups never seemed to notice, but Kalamata's kitchen table was magical. Under her table, she and Al Dente could transport themselves anywhere....*

Tomorrow is Kalamata's first day at a new school, and she's nervous! What if the kids aren't friendly? Or worse, what if they don't like alligators!?! If only Kalamata and Al Dente could go back to the Indian spice market they visited this summer, then maybe she'd remember how to feel brave when new experiences seem scary. Luckily for Kalamata, all the magic required for her journey is right in her own kitchen! As Kalamata and her alligator friend, Al Dente, transport themselves to a magical land filled with tasty ingredients, she realizes being brave is exciting! And most importantly, she learns that when we're nervous about trying new things, food can comfort us and remind us to stay curious, courageous, and compassionate.



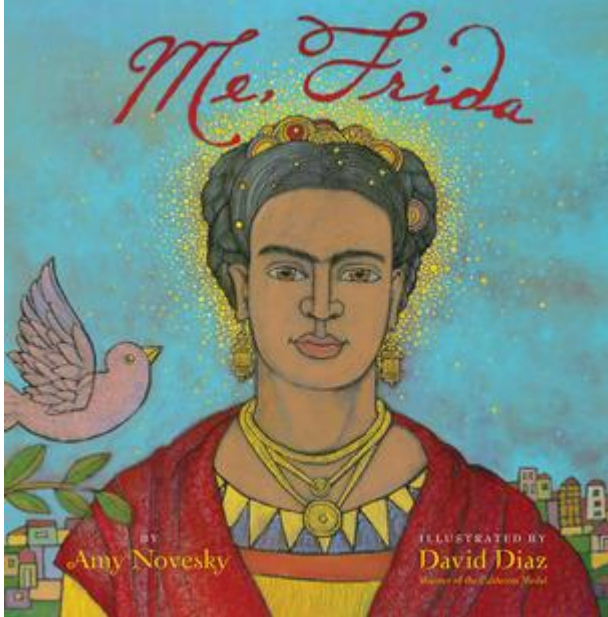
**Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome** by Kat Zhang

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006405

Amy's class has a new student from China! Amy tries hard to make Lin feel included, but she can't draw him out of his shell. Then she sees Lin chattering happily in Chinese with his family. The gears in her head start to turn, and a plan blossoms. Step one: invite Lin to her dumpling party...

With a little help from her grandma and a shiny new banner, can Amy give Lin the warmest welcome?



**Me Frida** by Amy Novesky

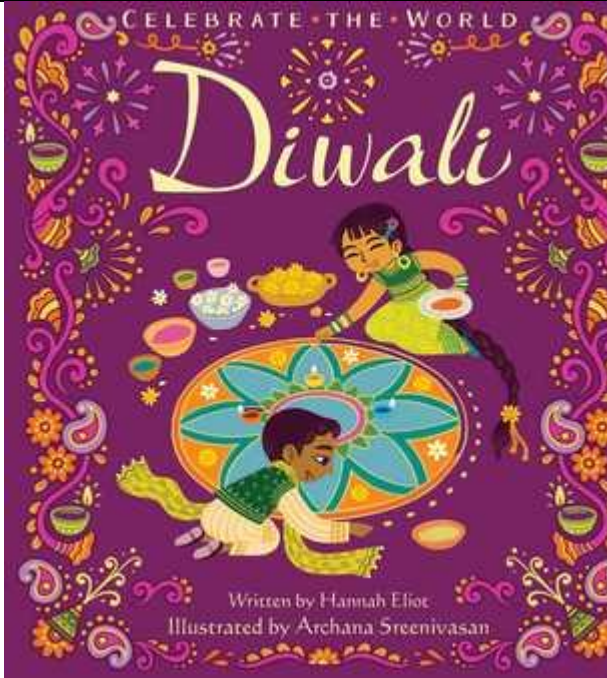
Grades 1 to 3

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Like a tiny bird in a big city, Frida Kahlo feels lost and lonely when she arrives in San Francisco with her husband, the famous artist Diego Rivera. It is the first time she has left her home in Mexico. And Frida wants to be a painter too.

But as Frida begins to explore San Francisco on her own, she discovers more than the beauty, diversity, and exuberance of America. She finds the inspiration she needs to become one of the most celebrated artists of all time.

*Me, Frida* is an exhilarating true story that encourages children to believe in themselves so they can make their own dreams soar.

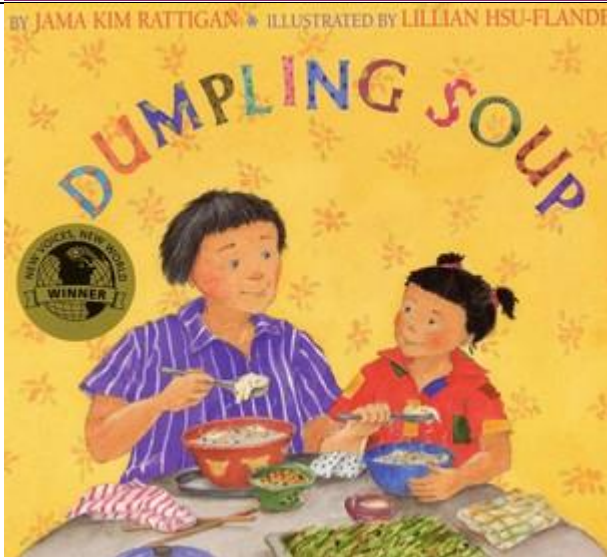


**Diwali (Celebrate the World)** by Hannah Eliot

Grade primary

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Learn all about the traditions of Diwali with this third book in the delightful board book series Celebrate the World, which highlights special occasions and holidays across the globe.

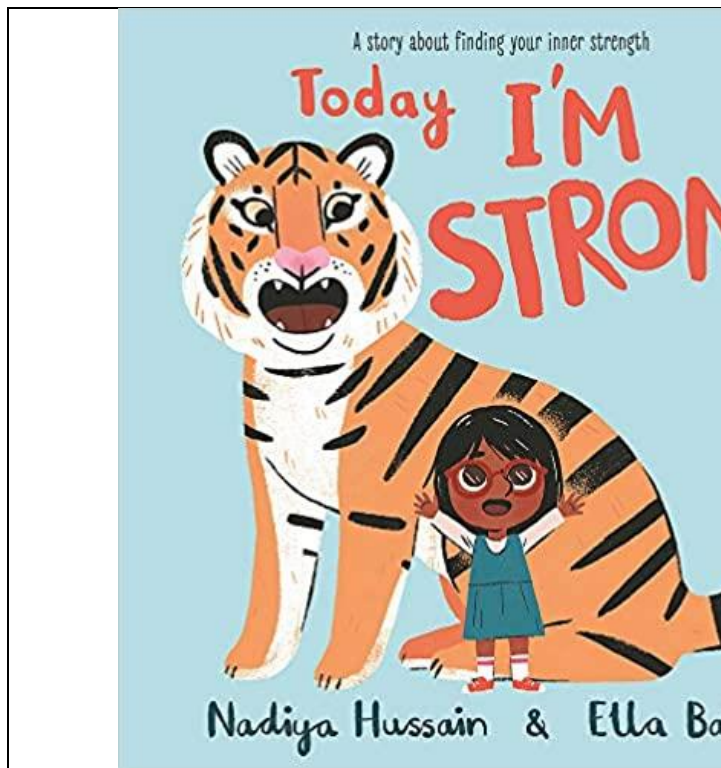


**Dumpling Soup** by Jama Kim Rattigan

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006386

Marisa gets to help make dumplings this year to celebrate the New Year. But she worries if anyone will eat her funny-looking dumplings. Set in the Hawaiian Islands, this story celebrates the joyful mix of food, customs, and languages from many cultures.



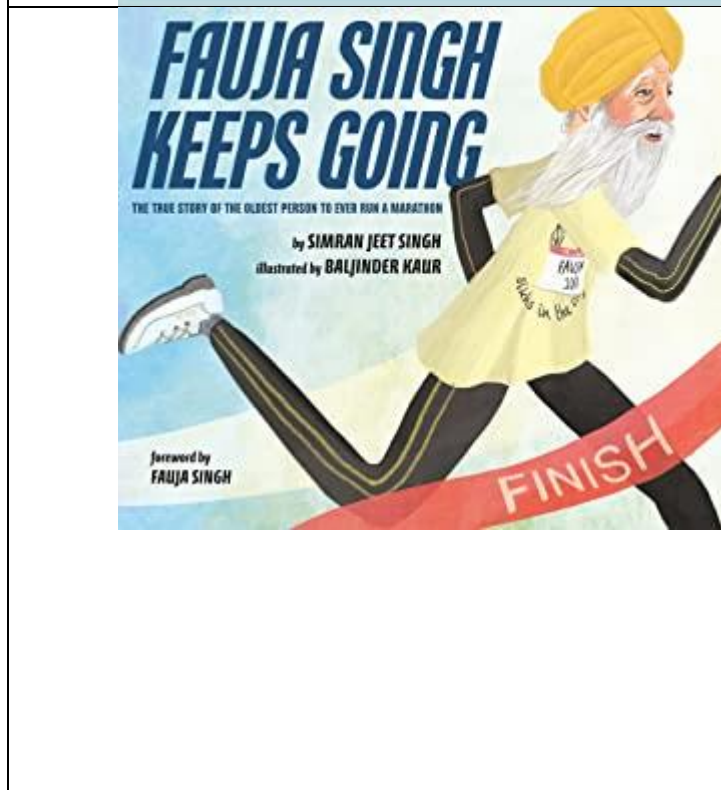
**Today I'm Strong** by Nadiya Hussain and Ella Bailey

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006457

*I love to go to school. Well, most days I do. There are some days when what I really want is to stay at home with you.*

Most days, this little girl loves to go to school and play with her friends. But sometimes the schoolyard can feel like a battleground where she has to dodge mean words from a bully. Luckily, she always has her steadfast tiger by her side—even if she's the only one who can see it. With the reminder that strength comes from within, she digs deep to believe in herself, no matter what anyone else says.



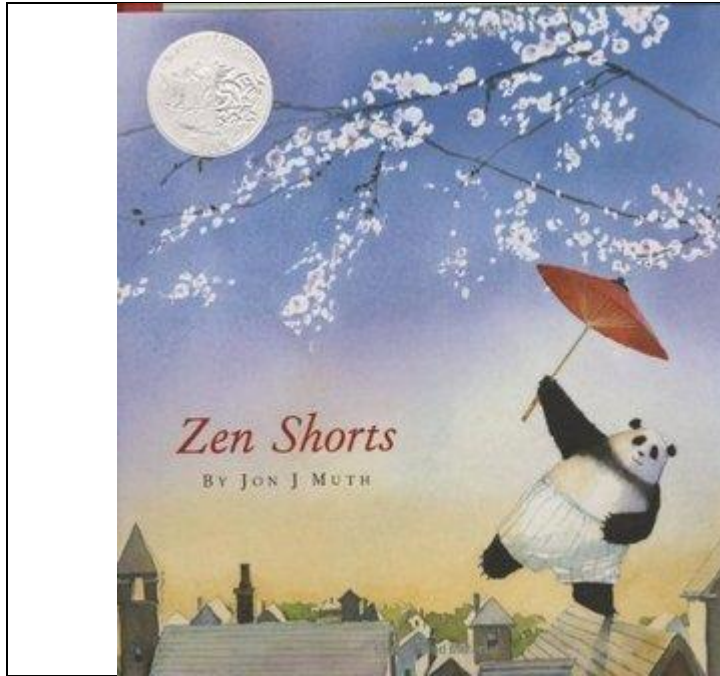
**Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon** by Simran Jeet Singh

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006454

Fauja Singh was born determined. He was also born with legs that wouldn't allow him to play cricket with his friends or carry him to school miles from his village in Punjab. But that didn't stop him. Working on his family's farm, Fauja grew stronger to meet his own full potential.

He never stopped striving. At the age of 81, after a lifetime of making his body, mind, and heart stronger, Fauja decided to run his first marathon. He went on to break records all around the world and became the first person over 100 to complete the grueling long-distance race.



**Zen Shorts** by Jon J Muth

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1006458

"Michael," said Karl. "There's a really big bear in the backyard." This is how three children meet Stillwater, a giant panda who moves into the neighborhood and tells amazing tales. To Addy he tells a story about the value of material goods. To Michael he pushes the boundaries of good and bad. And to Karl he demonstrates what it means to hold on to frustration.



Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream Series by Hena Khan

Grades 5 to 6

NSSBB# 1006443

Zayd Saleem has serious hoop dreams. He’s going to be a basketball star. A legend. There are only a few small things in his way. For starters, Zayd’s on the scrawny side and gets stomach aches when he’s nervous. He has to convince his coach that he has what it takes to join his best friend Adam on the elite Gold Team. His mom and dad want him to practice his violin way more than his jump shot. Plus, it doesn’t help that his older sister Zara is amazing at every sport she tries. But Zayd has a lot going for him, too. His grandmother is willing to supply him with all the mango milkshakes he wants. His grandfather has a few tricks up the sleeve of his velour track suit. And his favorite uncle keeps Zayd laughing, even if it’s sometimes so hard he needs to pee. Zayd’s family, combined with his friends, teammates, and his own determination, means he’s got everything he needs to chase his dream. Will he reach it?

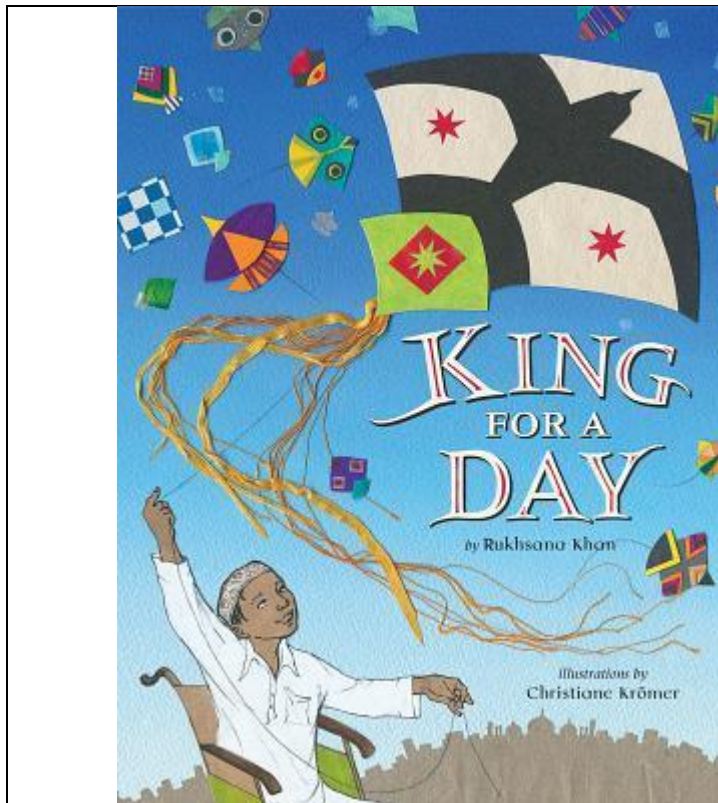


**One Sun and Countless Stars: A Muslim Book of Numbers** by Hena Khan

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006437

From one sun to countless stars, this gentle introduction to numbers also celebrates the many diverse traditions of the Muslim world, encouraging readers young and old to reflect upon—and count—their many blessings. Like *Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns* and *Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets*, this latest offering in the Concepts of the Muslim World series has stunning illustrations, rhyming read-aloud text, and informative back matter, and it is equally at home in the classroom or being read on a parent's lap.



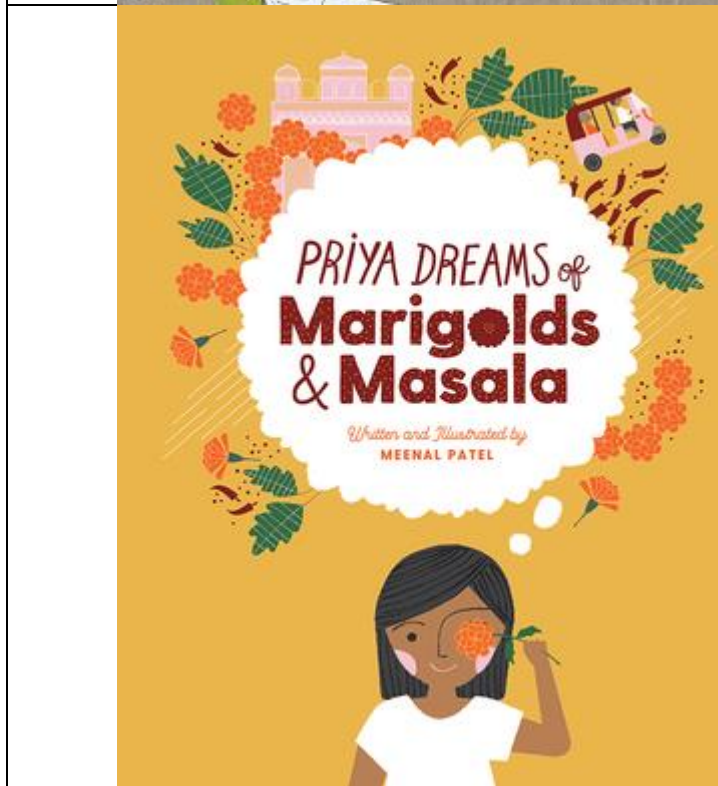
**King for a Day** by Rukhsana Khan

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1006389

Basant is here, with feasts and parties to celebrate the arrival of spring. But what Malik is looking forward to most is doing battle from his rooftop with Falcon, the special kite he has built for speed. Today is Malik's chance to be the best kite fighter, the king of Basant.

In two fierce battles, Malik takes down the kites flown by the bully next door. Then Malik moves on, guiding Falcon into leaps, swirls, and dives, slashing strings, and plucking kites from the sky. By the end of the day, Malik has a big pile of captured kites. He is the king! But then the bully reappears, trying to take a kite from a girl in the alley below. With a sudden act of kingly generosity, Malik finds the perfect way to help the girl.

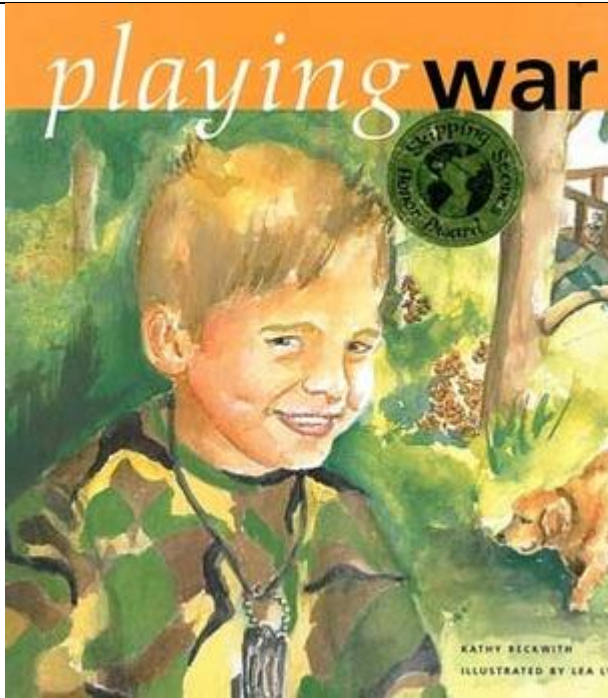


**Priya Dreams of Marigolds and Masala** by Meenal Patel

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006394

Priya lives in the United States and her family is from India. She feels the magic of the place that her family comes from through her Babi Ba's colorful descriptions of India – from the warm smell of spices to the swish-swish sound of a rustling sari. Together, Priya and Babi Ba make their heritage live on through the traditions that they infuse into their everyday lives.



**Playing War** by Kathy Beckwith

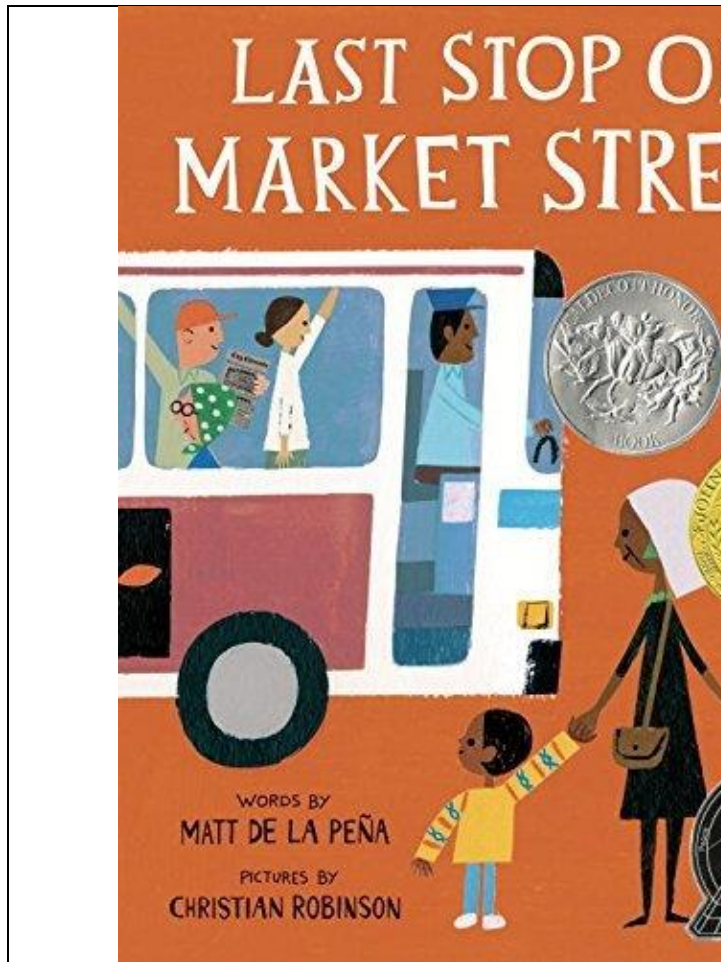
Grades 2 to 5

NSSBB# 1005926

One hot summer day Luke and his friends decide to play their favorite game of war, using sticks for guns and pinecones for bombs and grenades. Sameer, who hasn't lived in their neighborhood for very long, hesitates to join in. When he tells Luke and Jen and Jeff and Danny that he has been in a real war, they don't believe him.

"No way! You haven't told us anything about that! A real war? Did they let kids be soldiers? Did you have an M-16?" Then, as Sameer explains what happened to his family, the other children start to see their game in a new light. While *Playing War* is a book about understanding what war can be like for families, and that it's not a game, it's also a sensitive story about the power of friendship and how children can learn from one another.





**The Last Stop On Market Street** by Matt de la Peña

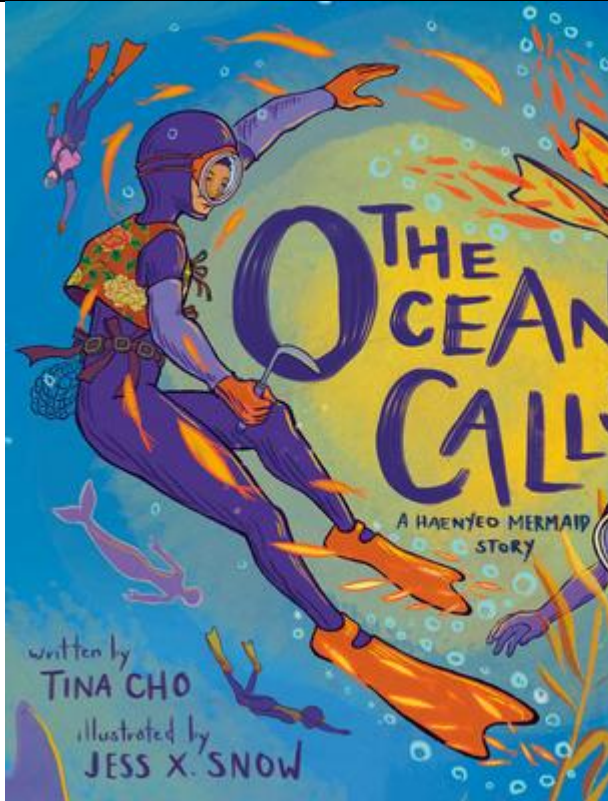
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006390

"Sometimes when you're surrounded by dirt, CJ, you're a better witness for what's beautiful."

CJ begins his weekly bus journey around the city with disappointment and dissatisfaction, wondering why he and his family can't drive a car like his friends. Through energy and encouragement, CJ's nana helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine.

Last Stop on Market Street has won multiple awards and spent time at the number one spot in the New York Times Bestseller List.

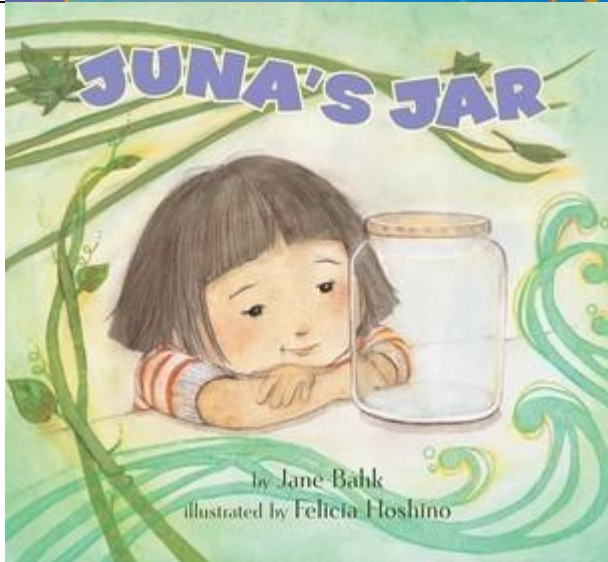


**The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story** by Tina Cho

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006398

Dayeon wants to be a haenyeo just like Grandma. The haenyeo dive off the coast of Jeju Island to pluck treasures from the sea--generations of Korean women have done so for centuries. To Dayeon, the haenyeo are as strong and graceful as mermaids. To give her strength, Dayeon eats Grandma's abalone porridge. She practices holding her breath while they do the dishes. And when Grandma suits up for her next dive, Dayeon grabs her suit, flippers, and goggles. A scary memory of the sea keeps Dayeon clinging to the shore, but with Grandma's guidance, Dayeon comes to appreciate the ocean's many gifts.

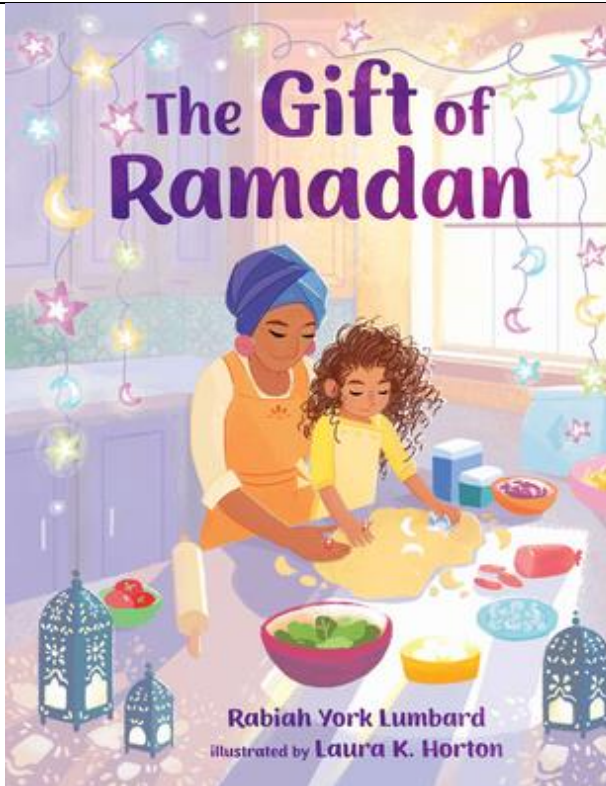


**Juna's Jar** by Jane Bahk

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1006388

Juna and her best friend, Hector, have many adventures together, and they love to collect things in empty kimchi jars. Then one day, Hector unexpectedly moves away without having a chance to say good-bye. Juna is heartbroken and left to wonder who will go on adventures with her. Determined to find Hector, Juna turns to her special kimchi jar for help each night. She plunges into the depths of the ocean, swings on vines through the jungle, and flies through the night sky in search of her friend. What Juna finds is that adventure--and new friends--can be found in the most unexpected places.



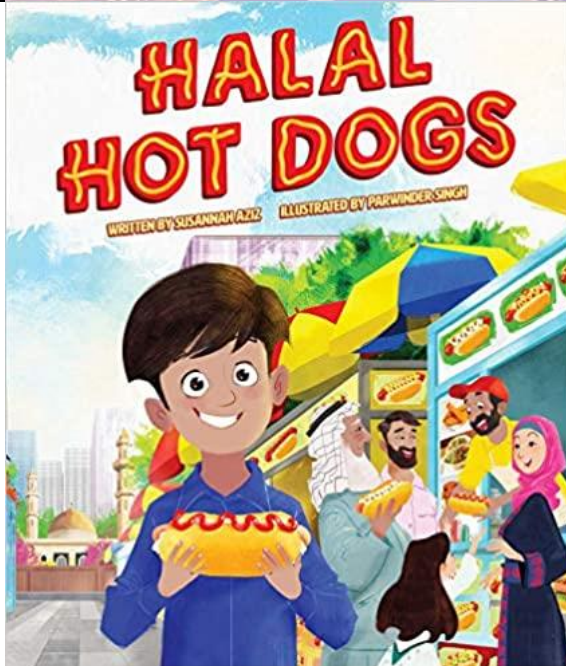
**The Gift of Ramadan** by Rabiah York Lumbard

Grade primary

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Sophia wants to fast for Ramadan this year. She tries to keep busy throughout the day so she won't think about food. But when the smell of cookies is too much, she breaks her fast early. How can she be part of the festivities now?

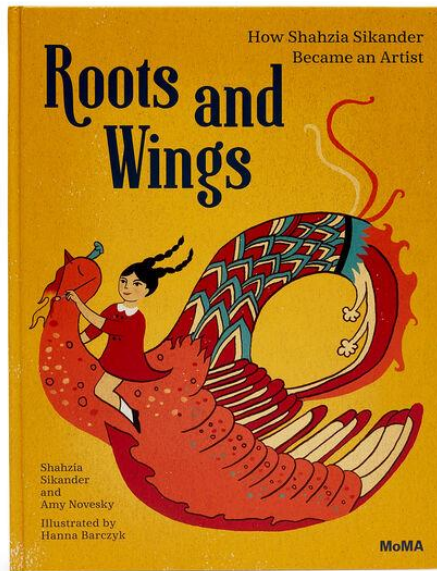


**Halal Hot Dogs** by Susannah Aziz

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006407

Every Friday after Jummah prayer at the masjid, Musa's family has a special Jummah treat. They take turns picking out what the treat will be, but recently the choices have been . . . interesting. Week one, Mama made molokhia. It's perfect for sharing, but gives us molokhia teeth for days! Week two, Baba burned the kufte kebabs on the grill. Week three, Seedi made his favorite riz b'haleeb-creamy rice pudding with pistachio sprinkled on top with an unexpected ingredient. Last week, Maryam brought jellybeans. . . Finally, it's Musa's turn to pick, and he picks his favorite-halal hot dogs! But actually getting to eat this deliciousness turns into a journey riddled with obstacles. Will he ever get his favorite tasty treat?

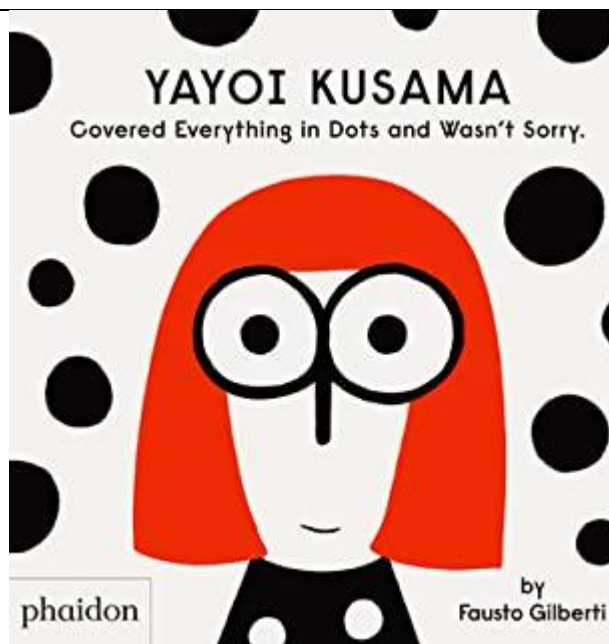


**Roots and Wings: How Shahzia Sikander Became an Artist** by Shahzia Sikander

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1006371

Growing up in a multigenerational, multicultural home in Lahore, Pakistan, where her family’s Muslim traditions are filled with food and rituals, Shahzia is surrounded by stories of all kinds. At the Catholic school she attends, she studies Western literature, and at home, her father regales her and her siblings with fantastical tales from a Russian storybook on animals. Shahzia’s love for books leads to a fascination with illustrations, like the ones she sees in illuminated manuscripts and South Asian miniature portraits, and she discovers a talent for drawing. Through art, Shahzia is able to create the different worlds she reads about, using her imagination to take her beyond the walls of the home she grows up in.



**Yayoi Kusama: Covered Everything in Dots and Wasn't Sorry** by Fausto Gilberti

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1006373

Yayoi Kusama dreamed of becoming a famous artist. Day and night she painted hundreds of dots onto large canvases. The dots soon came off her pictures and ended up on her dresses, tables, and walls. But she wasn't sorry! An inspiring story about one of the most popular contemporary artists in the world.

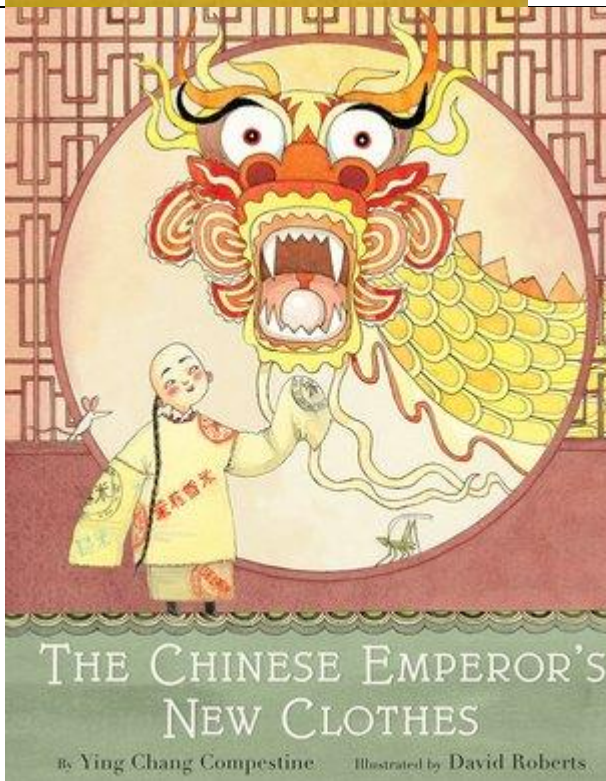


**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** by Eleanor Coerr

Grades 3 to 6

NSSBB# 17074

Hiroshima-born Sadako is lively and athletic--the star of her school's running team. And then the dizzy spells start. Soon gravely ill with leukemia, the "atom bomb disease," Sadako faces her future with spirit and bravery. Recalling a Japanese legend, Sadako sets to work folding paper cranes. For the legend holds that if a sick person folds one thousand cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again. Based on a true story, **Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** celebrates the extraordinary courage that made one young woman a heroine in Japan.



**The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes** by Ying Chang Compestine

Grades 2 to 6

NSSBB# 1006372

Ming Da is only nine years old when he becomes the emperor of China, and his three advisors take advantage of him by stealing his stores of rice, gold, and precious stones. But Ming Da has a plan. With the help of his tailors, he comes up with a clever idea to outsmart his devious advisors: He asks his tailors to make "magical" new clothes for him. Anyone who is honest, the young emperor explains, will see the clothes' true splendor, but anyone who is dishonest will see only burlap sacks. The emperor dons a burlap sack, and the ministers can't help but fall for his cunning trick.



**Zara's Rules for Record-breaking Fun** by Hena Khan

Grades 2 to 5

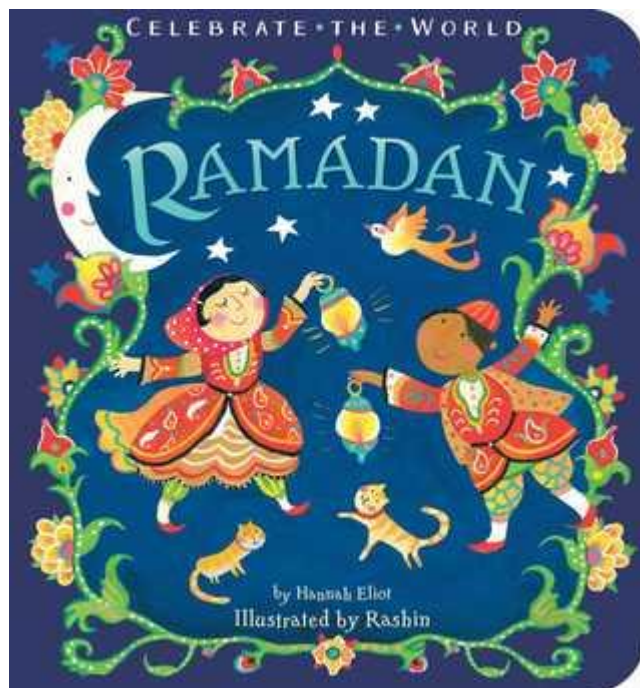
NSSBB# 1006409

Meet Zara Saleem, the queen of the neighborhood.

Zara's in charge of it all: she organizes the games, picks the teams, and makes sure everyone has a good time...and they *always* do.

When a new family moves in across the street, suddenly Zara's reign is threatened by Naomi, who has big ideas of her own about how the neighborhood kids can have fun. To get everyone to notice her again, Zara decides she's going to break a Guinness World Record—if her little brother Zayd doesn't mess things up.

But when she finds herself increasingly alone in her record-breaking quest, Zara starts to wonder if sharing the crown and making a new friend might end up being the best rule of all.



**Ramadan (Celebrate the World)** by Hannah Eliot

Grade primary

NSSBB# 1006539

In the ninth month of the year, when the first crescent moon rises in the sky, it's time to celebrate Ramadan!

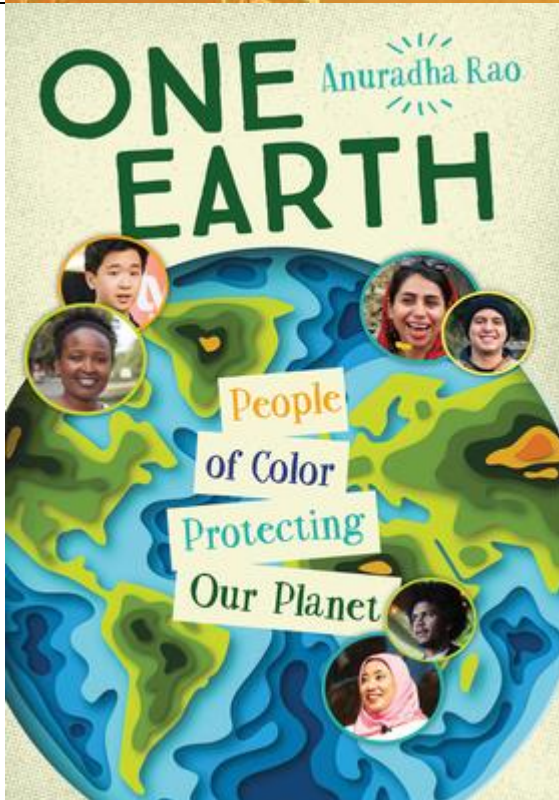


**Is It Sukkot Yet?** by Chris Barash

Grades primary to 2

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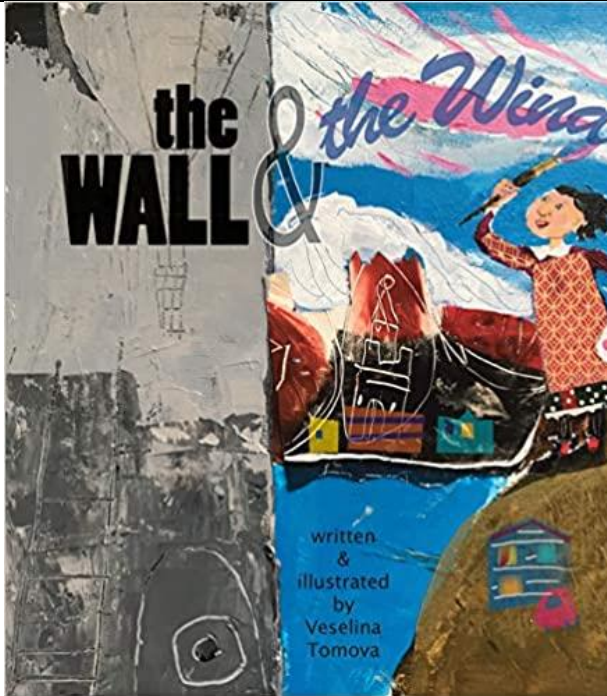
The first sights of fall arrive—pumpkins, gourds, and colorful leaves—and that means that Sukkot is almost here. Sukkot is the Jewish holiday celebrating the fall harvest and commemorating the time when the children of Israel spent forty years wandering the desert and living in temporary shelters (rebuilt as a sukkah during Sukkot).



**One Earth: People of Color Protecting Our Planet** by Anuradha Rao

Grades 6 to 8 - NSSBB# 1004682

*One Earth* profiles Black, Indigenous and People of Color who live and work as environmental defenders. Through their individual stories, the book shows that the intersection of environment and ethnicity is an asset to achieving environmental goals. The twenty short biographies introduce readers to diverse activists from all around the world, who are of many ages and ethnicities. From saving ancient trees on the West Coast of Canada, to protecting the Irrawaddy dolphins of India, to uncovering racial inequalities in the food system in the United States, these environmental heroes are celebrated by author and biologist Anuradha Rao, who outlines how they went from being kids who cared about the environment to community leaders in their field. *One Earth* is full of environmental role models waiting to be found.



**The Wall and the Wind** by Veselina Tomova

Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1004803

In the middle of the twentieth century in Eastern Europe, a young girl dreams of adventures near and far. One day, a huge wall appears that separates East from West, and dreamer from dreams. No ladder is high enough, no tunnel deep enough to get past that wall. But then a crack appears in the wall, and the girl (now a woman) knows she has the chance to follow her dreams again.



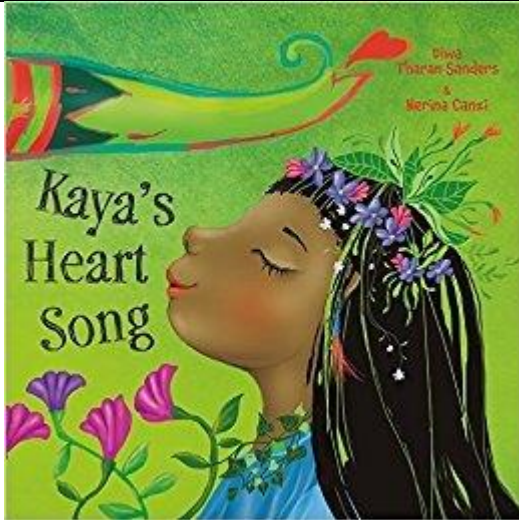
**The Jasmine Sneeze** by Nadine Kaadan

Grade 2

NSSBB# 1006379

Haroun, the cat, likes nothing better than to spend his days sleeping in the sunlit courtyards of Damascus. But one thing always ruins his sleep: jasmine! Haroun can't stand the sweet-scented flowers. Their pollen sends him into fits of sneezes! So one day, Haroun hatches a plan to fix the problem. But little does he know that in doing so he deeply angers the Jasmine Spirit who plans her revenge in her own crafty and hilarious way. A beautifully illustrated and enormously entertaining story by award-winning Syrian author/illustrator, Nadine Kaadan, that sheds a welcome light onto Syria's long and proud cultural heritage in a period of history marred by war.





**Kaya's Heart Song** Diwa Tharan Sanders

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006376

Kaya is looking for her heart song--the song that happy hearts sing. Her search takes her on a journey deep into the jungle where a broken down carousel waits for a very special song to make it turn again.

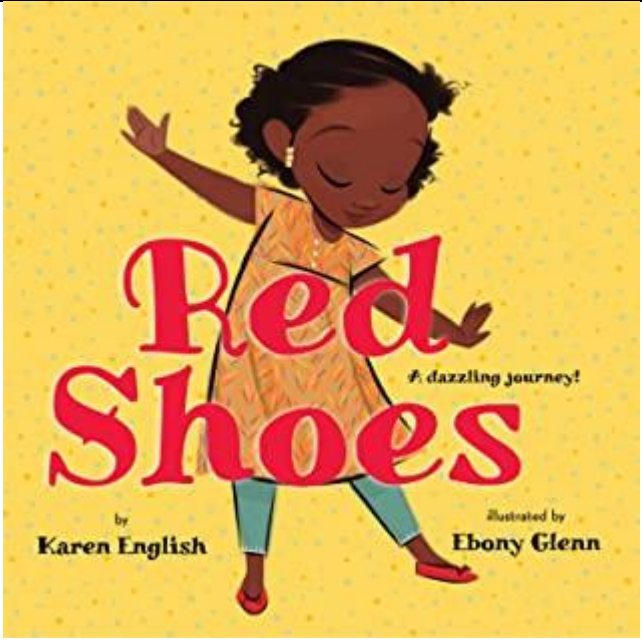


**Birds on Wishbone Street** by Suzanne Del Rizzo

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1005541

Moe's neighbors on Wishbone Street come from all over the world, and she's excited to meet the new boy who just arrived from Syria. Sami isn't quite ready to talk about his past, but he loves birds just as much as Moe does. And who wouldn't have fun in a parkette full of packing snow? When the children discover a female cardinal stunned by the cold, Sami uses his experience taking care of pigeons in Syria to help rescue the bird—an incident that helps Sami to feel more at home.

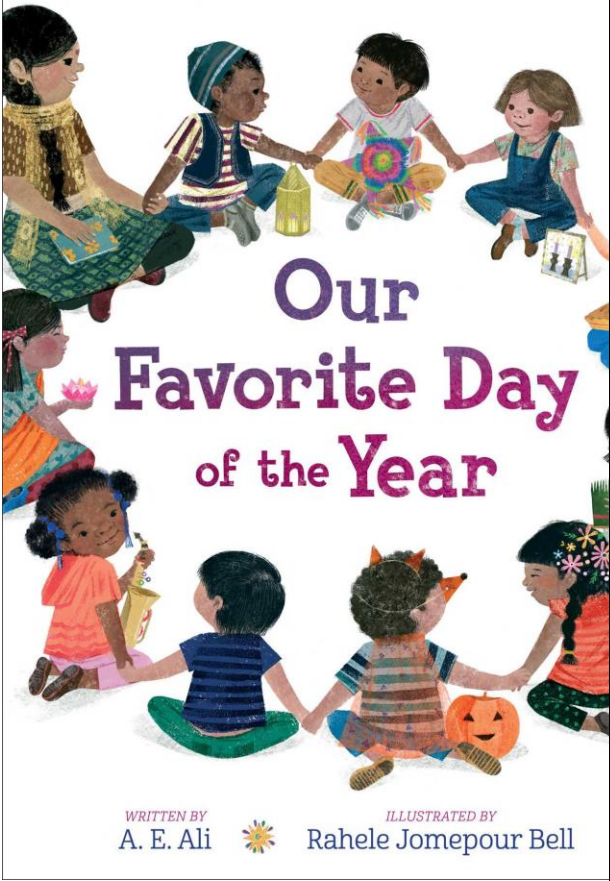


**Red Shoes: A Dazzling Journey!** By Karen English

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1004602

Malika is delighted when Nana surprises her with a beautiful new pair of red shoes! And with a *click-clack-click* and a *swish, swish, swish*, Malika wears her wonderful new shoes everywhere she goes. But one day, the shoes begin to pinch Malika's toes. And alas, they don't let her forget that her feet have grown! Soon Malika and Nana are off to the Rare Finds Resale Shop, where the shoes can be resold -- so another little girl can enjoy them! *Who will be the next to wear the red shoes?* Malika wonders.

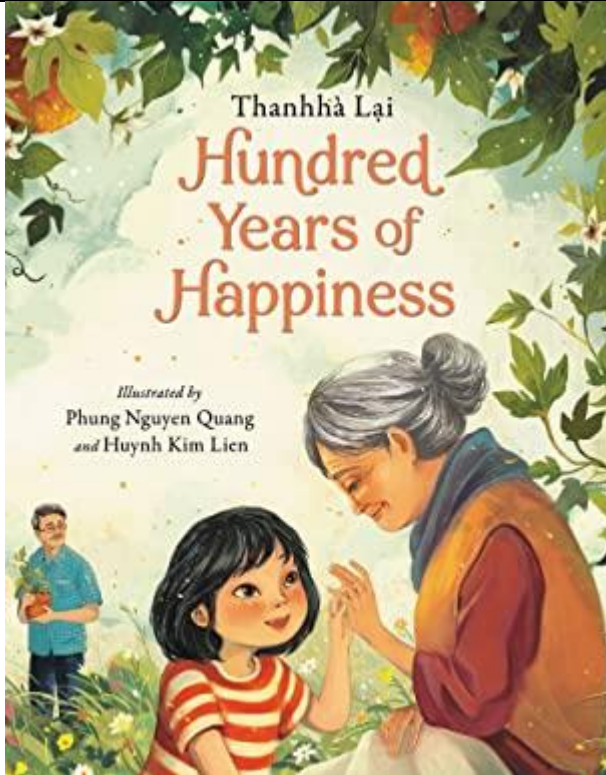


**Our Favorite Day of the Year** by A.E. Ali

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005353

Musa's feeling nervous about his first day of school. He's not used to being away from home and he doesn't know any of the other kids in his class. And when he meets classmates Moisés, Mo, and Kevin, Musa isn't sure they'll have much in common. But over the course of the year, the four boys learn more about each other, the holidays they celebrate, their favorite foods, and what they like about school. The more they share with each other, the closer they become, until Musa can't imagine any better friends.



**Hundred Years of Happiness** by Thanhha Lai

Grades 2 to 3

NSSBB# 1006365

An's grandmother Bà sometimes gets trapped in her cloudy memories. An and her grandfather, Ông, come up with a plan to bring her back to a happy moment: They grow gấc fruits so they can make xôi gấc, Bà's favorite dish from her wedding in Vietnam many years ago.

An and Ông work together in the garden, nurturing the gấc seeds. They must be patient and wait for the seeds to grow, flower, and turn into fruit. When the xôi gấc is finally ready, An is hopeful that her grandmother will remember her wedding wish with Ông: hundred years of happiness.



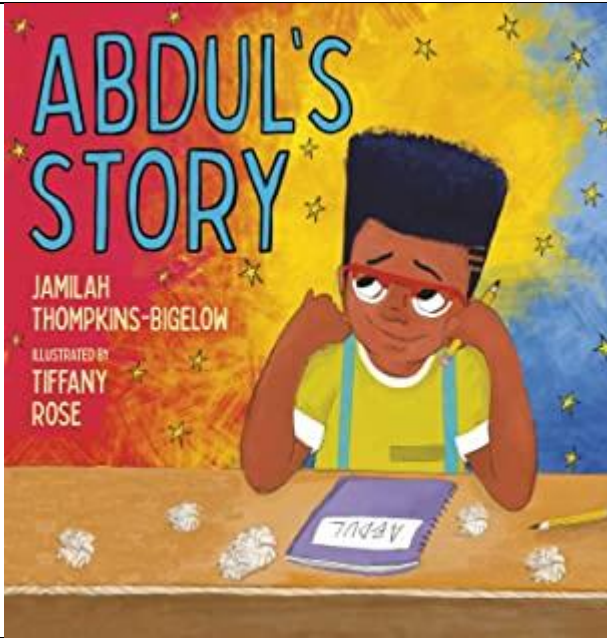
**Wishes** by Muon Thi Van

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 2002522

An arresting, poetic journey and a moving reflection on immigration, family, and home, from an acclaimed creative team.

*Wishes* tells the powerful, honest story about one Vietnamese family's search for a new home on the other side of the world, and the long-lasting and powerful impact that makes on the littlest member of the family. Inspired by actual events in the author's life, this is a narrative that is both timely and timeless. Told through the eyes of a young girl, the story chronicles a family's difficult and powerful journey to pack up what they can carry and to leave their world behind, traveling to a new and unknown place in a crowded boat.



**Abdul's Story** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006204

Abdul loves to tell stories. But writing them down is hard. His letters refuse to stay straight and face the right way. And despite all his attempts, his papers often wind up with more eraser smudges than actual words. Abdul decides his stories just aren't meant to be written down...until a special visitor comes to class and shows Abdul that even the best writers—and superheroes—make mistakes.

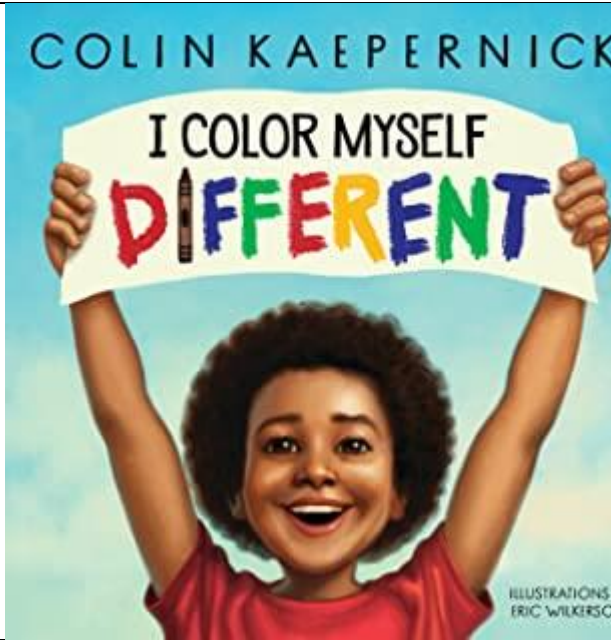


**A Sweet New Year for Ren** by Michelle Sterling

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006555

Little Ren looks forward to the preparation for and festivities of Lunar New Year, but she is always too little to help make the delicious pineapple cakes that are her favorite. She watches family members rolling out the dough and loves the mouth-watering smell. Watching and waiting, when will Ren be old enough?



**I Color Myself Different** by Colin Kaepernick

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1006208

When Colin Kaepernick was five years old, he was given a simple school assignment: draw a picture of yourself and your family. What young Colin does next with his brown crayon changes his whole world and worldview, providing a valuable lesson on embracing and celebrating his Black identity through the power of radical self-love and knowing your inherent worth.

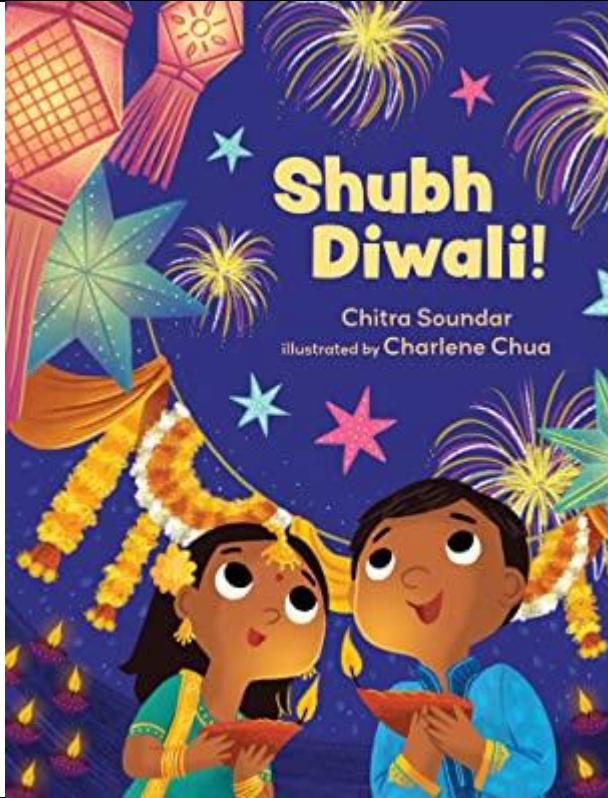


**When the Rain Comes** by Alma Fullerton

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1006368

It is time to plant the rice crop in Malini's Sri Lankan community, and the little girl is both excited and nervous to help for the first time. What if she does it wrong? Will she be responsible if the crop fails? When the oxcart rumbles in loaded with seedlings, she reluctantly agrees to watch the big, imposing animal while the driver takes a break. Suddenly, the skies go dark with monsoon rain. A flash flood pours down the road, separating Malini from the driver and her family. They are shouting for her to run for higher ground, but what about the rice? Summoning up courage she never dreamed she possessed, Malini resolves to save ox, cart, and seedlings, no matter what it takes.



**Shubh Diwali!** by Chitra Soundar

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1006367

Diwali has arrived! Rangoli art decorates the floor and strings of flowers hang around the doors. Now it's time to ring the bells, light the lamps, and welcome the new year with family and friends.



**Is it Rosh Hashanah Yet?** by Chris Barash

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1006366

As summer ends and fall settles in, a family prepares to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. It's time to pick apples, make cards, light the candles, and eat brisket to ring in the new year!



**Kunoichi Bunny** by Sara Cassidy

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1006184

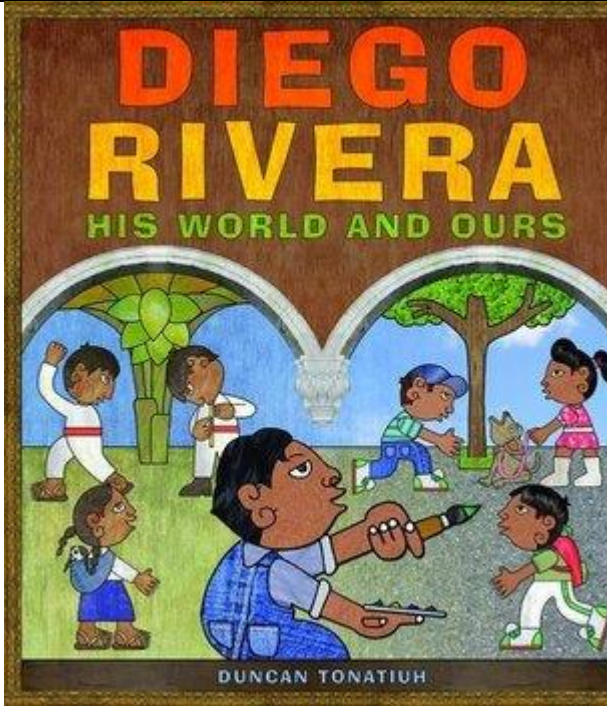
On their way, Saya stealthily stops a fight by flinging her floppy four-legged ninja-bunny between two snarling cats. Later, on the bus, Saya throws Kunoichi under the wheels of a child's stroller, halting its dangerous roll toward the stairs. Dad doesn't notice as Saya uses Kunoichi to save the day time and time again on their outing and on the bus home, proving small actions can have a great impact.



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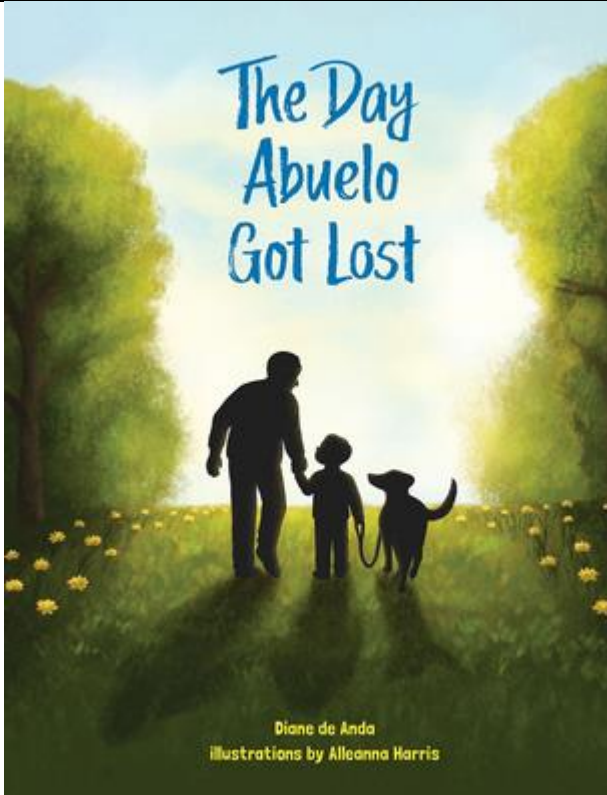
**Diego Rivera: His World and Ours** by Duncan Tonatiuh

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1005551

This charming book introduces one of the most popular artists of the twentieth century, Diego Rivera, to young readers. It tells the story of Diego as a young, mischievous boy who demonstrated a clear passion for art and then went on to become one of the most famous painters in the world.

Duncan Tonatiuh also prompts readers to think about what Diego would paint today.



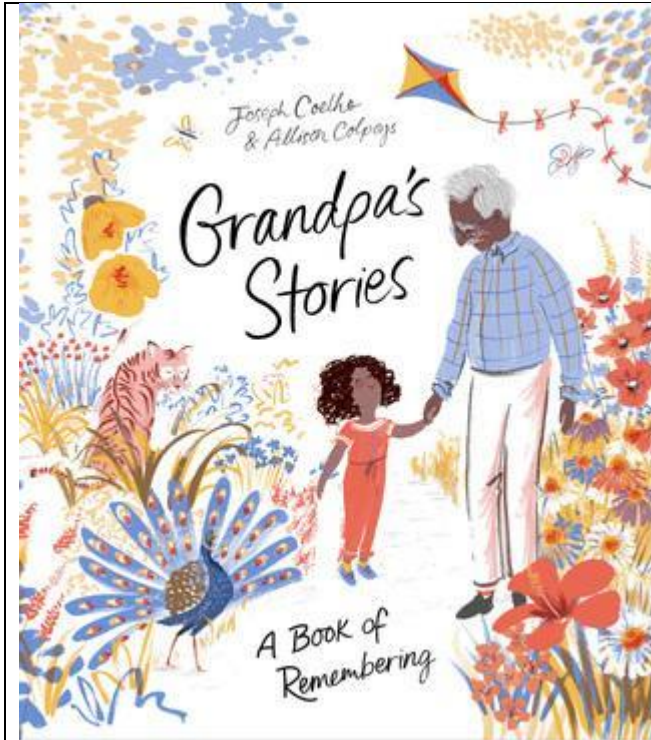
**The Day Abuelo Got Lost: Memory Loss of a Loved Grandfather** by Diane De Anda

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005956

A touching story about a boy and his grandfather who enjoy a special relationship—until Abuelo starts to lose his memory. Instead of building model planes and cooking together, Luis and his father have to search the neighborhood for Abuelo, and Luis and Abuelo have to find new activities to enjoy together.



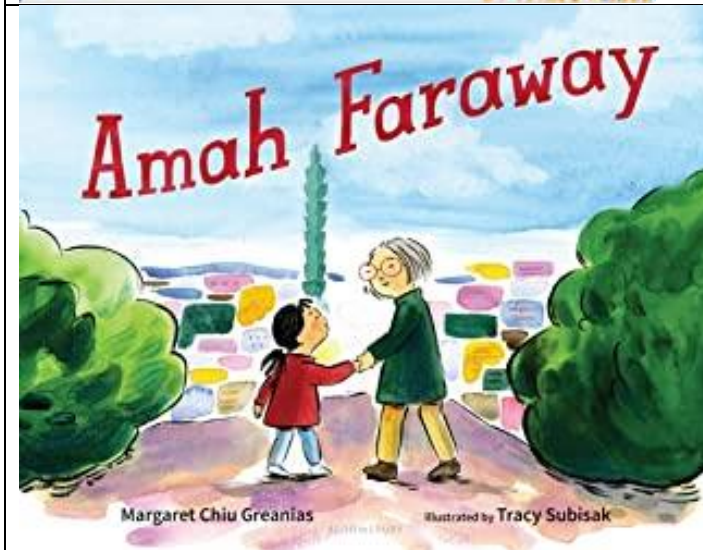


**Grandpa's Stories** by Joseph Coelho

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1005957

One young girl reflects on a year with her beloved grandpa. She remembers the fields and parks they explored in the springtime and the old toys they fixed up in the summer. She remembers the handmade gifts they exchanged in the fall and the stories Grandpa told by the fire each winter. But this year, the girl must say good-bye to Grandpa. In the face of her grief, she is determined to find a way to honor him. She decides to record her Grandpa stories in the notebook he made for her and carry Grandpa with her as she grows. An honest and relatable depiction of loss, *Grandpa's Stories* celebrates life and the ways in which love lives on.



**Amah Faraway** by Margaret Chiu Greanias

Grades 1 to 3 - NSSBB# 1005982

Kylie is nervous about visiting her grandmother-her Amah-who lives SO FAR AWAY. When she and Mama finally go to Taipei, Kylie is shy with Amah. Even though they have spent time together in video chats, those aren't the same as real life. And in Taiwan, Kylie is at first uncomfortable with the less-familiar language, customs, culture, and food. However, after she is invited by Amah-Lái kàn kàn! Come see!-to play and splash in the hot springs (which aren't that different from the pools at home), Kylie begins to see this place through her grandmother's eyes and sees a new side of the things that used to scare her. Soon, Kylie is leading her Amah-Come see! Lái kàn kàn!-back through all her favorite parts of this place and having SO MUCH FUN! And when it is time to go home, the video chats will be extra special until they can visit faraway again.



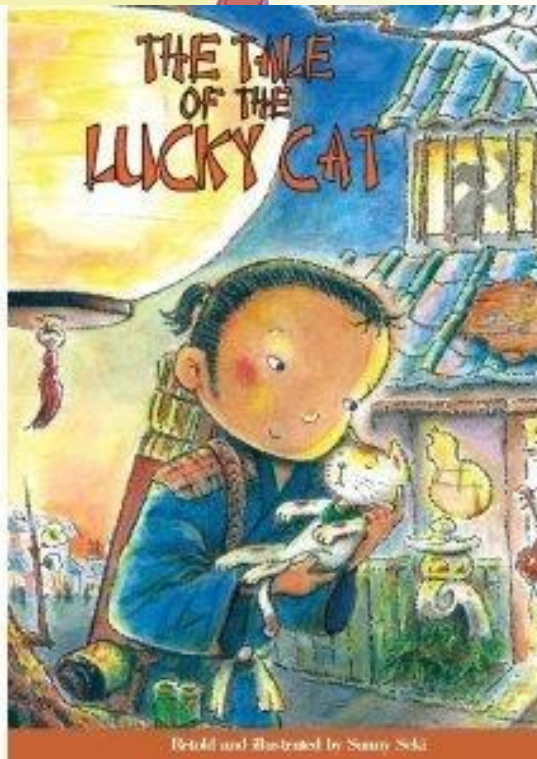
**The Secret of the Jade Bangle** by Linda Trinh

Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1006363 (hardcover)

NSSBB# 1006364 (paperback)

In Book 1, organized and introspective nine-year-old Anne Nguyen misses her Grandma Nội, a lot. But even though Grandma Nội passed away, it doesn't mean she's disappeared. When Anne and her younger siblings are given gifts passed on to them by Grandma, Anne discovers hers—a jade bangle—has a secret power. One that might just give her the strength to stand up to her ballet teacher, who treats her differently than her white classmates, embrace her Vietnamese identity through cooking Grandma's recipes, and realize that her ancestors are always with her.



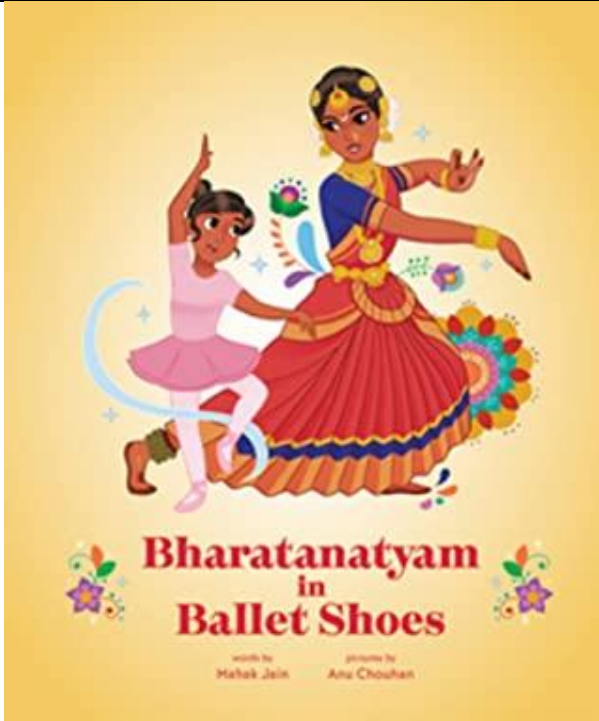
**The Tale of the Lucky Cat** by Sunny Seki

Also available in English and Spanish (NSSBB# 1006497)

**The Tale of the Lucky Cat/Cuento del gato de la suerte** by Sunny Seki (NSSBB# 1006496)

Grades 1 to 3

This retelling of the most famous Japanese folktale captures positive values, love and kindness. A toymaker who cares for an injured cat ends up having his own life saved and is repaid with good fortune. This classic story reminds us that doing a good deed may offer its own rewards. The Japanese Lucky Cat also known as Maneki Neko has become a very popular symbol of good luck and prosperity. Maneki Neko can be found all over Japan, especially in the entrances of shops, restaurants and homes. A raised right paw is believed to bring fortune, while a raised left paw brings happiness and good luck.

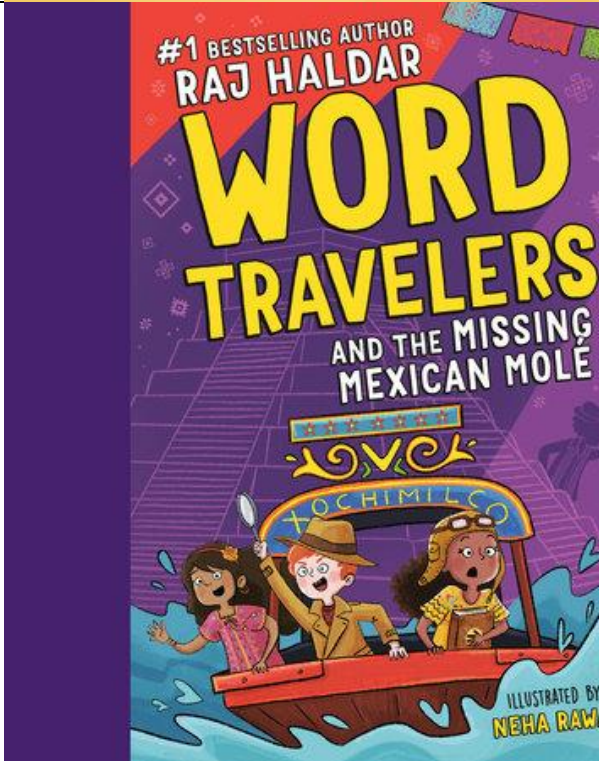


**Bharatanatyam in Ballet Shoes** by Mahak Jain

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006354

A girl explores her love of dancing and her cultural identity in a lively picture book with echoes of the real-life collaboration between Bharatanatyam icon Rukmini Devi Arundale and ballerina Anna Pavlova.

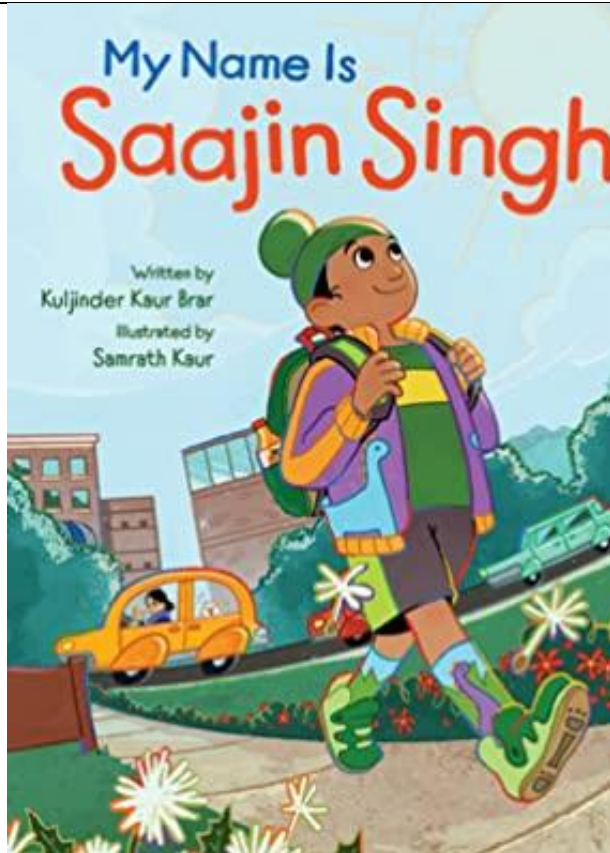


**Word Travellers and the Missing Mexican Mole** by Raj Haldar

Grades 3 to 4 - NSSBB# 1005986

Eddie and Molly-Jean are whisked away to Mexico and find themselves in the middle of the Día de Muertos celebrations. There they learn all about the beautiful festivities—and that a secret mole recipe has been stolen! They must use their word skills to solve the mystery.

This new series will follow the two best friends as they discover the hidden stories behind common words. Using their Awesome Enchanted Book and a healthy dose of imagination, the daring duo transport themselves to exotic locales, always encountering new adventures and learning how different cultures have contributed to the English language along the way.

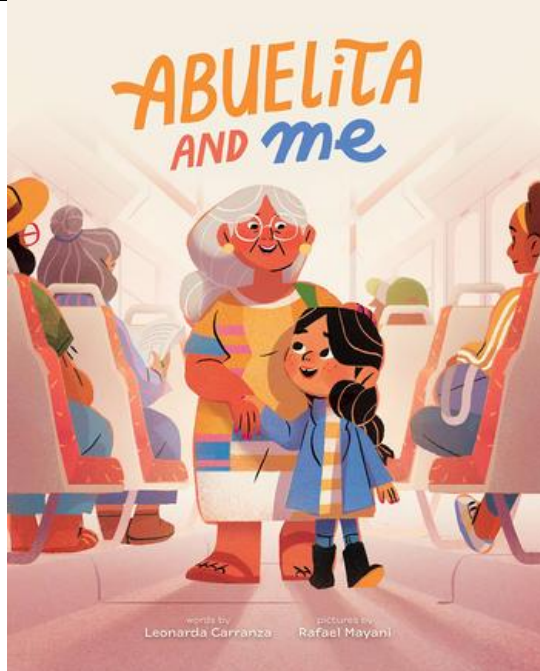


**My Name Is Saajin Singh** by Kuljinder Brar

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006195

Saajin loves his name—he loves it so much that he sees it spelled out in the world around him in his snacks, in the sky and sometimes he even sings it aloud. On his first day of school, Saajin is excited to meet his new classmates, but things take a turn when the teacher mispronounces his name as Say-jin and he is not sure how—or if he should—correct her. After trying to live with the different version of his name for a while and some thoughtful conversations with his family about the meaning behind it, Saajin realizes the importance of reclaiming his name and embracing his identity. This empowering story, accompanied by energetic and vibrant art by Samrath Kaur, will resonate with any reader who has ever felt misunderstood.

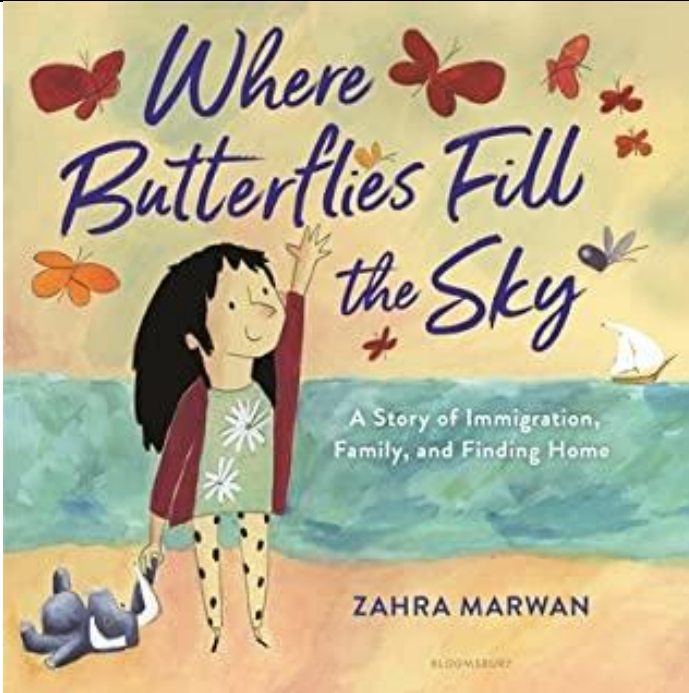


**Abuelita and Me** by Leonarda Carranza

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 100619

Spending time at home with Abuelita means pancakes, puddle-jumping, and nail-painting. But venturing out into the city is not always as fun. On the bus and at the grocery store, people are impatient and suspicious—sometimes they even yell. Sad, angry, and scared, the story’s young narrator decides not to leave home again...until a moment of empowerment helps her see the strength she and Abuelita share when they face the world together.



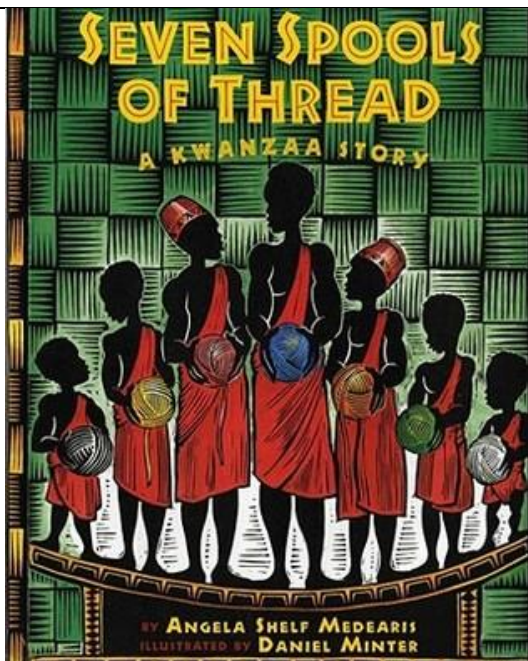
**Where Butterflies Fill the Sky** by Zahra Marwan

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006197

Zahra lives in a beautiful place where the desert reaches all the way to the sea and one hundred butterflies always fill the sky. When Baba and Mama tell her that their family is no longer welcome here and they must leave, Zahra wonders if she will ever feel at home again--and what about the people she will leave behind? But when she and her family arrive in a new desert, she's surprised to find magic all around her. Home might not be as far away as she thought it would be.

With spare, moving text and vivid artwork, Zahra Marwan tells the true story of her and her family's immigration from Kuwait, where they were considered stateless, to New Mexico, where together they made a new home.



**Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story** by Angela Shelf Medearis

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 23713

In an African village live seven brothers who make life miserable with their constant fighting. When their father dies, he leaves an unusual will: by sundown, the brothers must make gold out of seven spools of thread or they will be turned out as beggars.

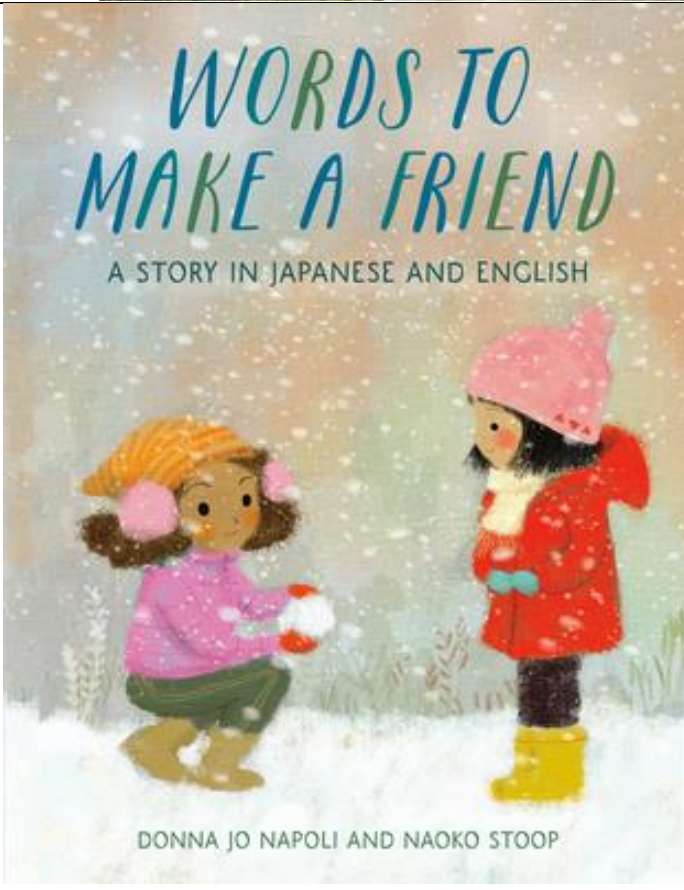


**Two Bicycles in Beijing** by Teresa Robeson

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006196

One, two; yi, er. Side by side, two bicycles, Lunzi and Huangche, come out of the factory. Side by side, they watch the city of Beijing from their shop window. Then a young girl comes in and buys Huangche, rolling him away from Lunzi! With the help of a delivery boy, Lunzi begins an epic race to find her friend that introduces readers to all the sights and sounds of Beijing.



**Words to Make a Friend: A Story in Japanese and English** by Donna Jo Napoli, Naoko Stoop

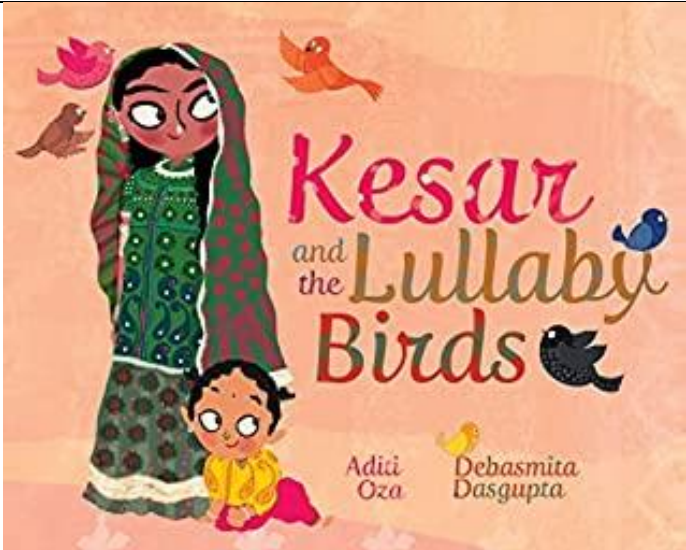

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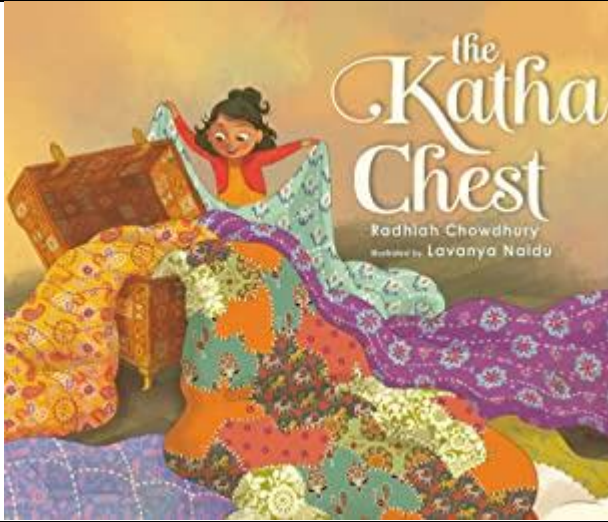
NSSBB# 1005955

When a young Japanese girl moves into her new house, she is happy to see a girl her age playing in the snow just outside her window. The only problem is the Japanese girl doesn't speak English and the American girl doesn't speak Japanese.

How will these two girls have any fun at all? As it turns out, it's not that hard when both girls are looking for a friend! What starts with a simple hello and konnichiwa becomes a day filled with fun in the snow.

Each girl's love of play, snow, and making a new friend transcends the need to speak the same language, and by using simple words in their own languages, along with a bit of charades, the girls find they have all they need to build a snow creature. An important book to show children that speaking the

	<p>same language isn't a prerequisite to making a new friend.</p> <p><b>Kesar and the Lullaby Birds</b> by Aditi Oza and Debasmita Dasgupta</p> <p>Grades primary to 1</p> <p>NSSBB# 1006210</p> <p>Kesar's baby sister Kamal will not sleep. Their entire village in the Great Rann of Kutch is kept awake by the infant's cries and her parents are exhausted. When Kesar and Kamal's <i>ba</i> comes to visit, her stories give Kesar a wonderful idea. Perhaps what Kesar needs to put her baby sister to sleep is a little bit of desert magic!</p> <p>A vibrant celebration of traditional artisans from India, this picture book is a sweet sibling bedtime story at heart, featuring a big sister who figures out how to care for her baby sister with some help from her grandmother's lovingly made gifts.</p>
	<p><b>Leila in Saffron</b> by Rukhsanna Guidroz</p> <p>Grades primary to 3</p> <p>NSSBB# 1006211</p> <p>A colorful journey of self-discovery and identity, this sweet, vibrant picture book follows young Leila as she visits her grandmother's house for their weekly family dinner, and finds parts of herself and her heritage in the family, friends, and art around her.</p>

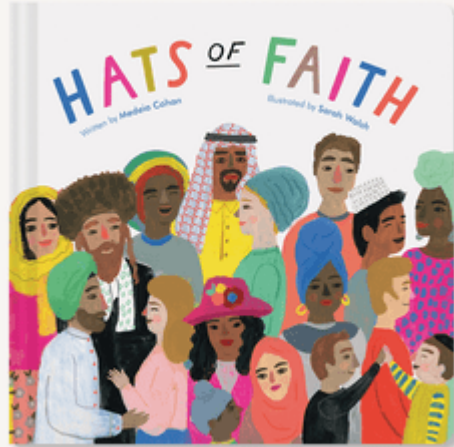


**The Katha Chest** by Radhiah Chowdhury

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006216

Asiya loves to visit Nanu's house where she can rummage through Nanu's katha chest filled with quilts. There are stories in each of the quilts that her Nanu has collected through the years, all about the bold and brave women in Asiya's family. Among all of the games and exciting things at Nanu's house, Asiya thinks these hidden histories are the grandest treasure.



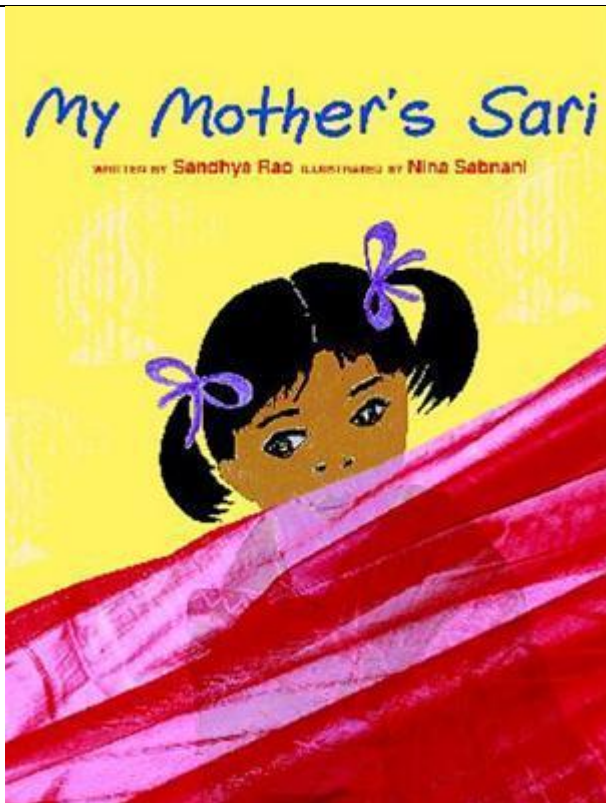
**Hats of Faith** by Medeia Cohan

Grades primary

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*Hats of Faith* is a simple and striking introduction to the shared custom of religious head coverings. With bright images and a carefully researched interfaith text, this thoughtful book inspires understanding and celebrates our culturally diverse modern world.



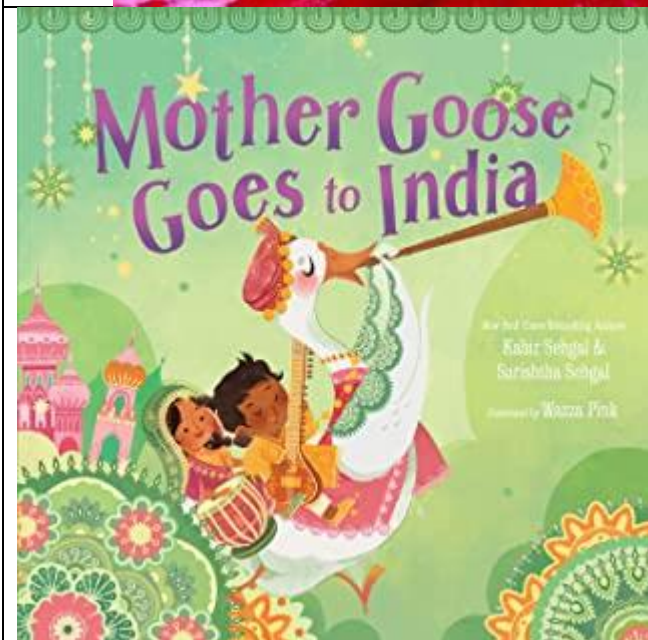


**My Mother's Sari** by Sandhya Rao

Grade primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006557

A little girl sees her mother's sari as "long like a train" and that it "fills the air with color when I dance and sing." A blue sari is a "river"; a patterned one is a place to hide with her friends. Best of all, the youngster wraps herself in the vivid cloth because she loves how it makes her dream. The endpapers demonstrate how to wrap the garment.

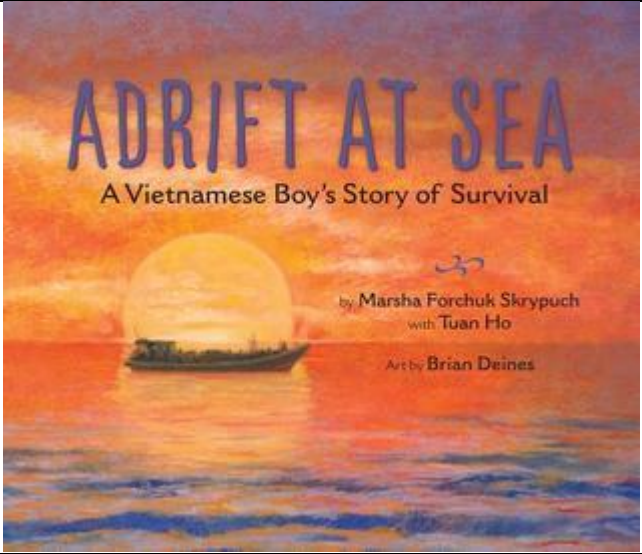


**Mother Goose Goes to India** by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005995

Mother Goose takes a trip to India in this unique collection of nursery rhymes with a distinctly Indian flair. This little *soor* (pig) goes to the bazaar. Little Miss Muffet eats *dahi* (yogurt) until a *makadee* (spider) scares her away. Little Jack Horner eats Diwali sweets. Rhymes and characters that are familiar to young readers bring to life the beauty, wonder, and diversity of a vast and vibrant country in a way that is accessible and fun.

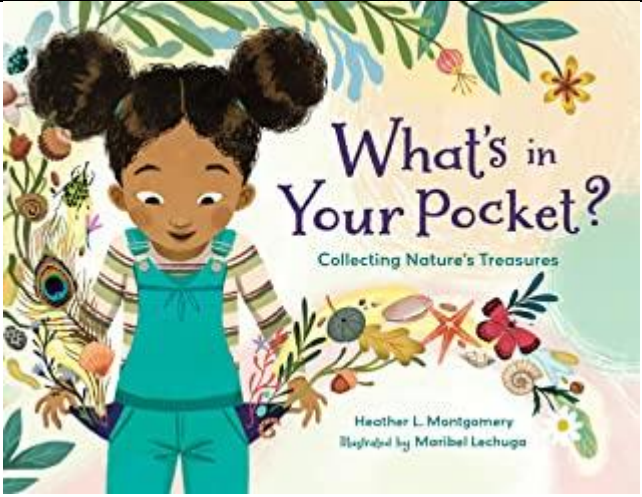


**Adrift at Sea: A Vietnamese Boy's Story of Survival**  
- Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch with Tuan Ho

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1005979

It is 1981. In the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a fishing boat overloaded with 60 Vietnamese refugees drifts. The motor has failed; the hull is leaking; the drinking water is nearly gone. This is the dramatic true story recounted by Tuan Ho, who was six years old when he, his mother, and two sisters dodged the bullets of Vietnam's military police for the perilous chance of boarding that boat.

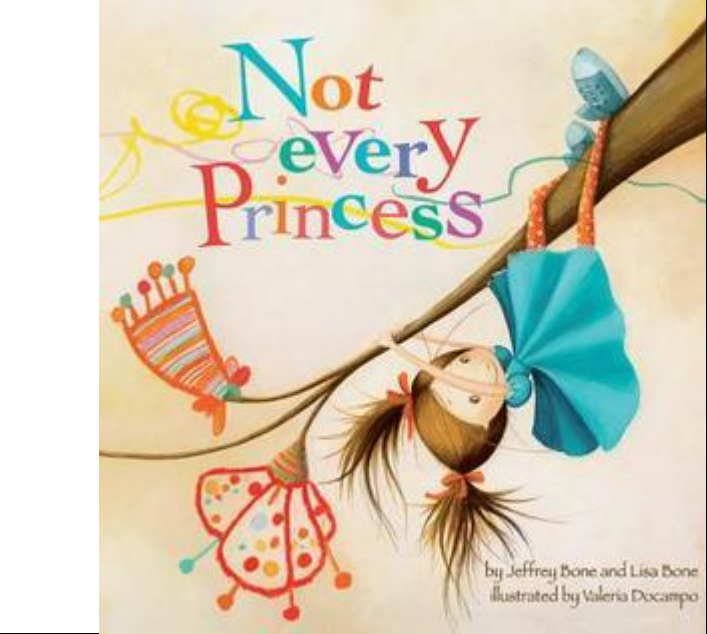


**What's in Your Pocket?: Collecting Nature's Treasures**  
by Heather L. Montgomery

Grades 3 to 4

NSSBB# 1005981

When you find something strange and wonderful, do you put it in your pocket? Meet nine scientists who, as kids, explored the great outdoors and collected treasures: seedpods, fossils, worms, and more. Observing, sorting, and classifying their finds taught these kids scientific skills--and sometimes led to ground-breaking discoveries.

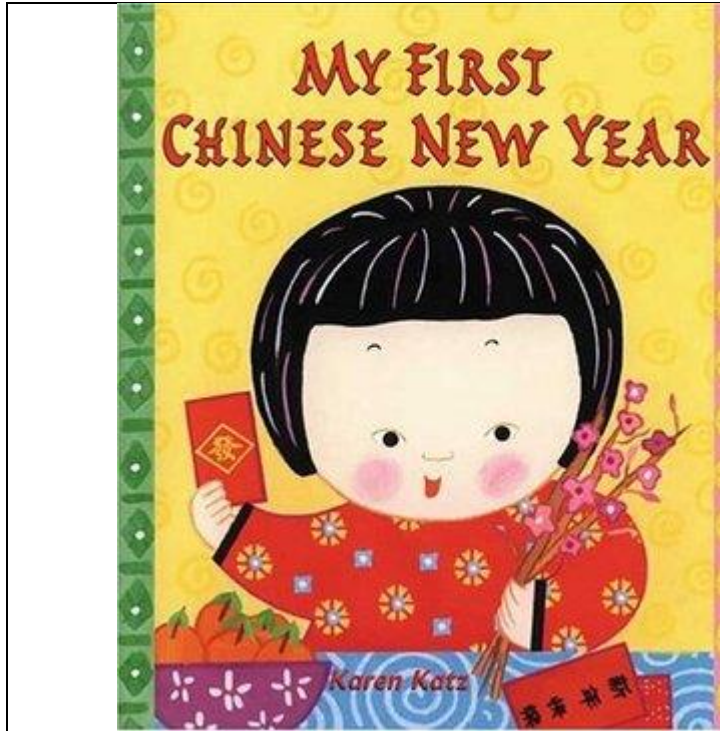


**Not Every Princess** by Lisa Bone and Jeffrey Bone

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005980

*Not Every Princess* takes readers on a poetic journey gently questioning the rigid construction of gender roles and inspiring readers to access their imaginations and challenge societal expectations. It intends to encourage all of those princesses and pirates who did not fall into a life of castles and boats that they too are no less than what they dream to be.



**My First Chinese New Year** by Karen Katz

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006257

Chinese New Year is a time of new beginnings. Follow one little girl as she learns how to welcome the coming year and experience all the festivities surrounding it.



**Mina VS the Monsoon** by Rukhsanna Guidroz

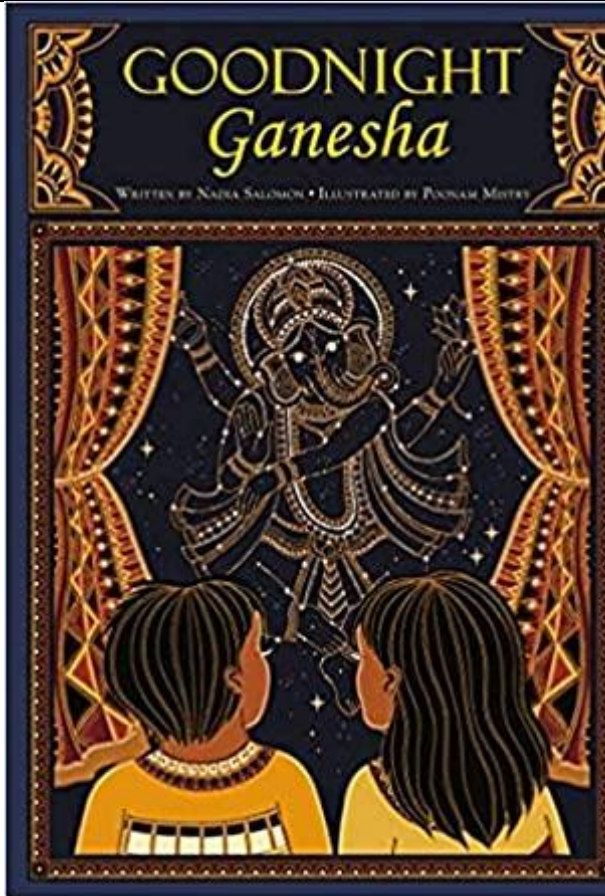
Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006146 (hardcover)

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Mina loves to play soccer all year round. Nothing comes close to it. But when the monsoon arrives, Mina is stuck indoors and she can't help feeling restless and bored. Her *ammi* doesn't understand. The *doodhwalla* doesn't understand. That's when Mina decides she'll find ways of chasing away the clouds herself. In doing so, she makes an unexpected discovery. Soccer will never be the same again for Mina!

In a charming story that any kid who loves a sport will relate to, soccer-mad Mina tries just about any trick to stop the monsoon clouds from raining on her game. In doing so, she shows us glimpses of her life in a village in eastern India, highlighting the important role played by monsoon rains in this part of the world. The heart of the story, however, is the bond forged between a mother and her daughter on a gray, gloomy day.

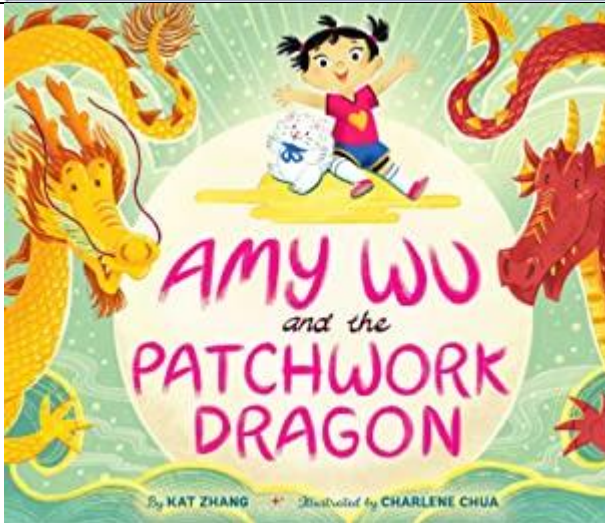


**Goodnight Ganesha** by Nadia Salomon

Grades primary to 2

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As nighttime falls over the city, two children visiting their grandparents in India find there's so much fun to be had! Whether it's listening to epic stories or observing rituals in the puja room, there are many moments that make this time together special.



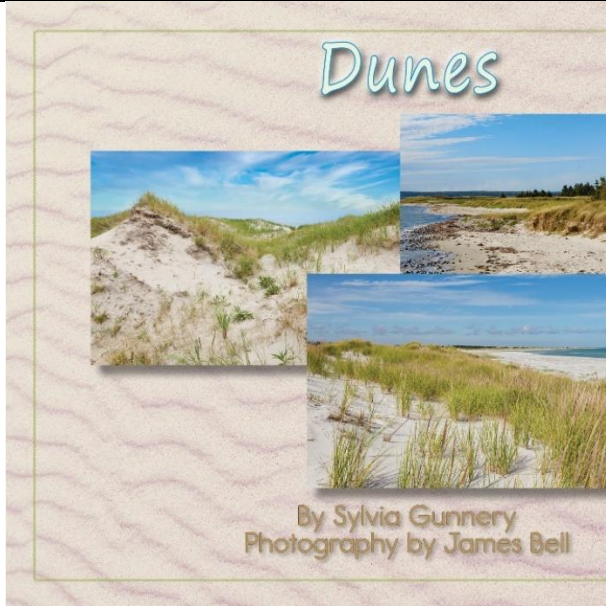
**Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon** by Kat Zhang

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1005964

Amy loves craft time at school. But when her teacher asks everyone to make their own dragon, Amy feels stuck. Her first dragon has a long, wingless body, stag-like horns, and eagle claws, but her friends don't think it's a *real* dragon. Then she makes dragons like theirs, but none of them feels quite right...None of them feels like *hers*.

After school, a story from Grandma sparks new inspiration, and Amy rounds up her family to help her. Together, can they make Amy's perfect dragon?



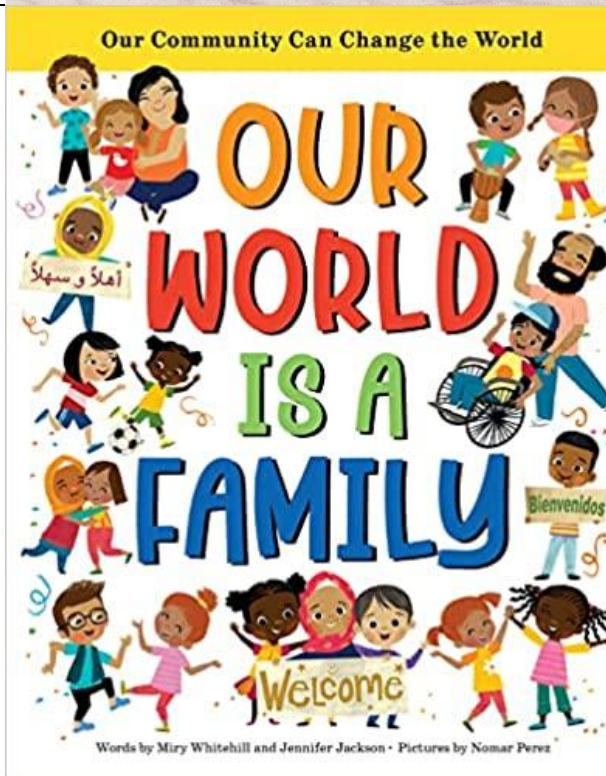
**Little Porcupine Plus Seashore Series** by Sylvia Gunnery:

- **At the Seashore**
- **A Day at the Beach**
- **Seashore Wildlife**
- **Dunes**

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005971

The photographs in these books were taken, and the books themselves written and published, in Nova Scotia.



**Our World is a Family** by Miry Whitehill

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005970

Our World is a Family is a picture book exploring the complicated topic of human migration in a gentle, loving, and affirming way. It lightly touches on the reason people might leave their homes, like climate change or lack of safety, and inspires children to welcome their new neighbors into their communities with love.

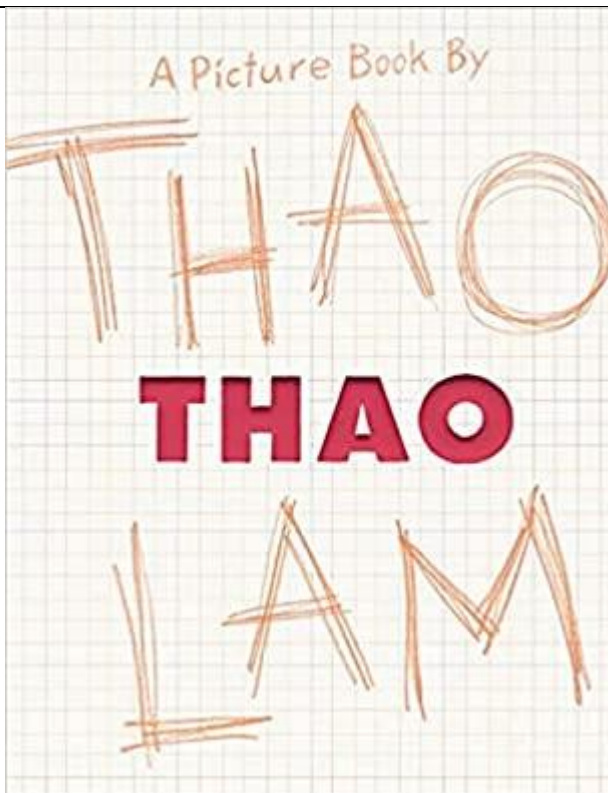


**Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin** by Chieri Uegaki

Grades 3 to 4

NSSBB# 1006130

In this beautifully written picture book, Hana Hashimoto has signed up to play her violin at her school's talent show. The trouble is, she's only a beginner, and she's had only three lessons. Her brothers insist she isn't good enough. "It's a talent show, Hana," they tell her. "You'll be a disaster!" Hana remembers how wonderfully her talented grandfather, or Ojii-chan, played his violin when she was visiting him in Japan. So, just like Ojii-chan, Hana practices every day. She is determined to play her best. When Hana's confidence wavers on the night of the show, however, she begins to wonder if her brothers were right. But then Hana surprises everyone once it's her turn to perform --- even herself!



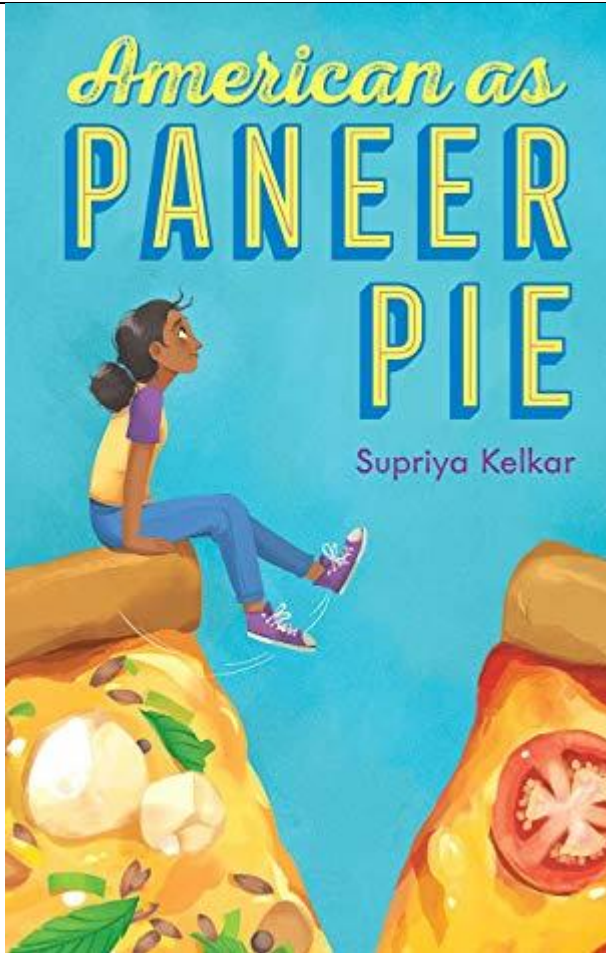
**Thao** by Thao Lam

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006139

Even though it's only four simple, familiar letters long, nobody can ever pronounce Thao's name. She's been called Theo, Tail, even Towel! But the teasing names—Tofu, Tiny, China Girl—are worse. Maybe it's time to be someone else? Thao decides to try on a different name, something easy, like Jennifer.

It works, but only until she opens her lunchbox to find her mother's Vietnamese spring rolls, gỏi cuốn—Thao's favorite! Now, it feels a lot more comfortable to be herself.



**American as Paneer Pie** by Supriya Kelkar

Grades 5 to 7

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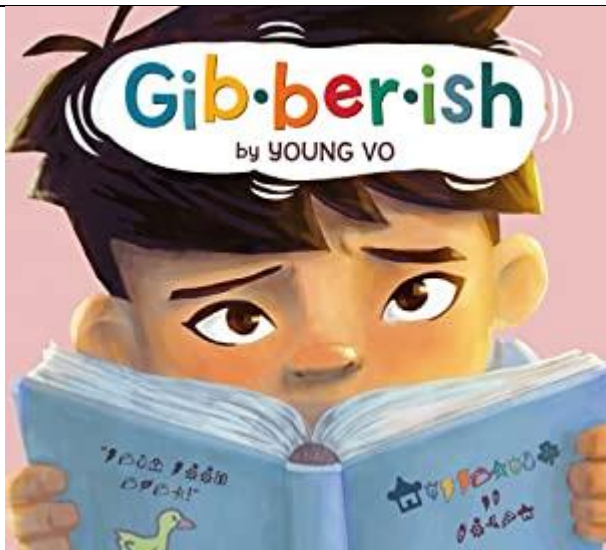
As the only Indian American kid in her small town, Lekha Divekar feels like she has two versions of herself: Home Lekha, who loves watching Bollywood movies and eating Indian food, and School Lekha, who pins her hair over her bindi birthmark and avoids confrontation at all costs, especially when someone teases her for being Indian.

When a girl Lekha's age moves in across the street, Lekha is excited to hear that her name is Avantika and she's Desi, too! Finally, there will be someone else around who *gets* it. But as soon as Avantika speaks, Lekha realizes she has an accent. She's new to this country, and not at all like Lekha.

To Lekha's surprise, Avantika does not feel the same way as Lekha about having two separate lives or about the bullying at school. Avantika doesn't take the bullying quietly. And she proudly displays her culture no matter where she is: at home or at school.

When a racist incident rocks Lekha's community, Lekha realizes she must make a choice: continue to remain silent or find her voice before it's too late.





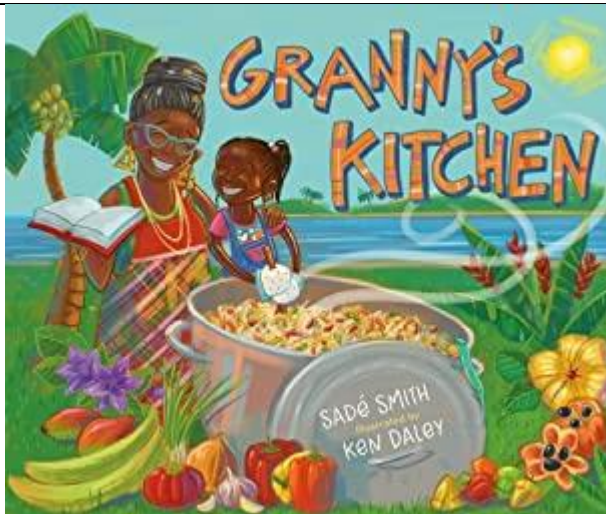
**Gibberish** by Young Vo

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006129

It's Dat's first day of school in a new country! Dat and his Mah made a long journey to get here, and Dat doesn't know the language. To Dat, everything everybody says – from the school bus driver to his new classmates – sounds like gibberish. How is Dat going to make new friends if they can't understand each other?

Luckily there's a friendly girl in Dat's class who knows that there are other ways to communicate, besides just talking. Could she help make sense of the gibberish?



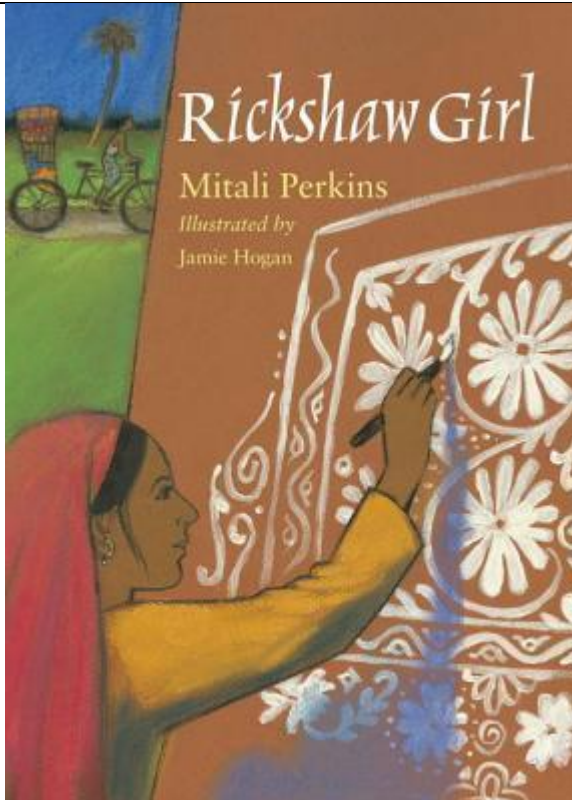
**Granny's Kitchen: A Jamaican Story of Food and Family** by Sade Smith

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005969

Shelly-Ann lives with her Granny on the beautiful island of Jamaica. When Shelly-Ann becomes hungry, she asks her Granny for something to eat. Granny tells her “Gyal, you betta can cook!” and teaches Shelly-Ann how to get in touch with her Jamaican roots through the process of cooking.

As Shelly-Ann tries each recipe, everything goes wrong. But when Granny is too tired to cook one morning, Shelly-Ann will have to find the courage to try one more time and prepare the perfect Jamaican breakfast.



**Rickshaw Girl** by Mitali Perkins

Grades 3 to 5

NSSBB# 1006516

In her Bangladesh village, ten-year-old Naima excels at painting designs called alpanas, but to help her impoverished family financially she would have to be a boy--or disguise herself as one.



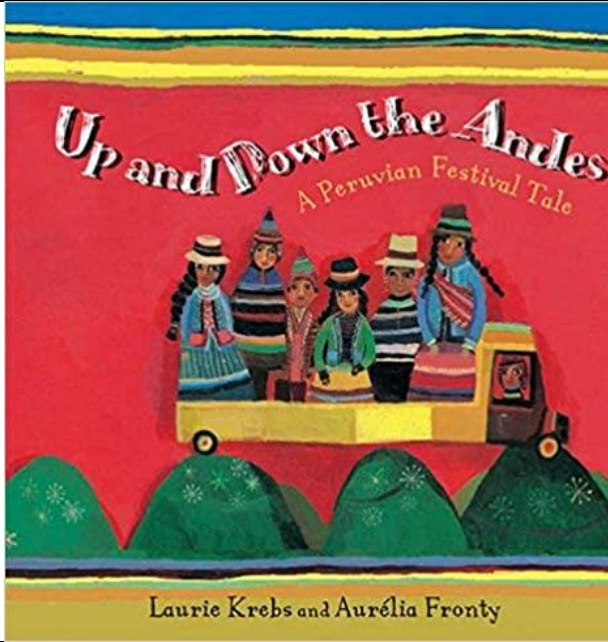
**Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpre Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories** by Annette Bay Pimentel

Grades primary to 5

NSSBB# 1006119

Pura's abuela always has a cuento to share. She crows *¡Qui-qui-ri-quí!* for Señor Gallo, booms *Borom, Borom* for Señor Zapo, and tells of a beautiful cockroach who loves a mouse. Pura clings to these stories like coquíes cling to green leaves.

When Pura grows up and moves from Puerto Rico to Harlem, she gets a job at the library, where she is surrounded by stories—but they're only in English. Where is Señor Gallo? Where is Pérez the mouse? Where is Puerto Rico on these shelves? She decides to tell children the tales of her homeland in English *and* in Spanish.

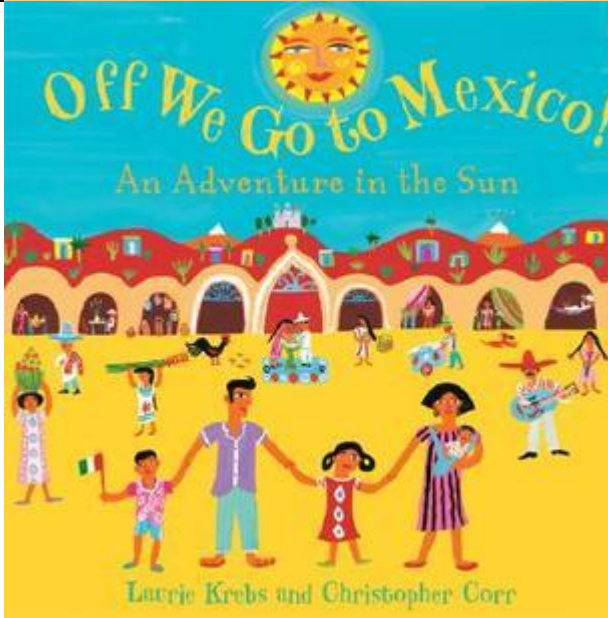


**Up and Down the Andes: A Peruvian Festival Tale**  
by Laurie Krebs

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006121

This rhyming text travels from Lake Titicaca all the way to the city of Cusco for the marvelous Inti Raymi Festival. Young readers will meet children from many areas of southern Peru who are traveling to the festival, each using a different mode of transportation. Includes useful notes on the history and culture of Peru.

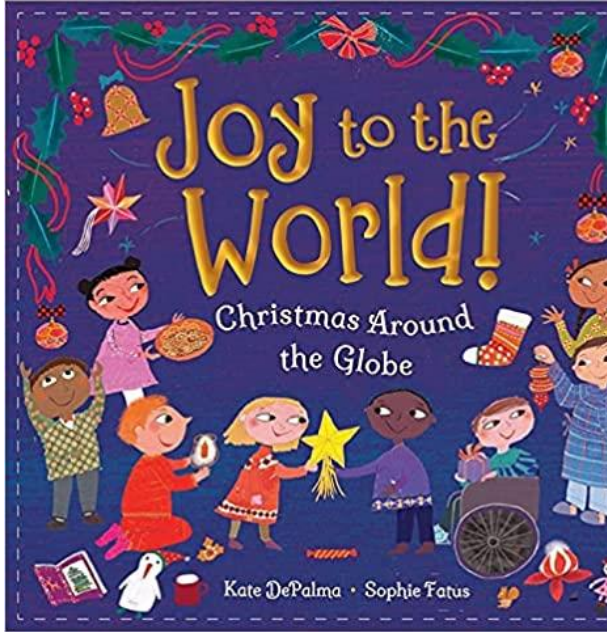


**Off We Go to Mexico: An Adventure in the Sun**  
by Laurie Krebs

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006118

Travel to Mexico and discover its many wonders, from the amazing monarch butterflies in the Highlands to a mariachi show in the village square. The rhyme and lyricism of the text is complemented by educational endnotes about the history of the country, national fiestas, and a glossary of simple Spanish vocabulary.



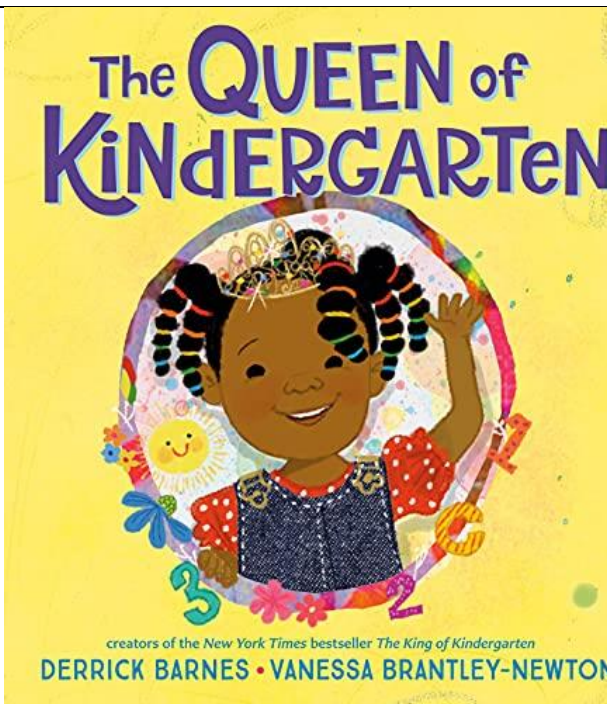
**Joy to the World – Christmas Around the Globe** by  
Kate DePalma and Sophie Fatus

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006107

Explore Christmas traditions from 13 different countries! Rhyming text and detailed illustrations make the book accessible to younger readers, while educational endnotes about the 13 celebrations add interest for older children. Gold ink and festive illustrations capture the joy of the season and make this book a beautiful gift in itself. Engaging and informative for anyone who wants to learn about the holiday.

Features Christmas traditions from: Ethiopia, Colombia, Australia, Italy, Serbia, Mexico, India, Iceland, Egypt, Argentina, Philippines, Lebanon, and Canada.

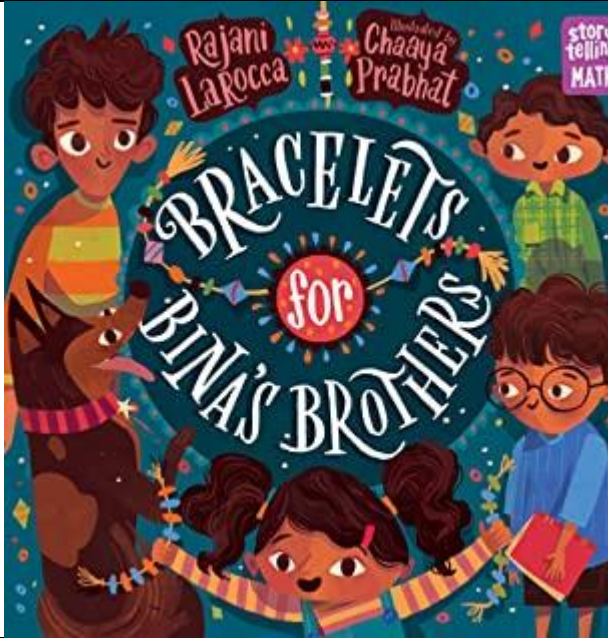


**The Queen of Kindergarten** by Derrick Barnes

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006120

MJ is more than ready for her first day of kindergarten! With her hair freshly braided and her mom's special tiara on her head, she knows she's going to rock kindergarten. But the tiara isn't just for show—it also reminds her of all the good things she brings to the classroom, stuff like her kindness, friendliness, and impressive soccer skills, too!



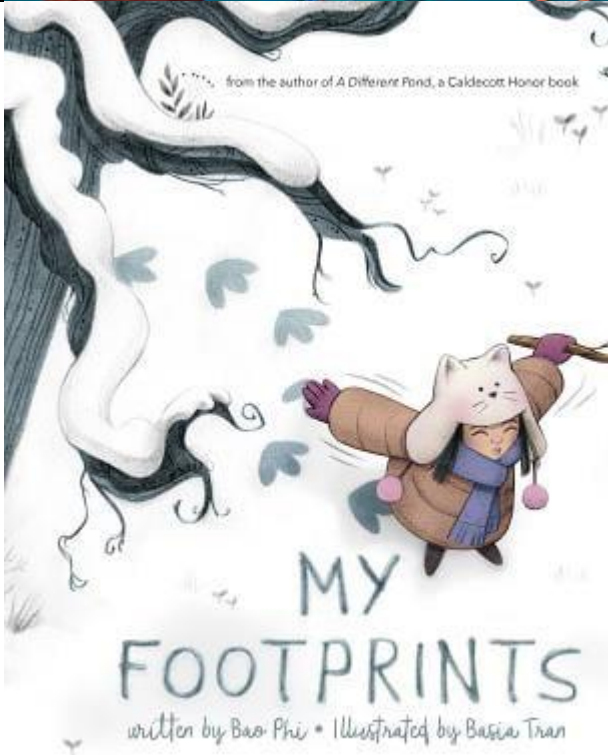
**Bracelets for Bina's Brothers** by Rajani LaRocca

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006068

Bina wants to make bracelets with special patterns for her brothers for the Raksha Bandhan holiday. She wants to do it all by herself, but it's harder than she thought. Will she have to ask Mom for help after all?

A part of the Storytelling Math series, this story involves simple patterns, family gifts, and the love between sisters and brothers.

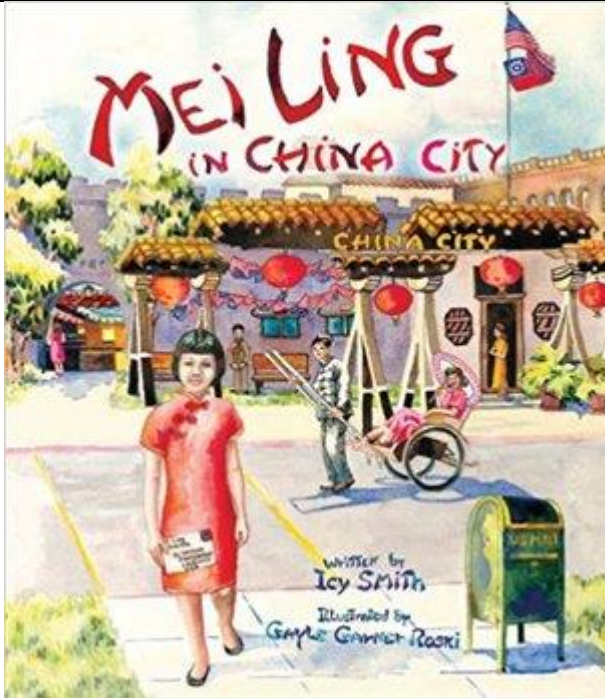


**My Footprints** by Bao Phi

Grades 2 to 3

NSSBB# 1006126

Every child feels different in some way, but Thuy feels "double different." She is Vietnamese American and she has two moms. Thuy walks home one winter afternoon, angry and lonely after a bully's taunts. Then a bird catches her attention and sets Thuy on an imaginary exploration. What if she could fly away like a bird? What if she could sprint like a deer, or roar like a bear? Mimicking the footprints of each creature in the snow, she makes her way home to the arms of her moms. Together, the three of them imagine beautiful and powerful creatures who always have courage - just like Thuy.

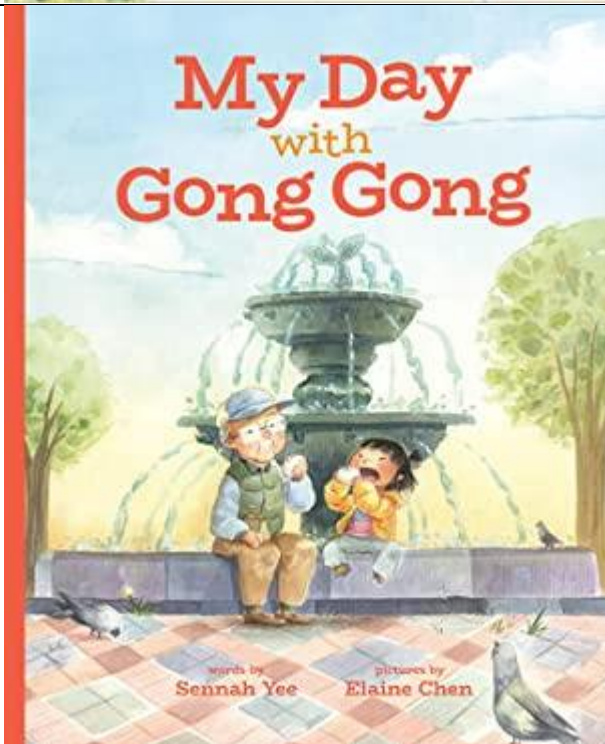


**Mei Ling in China City** by Icy Smith

Grades 3 to 5

NSSBB# 1006514

Based on a true story of events during World War II in China City, a 12-year-old Chinese American girl named Mei Ling Lee was separated from her best friend Yayeko Akiyama when she and her family were interned in the Manzanar War Relocation Center. By writing letters to each other, both young girls recounted their lives and hardships in China City and Manzanar.



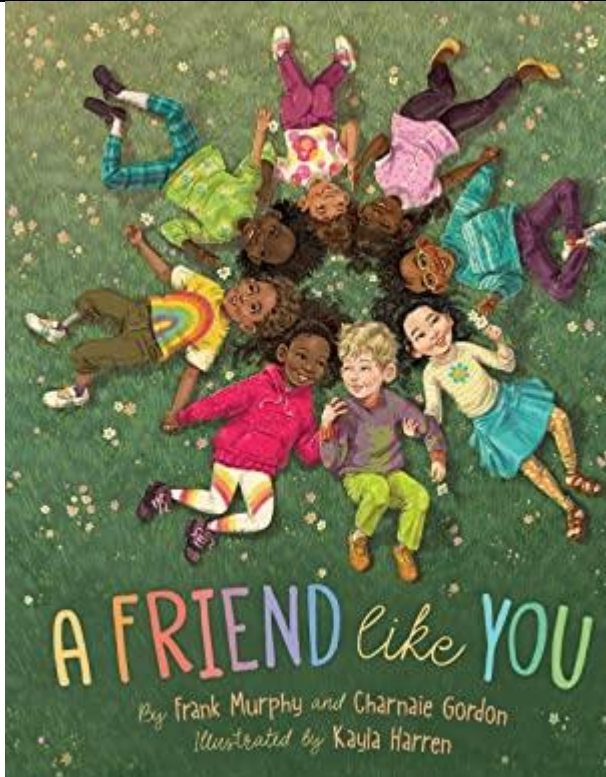
**My Day with Gong Gong** by Sennah Yee

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006072 (hardcover)

1006071 (paperback)

A day in Chinatown takes an unexpected turn when a bored little girl makes a connection with her grandpa. May isn't having fun on her trip through Chinatown with her grandfather. Gong Gong doesn't speak much English, and May can't understand Chinese. She's hungry, and bored with Gong Gong's errands. Plus, it seems like Gong Gong's friends are making fun of her! But just when May can't take any more, Gong Gong surprises her with a gift that reveals he's been paying more attention than she thought. A glossary at the end of the book features translations of the Chinese words from the story into Chinese characters and English.



**A Friend Like You** by Frank Murphy and Charnaie Gordon

Grade 2

NSSBB# 1006140

"There's nothing in the world like a wonderful friend. Friends are there to laugh with you and ready with a hug when you need one. Adventure friends and study friends. There are forever friends and brand new friends. In this book, celebrate ALL the marvelous ways to be a friend!



**The Shape of Home** by Rashin Kheiriyeh

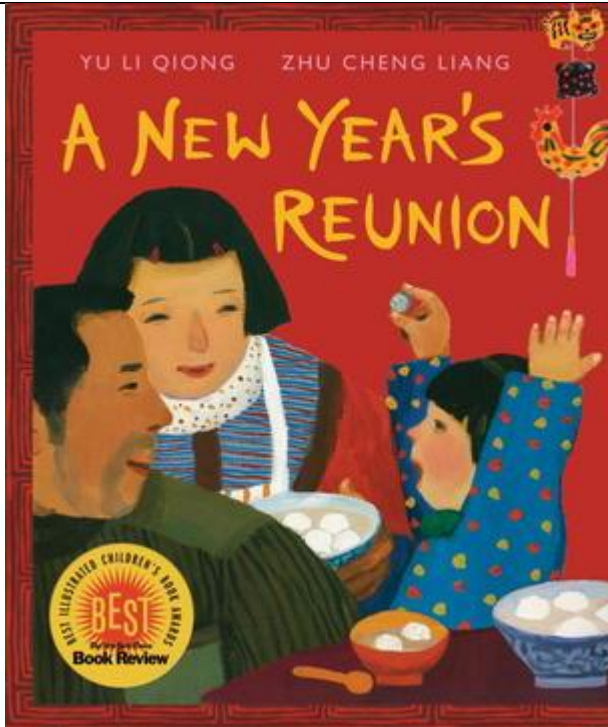
Grade primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006142

It's Rashin's first day of school in America! Everything is a different shape than what she's used to: from the foods on her breakfast plate to the letters in the books! And the kids' families are from all over!

The new teacher asks each child to imagine the shape of home on a map. Rashin knows right away what she'll say: Iran looks like a cat! What will the other kids say? What about the country YOUR family is originally from? Is it shaped like an apple? A boot? A torch?

Open this book to join Rashin in discovering the true things that shape a place called home.

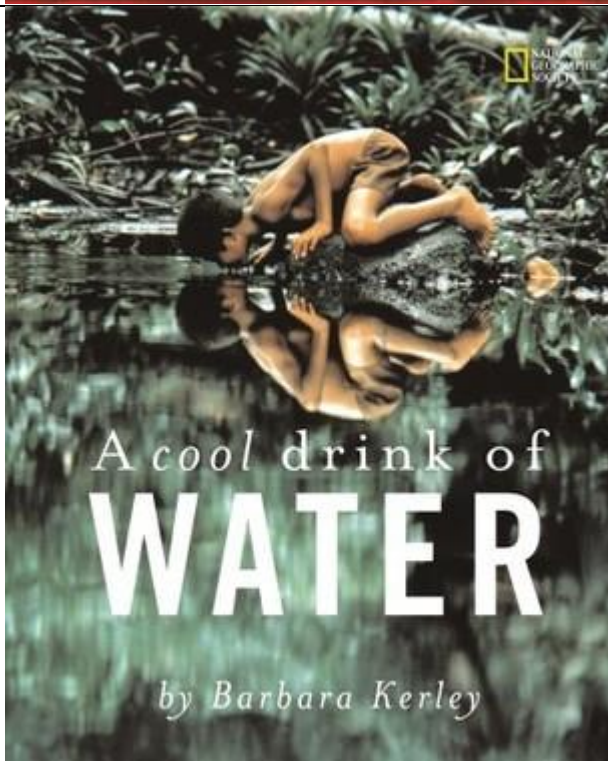


**A New Year's Reunion** by Yu Li-Qiong

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006073 (hardcover)  
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Maomao's father works far away and comes home only at Chinese New Year. When Papa arrives, Maomao hardly recognizes him at first. But before long, the family is making sticky rice balls, hearing the firecrackers, and watching the dragon dance in the street. Maomao loves doing ordinary things with Papa - getting a haircut, fixing things around the house, and sleeping tucked between her parents. But all too soon it is time for Papa to go away again.



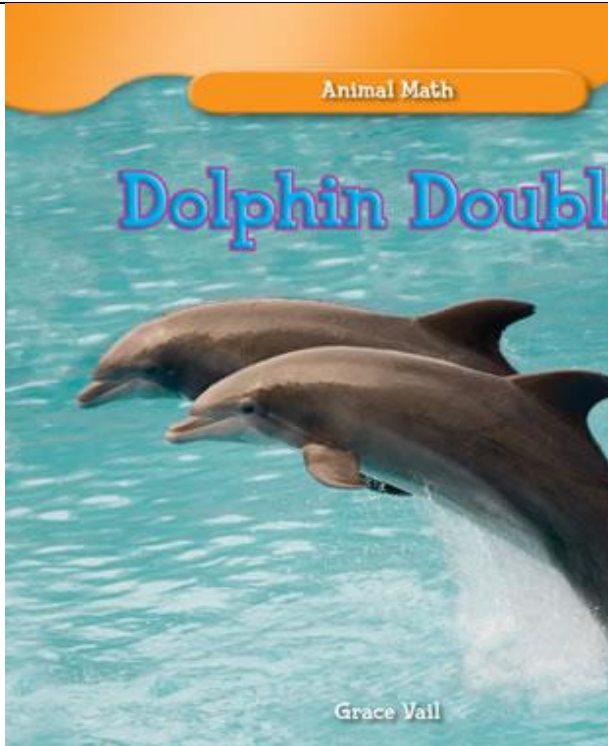
**A Cool Drink of Water** by Barbara Kerley

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006048

An Italian boy sips from a fountain in the town square. A hiker takes a refreshing drink from a mountain stream. Black-robed women in India stride gracefully through a field with brass water jugs balanced on their heads. Whether they squeeze it out of a burlap bag, haul it home from a communal tap, or get it out of their kitchen faucet, people all around the world are unified by their common need for water.





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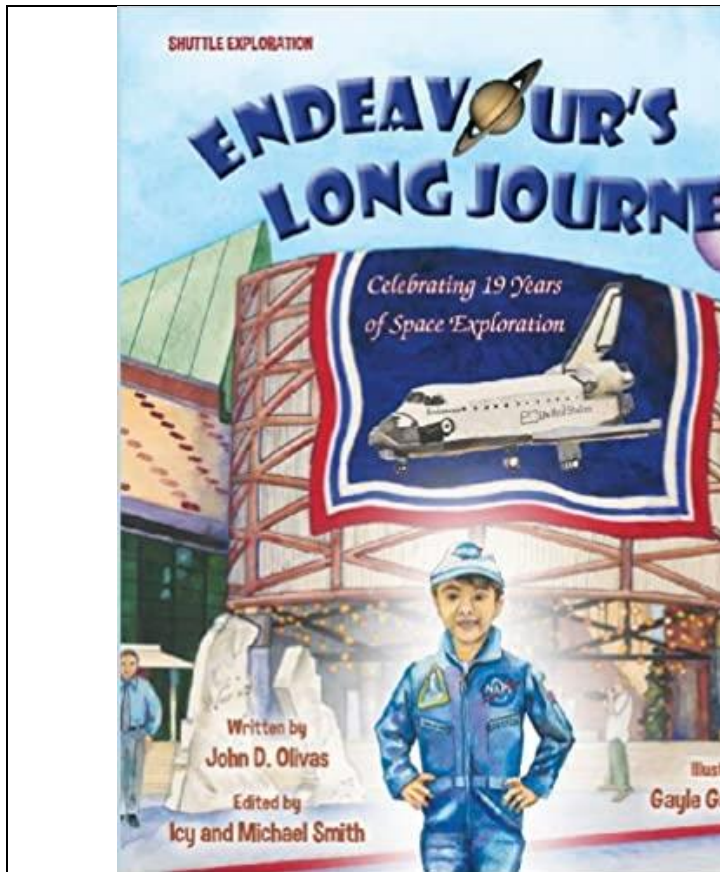
**Home is in Between** by Mitali Perkins

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006070

Shanti misses the warm monsoon rains in India. Now in America, she watches fall leaves fly past her feet. Still, her family's apartment feels like a village: Mama cooking luchi, funny stories in Bangla, and Baba's big laugh. But outside, everything is different – trick-or-treating, ballet class, and English books.

Back and forth, Shanti trudges between her two worlds. She remembers her village and learns her new town. She watches Bollywood movies at home and Hollywood movies with her friends. She is Indian. She is also American. How should she define home?

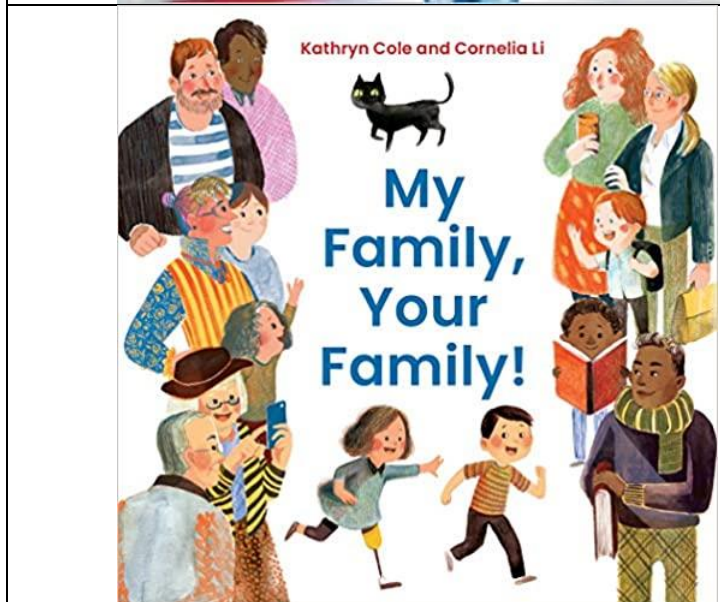


**Endeavour's Long Journey – Celebrating 19 Years of Space Exploration** by John D. Olivas

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1006509

Space shuttle Endeavour brings its fascinating history to life through a journey to space with a young boy Jojo. Exploring space with the shuttle, Jojo learns about Endeavour's extraordinary contribution to space science, and its famous service missions including the Hubble Space Telescope. The book also features stunning NASA photos, fun facts, famous firsts and quizzes to inspire kids in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



**My Family, Your Family!** by Kathryn Cole

Grade primary

NSSBB# 1006320

There is no one size fits all when it comes to families. They can be large or small, blended, or shared, here, or there. The families in this book might have one dad or two moms. They might have grandparents or not. No brothers or sisters, or a lot! Your family or my family, whatever it's like, it's the perfect fit. The only tradition that matters in these families is that they love each other.

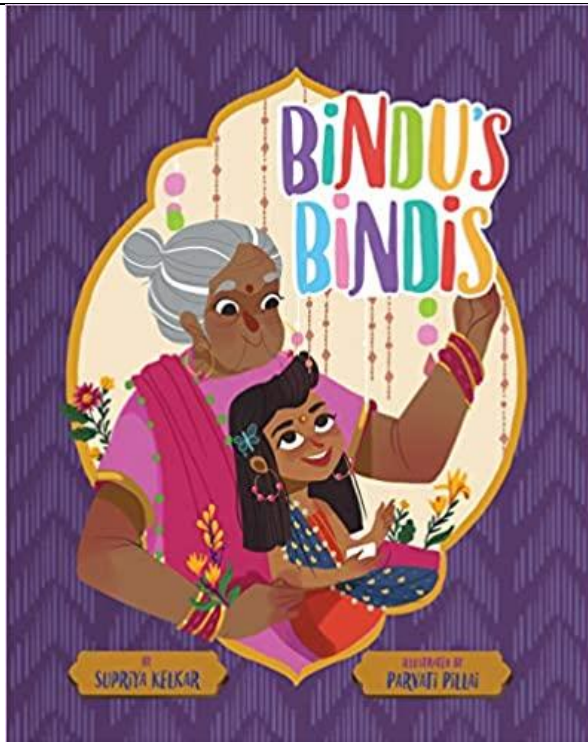


**Room For Everyone** by Naaz Khan

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1006321

The dala dala rumbles and roars as Musa and Dada drive off to the shore—but the bus stops for multiple detours: “Do you need a ride? It’s hotter than peppers out there in the sun! Come in, there’s room for everyone!” One stop becomes two stops which soon becomes ten, and Musa wonders when it will end: “How can any more people get in? We’re already smushed like sardines in a tin!” But there’s always room for one more, if you make the room, which is the heartwarming take-away from this bouncy, joyous tale in rhyme.



**Bindu's Bindis** by Supriya Kelkar

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005921

This charming picture book is about a little girl who loves her bindis (and the many creative shapes they come in!). The bindis are also a connection to her Nani who lives in India. When Nani comes to visit Bindu and brings the bindis to her, it is just in time to wear something new to the school talent show. Bindu and Nani work together to shine their brightest and embrace their sparkle, even when they stand out from the crowd.

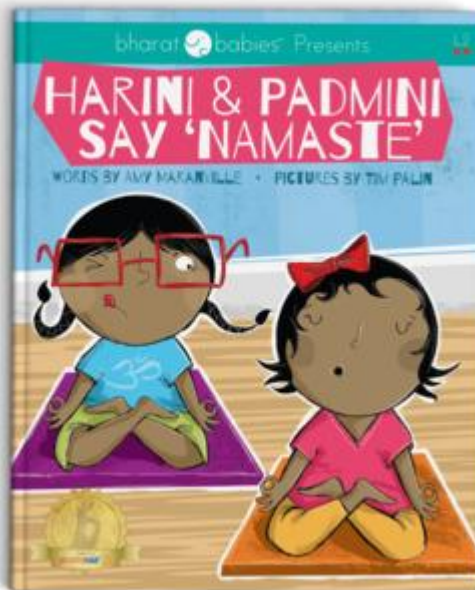


**Find Om** by Rashmi S. Bismark

Grade primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005978

*Finding Om* is an award-winning illustrated children's book that shares the story of Anu, an Indian African girl who explores the mantra Om with her beloved grandfather, Appuppa. Through this story, she begins to uncover techniques of mindfulness that readers can explore along with her.

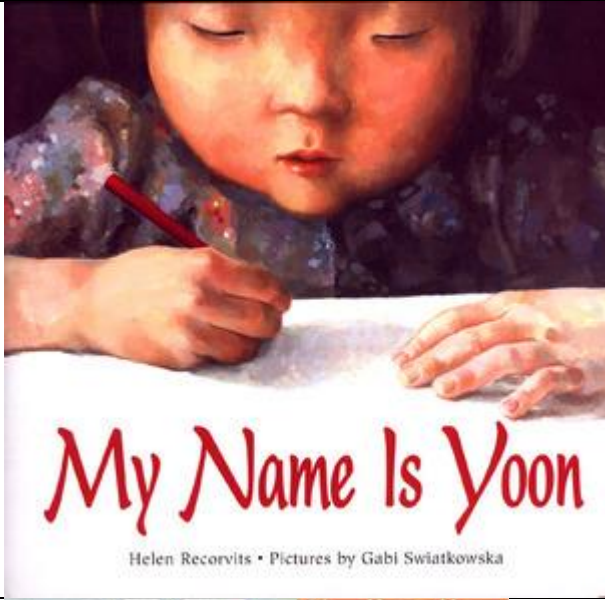


**Harini & Padmini Say Namaste** by Amy Marenville

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1006237

Join Harini and Padmini for yoga! Miss Janani will teach the class about the ancient spiritual history of yoga, along with some asanas (poses). It's Padmini's first yoga class, and she doesn't know most of the poses, but she cannot wait to learn.

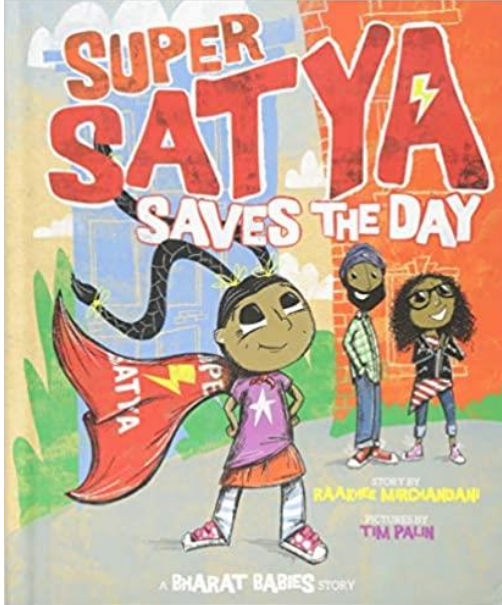


**My Name is Yoon** by Helen Recorvits

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005906

Yoon's name means Shining Wisdom, and when she writes it in Korean, it looks happy, like dancing figures. But her father tells her that she must learn to write it in English. In English, all the lines and circles stand alone, which is just how Yoon feels in the United States. Yoon isn't sure that she wants to be YOON. At her new school, she tries out different names – maybe CAT or BIRD. Maybe CUPCAKE!

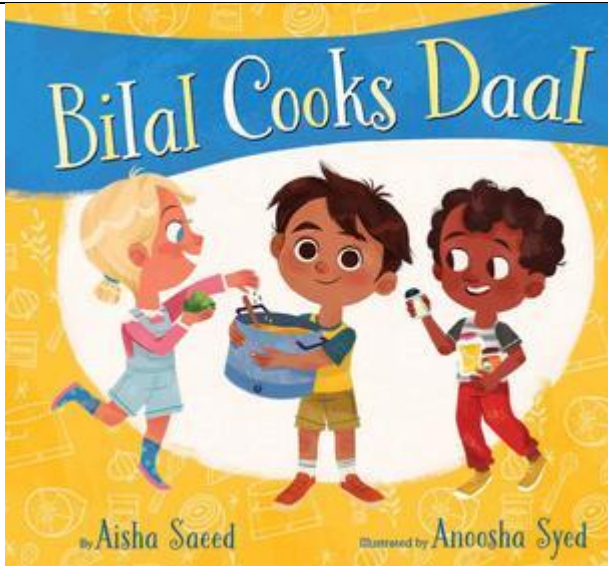


**Super Satya Saves the Day** by Raakhee Mirchandani

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005977

Super Satya is ready to have a super day, including finally conquering the tallest slide in Hoboken. But her day takes a not-so-super turn when she realizes her superhero cape is stuck at the dry cleaner. Will she be able to face her fears, help her friends, and be the true hero everyone knows she is?

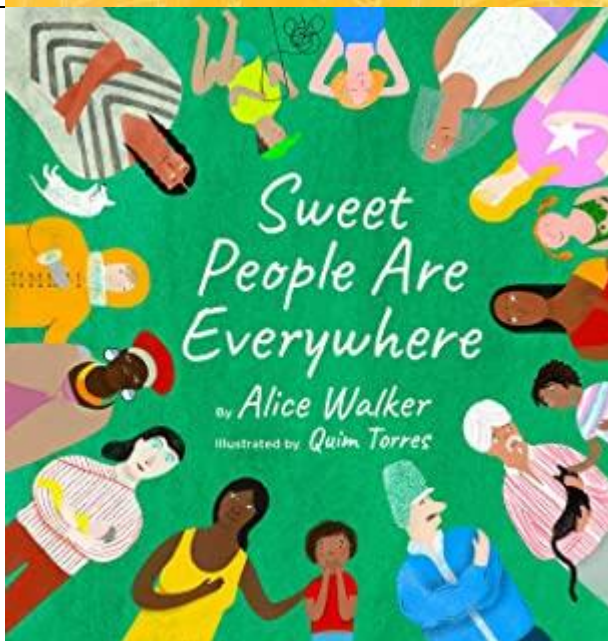


**Bilal Cooks Daal** by Aisha Saeed

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006205

Bilal wants to introduce his friends to daal. As the tasty dish simmers, Bilal begins to wonder: Will his friends like it as much as he does?

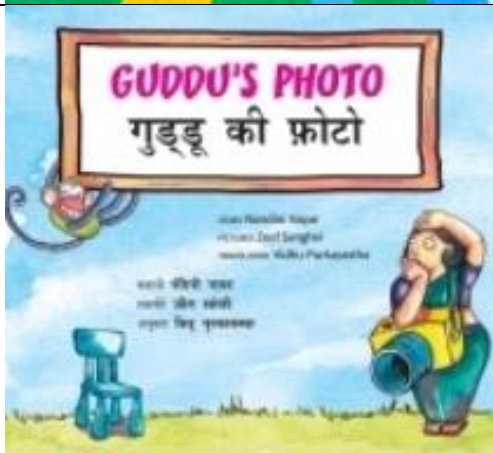


**Sweet People Are Everywhere** by Alice Walker

Grades primary to 8

NSSBB# 1005927

*Sweet People Are Everywhere*, an illustrated picture book featuring a poem by internationally renowned writer and activist Alice Walker, is a powerful celebration of humanity. The poem addresses a young boy getting his first passport, taking the boy—and the reader—on a journey through a series of countries around the globe where “sweet people” can be found.



**Guddu's Photo** by Nandini Nayar

Grades primary to 1

Guddu's mother wants to take a photo of him. But Guddu will not smile! Toys come to life to help.

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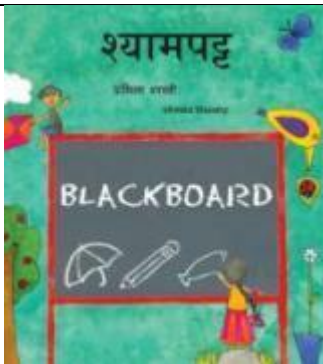


**Broken Butterfly Wings / Alas De Mariposa Rotas**  
(English and Spanish Edition) by Raquel M. Ortiz

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005976

Gabriela is super excited when her gift from Titi Sylvia finally arrives. She loves the colorful, glittery butterfly wings! She stands in the middle of her room and flaps and flaps her new wings, but nothing happens. She jumps off her bed, vigorously moving the wings up and down, but again, nada. She hops down the hallway and the stairs, but she still can't fly! Disappointed, Gabriela goes to the garage, digs into her father's toolbox and sets about trying to fix the broken butterfly wings. Maybe she can add a battery or an engine. Her father has a better idea, though, and encourages her to close her eyes and think about where she would like to fly. Soon she is envisioning El Yunque, a rainforest on the island of Puerto Rico that is full of tall green trees, humming waterfalls and chattering birds. She can even hear the coqui, a tiny tree frog that lives only on the island, singing its special song: coqui-coqui.

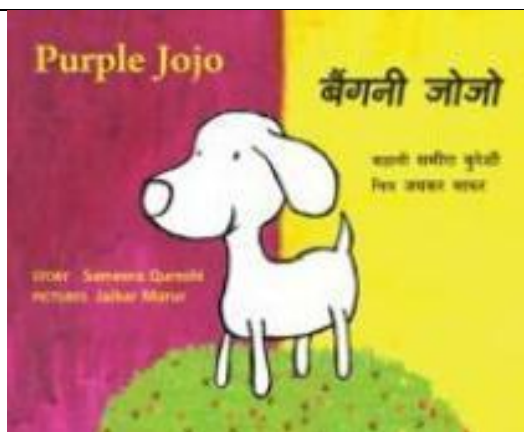


**Blackboard** by Urmila Shastry

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1006013

The pages in this unique book work in pairs, with the picture on the left suggesting stories that children can develop on their own using the verbal and visual clues on the right. It is available in English and Marathi.

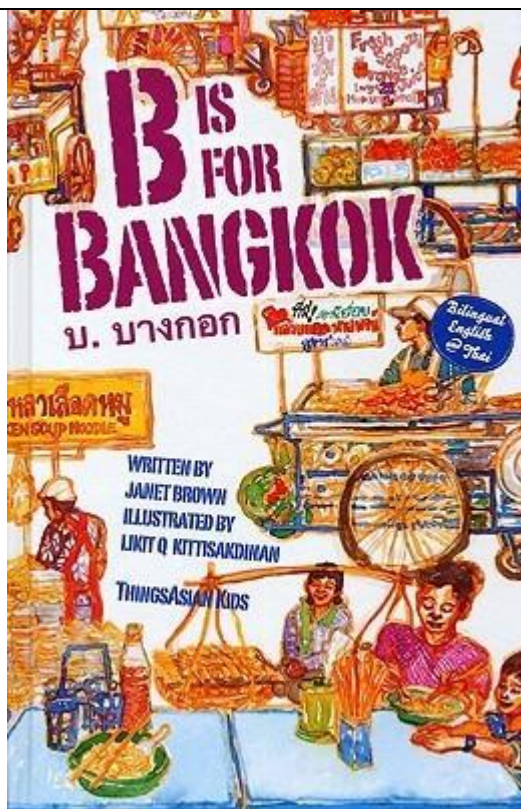


**Purple Jojo** by Sameera Zia Qureshi

Grades primary to 1

One day, Jojo the dog wakes up to find purple spots on his body. "Bowwow!" says Jojo. Where did they come from? Jojo sets off on a search...

**Available in the following languages:** Gujarati (1006014), Malayalam (1006018), Tamil (1006015), Telugu (1006016), and Bengali (1006017).



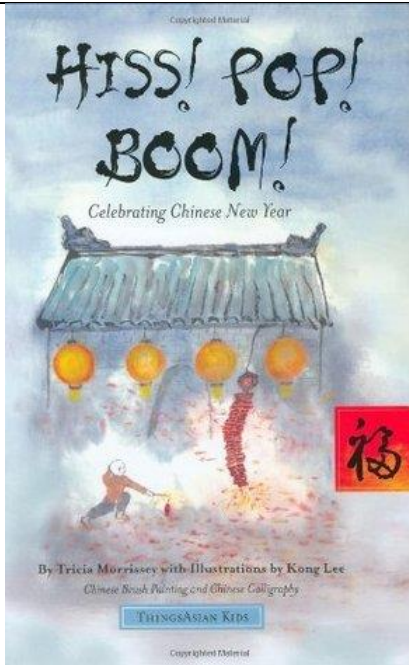
**B is for Bangkok** by Janet Brown

Grades 1 to 5.

NSSBB# 1005974

Ride on a boat to get to school? Learn to dance with your fingers bending like melting chocolate bars? Eat your breakfast on the street? Bring garlands of flowers to your spirit house? Snack on luscious, spiky, stinky durian? A day in the life of one of the world's most magical places unfolds in paintings drenched in the color and nonstop motion of Thailand's capital city. From a monk's morning blessing to the scurry of geckos at night, from splendid temples to traditional canal houses, from glittering royal barges that bring history to life to trains speeding through the sky past soaring high-rise buildings, *B is for Bangkok* reveals the kaleidoscopic beauty of a city that makes every day an adventure for the children who live there—or dream of living there. With bilingual English-Thai text.



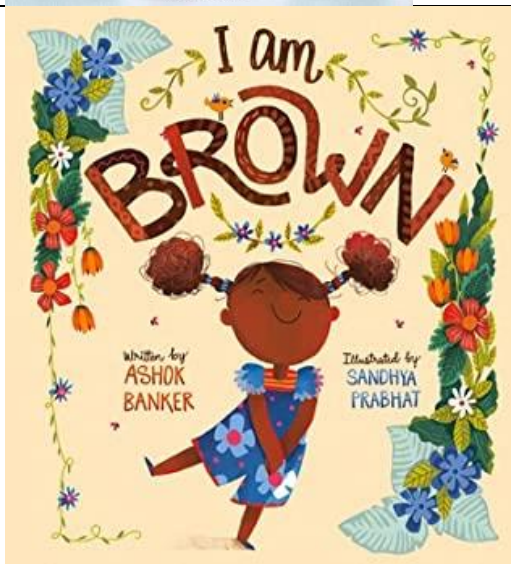


**Hiss! Pop! Boom! Celebrating Chinese New Year** by Tricia Morrissey

Grades 1 to 5.

NSSBB# 1005975

Hiss! and Pop! snap the firecrackers. Boom! says the drum to the Lion Dancer. Chinese New Year is here! Beautiful Chinese brush painting and elegant calligraphy illustrate each moment of the New Year celebration.

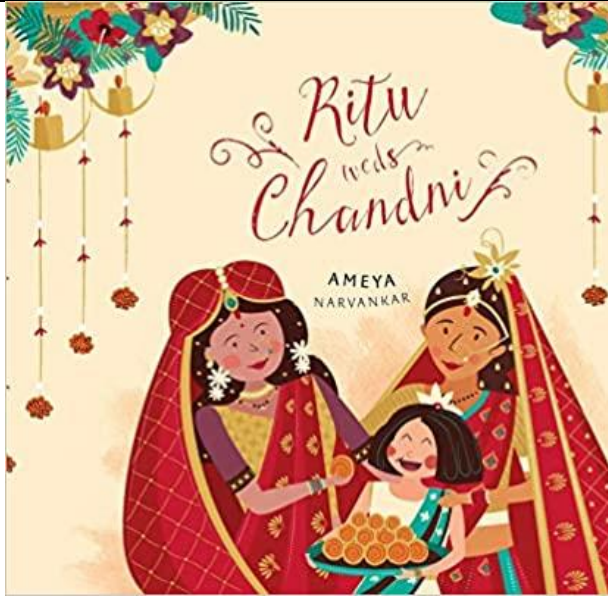


**I Am Brown** by Ashok Banker

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1006207

I am brown. I am beautiful. I am perfect. I designed this computer. I ran this race. I won this prize. I wrote this book. A joyful celebration of the skin you're in--of being brown, of being amazing, of being you.



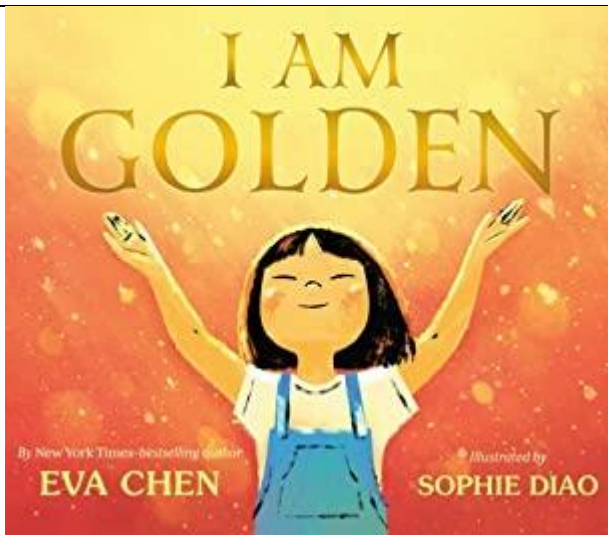
**Ritu Weds Chandni** by Ameya Narvankar

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005935

Ayesha is excited to attend her cousin Ritu's wedding. She can't wait to dance at the baraat ceremony! But not everyone is happy that Ritu is marrying her girlfriend Chandni. Some have even vowed to stop the celebrations. Will Ayesha be able to save her cousin's big day?

Centering Ayesha's love for her cousin as much as it showcases Ritu and Chandni's love for each other, this warmhearted debut from Ameya Narvankar celebrates the power of young voices to stand up against prejudice and bigotry.



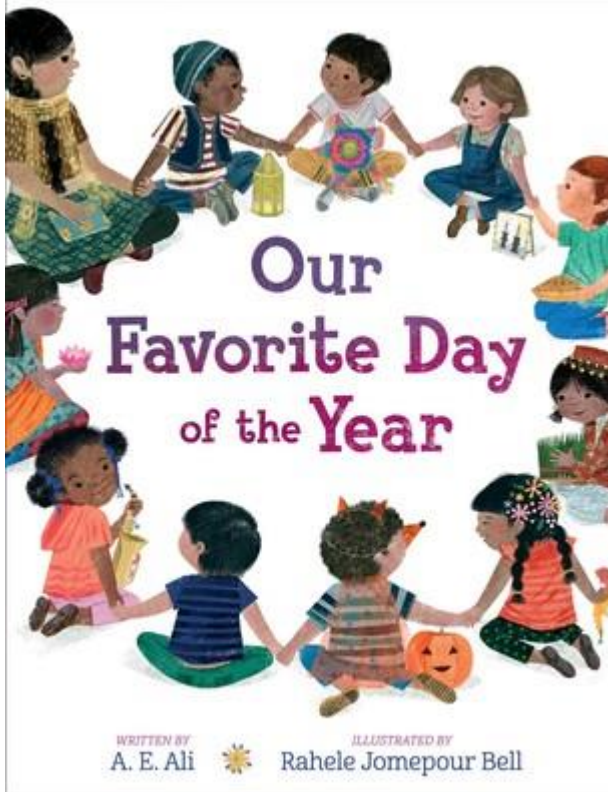
**I am Golden** by Eva Chen

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005944

What do you see when you look in the mirror, Mei? Do you see beauty?

We see eyes that point toward the sun, that give us the warmth and joy of a thousand rays when you smile. We see hair as inky black and smooth as a peaceful night sky. We see skin brushed with gold.



**Our Favorite Day of the Year** by A.E. Ali

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005353

Musa's feeling nervous about his first day of school. He's not used to being away from home and he doesn't know any of the other kids in his class. And when he meets classmates Moisés, Mo, and Kevin, Musa isn't sure they'll have much in common. But over the course of the year, the four boys learn more about each other, the holidays they celebrate, their favorite foods, and what they like about school. The more they share with each other, the closer they become, until Musa can't imagine any better friends.



**Bravo Anjali** by Sheetal Sheth

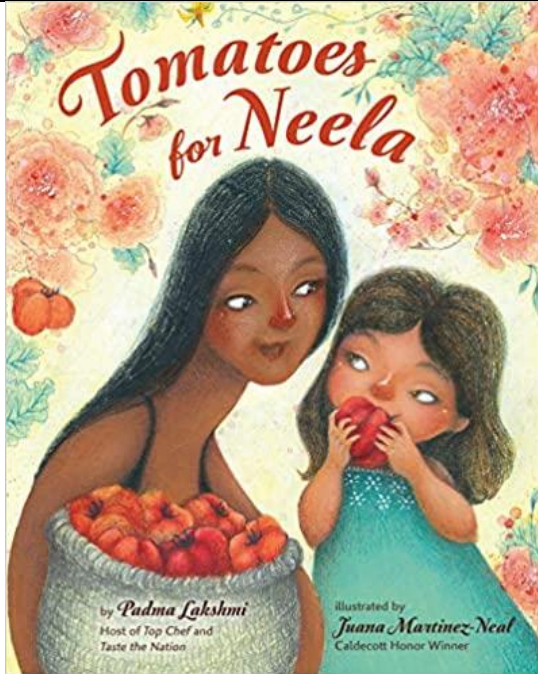
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005934

For Anjali, playing the tabla is something that comes naturally. She loves the feel of the drum beneath her fingers and getting lost in the music. But when the boys in her class give her a hard time for being better than them, she messes up on purpose.

When her teacher announces a contest where the winner will get to perform with him at his next concert, Anjali is distraught. Winning the contest would be a dream for Anjali. But it seems like the better she gets, the meaner some of the kids are.

In this follow-up to Always Anjali, Anjali realizes that she should never let anyone make her feel bad for being good at something. An important story for all children to remember to 'never dim their light.'

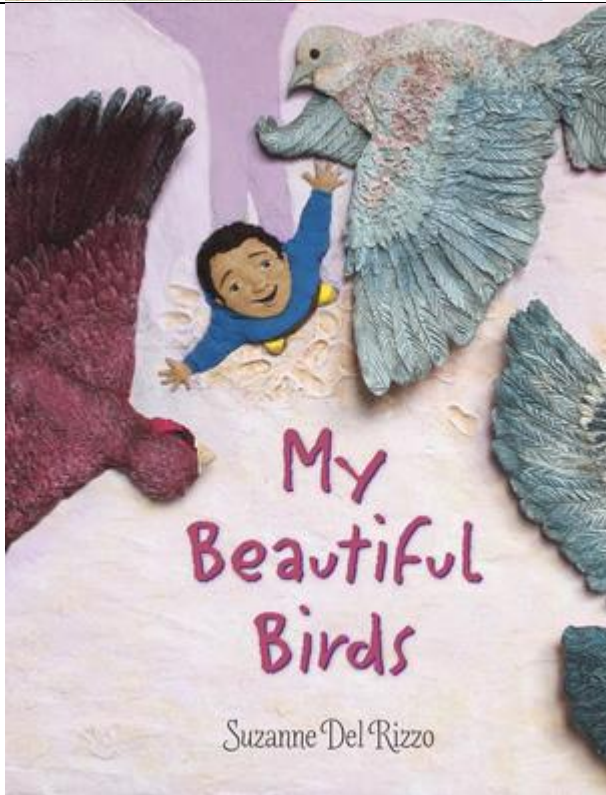


**Tomatoes for Neela** by Padma Lakshmi

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005945

Neela loves cooking with her amma and writing down the recipes in her notebook. It makes her feel closer to her paati who lives far away in India. On Saturdays, Neela and Amma go to the green market and today they are buying tomatoes to make Paati's famous sauce. But first, Neela needs to learn about all the different kinds of tomatoes they can pick from. And as Neela and Amma cook together, they find a way for Paati to share in both the love and the flavors of the day.



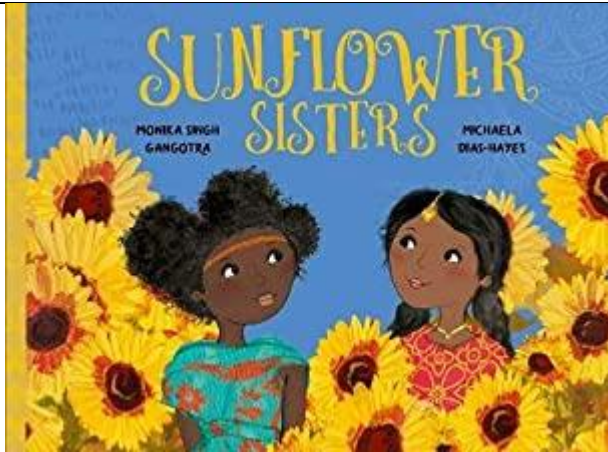
**My Beautiful Birds** by Suzanne Del Rizzo

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1005544

Behind Sami, the Syrian skyline is full of smoke. The boy follows his family and all his neighbours in a long line, as they trudge through the sands and hills to escape the bombs that have destroyed their homes. But all Sami can think of is his pet pigeons--will they escape too? When they reach a refugee camp and are safe at last, everyone settles into the tent city. But though the children start to play and go to school again, Sami can't join in. When he is given paper and paint, all he can do is smear his painting with black.

He can't forget his birds and what his family has left behind. One day a canary, a dove, and a rose finch fly into the camp. They flutter around Sami and settle on his outstretched arms. For Sami it is one step in a long healing process at last. A gentle yet moving story of refugees of the Syrian civil war, *My Beautiful Birds* illuminates the ongoing crisis as it affects its children. It shows the reality of the refugee camps, where people attempt to pick up their lives and carry on.



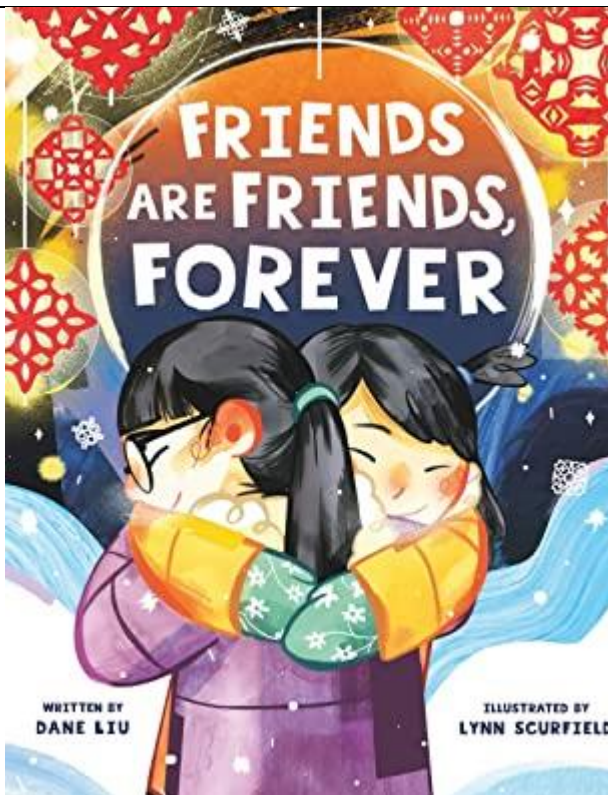
**Sunflower Sisters** by Monika Singh Gangotra

Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1005940

Sunflower Sisters celebrates two strong and independent girls experiencing each other's South Asian and Nigerian traditions while learning to embrace the color of their dark brown skin.

In this heartwarming celebration of skin shades from sun-browned to autumn-leaf-gold, Amitra and Kiki get dressed for their siblings' weddings while enduring family nitpicks about lightening cream, sun rays, and the skin-darkening effects of the color yellow. Luckily, Amitra's mother has a lesson or two to teach about that! With the support and empowerment of their moms, the sunflower sisters are two strong, confident girls—one South Asian the other Nigerian—finding joy in their own skin.



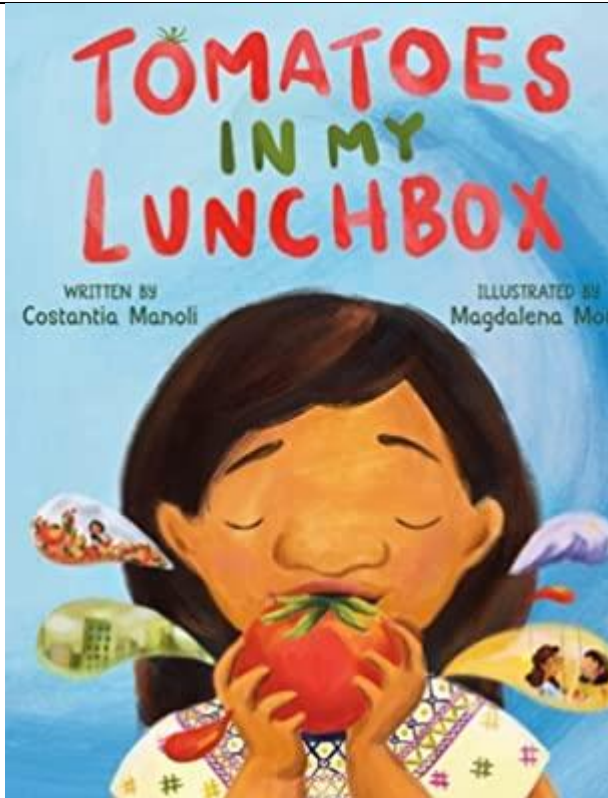
**Friends are Friends Forever** by Dane Liu

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005937

On a snowy Chinese New Year's Eve in Northeastern China, it's Dandan's last night with Yueyue. Tomorrow, she moves to America. The two best friends have a favorite wintertime tradition: crafting paper-cut snowflakes, freezing them outside, and hanging them as ornaments.

As they say goodbye, Yueyue presses red paper and a spool of thread into Dandan's hands so that she can carry on their tradition. But in her new home, Dandan has no one to enjoy the gift with—until a friend comes along.



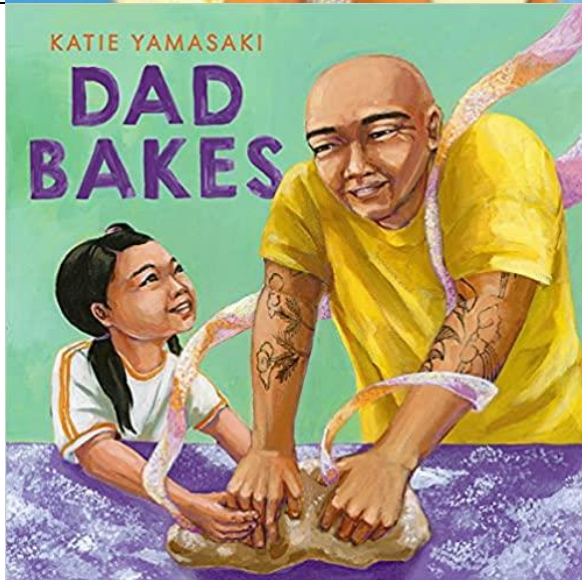
**Tomatoes in my Lunchbox** by Costantia Manoli

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005939

A child, newly arrived in another country, feels displaced, lonely, and a little scared on her first day of school. Her name doesn't sound the way she's used to hearing it. She knows she doesn't fit in. And when she eats her whole tomato for lunch, she can feel her classmates observing her—and not quite understanding her.

But sometimes all it takes is one friend, one connection, to bring two worlds together, and gradually the girl, her tomato, and her full name, start to feel at home with her new friends and community.

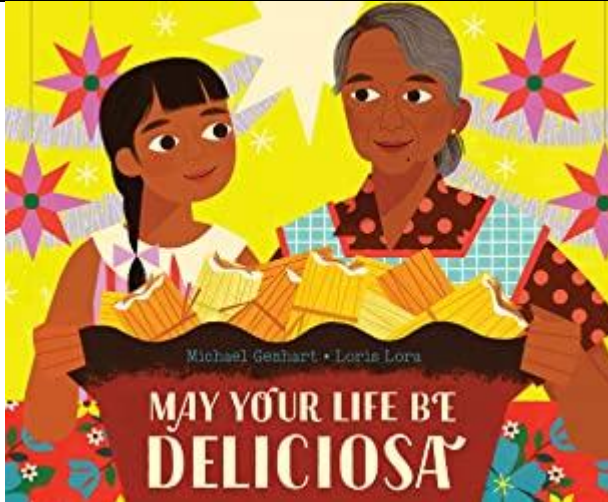


**Dad Bakes** by Katie Yamasaki

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005938

Dad wakes early every morning before the sun, heading off to work at the bakery. He kneads, rolls, and bakes, and as the sun rises and the world starts its day, Dad heads home to his young daughter. Together they play, read, garden, and—most importantly—they bake.

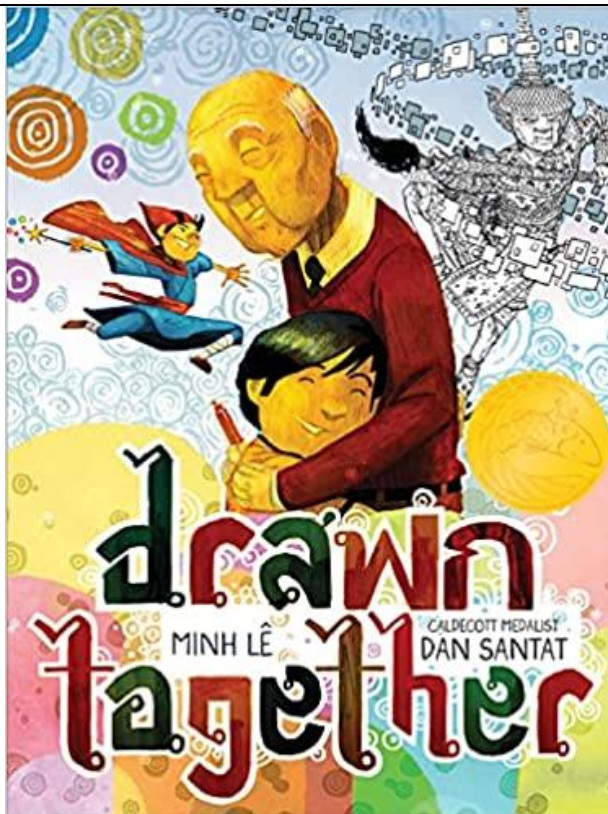


**May Your Life Be Deliciosa** by Michael Genhart

Grades primary to 5

NSSBB# 1005942

“What is the recipe?” I ask. Abuela laughs. “It is in my heart, Rosie. I use mis ojos, my eyes, to measure. Mis manos, my hands, to feel. Mi boca, my mouth, to taste. My abuela gave it to me, and I am giving it to you.” Each year on Christmas Eve, Rosie’s abuela, mamá, tía, sister, and cousins all gather together in Abuela’s kitchen to make tamales—cleaning corn husks, chopping onions and garlic, roasting chilis, kneading cornmeal dough, seasoning the filling, and folding it all—and tell stories. Rosie learns from her abuela not only how to make a delicious tamale, but how to make a delicious life, one filled with love, plenty of spice, and family.

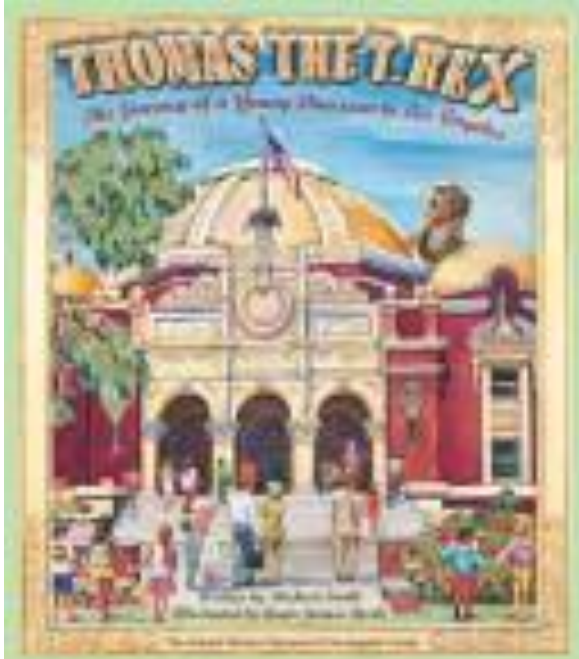


**Drawn Together** by Minh Le

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1005943

When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens—with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.

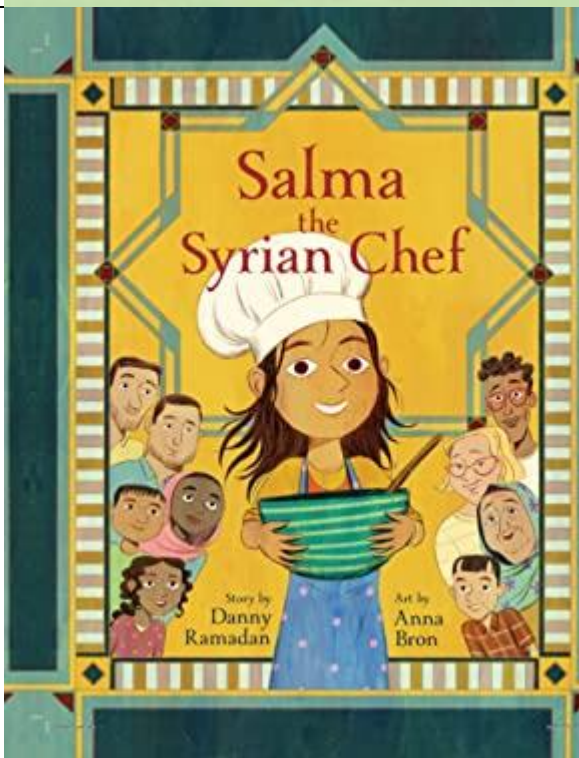


**Thomas the T-Rex - The Journey of a Young Dinosaur to Los Angeles** by Michael Smith

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1006510

Nine-year-old Thomas and his cousin Rita embark on a journey to Montana for a fossil hunting and study expedition with the Junior Scientist Club of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. Thomas discovers a 66-million-year-old dinosaur nicknamed Thomas one of the five most complete T. rex skeletons in the world.



**Salma the Syrian Chef** by Danny Ramadan

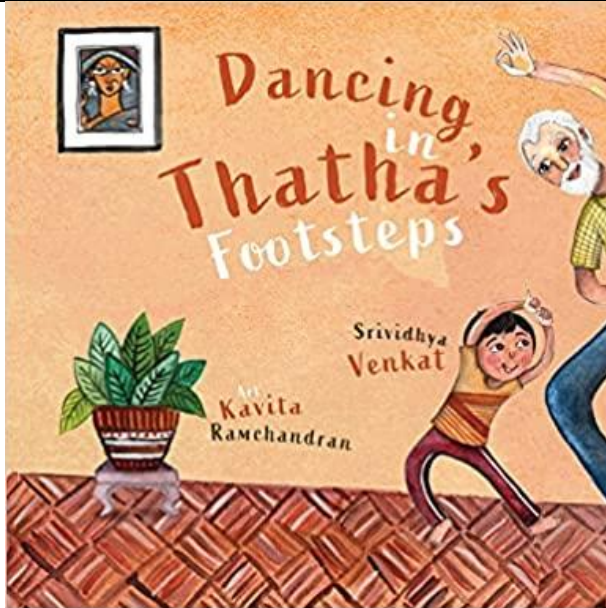
Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005946

All Salma wants is to make her mama smile again. Between English classes, job interviews, and missing Papa back in Syria, Mama always seems busy or sad. A homemade Syrian meal might cheer her up, but Salma doesn't know the recipe, or what to call the vegetables in English, or where to find the right spices! Luckily, the staff and other newcomers at the Welcome Center are happy to lend a hand—and a sprinkle of sumac.

With creativity, determination, and charm, Salma brings her new friends together to show Mama that even though things aren't perfect, there is cause for hope and celebration.





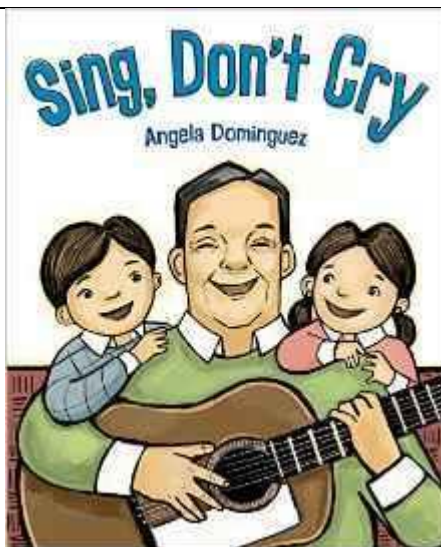
**Dancing in Thatha's Footsteps** by Srividhya Venkat

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005936

On Sundays, Varun has his karate lesson, and his sister Varsha heads to dance school with their grandfather. One weekend, Varun reluctantly accompanies his sister to her lesson. Bored of waiting, he peeks into the classroom, and almost immediately, he is fascinated by the rhythm and grace of bharatanatyam, a dance from India that Varsha is learning to perfect. Varun tries a few moves at home in secret because...well, boys don't dance, do they? His grandfather is not so sure. Will Thatha be able to convince Varun to dance in his footsteps?

A heartwarming picture book about a multigenerational Tamil-American family discovering a shared love for bharatanatyam, an ancient classical dance form that continues to fascinate young dancers across the globe.



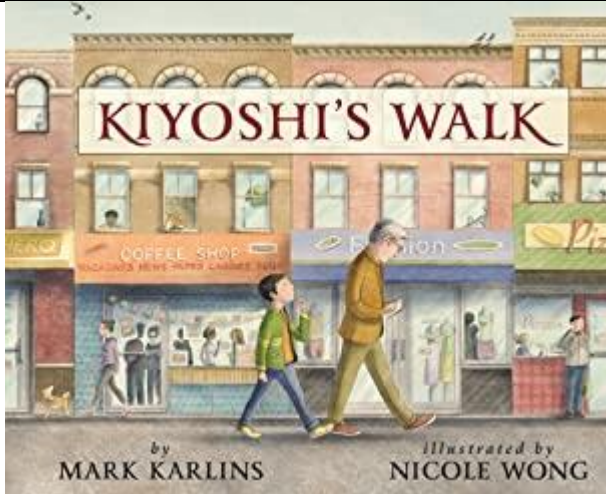
**Sing, Don't Cry** by Angela Dominguez

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005941

Once a year, Abuelo comes from Mexico to visit his family. He brings his guitar, his music---and his memories.

In this story inspired by the life of Apolinar Navarrete Diaz---author Angela Dominguez's grandfather and a successful mariachi musician--- Abuelo and his grandchildren sing through the bad times and the good. Lifting their voices and their spirits, they realize that true happiness comes from singing together.

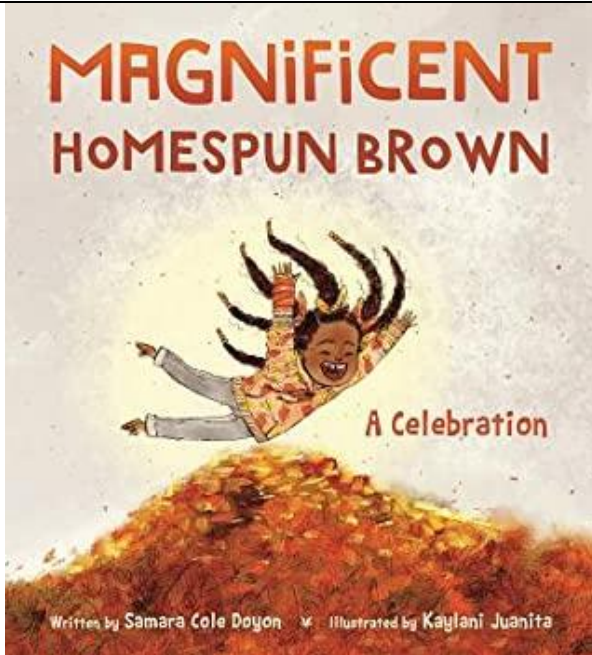


**Kiyoshi's Walk** by Mark Karlins

Grades 2 to 6

NSSBB# 1005892

After Kiyoshi watches his grandfather, Eto, compose his delicate haiku, he wonders out loud: Where do poems come from? His grandfather answers by taking him on a walk through their city, where they see a cat perched on a hill of oranges; hear the fluttering of wings; imagine what's behind a tall wall; and discuss their walk, with each incident inspiring a wonderful new haiku from Eto. As Kiyoshi discovers that poems come from the way the world outside of us meets the world within each of us, he also finds the courage to write a haiku of his own.

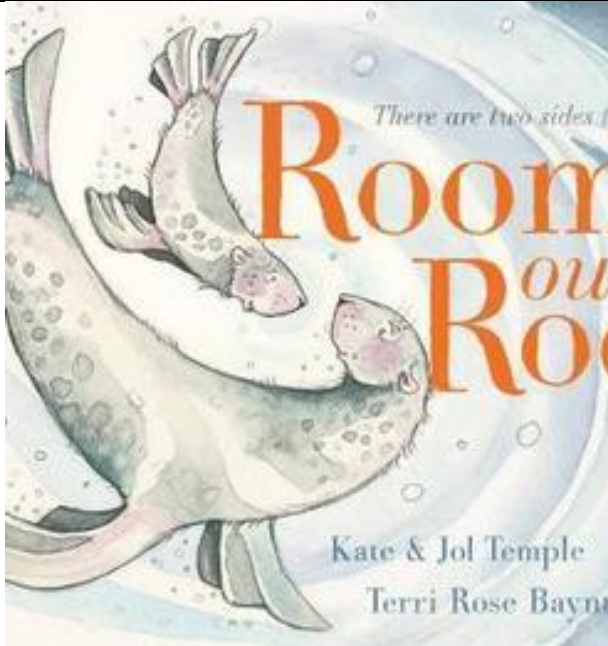


**Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration** by Samara Cole Doyon

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005281

If Walt Whitman were reborn as a vibrant young woman of color, this is the book he might write. America, we hear you singing! With vivid illustrations by Kaylani Juanita, Samara Cole Doyon sings a carol for the plenitude that surrounds us and the self each of us is meant to inhabit.



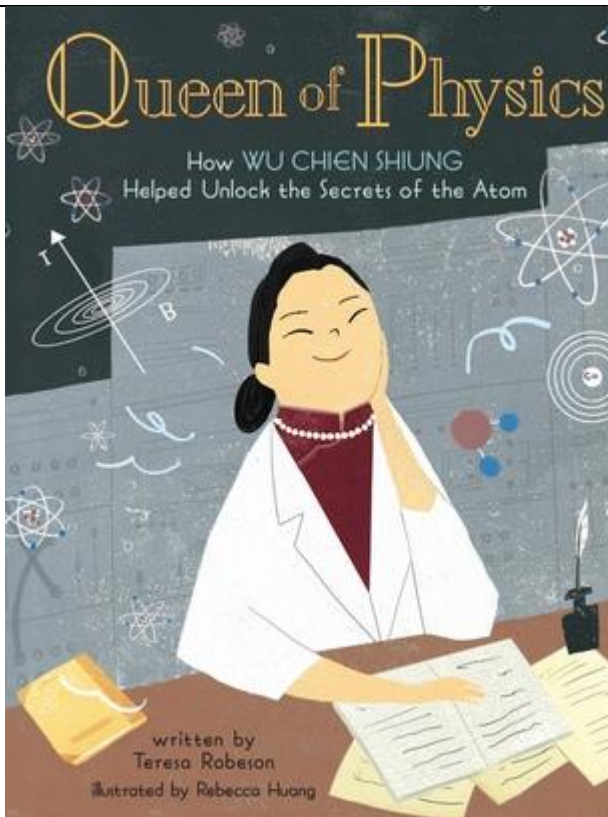
**Room on our Rock** by Kate Temple and Jol Temple

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005589

When read from front to back, the group of seals firmly believe there is no room on their rock for the parent and child seal who are seeking a place to rest. Readers are then encouraged to read the story again, from back to front, revealing a welcoming message where the seals make room for others and share their rock.

This clever picture book explores the idea that there are two sides to every story, with one story that can be read in two different ways. A gentle lesson to facilitate discussion around sharing and larger themes of societal compassion and inclusion.

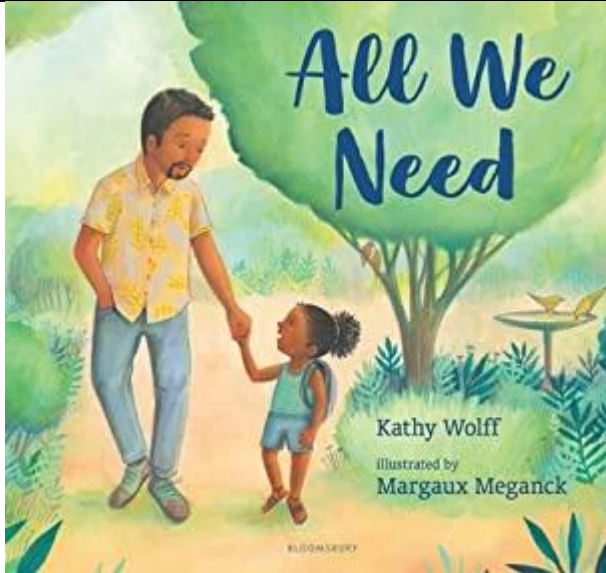


**Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom** by Teresa Robeson

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1005907

When Wu Chien Shiung was born in China 100 years ago, most girls did not attend school; no one considered them as smart as boys. But her parents felt differently. Giving her a name meaning “Courageous Hero,” they encouraged her love of learning and science. This engaging biography follows Wu Chien Shiung as she battles sexism and racism to become what *Newsweek* magazine called the “Queen of Physics” for her work on beta decay. Along the way, she earned the admiration of famous scientists like Enrico Fermi and Robert Oppenheimer and became the first woman hired as an instructor by Princeton University, the first woman elected President of the American Physical Society, the first scientist to have an asteroid named after her when she was still alive, and many other honors.



**All We Need** by Kathy Wolff

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1005860

Each bustling day in our busy world, we can take a moment to appreciate the little things. From the simplest essentials like air and water to the wonderful warmth of family, friends, and neighbors, there is so much in life to be thankful for.

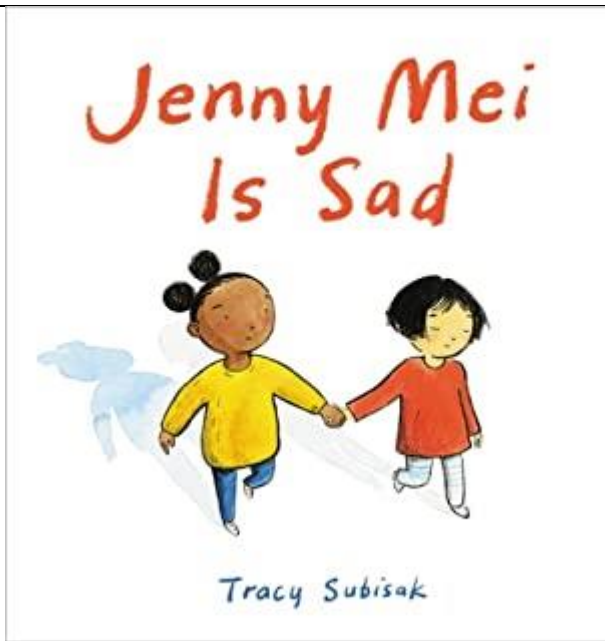


**Shreya's Very Own Style** by Suhani Parikh

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1005949

Though Shreya is a champion on the soccer field, the coolest scientist at her school and dances like a star, she just can't seem to figure out how else to style her hair. After all, how would she explain the patches on her head with no hair at all?



**Jenny Mei is Sad** by Tracy Subisak

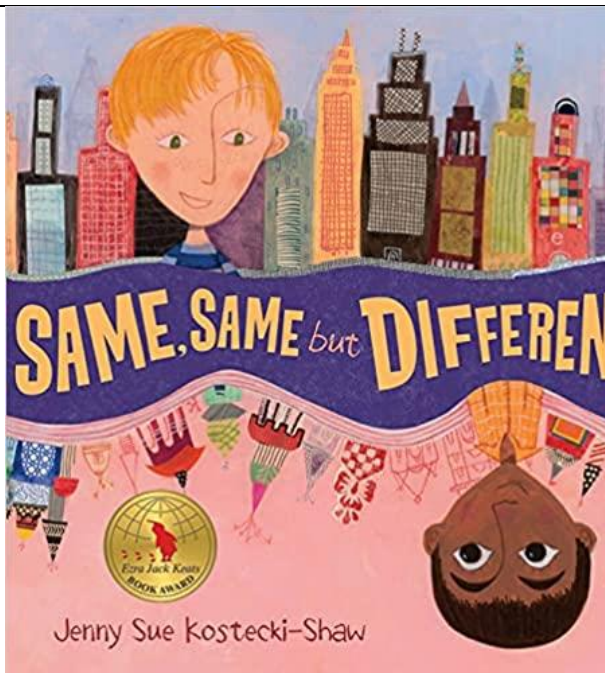
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005947

*My friend Jenny Mei is sad. But you might not be able to tell.*

Jenny Mei still smiles a lot. She makes everyone laugh. And she still likes blue Popsicles the best. But, her friend knows that Jenny Mei is sad, and does her best to be there to support her.

This book is perfect for introducing kids to the complexity of sadness, and to show them that the best way to be a good friend, especially to someone sad, is by being there for the fun, the not-fun, and everything in between.



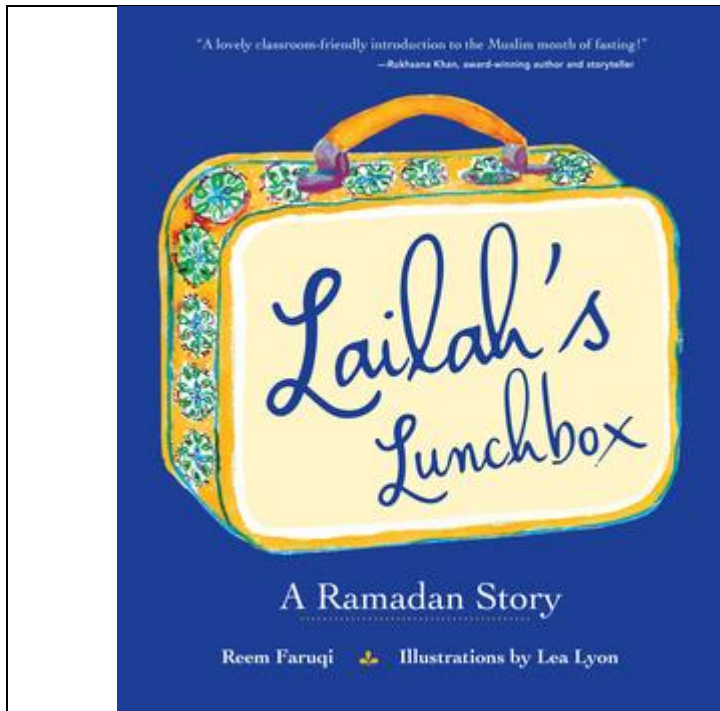
**Same, Same but Different** by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Grade 2

NSSBB# 1005950 (paperback)

Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different!

Through an inviting point-of-view and colorful, vivid illustrations, this story shows how two boys living oceans apart can be the best of friends.

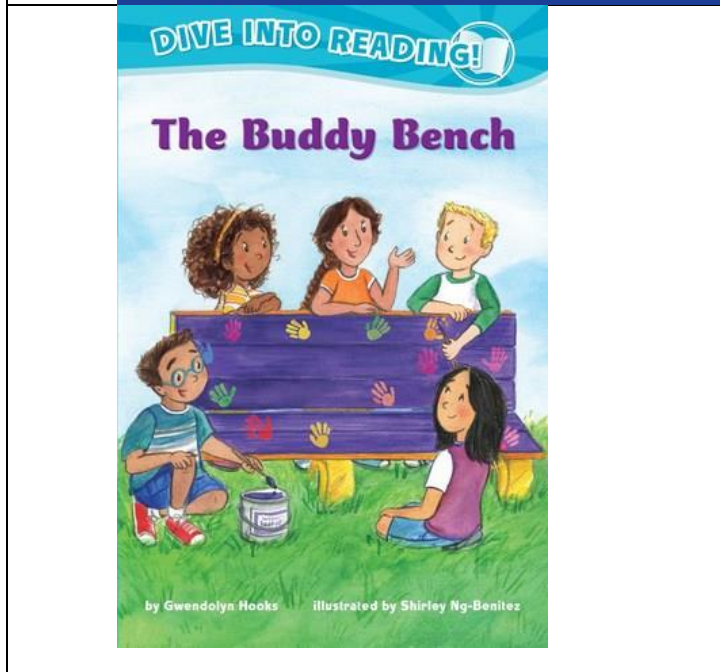


**Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story** by Reem Faruqi

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1006521

In LAILAH'S LUNCHBOX, Lailah is in a new school in a new country, thousands of miles from her old home, and missing her old friends. When Ramadan begins, she is excited that she is finally old enough to participate in the fasting but worried that her classmates won't understand why she doesn't join them in the lunchroom. Lailah solves her problem with help from the school librarian and her teacher and in doing so learns that she can make new friends who respect her beliefs.

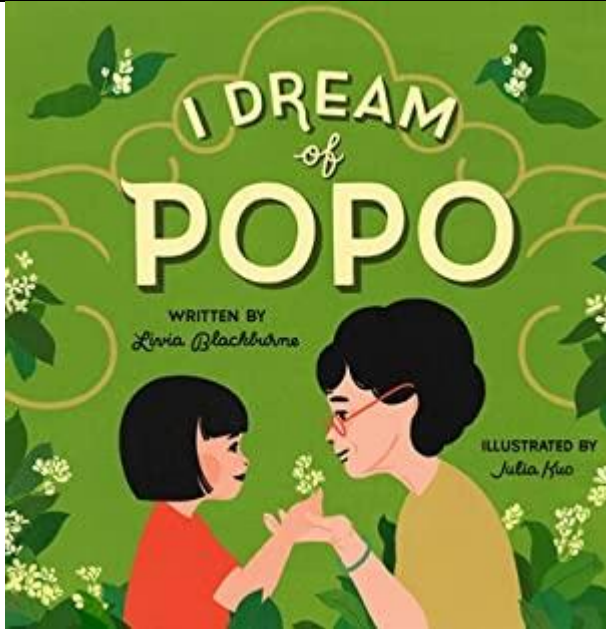


**The Buddy Bench** by Gwendolyn Hooks

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1004674

Five friends from diverse backgrounds learn how to navigate common childhood challenges, new experiences, and the world around them in the realistic and kid-friendly Confetti Kids early chapter books. In this story, Padma is excited about meeting new people at school. Making friends comes easily to her, but she soon discovers that it can be hard for others. When she notices a boy sitting by himself every day, Padma enlists her friends to create a buddy bench, where kids can go if they need a friend.

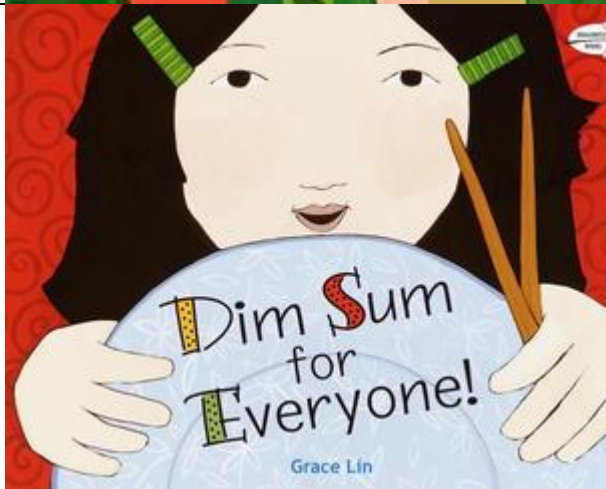


**I Dream of Popo** by Livia Blackburne

Grades 2 to 6

NSSBB# 1005897

When a young girl and her family emigrate from Taiwan to America, she leaves behind her beloved popo, her grandmother. She misses her popo every day, but even if their visits are fleeting, their love is ever true and strong.

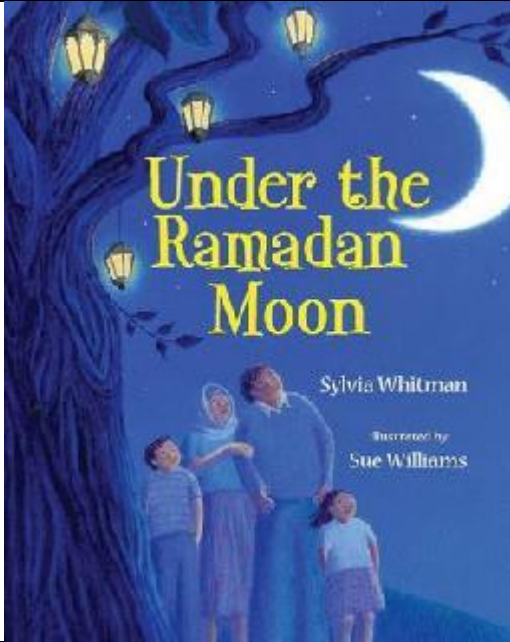


**Dim Sum for Everyone!** by Grace Lin

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005905

In English, dim sum means “little hearts,” or “touches the heart,” but to this young girl, dim sum means delicious. On a visit to a bustling dim sum restaurant, a family picks their favorite little dishes from the steaming trolleys filled with dumplings, cakes, buns, and tarts. And as is traditional and fun, they share their food with each other so that everyone gets a bite of everything.



**Under the Ramadan Moon** by Sylvia Whitman

Grades primary to 5

NSSBB# 1005903

Ramadan is one of the most special months of the Islamic year, when Muslims pray, fast, and help those in need. The lyrical story, with luminous illustrations, serves as an introduction to Ramadan—a time for reflection and ritual with family and friends. A detailed note about Ramadan is included.



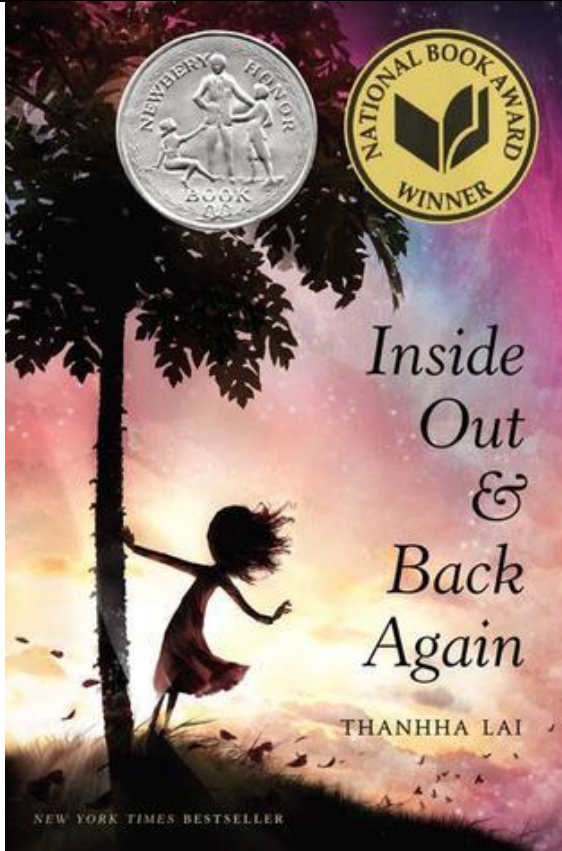
**Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors** by Hena Khan

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005891

From a red prayer rug to a blue hijab, everyday colors are given special meaning as young readers learn about clothing, food, and other important elements of Islamic culture, with a young Muslim girl as a guide.





**Inside Out & Back Again** by Thanhha Lai

Grade 6

NSSBB# 1002463

For all the ten years of her life, Hà has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, Hà discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food . . . and the strength of her very own family.

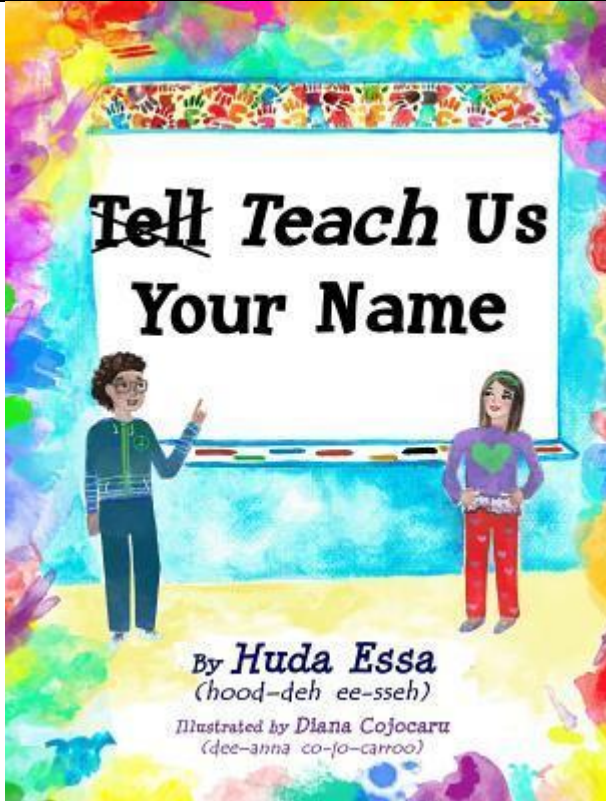


**Chinese New Year: A Celebration for Everyone** by Jen Sookfong Lee

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1003340

From its beginnings as a farming celebration marking the end of winter to its current role as a global party featuring good food, lots of gifts and public parades, *Chinese New Year* is a snapshot of Chinese culture. Author and broadcaster Jen Sookfong Lee recalls her childhood in Vancouver, British Columbia, and weaves family stories into the history, traditions, and evolution of Chinese New Year.



**Tell Teach Us Your Name** by Huda Essa

Grades primary to 5

NSSBB# 1005653

Embracing the diversity of our names is one of the first steps we can take to show our appreciation of diversity and inclusion. Everyone has a name and every name has a story. Teach Us Your Name focuses on the many stories and ways we can all connect by helping children take pride in their many identities and to utilize the opportunity to learn from others. This book lends itself to countless invaluable discussions about cultural norms, languages, unconscious bias, and much more.

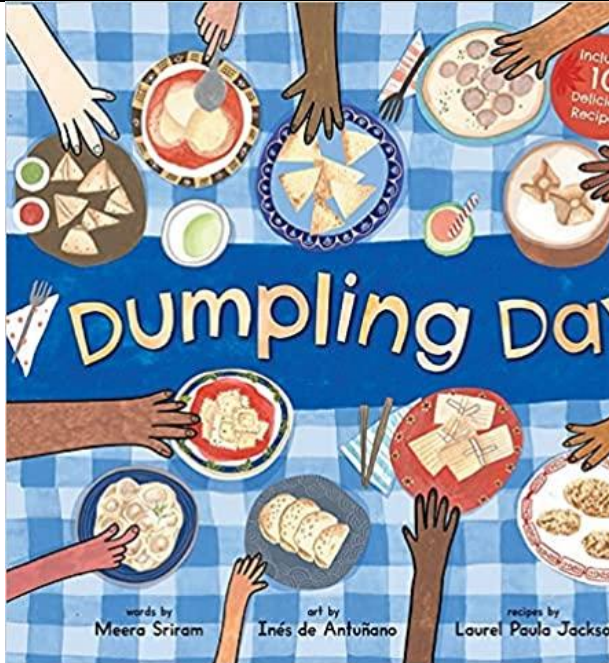


**Natsumi's Song of Summer** by Robert Paul Weston

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005465

Two young cousins who are separated by language, continent and culture meet for the first time when Jill's family travels from America to Japan to stay with Natsumi's family during the summer holidays. Natsumi's nervousness about meeting her cousin from across the sea quickly disappears when she discovers that her cousin is a lot like her: they both love summertime's hot sandy beaches, cool refreshing watermelon, festivals, and fireworks. Then Jill asks Natsumi about the strange buzzing sound that comes from the nearby trees, and Natsumi is nervous once again. What if Jill is frightened of Natsumi's cherished cicadas, the insects that sing the music of summertime?



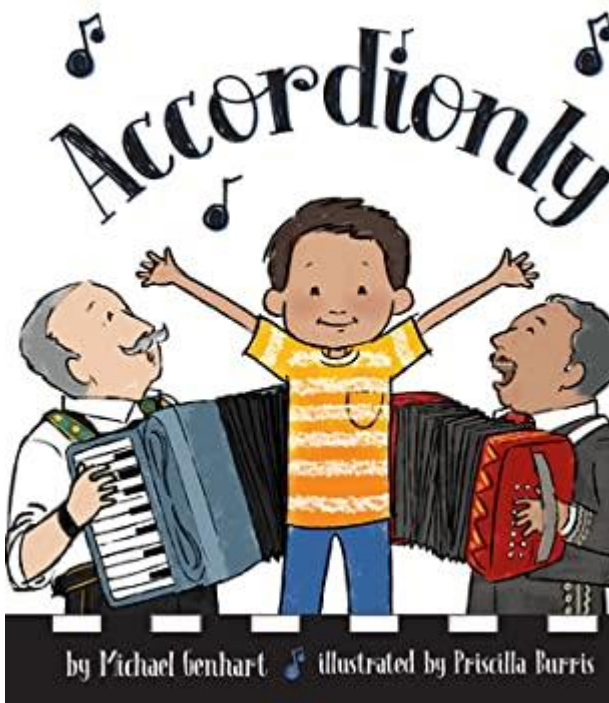
**Dumpling Day** by Meera Sriram

Grades 2 to 6

NSSBB# 1005889 (hard cover)

NSSBB# 1005890 (paperback)

Savor a rhyming celebration of one of the world's most universal foods! Readers follow ten diverse families as they cook dumplings inside their homes in preparation for a neighborhood potluck. Dumplings are added to plates one by one, encouraging children to count with each new addition. Authentic recipes for all the dumplings and a map showing their regions of origin are included in the endnotes.



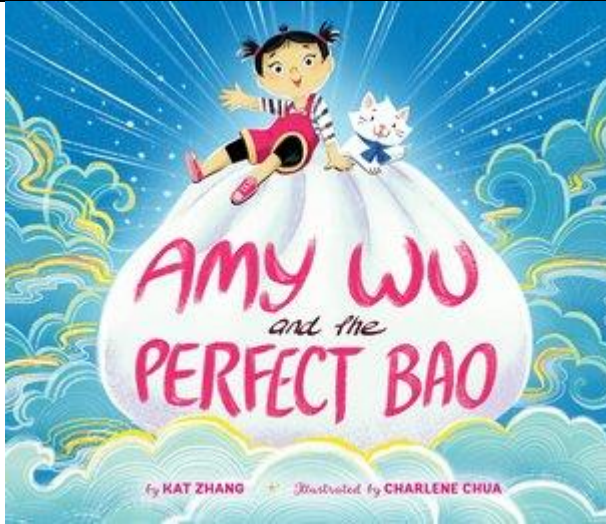
**Accordionly: Abuelo and Opa Make Music** by

Michael Genhart

Grades pre-primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005877

When both grandpas, Abuelo and Opa, visit at the same time, they can't understand each other's language and there is a lot of silence. The grandson's clever thinking helps find a way for everyone to share the day together as two cultures become one family. This unique book includes a bonus fold-out and a note from the author sharing the true story of his own family.



**Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao** by Kat Zhang

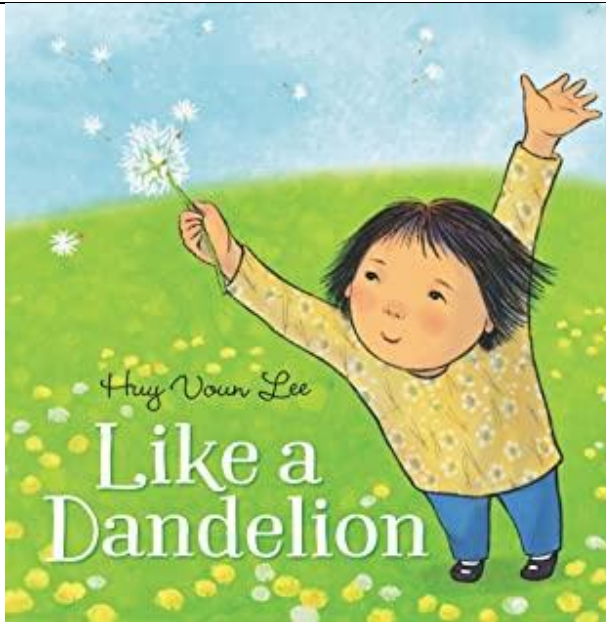
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005904

Meet the funny, fierce, and fearless Amy Wu, who is determined to make a perfect bao bun today. Can she rise to the occasion?

Amy loves to make bao with her family. But it takes skill to make the bao taste and look delicious. And her bao keep coming out all wrong.

Then she has an idea that may give her a second chance...Will Amy ever make the perfect bao?

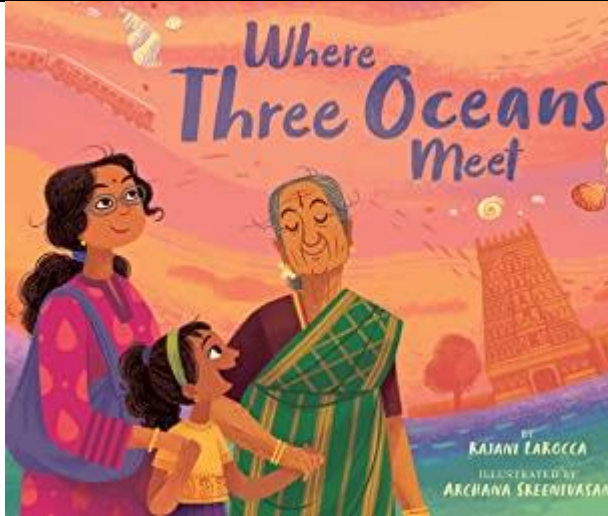


**Like a Dandelion** by Huy Voun Lee

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005463

Like feathery seeds, a young girl and her mother take flight, putting down roots in an adopted country. Soon they blossom in their new home, strong and beautiful among hundreds of others just like them.



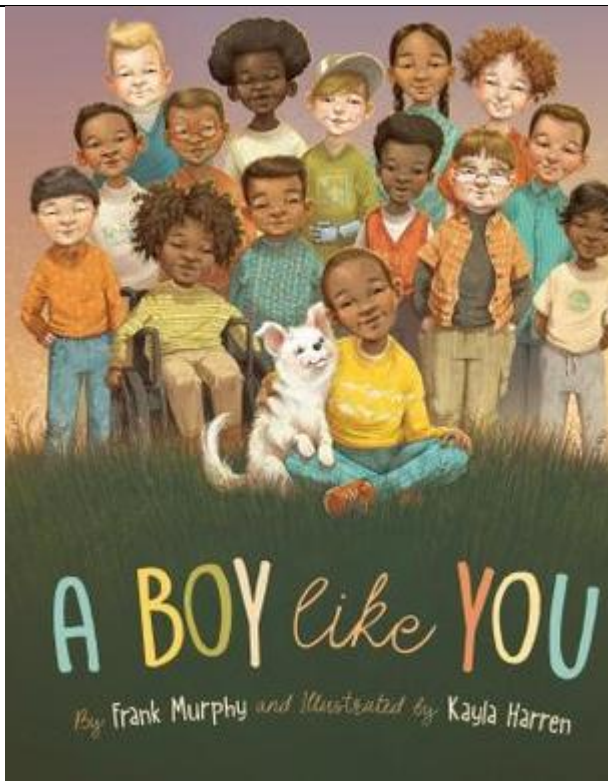
**Where Three Oceans Meet** by Rajani LaRocca

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1005872

Sejal, Mommy, and Pati travel together to the southern tip of India. Along the way, they share meals, visit markets, and catch up with old friends.

For Pati, the trip retraces spaces she knows well. For Mommy, it's a return to the place she grew up. For Sejal, it's a discovery of new sights and sounds. The family finds their way to Kanyakumari, where three oceans meet, and delight in making it to the end of the earth together.

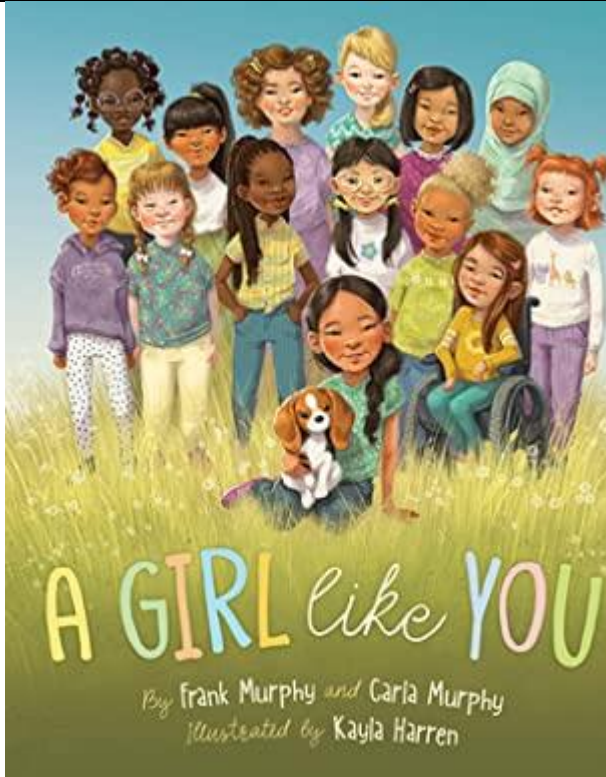


**A Boy Like You** by Frank Murphy

Grade 2

NSSBB# 1004949

There's more to being a boy than sports, feats of daring, and keeping a stiff upper lip. *A Boy Like You* encourages every boy to embrace all the things that make him unique, to be brave and ask for help, to tell his own story and listen to the stories of those around him. In an age when boys are expected to fit into a particular mold, this book celebrates all the wonderful ways to be a boy.

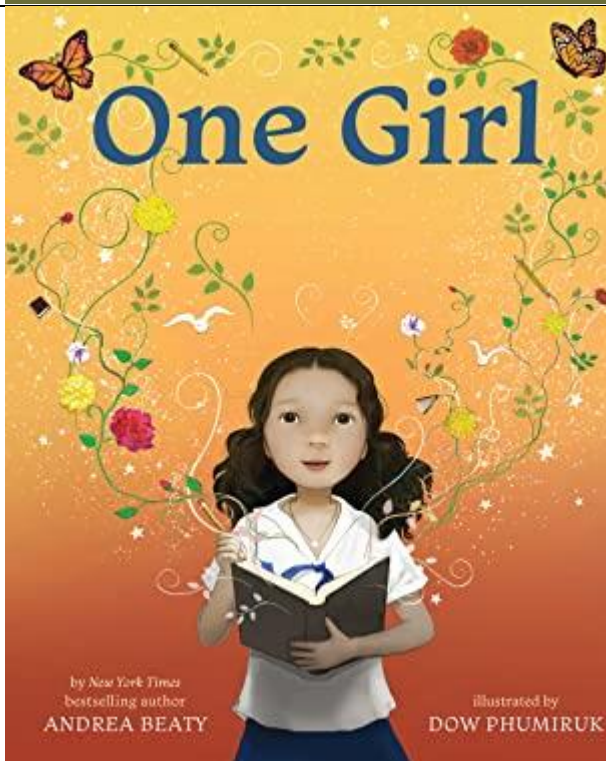


**A Girl Like You** by Frank Murphy and Carla Murphy

Grade 2

NSSBB# 1004950

Every girl is a wonder! *A Girl Like You* encourages girls to embrace what makes them unique, to choose kindness, and to be their own advocates. In an age when girls can be whatever they want, this book reminds them of all the ways to be beautiful, brilliant, and uniquely themselves.

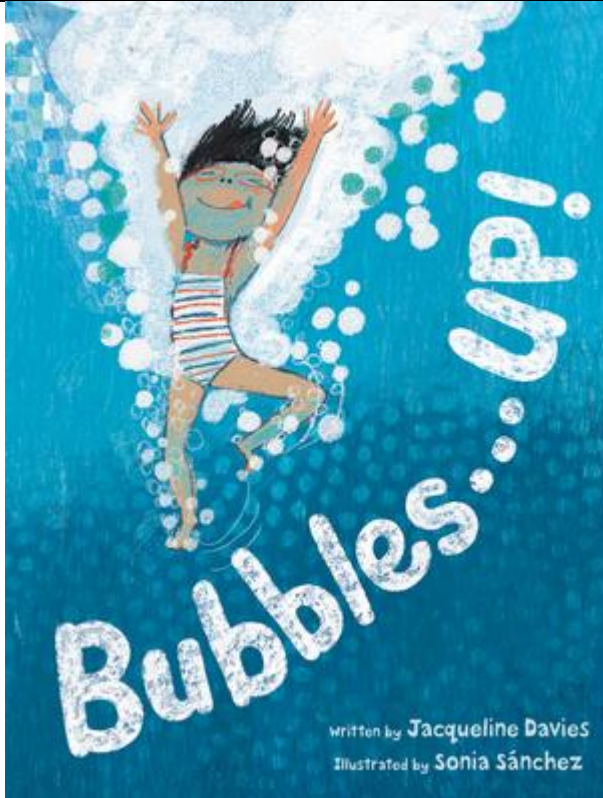


**One Girl** by Andrea Beaty

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1005870

One girl. One spark. Faint and fading in the dark. Flicker . . . Flicker . . . Flicker . . . Glow. Tiny ember. Burning low. Inspired by the global movement to empower girls through education, this lyrical story tells of one small girl who reads a book that lights a spark. She shares what she learns with her class, and the spark grows. The girl is then moved to write her own story, which she shares with girls around the globe, and it ignites a spark in them, lighting up the whole world.

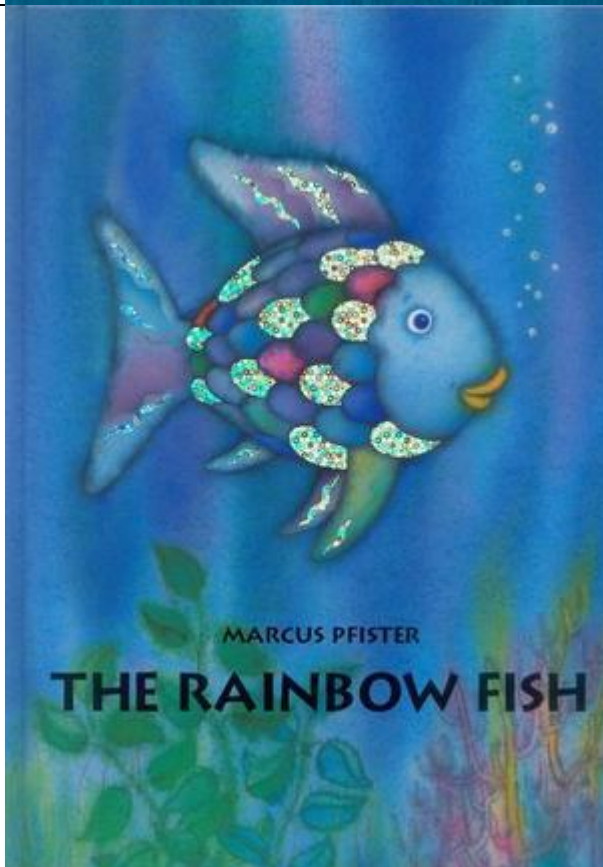


**Bubbles..Up!** by Jacqueline Davies

Grades 1 and 2

NSSBB# 1005462

A day at the community pool is full of unwater magic—dunking and diving with friends; somersaulting, walking on your hands, and bursting up through the surface like a tortoise. But when a thunderstorm comes and a little brother ventures too close to the pool’s edge, will our main character be quick enough and brave enough to save the day?

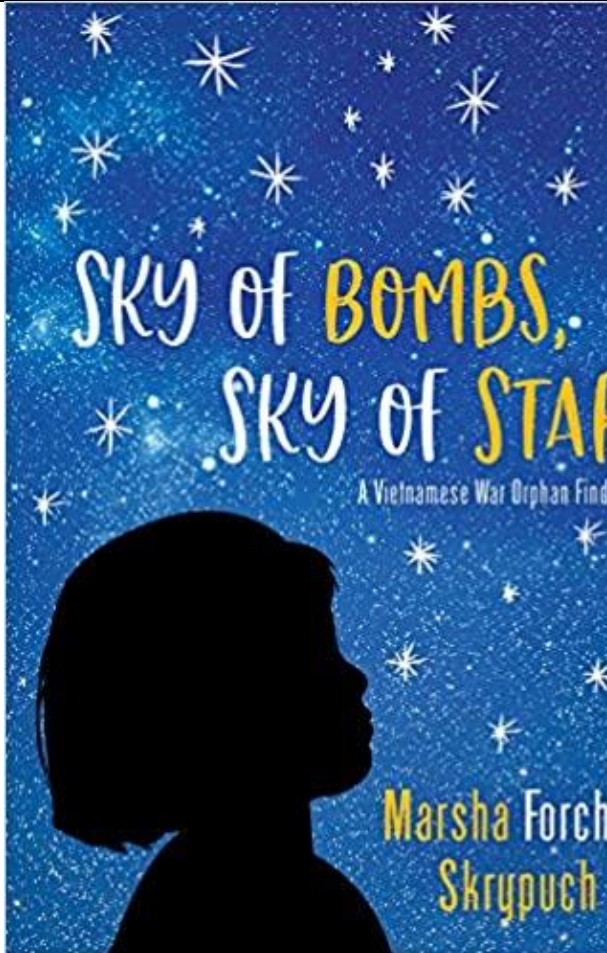


**The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister

Grades primary to 3

*The Rainbow Fish* is an international bestseller and a modern classic. Eye-catching foilstamping, glittering on every page, offers instant child-appeal, but it is the universal message at the heart of this simple story about a beautiful fish, who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions, that gives the book its lasting value.

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**Sky of Bombs, Sky of Stars: A Vietnamese War Orphan Finds a Home** by Marsha Forchuk skrypuch

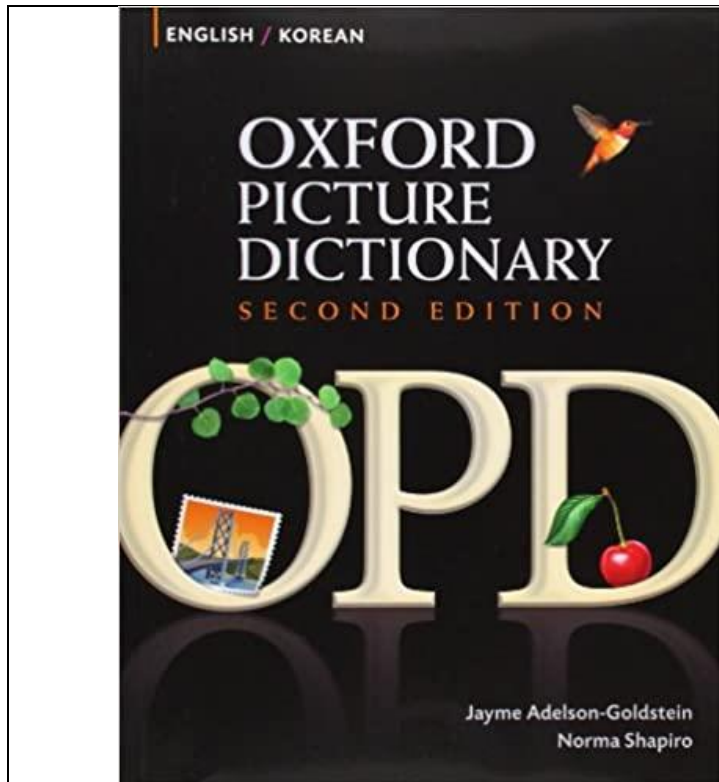
Grade 6

NSSBB# 1005804

A beautiful omnibus edition of the award-winning biographies *Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War* and *One Step at a Time: A Vietnamese Child Finds Her Way*. Tuyet remembers little about life before the Saigon orphanage, before polio left her limping and in constant pain, before the war made it too dangerous to stand under the bomb-filled Vietnam sky. Unable to play with the other children and knowing that at eight she is too old to be adopted, she helps care for the babies in the orphanage. So when frantic aid-workers load a van full of babies and take Tuyet as well, she thinks that's why she is there: as a carer. She can't guess that, with the capital about to fall to the North Vietnamese, she is being evacuated on the last airplane full of at-risk children bound for new adoptive homes in the west.

Before she knows what is happening, Tuyet is whisked into life with the Morris family: Mom, Dad, their biological daughter Beth, and their adopted children Lara and Aaron. It takes some time to really understand that she isn't there to help care for baby Aaron: she is there to be their daughter. She learns that the bright sparks in the sky are stars, not bombs, that flames on a birthday cake are nothing to fear, and that her only jobs are to play and to be loved. But a bigger test stands before Tuyet: corrective surgery for her twisted ankle, and a gruelling physiotherapy regimen. Unable to speak English yet and terrified that the procedure will fail, Tuyet must draw on every ounce of courage and focus on her dream of running and kicking a ball in a pair of matching shoes.



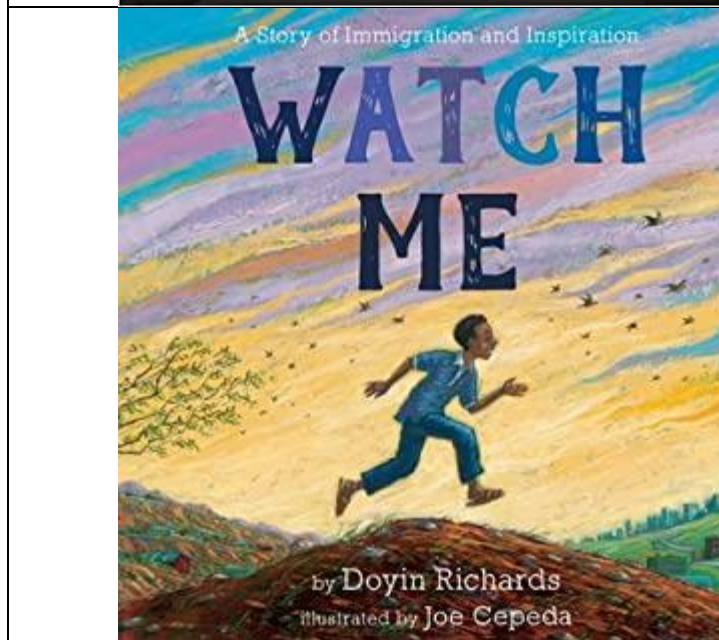


**Oxford Picture Dictionary: Korean** by Jayme Adelson-Goldstein and Norma Shapiro

Grades 6 to 12

NSSBB# 1005858

This is the new edition of the bestselling bilingual Oxford Picture Dictionary. It features over 4,000 words and phrases illustrated with all new artwork. The topics, based on extensive input from teachers and students. Colour coding and topic icons make finding words easier than ever, and practice activities at the foot of each page ensure accurate and effective use of words.



**Watch Me: A Story of Immigration and Inspiration** by Doyin Richards

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005505

A picture book about immigration, *Watch Me* is based on the author's father's own story.

Joe came to America from Africa when he was young. He worked hard in school, made friends, and embraced his new home. Like so many immigrants before and after him, Joe succeeded when many thought he would fail.



**Three Keys (Front Desk #2)** by Kelly Yang

Grades 5 and 6

NSSBB# 1005513

Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever.

She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic...

1. Mia's new teacher doesn't think her writing is all that great.
2. The motel is struggling, and Mia has to answer to the Calivista's many, many worried investors.
3. A new immigration law is looming and if it passes, it will threaten everything—and everyone—in Mia's life.

It's a roller coaster of challenges, and Mia needs all of her determination to hang on tight. But if anyone can find the key to getting through turbulent times, it's Mia Tang!



**Room to Dream (A Front Desk Novel) by Kelly Yang**

Grades 5 and 6

NSSBB# 1005515

Mia Tang is going for her dreams!

After years of hard work, Mia Tang finally gets to go on vacation with her family -- to China! A total dream come true! Mia can't wait to see all her cousins and grandparents again, especially her cousin Shen. As she roams around Beijing, witnessing some of the big changes China's going through, Mia thinks about the changes in her own life, like . . .

1. Lupe's taking classes at the high school! And Mia's own plans to be a big writer are . . . stuck.
2. Something happened with Jason and Mia has no idea what to do about it.
3. New buildings are popping up all around the motel, and small businesses are disappearing.

Can the Calivista survive? Buckle up! Mia is more determined than ever to get through the turbulence, now that she finally has . . . room to dream!



**Burying the Moon** by Andrée Poulin

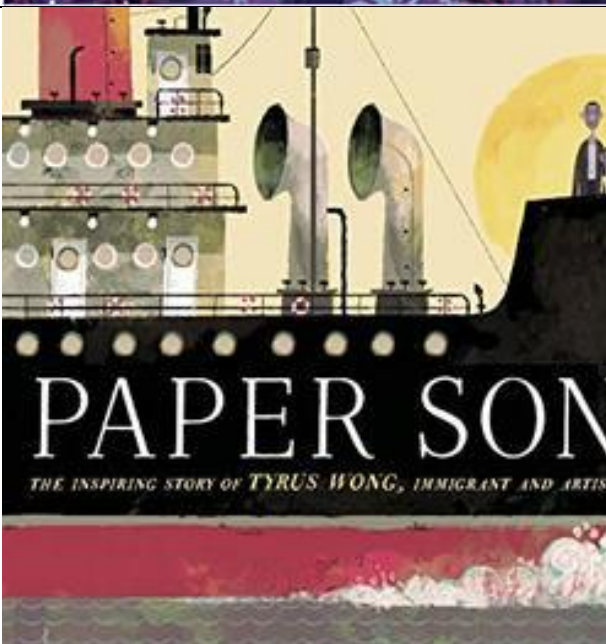
Grade 6

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In Latika’s village in rural India, there are no toilets. No toilets mean that the women have to wait until night to do their business in a field. There are scorpions and snakes in the field, and germs that make people sick. For the girls in the village, no toilets mean leaving school when they reach puberty.

No one in the village wants to talk about this shameful problem. But Latika has had enough. When a government representative visits their village, she sees her chance to make one of her dreams come true: the construction of public toilets, which would be safer for everybody in her village.

*Burying the Moon* shines a light on how a lack of access to sanitation facilities affects girls and women in many parts of the world.

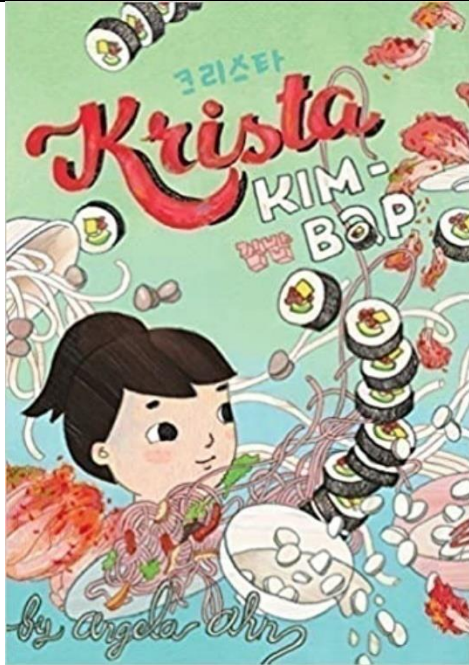


**Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist** by Julie Leung

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005565

Before he became an artist named Tyrus Wong, he was a boy named Wong Geng Yeo. He traveled across a vast ocean from China to America with only a suitcase and a few papers. Not papers for drawing--which he loved to do--but immigration papers to start a new life. Once in America, Tyrus seized every opportunity to make art, eventually enrolling at an art institute in Los Angeles. Working as a janitor at night, his mop twirled like a paintbrush in his hands. Eventually, he was given the opportunity of a lifetime--and using sparse brushstrokes and soft watercolors, Tyrus created the iconic backgrounds of *Bambi*.

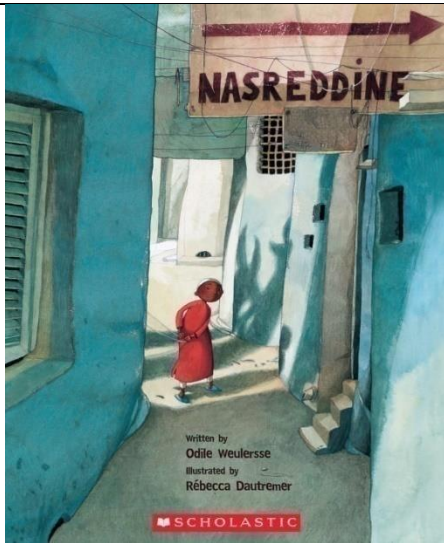


**Krista Kim-Bap** by Angela Ahn

Grades 4 to 7

NSSBB# 1005707

Krista and Jason have been best friends since preschool. It never mattered that he was a boy with reddish brown hair and she was "the Korean girl" at school. Now in fifth grade, everyone in their class is preparing their Heritage Month projects. Jason has always loved Krista's Korean family, and particularly her mom's cooking, but Krista is conflicted about being her school's "Korean Ambassador." She's also worried about asking her intimidating grandma to teach the class how to cook their traditional *kim-bap*. Combine that with her new friends pulling her away from Jason, and Krista has a lot to deal with this year!

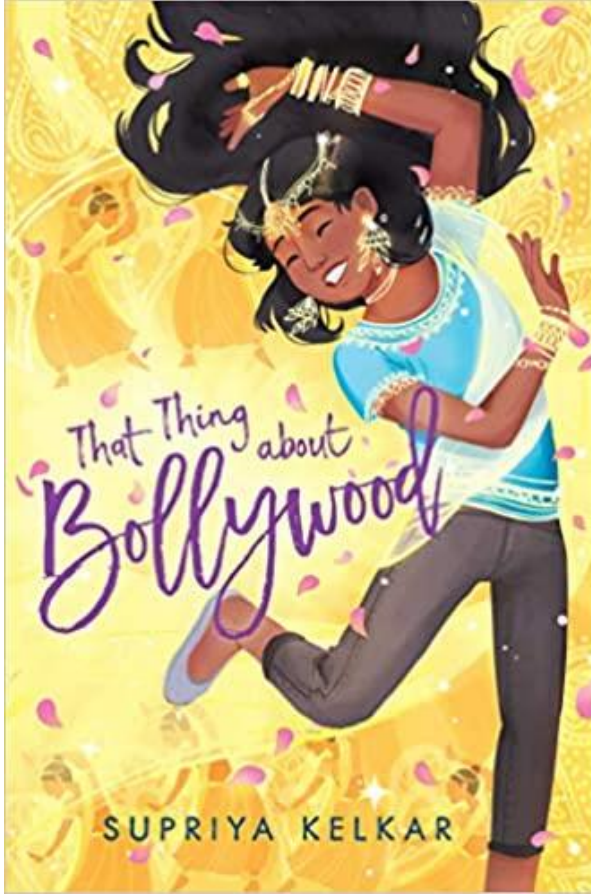


**Nasreddine** by Odile Weulersse

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1005709

It's time to go to market, so Nasreddine loads up the donkey and sets off with his father. But when onlookers criticize his father for riding while Nasreddine walks, the boy is ashamed. The following week, Nasreddine persuades his father to walk, and let him ride -- but then people criticize the boy for making his father walk! No matter what Nasreddine tries, it seems that someone always finds something to disapprove of.



**That Thing About Bollywood** by Supriya Kelkar

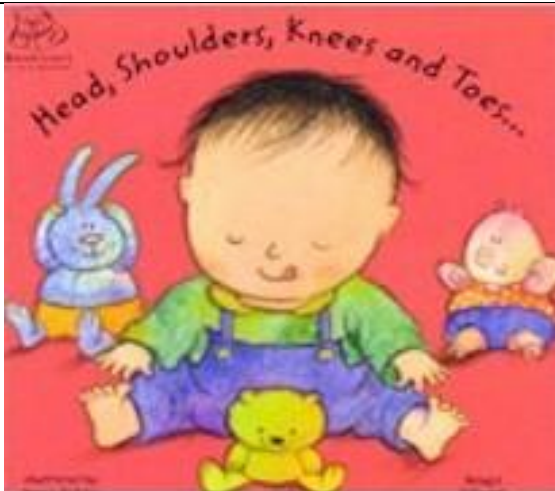
Grades 5 to 7 NSSBB# 1005647

You know how in Bollywood when people are in love, they sing and dance from the mountaintops? Eleven-year-old Sonali wonders if they do the same when they're breaking up. The truth is, Sonali's parents don't get along, and it looks like they might be separating.

Sonali's little brother, Ronak, is not taking the news well, constantly crying. Sonali would never do that. It's embarrassing to let out so many feelings, to show the world how *not* okay you are. But then something strange happens, something magical, maybe. When Sonali gets upset during a field trip, she can't bury her feelings like usual—instead, she suddenly bursts into a Bollywood song-and-dance routine about why she's upset!

The next morning, much to her dismay, Sonali's reality has shifted. Things seem brighter, almost *too* bright. Her parents have had Bollywood makeovers. Her friends are also breaking out into song and dance. And somehow, everyone is acting as if this is totally normal.

Sonali knows something has gone wrong, and she suspects it has something to do with her own mismanaged emotions. Can she figure it out before it's too late?

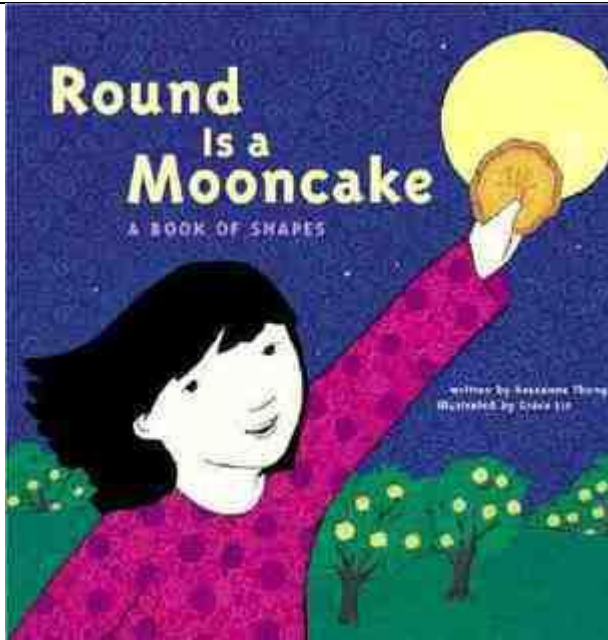


**Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes** by Annie Kubler

Grade primary

A great introduction to books through a well-known nursery song and interactive text.

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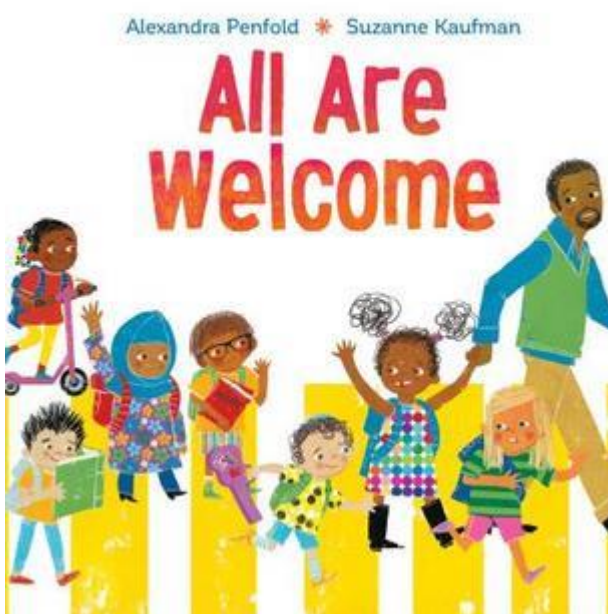


**Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes** by Roseanne Thong

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005663

A little girl's urban neighborhood becomes a discovery ground for all things round, square, and rectangular in this lyrical picture book. Most items are Asian in origin, others universal: round rice bowls and a found pebble, square dim sum and the boxes that the pizzas come in, rectangular Chinese lace and a very special pencil case. Bright, whimsical art accompanies the narrative rhyme, and a short glossary adds cultural significance to the objects featured in the book. Perfect for read-alouds or one-on-one sharing.

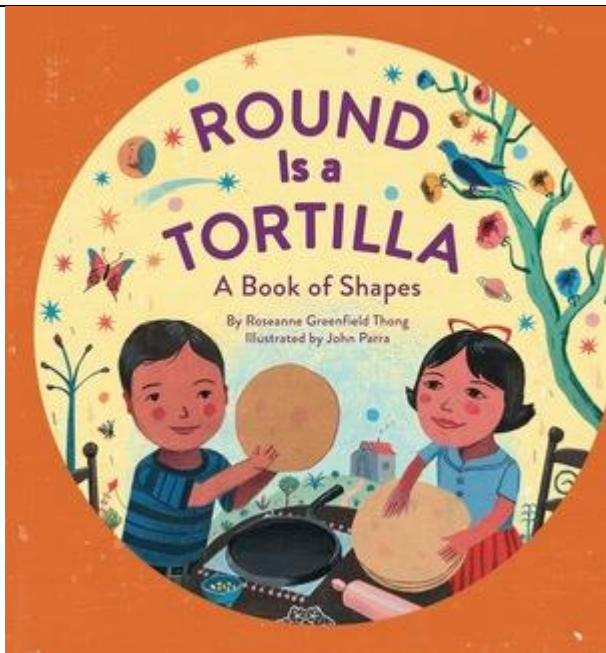


**All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold

Grade 1

Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yamulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

*All Are Welcome* lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

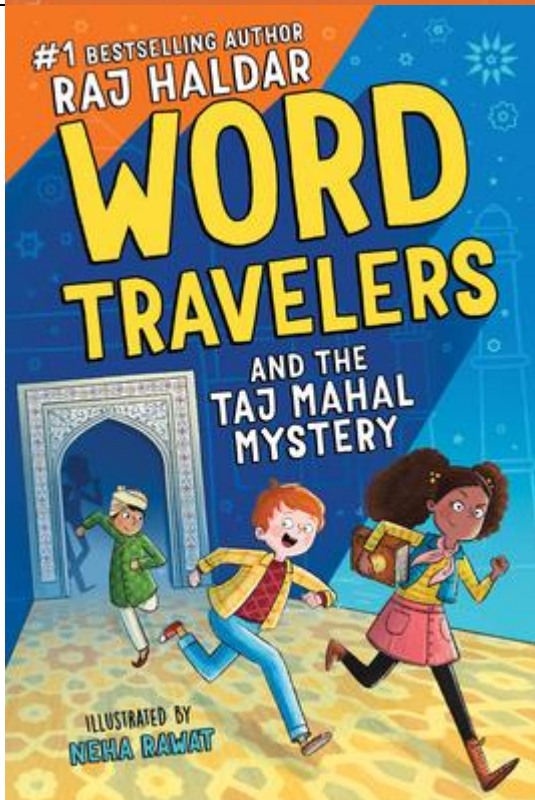


**Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes** by Roseanne Thong

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005893

Round are tortillas and tacos, too Round is a bowl of abuela's stew. In this lively picture book, children discover a world of shapes all around them: Rectangles are ice-cream carts and stone metates, triangles are slices of watermelon and quesadillas. Many of the featured objects are Latino in origin, but all are universal in appeal.



**Word Travelers – The Mystery of the Taj Mahal Treasure** by Raj Haldar

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1005867

Eddie and Molly-Jean are next door neighbors and best friends. One Saturday, Eddie's mom sends him up to the attic to get his great-grandpa's most prized possession (a book, of course). Eddie and Molly-Jean are suddenly transported to India where they must use their word knowledge to solve a mystery and help a new friend save his school.

This new series will follow the two best friends as they discover the hidden stories behind common words. Using their Awesome Enchanted Book and a healthy dose of imagination, the daring duo transport themselves to exotic locales, always encountering new adventures and learning how different cultures have contributed to the English language along the way.



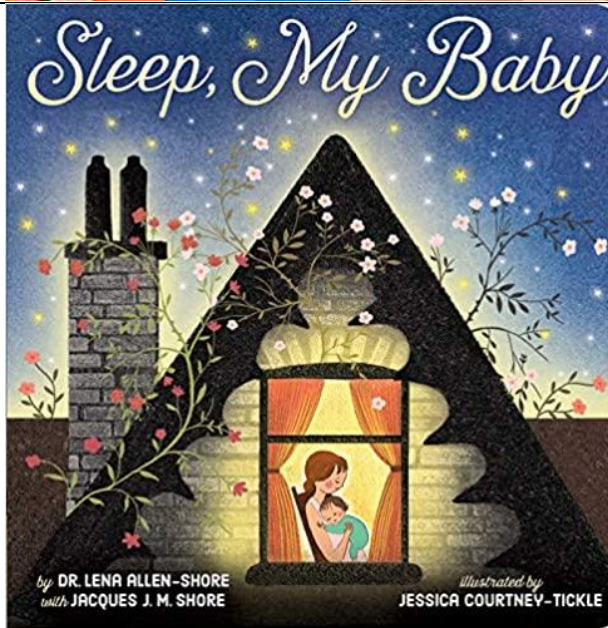


**Like the Moon Love the Sky** by Hena Khan

Grade primary

NSSBB# 1005464

In this picture book, author Hena Khan shares her wishes for her children: "*Inshallah you find wonder in birds as they fly. Inshallah you are loved, like the moon loves the sky.*" With vibrant illustrations and prose inspired by the Quran, this charming picture book is a heartfelt and universal celebration of a parent's unconditional love.

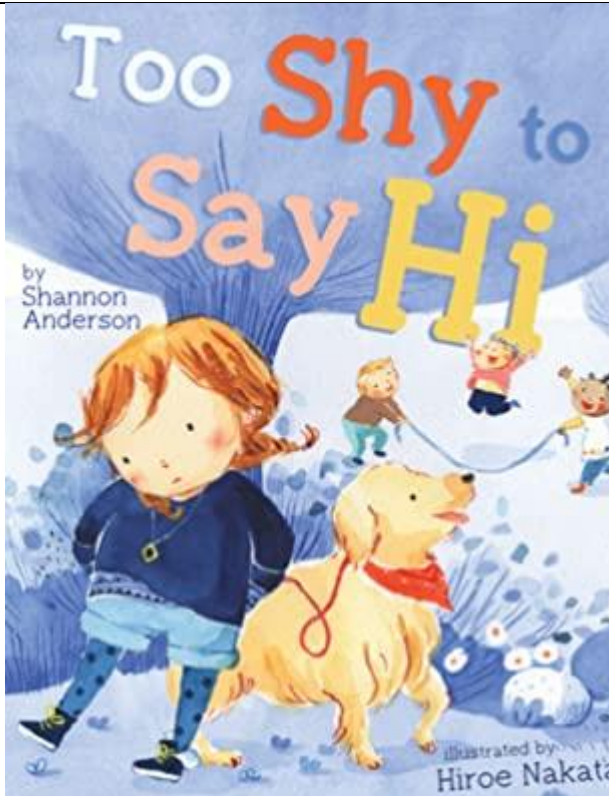


**Sleep, My Baby** by Dr. Lena Allen-Shore with Jacques J.M. Shore

Grade primary

NSSBB# 1005467

A board book featuring a sweetly illustrated and tender lullaby first composed by Holocaust survivor, Dr. Lena Allen-Shore for her son, Jacques, and then adapted further by them for this children's book.



**Too Shy to Say Hi** by Shannon Anderson

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1005881

Making friends can be tough, but this rhyming picture book will help navigate difficulties of shyness and social anxiety. Shelli used to be pretty content in her little world, thinking that her pet friends with feathers, fins, and fur were enough. Her bird would keep her company at home, her fish would hideaway in his cave, and her dog was the social butterfly of the neighborhood. But now, Shelli is determined to try to make friends with kids at school.



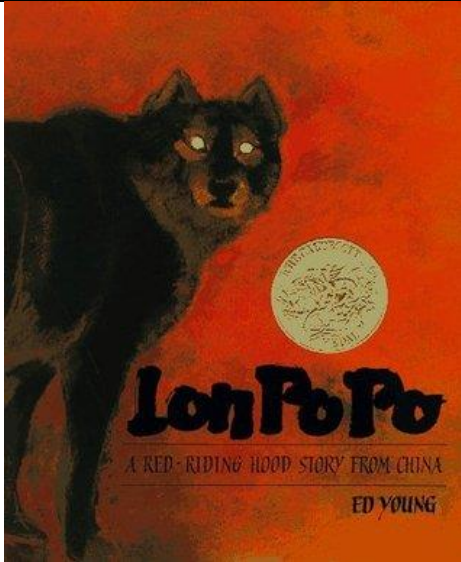
**Red Kite Blue Kite** by Ji-li Jiang

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005651

When Tai Shan and his father, Baba, fly kites from their roof and look down at the crowded city streets below, they feel free, like the kites. Baba loves telling Tai Shan stories while the kites--one red, and one blue--rise, dip, and soar together. Then, a bad time comes. People wearing red armbands shut down the schools, smash store signs, and search houses. Baba is sent away, and Tai Shan goes to live with Granny Wang. Though father and son are far apart, they have a secret way of staying close. Every day they greet each other by flying their kites--one red, and one blue--until Baba can be free again, like the kites.

Inspired by the dark time of the Cultural Revolution in China, this is a soaring tale of hope that will resonate with anyone who has ever had to love from a distance.

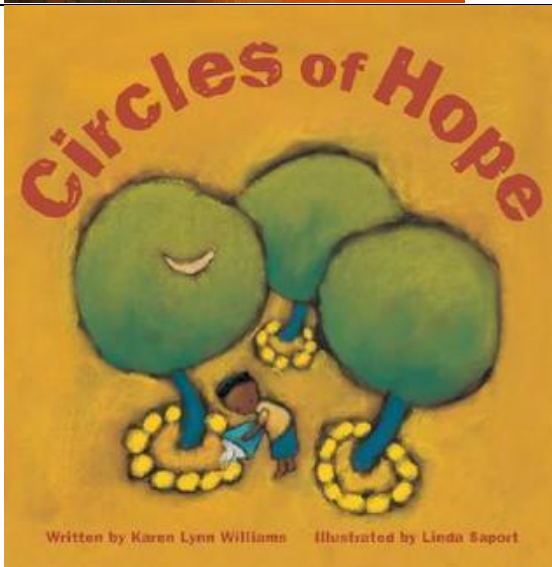


**Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China** by Ed Young

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1005650

Not for the faint-hearted, *Lon Po Po* (Grandmother Wolf), is a tale of a menacing danger and courage.

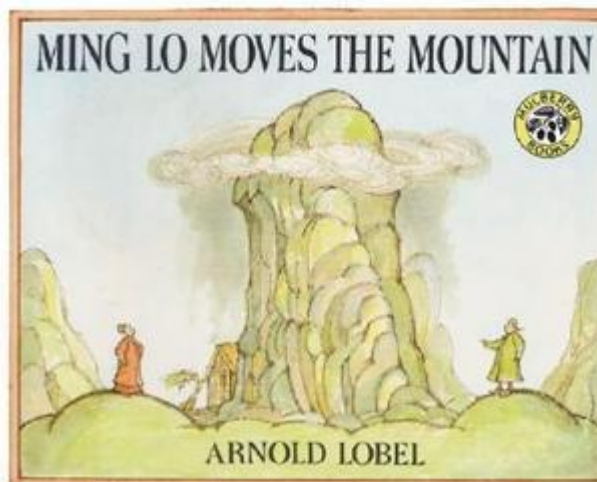


**Circles of Hope** by Karen Lynn Williams

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005649

*Everyone brought a gift for baby Lucfa. Facile sat high up in his mango tree and watched. It was the only tree on the whole dusty mountaintop. Papa had planted it for him when he was born. "A strong tree protects its timoun," Papa said. Young Facile wants to plant a tree in honor of his new baby sister, but he faces many obstacles. The first seed he plants is eaten by a goat, the second seed is washed away in a storm, and another seed is burnt by a scrub fire. Will Facile ever be able to plant a tree that will grow strong for baby Lucía?*



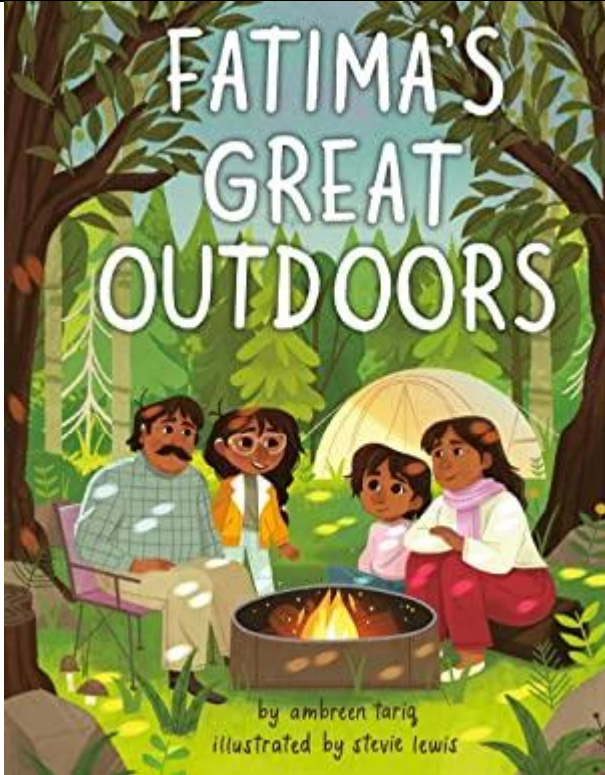
**Ming Lo Moves the Mountain** by Arnold Lobel

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1005652

Ming Lo's wife is angry. The couple live beside a big mountain which causes them no end of trouble. Shadows fall over their garden. Rocks fall through their roof. And it is always raining. "Husband," says Ming Lo's wife, "you must move the mountain so that we may enjoy our house in peace." But how can a man as small as Ming Lo move something as large

	<p>as a mountain? Maybe the village wise man can help. This whimsical literary folktale is set in China.</p>
	<p><b>My Best Friend</b> by Julie Fogliano</p> <p>Grades primary to 3</p> <p>NSSBB# 1005564</p> <p>A story of first friendship.</p> <p>What is a best friend, if not someone who laughs with you the whole entire day, especially when you pretend to be a pickle?</p>
	<p><b>The Most Beautiful Thing</b> by Kao Kalia Yang</p> <p>Grades 5 and 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1005561</p> <p>Drawn from author Kao Kalia Yang's childhood experiences as a Hmong refugee, this moving picture book portrays a family with a great deal of love and little money. Weaving together Kalia's story with that of her beloved grandmother, the book moves from the jungles of Laos to the family's early years in the United States.</p> <p>When Kalia becomes unhappy about having to do without and decides she wants braces to improve her smile, it is her grandmother—a woman who has just one tooth in her mouth—who helps her see that true beauty is found with those we love most.</p>

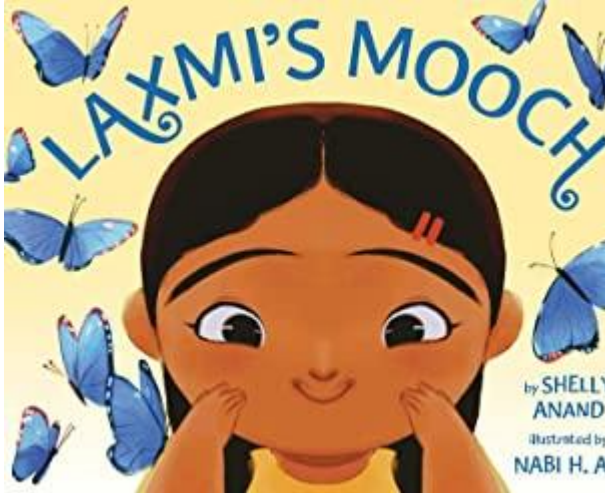


**Fatima's Great Outdoors** by Ambreen Tariq

Grades 2 to 5

NSSBB# 1005504

Fatima Khazi is excited for the weekend. Her family is headed to a local state park for their first camping trip! The school week might not have gone as planned, but outdoors, Fatima can achieve anything. She sets up a tent with her father, builds a fire with her mother, and survives an eight-legged mutant spider (a daddy longlegs with an impressive shadow) with her sister. At the end of an adventurous day, the family snuggles inside one big tent, serenaded by the sounds of the forest. The thought of leaving the magic of the outdoors tugs at Fatima's heart, but her sister reminds her that they can keep the memory alive through stories—and they can always daydream about what their next camping trip will look like.



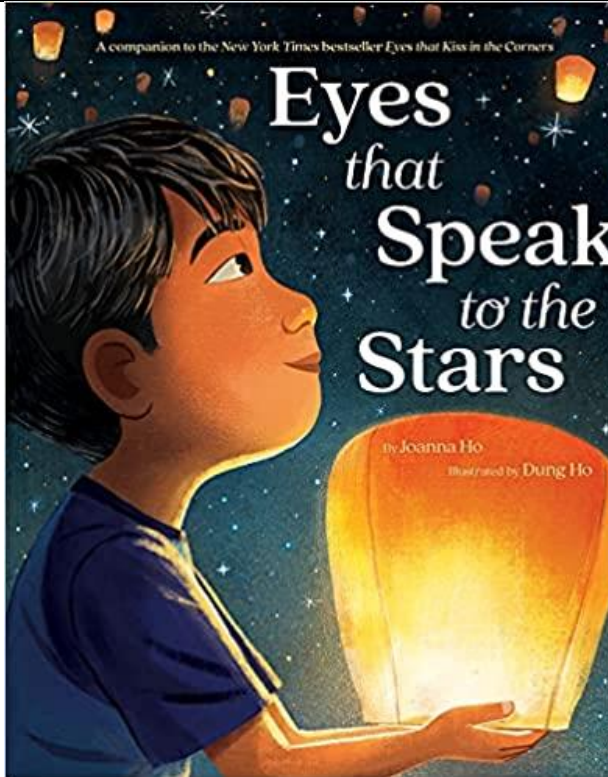
**Laxmi's Mooch** by Shelly Anand

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005522

Laxmi never paid much attention to the tiny hairs above her lip. But one day while playing farm animals at recess, her friends point out that her whiskers would make her the perfect cat. She starts to notice body hair all over--on her arms, legs, and even between her eyebrows.

With her parents' help, Laxmi learns that hair isn't just for heads, but that it grows everywhere, regardless of gender.

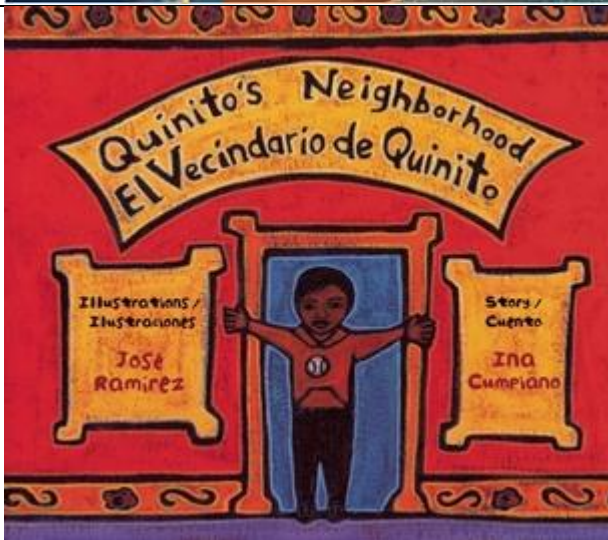


**Eyes that Speak to the Stars** by Joanna Ho

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005524

A young Asian boy notices that his eyes look different from his peers' after seeing his friend's drawing of them. After talking to his father, the boy realizes that his eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars, shine like sunlit rays, and glimpse trails of light from those who came before—in fact, his eyes are like his father's, his agong's, and his little brother's, and they are visionary.

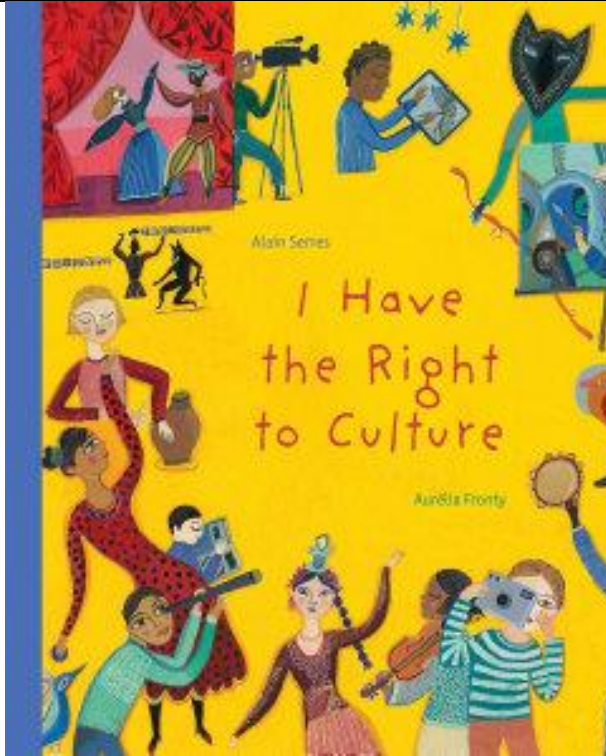


**Quinito's Neighborhood / El Vecindario de Quinito** by Ina Cumpiano

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005566

Quinito knows that his neighborhood is made up of much more than just buildings, streets, and shops—it is made up of all the people he knows and loves. People like his grown-up cousin Tita, who learns how to make people laugh in clown school, and his aunt, who paints murals to brighten up the streets. Everyone in the neighborhood has an important job, and each friend and neighbor knows and values everyone else.



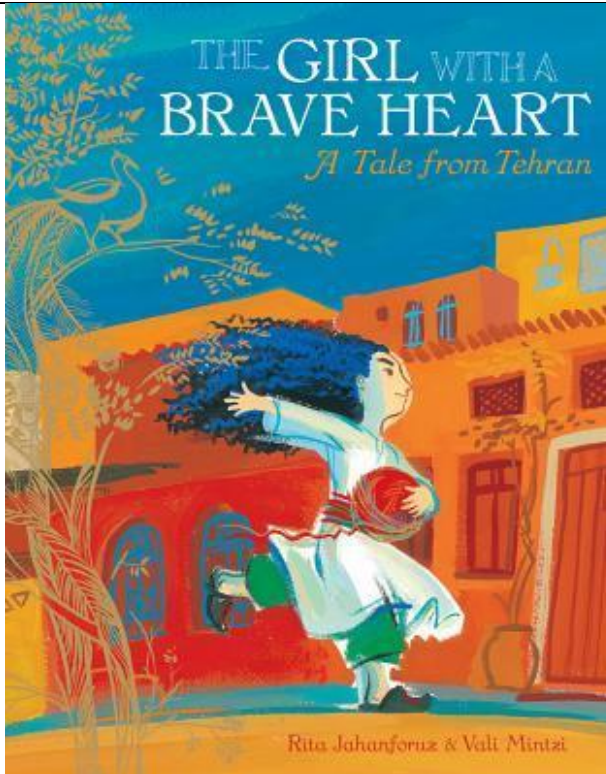
I Have the Right to Culture by Alain Serres

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1005509

I Have a Right to Culture explores a child's right to be curious and to experience all of humanity's shared knowledge, including music, art, dance and much more. When a child is born they learn the language of their parents, they sing the songs of their grandparents and they eat the delicious food that their family prepares. They also start to wonder about the lives of other children who live far away. What languages do they speak? What songs do they sing? And what games do they play?

Every child has the right to learn about the world they live in, including its history and its inventions. Children have the right to partake in culture as proclaimed in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.

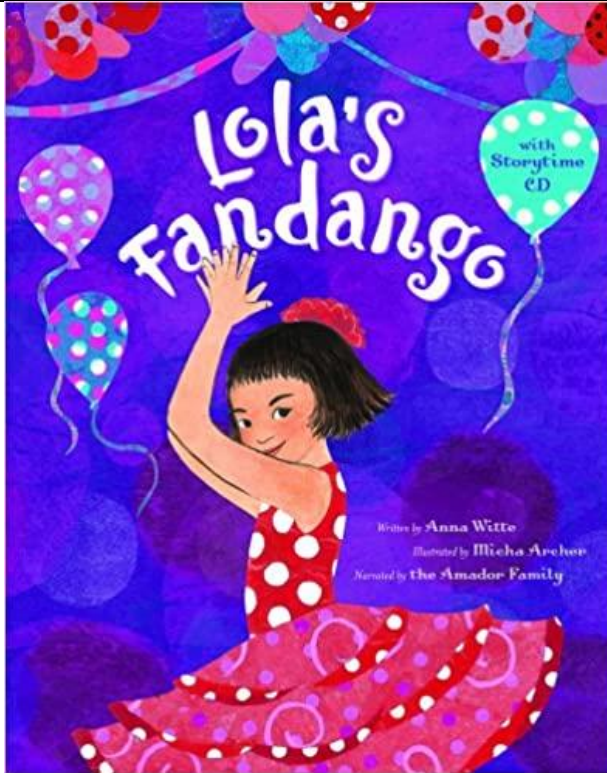


**The Girl with a Brave Heart** by Rita Jahanforuz

Grades 1 to 5

NSSBB# 1005533

After showing kindness to a strange old woman, Shiraz receives the gift of beauty but her lazy and unkind stepsister, Nargues, suffers a less pleasant fate in this adaptation of the Grimm's fairy tale, Mother Hulda, reset in Tehran, Iran.

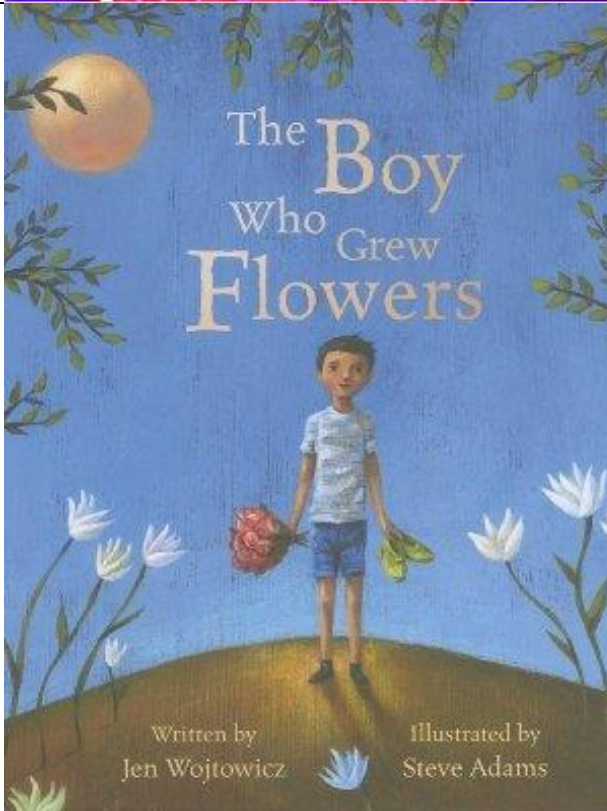


**Lola's Fandango** by Anna Witte

Grades primary to 5

NSSBB# 1005529

Lola is a young Spanish girl in awe of her glamorous older sister. However, she discovers her own talent and duende, or spirit, through secret fandango lessons from her father. The text is infused with the rhythms, movements and sounds of the dance and the humanity of Lola's family is beautifully portrayed by Micha Archer's collage-paintings.



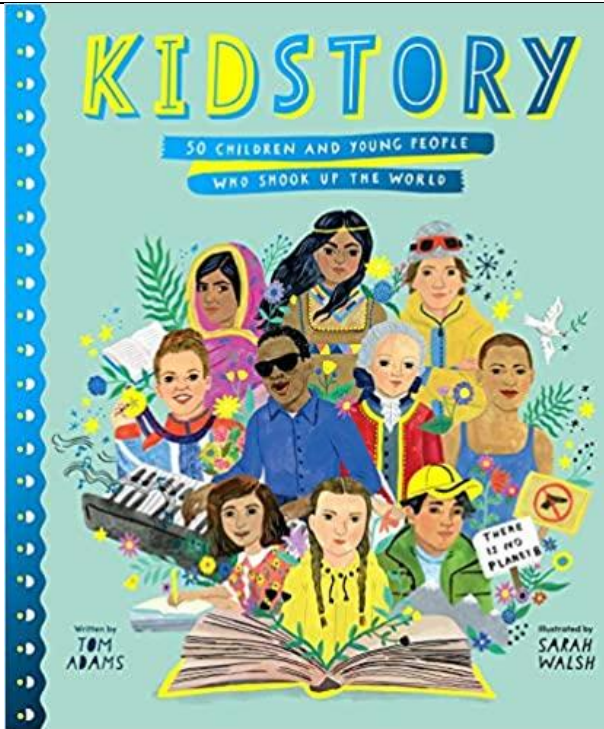
**The Boy Who Grew Flowers** by Jen Wojtowicz

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1005527

Shunned at school because he sprouts flowers every full moon, Rink Bowagon makes a special pair of shoes for a classmate who is able to appreciate his unique abilities.





**Kid Story: 50 Children and Young People Who Shook Up the World** by Tom Adams

Grades 3 to 6

NSSBB# 1005662

You don't have to be an adult to make a difference! This volume is the perfect introduction to just some of the incredible young people from all over the world who have influenced a cultural, political, or social change throughout history. From Louis Braille to Greta Thunberg, Pelé to Malala Yousafzai, these activists, inventors, artists, and athletes broke new ground with their passion, courage, and creativity.



**I'm Worried** by Michael Ian Black

Grades primary to 3

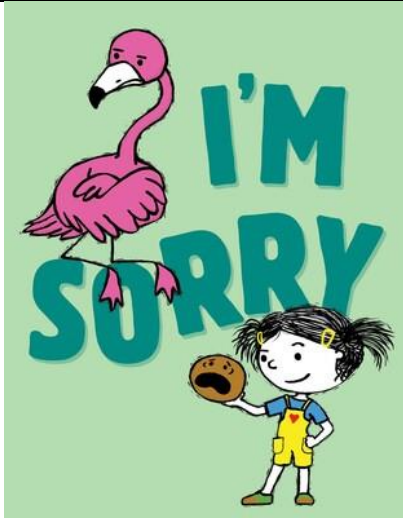
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Potato is worried. About *everything*.

Because *anything* might happen.

When he tells his friends, he expects them to comfort him by saying that everything will be okay. Except they don't. Because it might not be, and that's okay too. Still, there's one thing they can promise for sure: no matter what happens...they will always be by his side.



**I'm Sorry** by Michael Ian Black

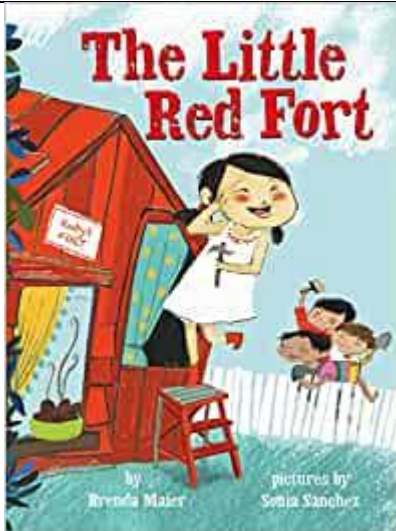
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005706

Flamingo is upset. *Very* upset.

Potato is sorry. *Very* sorry. In fact, he is the sorriest.

But he doesn't know how to tell Flamingo. He would rather run away to the South Pole and live with penguins. He'd rather wear a disguise for the rest of time. But will that be enough to fix their friendship? Will they ever go back to being a girl, a potato, and a flamingo again?

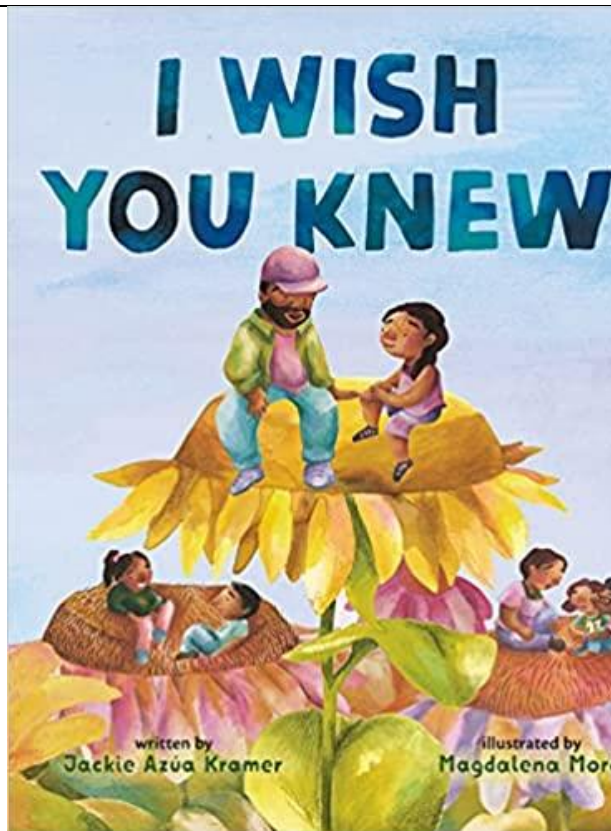


**The Little Red Fort** by Brenda Maier

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005626

Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. One day, she finds some old boards and decides to build something. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build." Then I'll learn," she says. And she does! When she creates a dazzling fort that they all want to play in, it is Ruby who has the last laugh.



**I Wish You Knew** by Jackie Azua Kramer

Grades primary to 3

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When Estrella's father has to leave because

*he wasn't born here, like her,*

She misses him.

And she wishes people knew the way it affects her.

At home. At school.

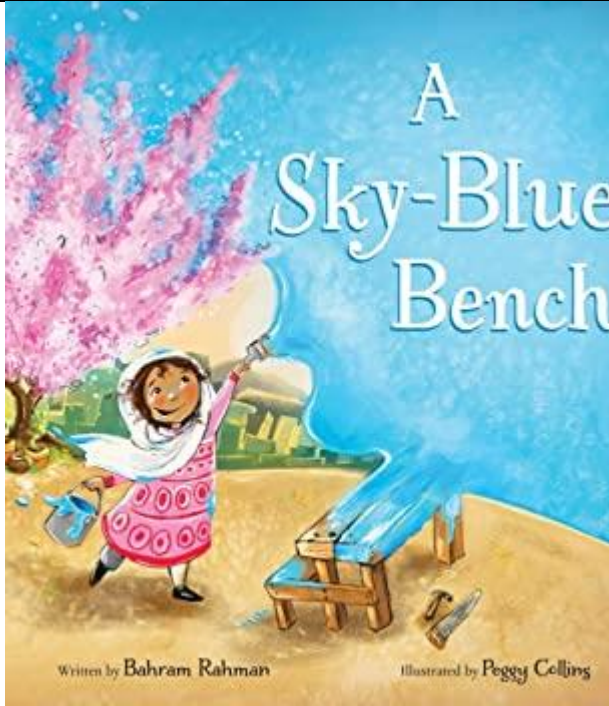
*Always.*

But a school wrapped around a hundred-year-old oak tree is the perfect place to share and listen.

Some kids miss family,  
Some kids are hungry,  
Some kids live in shelters.

But nobody is alone.

A story about deportation, divided families, and the importance of community in the midst of uncertainty.



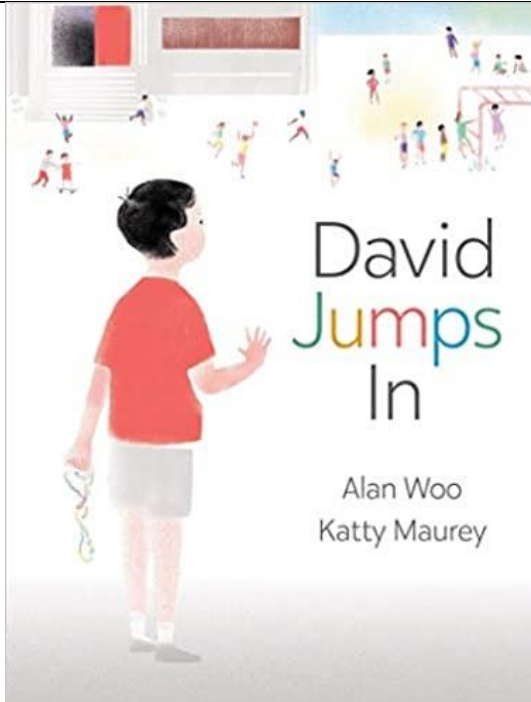
**A Sky-Blue Bench** by Bahram Rahman

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005539

It's Afghani schoolgirl Aria's first day back at school since her accident. She's excited, but she's also worried about sitting on the hard floor all day with her new prosthetic "helper-leg."

Just as Aria feared, sitting on the floor is so uncomfortable that she can't think about learning at all. She knows that before the war changed many things in Afghanistan, schools like hers had benches for students to sit at. If she had a bench, her leg would not hurt so much. The answer is obvious: she will gather materials, talk to Kaka Najar, the carpenter in the old city, and learn to build a bench for herself.



**David Jumps In** by Alan Woo and Katty Maurey

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1005625

It is David's first day at his brand-new school. He doesn't know anyone. At recess, he stands alone and watches the other children enjoying their activities on the playground, from practicing soccer moves and climbing monkey bars to playing hopscotch and daydreaming in the grass. Bundled deep inside David's pocket is a string of rubber bands, knotted and ready for a game of elastic skip. But will anyone want to try that game? he wonders. Will anyone want to play with him?



**More-igami** by Dori Kleber

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005627

Joey loves things that fold: maps, beds, accordions, you name it. When a visiting mother of a classmate turns a plain piece of paper into a beautiful origami crane, his eyes pop. Maybe he can learn origami, too. It's going to take practice — on his homework, the newspaper, the thirty-eight dollars in his mother's purse . . . Enough! No more folding! But how can Joey become an origami master if he's not allowed to practice? Is there anywhere that he can hone the skill that makes him happy — and maybe even make a new friend while he's at it?



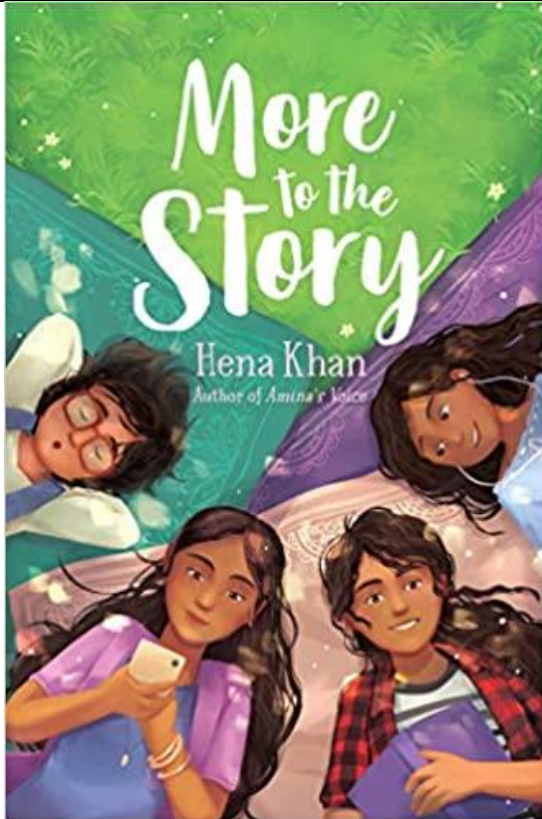
**Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan

Grades 6 to 8

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NSSBB# 1005531 (paperback)

Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.



**More to the Story** by Hena Khan

Grades 5 to 7 - NSSBB# 1005530

When Jameela Mirza is picked to be feature editor of her middle school newspaper, she's one step closer to being an award-winning journalist like her late grandfather. The problem is her editor-in-chief keeps shooting down her article ideas. Jameela's assigned to write about the new boy in school, who has a cool British accent but doesn't share much, and wonders how she'll make his story gripping enough to enter into a national media contest.

Jameela, along with her three sisters, is devastated when their father needs to take a job overseas, away from their cozy Georgia home for six months. Missing him makes Jameela determined to write an epic article—one to make her dad extra proud. But when her younger sister gets seriously ill, Jameela's world turns upside down. And as her hunger for fame looks like it might cost her a blossoming friendship, Jameela questions what matters most, and whether she's cut out to be a journalist at all.

This resource has questions at the back, these should be used for discussion only. One of the characters is dealing with cancer.



**My Name is Bana** by Bana Alabed

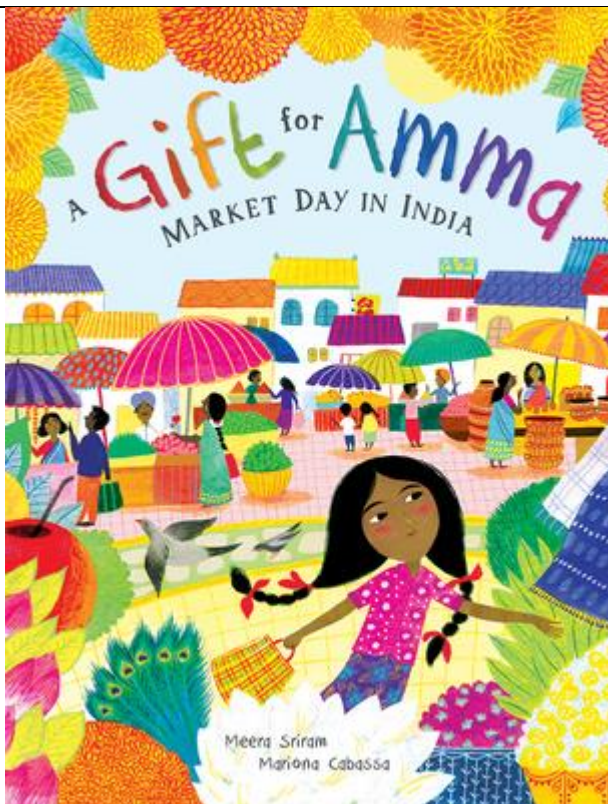
Grades primary to 3

NSSBB # 1005507

“I just want to live without fear.” —Bana Alabed, Twitter, October 12, 2016.

When seven-year-old Bana Alabed took to Twitter to describe the horrors she and her family were experiencing in war-torn Syria, her heartrending messages touched the world and gave a voice to millions of innocent children.

Written in Bana’s own words, this picture book offers a uniquely intimate child’s perspective on one of the biggest humanitarian crises in history. Bana has lost her best friend, her school, her home, and her homeland. But she has not lost her hope—for herself and for other children around the world who are victims and refugees of war and deserve better lives.



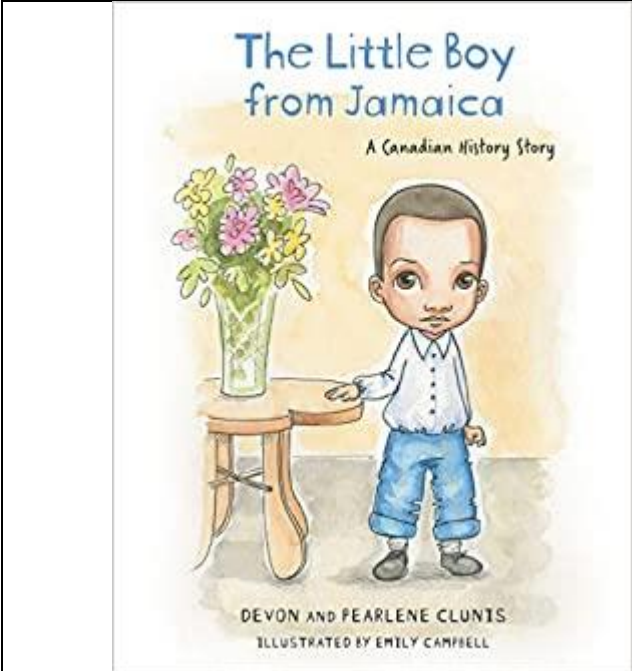
**A Gift for Amma – Market Day in India** by Meera Sriram

Grades primary to 4

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A girl explores the vibrant rainbow of delights in a southern Indian street market as she searches for a gift for her amma (mother). Endnotes explain all the items on sale and introduce readers to markets around the world.

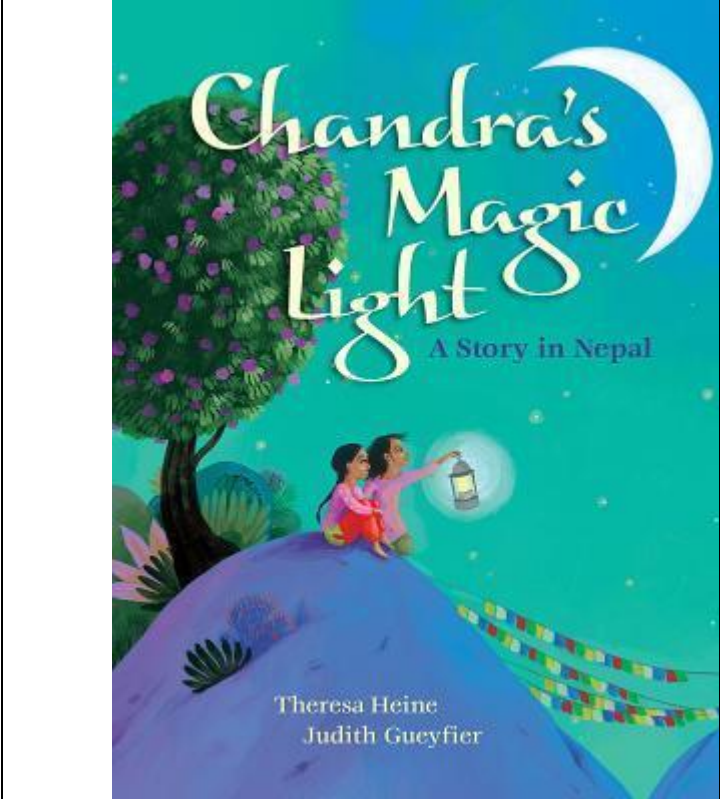


**The Little Boy from Jamaica: A Canadian History Story** by Devon and Pearlene Clunis

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005434

To the young child holding this book in your hand. Do you believe someone just like you could become a history maker? I believe you can. Read this story and discover how Devon, a little boy from Jamaica, became a Canadian history maker. You will see that anything is possible and that dreams can come true.



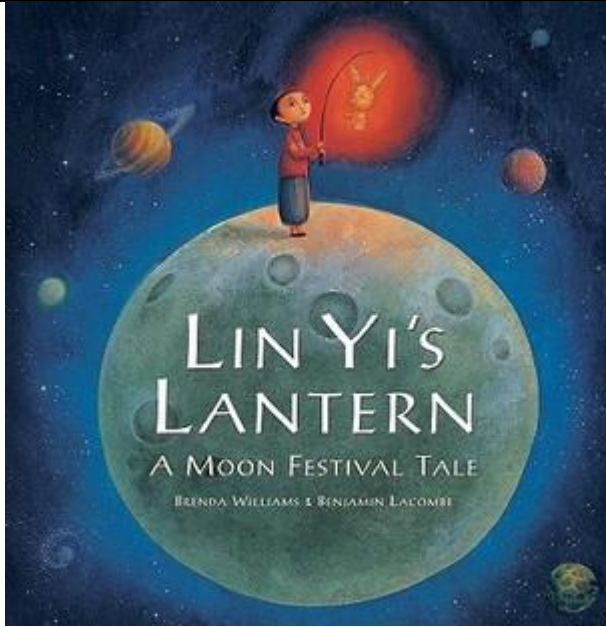
**Chandra's Magic Light: A Story in Nepal** by Theresa Heine

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1005477

Chandra and her sister Deena see a demonstration of a magic light, a solar-powered lantern, at a market near their home in Nepal and are determined to buy one, knowing it will help their little brother's cough to stop using kerosene lamps. Includes facts about Nepal.



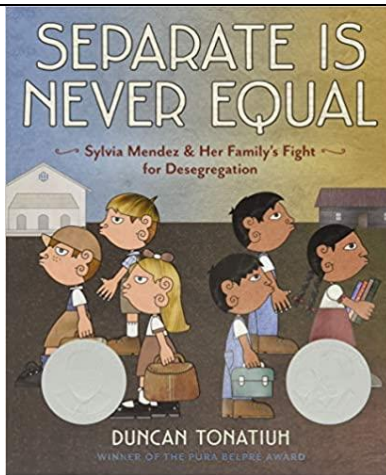


**Lin Yi's Lantern A Moon Festival Tale** by Brenda Williams

Grades primary to 3

NSSB# 1005478

Lin Yi is given money to buy items at the market for tonight's Moon Festival. If he bargains well, he can purchase a red rabbit lantern for himself. But he must purchase everything on his mother's list first! This heart-warming story will resonate with both children and adults, as they learn about the wonderful Chinese Moon Festival and the rewards that come from putting others first. Set in China, this story offers an opportunity to learn about Chinese customs through the accessible story of a young boy who has his heart set on buying a lantern for the festival. This book includes informative notes about life in rural China and the Moon Festival, celebrated in October.

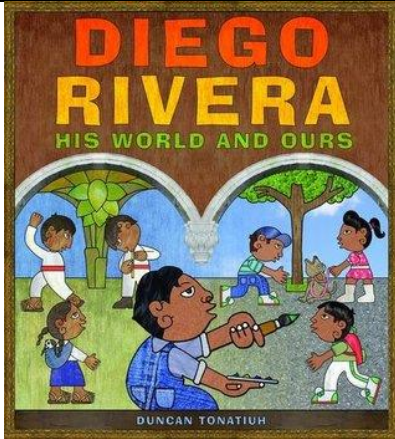


**Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation** by Duncan Tonatiuh

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1005554

Almost 10 years before *Brown vs. Board of Education*, Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California. An American citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage who spoke and wrote perfect English, Mendez was denied enrollment to a "Whites only" school. Her parents took action by organizing the Hispanic community and filing a lawsuit in federal district court. Their success eventually brought an end to the era of segregated education in California.

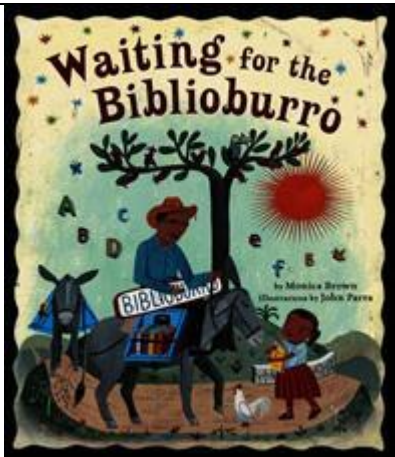


**Diego Rivera: His World and Ours** by Duncan Tonatiuh

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1005551

This charming book introduces one of the most popular artists of the twentieth century, Diego Rivera, to young readers. It tells the story of Diego as a young, mischievous boy who demonstrated a clear passion for art and then went on to become one of the most famous painters in the world.



**Waiting for the Biblioburro** by Monica Brown

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005490

When a man brings to a remote village two burros, Alfa and Beto, loaded with books the children can borrow, Ana's excitement leads her to write a book of her own as she waits for the BibliBurro to return. Includes glossary of Spanish terms and a note on the true story of Columbia's BiblioBurro and mobile libraries in other countries.

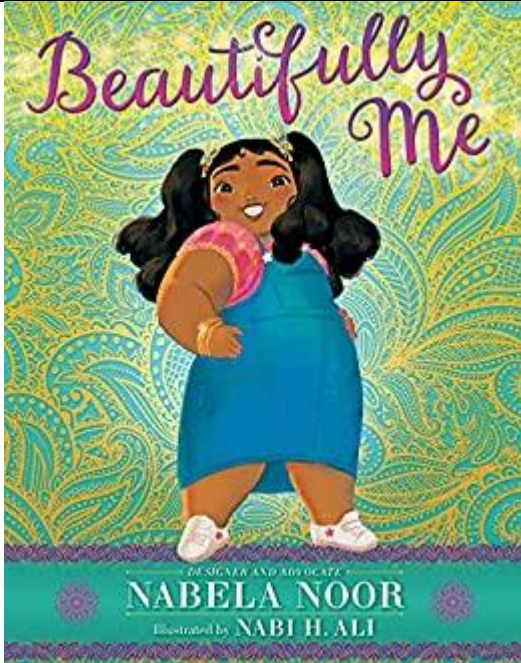


**Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music** by Margarita Engle

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005488

*Girls cannot be drummers.* Long ago on an island filled with music, no one questioned that rule—until the drum dream girl. In her city of drumbeats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongós. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang and danced and decided that *both* girls and boys should be free to drum and dream.



**Beautifully Me** by Nabela Noor

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB # 1005495

Meet Zubi: a joyful Bangladeshi girl excited about her first day of school. But when Zubi sees her mother frowning in the mirror and talking about being “too big,” she starts to worry about her own body and how she looks. As her day goes on, she hears more and more people being critical of each other’s and their own bodies, until her outburst over dinner leads her family to see what they’ve been doing wrong—and to help Zubi see that we can all make the world a more beautiful place by being beautifully ourselves.

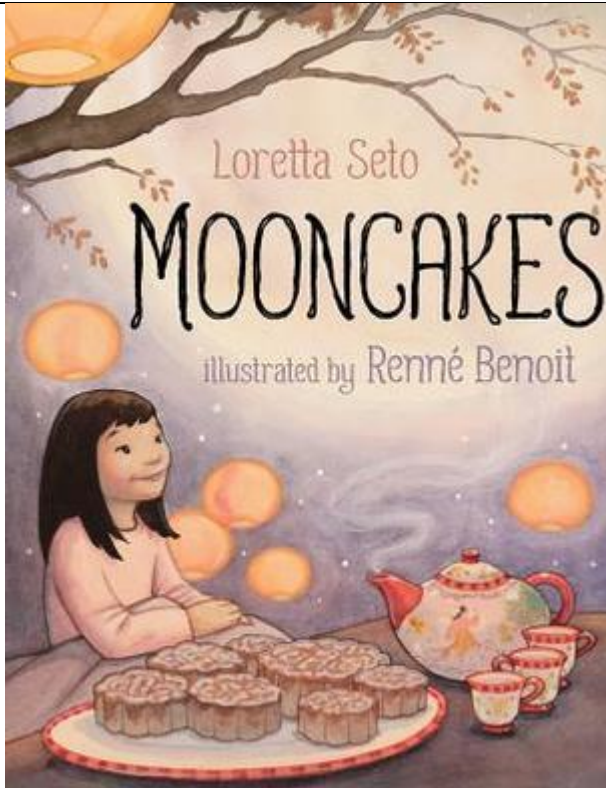


**It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way** by Kyo Maclear

Grades 5 and 6

NSSBB# 1005451

Growing up quiet and lonely at the beginning of the twentieth century, Gyo learned from her relatives the ways in which both women and Japanese people lacked opportunity. Her teachers and family believed in her and sent her to art school and later Japan, where her talent flourished. But while Gyo's career grew and led her to work for Walt Disney Studios, World War II began, and with it, her family's internment. But Gyo never stopped fighting -- for herself, her vision, her family, and her readers -- and later wrote and illustrated the first children's book to feature children of different races interacting together.



**Mooncakes** by Loretta Seto

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1002242

*Mooncakes* is the story of a young girl who shares the special celebration of the Chinese Moon Festival with her parents. As they eat mooncakes, drink tea and watch the night sky together, Mama and Baba tell ancient tales of a magical tree that can never be cut down, the Jade Rabbit who came to live on the moon and one brave woman's journey to eternal life.

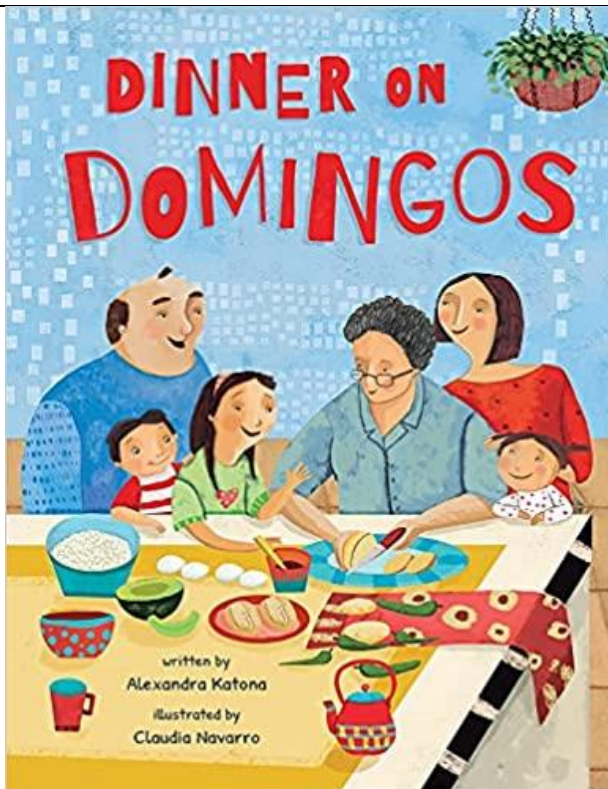


**Run, Little Chaski!: An Inka Trail Adventure** by Mariana Llanos and Mariana Ruiz Johnson

Grades Primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005466

In this tale set in the ancient Inka empire, Little Chaski has a big job: He is the Inka King's newest royal messenger. But on his first day things quickly start to go awry. Will Little Chaski be able to deliver the royal message on time?



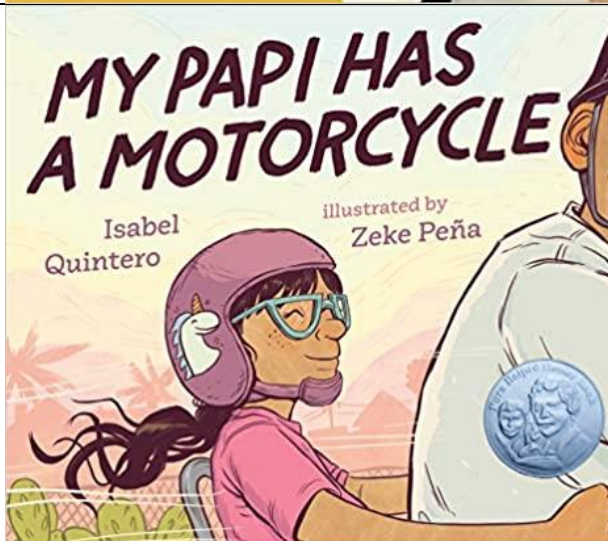
**Dinner on Domingos**\_by Alexandra Katona

Grades primary to 3

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"This magical home turns a normal Sunday into domingo: the best day of the week." Warm memories wash over a first-generation Latinx American girl as she experiences a typical Sunday night dinner at her Abuelita's house. As Alejandra thinks about all the good times her family has had there, she decides that she wants to be brave and try speaking Spanish with Abuelita so that they can deepen their bond.



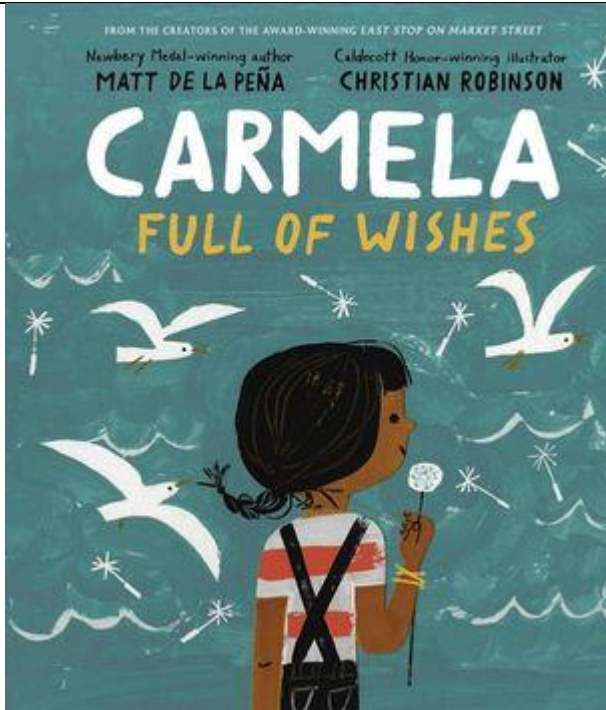
**My Papi has a Motorcycle** by Isabel Quintero

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005493

When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her.

But as the sun sets purple-blue-gold behind Daisy Ramona and her papi, she knows that the love she feels will always be there.



**Carmela Full of Wishes** by Matt de la Peña

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005491

When Carmela wakes up on her birthday, her wish has already come true--she's finally old enough to join her big brother as he does the family errands. Together, they travel through their neighborhood, past the crowded bus stop, the fenced-off repair shop, and the panaderia, until they arrive at the Laundromat, where Carmela finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. But before she can blow its white fluff away, her brother tells her she has to make a wish. If only she can think of just the right wish to make.



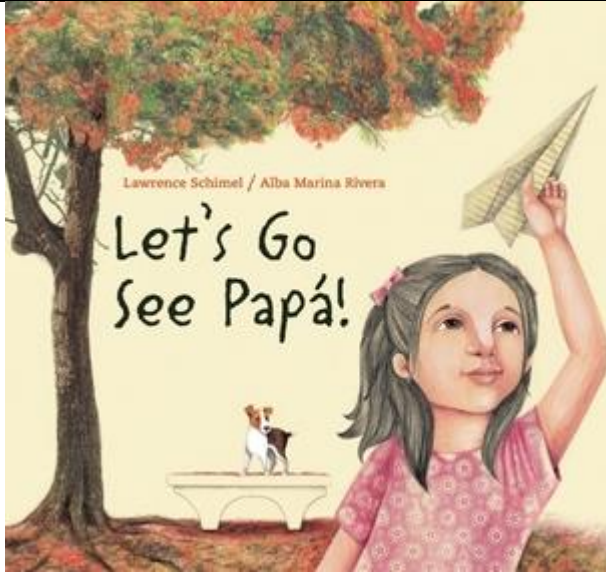
**All the Way to Havana** by Margarita Engle

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005484

*So we purr, cara cara, and we glide, taka taka, and we zoom, zoom, ZOOM!*

Together, a boy and his parents drive to the city of Havana, Cuba, in their old family car. Along the way, they experience the sights and sounds of the streets--neighbors talking, musicians performing, and beautiful, colorful cars putt-putting and bumpety-bumping along. In the end, though, it's their old car, Cara Cara, that the boy loves best.

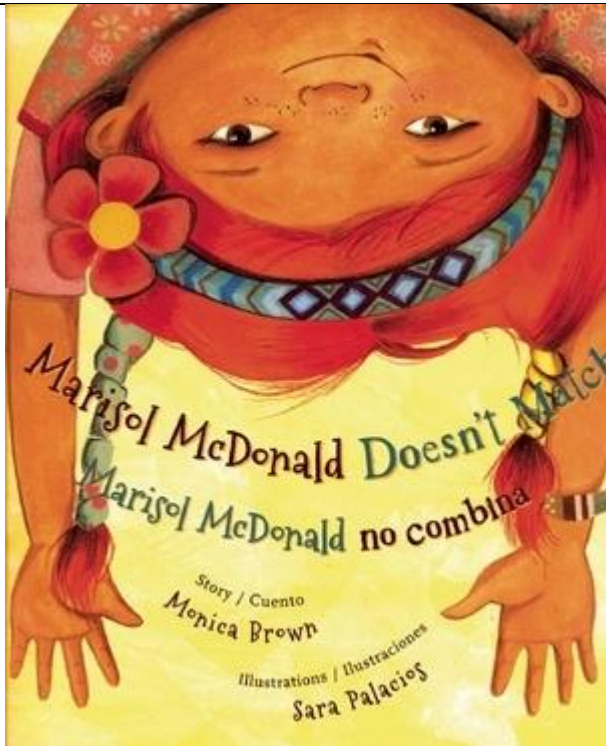


**Let's Go See Papa!** by Lawrence Schimel

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005493

The little girl in this story likes Sundays best of all -- it's the day her father calls. She hasn't seen him for over a year because he works far away across the ocean in the United States. She writes in her notebook every day, keeping a record of everything that happens to share with him when she finally sees him again. Then one Sunday her father asks if she and her mother would like to join him, and she's surprised by her mixed feelings. It means leaving her grandmother, her friends ... and her dog, Kika, behind.



**Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match** by Monica Brown

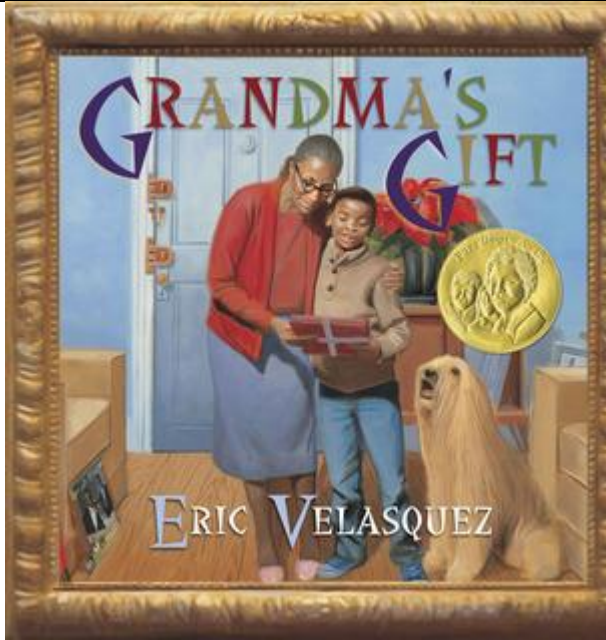
Grades 2 to 3

NSSBB# 1005485

"My name is Marisol McDonald, and I don't match. At least, that's what everyone tells me."

Marisol McDonald has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin. Polka dots and stripes are her favorite combination. She prefers peanut butter and jelly burritos in her lunch box. And don't even think of asking her to choose one or the other activity at recess--she'll just be a soccer playing pirate princess, thank you very much. To Marisol McDonald, these seemingly mismatched things make perfect sense together.

Unfortunately, they don't always make sense to everyone else. Other people wrinkle their nose in confusion at Marisol--can't she just be one or the other? Try as she might, in a world where everyone tries to put this biracial, Peruvian-Scottish-American girl into a box, Marisol McDonald doesn't match. And that's just fine with her.

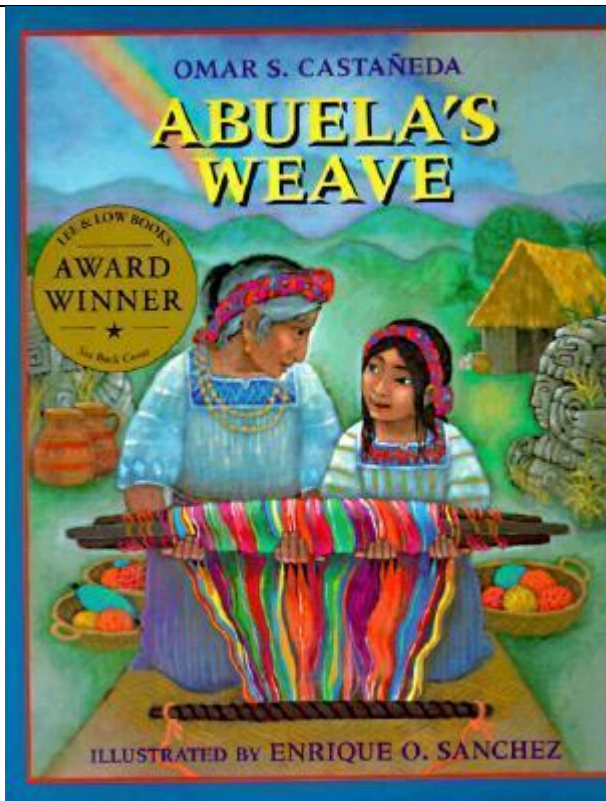


**Grandma's Gift** by Eric Velasquez

Grades 2 to 5

NSSBB# 1005482

This prequel to Eric Velasquez's biographical picture book *Grandma's Records* is the story of a Christmas holiday that young Eric spends with his grandmother. After they prepare their traditional Puerto Rican celebration, Eric and Grandma visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a school project, where he sees a painting by Diego Velasquez and realizes for the first time that he could be an artist when he grows up. Grandma witnesses his fascination, and presents Eric with the perfect Christmas gift—a sketchbook and colored pencils—to use in his first steps toward becoming an artist. A heartwarming story of self-discovery, *Grandma's Gift* is a celebration of the special bond between a grandparent and grandchild.



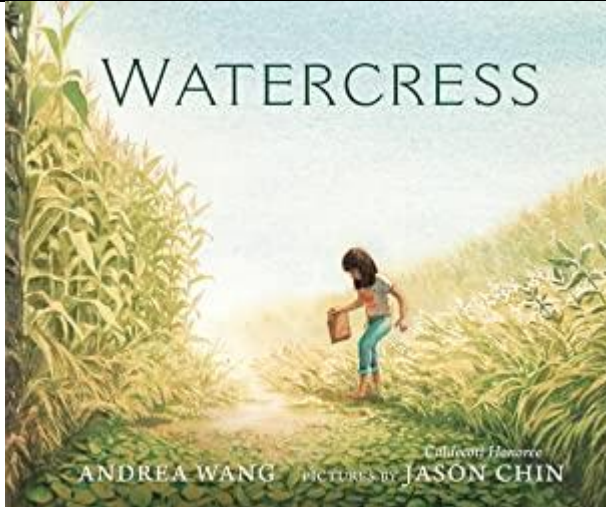
**Abuela's Weave** by Omar S. Castaneda

Grades 2 to 3

NSBB# 1005483

Esperanza's Abuela, her grandmother, is unmatched in her skill in weaving traditional Mayan tapestries. She has shared her gift with her granddaughter, and now they plan to sell their goods at the market. However, the birthmark on Abuela's face may scare customers away. So Esperanza must cope with the city streets and find buyers alone. This touching story of personal growth and family pride is illustrated with authentic Guatemalan scenery that gives life to the country's radiant landscape and bustling city streets.





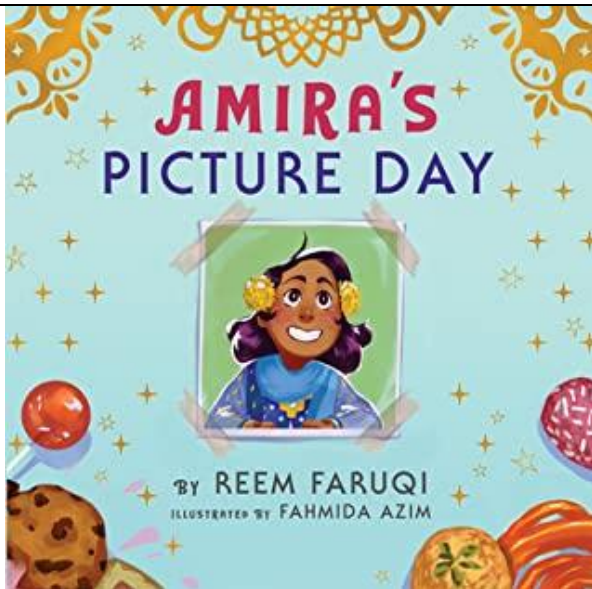
**Watercress** by Andrea Wang

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005480

Driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's parents stop suddenly when they spot watercress growing wild in a ditch by the side of the road. Grabbing an old paper bag and some rusty scissors, the whole family wades into the muck to collect as much of the muddy, snail covered watercress as they can.

At first, she's embarrassed. Why can't her family get food from the grocery store? But when her mother shares a story of her family's time in China, the girl learns to appreciate the fresh food they foraged. Together, they make a new memory of watercress.



**Amira's Picture Day** by Reem Faruqi

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005476

Ramadan has come to an end, and Amira can't wait to stay home from school to celebrate Eid. There's just one hiccup: it's also school picture day. How can Amira be in two places at once?



**When Lola Visits** by Michelle Sterling

Grades primary to 2

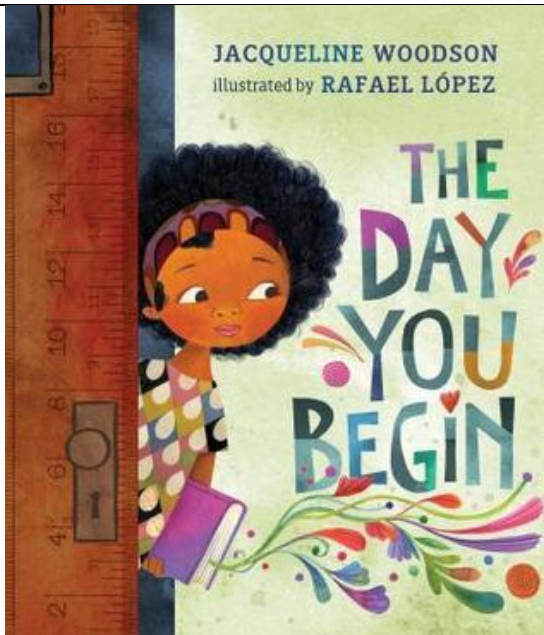
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What does summer mean to you?

For one young girl, summer is the season of no school, of days spent at the pool, and of picking golden limes off the trees. But summer doesn't *start* until her lola—her grandmother from the Philippines—comes for her annual visit.

Summer is special. For her lola fills the house with the aroma of mango jam, funny stories of baking mishaps, and her quiet, sweet singing in Tagalog. And in turn, her granddaughter brings Lola to the beach, to view fireworks at the park, and to catch fish at their lake.

When Lola visits, the whole family gathers to cook, eat, and share in their happiness of another season spent together. Yet as summer transitions to fall, Lola must return home—but not without a surprise for her granddaughter to preserve their special summer a bit longer.



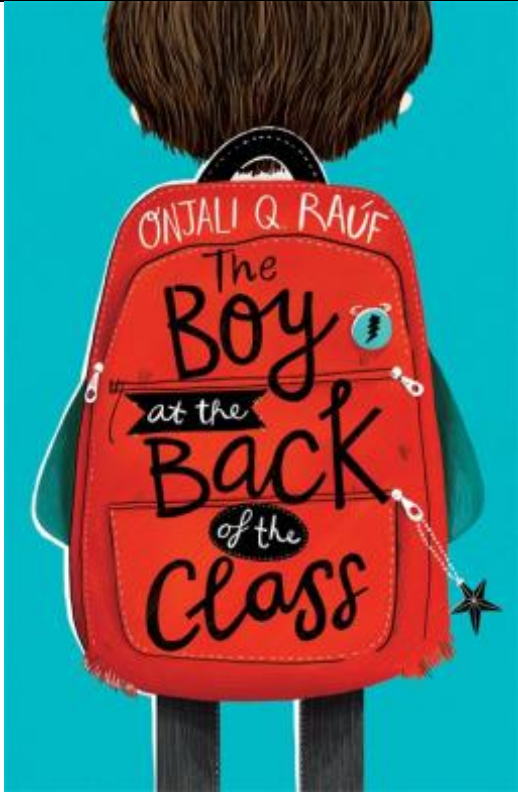
**The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson

Grades 3 to 6

NSSBB# 1004074

*There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you.*

There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.



**The Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Q. Rauf

Grades 3 to 6

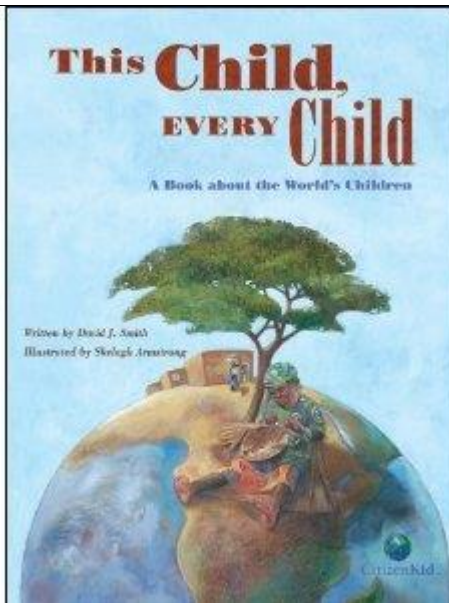
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There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it.

He's eight years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favorite!

But the truth is, Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to be his friend.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan.

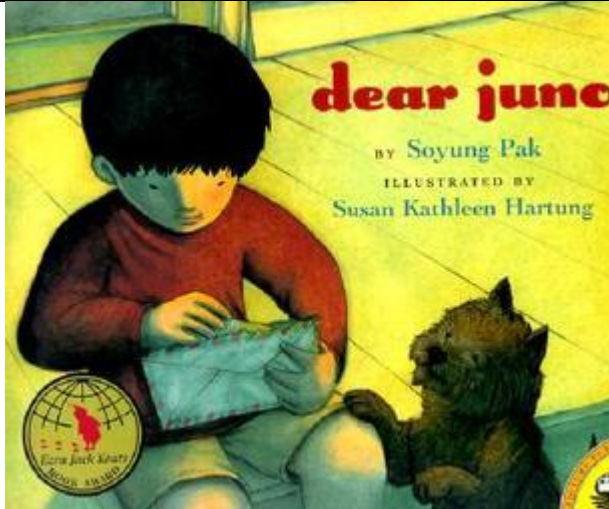


**This Child Every Child: A Book About the World's Children** by David J. Smith

Grades 3 to 7

NSSBB# 1005445

A ground-breaking book of statistics and stories that compare the lives of children around the world today. Every second of every day, four more children are added to the world's population of over 2.2 billion children. Some of these 2.2 billion children will be cared for and have enough to eat and a place to call home.

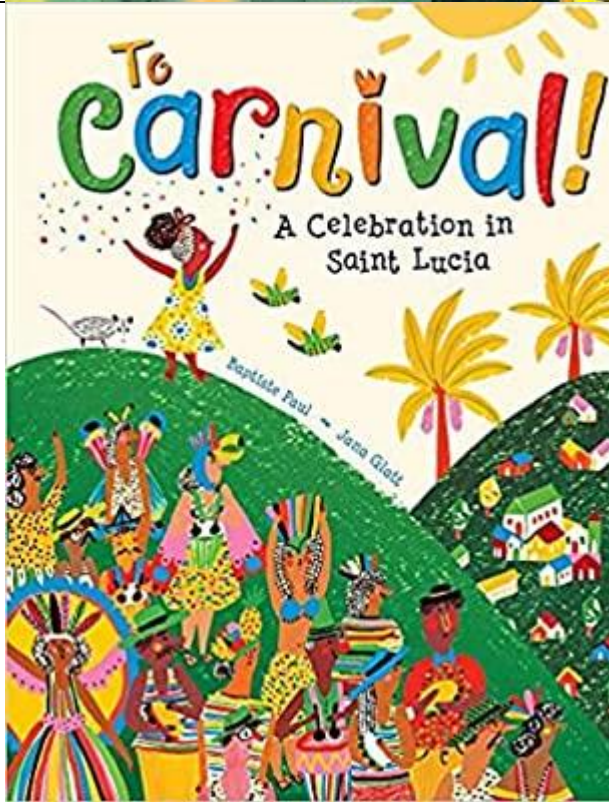


**Dear Juno** by Soyung Pak

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005431

Juno's grandmother writes in Korean and Juno writes in drawings, but that doesn't mean they can't exchange letters. From the photo his grandmother sends him, Juno can tell that she has a new cat. From the picture he makes for her, Juno's grandmother can tell that he wants her to come for a visit. So she sends Juno a miniature plane, to let him know she's on the way.



**To Carnival! A Celebration in Saint Lucia**

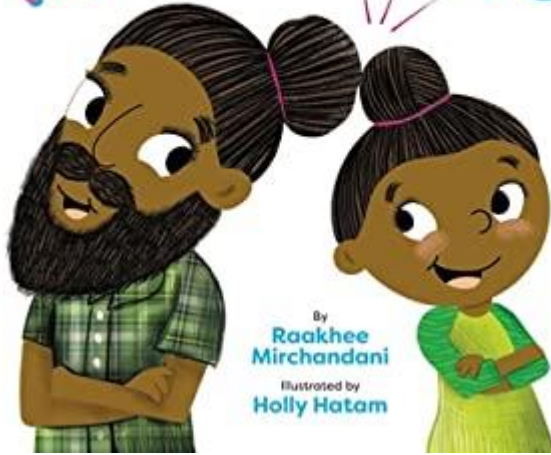
by Baptiste Paul and Jana Glatt

Grades primary to 4

NSSBB# 1005468

The sights, sounds and tastes of vibrant Saint Lucia come to life in this cumulative #OwnVoices tale of a girl's journey to Carnival. When a series of unexpected delays disrupts her journey to the big parade, Melba must adjust both her expectations and her route to the festivities. Who will she meet and what will she learn along the way?

# HAIR TWINS



**Hair Twins** by Raakhee Mirchandani

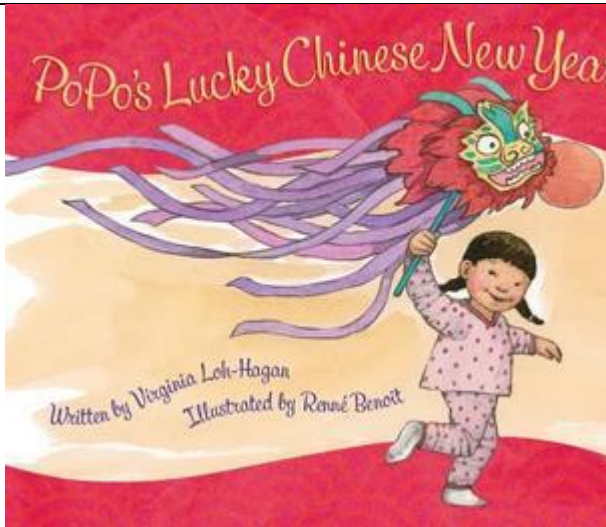
Grades primary to 3

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Every morning Papa combs through his daughter's waves like he does his own—parting it down the middle, using coconut oil to get all the tangles out.

Some days he braids her hair in two twists down the side of her face. Other days he weaves it into one long braid hanging down her back, just like a unicorn tail.

But her favorite style is when he combs her hair in a tight bun on the top of her head, just like the joora he wears every day under his turban. They call this their hair twin look!

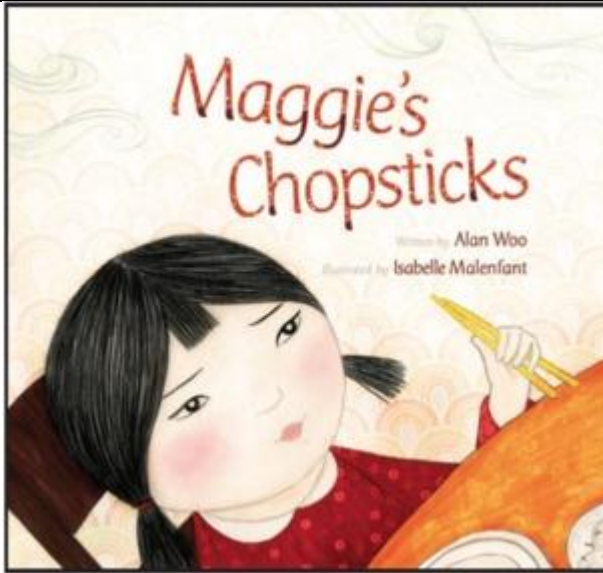


**Popo's Lucky Chinese New Year** by Virginia Loh-Hagan

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1005479

When her Chinese grandmother comes to visit, a young Chinese-American girl learns of and participates in the customs and beliefs celebrating an authentic Chinese New Year.

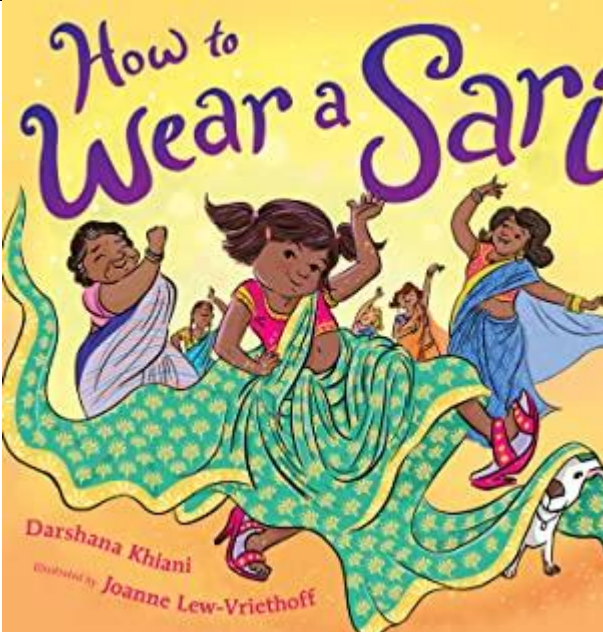


**Maggie's Chopsticks** by Alan Woo

Grades Primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005443

Poor Maggie struggles to master her chopsticks — it seems nearly everyone around the dinner table has something to say about the "right" way to hold them! But when Father reminds her not to worry about everyone else, Maggie finally gets a grip on an important lesson.



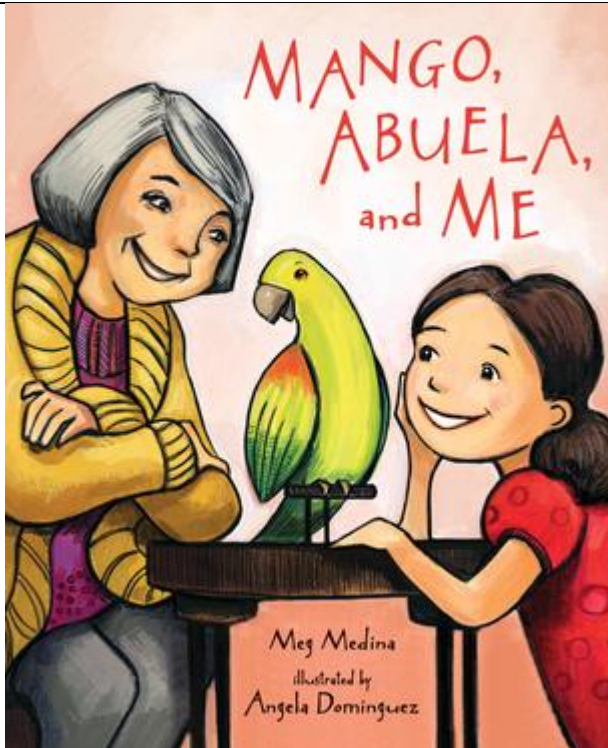
**How to wear a sari** by Darshana Khiani

Grades Primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005442

When a little girl tires of being treated like she's TOO little, she sets out to prove to her family that she can do ANYTHING she puts her mind to . . .

. . . including putting on a colorful, twinkly, silky sari. Sure, they're long and unwieldy—but that only means her family will be even more impressed when she puts it on all by herself.



**Mango, Abuela and Me** by Meg Medina

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005432

Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words inside. So while they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English ("Dough. Masa"), and Mia learns some Spanish too, but it's still hard for Abuela to learn the words she needs to tell Mia all her stories. Then Mia sees a parrot in the pet-shop window and has the perfect idea for how to help them all communicate a little better.



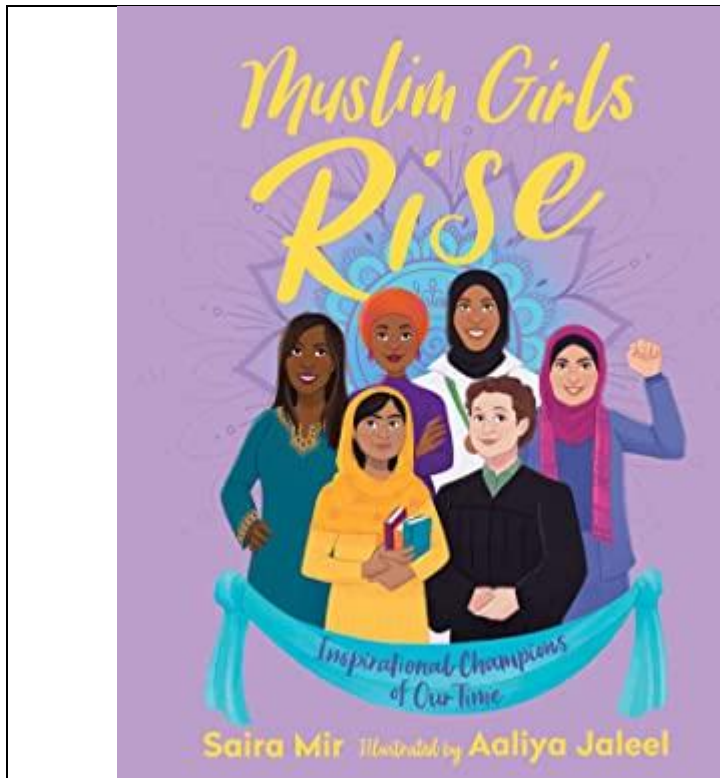
**Stargazing** by Jen Wang

Grade 5

NSSBB# 1005277

When Moon's family moves in next door to Christine's, Moon goes from unlikely friend to best friend—maybe even the perfect friend. The girls share their favorite music videos, paint their toenails when Christine's strict parents aren't around, and make plans to enter the school talent show together. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she sometimes has visions of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars. Who reassure her that earth isn't where she really belongs.

But when they're least expecting it, catastrophe strikes. After relying on Moon for everything, can Christine find it in herself to be the friend Moon needs?

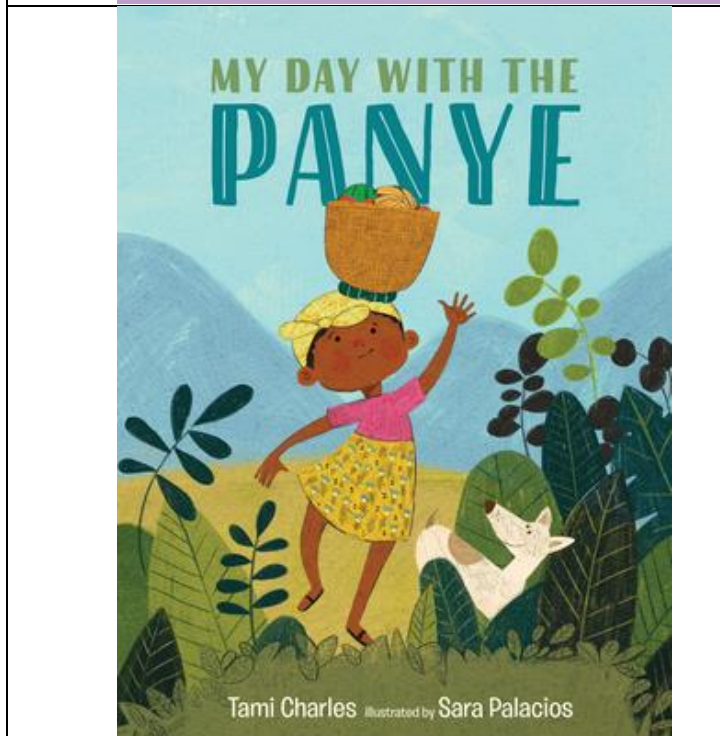


**Muslim Girls Rise: Inspirational Champions of Our Time** by Saira Mir

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1004035

Discover the true stories of nineteen unstoppable Muslim women of the twenty-first century who have risen above challenges, doubts, and sometimes outright hostility to blaze trails in a wide range of fields. Whether it was the culinary arts, fashion, sports, government, science, entertainment, education, or activism, these women never took “no” for an answer or allowed themselves to be silenced. Instead, they worked to rise above and not only achieve their dreams, but become influential leaders.



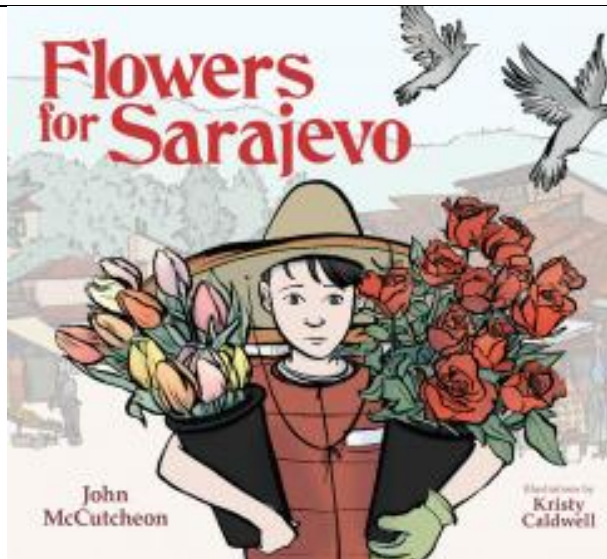
**My Day With the Panyé** by Tami Charles

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1005230

In the hills above Port-au-Prince, a young girl named Fallon wants more than anything to carry a large woven basket to the market, just like her Manman. As she watches her mother wrap her hair in a mouchwa, Fallon tries to twist her own braids into a scarf and balance the empty panyé atop her head, but realizes it's much harder than she thought. *BOOM!* Is she ready after all? Lyrical and inspiring, with vibrant illustrations highlighting the beauty of Haiti, *My Day with the Panyé* is a story of family legacy, cultural tradition, and hope for the future. Readers who are curious about the art of carrying a panyé will find more about this ancient and global practice in an author's note at the end.



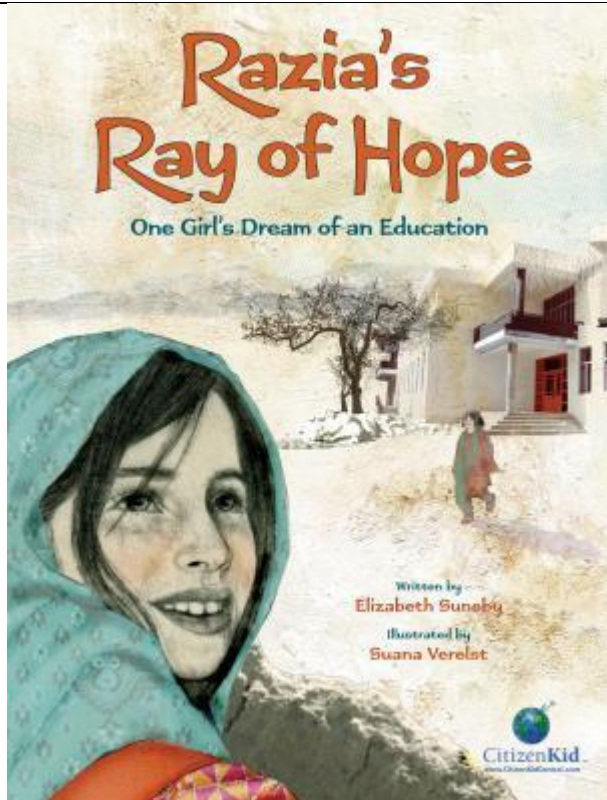


**Flowers for Sarajevo (Picture book)** by John McCutcheon and Kristy Caldwell

Grade 4

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The moving story of a young boy who discovers the power of beauty and kindness during a time of war. Drasko helps his father sell flowers in Sarajevo, but when war threatens and his father is called to the battlefield, Drasko must take over the flower stall. One morning the boy's familiar routine is shattered when a mortar shell hits the bakery, killing twenty-two people. The next day, a cellist from the Sarajevo Opera Orchestra goes to the crater and plays the most beautiful music that Drasko can imagine. Inspired, he looks for ways to ease the sorrow of those around him. Based on real events of the Bosnian War, award-winning songwriter and storyteller John McCutcheon tells the uplifting story of the power of beauty in the face of violence and suffering. The story comes to life with the included CD in which cellist Vedrun Smailovic accompanies McCutcheon and performs the melody that he played in 1992 to honor those who died in the Sarajevo mortar blast.

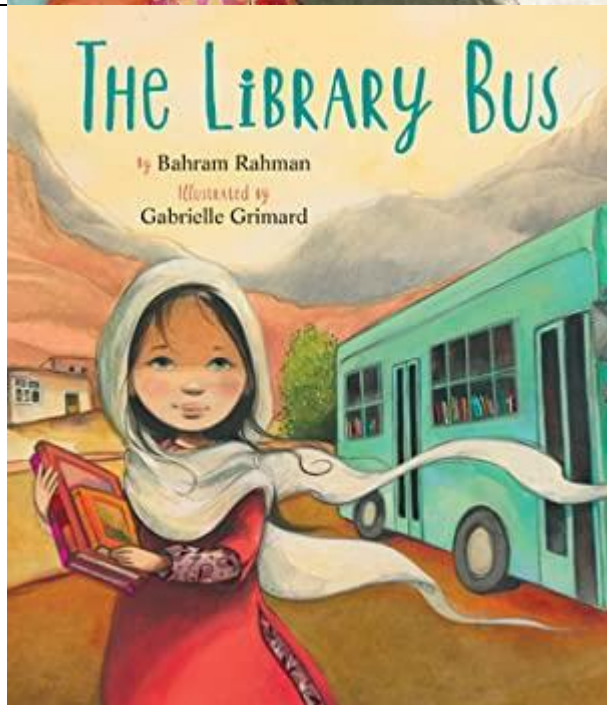


**Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education** by Elizabeth Suneby

Grades 3 to 7

NSSBB# 1005444

Razia dreams of getting an education, but in her small village in Afghanistan, girls haven't been allowed to attend school for many years. When a new girls' school opens in the village, a determined Razia must convince her father and oldest brother that educating her would be best for her, their family, and their community.

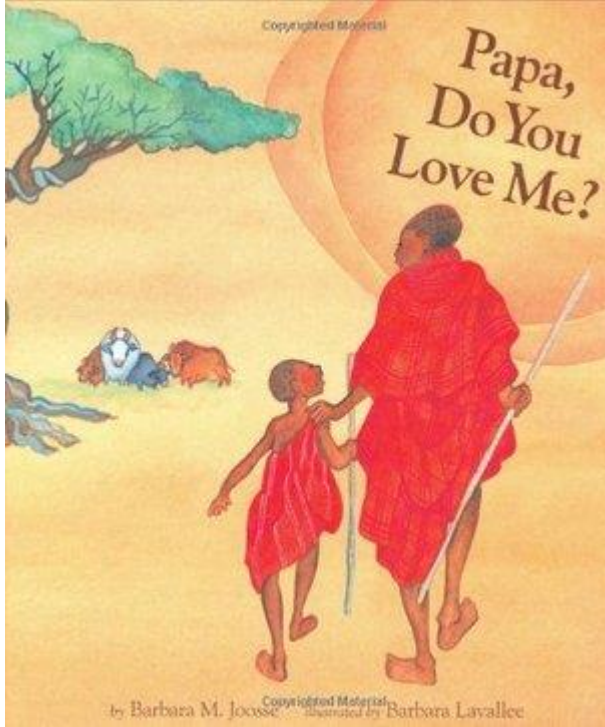


**The Library Bus** by Bahram Rahman

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1005306

It is still dark in Kabul, Afghanistan when the library bus rumbles out of the city. There are no bus seats--instead there are chairs and tables and shelves of books. And there are no passengers--instead there is Pari, who is nervously starting her first day as Mama's library helper. Pari stands tall to hand out notebooks and pencils at the villages and the refugee camp, but she feels intimidated. The girls they visit are learning to write English from Mama. Pari can't even read or write in Farsi yet. But next year she will go to school and learn all there is to know. And that is a wonderful thing. Not long ago, Mama tells her, girls were not allowed to read at all.

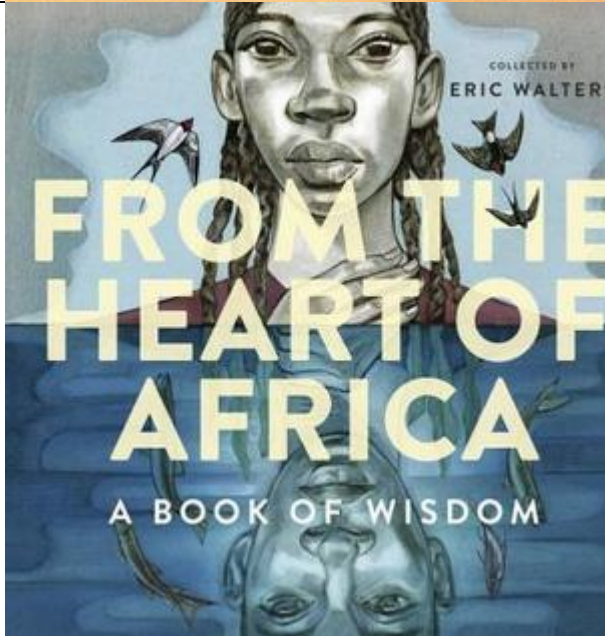


**Papa, Do You Love Me?** by Barbara M. Joesse

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1000534

Set in the Serengeti area of Africa, this is a tender story of the unconditional love a father has for his son. Like all young children, the boy asks a seemingly endless series of questions, but the father has a reassuring answer for each one. Vividly illustrated and incorporating many aspects of Maasai culture and a helpful glossary, this is a wonderful evocation of parental love.



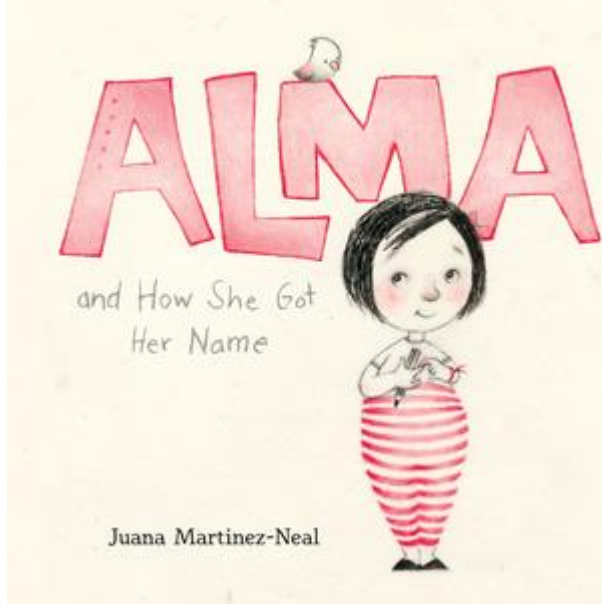
**From The Heart Of Africa: A Book About Wisdom**  
Collected by Eric Walters with opening and closing statements.

Grades 4 to 6

NSSBB# 1003552

A collection of African wisdom illustrated by artists from Ghana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Canada, the United States and more.

Aphorisms are universal. They give guidance, context and instruction for life's issues, and they help us understand each other and the world around us. We use them every day, yet never think about where they came from or why they exist.



**Alma and How She Got Her Name** by Juana Martinez-Neal

NSSBB# 1005071

If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-grandmother who longed to travel; José, the grandfather who was an artist; and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that she will one day have her own story to tell.

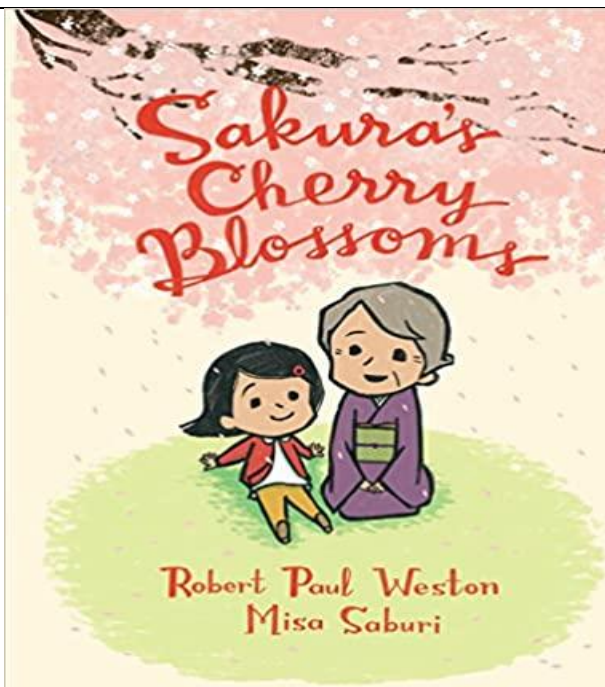


**Zonia's Rain Forest** by Juana Martinez-Neal

Grade 2

Zonia's home is the Amazon rain forest, where it is always green and full of life. Every morning, the rain forest calls to Zonia, and every morning she answers. She visits the sloth family, greets the giant anteater, and runs with the speedy jaguar. But one morning, the rain forest calls to her in a troubled voice. How will Zonia answer?

Acclaimed author-illustrator Juana Martinez-Neal explores the wonders of the rain forest with Zonia, an Asháninka girl, in her joyful outdoor adventures. The engaging text emphasizes Zonia's empowering bond with her home, while the illustrations—created on paper made from banana bark—burst with luxuriant greens and delicate details. Illuminating back matter includes a translation of the story in Asháninka, information on the Asháninka community, as well as resources on the Amazon rain forest and its wildlife.



**Sakura's Cherry Blossoms** by Robert Paul Weston and Misa Saburi

Grades Primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005267

Sakura's dad gets a new job in America, so she and her parents make the move from their home in Japan. When she arrives in the States, most of all she misses her grandmother and the cherry blossom trees, under which she and her grandmother used to play and picnic. She wonders how she'll ever feel at home in this new place, with its unfamiliar language and landscape. One day, she meets her neighbor, a boy named Luke, and begins to feel a little more settled. When her grandmother becomes ill, though, her family takes a trip back to Japan. Sakura is sad when she returns to the States and once again reflects on all she misses. Luke does his best to cheer her up -- and tells her about a surprise he knows she'll love, but she'll have to wait till spring.

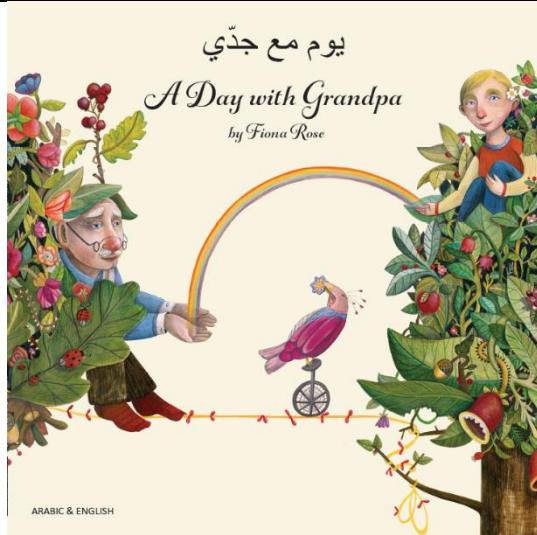


**Genie Meanie** by Mahtab Narsimhan

Grade 3

NSSBB# 1005274

When eight-year-old Kiara discovers that her recently deceased grandmother left her a genie, trapped in a bottle of garam-masala, she's elated. She'll be a modern-day Aladdin and have someone to do her bidding. And Kiara could really use a little magic. Third grade is just about to start and she's spent the summer worried about being in class with Matt, a bully who seems to have nothing else to do but make Kiara and her best friend Bai's lives miserable. Unfortunately, the genie has decided he's on vacation after working for ten thousand years and is looking for someone to do *his* bidding. A battle of wills ensues, and Kiara realizes that you don't really need magic to solve your problems.



**A Day with Grandpa** by Fiona Rose

Grades primary to 6

Enter Grandpa's enchanted world, where everything is possible for a day. Every page bursts forth with magical images that add extra meaning to the poetic story of a child and his grandfather.

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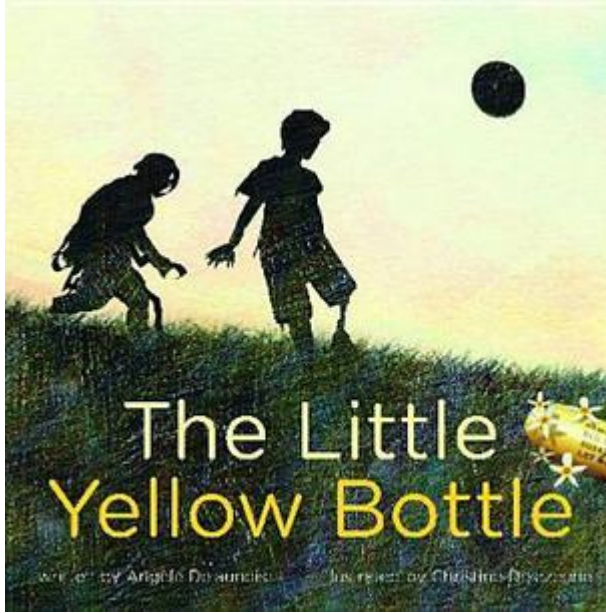


**The Doll** by Nhung N. Tran-Davies

Grades 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1005257

A young girl and her family arrive in an airport in a new country. They are refugees, migrants who have travelled across the world to find safety. Strangers greet them, and one of them gifts the little girl with a doll. Decades later, that little girl is grown up, and she has the chance to welcome a group of refugees who are newly arrived in her adopted country. To the youngest of them, a little girl, she gifts a doll, knowing it will help make her feel welcome. Inspired by the author's own experience as a child refugee, when a stranger's wonderful gift made such a difference that she was determined to repeat it years later.

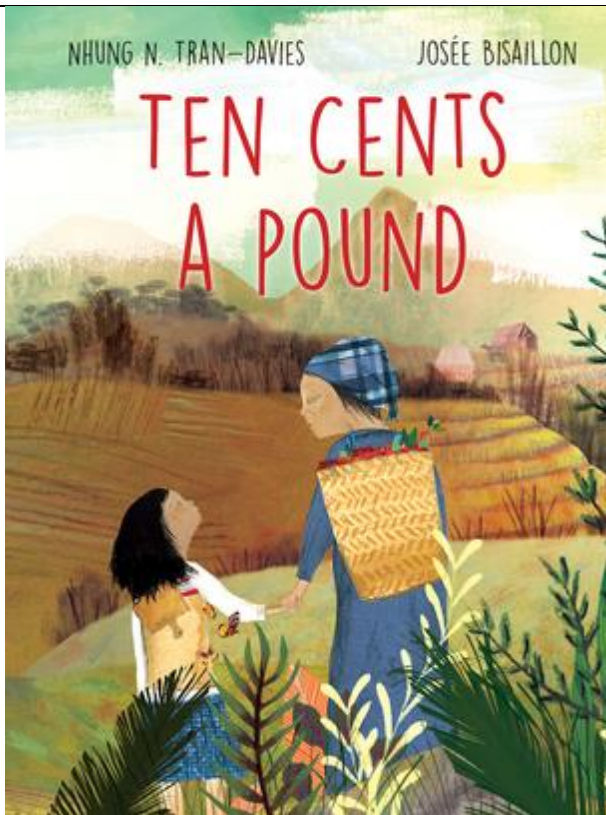


**The Little Yellow Bottle** by Angele Delaunois

Grades 2 to 5

NSSBB# 1005258

Marwa and Ahmad live in an unnamed country that could be any one of dozens touched by war. Ahmad is the star goalie of the soccer team, and Marwa is his best friend. While they know that there is a war going on, life in their village goes on largely as normal. Marwa is the narrator of the story and she describes how one day planes fly over their village "like a cloud of angry wasps." The children are warned that these planes dropped bombs, but after being frightened for a few days, they forget the danger. Until a day when Marwa and Ahmad are playing and Ahmad finds a small yellow bottle. Out of curiosity, he picks it up. The bomb explodes, injuring them both. Marwa describes the aftermath as she and Ahmad recover from their injuries and slowly regain hope. Written to honor the courage of children everywhere whose lives are touched by war.



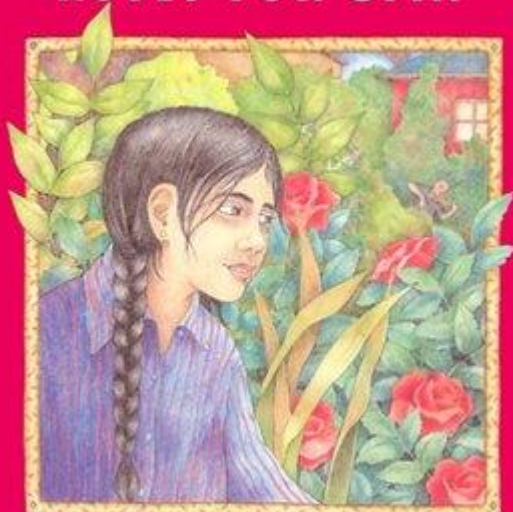
**Ten Cents a Pound** by Nhung N. Tran-Davies

Grades 1 to 4

NSSBB# 1005256

A young girl is torn by her desire to stay home with her family and the familiarity of their village, and her desire to go to school and discover the world beyond the mountains that surround them. Every time the girl insists that she will stay, her mother repeats that she must go—that there is more to life than labor in the coffee fields. Their loving exchange reveals the struggles and sacrifices that they will both have to make for the sake of the young girl's future. The sweet, simple text captures a mother's love and her wish for a life of opportunity for her daughter.

## ROSES FOR GITA



by Rachna Gilmore Illustrated by Alice Priestley

**Roses for Gita** by Rachna Gilmore

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005255

When she hears her grouchy elderly neighbor playing his fiddle in his garden one morning, Gita decides to try to make friends. But is it possible for two people who seem so very different to find common ground? The old man and the young girl discover that their shared love of music and growing things overcomes differences.

## LIGHTS FOR GITA



by Rachna Gilmore Illustrated by Alice Priestley

**Lights for Gita** by Rachna Gilmore

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005254

Gita has recently moved to America from India, and she is looking forward to celebrating Diwali -- her favorite holiday -- with her family. She has invited some of her new friends from school to join in the festivities, but a winter storm puts a damper on her plans. Just as Gita decides she hates her new home, events take another turn.





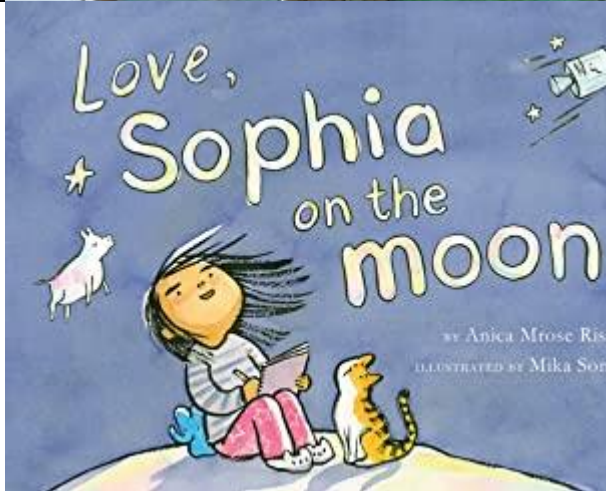
**Hand Over Hand** by Alma Fullerton

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005253

When Nina asks her grandfather to take her fishing with him on his old banca boat, his answer is always the same: “A boat is not the place for a girl.”

But Nina is determined to go. She knows that if her grandfather will show her how to jig the lines, to set the hook, and to pull in a fish, hand over hand, she can prove to everyone in their Filipino fishing village that she deserves her turn in the boat, girl or no!



**Love, Sophia on the Moon** by Anica Mrose Rissi

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005240

Life on earth isn't always fair, so Sophia runs off to the moon, where there are no bedtimes, no time-outs, and no Mom.

But as Sophia and her mom send letters to each other, Mom has a clever comeback for all of Sophia's angry notes. Home starts to sound not-quite-so-bad, especially when Mom reports that someone from the moon has moved in to Sophia's old room, they're having spaghetti for dinner, and they're reading Sophia's favorite story at bedtime.



**A Big Mooncake for Little Star** by Grace Lin

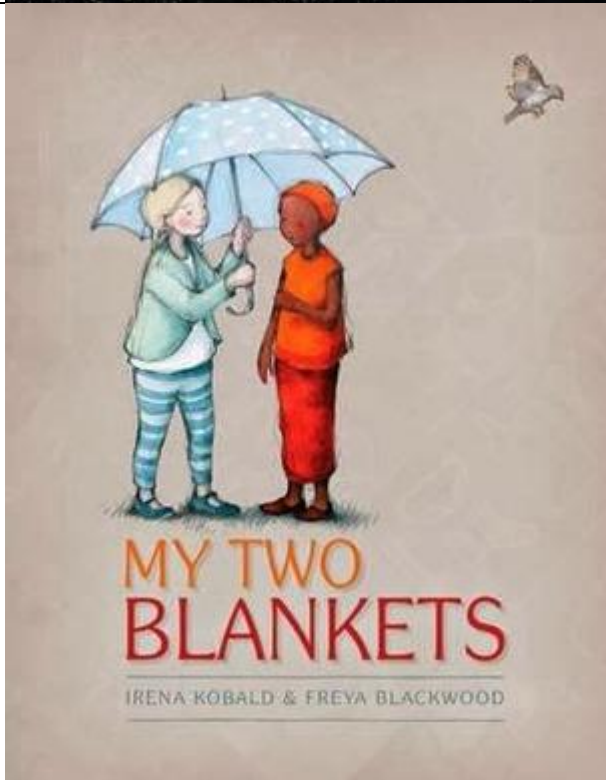
Grades 2 to 3.

NSSBB# 1005239

Pat, pat, pat...

Little Star's soft feet tiptoed to the Big Mooncake.

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?



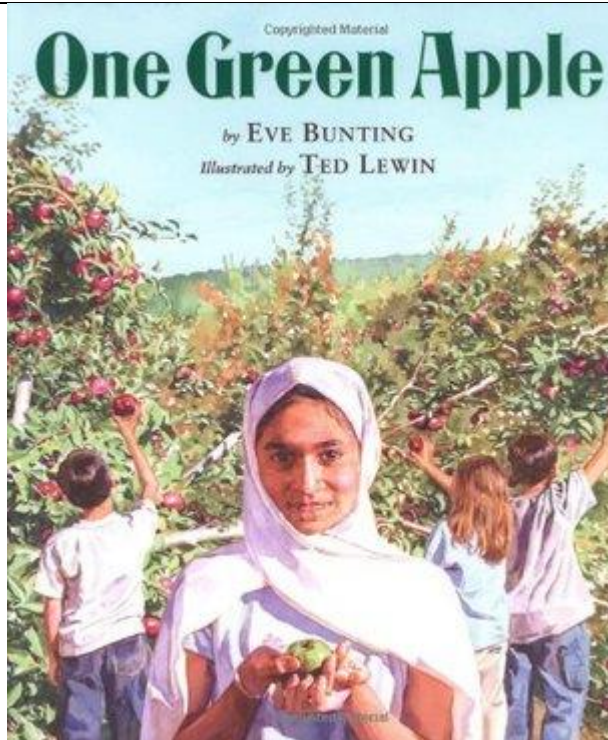
**My Two Blankets** by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood

Grades 1 to 3

NSSBB# 1005218

Cartwheel moves to a new country with her auntie, and everything is strange: the animals, the plants—even the wind. An old blanket gives Cartwheel comfort when she's sad—and a new blanket just might change her world.

This multicultural story of friendship is about leaving home, moving to a foreign and strange place, and finding a new friend. It's a story for all who have experienced change.

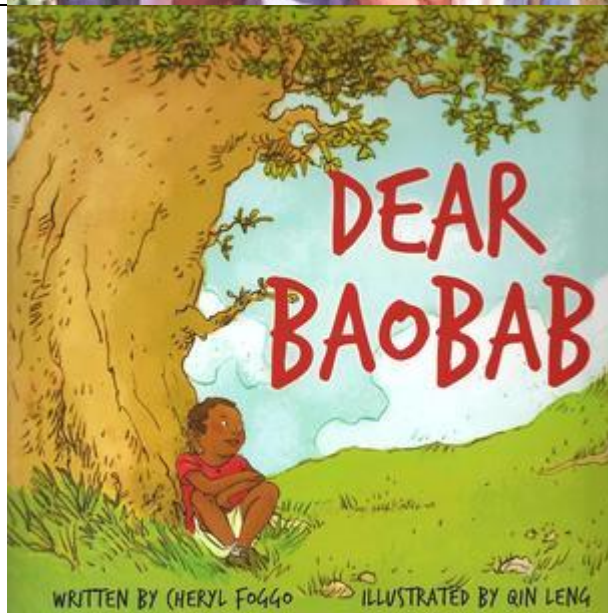


**One Green Apple** by Eve Bunting

Grades Primary to 2

NSSBB# 1005214

Farah feels alone, even when surrounded by her classmates. She listens and nods but doesn't speak. It's hard being the new kid in school, especially when you're from another country and don't know the language. Then, on a field trip to an apple orchard, Farah discovers there are lots of things that sound the same as they did at home, from dogs crunching their food to the ripple of friendly laughter. As she helps the class make apple cider, Farah connects with the other students and begins to feel that she belongs.

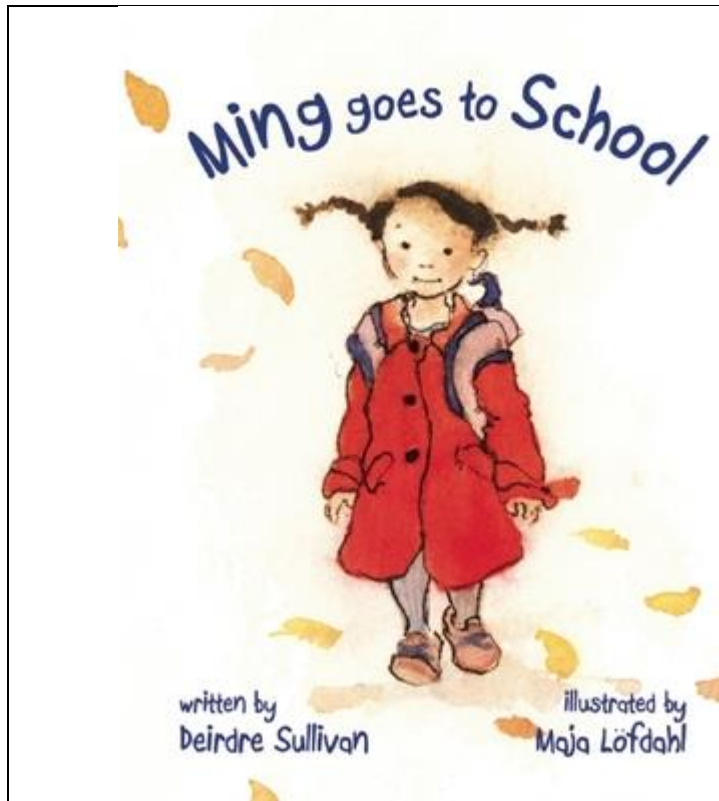


**Dear Baobab** by Cheryl Foggo

Grade 2 to 4

NSSBB# 1005211

Maiko has left his village in Tanzania far behind, moving to Canada with his aunt and uncle. When he thinks of home, he thinks of the beautiful big baobab tree at the center of the village. In his new home, Maiko feels a connection to the small spruce tree in the front yard--it's seven years old, the same age as he is. The tree sings to him and shares his secrets. When he learns that the roots of the tree are growing too close to the house, putting the little spruce in danger of being cut down, Maiko tries to save it. He knows all too well what it's like to be small and planted in the wrong place.

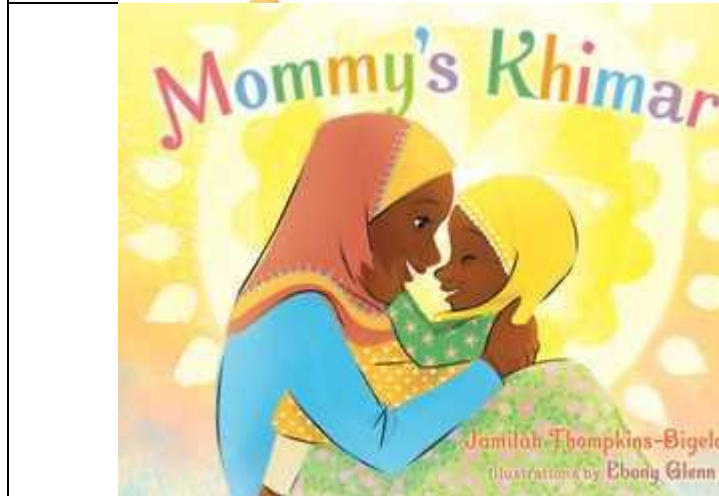


**Ming goes to School** by Deirdre Sullivan

Grades Primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005216

Ming goes to school, where she learns to say hello and good-bye. She meets new friends and introduces them to old friends (including her favorite teddy). She builds sandcastles and makes snow angels; she traces, glitters, and glues. She is so fearless that when held at sword point, she even walks the plank! And when she's playing in the mud, she reaches out and touches the worms with her bare hands. But despite those brave deeds, she isn't quite ready for the big red slide—not yet.



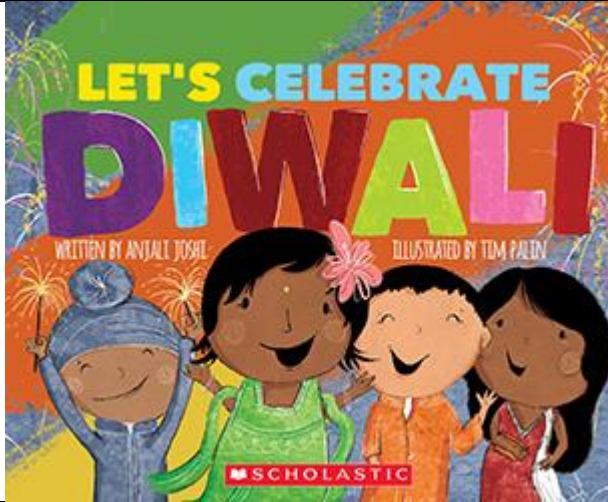
**Mommy's Khimar** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005217

A young Muslim girl spends a busy day wrapped up in her mother's colorful headscarf.

*A khimar is a flowing scarf that my mommy wears. Before she walks out the door each day, she wraps one around her head.*

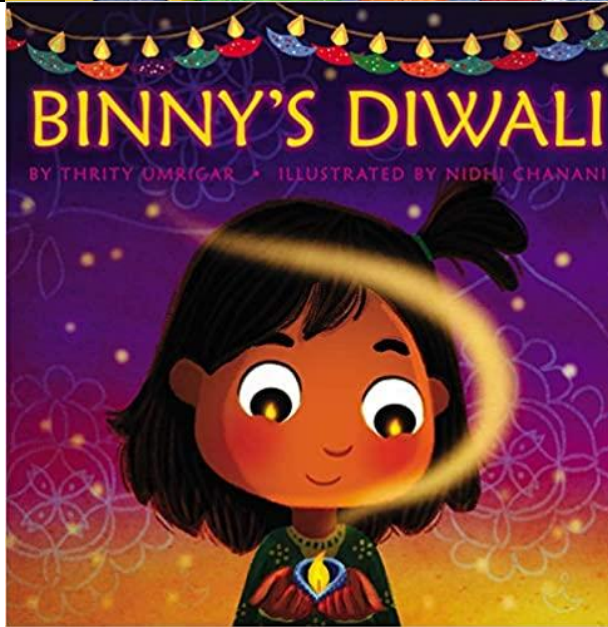


**Let's Celebrate Diwali** by Anjali Joshi

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005215

Harini shares the Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Buddhist Diwali traditions with her class during show and tell. While she is shy to share at first, the story develops in a wonderful way and illustrates the character becoming proud of her culture and traditions.



**Binny's Diwali** by Thrity Umrigar

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1004683

Binny is excited to talk to her class about her favorite holiday. But she struggles to find the words. Taking a deep breath, she tells her classmates about the fireworks that burst like stars in the night sky, leaving streaks of gold and red and green. She shares with them delicious *pedas* and *jalebis*. And she shows them clay lamps, called *diyas*.



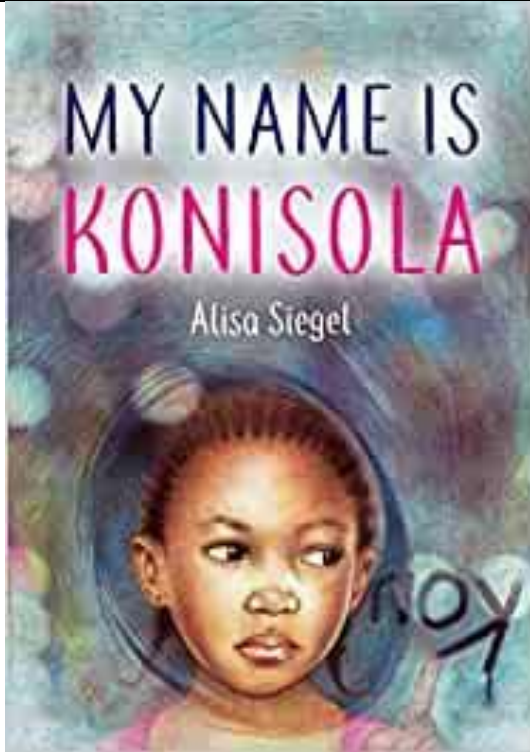
**Festival of Colors** by Kabir Sehgal

Primary to Grade 3

NSSBB# 1005212 (Board Book)

NSSBB# 1005213 (Hard Cover)

Spring is here, and it's almost time for Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors. Siblings Mintoo and Chintoo are busy gathering flowers to make into colorful powders to toss during the festival. And when at last the big day comes, they gather with their friends, family, and neighbors for a vibrant celebration of fresh starts, friendship, forgiveness, and, of course, fun!

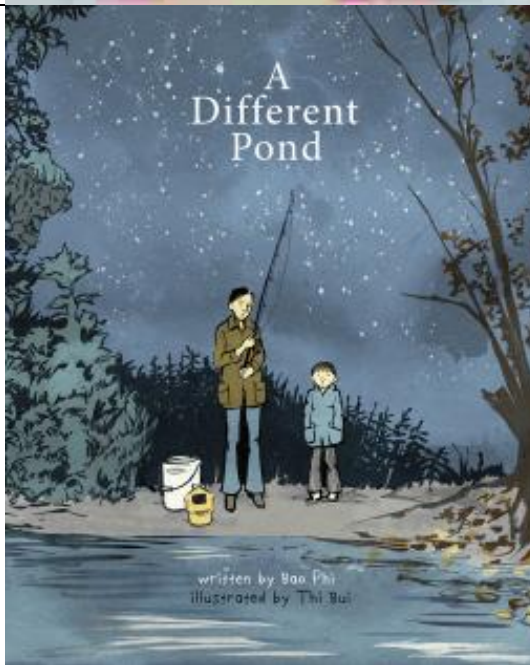


**My Name is Konisola** by Alisa Siegel

Grade 5

NSSBB# 1004944

Based on a true story. On a freezing cold winter night, nine-year-old Konisola and her mother step off a plane in Canada, having left Nigeria with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are running for their lives, having lived under the threat of violence from a controlling family member. Soon after they land, disaster strikes - Konisola's mother is hospitalized and Konisola is forced to fend for herself in a strange country with no family and no friends. Will she be allowed to stay in Canada as a refugee, or will she and her mother be sent back across the ocean? This is a story of bravery and determination, of loss, and of generosity and good will that paved the way for a new family.

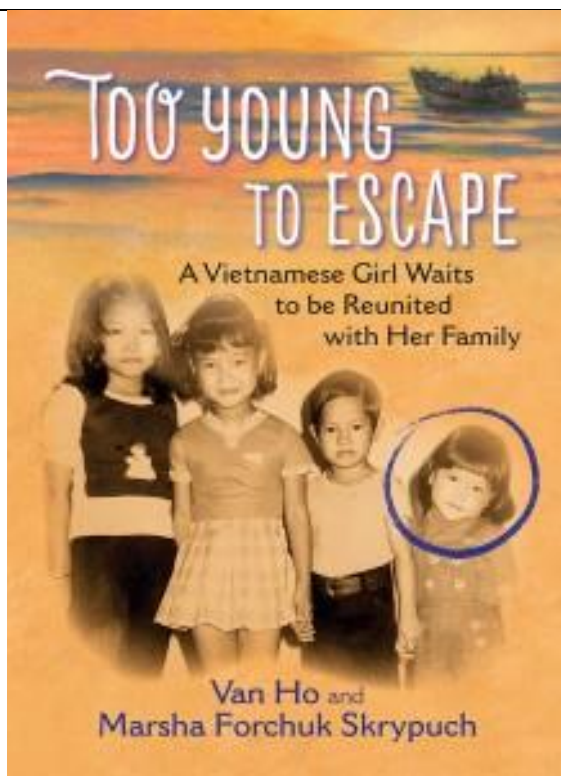


**A Different Pond** by Bao Phi and Thi Bui

Grade 4

NSSBB# 1003530

A Different Pond is an unforgettable story about a simple event - a long-ago fishing trip. Graphic novelist Thi Bui and acclaimed poet Bao Phi deliver a powerful, honest glimpse into a relationship between father and son - and between cultures, old and new. As a young boy, Bao and his father awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. A successful catch meant a fed family. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.

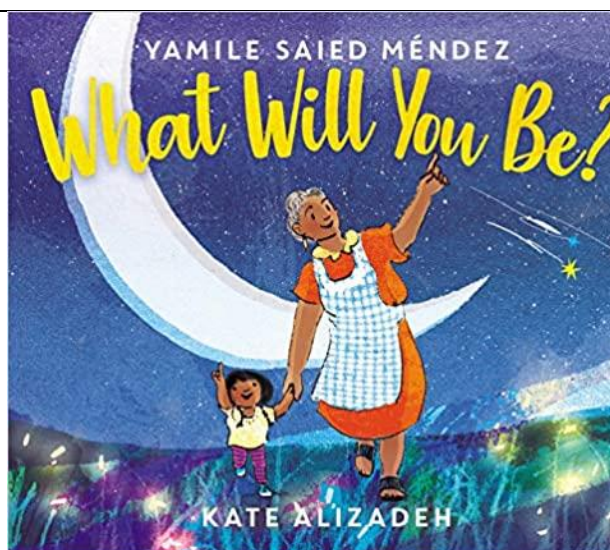


**Too Young to Escape: A Vietnamese Girl Waits to be Reunited With Her Family** by Van Ho

Grade 5

NSSBB# 1004955

During the aftermath of the Vietnam War, Van wakes up one morning to find that her mother, her sisters Loan and Lan, and her brother Tuan are gone. They have escaped the new communist regime that has taken over Ho Chi Minh City for freedom in the West. Four-year-old Van is too young—and her grandmother is too old—for such a dangerous journey by boat, so the two have been left behind. Once settled in North America, her parents will eventually be able to sponsor them, and Van and her grandmother will fly away to safety. But in the meantime, Van is forced to work hard to satisfy her aunt and uncle, who treat her like an unwelcome servant. And at school she must learn that calling attention to herself is a mistake, especially when the bully who has been tormenting her turns out to be the son of a military policeman. Van Ho's true story strikes at the heart and will resonate with so many families affected by war, where so many children are forced to live under or escape from repressive regimes.



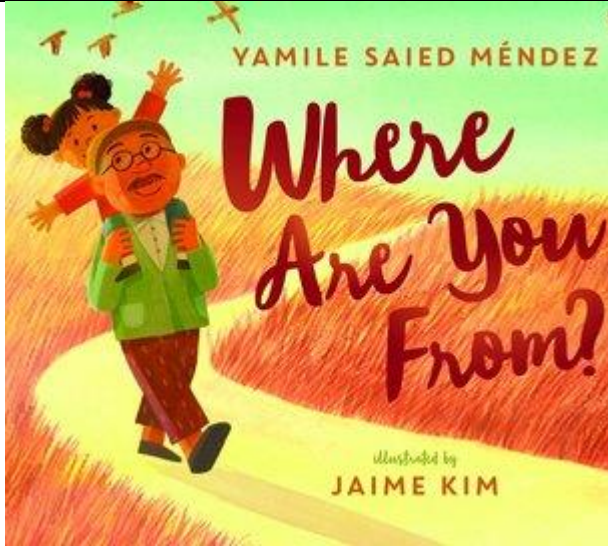
**What Will you Be?** by Yamile Saied Mendez

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005446

What will you be when you grow up?

A young girl dreams about all the endless possibilities, sparking a sense of wonder, curiosity, and growth. With her abuela's loving guidance, she learns her potential is limitless.



**Where Are You From?** by Yamile Saied-Méndez

Grade 1

NSSBB# 1004772

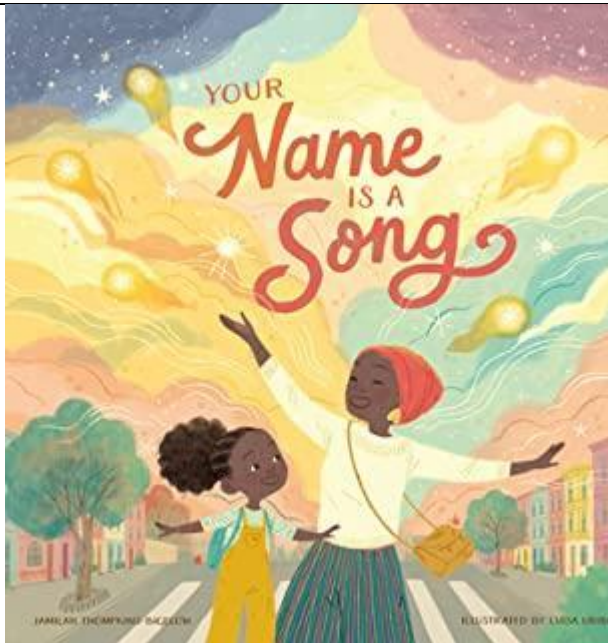
When a girl is asked where she's from—where she's *really* from—none of her answers seems to be the right one.

Unsure about how to reply, she turns to her loving abuelo for help. He doesn't give her the response she expects. She gets an even better one.

*Where am I from?*

*You're from hurricanes and dark storms, and a tiny singing frog that calls the island people home when the sun goes to sleep...*

With themes of self-acceptance, identity, and home, this powerful, lyrical picture book will resonate with readers young and old, from all backgrounds and of all colors—especially anyone who ever felt that they don't belong.



**Your Name is a Song** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

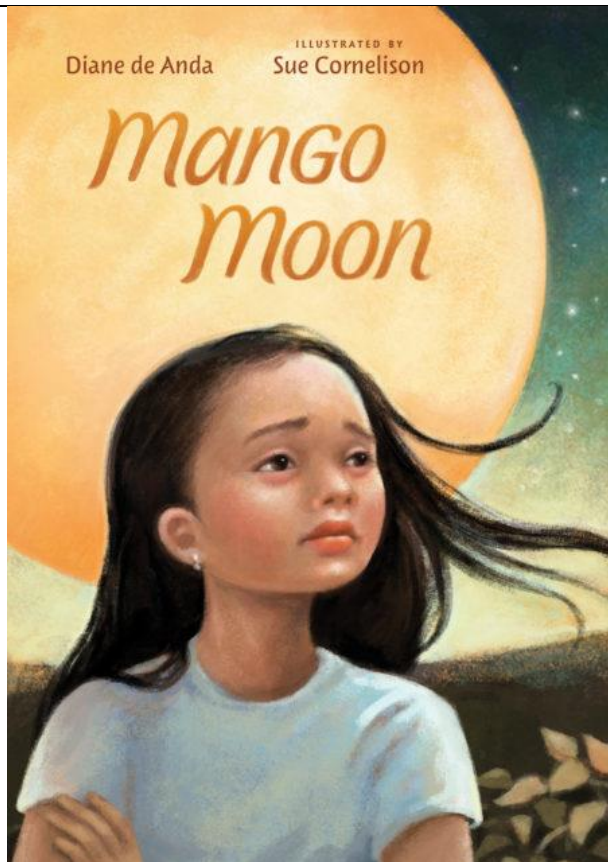
Grade 2 to 4

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Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to come back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city.

Empowered by this newfound understanding, the young girl is ready to return the next day to share her knowledge with her class. *Your Name is a Song* is a celebration to remind all of us about the beauty, history, and magic behind names.



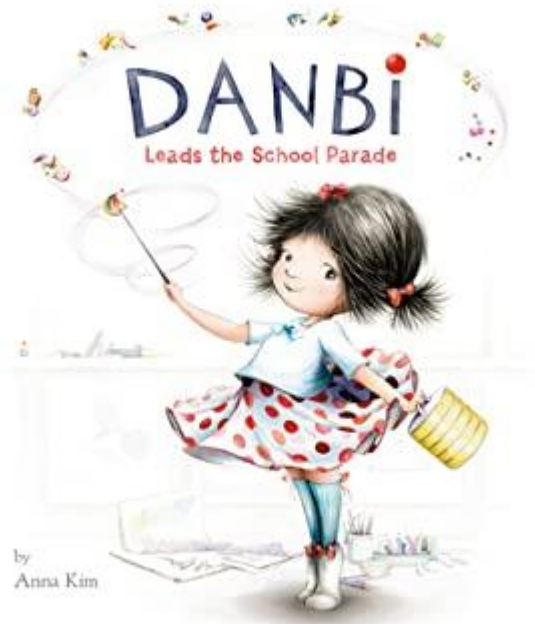


**Mango Moon** by Diane de Anda

Grade 3

NSSBB#1004795

When a father is taken away from his family and facing deportation, his family is left to grieve and wonder about what comes next. Maricela, Manuel, and their mother face the many challenges of having their lives completely changed by the absence of their father and husband. Moving to a new house, missed soccer games and birthday parties, and emptiness are now the day-to-day norm. *Mango Moon* shows what life is like from a child's perspective when a parent is deported, and the heartbreaking realities they have to face, but Maricela learns that her love for her father is sustained even though he is no longer part of her daily life.

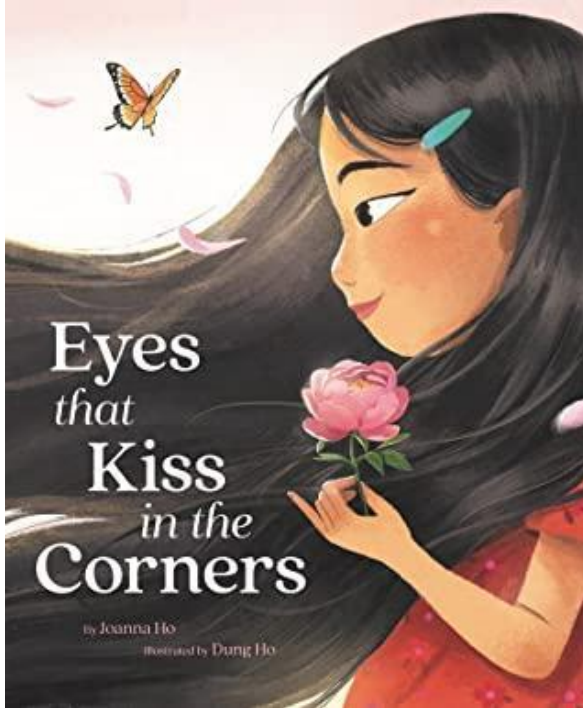


**Danbi Leads the School Parade** by Anna Kim

Grade 1

NSSBB# 1004710

Danbi is thrilled to start her new school in America. But a bit nervous too, for when she walks into the classroom, everything goes quiet. Everyone stares. Danbi wants to join in the dances and the games, but she doesn't know the rules and just can't get anything right. Luckily, she isn't one to give up. With a spark of imagination, she makes up a new game and leads her classmates on a parade to remember! *Danbi Leads the School Parade* introduces readers to an irresistible new character. In this first story, she learns to navigate her two cultures and realizes that when you open your world to others, their world opens up to you.



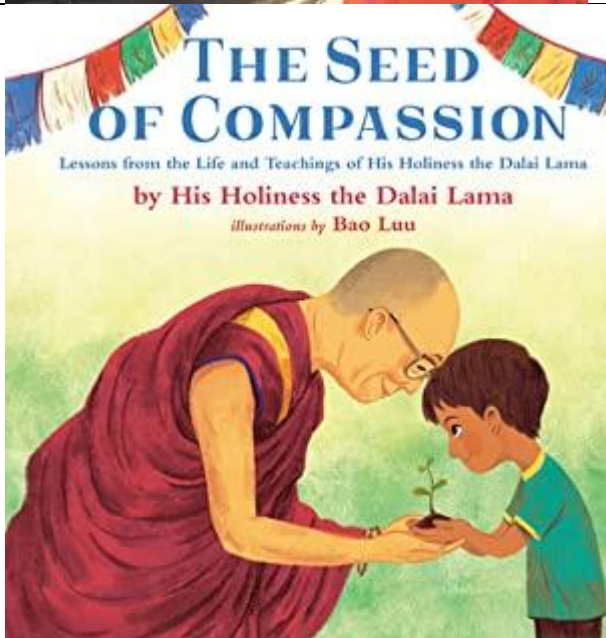
**Eyes that Kiss in the Corners** by Joanna Ho

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1004970

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future.

Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self love and empowerment.



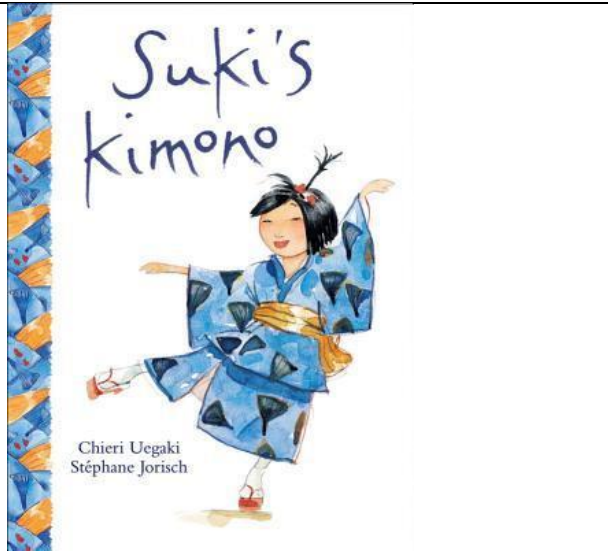
**The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama** by Dalia Lama and Bao Luu

Grade 5

NSSBB# 1004599

One of today's most inspiring world leaders was once an ordinary child named Lhamo Thondup. In a small village in Tibet, his mother was his first great teacher of compassion. In everyday moments from his childhood, young readers begin to see that important lessons are all around us, and they, too, can grow to truly understand them.

With simple, powerful text, the Dalai Lama shares the universalist teachings of treating one another with compassion, which Bao Luu illustrates beautifully in vibrant colour. In an increasingly confusing world, *The Seed of Compassion* offers guidance and encouragement on how we all might bring more kindness to our world.



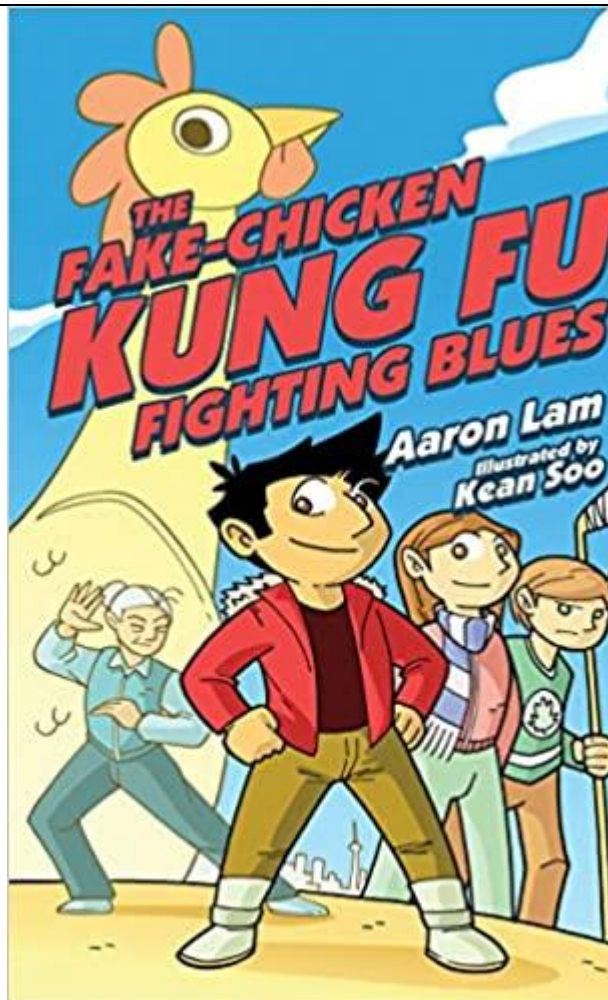
**Suki's Kimono** by Chieri Uegaki

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 17366

Suki's favorite possession is her blue cotton kimono. A gift from her obachan, it holds special memories of her grandmother's visit last summer. And Suki is going to wear it on her first day back to school --- no matter what anyone says.

When it's Suki's turn to share with her classmates what she did during the summer, she tells them about the street festival she attended with her obachan and the circle dance that they took part in. In fact, she gets so carried away reminiscing that she's soon humming the music and dancing away, much to the delight of her entire class!



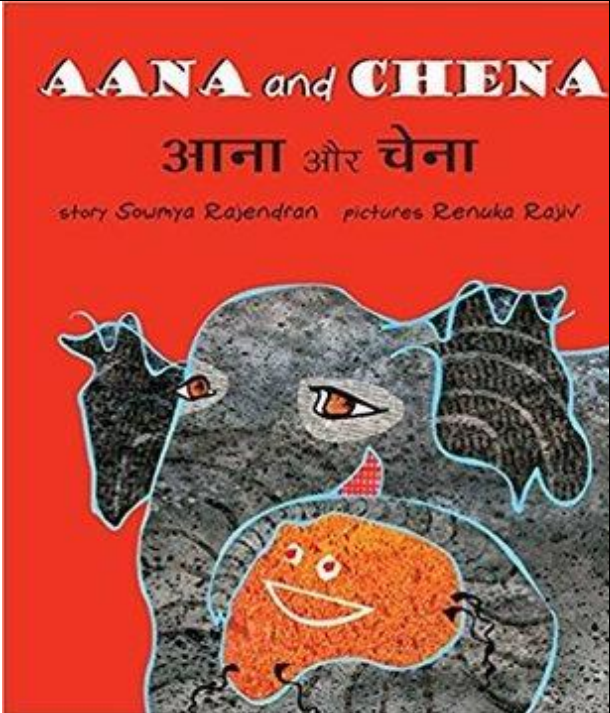
**The Fake-Chicken Kung Fu Fighting Blues** by Adam Lam and Kean Soo

Grade 5

NSSBB# 1004037

Twelve-year-old video buff Anthony is devastated when his family leaves Toronto's Chinatown for a remote community in northern Ontario. There are no other Asian families around—and everyone in town loves hockey, which Anthony just doesn't get. The move is even harder on his grandmother, Po Po, who doesn't speak English. Desperate to fit in, Anthony takes to the ice for the first time—and turns out to be a disaster. But he does manage to make some friends after standing up to Buck, the school bully, with an accidental flying boot to the face. After that, Buck asks Anthony to teach him the "kung fu" he used. What Anthony can definitely do is find people with interesting stories, including a 103-year-old indigenous storyteller, a collector of food items who looks like famous hockey players, and a man who insists that he was once abducted by a UFO. Video camera in hand, Anthony starts putting together a documentary about his new town. As he

discovers the joys of small-town life, his new friends get an introduction to his Chinese culture, and even Po Po begins to feel at home. And when Anthony's movie makes the top ten list for a film competition, the entire town rallies behind him. *The Fake-Chicken Kung Fu Fighting Blues* shows both sides of a culture clash in your average Canadian town.

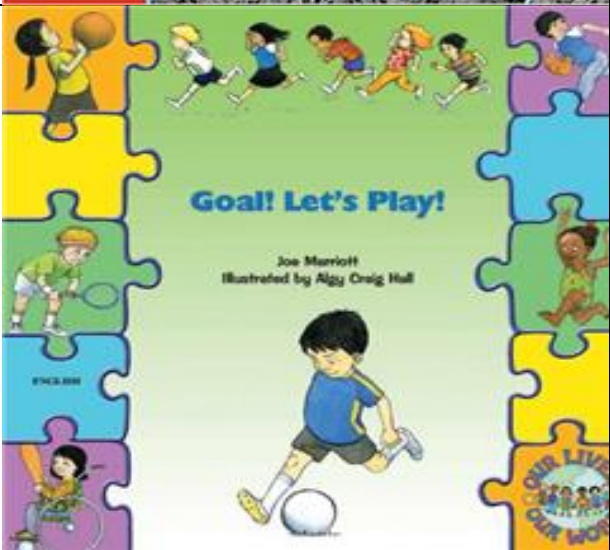


**Aana and Chena** by Sowmya Rajendran

Grades Primary to 3

Aana the elephant doesn't like his looks. But Chena the yam says he's beautiful. The story is about a self-conscious elephant who learns to accept himself with the help of his friend.

**Available in the following languages:** Gujarati (1005080), Hindi (1005081), Kannada (1005082), Malayalam (1005083), Marathi (1005085), and Telugu (1005084).


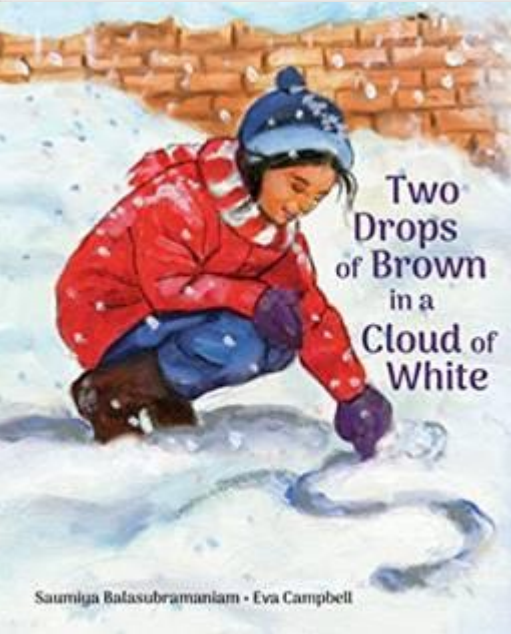


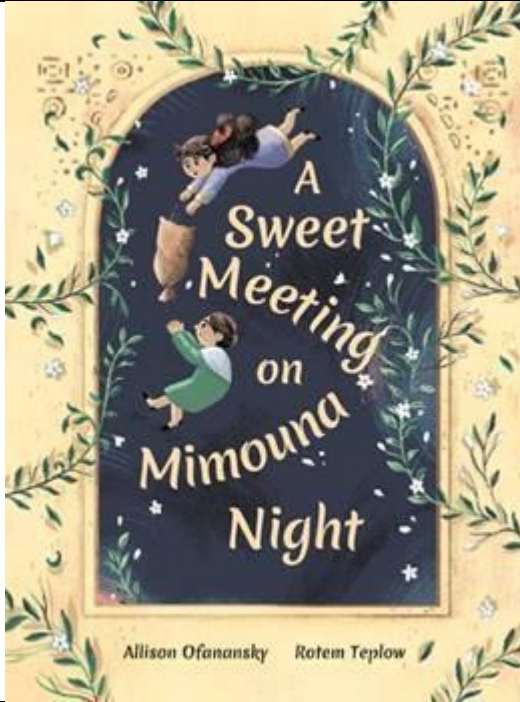
**Goal! Let's Play!** by Joe Marriott

Grades Primary to 3

Discover some of the world's best loved games and sports. Whether swimming in Nigeria, running in France, or camel racing in Dubai, children will be inspired to join in the action.

**Available in the following languages:** Arabic (1005086), Bengali (1005087), Chinese (1005088), Chinese (simplified), Czech (1005089), French (1005090), Polish (1005091), Portuguese (1005092), Russian (1005093), Spanish (1005094), and Urdu (1005095).

 <p><b>Colors! Colores!</b> Jorge Luján &amp; Piet Grobler</p>	<p><b>Colors! Colores!</b> by Jorge Lujan</p> <p>Grades Primary to 3</p> <p>NSSBB# 1005142</p> <p>This bilingual book presents a vision of a planet in which nature, words, and the rising and setting of the sun and the moon exist in harmony.</p>
 <p><b>Two Drops of Brown in a Cloud of White</b> Saumiga Balasubramaniam • Eva Campbell</p>	<p><b>Two Drops of Brown in a Cloud of White</b> by Saumiya Balasubramaniam and Eva Campbell</p> <p>Grades Primary to 3</p> <p>NSSBB# 1005143</p> <p>A little girl and her mother walk home from school on a snowy winter day.</p> <p>“So much snow,” says Ma. “So monochromatic.”</p> <p>“Mono crow what?” her daughter replies.</p> <p>Ma misses the sun, warmth and colors of their faraway homeland, but her daughter sees magic in everything — the clouds in the winter sky, the “firework” display when she throws an armful of snow into the air, making snow angels, tasting snowflakes. And in the end, her joy is contagious. Home is where family is, after all.</p>

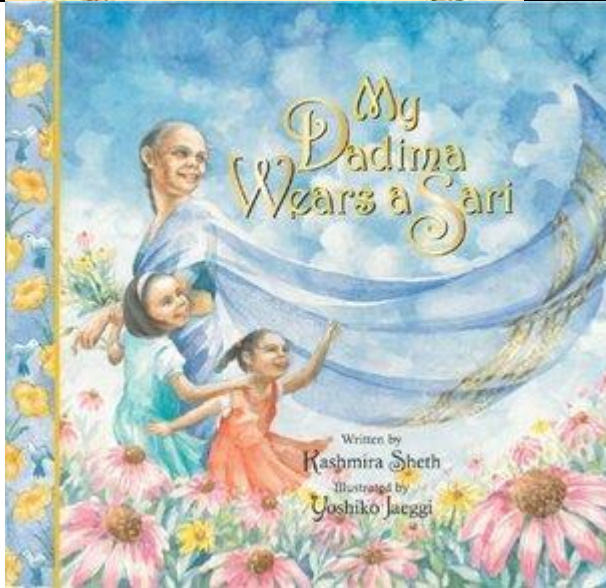


**A Sweet Meeting on Mimouna Night** by Allison Ofanansky and Rotem Teplow

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1005149

Set in Morocco, this sweet story of friendship and shared customs between a Jewish family and their Muslim neighbors provides a great introduction to the Moroccan Jewish holiday of Mimouna.

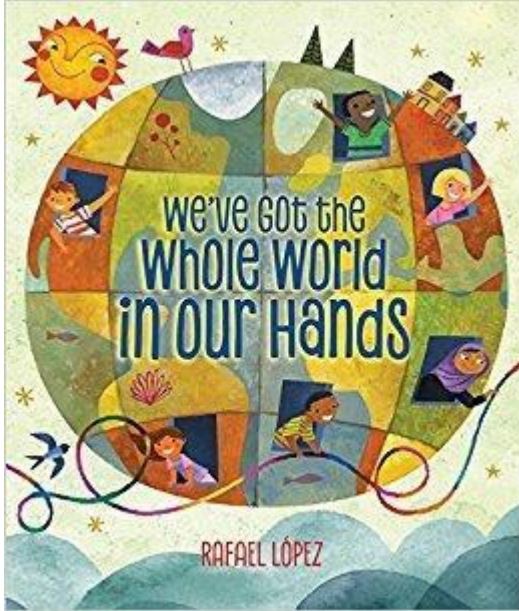


**My Dadima Wears a Sari** by Kashmira Sheth

Grades Primary to 6

NSSBB# 1005141

Every day, Rupa's grandmother wears a beautiful Indian sari. Each is brightly colored and very beautiful. "Don't you ever want to wear a gray skirt and red blouse with round buttons like Mommy or a green dress like me?" Rupa asks. But Dadima prefers to wear her traditional saris. She shares with her granddaughter all the wonderful things that saris can do--from becoming an umbrella in a rainstorm to providing a deep pouch to carry seashells. Soon Rupa's own imagination is sparked as she envisions saris protecting her in the scary Gir Jungle, bandaging up an injured knee, and holding a special secret for her and Dadima to share.



**We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands**  
by Rafael López

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1004952

Award-winning illustrator Rafael López brings new life with his adaptation of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," saluting the lives of all young people. The rhythmic verse and repetitive emphasis on "we" and "our" encourages inclusive communities and the celebration of unity and diverse friendships all around the world.

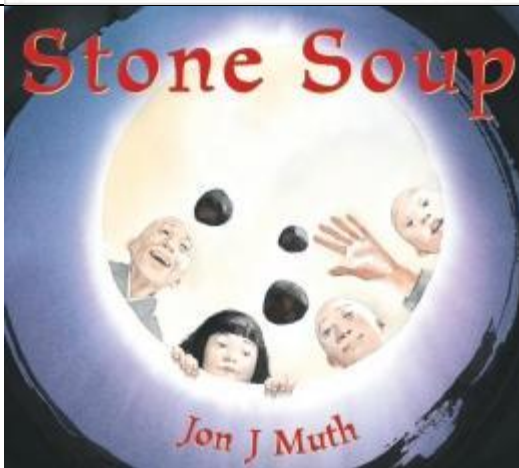


**The Sun is a Shine** by Leslie A. Davidson

Grades primary to 1

NSSBB# 1005003

A gentle and poetic board book about weather systems across the world. Young readers will enjoy meeting children from around the globe and experiencing the phenomena of the sky as each child thanks Mother Earth for bringing the sun, wind, rain, snow, lightning and thunder to them.

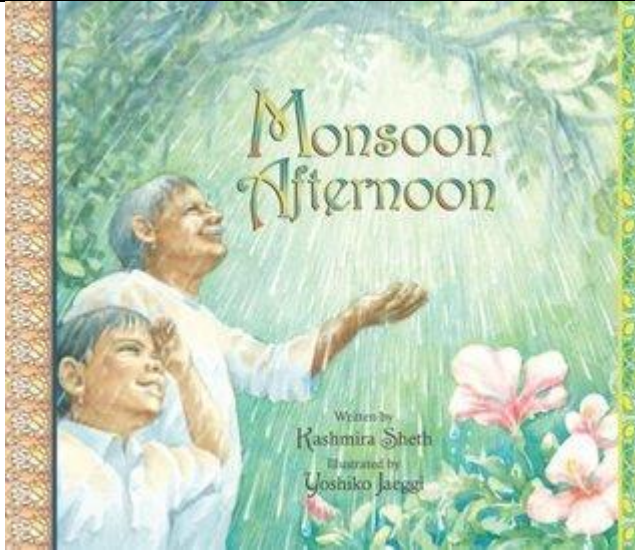


**Stone Soup** by Jon J. Muth

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1004872

Three strangers, hungry and tired, pass through a war-torn village. Embittered and suspicious from the war, the people hide their food and close their windows tight. That is, until the clever strangers suggest making a soup from stones. Intrigued by the idea, everyone brings what they have until-together, they have made a feast fit for a king!



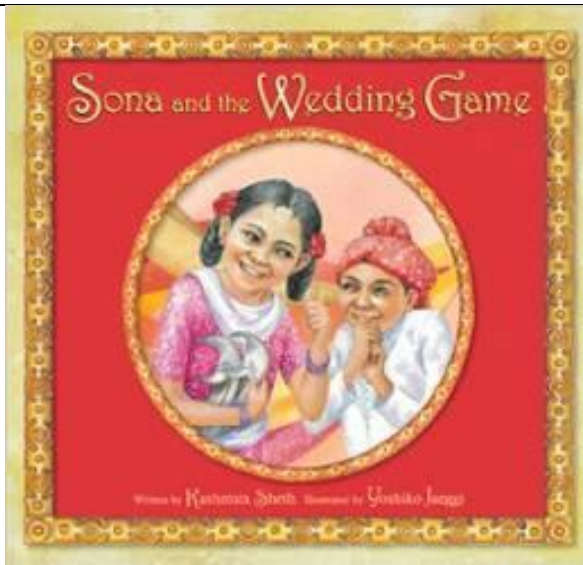
**Monsoon Afternoon** by Kashmira Sheth

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004852

It is monsoon season in India. Outside, dark clouds roll in and the rain starts to fall. As animals scatter to find cover, a young boy and his dadaji (grandfather) head out into the rainy weather.

The two sail paper boats. They watch the peacocks dance in the rain, just as the colorful birds did when Dadaji was a boy. They pick mangoes and Dadaji lifts up his grandson so he can swing on the roots of the banyan tree, just as Dadaji did when he was young. Finally, when the two return home, hot tea and a loving family are waiting.



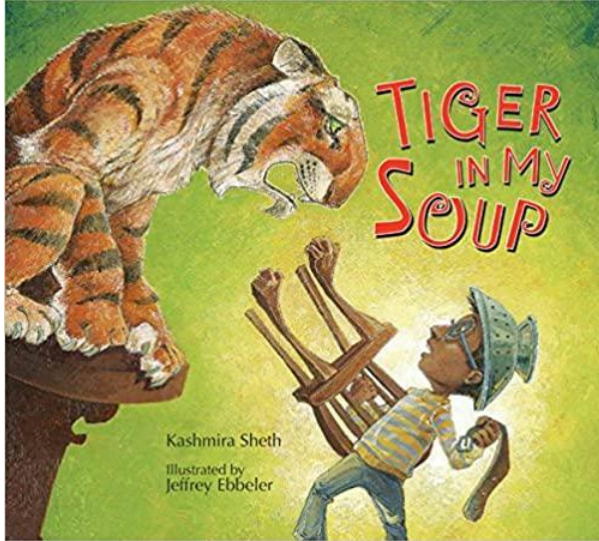
**Sona and the Wedding Game**  
by Kashmira Sheth

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004853

Sona's big sister is getting married and she's been given an important job to do. She has to steal the groom's shoes. She's never attended a wedding before, so she's unfamiliar with this Indian tradition as well as many of the other magical experiences that will occur before and during the special event. But with the assistance of her cousin Vishal, Sona finds a way to steal the shoes and get a very special reward.



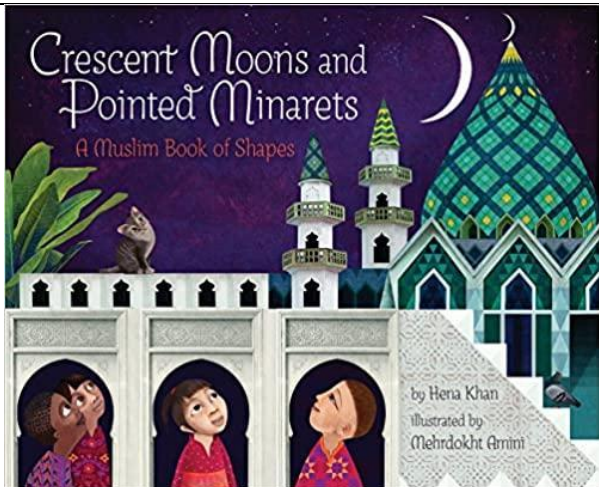


**Tiger in My Soup** by Kashmira Sheth

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004854

When a boy is left in the care of his older sister, he begs her to read him his favorite book, but she is too absorbed in her own reading to pay him any attention. She won't be distracted, even when the boy finds a ravenous tiger hiding in his soup! His sister misses all the action; only after the steamy beast is slain does she return to the table with her brother and finally agree to read to him. But is the tiger really gone?

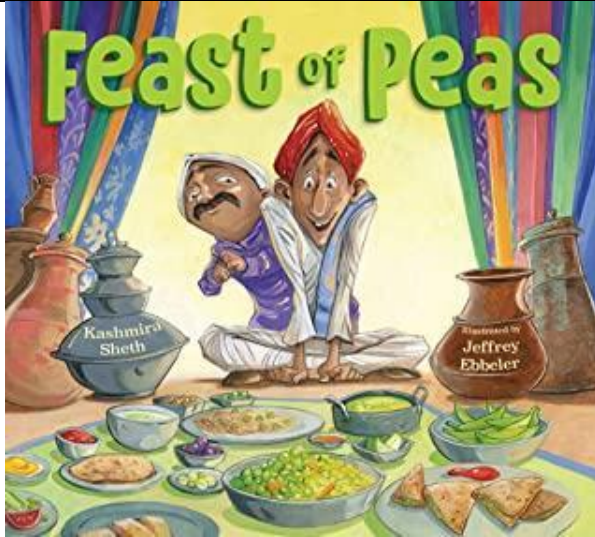


**Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes** by Hareem Khan

Grades primary to 3

NSSBB# 1004119

From a crescent moon to a square garden to an octagonal fountain, this picture book celebrates the shapes—and traditions—of the Muslim world.



**Feast of Peas** by Kashmiri Sheth

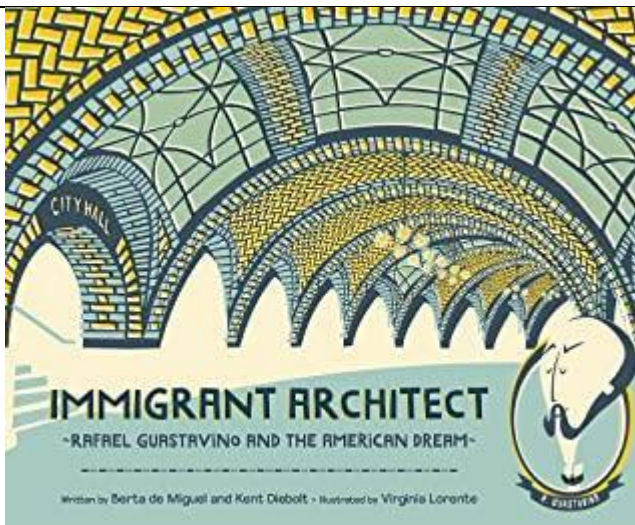
Grades Primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004849

Hard-working Jiva might not be the only one anticipating a delicious feast of peas from his garden.

Every morning, Jiva works in his garden until the sun turns as red as a bride's sari. He plants peas and beans, potatoes and tomatoes, eggplants and okra in his vegetable patch. When his friend Ruvji admires his plants Jiva sings,  
 Plump peas, sweet peas.  
 Lined- up-in-the-shell peas.  
 Peas to munch, peas to crunch.  
 A feast of peas for lunch.

But each time Jiva is ready to pick the peas for his feast, they're already gone. What has happened?

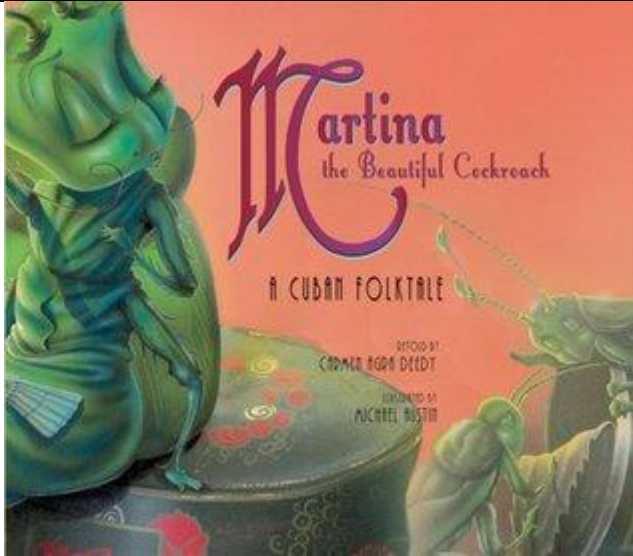


**Immigrant Architect: Rafael Guastavino and the American Dream** by Berta de Miguel, and Kent Diebolt

Grades 3 to 6

NSSBB# 1004850

Rafael Guastavino Sr. was 39 when he left a successful career as an architect in Barcelona. American cities—densely packed and built largely of wood—were experiencing horrific fires, and Guastavino had the solution: The soaring interior spaces created by his tiled vaults and domes made buildings sturdier, fireproof, and beautiful. What he didn't have was fluent English. Unable to win design commissions, he transferred control of the company to his American-educated son, whose subsequent half-century of inspired design work resulted in major contributions to the built environment of America.



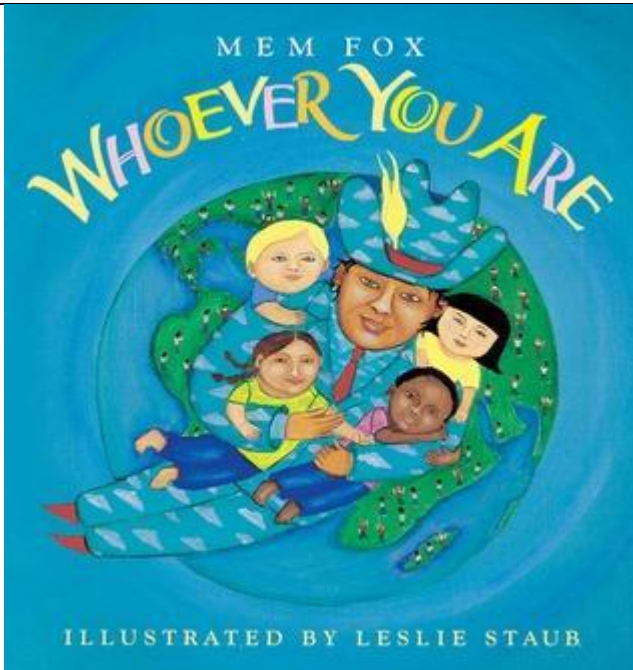
**Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale** by Carmen Agra Deedy

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004851

The beautiful Martina Josefina Catalina Cucaracha doesn't know coffee beans about love and marriage, so when suitors come calling, what is she to do? Luckily, she has her Cuban family to help!

While some of the Cucarachas offer Martina gifts to make her more attractive, only Abuela, her grandmother, gives her some useful advice: spill coffee on his shoes to see how he handles anger. At first, Martina is skeptical of her Abuela's suggestion, but when suitor after suitor fails the Coffee Test, she wonders if a little green cockroach can ever find true love.

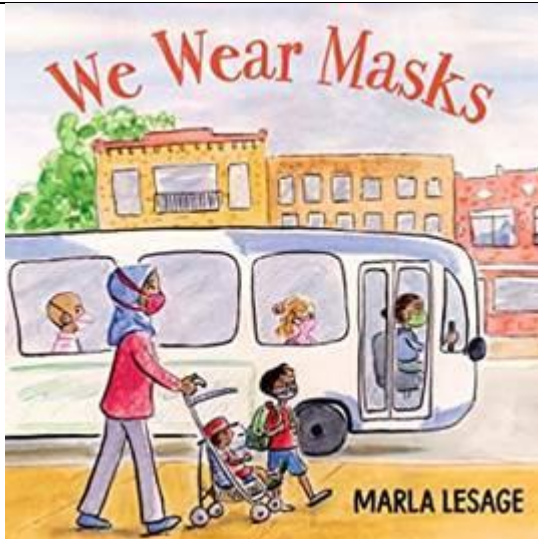


**Whoever You Are** by Mem Fox

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1004827

Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different. But inside, they are all alike. Stirring words and bold paintings weave their way around our earth, across cultures and generations.

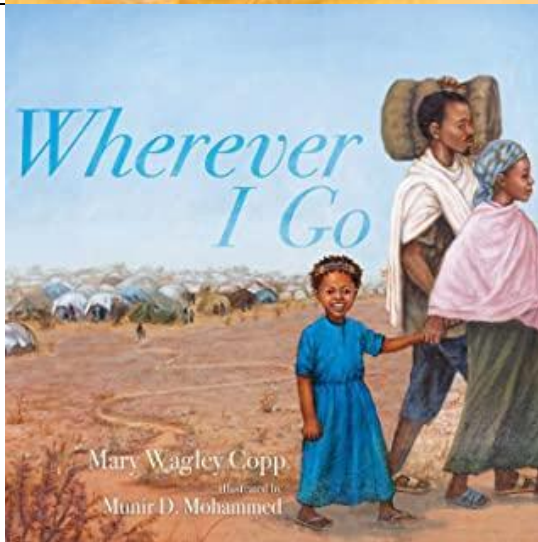


**We Wear Masks** by Marla Lesage

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB# 1004806

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many children have been introduced to wearing face masks and seeing others in masks. Author and illustrator Marla Lesage normalizes mask-wearing by introducing young readers to artists, ranchers, pilots, welders, scientists and many more people who already wear masks in their day-to-day lives.



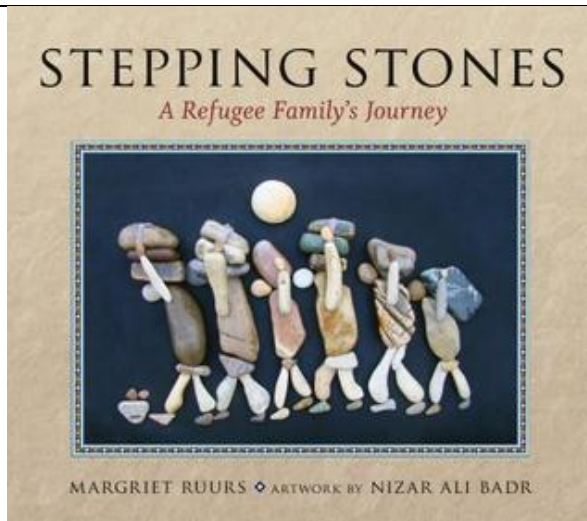
**Wherever I Go** by Mary Wagley Copp

Grade 3

NSSBB #: 1004817

Of all her friends, Abia has been at the Shimelba Refugee Camp the longest—seven years, four months, and sixteen days. Papa says that’s too long and they need a forever home. Until then, though, Abia has something important to do. Be a queen.

Sometimes she’s a noisy queen, banging on her drum as she and Mama wait in the long line for rice to cook for dinner. Sometimes she’s a quiet queen, cuddling her baby cousin to sleep while Auntie is away collecting firewood. And sometimes, when Papa talks hopefully of their future, forever home, Abia is a little nervous. Forever homes are in strange and faraway places—will she still be a queen?

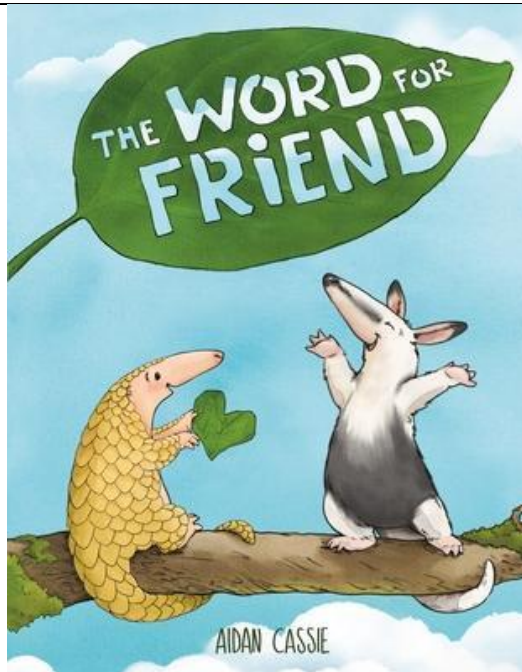


**Stepping Stones - A Refugee Family's Journey** by Margriet Ruurs

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB #: 1004805

This unique picture book was inspired by the stone artwork of Syrian artist Nizar Ali Badr, discovered by chance by Canadian children's writer Margriet Ruurs. The author was immediately impressed by the strong narrative quality of Mr. Badr's work, and, using many of Mr. Badr's already-created pieces, she set out to create a story about the Syrian refugee crisis. *Stepping Stones* tells the story of Rama and her family, who are forced to flee their once-peaceful village to escape the ravages of the civil war raging ever closer to their home. With only what they can carry on their backs, Rama and her mother, father, grandfather and brother, Sami, set out to walk to freedom in Europe.



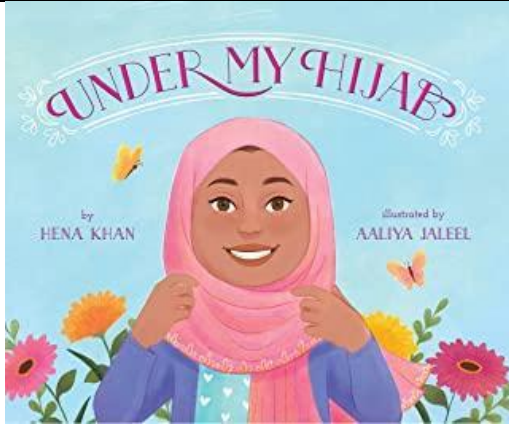
**The Word For Friend** by Aidan Cassie

Grade 4

NSSBB #: 1004809

Kemala the pangolin is sure she's going to make friends at her new school in her new country. After all, Kemala *loves* to talk. The kids at school like talking, too--but their words are all different. This country speaks a language Kemala doesn't know.

At first, no one understands Kemala either. This realization makes her curl into a little ball, like most pangolins do when they're nervous. But a classmate helps draw her out with an art project that doubles as a vocabulary exchange. Soon, Kemala is learning the most universal language of all: friendship.

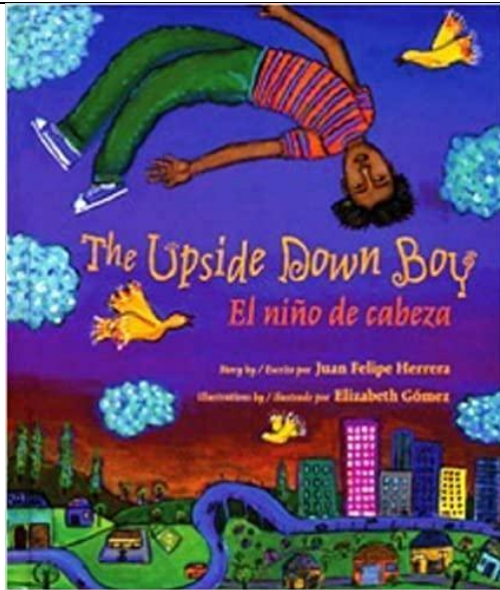


**Under My Hijab** by Hena Khan

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB#: 1004210

Grandma wears it clasped under her chin. Aunty pins hers up with a beautiful brooch. Jenna puts it under a sun hat when she hikes. Zara styles hers to match her outfit. As a young girl observes six very different women in her life who each wear the hijab in a unique way, she also dreams of the rich possibilities of her own future, and how she will express her own personality through her hijab.



**The Upside Down Boy/El niño de cabeza** by Juan Felipe Herrera

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB #: 1004759

Juanito is bewildered by the new school, and he misses the warmth of country life. Everything he does feels upside down. He eats lunch when it's recess; he goes out to play when it's time for lunch; and his tongue feels like a rock when he tries to speak English. But a sensitive teacher and loving family help him to find his voice and make a place for himself in this new world through poetry, art, and music.



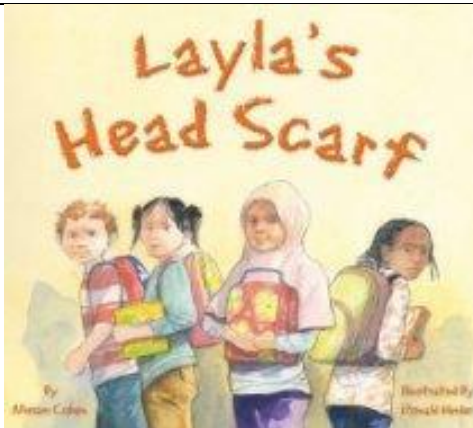
**The Happiest Tree. A Yoga Story** by Uma Krishnaswami

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB #: 1004757

Meena is excited about the class play, a new and improved version of Red Riding Hood. But when she learns that she must play one of the trees in the forest, Meena's excitement vanishes. She is just too clumsy to be a quiet, steady tree.

One day at the Indian grocery store, Meena sees a yoga class in progress, and the store owner convinces her to try the children's class. Little does Meena know she is about to find a way to grow from the inside out, just like a tree, and move beyond her feelings of clumsiness and frustration.

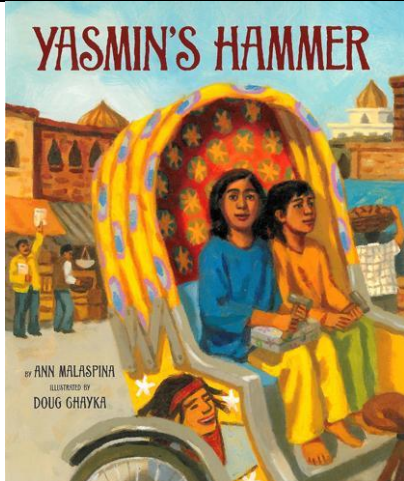


**Layla's Head Scarf** by Miriam Cohen

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB #: 1004760

Layla, the new girl in first grade, is hesitant to participate in school-day activities because she is afraid that her head scarf makes her look too different from her classmates. But as the day progresses, and the curious first graders learn more about Layla's culture, they help to make her feel more comfortable in her new school.



**Yasmin's Hammer** by Ann Malaspina

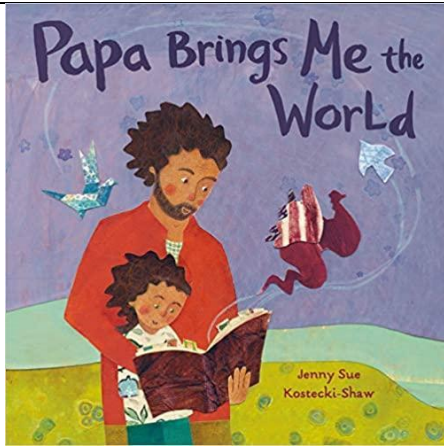
Grades Primary to 6

NSSBB #: 1004758

In the noisy streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh, another busy morning is beginning as Yasmin and her younger sister ride to work in their father's rattling rickshaw. Yasmin is aware of words everywhere, and she longs to go to school so she can learn to read. But Yasmin and her sister need to work and earn money to help support their family. Each day they go to the brickyard, where they chip bricks into small pieces that will be used to make concrete.

Yasmin knows that if she could read, when she grows up she could have any job she wanted. One night she comes up with a plan to take her future into her own hands. She works harder at the brickyard, earning extra coins from the boss. Finally, she saves enough to buy a book. Excitedly Yasmin takes it home, and everyone looks at the pictures in the candlelight. When Yasmin's parents realize that none of them can read the words in the book, they decide they must do something so that their daughters can go to school. Their father takes on a second rickshaw route, and their mother weaves baskets in the evening to sell at the market. And then one day, as their father drives Yasmin and her sister in his rickshaw, he takes a new route—not to the brickyard, but to the school.



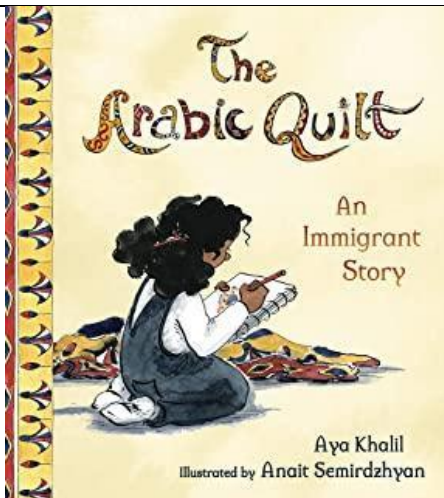


**Papa brings me the world** by Jenny Sue and Kostecki-Shaw

Grades 3 to 4

NSSBB #: 1004787

Most parents drive a car or ride a bus or train to work—but not Lulu’s papa. He navigates mountains, deserts, and oceans, each time returning home with pockets full of treasures. There’s an ancient calculator from China and a special game from Sumatra. But the best treasures are special stories Papa tells when he comes home—tales of playing peekaboo with rare birds in the Andes and befriending dragons in the Irish Sea.

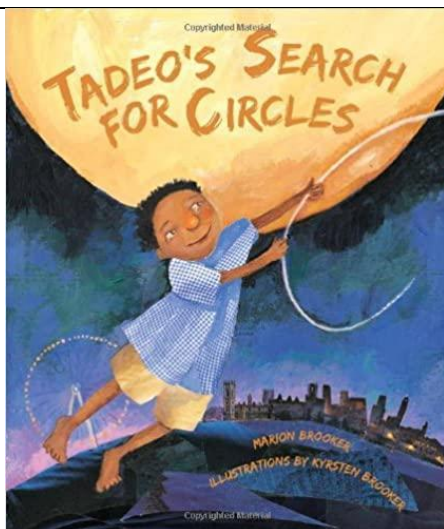


**The Arabic Quilt. An Immigrant Story** by Aya Khalil

Grades 2 to 3

NSSBB #: 1004784

That night, Kanzi wraps herself in the beautiful Arabic quilt her teita (grandma) in Cairo gave her and writes a poem in Arabic about the quilt. Next day her teacher sees the poem and gets the entire class excited about creating a “quilt” (a paper collage) of student names in Arabic. In the end, Kanzi’s most treasured reminder of her old home provides a pathway for acceptance in her new one.



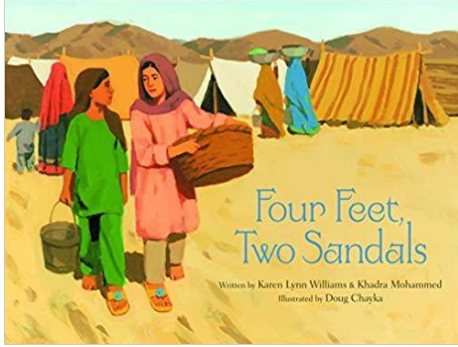
**Tadeo’s search for circles** by Marion Brooker

Grades Primary to 3

NSSBB #: 1004788

A young boy's search for the perfect circle takes him on a fantastical journey around the world—only to discover perfection in his own home.

Tadeo's dream-like journey around the world in search of the perfect circle" takes him from his home in South America to the Turkish bazaar in Istanbul, the African savannah, the bright lights of London, and the snowy Arctic.

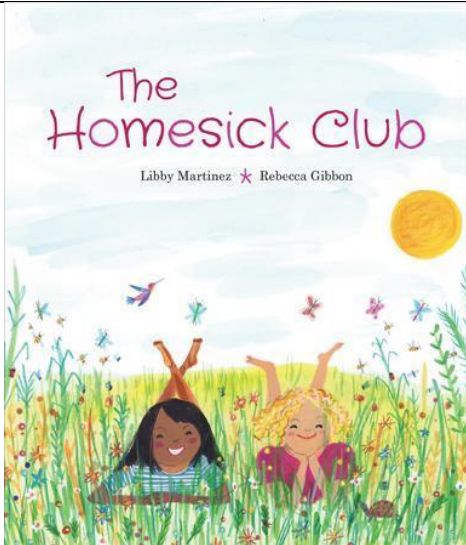


**Four Feet Two Sandals** by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed

Grades 5 and 6

NSSBB #: 1004786

When relief workers bring used clothing to the refugee camp, everyone scrambles to grab whatever they can. Ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly, until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. But soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one. As the girls go about their routines washing clothes in the river, waiting in long lines for water, and watching for their names to appear on the list to go to America the sandals remind them that friendship is what is most important.



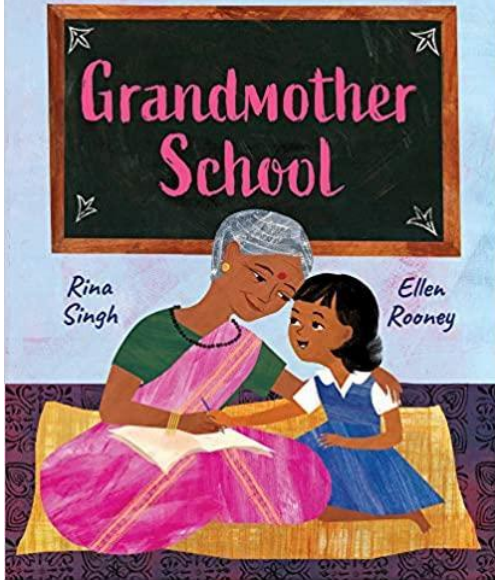
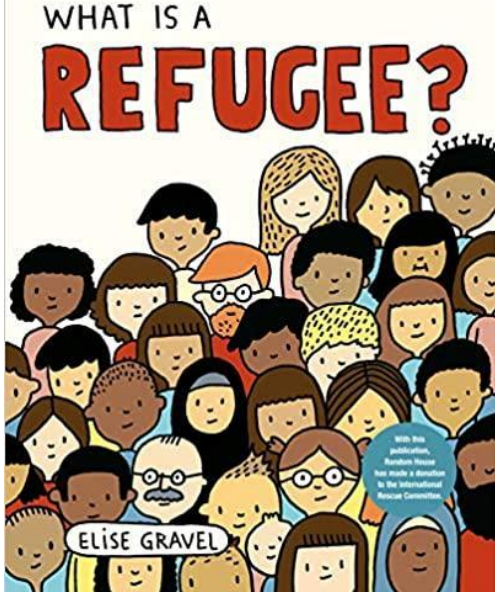
**The Homesick Club** by Libby Martinez and Rebecca Gibbon

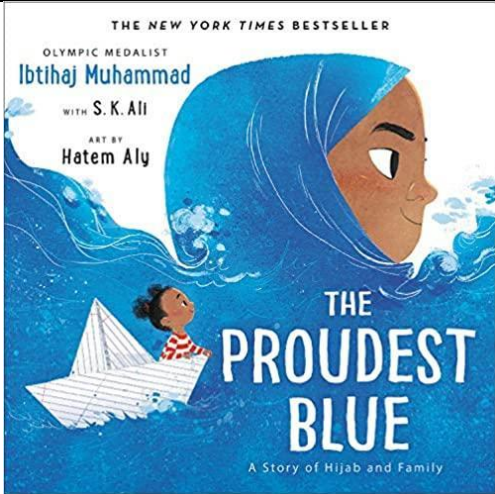
Grades 2 to 4

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Mónica and Hannah are school kids in the big city. Together, they have formed the Homesick Club since they are both from far away. Mónica misses the family of hummingbirds that she and her grandmother would feed in her backyard in Bolivia every day. Hannah misses the sunshine and the tiny tortoise that lived near her house in Israel.

When a new teacher, Miss Shelby, arrives from Texas, the girls discover that she misses her home, too, especially the huge sky full of stars and a Southern treat known as Hummingbird Cake. The girls ask Miss Shelby to join their club, then Mónica decides she will bring a surprise for show and tell — a surprise that brings Miss Shelby close to tears.

	<p><b>Grandmother School</b> by Rina Singh</p> <p>Grades 3 and 4</p> <p>NSSBB #: 1004756</p> <p>Every morning, a young girl walks her grandmother to the Aajibaichi Shala, the school that was built for the grandmothers in her village to have a place to learn to read and write. The narrator beams with pride as she drops her grandmother off with the other aajis to practice the alphabet and learn simple arithmetic. A moving story about family, women and the power of education.</p>
	<p><b>What is a Refugee?</b> by Elise Gravel</p> <p>Grades primary to 2</p> <p>NSSBB# 1006408</p> <p>An accessible picture book introduces the term “refugee” to curious young children to help them better understand the world in which they live.</p>

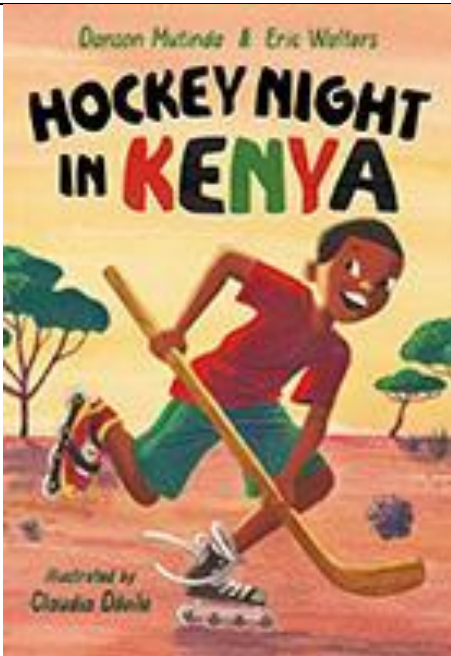


**The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family** by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004430

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.



**Hockey Night in Kenya** by Danson Mutinda and Eric Walters

Grades primary to 2

NSSBB# 1004585

Kenyan orphans, Kitoo and Nigosi, spend their days studying, playing soccer, helping their elders with chores around the orphanage and reading from the limited selection of books in their library. When the librarian gives Kitoo a copy of *Sports Around the World* he becomes fascinated by an image of the Canadian national men's ice hockey team. Then one day the fates align and Kitoo finds a pair of beat up old roller blades, he teaches himself to skate and dreams of one day playing hockey like the men in his book. But you can't play ice hockey in Kenya, can you?

	<p><b>The Word Collector</b> by Peter H. Reynolds</p> <p>Grades primary to 12</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003665</p> <p>Jerome discovers the magic of the words all around him -- short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and empower.</p>
	<p><b>The Visual Arabic English Bilingual Dictionary (DK)</b> New York</p> <p>Grades 4 to 12</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003933</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quick way to learn more than 6,000 Arabic words and phrases</li> <li>• Features a complete range of illustrated objects and scenes from everyday life</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Islandborn</b> by Junot Díaz</p> <p>Grades 1 to 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003884</p> <p>So when Lola’s teacher asks the students to draw a picture of where their families immigrated from, all the kids are excited. Except Lola. She can’t remember The Island—she left when she was just a baby. But with the help of her family and friends, and their memories—joyous, fantastical, heartbreaking, and frightening—Lola’s imagination takes her on an extraordinary journey back to The Island. As she draws closer to the heart of her family’s story, Lola comes to understand the truth of her abuela’s words: “Just because you</p>

	<p>don't remember a place doesn't mean it's not in you."</p>
	<p><b>What do you Celebrate?</b> By Whitney Stewart</p> <p>Grades primary to 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1004423</p> <p>Across the globe, every country has its special holidays. <i>What Do You Celebrate?</i> presents 14 special occasions where people dance, dress up, eat yummy foods, and enjoy other fun traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation. Kids can travel the globe and learn about Fastelavn, Purim, the Cherry Blossom Festival, Holi, Eid al-Fitr, Halloween, Day of the Dead, Guy Fawkes Day, the German Lantern Festival, and more. Each spread showcases a different holiday, offering background and cultural context, vocabulary words, photographs, and instructions for festive projects.</p>
	<p><b>The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden</b> by Heather Smith and Rachel Wada</p> <p>Grades primary to 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1004424</p> <p>When the tsunami destroyed Makio's village, Makio lost his father . . . and his voice. The entire village is silenced by grief, and the young child's anger at the ocean grows. Then one day his neighbor, Mr. Hirota, begins a mysterious project--building a phone booth in his garden. At first Makio is puzzled; the phone isn't connected to anything. It just sits there, unable to ring. But as more and more villagers are drawn to the phone booth, its purpose becomes clear to Makio: the disconnected phone is connecting people to their lost loved ones. Makio calls to the sea to return what it has taken from him and ultimately finds his voice and solace in a phone that carries words on the wind.</p>



**The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh** by Supriya Kelkar

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004425

Harpreet Singh has a different color for every mood and occasion, from pink for dancing to bhangra beats to red for courage. He especially takes care with his patka—his turban—smoothing it out and making sure it always matches his outfit. But when Harpreet’s mom finds a new job in a snowy city and they have to move, all he wants is to be invisible. Will he ever feel a happy sunny yellow again?



**Eid al-Fitr Festivals Around the World** by Grace Jones

Grades primary to 6

NSSBB# 1004344

Eid al-Fitr is a festival celebrated by Muslims on three days of every year. The festival marks the end of another festival called Ramadan. Learn more about the history and traditions of this fascinating celebration in the Festivals around the World series.


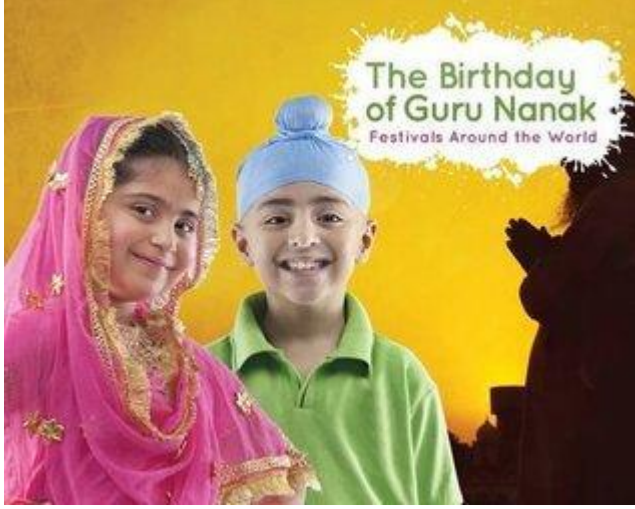



**Chinese New Year – Festivals Around the World** by Grace Jones

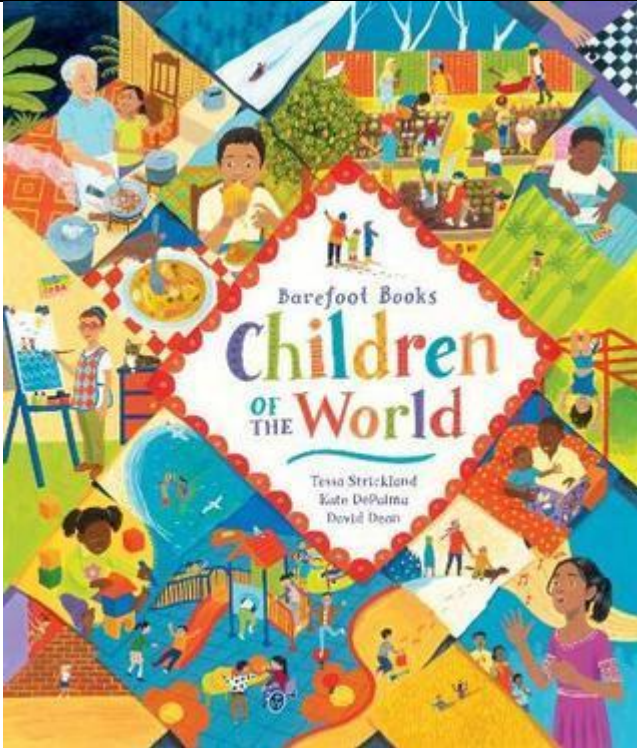
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Learn about Chinese New Year via easy to read text and informative, full color images.

	<p><b>Hanukkah – Festivals Around the World</b> by Grace Jones</p> <p>Grades primary to 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1004342</p> <p>Covers Hanukkah in easy to read text and informative, full color images.</p>
	<p><b>The Birthday of Guru Nanak – Festivals Around the World</b> by Grace Jones</p> <p>Grades primary to 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1004346</p> <p>Covers Sikhism, who Guru Nanak is, celebration parades, prayer and worship, festive foods, family and community, and more.</p>
	<p><b>Ramadan – Festivals Around the World</b> by Grace Jones</p> <p>Grades primary to 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1004345</p> <p>Covers Ramadan in easy to read text and informative, full color images.</p>



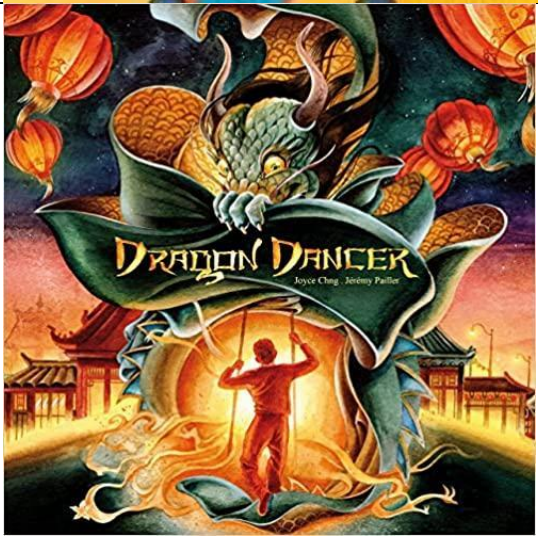


**Barefoot Books: Children of the World** by  
Tessa Strickland and Kate DePalma

Grades 2 to 3

NSSBB# 1003934

A multifaceted picture book designed to offer young readers a glimpse into the diversity of the human experience. The book promotes thought through questions about how other children live, what they eat, what games they play, and how are they different and alike.



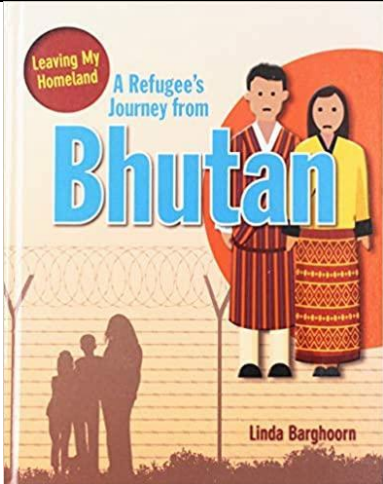
**Dragon Dancer** by Joyce Chng and Jeremy Pailer

Grades 1 to 2

NSSBB# 1003931

It is the eve of Chinese New Year. Lanterns are hung in the shopping malls and Yao is preparing to wake the ancient sky dragon, Shen Long, from his year-long sleep. From the moment Shen Long opens his great amber eyes and unfurls his silver-blue tail, Yao will be propelled on a magical journey to battle the bad luck of the previous year and usher in the good. Will he succeed? Will his grandfather watch over him and protect him from harm?

		<p><b>Night of the Moon</b> by Hena Khan</p> <p>Grades 1 to 2</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003930</p> <p>Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, celebrates the Muslim holidays of Ramadan, "The Night of the Moon" (Chaand Raat), and Eid.</p>
		<p><b>Happy in our skin</b> by Fran Manushkin</p> <p>Grades primary to 2</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003929</p> <p>Is there anything more splendid than a baby's skin? For families of all stripes comes a sweet celebration of what makes us unique—and what holds us together.</p>
		<p><b>A Refugee's Journey from Myanmar</b> by Ellen Rodger</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003928</p> <p>Syed lives in Myanmar, a country that has experienced many years of violence. As a part of the Rohingya minority group, his family is considered unwelcome in their homeland. When his father perishes during their journey from the country, Syed must reach a refugee camp on his own.</p>

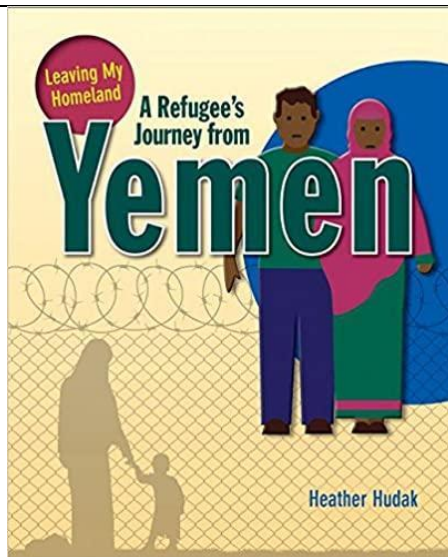


**A Refugee's Journey from Bhutan** by Linda Barghoorn

Grade 6

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After 9 years in a refugee camp in Nepal, Amita remembers very little of her homeland, Bhutan. At two years old, she was forced to flee her country when her family was targeted because of their Nepalese heritage. When the camp becomes an unsafe place for Amita and her family to live, they make the difficult decision to seek a permanent home in a new country. Interspersed with facts about Bhutan and its people, this narrative tells a story common to many refugees fleeing the country.



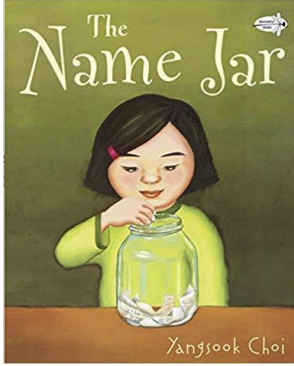
**A Refugee's Journey from Yemen** by Heather Hudak

Grade 6

NSSBB# 1003924

Sahar misses her life in Yemen before the terrible civil war started. When her home is bombed and she loses her baby brother, she and her family make the dangerous boat journey to a refugee camp. Sahar and her family end up journeying to Canada as refugees, where they adjust to a very different life.

		<p><b>A Refugee's Journey from Colombia</b> by Linda Barghoorn</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003925</p> <p>Follows the story of Andres and his family as they flee from threats from rebel groups and find peace in Ecuador, and wonder if they will be able to return now that peace has been declared.</p>
		<p><b>Malala's Magic Pencil</b> by Malala Yousafzai</p> <p>Grades 1 to 3</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003886</p> <p>Malala Yousafzai's first picture book, inspired by her own childhood.</p>
		<p><b>The Big Umbrella</b> by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003940</p> <p>By the door there is an umbrella. It is big. It is so big that when it starts to rain there is room for <i>everyone</i> underneath. Book includes themes of inclusion and tolerance</p>
		<p><b>Be who you are</b> by Todd Parr</p> <p>Grade 1</p> <p>NSSBB# 1003409</p> <p>Todd Parr reminds children that their unique traits are what make them so special. Parr encourages readers to embrace all their unique qualities.</p>

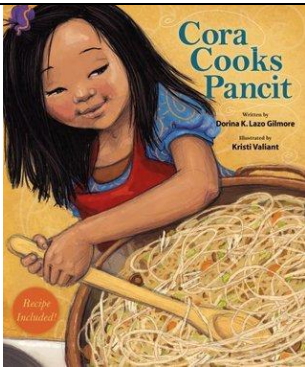


**The Name Jar** by Yangsook Choi

Grades 1 to 6

NSSBB# 1003941

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week.

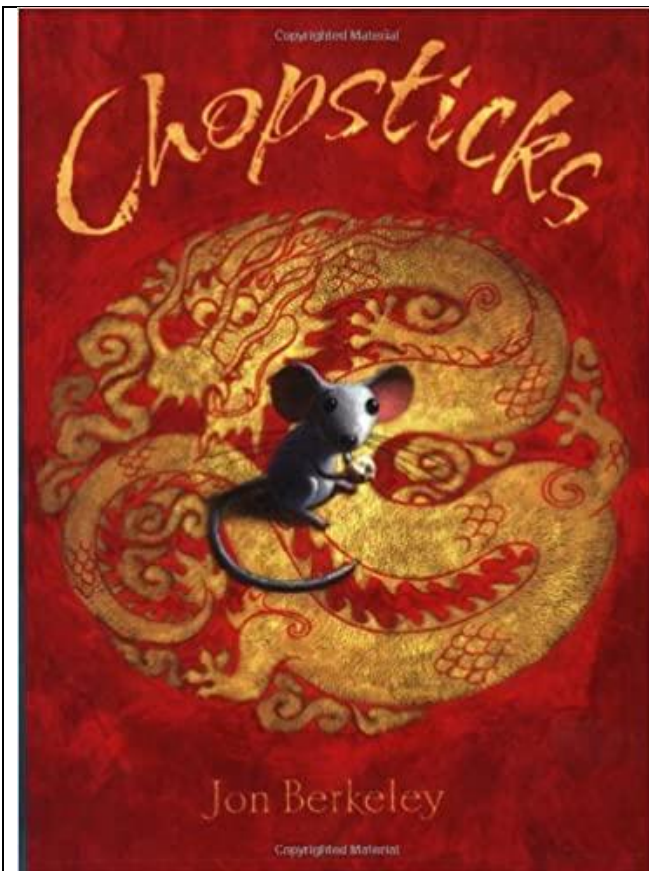


**Cora Cooks Pancit** by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore

Unfortunately, this is currently out of stock, with no reprint date set.

NSSBB# 1005562

Cora loves being in the kitchen, but she always gets stuck doing the kid jobs like licking the spoon. One day, however, when her older sisters and brother head out, Cora finally gets the chance to be Mama's assistant chef. And of all the delicious Filipino dishes that dance through Cora's head, she and Mama decide to make pancit, her favorite noodle dish. With Mama's help, Cora does the grown-up jobs like shredding the chicken and soaking the noodles (perhaps Mama won't notice if she takes a nibble of chicken or sloshes a little water on the floor). Cora even gets to stir the noodles in the pot carefully-- while Mama supervises. When dinner is finally served, her siblings find out that Cora did all their grown-up tasks, and Cora waits anxiously to see what everyone thinks of her cooking.

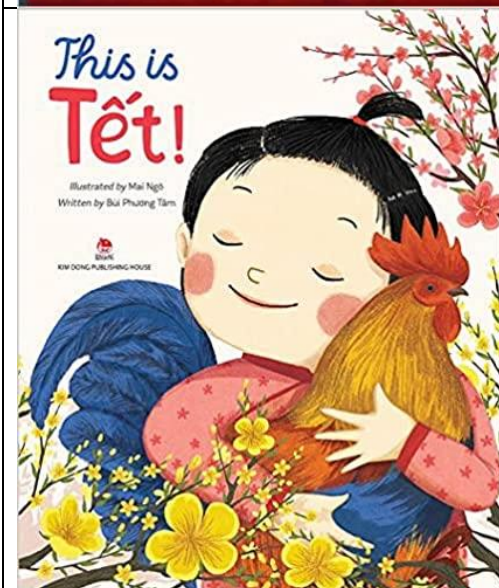


**Chopsticks** by Jon Berkeley

Grades primary to 3

*This book is out of print.*

On a restaurant on a boat, in faraway Hong Kong, lives a little mouse. This enchanting story tells of his adventures when, one New Year's night, he magics a carved wooden dragon into life and together they fly through midnight skies, over lands you and I only dream of...

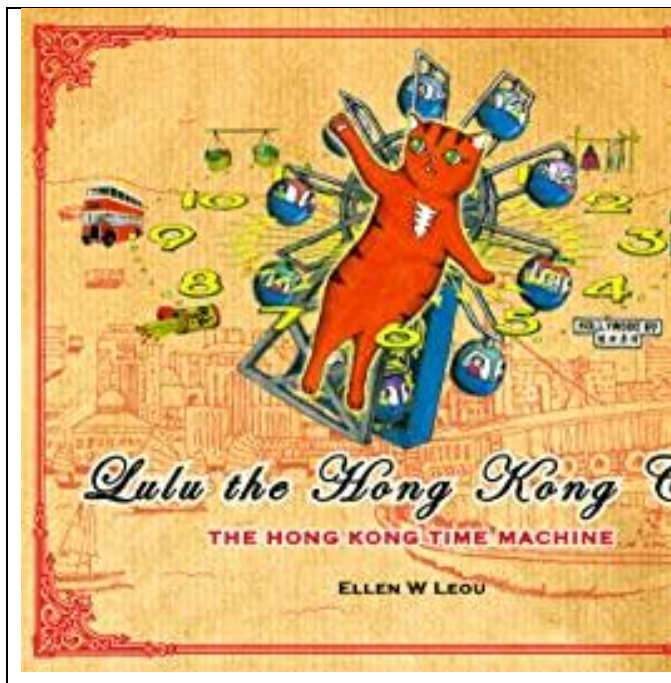


**This is Tet** by Bui Phuong Tam

Grades primary to 2

*This book is currently unavailable.*

"Tet" is how Vietnamese people call Lunar New Year. It has a variety of meanings: memories, reunion, love, happiness, and forgiveness.



**Lulu the Hong Kong Cat – The Hong Kong Time Machine** by Ellen Wy Leou

Grades primary to 3

*This book is unavailable.*

In this third book of the series, Lulu the Hong Kong Cat stumbles on a time machine that tumbles her back to the amazingly past of Hong Kong. There she finds out what life in Hong Kong's past was really like and how different it was for children and their families back then. Lulu also meets new friends who help her as she tries to find her way back to her own time again. This book is a beautifully hand illustrated look at the differences between the present and the past of Hong Kong, as seen from the viewpoint of children.

**My School (6-pack - Guided Reading Level A)**

The Porcupine Collection

NSSBB#: 1001596

"My School" is one of the nine brand new titles in The Porcupine Collection series. This collection of photographic non-fiction books, ideal for emergent readers, features a range of curriculum-based mathematics, science, and social studies topics.

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- Critical thinking questions.
- Concept review.
- Summary chart including word count.

Talk About Natural World Library Pack (24 titles) – Various:

Birds for pets - Reuben Marks	Wet weather - Phillip Moore
Who lives near Sam? - Krystal Diaz	Changeable weather - Phillip Moore
Heavyweights and their babies - Paul Banks	Hot and dry weather - Ben Smith
Interesting reptiles - Cory Winesap	Tornadoes - Ben Smith
Quills and spines - Nicole Deans	Hurricanes - Ben Smith
Fast and faster - Josephine Selwyn	It's snowing - Ben Smith
Plants of the desert - Wesley Wright	I'm happy - Ashley Blackburn
Plant carnivores - Wesley Wright	Jump, Swing, Climb - Maia Mason
Pretty but poisonous - Wesley Wright	Fruits and vegetables - Emma Glenn
Water-loving plants - Wesley Wright	Yummy energy foods - Cam Gregory
Edible pricklies - Wesley Wright	Something new - Rose Goldsmith
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- Patterned text that provides a structure for oral and written language
- Labels to help identify English nouns
- A photo glossary of extra content words
- A visual literacy page that provides for comprehension in a variety of forms, for example, maps, charts, menus, plans
- The word count
- Content and high-frequency words repeated throughout the text

Talk About Everyday Things Library Pack (24 titles) - Sandra Iverson

Class rules	My street
Places at my school	A day at home
What I did today	Rooms in my house
People at my school	Helping at home
In my classroom	Getting ready for school
The park nearby	My pets
Signs around me	Chores
Getting around	After school
Eating out	Places I like to go



My clothes  
Where I live  
Food I like

My family  
What I look like  
Games I like to play

**Talk About Science in My World Library Pack (24 titles)**

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- Labels to help identify English nouns
- A photo glossary of extra content words
- A visual literacy page that provides for comprehension in a variety of forms, for example, maps, charts, menus, plans
- The word count
- Content and high-frequency words repeated throughout the text

Talk About Science in My World Library Pack (24 titles) - Sandra Iverson

Heat  
Light  
Sound  
Magnets  
Energy  
Motion  
Earth  
The weather  
Minerals  
Rocks  
Fossils  
The moon

Pulleys  
Wedges  
Levers  
Inclined planes  
Wheels-and-axles  
Screws  
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Populations and communities  
Food chains

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- Labels to help identify English nouns
- A photo glossary of extra content words
- A visual literacy page that provides for comprehension in a variety of forms, for example, maps, charts, menus, plans
- The word count
- Content and high-frequency words repeated throughout the text

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Dogs on the job

Jobs on a farm

Factory jobs

Emergency workers

Jobs at a restaurant

Jobs at a hospital

Dance groups

Things you can do on ice

Bowling

Clubs

Games

Fitness in the park

Where does chocolate come from?

Where does drinking water come from?

Where does your electricity come from?

Where does popcorn come from?

Where does cheese come from?

Where do T-shirts come from?

Entertainment

Going to the game

Art in my town

At the lake

Shopping malls

Forms of transportation