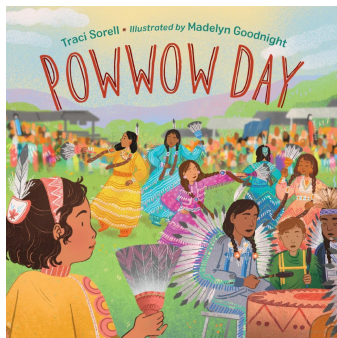


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Children's Literature and Reading Special Interest Group (CLR SIG) of the International Literacy Association (ILA) at

www.clrsig.org Each year the NBGS Committee selects 25 books as winners of the NBGS Award. These books, for all levels (PK-12), reflect diversity in the broadest sense, celebrating a variety of voices and topics. Please look for a comprehensive article about these books with useful teaching tips in the Spring 2023 issue of *The Dragon Lode*, free to CLR SIG members.



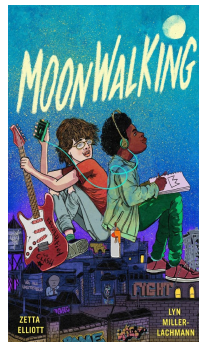
Powwow day

By Traci Sorell

Illus. Madelyn Goodnight
Charlesbridge

32 pp. GR K-3 Contemporary fiction
Picturebook

River, a young girl, cherishes participating in the jingle dance at the tribal powwow celebration. Unfortunately, River is recovering from an illness, so River's relatives and friends offer to dance the healing dance for her. She feels the power of the drums and knows she will dance next time.



Moonwalking

By Zetta Elliott and Lyn
Miller-Lachmann

Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books
for Young Readers
224 pp. GR 7-9 Historical
fiction novel in verse

Dual narrators, JJ (American-born Polish and Catholic) and Pie (Puerto Rican and Congolese) meet in honors class and form a cross-racial friendship through their love of art. Merging historical and contemporary topics, this novel in verse explores the 1981 air traffic strike, Jean-Michel Basquiat, police violence, and mental illness.



Sitting shiva

By Erin Silver

Illus. Michelle Theodore
Orca Book Publishers

32 pp. GR K-2 Contemporary fiction
Picturebook

All cultures have customs for grieving the loss of loved ones; this picturebook poignantly shares the Jewish custom of the week-long grieving process through the eyes of a young girl who has lost her mother. The ethno-religious perspective adds to the collection of children's books about the grieving process.

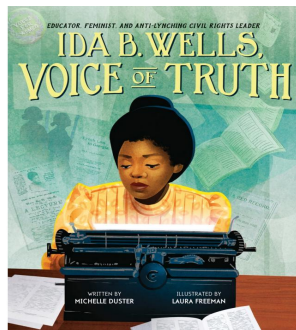


Dream, Annie, dream

By Waka T. Brown
Quill Tree Books

352 pp. GR 3-7 Contemporary fiction

Aoi, or Annie as she is called, is a Japanese-American tween growing up in 1980s Kansas. As she pursues her dreams and searches for ways to fit in, Annie experiences conflicts, bullying, and microaggressions. Despite the roadblocks, Annie achieves her dreams with the support of her family and friends.

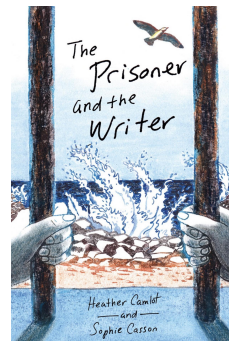


Ida B. Wells, voice of truth: Educator, feminist, and anti-lynching civil rights leader

By Michelle Duster

Illus. Laura Freeman
Godwin Books/Henry Holt and Company
40 pp. GR K-2 Biography Picturebook

This captivating and necessary biographical picturebook features Ida B. Wells' lifelong plight against sexism and racism. Written by Wells' great-granddaughter, it shares her life story from slavery through Reconstruction, and highlights the early civil rights leader's determination, intelligence, strength, and many accomplishments.



The prisoner and the writer

By Heather Camlot

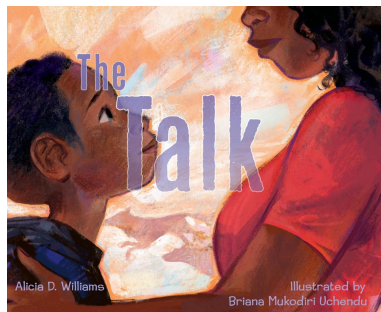
Illus. Sophie Carson
Groundwood Books

64 pp. GR 4-7 Historical fiction novel in
verse

In 1895, Captain Alfred Dreyfus was a prisoner accused and convicted of being a traitor to France. When famous writer, Émile Zola, becomes curious about his case and reviews the evidence, he wonders if Dreyfus is a victim of anti-semitism, and writes the powerful and damning letter, "J'Accuse...!" Based on true events.

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The talk

By Alicia D. Williams
 Illus. Briana Mukodiri Uchendu
 Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
 40 pp. GR K-3 Contemporary fiction Picturebook

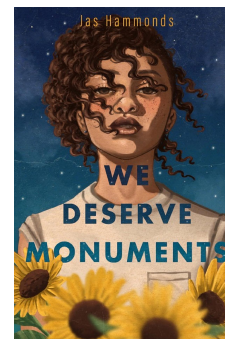
A vital story exploring Black and Brown families' difficult conversations with their children as they grow older and become more vulnerable to racism. Told through the eyes of Jay, it explores how his family gives him advice on how to stay safe in a racist world.



Invisible

By Christina Diaz Gonzalez
 Illus. Gabriela Epstein
 Color by Lark Pien
 Graphix/Scholastic
 208 pp. GR 3-7 Contemporary fiction Graphic novel

In this graphic novel told in Spanish and English, five middle school bilingual kids are thrown together to complete community service. They struggle to find their voices as they strive to create their own identities. They face challenges to put aside their differences and secrets in an effort to help someone in need.



We deserve monuments

By Jas Hammond
 Roaring Brook Press
 375 pp. GR 10-12 Contemporary fiction

In this debut novel, teenage Avery moves with her family from Washington D.C. to her mother's small, southern hometown to care for her aging grandmother. She uncovers buried secrets – the mysterious disappearance of her grandfather, her family's connection with the town's most wealthy family– that exemplify how racial trauma is generational.



The waiting place: When home is lost and a new one not yet found

By Dina Nayeri
 Illus. Anna Bosch Miralpeix
 Candlewick Press
 64 pp. GR 7-9 Nonfiction Picturebook

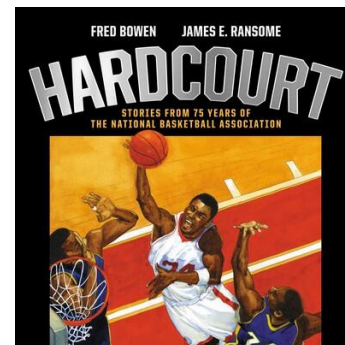
Dina Nayeri, daughter of a refugee and a refugee herself, uses lyrical text to capture the personalities and hopes of ten displaced children from Iran and Afghanistan currently living in a refugee camp outside of Ioannina, Greece. Documentary photographer, Anna Bosch Miralpeix, provides both playful and serious images.



Isla to island

By Alexis Castellanos
 Atheneum Books for Young Readers
 192 pp. GR 7-9 Historical fiction Graphic novel

In this wordless graphic novel, twelve-year-old Marisol escapes Castro's regime via Operation Peter Pan. She lives with a family in NYC, learns to acclimate to American life in the 1960s, and awaits being reunited with her parents. A mixture of colorful graphics juxtaposed with grayscale graphics reflect Marisol's feelings.



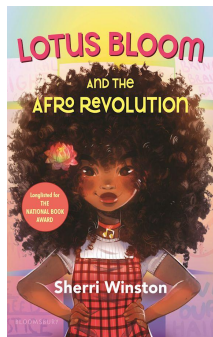
Hardcourt: Stories from 75 years of the National Basketball Association

By Fred Bowen
 Illus. James E. Ransome
 Margaret K. McElderry Books
 112 pp. GR 3-7 Nonfiction Picturebook

Fred Bowen, a known veteran sportswriter, takes us into the beginnings of the National Basketball Association. In stark contrast to today's household names and flashy players, basketball didn't always have a huge fan base and prestigious stadiums. This book highlights players across the years with illustrations that are dynamic and vibrant.

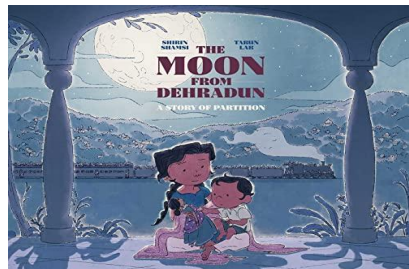
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Lotus Bloom and the afro revolution
By Sherri Winston
Bloomsbury Children's Books
304 pp. GR 4-6 Contemporary fiction

After being promoted to concertmaster of the school's orchestra, Lotus faces discrimination when a jealous peer leads a bullying campaign targeting her afro. Inspired by true stories of Black girls fighting dress codes biased against their culture and hair, the author explores the intricacies of fighting for oneself while maintaining integrity and self-expression.



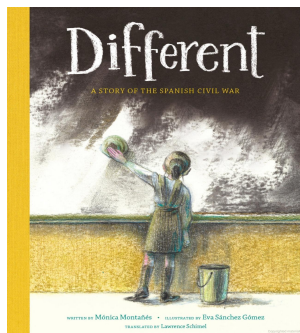
The moon from Dehradun: A story of partition
By Shirin Shamsi
Illus. Tarun Lak
Athenum Books for Young Readers
40 pp. GR K-3 Historical fiction

Azra's family is drastically forced to leave their quiet home in India, jump into a packed train and cross Pakistan's recently drawn borders during the Partition of British India. Heart-broken, she will find comfort in the unchanged facts of her new life: her brother's love, shared meals, and the moon. Includes comprehensive back matter.



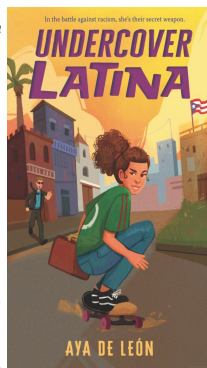
Still dreaming/Seguimos soñando
By Claudia Guadalupe Martínez
Illus. Magdalena Mora
Trans. Luis Humberto Crosthwaite
Children's Book Press
40 pp. GR 1-3 Historical fiction Picturebook

Written in English and Spanish, a young boy and his Mamá and Papá pack their car and leave their home—their only choice to remain together. Others are leaving, too. Perhaps they are immigrating to the US? A different destination reveals a devastating chapter in US history.



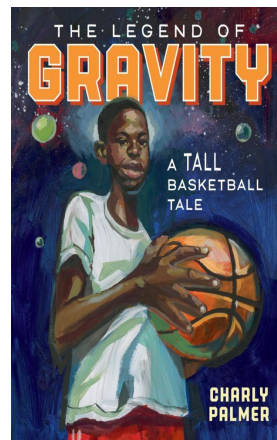
Different: A story of the Spanish Civil War
By Mónica Montañés
Illus. Eva Sánchez Gómez
Trans. Lawrence Schimel
Eerdmans Books for Young Readers
88 pp. GR 4-6 Historical fiction

Village life near Valencia is disrupted for young Paco, his sister and Mama, when Father is forced to leave due to the Spanish Civil War. Hunger becomes constant, money scarce, and at school Paco cannot reveal that his father is gone for political reasons. Historical information, glossary, and resources are included.



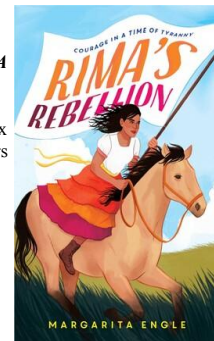
Undercover Latina
By Aya de León
Candlewick Press
320 pp. GR 5-9
Contemporary fiction

In this action-packed spy novel, fourteen-year-old, Andréa, goes undercover to gain intel on a white supremacist believed to have a nefarious terror plot underway. To accomplish her mission, she passes for white and gains access to the terrorist's son at his high school in Arizona. Once there, Andréa's cover is in constant jeopardy.



The legend of Gravity: A tall basketball tale
By Charly Palmer
Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Books for Young Readers
40 pp. GR K-3
Contemporary fiction
Picturebook

This modern-day tall tale is a celebration of talent and teamwork. Gravity, the new kid in town, gets his street name by defying gravity and jumping almost as high as the sky. Although Gravity is the star of streetball, during the championships, he rallies his team to work together to win.



Rima's rebellion: Courage in a time of tyranny
By Margarita Engle
Athenum Books for Young Readers
208 pp. GR 7-9
Historical fiction novel
in verse

In 1920s Cuba, Rima joins her abuela and the Mambisas, horsewomen feminists fighting for suffrage and equality for women. Sisterhood, romantic love, and the redeeming nature of the arts counterbalance the harsh treatment natural (illegitimate) daughters are subjected to in this novel in verse.

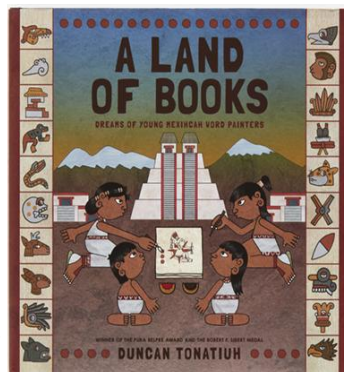
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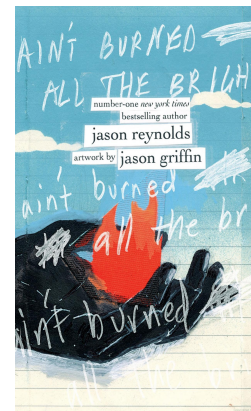
On her wings: The story of Toni Morrison
By Jerdine Nolen
Illus. James E. Ransome
A Paula Wiseman Book/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
48 pp. GR K-3 Biography Picturebook

Toni Morrison (Chloe Ardelia Wofford) grew up with a family heritage in storytelling that led her to become the internationally known charismatic listener, proficient reader, and riveting writer. Reviewing stories moves Toni to eventually establishing her own voice as a writer. Each colorful page with vivid images enhances her story.



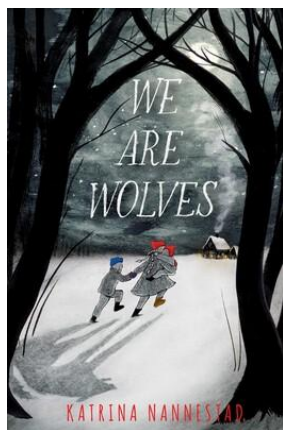
A land of books: Dreams of young Mexihcah word painters
By Duncan Tonatiuh
Abrams Books for Young Readers
48 pp. GR K-3 Historical fiction
Picturebook

In Mesoamerica, young Mexihcah assisted their parents with the creation of “amoxin,” or “codices.” The children explain how codices pictorially documented pre-Columbian cultures. It is estimated that more than 100,000 amoxin were written, yet only 15 have survived. Tonatiuh’s beautifully illustrated book augments knowledge about ancient world cultures.



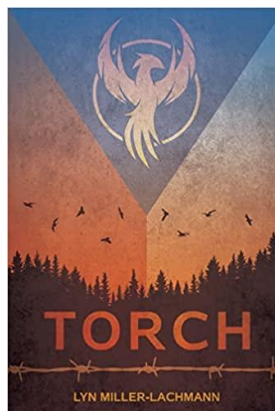
Ain't burned all the bright
By Jason Reynolds
Illus. Jason Griffin
Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
384 pp. GR 7-9 Poetry

This poetic tribute conveys the deepest fears, sorrows, and hope of the pandemic – the ability to breath. Stunning and terrifying, through collage and minimal text, Reynolds and Griffin symbolize and illustrate the emotions of the past few years. Perfect for young writers and artists.



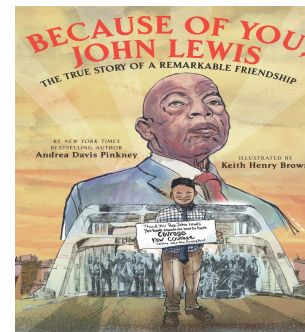
We are wolves
By Katrina Nannestad
Illus. Martina Heiduczek
Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
304 pp. GR 5-9 Historical fiction

Set in East Prussia this moving story is inspired by the sad reality of “wolf children,” orphaned kids who had to fend for themselves in extreme conditions during WWII. Auspiciously, the healing power of family love pushes young Liesl and her siblings to move forward.



Torch
By Lyn Miller-Lachmann
Carolrhoda Lab
318 pp. GR 8-12 Historical fiction

In 1969 Czechoslovakia, three teens struggle to establish their futures in an oppressive totalitarian regime. Seventeen-year-old Pavol engages in a fatal act of protest, and his death leads to a brutal government investigation of his three closest friends. Back matter includes author and historical notes.



Because of you, John Lewis: The true story of a remarkable friendship

By Andrea Davis Pinkney
Illus. Keith Henry Brown
Scholastic Press
40 pp. GR 2-5 Nonfiction
Picturebook

At ten years-old, young activist, Tybre Faw, met Congressman John Lewis at the annual memorial walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL. Author, Andrea Davis Pinkney, shares their multi-year friendship, while powerfully weaving in a parallel story of young John Lewis interacting with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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