

Fiction Books

44 Hours or Strike! [6 books]

37756 KT

IJ 135 pce 2015 Second Story Press

Anne Dublin

In 1931 during the Great Depression, sisters Sophie and Rose join the Toronto Dressmakers' Strike and the fight of their lives.

Clothing industry—Employees—Fiction; Employee rights—Fiction; Historical fiction; Social Studies; Strikes—Clothing industry—Fiction; Women's rights—Fiction; English/Language Arts

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian [6 books]

34812 KT

JS 230 pce 2007 Little Brown written by Sherman Alexie.

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

First Nations; Friendship—Fiction; Spokane Indian reservation; Aboriginal; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

All American boys

39190 BK

JS

Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely. "When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend"—OCLC.

African Americans—Fiction; Police brutality—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Racial profiling in law enforcement—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; Kiely, Brendan,—1977—author

All American Boys [6 books]

39238 KT

S 316 pce 2015 Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Jason Reynolds ; Brendan Kiely "When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend"—OCLC.

African Americans—Fiction; Police brutality—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Racial profiling in law enforcement—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; English/Language Arts

All he knew

39731 BK

IJ

Helen Frost.

In 1939 six-year-old Henry, who is deaf, is taken from his family and placed in a home for the feeble-minded where, years later, his friends include a conscientious objector serving there during World War II. Includes historical notes.

Conscientious objectors—Fiction; Deaf—Fiction; Historical fiction; Institutional care—Fiction; Novels in verse; People with disabilities—Fiction; World War, 1939-1945—Fiction

All rise for the honorable Perry T. Cook [6 books]

39241 KT

I 381 pce 2016 Katherine Tegen Books

Leslie Connor

Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth—and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home. When Perry moves to the "outside" world, he feels trapped. Desperate to be reunited with his mom, Perry goes on a quest for answers about her past crime. As he gets closer to the truth, he will discover that love makes people resilient no matter where they come from . . . but can he find a way to tell everyone what home truly means?

Family life—Fiction; Mother-son relationship—Fiction; Prisons

* All we left behind

41488 BK

JS 352 p. 2020 One More Chapter, a division of Har

Danielle R. Graham.

Vancouver 1941. As the war rages around the world, Hitler's fury is yet to be felt on the peaceful shores of Mayne Island. Sweethearts Hayden and Chidori are in love. But everything changes after Pearl Harbor. Now seen as the enemy, Chidori and her family are forced into an internment camp. Powerless to help them, Hayden joins the air force to bring about an end to this devastating war - the thought of Chidori is all that keeps him alive. Can they both survive long enough to be reunited? Or will the war be the only thing to separate their love?

Family life—Fiction; British Columbia—Fiction; Historical fiction; Canada—History—20th century—Fiction; World War, 1939-1945—Fiction; Romance fiction; Japanese Canadians—Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945—Fiction; Pearl Harbor (Oahu, Hawaii), Attack on, 1941—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Almost Perfect [6 books]

37629 KT

S 360 pce 2009 Random House Children's Books

Brian Katcher

With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student arrives at his small-town Missouri high school, keeping a big secret.

Dating (social customs); Friendship—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Identity—Fiction; Schools—Fiction; Single parent family; Transgender people—Fiction

Amal unbound

39379 BK

PIJ

Aisha Saeed.

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

Conduct of life—Fiction; Contract labor—Fiction; Courage—Fiction; Family life—Pakistan—Fiction; Pakistan—Fiction

American born Chinese [6 books]

36896 KT

JS 233 pce 2000 Square Fish Gene Luen Yang

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.

Chinese Americans—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Identity (Psychology)—Graphic novels; School stories

Amina's voice

39341 BK

PI

Hena Khan.

"A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Middle school students—Fiction; Muslims—Fiction; Pakistani Americans—Fiction; Prejudices—Fiction; Racism—Fiction

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And the Mountains Echoed [6 books]

35843 KT
S 402 pce 2013 Viking
Khaled Hosseini

This novel is about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. In this tale revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe - from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos - the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page.

Afganistan--fiction; Family--Fiction; Social Studies

Anne Frank : the Anne Frank House authorized graphic biography [6 books]

37799 KT
IJ 152 pce 2010 Hill and Wang
Sid Jacobson

Provides a graphic novel account of the life of Anne Frank, covering her family, the rise of Nazism, her years in the Secret Annex, her arrest, her deportation, her death, her father's recovery of her diary, and other related topics.

Graphic novels; Holocaust, 1939-1945--Amsterdam (Netherlands)--Biography--Comic; Jewish children in the Holocaust--Amsterdam (Netherlands)--Biography--; Jews--Amsterdam (Netherlands)--Biography--Comic books, strips, e; Social Studies; Frank, Anne,--1929-1945--Comic books, strips, etc

Anything but typical

39365 BK
PIJ
Nora Raleigh Baskin.

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Autism--Fiction; Family life--Fiction; School stories

***Armstrong & Charlie [6 books]**

41409 KT
IJ 310 pce 2017 Clarion Books, an imprint of Harper
written by Steven B. Frank

In 1970s U.S., with school segregation still rampant, Armstrong and Charlie meet when Armstrong is bused from his lower-class neighbourhood to Wonderland School in Hollywood Hills, which Charlie attends. Charlie's friends have moved to new schools in

opposition to the busing program and the two boys learn through a series of positive and negative situations that although they are different, they are the same. Suitable for grades 7-9, the text can be used for class read-aloud, literature circle, book club, or independent reading and its "same but different" theme can lead to rich discussion and activities centred on discrimination, stereotyping, racism, bullying, and personal choices.

Physical and health education; Discrimination--Fiction; Bullying--Fiction; Career Education; Racism--Fiction; English/Language Arts

The arrival [6 books]

37757 KT
IJS 2006 Arthur A. Levine Books/
Scholastic
Shawn Tan

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

Graphic novels; Immigrants--Graphic novels; Immigration and emigration--Graphic novels; Social Studies; Stories without words

Badir and the beaver

40333 BK
P 92 p. 2019 Orca Book Publishers
Shannon Stewart ; illustrated by
Sabrina Gendron.

Orca echoes Series - It's Ramadan, a time to focus on good deeds and to fast, and Badir and his brother, Anis, are out for a walk one evening while they wait for their iftar meal. In the park Badir sees a rat. A very, very large rat. He soon learns its actually a beaver, an animal that doesn't live in Tunisia, the country Badir and his family have emigrated from. It turns out that some of the neighbors who enjoy the park think this beaver is a bit of a pest, but Badir thinks it's wonderful and learns everything he can about the iconic Canadian animal. When a petition is started to remove the beaver, Badir, who knows firsthand how difficult it is to leave your home behind, rallies his classmates to save it.

Brothers--Fiction; Canada--Fiction; Beavers--Fiction; Immigrants--Fiction; Ramadan--Fiction; Islam--Fiction; Wildlife conservation--Fiction; Gendron, Sabrina,--illustrator

Beast rider : a boy's journey beyond the border

38843 BK
Tony Johnston and María Elena
Fontanot de Rhoads.

"To be reunited with his brother, twelve-year-old Manuel will have to cross the border and survive the perilous journey from Mexico to Los Angeles"--Provided by publisher.

Brothers--Fiction; Locomotives--Fiction; Mexico; Prejudices--Fiction; Travel--Fiction; Fontanot de Rhoads, Maria Elena,--author

Better Nate than ever

39364 BK
IJ

Tim Federle.
An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."
Broadway (New York, N.Y.)--Fiction; Musicals--Fiction; New York (N.Y.)--Fiction; Theater--Fiction

Better Nate than ever [6 books]

37835 KT
IJ 275 pce 2013 Simon & Schuster
Books for Young Re
Tim Federle

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

Broadway (New York, N.Y.)--Fiction; Gender role--Fiction; Musicals--Fiction; New York (N.Y.)--Fiction; Theatre--Fiction

Beverly Hills Maasai

38122 BK
248 p. 2010 Doubleday Canada
Eric Walters.

When Alexandria answers the phone in her California mansion, the last person she's expecting to hear from is Nebala, the Maasai warrior she befriended during her life-altering trip to Kenya. Not only is Nebala calling, he, along with two other Maasai, have just arrived at the LA airport. They are there to compete in the Beverly Hills marathon, a race they plan on winning so that the prize money can be used to build a well in their village back home.

Compassion--Fiction; Courage--Fiction; Friendship--Fiction; Fund raising; Gifts--Fiction; Marathon running--Fiction

Big Foot and Little Foot

39203 BK
PI
by Ellen Potter ; illustrated by Felicitá Sala.

Big Foot and Little Foot Series - "Hugo is a young Sasquatch who longs for adventure. Boone is a young boy who longs to see a Sasquatch. When their worlds collide, they become the unlikely pair of best friends"--Provided by publisher.

Adventure fiction; Friendship--Fiction; Mythical animals--Fiction; Sasquatch--Fiction; Sala, Felicitá,--illustrator

Big Foot and Little Foot

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The birchbark house [6 books]

37346 KT

I 244 pce 1999 Disney Hyperion Books

Louise Erdrich

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

First Nations; Islands; Ojibwa (First Nations people)—Fiction; Seasons—Fiction

Black brother, black brother

40592 BK

PI 241 p. 2021 Little Brown and Company

Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place.

Family life—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; School stories; African Americans—Fiction; Discrimination—Fiction; Fencing—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Private schools—Fiction; Massachusetts—Fiction

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40572 KT

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Physical and health education; Discrimination—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Social Studies; African Americans—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Private schools—Fiction; School stories—Fiction; Fencing—Fiction

Black Enough : stories of being young & Black in America

39799 BK

JS 400 p. 2019 HarperCollins Publishers

edited by Ibi Zoboi.

A collection of coming-of-age short stories that reflect on the African American teenage experience in America.

African American youth—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Short stories; Teenagers—Fiction; United States—Social life and customs—Fiction

Black Enough : stories of being young & Black in America [6 Books]

40571 KT

IS 400 pce 2019 HarperCollins Publishers

Edited by Ibi Aanu Zobi

A collection of coming-of-age short stories that reflect on the African American teenage experience in America.

Teenagers—Fiction; Short stories—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; United States—Social life and customs—Fiction; African American youth—Fiction; English/Language Arts

The black kids

39740 BK

Christina Hammonds Reed.

With the Rodney King riots closing in on high school senior Ashley and her family, the privileged bubble she has enjoyed, protecting her from the difficult realities most black people face, begins to crumble.

African Americans—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; Riots—Fiction

Black radishes [6 books]

36331 KT

I 222 pce 2010 Yearling Susan Lynn Meyer

Gustave doesn't want to move to the countryside, far from his friends, but he has no choice as it is March of 1940, and Paris is not a safe place for Jews. When Paris is captured by the Nazis, Gustave knows that his friends and their families must make it out of the occupied zone. When he learns that his new friend Nicole works for the French Resistance, he comes up with a plan.

Historical fiction; Holocaust, 1939-1945—Fiction; Jewish children in the Holocaust—Fiction; Jews—Fiction; Paris (France)—History—Fiction; Reading; War stories

The book of negroes [6 books]

34850 KT

S 680 pce 2011 HarperCollins Publishers

Lawrence Hill

When Aminata Diallo sits down to pen the story of her life in London, England, at the dawn of the 19th century, she has a wealth of experience behind her. Abducted at the age of eleven from her village in West Africa and forced to walk for months to the sea. She is sent to live as a slave in South Carolina. Years later, she forges her way to freedom and registers her name in the "Book of Negroes", a historic ledger allowing 3,000 Black Loyalists passage on ships sailing from Manhattan to Nova Scotia.

English; Language arts; Revolution 1775-1783; Slavery; United States—History

Booked [6 Books]

40458 KT

IJ 329 pce 2016 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Written by Kwame Alexander.

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Novels in verse; Self-esteem—Fiction; Books and reading—Fiction; Soccer—Fiction

A boy is not a bird

39315 BK

PI

Edeet Ravel.

"[Relates] the story of a child of war torn from the country and home he knows and loves, amid the swirling confusion of political upheaval, violence and personal loss. Based on a true story about a young boy who was exiled to Siberia as a child during the Second World War"—Back cover.

Historical fiction; Holocaust, 1939-1945—Fiction; War stories; World War, 1939-1945—Jews—Fiction

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

39147 BK

PIJ 293 p. 2012 Penguin books

William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer ; illustrated by Anna Hymas.

African teenager William Kamkwamba explored science books in his village library when he was forced to drop out of school, and was able to change his family's life by creating a windmill to pump water for his family's farm.

Electric power—Malawi; Engineers—Malawi—Biography; Inventors—Malawi—Biography; Irrigation—Malawi; Malawi—Rural conditions; Mechanical engineering—Biography; Windmills—Malawi; Hymas, Anna,—illustrator; Kamkwamba, William,—1987-; Mealer, Bryan,—author

The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind [6 Books]

40602 KT

JS 293 pce 2015 Puffin Books

Written by William Kamkwamba

African teenager William Kamkwamba explored science books in his village library when he was forced to drop out of school, and was able to change his family's life by creating a windmill to pump water for his family's farm.

Mechanical engineering—Biography; Irrigation—Malawi; Inventors—Malawi—Biography; Windmills—Malawi; Kamkwamba, William,—1987-; Engineers—Malawi—Biography; Malawi—Rural conditions; Mealer, Bryan,—author; Electric power—Malawi; Physical and health education; Social Studies; Science; English language arts; Applied design, skills and technologies

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Boys without names [6 books]

37815 KT

IJ 316 pce 2010 Balzer + Bray
Kashmira Sheth

Gopal and his family leave their rural Indian village to live with his uncle in Mumbai, but when they arrive his father goes missing and Gopal ends up locked in a sweatshop from which there is no escape.

Child labor—Fiction; India—Fiction;
Missing persons—Fiction;
Sweatshops—Fiction

The bridge home

38846 BK

IJ

Padma Venkatraman.

Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Chennai, India.

Homeless persons—Fiction; India—Fiction; Missing persons—Fiction;
Runaway children—Fiction;
Siblings—Fiction

Brooklyn Brujas

For descriptions see individual titles:

Labyrinth lost [40346]

✧ Brother

41161 BK

T 180 p. 2018 McClelland &
Stewart, Penguin Rando
David Chariandy.

"One sweltering summer in the Park, a housing complex outside of Toronto, Michael and Francis are coming of age and learning to stomach the careless prejudices and low expectations that confront them as young men of black and brown ancestry. Their Trinidadian single mother works double, sometimes triple, shifts so her boys might fulfill the elusive promise of their adopted home. Francis helps the days pass by inventing games and challenges, bringing Michael to his crew's barbershop hangout, and leading escapes into the cool air of the Rouge Valley, a scar of green wilderness where they are free to imagine better lives for themselves"—Provided by publisher.

Racism—Fiction; Brothers—Fiction;
Immigrants—Canada—Fiction;
English/Language Arts

Brown girl dreaming

39141 BK

PIJ 349 p. 2016 Puffin Books
Jacqueline Woodson.

"The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South"—Provided by publisher. This edition includes seven new poems by the author.

African American women—
Biography—Poetry; African
American women authors—
Biography—Poetry;
Authors—Biography—Poetry; United
States—Biography; Woodson,
Jacqueline—Poetry

Captain Lilly and the new girl [6 Books]

40375 KT

PI 64 pce 2009 Formac

Written by Brenda Bellingham

Lilly is excited to play soccer on a community team. Sara a new girl joins, and she wears a headscarf, but troubles arise when the competing team insists that she can't wear her headscarf. Lilly's team then refuses to play if Sara can't wear her headscarf. This is a story of acceptance of diverse backgrounds and resolving issues.

Group problem solving;
Sportsmanship; Problem solving;
Prejudices—Fiction; Soccer—Fiction;
Reading materials; School stories—
Fiction; English/Language Arts;
Inclusive education

Cemetery boys

40356 BK

JS 344 p. 2020 Swoon Reads

Aiden Thomas.

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Family life—Fiction; Witches—Fiction;
Magic—Fiction; Ghost stories;
Transgender people—Fiction;
Spirits—Fiction; Paranormal fiction;
Latin Americans—Fiction; Gender
identity—Fiction

The chronicles of the black tulip

The dragon's gate - The chronicles of the black tulip series [5 books]

38912 KT

IJ 323 pce 2016 Walden Pond Press
Wolverton, Barry

"A magical white jade stone and a map inscribed in bone that may be the key to an even greater mystery—this is the treasure Bren and Mouse have found buried on the Vanishing Island. Mouse is determined to follow the map to a place called the Dragon's Gate, convinced it will explain who she really is and the powers she possesses. Bren has had enough adventure for one lifetime and would like nothing more than to return to his father in Map. But nothing goes according to plan when the survivors of the Albatross are rescued by Lady Jean Barrett, a charismatic archaeologist with a sense of destiny"—from publisher's website.

Adventure fiction; China—History—
Fiction; Fantasy fiction

✧ Clean getaway

41175 BK

PI 229 p. 2021 Yearling Book
Nic Stone.

"For the life of him, William 'Scoob' Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble—and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say freedom. With G'ma's old maps and a strange pamphlet called the 'Travelers' Green Book' at their side, the pair takes off on a journey down G'ma's memory lane. But adventure quickly turns to uncertainty: G'ma keeps changing the license plate, dodging Scoob's questions, and refusing to check Dad's voice mails. And the farther they go, the more Scoob realizes that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem—G'ma included"—OCLC.

Family life—Fiction; Prejudices—
Fiction; African Americans—Fiction;
Grandparent-grandchild
relationship—Fiction; Recreational
vehicles—Fiction; English/Language
Arts; Social Studies

Concrete Rose

40943 BK

JS 360 p. 2021 Balzer & Bray, an
imprint of Harper
Angie Thomas.

"A gang leader's son finds his effort to go straight for the sake of his child challenged by a loved one's brutal murder"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Gangs—
Fiction; Teenage fathers—Fiction;
African American men—Fiction

Concrete Rose [6 Books]

40937 KT

S 360 pce 2021 Balzer & Bray
Written by Angie Thomas.

"A gang leader's son finds his effort to go straight for the sake of his child challenged by a loved one's brutal murder"—Provided by publisher.

African American men—Fiction;
African Americans—Fiction;
Teenage fathers—Fiction; Gangs—
Fiction; English/Language Arts

Daddy Am I Cool? [6 Books]

40971 KT

P 16 pce 2022

Written by Brent Carmichael

This book is about empowerment. Parents are called upon daily to teach lessons that require direction and leadership. The line Between Caregiver and Role-model need not be blurred. To the Fathers, to the Dads, to all parents - you are not alone—Provided by Publisher.

Parent-child relationship; Inclusive
education; English/Language Arts

Fiction Books

Dear Canada

For descriptions see individual titles:

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens [6 books] [37989]

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens [38113]

* Dear Martin

41157 BK

JS 210 p. 2017 Crown
Nic Stone.

"Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him"—Provided by publisher.

Racism—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Letters—Fiction; Racial profiling in law enforcement—Fiction; Police brutality—Fiction; King, Martin Luther, Jr.—1929-1968—Fiction; English/Language Arts

* Dear Martin [6 Books]

41376 KT

JS 210 pce 2017 Crown Publishers
written by Nic Stone.

"Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; Police brutality—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; King, Martin Luther, Jr.—1929-1968—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Racial profiling in law enforcement—Fiction; Letters—Fiction

* Diamond Grill

41986 BK

S 190 p. 2006 NeWest Press
Fred Wah.

Shares stories of family history and ethnic identity along with recipes from the Diamond Grill.

British Columbia—Fiction; Restaurants—Fiction; Racially mixed people—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

* Donovan's word jar

42031 BK

PI 71 p. 2019 Amistad
Monalisa DeGross ; illustrations by Cheryl Hanna.

Trophy chapter book Series - When the jar that Donovan keeps his word collection in fills up, he finds a special way to give his words away and get something wonderful in return.

Vocabulary; African American children—Fiction; Hanna, Cheryl,—illustrator; English/Language Arts

Dragonwings [6 books]

27956 KT

I 248 pce 1975

Laurence Yep

For all his eight years, Moon Shadow has lived with his mother and grandmother in a small village in down. Moon Shadow suddenly finds himself sailing to America to start a new life in a strange new land with a man he has never met - his father. Life in America is very hard. Moon Shadow must learn new customs, a different language and new ways to deal with strange people. But most of all, he must learn about his father.

China—Fiction; Multiculturalism—Fiction; Reading

Dream wheels : a novel

38391 BK

T 398 p. 2007 Anchor Canada
by Richard Wagamese.

Rodeo cowboy Joe Willie Wolfchild suffers a devastating accident just moments before becoming World Champion. In the process of rebuilding his life, he befriends a young man on probation who helps him find his purpose once again.

First Nations—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Self-realization—Fiction; Western stories

* Dreamer

42088 BK

IJS 118 p. 2023 Graphix, an imprint
of Scholastic

Akim Aliu, written with Greg Anderson Elysée ; illustrated by Karen De la Vega and Marcus Williams.

"Akim Aliu—also known as 'Dreamer'—is a Ukrainian-Nigerian-Canadian professional hockey player. . . . 'Dreamer' tells Akim's . . . story, from being the only Black child in his Ukrainian community, to his family struggling to make ends meet while living in Toronto, to confronting the racist violence he often experienced both on and off the ice"—Provided by publisher.

Hockey players—Biography; Autobiographical graphic novels; Immigrants—Canada—Biography; Racially mixed people—Biography; Racially mixed people—Graphic novels; Hockey players—Graphic novels; Immigrants—Canada—Graphic novels; Aliu, Akim,—1989—Graphic novels; Anderson-Elysée, Greg,—author; Vega, Karen de la,—artist; Williams, Marcus—(Comic book artist),—artist; English/Language Arts

Dress coded

39822 BK

IJ

Carrie Firestone.

"An eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion"—Provided by publisher.

Dress codes—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; Podcasting—Fiction; Protest movements—Fiction; School stories; Social media—Fiction

Dumplin'

38520 BK

JS

Julie Murphy.

Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.

Beauty contests—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Obesity—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; Texas—Fiction

Dumplin' [6 books]

38087 KT

JS 375 pce 2015 Balzer + Bray
Julie Murphy

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Beauty contests—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Obesity—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; Texas—Fiction

Echo [6 Books]

40892 KT

IJS 585 pce 2015 Scholastic Press
Written by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later three children – Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California – find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

Harmonicas—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Social Studies; California—History—Fiction; Pennsylvania—History—Fiction; Music—Fiction; Fate and fatalism—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Historical fiction; Germany—History—1933-1945—Fiction

Ei Deafo [6 books]

37796 KT

IJ 233 pce 2014 Amulet Books
Cece Bell

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower".

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Cartoonists–Biography–Graphic novels; Deaf–Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Women–Biography–Graphic novels

* **Endgame : the secret Force 136**

42163 BK
30 p. 2023 PlumLeaf Press
Catherine Little ; illustrated by Sean Huang.

... Alex's imagination takes him to medieval Chinese battlefields as he learns to play Xiangqi (Chinese chess) with his great-grandfather, Tai Gong. In the months that they spend over the chessboard, Alex comes to understand the important strategies that guided Tai Gong and his decisions as he navigated life as a Chinese Canadian in an anti-Asian era in Canada. In the process, Alex learns about the mysterious Force 136 and the sacrifices its members made to show their loyalty to a country that had utterly disregarded them.

Grandparent-grandchild relationship–Fiction; World War, 1939-1945–Canada–Fiction; Chinese Canadians–History–Fiction; Race discrimination–Fiction; Veterans–Fiction; Huang, Sean–(Illustrator)

Every day is Malala day [6 books]

36826 KT
PI 2014 Second Story Press
Rosemary McCarney with Plan International

Malala Yousafzai - as of October 2014 the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize - is an inspiration. A young girl living in Pakistan, she was shot by the Taliban simply because she wanted to go to school. Since that moment, she has captured the attention of the world with her bravery, becoming a voice for the rights of girls everywhere. In the fall of 2014 she became the youngest person ever to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is a letter to Malala, illustrated with beautiful photographs from Plan International. Girls from around the world express their sympathy, sisterhood, and admiration for her. Many of them know first-hand the barriers that stand in the way of girls going to school - barriers like poverty, discrimination, and violence. In Malala these girls recognize a leader, a champion, and a friend.

Biography–Pakistan; Children's rights; Pakistan–children's literature; Women's rights

The Family Fletcher takes Rock Island [6 books]

39244 KT
I 259 pce 2016 Yearling
Dana Alison Levy
Summertime brings the Fletcher Family back to Rock Island where the good times never end. But this summer the boys' favorite lighthouse

is all boarded up. So with the help from their new neighbors, the Garcia girls, the boys are determined to find out what is really happening with their lighthouse and saving it, no matter what the cost.

Family life–Fiction; Humorous fiction; Lighthouses–Fiction; Neighbors–Fiction; Summer–Fiction

Fantastic failures: true stories of people who changed the world by falling down first [6 Books]

41014 KT
IJS 304 pce 2018 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re
Written by Luke Reynolds

This resource provides snapshots of thirty-four people (and one horse) who changed the world despite facing setbacks and failure. The work includes men and women of various backgrounds, ages, and experience, including both well-known public figures and lesser-known people who have faced extreme challenges, including cultural stigmas of physical disabilities, discrimination, abuse, police brutality, murder, rape, prostitution, abandonment, shame, violence, and the risk of death. The author provides an extensive array of questions to prompt reflection on success, challenge, failure, and resilience, and encourage students to explore their beliefs and values. Teacher pre-reading recommended.

Physical and health education; Authors–Biography; Social Studies; English/Language Arts; Career Education

Fatty legs [6 books]

34668 KT
IJ 104 pce 2010 Firefly
Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton ; artwork by Liz Amini-Holmes

Margaret traveled with her father to Aklavik. She was mesmerized by what she saw—strange dark-cloaked nuns and pale-skinned priests who had journeyed from far-off lands. Margaret knew they held the key to the greatest of the outsiders' mysteries—reading. Margaret begs her father to let her go to the outsiders' school. She soon encounters the Raven—a nun. The nun disapproves of Margaret. Margaret is the laughingstock of the school. Now she must face her tormentors.

First Nations–Fiction; First Nations–Residential schools; Inuit–Residential schools

Felix Yz

40472 BK
PIJ 283 p. 2017 Viking
Lisa Bunker.
Thirteen-year-old Felix Yz chronicles the final month before an experimental procedure meant to separate him from the fourth-dimensional creature, Zyx,

with whom he was accidentally fused as a young child.

Science fiction; Family life–Fiction; School stories; Extraterrestrial beings–Fiction; People with disabilities–Fiction; Blogs–Fiction; Inclusive education

* **Finding Junie Kim**

41393 BK
IJ 359 p. 2021 Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins
Ellen Oh.

A tale based on true events follows the coming-of-age of a girl who is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War.

Racism–Fiction; Korean Americans–Fiction; School stories; Grandparent-grandchild relationship–Fiction; Bildungsromans; Middle schools–Fiction; Korean War, 1950-1953–Fiction; English/Language Arts

Fish in a tree

39357 BK
PIJ
Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

"Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is, because she still doesn't know how to read"—Provided by publisher.

Dyslexia–Fiction; Human behavior–Fiction; Reading–Fiction; School stories

Five, six, seven, Nate! [6 books]

39423 KT
IJ 293 pce 2018 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re
Tim Federle

Now on Broadway as second understudy for E.t., Nate Foster keeps in close contact with his best friend, Libby, as he faces his nemesis, Jordan Rylance, and his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience.

Broadway (New York, N.Y.)–Fiction; Gender role–Fiction; Musicals–Fiction; New York (N.Y.)–Fiction; Theatre–Fiction

Flamer

40514 BK
JS 366 p. 2020 Henry Holt & Company
Mike Curato.

"It's the summer between middle school and high school, and Aiden Navarro is away at camp. Everyone's going through changes—but for Aiden, the stakes feel higher. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can't stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance"—Back cover.

Fiction Books

Bullies—Graphic novels; Friendship—Graphic novels; Teenage boys—Graphic novels; Camps—Graphic novels; Gay men—Graphic novels; Self-acceptance—Graphic novels; Healthy relationships

The flight of the little swallow [6 books]

40007 KT

PI 64 pce 2007 Scholastic Canada
Anne Patton

A little Chinese girl named Song Lei and her parents have a lot to do before they can board a plane for an exciting adventure in Canada. As we read this story, we learn about Song Lei's friends and family and their lives in China. At the end of the story, information about China and a glossary are provided.

Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Chinese children—Fiction; China—Fiction; Easy reading materials

*** Forget me not**

41649 BK

PIJ 330 p. 2018 Square Fish,
Feiwei and Friends

Ellie Terry.

When her mother breaks up with yet another boyfriend, Calliope meets Jinsong at her latest middle school, who becomes her friend despite her Tourette Syndrome and the embarrassment it can cause.

Friendship—Fiction; School stories; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Moving—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; Novels in verse; Tourette syndrome—Fiction; Inclusive education; English/Language Arts

Freak the Mighty

39354 BK

PIJ 169 p. 1993 Scholastic
Signature

Rodman Philbrick.

At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

Friendship—Fiction; Learning disabilities—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction; School stories

The Freedom summer murders [6 books]

39235 KT

JS 250 pce 2014 Scholastic Press
Don Mitchell

A look at how the disappearance and murders of civil rights workers Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney would help bring about civil rights and social justice.

African Americans—Civil rights—History; Black history; Chaney, James Earl, 1943-1964; Civil rights workers; Goodman, Andrew, 1943-1964; Mississippi Freedom Project; Mississippi—Race relations—History; Neshoba County (Miss)—Race relations—History; Schwerner, Michael Henry, 1939-1964

*** From the desk of Zoe**

Washington

41166 BK

IJ 291 p. 2020 Katherine Tegen
Books, an imprint o
Janae Marks.

"Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Father-daughter relationship—Fiction; Prisoners—Fiction; Bakers and bakeries—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Front desk

38987 BK

PI

Kelly Yang.

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them. While her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants—not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.

Chinese Americans—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Hotels and motels—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction; Self-confidence—Fiction

Front desk [6 books]

39184 KT

I 286 pce 2018 Scholastic Inc.
Kelly Yang

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Chinese Americans—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Hotels and motels—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction; Self-confidence—Fiction

*** Frying plantain : stories**

41273 BK

JS 258 p. 2020 Astoria
Zalika Reid-Benta.

"Kara Davis is a girl caught in the middle—of her Canadian nationality and her desire to be a 'true' Jamaican, of her mother and grandmother's rages and life lessons. . . . Set in 'Little Jamaica,' Toronto's Eglinton West neighbourhood, Kara moves from girlhood to the threshold of adulthood, from elementary school to high school graduation, in these twelve interconnected stories. We see her on a visit to Jamaica, startled by the sight of a severed pig's head in her great aunt's freezer; in junior high, the victim of a devastating prank by her closest friends; and as a teenager in and out of her grandmother's house, trying to cope with the ongoing battles between her unyielding grandparents"—Provided by publisher.

Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Grandmothers—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Toronto (Ont.)—Fiction; Black people—Fiction; Jamaicans—Fiction; Jamaica—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Genesis Begins Again [6 Books]

40634 KT

IJ 364 pce 2019 Atheneum
Written by Alicia D. Williams.

"Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Prejudices—Fiction; African American—Identity—Fiction; Moving—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; English/Language Arts

George [6 books]

37630 KT

IJ 195 pce 2015 Scholastic Press
Alex Gino

"When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte — but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all"—provided by publisher

Bullies—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Identity—Fiction; Middle school students—Fiction

Fiction Books

George [6 books]

38164 KT

IJ 195 pce 2015 Scholastic Press
Alex Gino

"When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be *Charlotte's Web*. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte – but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all"–provided by publisher

Bullies–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction;
Gender identity–Fiction; Gender
role–Fiction; Identity–Fiction; Middle
school students–Fiction

The German girl [6 books]

37850 KT

JS 557 pce 2016 Gale
Armando Lucas Correa

Before everything changed, Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now the streets of Berlin are draped in swastikas and Hannah is no longer welcome in the places she once considered home. A glimmer of hope appears in the shape of the St Louis, a transatlantic liner that promises Jews safe passage to Cuba. The Rosentals sell everything they have to fund visas and tickets. At first the liner feels like luxury, but as they travel the circumstances of war change, and it soon becomes their prison. Seven decades later in New York, on her twelfth birthday Anna Rosen receives a package from Hannah, the great-aunt she never met but who raised her deceased father. Anna and her mother immediately travel to Cuba to meet this elderly relative, and for the first time Hannah tells them the untold story of her voyage on the St Louis.

Cuba–Fiction; Historical fiction;
Holocaust, 1939-1945–Fiction;
Jewish children in the Holocaust;
Jews–Cuba–Fiction; Jews–
German–Fiction; Refugees–Fiction;
Social Studies

Ghost

39143 BK

IJ

Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - "Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track - literally and figuratively - to reach his full potential"–Provided by publisher.

Coaching (Athletics)–Fiction;
Running–Fiction; Self-realization–
Fiction; Track athletics–Fiction

Ghost [6 Books]

40833 KT

IJ 181 pce 2016 Atheneum Books
for Young Readers

Written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - "Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track – literally and figuratively – to reach his full potential"–Provided by publisher.

Track athletics–Fiction; Running–
Fiction; Coaching
(Athletics)–Fiction; Self-realization–
Fiction; English/Language Arts

Ghost boys

39194 BK

IJ

Jewell Parker Rhodes.

"After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till"–Provided by publisher.

African Americans–Fiction; Chicago
(Ill.)–Fiction; Death–Fiction; Family
life–Fiction; Racism–Fiction; Till,
Emmett,–1941-1955–Fiction

Girl code : gaming, going viral, and getting it done [6 books]

38167 KT

JS 290 pce 2017 Harper Collins

Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser
Perfect for aspiring coders everywhere, *Girl Code* is the story of two teenage tech phenoms who met at *Girls Who Code* summer camp, teamed up to create a viral video game, and ended up becoming world famous. The book also includes bonus content to help you start coding!

Coding; Computer programming;
Gender identity; Gender role;
Menstruation

Girl of the southern sea

39313 BK

PIJ

Michelle Kadarusman.

"A 14-year-old girl living in the Jakarta slums who longs to be a writer sees an opportunity to raise money for school fees when she survives a minibus accident and the locals begin saying she has magical good luck. But when the crowd turns against her and she discovers her father's plan to marry her off to an older man, she must summon courage and conviction to write her own story"–Provided by publisher.

Father-daughter relationship–
Fiction; Indonesia–Fiction;
Poor–Fiction; Superstition–Fiction;
Teenage girls–Fiction

A good kind of trouble

38943 BK

PIJ

Lisa Moore Ramée.

"Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she'd also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. Wait, what? Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. She starts wearing an armband to school in support of the Black Lives movement. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn't face her fear, she'll be forever tripping over the next hurdle. Now that's trouble, for real."–Provided by publisher.

African Americans–Fiction; Middle
schools–Fiction; Protest
movements–Fiction; School stories

Gracefully Grayson [6 books]

39426 KT

IJ 243 pce 2014 Hyperion

Ami Polonsky

Grayson Sender has been holding on to a secret for what seems like forever: "he" is a girl on the inside, born into the wrong gender's body. The weight of this secret is crushing, but sharing it would mean ridicule, scorn, rejection, or worse. Despite the risks, Grayson's true self itches to break free. Will new strength and support from unexpected places be enough to help Grayson step into the spotlight she was born to inhabit?

Family life–Fiction; Gender role–
Fiction; Middle schools–Fiction;
Orphans–Fiction; School stories–
Fiction; Self-acceptance–Fiction;
Theatre–Fiction; Transgender
people–Fiction

A grain of rice [6 books]

39246 KT

IJ 167 pce 2018 Tradewind Books

Nhung N. Tran-Davies

Thirteen-year-old Yen and her family have survived a war, famine and persecution. When a powerful flood ruins their village in rural Vietnam, matters only get worse. With the help of neighbors and family, they decide to take the ultimate risk on a chance for a better life.

Immigrants–Canada; Vietnam war,
1961-1975; Vietnam-history

Fiction Books

The Green Bicycle [6 books]

37831 KT
IJ 346 pce 2015 Puffin Books
Haifaa Al Mansour
Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, eleven year old Wadjda has to scheme to get her own.

Bicycles–Fiction; Gender role–Fiction

Green grass, running water

38853 BK

T

Thomas King.
Story of five Blackfoot people in the town of Blossom and its nearby reserve, whose lives continually cross.

Alberta–Fiction; Coyote (Legendary character)–Fiction; Fantasy fiction; First Nations–Fiction; First Nations–Alberta–Fiction; Native Americans–Fiction

Habibi [6 books]

26995 KT

I 271 pce 1997 Simon & Schuster
Naomi Shihab Nye

The day after Liyana got her first real kiss, her life changed forever. Not because of the kiss, but because it was the day her father announced that the family was moving from St. Louis all the way to Palestine. Though her father grew up there, Liyana knows very little about her family's Arab heritage. Her grandmother and the rest of her relatives who live in the West Bank are strangers, and speak a language she can't understand. It isn't until she meets Omer that her homesickness fades. But Omer is Jewish, and their friendship is silently forbidden in this land. How can they make their families understand? And how can Liyana ever learn to call this place home?

Family life–Fiction; Immigration and emigration–Fiction; Jerusalem–Fiction; Jewish-Arab relations–Fiction; Literature–Study and teaching; Reading

The hate u give

38155 BK

JS

Angie Thomas.
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does-or

does not-say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

African Americans–Fiction; Race relations–Fiction; Racism–Fiction; Witnesses–Fiction

The Hate U Give [6 Books]

40573 KT

IS 444 pce 2017 HarperCollins Publishers

Written by Angie Thomas.
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Anti-Racism; African Americans–Fiction; Racism–Fiction; Race relations–Fiction; Witnesses–Fiction; English/Language Arts; Personal awareness and social responsibility

He who dreams

37501 BK

PIJS

Melanie Florence.

Orca limelights Series - "When John discovers dancing, he finds himself facing ridicule from his soccer teammates and hostility from the dancers at the cultural center. To dance at the Pow Wow, he must learn to balance his responsibilities, confront his fears and embrace both the Irish and the Cree sides of his heritage"—Back cover.

Bullies–Fiction; Cree (First Nations people) dance–Fiction; First Nations dance–Fiction; Self-realization–Fiction; Soccer players–Fiction; Powwows

He who dreams [6 books]

38081 KT

JS 137 pce 2017 Orca Book Publishers

Melanie Florence

Orca limelights Series - "When John discovers dancing, he finds himself facing ridicule from his soccer teammates and hostility from the dancers at the cultural center. To dance at the Pow Wow, he must learn to balance his responsibilities, confront his fears and embrace both the Irish

and the Cree sides of his heritage"—Back cover.

Bullies–Fiction; Cree (First Nations people) dance–Fiction; First Nations–Fiction; First Nations dance; Self-realization–Fiction; Soccer players–Fiction

Hello Universe

40666 BK

PI 345 p. 2020 Greenwillow Books, an imprint of Ha

Erin Entrada Kelly.

The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Friendship–Fiction; Sisters–Fiction; Hearing impaired–Fiction; Missing children–Fiction; Self-reliance–Fiction; Bullies–Fiction; People with disabilities–Fiction; Psychics–Fiction; Middle school students–Fiction; English/Language Arts; Self-acceptance–Fiction; Deaf–Fiction

Hello, Universe [6 Books]

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Missing children–Fiction; English/Language Arts; People with disabilities–Fiction; Deaf–Fiction; Self-reliance–Fiction; Psychics–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Hearing impaired–Fiction; Sisters–Fiction; Bullies–Fiction

The help [6 books]

37829 KT

JS 534 pce 2009 Berkley
Kathryn Stockett

Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households. She includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.

African American women–Fiction; Black history–Fiction; Civil rights demonstrations–Fiction; Gender role; Historical fiction

Fiction Books

Hidden figures : the untold true story of four African-American women who helped launch our nation into space

39942 BK

JS

Margot Lee Shetterly.

"Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as -human computers used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. This book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African-American women who lived through the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country"—Amazon.com.

African Americans; Astronautics; Mathematicians—Biography.; United States—Biography; Women; United States.—National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Off

Holding up the universe

38779 BK

JS

Jennifer Niven.

A boy with face blindness and a girl who struggles with weight fall in love.

Brain—Wounds and injuries—Fiction; Obesity—Fiction; Romance fiction; Teenagers—Fiction

* Homegoing

41648 BK

T 305 p. 2017 Anchor Canada
Yaa Gyasi.

"Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonial, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising half-caste children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, and then shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery"—Provided by publisher.

Sisters—Fiction; Historical fiction; Slavery—Fiction; African American women—Fiction; African Americans—History—Fiction; Women—Ghana—Fiction; Ghana—History—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Homes : a refugee story

38926 BK

Abu Bakr al Rabeeah, with Winnie Yeung.

The story of Abu Bakr al Rabeeah, a young boy whose family moved from Iraq to Syria just before the start of the Syrian civil war. In 2014 his family finally found safety in immigrating to Edmonton, Canada.

Edmonton (Alta.); Iraq; Refugees; Refugees—Biography; Syria—History; Yeung, Winnie,—1982—author; al Rabeeah, Abu Bakr,—2001-

How I survived : four nights on the ice

39600 BK

JS

2020

by Serapio Ittusardjuat ; illustrated by Matthew K. Hoddy.

"After his snowmobile breaks down halfway across the sea ice on a trip back from a fishing camp, Serapio Ittusardjuat recounts the traditional skills and knowledge he leaned on to stay alive. This harrowing first-person account of four nights spent on the open sea ice—with few supplies and no water—shows young readers the determination and strength necessary to survive in the harsh Arctic climate, even when the worst occurs"—Provided by publisher.

Arctic regions—Graphic novels; Biographical graphic novels; First Nations—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Inuit—Graphic novels; Iqaluit (Nunavut); Survival skills—Graphic novels; Wilderness survival—Graphic novels; Hoddy, Matthew K.—1984—artist; Ittusardjuat, Serapio,—1945—Biography

* How it went down

41155 BK

JS 326 p. 2014 Henry Holt & Company

Kekla Magoon.

When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white. In the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

Death—Fiction; Prejudices—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Witnesses—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Hurricane child

40352 BK

PI 211 p. 2018 Scholastic Inc.
Kacen Callender.

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl—and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother.

Friendship—Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Hurricanes—Fiction; Father-daughter relationship—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Missing persons—Fiction; United States Virgin Islands—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

Hurt go happy [6 books]

37806 KT

IJ 270 pce 2006 Tom Doherty Associates, LLC

Ginny Rorby

Struggling to make her way through the world in spite of her mother's refusal to let her learn sign language, deaf teen Joey Willis secretly learns to sign while helping a primate scientist and his baby chimpanzee, Sukari.

Chimpanzees—Fiction; Deaf—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Sign language—Fiction

I am Malala: How one girl stood up for education and changed the world [Young readers edition] [6 books]

37772 KT

IJ 240 pce 2014 Little Brown
Malala Yousafzai

Malala was 10 years old when the Taliban took control of her region. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, she was taught to stand up for what she believes. In a time when girls were forbidden from going to school, she fought for her right to be educated. On October 9, 2012, she was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive.

Children—Biography; Children—Civil rights; Young women—Pakistan; Young women—Education

I am not a number [6 books]

37807 KT

IJ 32 pce 2016 Second Story Press
Written by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer

When eight-year-old Irene is removed from her First Nations family to live in a residential school she is confused, frightened, and terribly homesick. She tries to remember who she is and where she came from despite the efforts of the nuns to force her to do otherwise. This picture book is based on a true story about a young First Nations girl – the author's grandmother - who was sent to a Residential School. "I Am Not a Number" brings a terrible part of Canada's history to light, in a way that children can learn from and relate to. A note about the Residential School System can be found at the end of the story, along with an Afterword, by the author.

Fiction Books

Biographical fiction; Canada–History–20th century; First Nations–Biography; First Nations–Government relations; First Nations–Residential schools–Biography; First Nations–Ethnic identity–Biography; Social Studies; Aboriginal

If I was your girl

39359 BK

T

Meredith Russo.

Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret. When she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself -including her previous life as Andrew.

Gender identity–Fiction; Romance fiction; Secrecy–Fiction; Sex reassignment surgery–Fiction; Transgender people–Fiction

If you could be mine [6 books]

37628 KT

JS 247 pce 2013 Harper Collins

Sara Farizan

In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret until Nasrin's parents announce their daughter's arranged marriage. In response, Sahar proposes a drastic solution.

Best friends–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; Homophobia; Iran–Fiction; Lesbians; Love stories; Transphobia

Ikenga

39501 BK

IJ

Nnedi Okorafor.

In southeastern Nigeria, twelve-year-old Nnamdi is determined to avenge his police chief father, who was murdered while trying to rid the town of criminals, but Nnamdi feels powerless until he receives a magical object which gives him superpowers.

Blacks–Fiction; Criminals–Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Magic–Fiction; Nigeria–Fiction; Revenge–Fiction; Superheroes–Fiction

Inside out & back again [6 books]

37758 KT

PI 262 pce 2011 Harper

Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Alabama–History–Fiction; Immigrants–Fiction; Immigration and emigration–Fiction; Novels in verse; Social Studies; Vietnam–History–Fiction; Vietnamese Americans–Fiction

Insignificant events in the life of a cactus

39192 BK

IJ

Dusti Bowling.

"Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again. Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It's hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears. But Aven's about to discover she can do it all . . . even without arms."–Provided by publisher.

Adoption–Fiction; Amusement parks–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Moving–Fiction; Mystery fiction; People with disabilities–Fiction; Tourette syndrome–Fiction

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus [6 books]

39464 KT

I 262 pce 2019 Sterling Children's Books

Dusti Bowling

"Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again. Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It's hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears. But Aven's about to discover she can do it all . . . even without arms."–Provided by publisher.

Adoption–Fiction; Amusement parks–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Moving–Fiction; Mystery fiction; People with disabilities–Fiction; Tourette syndrome–Fiction; English/Language Arts

Internment

39152 BK

IJS 387 p. 2019 Little Brown and

Company
Samira Ahmed.

"A terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and

seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence"–Provided by publisher.

Concentration camps–Fiction; Muslims–Fiction; Prejudices–Fiction; Revolutionaries–Fiction

It's not like it's a secret

38861 BK

JS

Misa Sugiura.

Sixteen-year-old Sana has too many secrets, but when she and her family move to California, she begins to wonder if it's time to finally be honest with her family.

Family life–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Lesbians–Fiction; Romance fiction; Secrets–Fiction

J'ai le coeur rempli de bonheur

40208 KT

P 23 pce 2020 Orca Book Publishers

Album au fil duquel des enfants autochtones évoquent les moments du quotidien qui les remplissent de bonheur: apercevoir le visage d'un être cher, sentir bonne odeur de la banique en train de cuire, chanter, danser, écouter une histoire, sentir le soleil leur réchauffer les joues, marcher pieds nus dans l'herbe... [SDM]

French language; Français (Langue); Cree (First Nations people); Cris (Indiens)–Poésie.–vmj; French Immersion Elementary (FRIMM)

The Jigsaw Puzzle King

40921 BK

IJ 168 p. 2020 Dundurn

Gina McMurchy-Barber.

Being yourself isn't always easy. People say, "Just be yourself." But when you're new in school, all you want is to fit in-to be like everyone else. When eleven-year-old Warren and his family move to a new city, his twin brother, who has Down syndrome, attracts too much attention for Warren's liking. Bennie lives his life happily. He's different and doesn't care about it. But while he may be oblivious to those who are curious or uneasy with him, Warren notices every smirk, comment, and sideways glance. Warren is weary of flip-flopping between trying to be just like everyone else and being the protective brother of a boy with special needs. Sometimes he thinks his life would be easier if he had no brother. But what he really needs is to stop worrying about what other people think.

Brothers–Fiction; Down syndrome–Fiction; English/Language Arts

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Just lucky

39089 BK

JS 235 p. 2019

Melanie Florence.

"Lucky loves her grandparents, and they are all the family she really has. True, her grandma forgets things... like turning off the stove, or Lucky's name. But her grandpa takes such good care of them that Lucky doesn't realize how bad things are. That is until he's gone. When her grandma accidentally sets the kitchen on fire, Lucky can't hide what's happening any longer, and she is sent into foster care. She quickly learns that some foster families are okay. Some aren't. And some really, really aren't. Is it possible to find a home again when the only one you've ever known has been taken from you?"—Provided by publisher.

Dementia—Fiction; Foster children—Fiction; Foster home care—Fiction; Grandparent-grandchild relationship—Fiction; Orphans—Fiction

Krista kim-bap [6 books]

38769 KT

I 159 pce 2018 Second Story Press
Angela Ahn

"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!"—Amazon.com.

Friendship—Fiction; Inclusive education; Korean Americans—Fiction; Korean cooking—Fiction; School stories—Fiction

Labyrinth lost

40346 BK

JS 337 p.

Zoraida Córdova.

Brooklyn Brujas Series - "Alex is a bruja and the most powerful witch in her family. But she's hated magic ever since it made her father disappear into thin air. When a curse she performs to rid herself of magic backfires and her family vanishes, she must travel to Los Lagos, a land in-between as dark as Limbo and as strange as Wonderland, to get her family back"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Witches—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Paranormal fiction; Latinos (U.S.)—Fiction

The lesser blessed

39186 BK

Richard Van Camp.

Larry is a Dogrib Indian growing up in the small northern town of Fort Simmer. His tongue, his hallucinations, and his fantasies are hotter than the centre of the sun. He loves Iron Maiden; the North; and Juliet Hope, the high school "tramp". By the time Johnny, a Métis from Hay River, moves to town, Larry is ready for anything.

Bildungsromans; Dogrib (First Nations people)—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Métis—Fiction; Northwest Territories—Fiction

✧ Let the monster out

41331 BK

IJ 316 p. 2022 Amulet Books
Chad Lucas.

"Bones Malone feels like he can't do anything right in his new small town: He almost punched the son of the woman who babysits him and his brothers, he's one of the only Black kids in Langille, and now his baseball team . . . just lost their first game . . . And then he and his brothers have the same dream—one where they're running from some of their deepest fears, like a bear and an eerie cracked mirror that Bones would rather soon forget!"—Provided by publisher.

Dreams—Fiction; Fear—Fiction; Mystery fiction; Brothers—Fiction; Black people—Fiction; English/ Language Arts

Lies we tell ourselves

39358 BK

JS

Robin Talley.

In 1959 Virginia, Linda Hairston, who has been taught all her life that the races should be kept "separate but equal," must work on a school project with Sarah Dunbar, one of the first African-American students at the all-white Jefferson High School.

High school students—Fiction; Historical fiction; School stories; Virginia—History—Fiction; Virginia—Race relations—Fiction

Little & Lion : a novel

38782 BK

JS

Brandy Colbert.

"Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl, pushing Lionel's bipolar disorder to spin out of control and forcing Suzette to confront her own demons"—

Bisexuality—Fiction; California—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Manic-depressive illness—Fiction; Mental illness—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

A long walk to water [6 books]

36337 KT

I 121 pce 2010 Houghton Mifflin

Harcourt

Linda Sue Park

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based in the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

Blacks—Sudan—Fiction; Dut, Salva,—1974—Fiction; Reading; Refugees—Fiction; Sudan—History—Fiction; Survival skills—Fiction; Water—Fiction

A long walk to water : a novel : based on a true story

38968 BK

IJ 2010 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
by Linda Sue Park.

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. This story is written as a dual narrative. While one story follows that of Salva between the years of 1985 and 2007, the other story follows Nya, an eleven-year old girl, from 2008 to 2009. Nya fetches water for her family everyday.

Blacks—Sudan—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Sudan—History—Fiction; Survival skills—Fiction; Water—Fiction; Dut, Salva,—1974—Fiction

Long Way Down

39146 BK

JS 306 p. 2017 Atheneum

Jason Reynolds.

In this verse novel, Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting. Meanwhile seven ghosts who knew Shawn, board the elevator with Will and reveal truths he needs to know.

Brothers—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; Ghost stories; Homicide—Fiction; Novels in verse; Revenge—Fiction

The Lottery's Plus One [6 Books]

40808 KT

IJ 303 pce 2017 HarperTrophy

Written by Emma Donoghue

"Once upon a time, two couples with Jamaican, Mohawk, Indian, and Scottish ethnic roots won the lottery and bought a big house where all of them, four adults and seven adopted and biological children, could live together in harmony—but change is inevitable, especially when a

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disagreeable grandfather comes to stay."—Provided by publisher.

Physical and health education; Canada—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Toronto (Ont.)—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction; Grandfathers—Fiction; Social Studies

‡ Love, hate & other filters [6 Books]

41377 KT

IJS 281 pce 2018 Soho Teen written by Samira Ahmed.

Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.

Family life—Fiction; Chicago (Ill.)—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Muslims—Fiction; Terrorism—fiction; High schools—Fiction; School stories; Indians—Fiction

* Lu [6 Books]

41743 KT

IJ 218 pce 2018 Atheneum Books for Young Readers

written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - "Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but it might not be as easy as it seems. Suddenly, there are hurdles in Lu's way—literally and not-so-literally—and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means"—Provided by publisher.

Track athletics—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Pregnancy—fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Friendship—Fiction; Albinism and albinism—Fiction

Lucky Jonah [6 books]

37687 KT

IJ 225 pce 2016 Harper Trophy Canada

Richard Scrimger

Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his cute, athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity. Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else's body—and someone else's life. But with a limited number of shots and trouble mounting click by click, will this unhappy boy find a new life? Or will his deepest, darkest secret follow him wherever he goes? A hilarious take on a Freaky Friday-esque switcheroo with an outsized identity crisis.

Bullies—Fiction; Cameras—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction

Lucky Jonah [6 books]

38180 KT

IJ 225 pce 2016 Harper Trophy Canada

Richard Scrimger

Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his cute, athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity. Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else's body—and someone else's life. But with a limited number of shots and trouble mounting click by click, will this unhappy boy find a new life? Or will his deepest, darkest secret follow him wherever he goes? A hilarious take on a Freaky Friday-esque switcheroo with an outsized identity crisis.

Bullies—Fiction; Cameras—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction

A mango-shaped space [6 books]

36579 KT

I 270 pce 2003 Little Brown Wendy Mass

Mia, 13, has always seen colors in sounds, numbers, and letters, a fact she has kept secret since the day she discovered that other people don't have this ability. Then she discovers that she has a rare condition called synesthesia, which means that the visual cortex in her brain is activated when she hears something. From then on, she leads a kind of double life—she eagerly attends research gatherings with other synesthetes and devours information about the condition, but continues to struggle at school, where her inadvertent pairing of particular colors with numbers and words makes math and French almost impossible to figure out. Her gradual abandonment of her frustrating school life in favor of the compelling world of fellow synesthetes and the unique things only they can experience seems quite logical, although readers may feel like shaking some sense into her. Finally, and rather abruptly, her extreme guilt at her beloved cat Mango's illness brings her back down to earth and she begins to work on some of the relationships she let crumble.

Cats—Fiction; Death—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Math; Numeracy; Reading; Schools—Fiction; Senses and sensation—Fiction

March

March. Book one

38169 BK

JS

2013

[written by] John Lewis, Andrew Aydin [illustrated by] Nate Powell.

Presents in graphic novel format events from the life of Georgia

congressman John Lewis, focusing on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.

African Americans—Civil rights—Graphic novels; Black history; Civil rights—History—Graphic novels; Civil rights workers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Legislators—United States—Graphic novels; Aydin, Andrew,—author; Lewis, John,—1940 February 21—Graphic novels; Powell, Nate,—illustrator; Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (U.S.)—Graphic novels; United States.—Congress.—House—Graphic novels

March: Book one [6 books]

37985 KT

JS 121 pce 2013 Top Shelf Productions

Written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin

A graphic novel account of some pivotal moments in the Civil Rights Movement.

African Americans—Civil rights—Graphic novels; Black history; Civil rights—History—Graphic novels; Civil rights workers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Legislators—United States—Graphic novels; Lewis, John—1940 February 21—Graphic novels; Social Studies; United States—Congress—House—Graphic novels

March: Book three [6 books]

37801 KT

JS 246 pce 2016 Top Shelf Productions

Written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin

A graphic novel account of some pivotal moments in the Civil Rights Movement.

African Americans—Civil rights—Graphic novels; Black history; Civil rights—History—Graphic novels; Civil rights workers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Legislators—United States—Graphic novels; Lewis, John—1940 February 21—Graphic novels; Social Studies; United States—Congress—House—Graphic novels

March: Book two [6 books]

37800 KT

JS 187 pce 2015 Top Shelf Productions

Written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin

A graphic novel account of some pivotal moments in the Civil Rights Movement.

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African Americans—Civil rights—Graphic novels; Black history; Civil rights—History—Graphic novels; Civil rights workers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Legislators—United States—Graphic novels; Lewis, John—1940 February 21—Graphic novels; Social Studies; United States—Congress—House—Graphic novels

The marrow thieves [6 books]

38082 KT
JS 234 pce 2017 Dancing Cat Books

Cherie Dimaline

"The indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow, which carries the key to recovering something the rest of the population has lost: the ability to dream. In this dark world, Frenchie and his companions struggle to survive as they make their way up north to the old lands. For now, survival means staying hidden... but what they don't know is that one of them holds the secret to defeating the marrow thieves"—Back cover.

Dreams—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Global warming—Fiction; Immune system—Fiction; Native Americans—North America—Fiction; Transplantation of organs, tissues, etc.—Fiction

Me and Banksy [6 Books]

40159 KT
JIS 261 pce 2020

Written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi.

"When someone hacks into her school's security videos and broadcasts students at embarrassing moments, Dominica expresses her anger through graffiti, and then wonders if she might use her artistic talent to do something about the problem"—OCLC.

Graffiti—Fiction; Electronic surveillance—Fiction; School stories; Privacy—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

Mia Mayhem

For descriptions see individual titles:
Mia Mayhem is a superhero! [41642]

*** Mia Mayhem is a superhero!**

41642 BK
PJ 121 p. 2018 Little Simon
by Kara West ; illustrated by Leeza Hernandez.

Mia Mayhem Series - "Eight-year-old Mia Macarooney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a placement exam"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Superheroes—Fiction; Examinations—Fiction; Hernandez, Leeza,—illustrator; English/Language Arts

Mia Mayhem is a superhero! [6 books]

39212 KT
PI 121 pce 2018 Little Simon
By Kara West

"Eight-year-old Mia Macarooney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a placement exam"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Examinations—Fiction; Superheroes—Fiction

A Mighty Muskrats Mystery

The case of the missing auntie

40591 BK
PI 181 p. 2020 Second Story Press
Michael Hutchinson.

"The Mighty Muskrats have a new case to solve: to find the whereabouts of their grandpa's long-lost sister. Once in the bright lights of the big city, the cousins get distracted, face off with bullies, meet some heroes and unlikely teachers, and experience many of the difficulties First Nations kids can face in the city. The Muskrats' search for their missing auntie takes them all the way to the government, and reveals hard truths about their country's treatment of First Nation families"—Provided by publisher.

First Nations—Fiction; Mystery fiction; Cousins—Fiction; Missing persons—Fiction; Aboriginal

A mind spread out on the ground [6 books]

38910 KT
S 223 pce 2019 Doubleday Canada
Alicia Elliott

"...A Mind Spread Out on the Ground is a personal and critical meditation on trauma, legacy, oppression and racism in North America. In an urgent and visceral work that asks essential questions about Native people in North America while drawing on intimate details of her own life and experience with intergenerational trauma, Alicia Elliott offers indispensable insight and understanding to the ongoing legacy of colonialism." — OCLC.

Canada—Race relations; Family life; First Nations—Biography; First Nations; Indigenous peoples—Canada; Indigenous peoples—Canada—Social conditions; Racism—Canada

The misadventures of the family Fletcher [6 books]

37674 KT
I 260 pce 2014 Yearling
Dana Alison Levy

Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, Kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.

Adoption—Fiction; Brothers—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Neighbours—Fiction; School stories—Fiction

The miscalculations of Lightning Girl

40038 BK

PI

Stacy McAnulty.

A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

School stories; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction; Obsessive-compulsive disorder—Fiction

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl [6 Books]

40168 KT

JL 293 pce 2018

Written by Stacy McAnulty

A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder—Fiction; School stories—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Coming of Age; Personal awareness and social responsibility; People with disabilities—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction

My life as a diamond

38931 BK

IJ

Jenny Manzer.

"In this novel for middle-graders, talented baseball player Caspar Cadman has a great arm and a big secret. He used to live life as a girl called Cassandra"—OCLC.

Baseball—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

My life as a diamond [6 books]

38515 KT

I 161 pce 2018 Orca Book Publishers

Jenny Manzer

"In this novel for middle-graders, talented baseball player Caspar Cadman has a great arm and a big secret. He used to live life as a girl called Cassandra"—OCLC.

Baseball—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

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Mya's strategy to save the world

39301 BK

PIJ

Tanya Lloyd Kyi.

"Mya Parsons runs her school's social justice club with her best friend, Cleo. Her lifelong desire is to work for the United Nations and change the world, and then bask in all the ensuing adulation. Her more immediate desire is to get a phone, preferably one like Cleo's. When her distracted dad and her long-distance mom both say no, no way, and possibly never, Mya launches a campaign to prove herself reliable and deserving. Her efforts leave her ego bruised, but after an accident leaves Mya to take charge, she realizes how much she's grown, with or without access to proper communications"—Provided by publisher.

Babysitting—Fiction; Cellular telephones—Fiction; Girls—Fiction

New From Here

40843 BK

PI 361 p. 2022 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re

Kelly Yang.

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

Chinese Americans—Fiction; Moving—Fiction; Money-making projects for children—Fiction; Racially mixed people—Fiction; COVID-19 (Disease)—Fiction; Attention deficit disorder—Fiction; Family life—California—Fiction; Inclusive education

New kid

38796 BK

PI

Jerry Craft.

"Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds -and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends and staying true to himself?"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Graphic novels; Cartoonists—Graphic novels; Humorous graphic novels; Middle school students—Graphic novels; Racism—Graphic novels

New Kid [6 Books]

40575 KT

IJ 249 pce 2019 HarperCollins Publishers

Written by Jerry Craft.

"Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds – and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends and staying true to himself?"—Provided by publisher.

Racism—Graphic novels; Social Studies; Middle school students—Graphic novels; Cartoonists—Graphic novels; English/Language Arts; Gender identity—Graphic novels; African Americans—Graphic novels; Humorous graphic novels; Personal awareness and social responsibility

The nickel boys : a novel

40298 BK

T 213 p. 2019 Penguin Random House Canada

Colson Whitehead.

"Follows the experiences of two African-American teenagers at an abusive reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida"—OCLC.

Racism—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Historical fiction; Juvenile delinquency—Fiction; Child abuse—Fiction; Florida—Fiction; Reformatories—Fiction

One crazy summer [6 books]

37836 KT

IJ 218 pce 2010

Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome. They discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of their intrusion and wants them to attend the nearby summer camp run by the revolutionary Black Panthers.

African Americans—Fiction; Civil rights—Fiction; Mothers—Fiction; Poets—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction

* One thousand hills

42084 BK

229 p. 2017 Scholastic Canada James Roy + Noël Zihabamwe.

Agabande, Rwanda, April 1994. Life is simple but good. Pascal and his brother go to school with their friends, their parents work hard, their little sister is growing up, and on Sunday almost everyone they know goes to church to thank God for his goodness. But lately, there have been whispers and suspicious glances around town, and messages of hate on the radio, and people are leaving. Then, in one awful night, Pascal's ordinary life in the land of a thousand hills is turned upside down. This is an important story of the awful consequences of unfettered prejudice in the modern world, written by a survivor.

Racism—Fiction; Genocide—Fiction; Historical fiction; Rwanda—History—1994, Civil War—Fiction; Zihabamwe, Noël,—author; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

* The only black girls in town

41646 BK

PI 355 p. 2020 Little Brown and Company

Brandy Colbert.

In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.

Friendship—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; California—Fiction; English/Language Arts

* Orange for the sunsets

41169 BK

PI 328 p. 2020 Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint o

Tina Athaide.

In alternating voices, friends Asha and Yesofu, one Indian and one African, find their world turned upside-down when Idi Amin decides to expel Asian Indians from Uganda in 1972.

Friendship—Fiction; Historical fiction; Social classes—Fiction; Ethnic relations—Fiction; Family life—Uganda—Fiction; Forced migration—Uganda—Fiction; Uganda—History—Fiction; Amin, Idi,—1925-2003—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Orca echoes

For descriptions see individual titles: Badir and the beaver [40333]

Orca limelights

For descriptions see individual titles: He who dreams [37501]
He who dreams [6 books] [38081]

Fiction Books

✧ **The other side of perfect**

41367 BK
 JS 326 p. 2021 Poppy, Little, Brown and Company
 Mariko Turk.
 "An emotional story about a former ballerina who is thrust back into 'normal' high school after a life-changing injury, and who comes to terms with life without her passion as well as discrimination in the ballet world"—Provided by publisher.

School stories; Bildungsromans; Ballet—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Theater—Fiction; Wounds and injuries—Fiction; Racially mixed people—Fiction; Ballet dancers—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Other words for home

39044 BK
 PIJ 342 p. 2019
 Jasmine Warga.

"Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US—and her new label of 'Middle Eastern,' an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises—there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude just might try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Novels in verse; Refugees—Fiction; School stories; Syria—Fiction; Teenage girls—Fiction

Pandas on the eastside

39144 BK
 PI
 Gabrielle Prendergast.
 "In the middle-grade novel set in 1973, ten-year-old Journey rallies her friends and neighbors to come to the aid of two stranded pandas"—Provided by publisher.

Animal rescue—Fiction;
 Pandas—Fiction; School stories

The pants project [6 books]

38389 KT
 IJ 267 pce 2017 Sourcebooks
 Jabberwocky
 Cat Clarke
 "Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dresscode requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy."—OCLC.

Family life—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; School stories; Transgender people—Fiction; Uniforms—Fiction

Parrotfish [6 books]

37663 KT
 JS 287 pce 2007 Simon & Schuster
 Ellen Wittlinger
 Grady, a transgender high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.

Family problems—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Identity—Fiction; Schools—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

Past tense

38786 BK
 Star Spider.
 "Julie Nolan is a pretty average girl with pretty average problems. She's been in love with her best friend, Lorelei, ever since they met in grade three. Only Lorelei doesn't know about it—she's too busy trying to set Julie up with Henry, her ex, who Julie finds, in a word, vapid. But life gets more complicated when Julie comes home to find her mother insisting that her heart is gone. Pretty soon it becomes clear: Julie's mom believes that she has died. How is Julie supposed to navigate her first year of high school now, while she's making midnight trips to the graveyard to cover her mother with dirt, lay flowers and make up eulogies? And why is Henry the only person Julie feels comfortable turning to? If she wants to get through this, Julie's going to have to find the strength she never knew she had, and to learn how to listen to both her mom's heart and her own."—Book jacket.

Canadian fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Mental illness—Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Romance fiction

✧ **Patina [6 Books]**

41742 KT
 IJ 233 pce 2017 Atheneum Books
 for Young Readers
 written by Jason Reynolds.
Track Series - "A newbie to the track team, Patina "Patty" Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons"—Provided by publisher.

Track athletics—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Running—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Stress (Psychology)—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Diabetes—Fiction

Pet

40358 BK
 JS 204 p.
 Akwaeke Emezi.
 In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.

Family life—Fiction; Monsters—Fiction; Artists—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Speech disorders—Fiction; Angels—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

Piecing me together

39148 BK
 JS
 Renée Watson.
 Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.

African Americans—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Mentoring—Fiction; School stories

Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein : based on a true story

38867 BK
 PIJ
 Jennifer Roy with Ali Fadhil.
 For forty-two days in 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil and his family struggle to survive as Basra, Iraq, is bombed by the United States and its allies.

Children and war—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Historical fiction; Iraq—History—Fiction; Persian Gulf War, 1991—Fiction; Fadhil, Ali,—author; Hussein, Saddam,—1937-2006

Prairie Lotus [6 Books]

40972 KT
 IJ 261 pce 2020 Clarion Books
 Written by Linda Sue Park
 In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves. Includes author's note.

Frontier and pioneer life—Fiction; Social Studies; Racism—Fiction; Father-daughter relationship—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Dressmaking—Fiction; Historical fiction; Dakota Territory—Fiction; Racially mixed people—Fiction

Prisoner B-3087

40582 BK
 JS 260 p. 2013 Scholastic Press
 by Alan Gratz.
 Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Holocaust, 1939-1945—Fiction; Holocaust survivors—Fiction; Biographical fiction; Jews—Poland—Fiction; Krakow (Poland)—History—Fiction; Gruener, Jack—Fiction

Fiction Books

Promised land [6 books]

37720 KT

PI 32 pce 2017 Promised Land Entertainment Ltd

Adam Reynolds & Chaz Harris

"A young Prince and a farm boy meet by chance in the forest and their newfound friendship soon blossoms into love. However, things get complicated when the Queen's sinister new husband seeks control over the enchanted forest that the farm boy's family are responsible for protecting"—Publisher's website. [OCLC].

Fairy tales; Fantasy fiction; Gays—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Good and evil—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Princes—Fiction; Queens—Fiction

RealLove

For descriptions see individual titles:

We three [40398]

Refugee

37868 BK

PI

Alan Gratz.

"Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together"—Provided by publisher.

Adventure fiction; Cuba—Fiction; Historical fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Jewish refugees—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Survival skills—Fiction; Syria—Fiction

Refugee [6 books]

37717 KT

IJ 338 pce 2017 Scholastic Press Alan Gratz

"Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together"—Provided by publisher.

Adventure fiction; Cuba—Fiction; Historical fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Jewish refugees—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Social Studies; Survival skills—Fiction; Syria—Fiction

Roll with it

39381 BK

IJ

Jamie Sumner.

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

Alzheimer's disease—Fiction; Cerebral palsy—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Grandparent-grandchild relationship—Fiction; Oklahoma—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction

Ru [6 books]

39242 KT

JS 141 pce 2009 Vintage Canada Kim Thuy

This fictionalized memoir records the author's challenging transition as a child from her life in an affluent family in Vietnam, to a Malaysian refugee camp, and her new life as an immigrant in Quebec, as well as her adult experiences of becoming a mother and her eventual return to Vietnam.

Immigrants; Refugees; Vietnam-history

The running dream

39380 BK

JS 336 p. 2012 Ember Wendelin Van Draanen.

When a school bus accident leaves Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

Amputees—Fiction; Artificial limbs—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction; Running—Fiction; School stories; Track athletics—Fiction

* Salt in his shoes : Michael Jordan in pursuit of a dream

41142 BK

PI 32 p. 2003 Aladdin Paperbacks

by Deloris Jordan with Roslyn M.

Jordan ; illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

A young Michael Jordan puts salt in his shoes, hoping it will help him grow tall enough to become a famous basketball player.

Nelson, Kadir,—ill; Basketball—Fiction; Jordan, Michael,—1963—Fiction; Jordan, Roslyn

Save me a seat

38491 BK

PIJ

Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems—but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully

in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

Adjustment (Psychology)—Fiction; Bullies—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction; Indians—Fiction; Learning disabilities—Fiction; School stories; Varadarajan, Gita,—author

Shabash! [6 books]

39463 KT

I 109 pce 2008 Dundurn by Ann Walsh

"As a Sikh living in small-town British Columbia, Rana knows he is different. In fact, he is the first Sikh in Dinway to try out for the hockey team. But Rana persists, making the team and meeting Les, who becomes fast friends with him. Still, the bullying from his teammates and community members continues. Then, just before the most important game of the season, an extraordinary event interrupts the lives of everyone in Dinway, and Rana risks everything."—From publisher's website.

Hockey—Fiction; Prejudices—Fiction; Race discrimination—Fiction; Sikh Canadians—Canada

Shooting Kabul [6 books]

37828 KT

IJ 273 pce 2010 Simon & Schuster N. H. Senzai

Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind.

Afghan Americans—Fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction

Short

39170 BK

PI

Holly Goldberg Sloan.

"Very short for her age, Julia grows into her sense of self while playing a munchkin in a summer regional theater production of The Wizard of Oz"—Provided by publisher.

Self-acceptance—Fiction; Size—Fiction; Theater—Fiction

Sing, unburied, sing : a novel

39204 BK

T

Jesmyn Ward.

"Living with his grandparents and sister on a Gulf Coast farm, Jojo navigates the challenges of his mother's addictions and his grandmother's cancer before the release of his father from prison prompts a road trip of danger and hope"—OCLC.

Blacks—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Mississippi—Fiction; Parent-child relationship—Fiction

Fiction Books

The skin I'm in [6 books]

23841 KT
I 172 pce 1998 Scholastic Canada
Sharon G. Flake.

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka Madison, insecure about her very dark skin, rejects the support of a new teacher, Miss Saunders, whose skin looks blotched because of a rare medical condition—but soon Maleeka begins to see that Miss Saunders could be a role model, and that she must learn to love herself and accept love from others. (FIC)

African Americans—Fiction;
Reading; School stories; Schools—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction;
Teachers—Fiction

Song for a whale

39367 BK
PI

Lynne Kelly.
Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

Deaf—Fiction; Grandmothers—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction; Singing—Fiction;
Whales—Fiction

Song Lei in a new land [6 books]

40006 KT
PI 64 pce 2007 Scholastic Canada
Anne Patton

This sequel to "The flight of the little swallow" begins with the family's move to Canada from China. The story traces Song Lei's first few weeks at school and the challenges she encounters. At the end of the story, a translation of some Mandarin terms and a glossary are provided.

Easy reading materials; School children—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction

Stand on the sky [6 books]

40003 KT
IJ 312 pce 2019 Scholastic Canada
Erin Bow

"Twelve-year-old Aisulu defies the expectations of her Kazakh family and tradition to train an eagle in order to save her brother, Serik, and prevent her family from giving up their nomadic life forever."—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Nomads—Fiction; Eagles—Fiction;
Mongolia—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction

Stargazing

40679 BK
PIJ 208 p. 2019 First Second
Jen Wang.

"Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness"—OCLC.

School stories; Friendship—Graphic novels; Chinese Americans—Graphic novels;
Individuality—Graphic novels

Stargazing [6 Books]

40676 KT
IJ 208 pce 2019 First Second
Written by Jen Wang.

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School stories—Fiction;
Individuality—Graphic novels;
Friendship—Fiction; Chinese Americans—Graphic novels;
English/Language Arts

Starlight : an unfinished novel

39193 BK
Richard Wagamese.

"Franklin Starlight had long settled into a quiet and predictable life working his remote farm. But his contemplative existence is turned upside down by the sudden arrival of Emmy, a woman who has committed a desperate act so she and her child can escape a harrowing life of violence. After Emmy has a run-in with the law, Starlight agrees to take in her and her daughter to help them get back on their feet. Over time, he introduces them to the land and patiently teaches them the skills that have allowed him not only to survive but to find communion with the world, and, gradually, this accidental family changes Starlight and Emmy in ways they never imagined. But Emmy's abusive ex isn't content to just let her go. He wants revenge and is hunting her down."—Jacket flap.

"Starlight was unfinished at the time of Richard Wagamese's death, yet every page radiates with his masterful storytelling, intense humanism, and insights that are as hard-earned as they are beautiful. With astonishing scenes set in the rugged backcountry of the B.C. Interior, and characters whose scars cut deep even as their journey toward healing and forgiveness lifts us, Starlight is a last gift to readers from a writer who believed in the power of stories to save us."—Jacket flap.

Abused women—Fiction; British Columbia—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Man-woman relationship—Fiction

✦ Stella by starlight

41145 BK
PIJ 320 p. 2015 Atheneum Books
for Young Readers
Sharon M. Draper.

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Prejudices—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Historical fiction; Civil rights—Fiction;
Segregation—Fiction; North Carolina—History—Fiction; Ku Klux Klan—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Social Studies

The summer of Jordi Perez (and the best burger in Los Angeles)

38860 BK
JS

Amy Spalding.
"Seventeen, fashion-obsessed, and gay, Abby lives has always been content playing the sidekick in other people's lives. While her friends and sister have plunged headfirst into the world of dating and romances, Abby's been happy to focus on her plus-size style blog and her dreams of taking the fashion industry by storm. When she lands a great internship at her favorite boutique, she's thrilled to take the first step toward her dream career. Then she falls for her fellow intern, Jordi Perez. Hard. And now she's competing against the girl she's kissing to win the coveted paid job at the end of the internship. But really, nothing this summer is going as planned. She also unwittingly becomes friends with Jax, a lacrosse playing bro-type who wants her help finding the best burger in Los Angeles, and she's struggling to prove to her mother—the city's celebrity health nut—that she's perfectly content with who she is . . ."—Jacket flap.

Fashion design—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Los Angeles (Calif.)—Fiction; Romance fiction;
Self-realization—Fiction

✧ Sunny [6 Books]

41741 KT
IJ 159 pce 2018 Atheneum Books
for Young Readers
written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - Sunny, the Defenders' best runner, only runs for his father, who blames Sunny for his mother's death, but with his coach's help Sunny finds a way to combine track and field with his true passion, dancing.

Track athletics—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Father-son relationship—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; Home schooling—Fiction;
English/Language Arts

Fiction Books

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens [6 books]

37989 KT

IJ 186 pce 2016 Scholastic Canada
Ruby Slipperjack

Dear Canada Series - Twelve-year-old Violet Pesheens is taken away to Residential School in 1966. The diary recounts her experiences of travelling there, the first day, and first months, focusing on the everyday life she experiences – the school routine, battles with Cree girls, being quarantined over Christmas, getting home at Easter, and reuniting with her family. When the time comes to gather at the train station for the trip back to the residential school, her mother looks her in the eye and asks, "Do you want to go back, or come with us to the trapline?" Violet knows the choice she must make.

Bildungsromans–Fiction; Canada–Fiction; Diaries–Fiction; First Nations–Education–Fiction; First Nations–Residential schools–Fiction; First nations children–Fiction; Historical fiction

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens

38113 BK

by Ruby Slipperjack.

Dear Canada Series - Twelve-year-old Violet Pesheens is taken away to Residential School in 1966. The diary recounts her experiences of travelling there, the first day, and first months, focusing on the everyday life she experiences -the school routine, battles with Cree girls, being quarantined over Christmas, getting home at Easter, and reuniting with her family. When the time comes to gather at the train station for the trip back to the residential school, her mother looks her in the eye and asks, "Do you want to go back, or come with us to the trapline?" Violet knows the choice she must make.

Bildungsromans; Canada–Fiction; Diaries–Fiction; First Nations–Residential schools–Fiction; First nations children–Fiction; Historical fiction

This place : 150 years retold

39291 BK

JS

2019

foreword by Alicia Elliott ; stories by Kateri Akiwenzie-Damm, Sonny Assu, Brandon Mitchell, [and eight others] ; illustrations and colours by Tara Audibert, Kyle Charles, GMB Chomichuk, Natasha Donovan, Scott A. Ford [and five others].

A collection of stories about the experiences of the Indigenous people of Canada in graphic novel format.

Canada-history; First Nations–Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Indigenous peoples–Canada–History–Graphic novels; Short stories; Akiwenzie-Damm, Kateri,–1965—author; Assu, Sonny,–author; Audibert, Tara,–1975—illustrator; Charles, Kyle,–illustrator; Chomichuk, G. M. B.,–illustrator; Donovan, Natasha,–illustrator; Elliott, Alicia,–contributor; Ford, Scott A.,–illustrator; Mitchell, Brandon,–author; This place (Elliott)

Tilly : a story of hope and resilience

39039 BK

JS

Monique Gray Smith.

Tilly has always known she's part Lakota on her dad's side. She's grown up with the traditional teachings of her grandma, relishing the life lessons of her beloved mentor. But it isn't until an angry man shouts something on the street that Tilly realizes her mom is Aboriginal, too -a Cree woman taken from her own parents as a baby. Tilly feels her mother's pain deeply. She's always had trouble fitting in at school, and when her grandma dies unexpectedly, her anchor is gone. Then Abby, a grade seven classmate, invites her home for lunch and offers her "something special" to drink. Nothing has prepared Tilly for the tingling in her legs, the buzz in her head, and the awesome feeling that she can do anything. From then on, partying seems to offer an escape from her insecurities. But after one dangerously drunken evening, Tilly knows she has to change. Summoning her courage, she begins the long journey to finding pride in herself and her heritage. Just when she needs it most, a mysterious stranger offers some wise counsel: "Never question who you are or who your people are. It's in your eyes. I know it's in your heart." Loosely based on author Monique Gray Smith's own life, this work of creative non-fiction tells the story of a young Indigenous woman coming of age in Canada in the 1980s. Gray Smith also illuminates the 20th-century history of Canada's First Peoples -forced displacement, residen(P)Uti al schools, tuberculosis hospitals, and the Sixties Scoop.

Biographical fiction; First Nations–Fiction; Historical fiction; Self-realization–Fiction; Teenage girls–Fiction; Teenagers–Alcohol use–Fiction; Gray Smith, Monique,–1968—Fiction

Too Bright to See

40396 BK

PIJ 188 p. 2021 Dial Books for Young Readers
Kyle Lukoff.

In the summer before middle school, eleven-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring

about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghost haunting; and the truth about Bug's gender identity.

Friendship–Fiction; Haunted houses–Fiction; Transgender people–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; Vermont–Fiction; Change (Psychology)–Fiction

Totally Joe [6 books]

37672 KT

IJ 189 pce 2005 Atheneum Books for Young Readers

James Howe

As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography—life from A to Z—and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.

Family life–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Gay teenagers–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; School stories–Fiction

Track

For descriptions see individual titles:

Ghost [39143]

Ghost [6 Books] [40833]

Lu [6 Books] [41743]

Patina [6 Books] [41742]

Sunny [6 Books] [41741]

*** Tremendous things : a novel [6 Books]**

42125 KT

IJS 265 pce 2021 Tundra Books
written by Susin Nielsen

"We all have moments that define us. For the comically clueless Wilbur, his moment happened on the first day of middle school, when someone shared his private letter with the entire student body. It revealed some of Wilbur's innermost embarrassing thoughts that no one else should ever know. Now it's the start of ninth grade and Wilbur hasn't been able to escape that major humiliation. His good friend Alex stuck by him, but Alex doesn't have as much time since he started dating Fabrizio. Luckily, Wil can confide in his best friend: his elderly neighbor Sal. Also, Wil's in the school band, where he plays the triangle. They're doing an exchange program with students from Paris, and Wilbur's billet, Charlie, a tall, chic young woman who plays the ukulele and burps with abandon, captures his heart. Charlie likes him, but only as a friend. So Alex, Fabrizio and Sal host a Queer Eye-style intervention to get Wil in shape and to build his confidence so he can impress Charlie when their band visits Paris, and just maybe replace humiliation with true romance in the City of Love."— Provided by publisher.

Popularity–Fiction; English/ Language Arts; School stories–Fiction; High schools–Fiction; Foreign study–Fiction; Bands (Music)–Fiction; Gay parents–Fiction

Fiction Books

Trophy chapter book

For descriptions see individual titles:
Donavan's word jar [42031]

Ugly [6 books]

38182 KT
IJ 200 pce 2017 Puffin
Robert Hoge

"Robert Hoge was born with a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs, but he refused to let what made him different stand in the way of leading a happy, successful life. This is the true story of how he embraced his circumstances and never let his 'ugly' stop him from focusing on what truly mattered"—Provided by publisher

Birth defects; People with disabilities—Biography; People with disabilities

* The vanishing half

41284 BK
T 389 p. 2022 Riverhead Books
Brit Bennett.

"The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Ten years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Mystery fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction; Historical fiction; Twins—Fiction; Domestic fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; African American women—Fiction; United States—History—20th century—Fiction; English/Language Arts

* A Very Large Expanse of Sea

41250 BK
JS 310 p. 2018 Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins
Tahereh Mafi.

"It's 2002, a year after 9/11. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially so for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. She's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments—even the physical violence—she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears every day. So she's built up protective walls and refuses to let anyone close enough to hurt her. Instead, she drowns her frustrations in music and spends her afternoons break-dancing with her

brother. But then she meets Ocean James. He's the first person in forever who really seems to want to get to know Shirin. It terrifies her—they seem to come from two irreconcilable worlds—and Shirin has had her guard up for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down"—Amazon.com.

Prejudices—Fiction; Historical fiction; Romance fiction; Islamophobia—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Viola Desmond won't be budged! [6 books]

37841 KT
IJS 32 pce 2010 Greenwood
Books/House of Anansi Pr

Jody Nyasha Warner
An illustrated account of Viola Desmond's stand against unfair treatment after she refused to move from the main floor to the balcony at a movie theater because she was of African descent.

Black Canadians—Biography; Black Canadians—Segregation; Black history; Civil rights—History; Nova Scotia—History; Race discrimination—History; Social Studies; Desmond, Viola,—1914-1965

Walking home [6 books]

37830 KT
IJ 290 pce 2014 Doubleday Canada
Eric Walters

Thirteen-year-old Muchoki and his younger sister, Jata, can hardly believe what has become of their lives. Only weeks ago, they lived in a bustling Kenyan village, going to school, playing soccer with friends, and helping at their parents' store. But sudden political violence has killed their father and destroyed their home. Now, Muchoki, Jata, and their ailing mother live in a tent in an overcrowded refugee camp. By day, they try to fend off hunger and boredom. By night, their fears about the future are harder to keep at bay. And then the unthinkable happens: their mother dies and they are left orphaned. Driven by a desperate optimism, Muchoki and Jata set off on what seems like an impossible quest: to walk over a hundred miles across Kenya in search of their last remaining family.

Kenya—Fiction; Mothers—Death—Fiction; Refugees—Kenya—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

The war that saved my life

39340 BK
PIJ
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Child abuse—Fiction; Great Britain—History—1945-1952—Fiction; Great Britain—History—20th century—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction; World War, 1939-1945—Evacuation of civilians—Fiction

* Washington Black [6 Books]

41369 KT
JS 419 pce 2018 Patrick Crean
Editions, an imprint
written by Esi Edugyan.

Washington Black is an eleven-year-old field slave who knows no other life than the Barbados sugar plantation where he was born. When his master's eccentric brother chooses him to be his manservant, Wash is terrified of the cruelties he is certain await him. But Christopher Wilde, or "Titch," is a naturalist, explorer, scientist, inventor, and abolitionist. He initiates Wash into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky; where two people, separated by an impossible divide, might begin to see each other as human; and where a boy born in chains can embrace a life of dignity and meaning. But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash's head, Titch abandons everything to save him. What follows is their flight along the eastern coast of America, and, finally, to a remote outpost in the Arctic, where Wash, left on his own, must invent another new life.

Slavery—Fiction; Historical fiction; Adventure fiction; Barbados—fiction; English/Language Arts

Watch us rise

38944 BK
JS
Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan. Frustrated by the way women are treated—even at their progressive New York City high school—two best friends start a Women's Rights Club, post their essays and poems online, and watch it go viral, attracting positive support as well as trolls.

Clubs—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; New York (N.Y.)—Fiction; School stories; Women's rights—Fiction; Hagan, Ellen,—author

We are all made of molecules [6 books]

38088 KT
JS 248 pce 2015 Tundra Books
Susin Nielsen

Stewart is academically brilliant but socially clueless. Ashley is the undisputed "It" girl in her class, but her grades stink. Their worlds are about to collide when Stewart and his dad move in with Ashley and her mom. Stewart is trying to be 89.9 percent happy about it, but Ashley is 110 percent horrified. She already has to hide the real reason her dad moved out; "Spewart" could further threaten her position at the top of the

Fiction Books

social ladder. They are complete opposites. And yet, they have one thing in common: they – like everyone else – are made of molecules.

Bullies–Fiction; Dating (Social customs)–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Gay parents–Fiction; Interpersonal relations–Fiction; School stories

We have always been here : a queer Muslim memoir

39421 BK

T

Samra Habib.

"[Samra Habib,] a queer Muslim searches for the language to express her truest self, making peace with her sexuality, her family, and Islam"—Provided by publisher.

Autobiography; Lesbians–Biography; Muslim lesbians–Biography; Muslims–Biography; Habib, Samra

We three

40398 BK

PIJS 167 p. 2019

Markus Harwood-Jones.

RealLove Series - "Jasbina 'Jassie' Dhillon is at summer camp to address concerns over her struggles at school and her lack of close friends. To Jasbina's surprise, she quickly makes two new friends, Ams and Sydney. Jassie realizes she has romantic feelings for both of them, and is upset until Ams and Syd tell Jassie they want to be with her too. The three spend their time at camp working out their relationship. As camp gets close to ending, Syd proposes that they run away together. Ams feels they should just end their relationship. In this high-low YA romance, Jassie must find the courage to convince her partners that their love can survive in the real world"—Provided by publisher.

Gender identity–Fiction; Gay teenagers–Fiction; Romance fiction; Dating (Social customs)–Fiction; LGBT people–Fiction

When stars are scattered

39201 BK

IJ

Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed.

"Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp"—Provided by publisher.

Biographical graphic novels; Brothers–Graphic novels; Refugees–Graphic novels; Survival skills–Graphic novels; Mohamed, Omar–(Social worker),–author

Wishtree [6 books]

37716 KT

I 215 pce 2017 Feiwel and Friends Katherine Applegate

An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

Crows–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Toleration–Fiction; Trees–Fiction; Wishes–Fiction

Wonder (6 copies)

36339 KT

I 404 pce 2012 Alfred A. Knopf R.J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Birth defects–Fiction; Kindness–Fiction; Middle schools–Fiction; Reading; School stories; Self-acceptance–Fiction

✧ X : a novel

41151 BK

JS 348 p. 2016 Candlewick Press Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon.

"Malcolm Little's parents have always told him that he can achieve anything, but from what he can tell, that's a pack of lies -after all, his father's been murdered, his mother's been taken away, and his dreams of becoming a lawyer have gotten him laughed out of school. There's no point in trying, he figures, and lured by the nightlife of Boston and New York, he escapes into a world of fancy suits, jazz, girls, and reefer"—Publisher.

Biographical fiction; Black Muslims–Biography–Fiction; African American Muslims–Biography–Fiction; X, Malcolm,–1925-1965–Fiction; Magoon, Kekla,–author; English/Language Arts

You asked for perfect

40397 BK

JS 267 p. 2019

Laura Silverman.

"Ariel Stone is the perfect college applicant until a failed Calculus quiz sends his grades into a tailspin that can only be halted by a handsome tutor, but adding a burgeoning romance to his other commitments may push Ariel past his limit"—Provided by publisher.

School stories; Jews–Fiction; High schools–Fiction; Perfectionism (Personality trait)–Fiction; Muslims–Fiction; Dating (Social customs)–Fiction; Homosexuality–Fiction; Gay men–Fiction; Academic achievement–Fiction

✧ You don't know everything, Jilly P!

41170 BK

IJ 234 p. 2020 Scholastic Inc. Alex Gino.

". . . when [Jilly's] sister, Emma, is born deaf, she realizes . . . the world is going to treat Jilly, who is white and hearing, differently from Emma, just as it will treat them both differently from their Black cousins. A big fantasy reader, Jilly makes a connection online with another fantasy fan, Derek, who is a Deaf, Black ASL user. She goes to Derek for help with Emma but doesn't always know the best way or time to ask for it. As she and Derek meet in person, have some really fun conversations, and become friends, Jilly makes some mistakes . . . but comes to understand that it's up to her, not Derek to figure out how to do better next time—especially when she wants to be there for Derek the most. Within a world where kids like Derek and Emma aren't assured the same freedom or safety as kids like Jilly, Jilly is starting to learn all the things she doesn't know—and by doing that, she's also working to discover how to support her family and her friends"—Provided by publisher.

Family life–Fiction; Multiculturalism–Fiction; Deaf–Fiction; Middle school students–Fiction; Physical and health education; Career Education; English/Language Arts

You're welcome, universe

39739 BK

JS

Whitney Gardner.

"When Julia finds a slur about her best friend scrawled across the back of the Kingston School for the Deaf, she covers it up with a beautiful (albeit illegal) graffiti mural. Her supposed best friend snitches, the principal expels her, and her two mothers set Julia up with a one-way ticket to a 'mainstream' school in the suburbs, where she's treated like an outcast as the only deaf student. The last thing she has left is her art, and not even Banksy himself could convince her to give that up. Out in the 'burbs, Julia paints anywhere she can, eager to claim some turf of her own. But Julia soon learns that she might not be the only vandal in town. Someone is adding to her tags, making them better, showing off—and showing Julia up in the process. She expected her art might get painted over by cops. But she never imagined getting dragged into a full-blown graffiti war"—Provided by publisher.

Deaf–Fiction; Graffiti–Fiction; High school students–Fiction; Identity (Psychology)–Fiction; Street art–Fiction

Fiction Books

*Zora and me. The cursed ground

41650 BK

IJ 250 p. 2020 Candlewick Press

T.R. Simon.

"When Zora Neale Hurston and her best friend, Carrie Brown, discover that the town mute can speak after all, they think they've uncovered a big secret. But Mr. Polk's silence is just one piece of a larger puzzle that stretches back half a century to the tragic story of an enslaved girl named Lucia. As Zora's curiosity leads a reluctant Carrie deeper into the mystery, the story unfolds through alternating narratives. Lucia's struggle for freedom resonates through the years, threatening the future of America's first incorporated black township—the hometown of author Zora Neale Hurston"—Publisher provided.

African Americans—Fiction;
Historical fiction; African American
authors—Fiction; Eatonville (Fla.)—
Fiction; Hurston, Zora
Neale—Fiction; English/Language
Arts