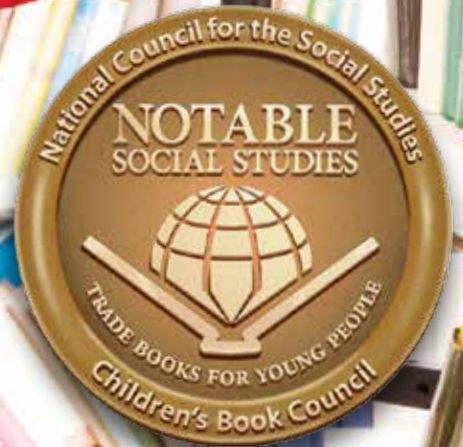


# Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2017



## About the List and Criteria for Selection

The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children’s Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2016 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers’ addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children’s Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC’s Members List may be downloaded at [www.cbcbooks.org/membership/member-list](http://www.cbcbooks.org/membership/member-list). Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.


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

### Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

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

### Key to a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with an asterisk are Selectors’ Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator  
 5. Publisher. 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) are included for all available editions (trade, library, and paperback). The symbol “F” indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher’s name in parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition. 8. Price as of January 2017 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

1. 	2. <b>Buffalo Sisters.</b>	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. Trade ISBN 0-696-67321-1, Library ISBN 0-696-64213-X, F (Wannamaker)	8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks’s childhood on the American frontier.	11. (ABM)	12. 3 5

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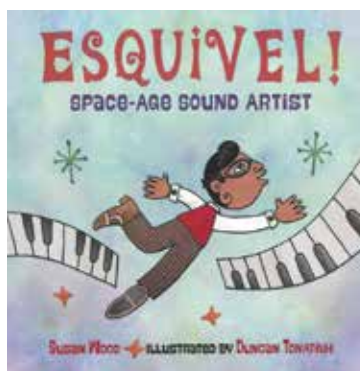
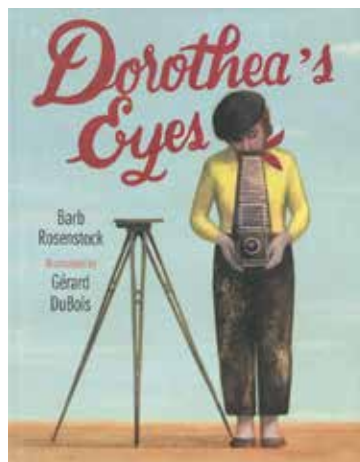
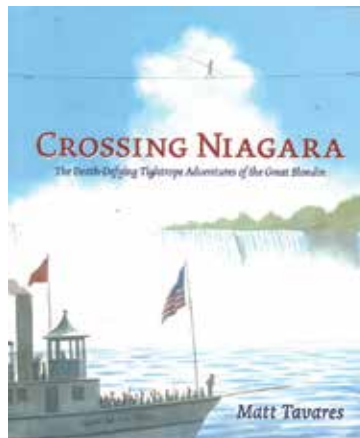
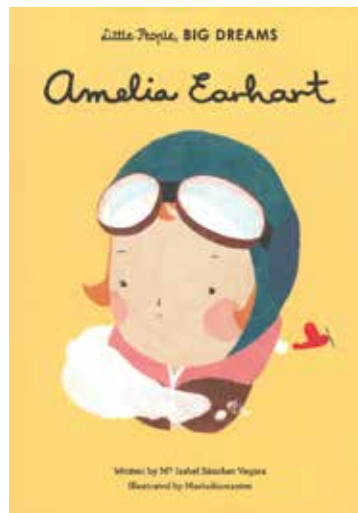
**A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80-foot Seas.** Michael J. Tougas. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781627792813, \$17.99. (M) The true story of three veteran sailors who embarked on a lifetime dream journey across the Atlantic when a large, violent storm wrecked their sailboat and left them stranded in a damaged lifeboat. The text details the dramatic story of the U.S. Coast Guard rescue team that risked their lives in a dangerous storm to save the three men. Epilogue. (JSP) ③⑤⑥

**Ada's Ideas: The Story of Ada Lovelace, the World's First Computer Programmer.** Fiona Robinson. ABRAMS. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718724, \$17.95. (I) This informational picture book shows how one young woman's creative idea can have lasting effects. A Note about Bernoulli Numbers, Artist's Note, Bibliography. (JG) ②③

**Amelia Earhart** (Little People, Big Dreams). Ma Isabel Sánchez Vegara. Illustrated by Mariadimantes. Quarto Children's Publishing USA / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781847808882, \$14.99. (P) Young readers meet Amelia Earhart as a young child with a dream. As she grows up, so does her dream and her fame. Readers (especially girls) will learn to dream big with Amelia! Author's Note, Timeline. (JR) ③⑥

**Balcony on the Moon: Coming of Age in Palestine.** Ibtisam Barakat. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780374302511, \$17.99. (M, H) Barakat's autobiography of her childhood in Palestine and her desire to become a writer and be educated. Her dream is an inspiration to other females in her family. (AMW) ①③④

**Blood Brother: Jonathan Daniels and His Sacrifice for Civil Rights.** Rich Wallace and Sandra Neil Wallace. Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781629790947, \$18.95. (H) Social justice advocates will enjoy this informational history of a white seminarian during the 1960s civil rights movement and his dedication to nonviolent protest. His courage and sacrifice will provide inspiration



for future generations. Many historical photographs are included. Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (JG) ②⑩

**Crossing Niagara: The Death-Defying Tightrope Adventures of the Great Blondin.** Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9780763668235, \$17.99. (I) Jean Francois Gravelet was determined to do "something amazing, something impossible, and something that had never been done before": walk from America to Canada on a tightrope across Niagara Falls! Powerful story about determination and risk-taking. Author's Note, Selected Bibliography. (LEM) ②③⑦

**Dorothea's Eyes.** Barb Rosenstock. Illustrated by Gérard DuBois. Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781629792088, \$16.95. (P, I) Polio left Dorothea Lange with a limp and the desire to disappear. Being invisible allowed her to blend into the background and see what many others did not. Deciding to be a photographer against her family's wishes, she followed her dream and photographed people whose stories were not being told during the Great Depression. Author's Note, Timeline. (LL) ③④

**Elizabeth Started All the Trouble.** Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Matt Faulkner. Disney-Hyperion. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780786851423, \$17.99. (P) Readers take a journey through the evolution of suffrage with Elizabeth Cady Stanton—from the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, N.Y., through protests, trials, and jail sentences, and a movement that eventually achieved the right to vote for women. A good first book to introduce younger students to the women's rights movement. Bibliography, Author's Note. (JSP) ②③⑤⑥⑩

**Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist.** Susan Wood. Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580896733, \$17.95. (I) Mexican born Esquivel turned the music industry on its ear by experimenting with sounds in new and unique ways. Readers will love the illustrations and fun word play that bring this little known story to life! Author and Illustrator's Notes, Resources. (JR) ③⑦⑧

**Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman's Courage in the Struggle for American**

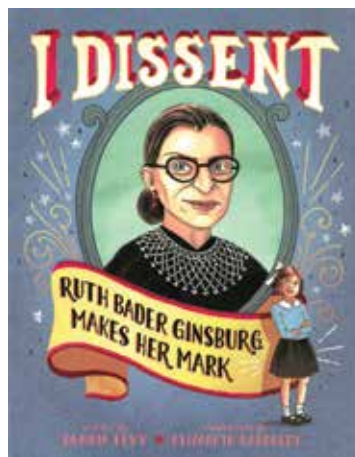
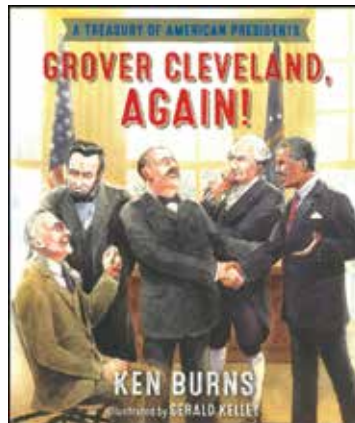
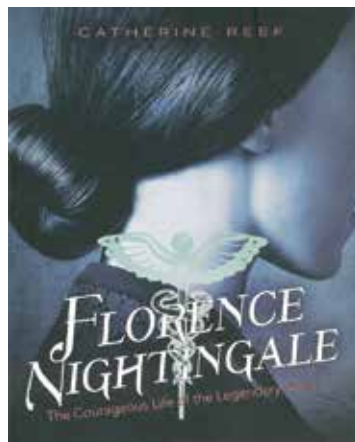
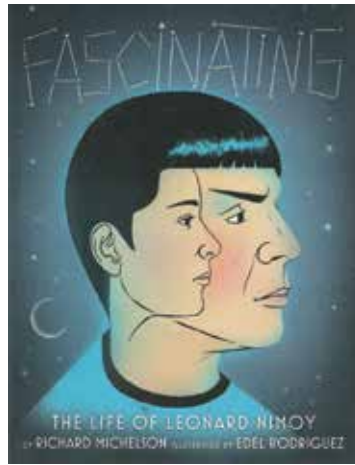
**Labor Union Rights.** Mary Cronk Farrell. ABRAMS. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718847, \$19.95. (I) The incredible story of Fannie Sellins, a labor activist who traveled the United States advocating for better working conditions, living conditions, and wages for employees in the garment and mining industry. She sacrificed her life working to achieve the American ideals of equality and justice for all. Author's Note, Glossary, Timeline, Sources, Websites and Books for further information, Index. (JSP) ③⑤⑥⑦

**Fascinating: The Life of Leonard Nimoy.** Richard Michelson. Illustrated by Edel Rodriguez. Random House / Knopf Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781101933305, \$17.99. (P) This warm and insightful picture book describes how family dynamics, theatrical experiences, and Jewish upbringing influenced the choices made by the "enterprising" young man who would become an iconic actor, poet, author, and photographer. Author's Note. (LFS) ②⑤

**Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine.** Heather Lang. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781620916506, \$16.95. (I, M) Defying all odds, Ruth Law battles fierce winds and freezing temperatures to pilot a potential record-breaking nonstop flight from Chicago to New York City in 1916. More About Ruth Law, Bibliography, Source Notes. (BLS) ②③

**Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse.** Catherine Reef. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9780544535800, \$18.99. (M, H) This comprehensive and informational biography details Nightingale's life as she brushes aside her days of privilege to work tirelessly on transforming war hospitals from gruesome wards to places of cleanliness, relief, and hope. Source Notes, Selected Bibliography, Index. (BLS) ③④

**Grover Cleveland, Again! A Treasury of American Presidents.** Ken Burns. Illustrated by Gerald Kelley. Random House Children's Books / Knopf Books for Young Readers. 96pp. Trade ISBN 9780385392099, \$25. (I, M) Stunning illustrations and a rich text chronicle the lives of our nation's leaders in this informational text written by acclaimed documentary producer Ken Burns. Index. Timeline. (ML) ②⑥



**Hillary Clinton: American Woman of the World.** Cheryl Harness. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 92pp. Trade ISBN 9781481460576, \$17.99. An inspirational biography of Hillary Clinton and her life, documenting her early years to the 2016 campaign for the presidency. It chronicles the different roles Clinton has assumed in public service and how her work improved the lives of others. Timeline, Further Reading and Viewing, Sources, Index. (ML) ②⑦

**Hillary Rodham Clinton: Some Girls Are Born to Lead.** Michelle Markel. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham. HarperCollins Children's Books / Balzer + Bray. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 9780062381224, \$17.99. (P, I) More than just a biography, this book speaks to the struggle of women in the fight for equal opportunities. The illustrations are key, introducing readers to scores of world leaders and women's rights activists. Timeline, Artist's Notes, Bibliography. (JR) ③④⑥

**I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark.** Debbie Levy. Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 35 pp. Trade ISBN 9781481465595, \$17.99. (P, I) This dramatically illustrated biographical picture book chronicles the life of the renowned justice through the lens of her many famous dissents. Additional information, Supreme Court cases, Source Notes. (KH) ④⑥⑦

**In the Fields and the Trenches: The Famous and the Forgotten on the Battlefields of World War I.** Kerrie Logan Hollihan. Chicago Review Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781613731307, \$19.95. (H) World War I was expected to be a great adventure. However, it quickly became a bloody nightmare. The text follows the stories of 18 young men and women caught up in the ravages of war. Their stories are 100 years old, but they convey timeless themes of love, power, courage, hate, greed, fear, and sacrifice. Epilogue, Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JSP) ①②⑤⑥⑦

**Irena's Children: Young Reader's Edition. A True Story of Courage** by Tilar J. Mazzeo. Adapted by Mary Cronk Farrell. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781481449915, \$17.99. (M) This young reader's edition chronicles the true story of Irena Sendler, who, as the sole social worker given permission to enter the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942, smuggled Jewish children out to safety, often hiding them in coffins. She kept copious records of those she

smuggled out in the hopes that they would be reunited with their families after the war. (LL) 4610

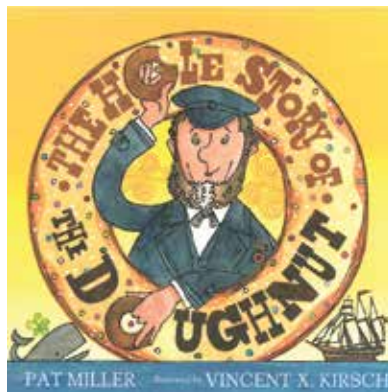
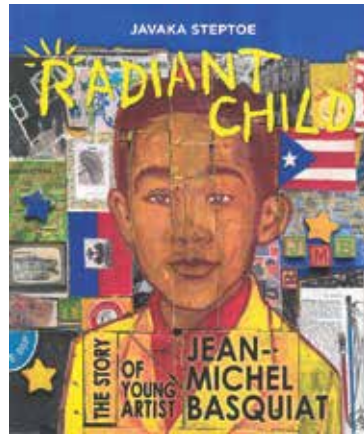
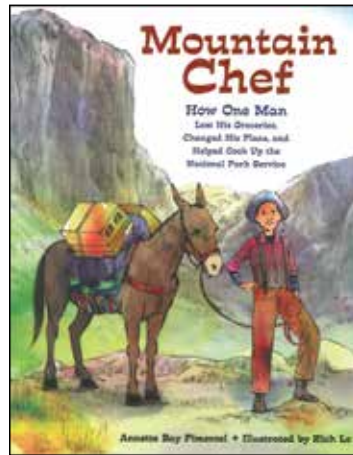
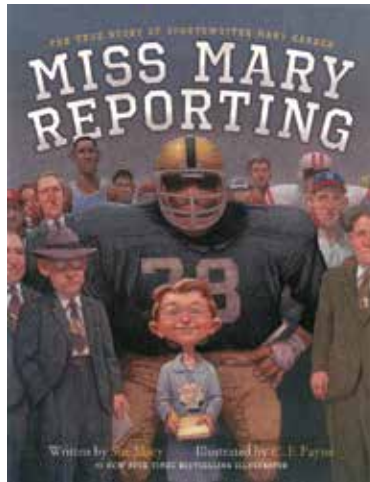
**John Lincoln Clem: Civil War Drummer Boy (Based on a True Story).** E.F. Abbott. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Feiwel & Friends. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9781250068378, \$15.99. (I) John Lincoln Clem is just nine years old when he sneaks off to join the fight, first as a drummer and eventually as a soldier in his own right. Author's Note, Glossary. (JR) 563

**Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of Sportswriter Mary Garber.** Sue Macy. Illustrated by C.F. Payne. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 39pp. Trade ISBN 9781481401203, \$17.99. (I) "Women not admitted" did not deter Mary Garber from entering the world of sports writing. This narrative weaves her story from childhood to hall of fame. Author's Note, Timeline, and Resources. (CC) 224

**Mountain Chef: How One Man Lost His Groceries, Changed His Plans, and Helped Cook Up the National Park Service.** Annette Bay Pimentel. Illustrated by Rich Lo. Charlesbridge. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781580897112, \$16.95. (I) This story about Chinese American Chef Tie Sing, who cooked for the Mather Mountain Party of influential conservationists, is a fascinating romp into one of the lesser known stories of the creation of the National Parks Service. Additional Materials, Historic Photos, Source Notes, Bibliography, Map. (JR) 352

**My Name is James Madison Hemings.** Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Terry Widener. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780385383424, \$17.99. (P) The narrator describes his childhood living in Monticello as the son of Sally Hemings, an enslaved person owned by Thomas Jefferson, in this thought-provoking picture book. Author's Note. (LFS) 254

**Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.** Javaka Steptoe. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780316213882, \$17.99. (P, I) The life of artist Jean-Michel Basquiat is explored through original collage-style illustrations that emphasize his outside-the-lines approach. The biography prompts conversations about identifying art in unique spaces, pursuing dreams, and coping with mental



illness. About this Book, More about Jean-Michel Basquiat, Motifs & Symbolism in Basquiat's Work, A Note from Javaka Steptoe, Bibliography & Credits. (LEM) 275

**She Stood for Freedom, The Untold Story of a Civil Rights Hero: Joan Trumpauer Mulholland.** Loki Mulholland and Angela Fairwell. Illustrated by Charlotta Janssen. Shadow Mountain Publishing. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781629721767, \$17.99. (I, M) Joan Trumpauer Mulholland was taught that "all men are created equal," yet as a young white girl, she witnessed segregation and racism daily. She joined her first demonstration in 1959 and her activism continued as she participated and led sit-ins at segregated lunch counters and later joined with the Freedom Riders. Her story highlights the role that ordinary people played in the civil rights movement. Timeline. (LL) 4610

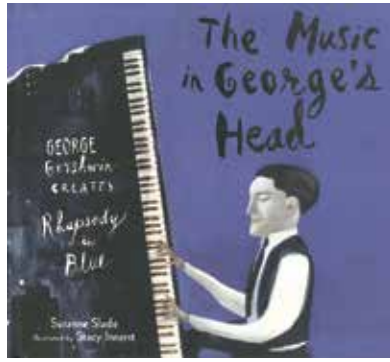
**Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille.** Jen Bryant. Illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Random House Children's Books / Knopf Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780449813379, \$17.99. (I) Meet young Louis Braille, a clever five-year-old boy who loses his eyesight in an accident. The text focuses on Louis's pursuit of an education, which led to his development of a writing system that he could read by touch. Author's Note, More Information about Braille and the Braille System. (JSP) 258

**The Extraordinary Suzy Wright: A Colonial Woman on the Frontier.** Teri Kanefield. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718663, \$19.95. (I, M) An informational story of a Quaker, poet, and political activist who helped settle the Pennsylvania frontier. Suzy Wright displayed considerable influence in the highest circles of Pennsylvania government as a legal counselor to her neighbors. Author's Note, Bibliography, and Index. (KH) 306

**The Hole Story of the Doughnut.** Pat Miller. Illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780544319615, \$17.99. (P, I) Author Pat Miller recounts how Captain Hanson Gregory invented the doughnut as a young cook on a ship. With bright illustrations, Captain Gregory's story is historically engaging. Author's Note, Timeline, Selected Bibliography. (RR) 2348

**The Music in George's Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue.**

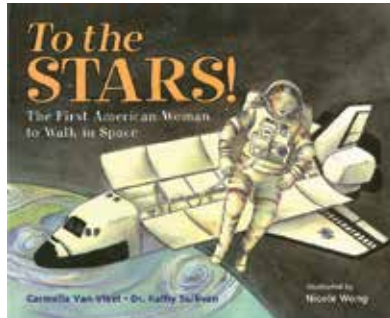
Suzanne Slade. Illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781629790992, \$17.95. (I, P) Beautifully illustrated in shades of blue, this book digs deep into Gershwin's creative process rather than just providing a short biography. The rich figurative language reads like a symphony. Author and Illustrator's Notes, Timeline, Bibliography. (JR) ②⑦



with her mom and beautiful sister, Deirdre, in New Jersey. Their father left them and now lives with his new girlfriend. When their 14-year-old cousin Leonard comes to live with them, Phoebe is bothered by how connected he seems to other members of her family. And, she's mainly bothered by his flamboyance and the confidence Leonard has in himself as a young gay male. One day, Leonard disappears; as Phoebe and her family search for him, family secrets come to the surface. (RR) ①⑦⑩

**To the Stars! The First American Woman to Walk in Space.**

Carmella Van Vleet and Dr. Kathy Sullivan. Illustrated by Nicole Wong. Charlesbridge. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781580896443, \$16.95. (I) A picture book biography of Kathy Sullivan and the gender discrimination she overcame to become the first American woman to walk in space. (ML) ④⑧



**A Dog Like Sam.** Edward van de Vendel. Illustrated by Philip Hopman. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 111pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854841, \$13. (I, M) A very relatable story about two kids wanting to adopt a big white dog that shows up on their front lawn. This memorable and heartwarming tale touches on love, forgiveness, mental illness, and compassion for animals. Author's Note. (BLS) ①③

**WHOOSH!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions.**

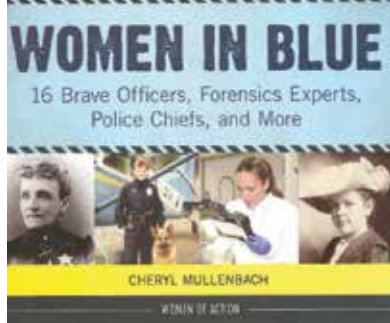
Chris Barton. Illustrated by Don Tate. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580892971, \$16.95. (I, H) Did you know the Super Soaker was invented by accident? Lonnie Johnson, an African American engineer who worked for NASA, defied stereotypes from a young age and eventually invented one of America's most memorable toys, the Super Soaker! Additional Illustrations of Johnson's Inventions, Author's Note. (BLS) ③③⑦



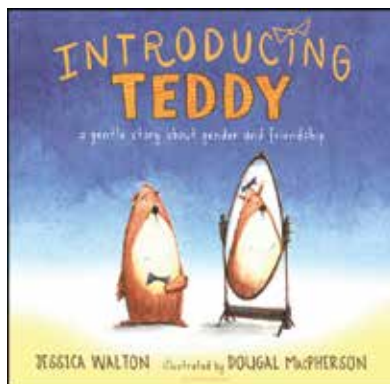
**All We Have Left.** Wendy Mills. Bloomsbury USA. 368pp. Trade ISBN 9781619633438, \$17.99. (H) Two powerful 9/11 stories, told in alternating viewpoints, reveal the profound connection between present-day Jesse, whose brother died in the attacks, and Alia, a Muslim girl trapped in one of the Towers on that tragic day. (LFS) ①③⑤

**Women in Blue: 16 Brave Officers, Forensics Experts, Police Chiefs, and More.**

Cheryl Mullenbach. Chicago Review Press. 229 pp. Trade ISBN 9781613734223, \$19.99. (M, I) This collection of riveting biographies traces the evolution of women in policing, with stories of trailblazers from the past along with today's dedicated officers, chiefs, FBI agents, and forensics experts. Resources, Notes, Bibliography, and Index. (KH) ⑤⑥⑩



**How to Keep Rolling After a Fall.** Karole Cozzo. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Swoon Reads. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781250079282, \$9.99. (M, H) Nikki Baylor has been expelled from her school and ostracized from all of her friends. Because of the cyberbullying incident at a party at her house, Nikki's parents don't trust her and she is now the girl everyone hates. Then, she meets Pax, who is in a wheelchair, and begins to forgive herself and see that maybe even she deserves a second chance. (RR) ①⑦⑩



**Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story about Gender and Friendship.** Jessica Walton. Illustrated by Dougal MacPherson. Bloomsbury USA. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781681192109, \$16.99. (P) Teddy has always known "that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy." This sweet story of Thomas the Teddy's decision to be true to who Teddy is can serve as an introduction to

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**Absolute Brightness.** James Lecesne. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Feiwel & Friends. 338pp. Trade ISBN 9781250106117, \$9.99. (M, H) Phoebe lives

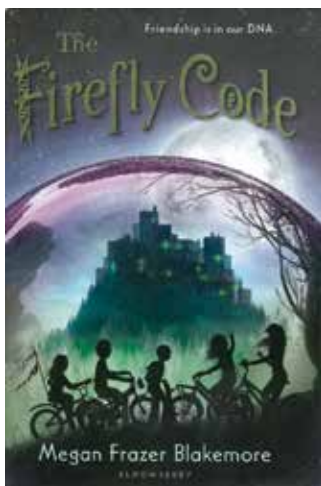
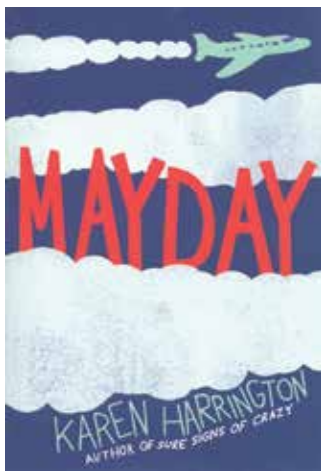
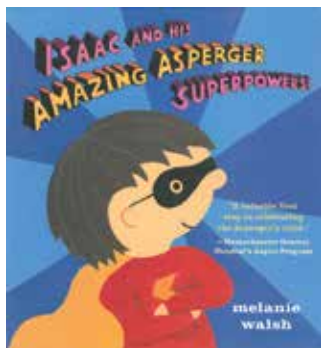
gender identity and as a reminder about the importance of being true to oneself. (LL) 7

**It Ain't So Awful, Falafel.** Firoozeh Duma. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 384pp. Trade ISBN 9780544612310, \$16.99. (M, H) Zomorod Yousefzadeh, otherwise known as “Cindy,” has moved for the fourth time. This time to Newport Beach, California. Cindy’s family is Iranian. Her father is an engineer hired by the United States, and her mother, who does not speak English, stays at home. Unfortunately, Iran’s government is in turmoil and tensions escalate with the United States. When American hostages are taken, the Yousefzadeh family is confronted with harassment and racism. This book seamlessly interweaves important history with contemporary issues of stereotypes and xenophobia. (RR) 1375

**It Looks Like This.** Rafi Mittlefehldt. Candlewick Press. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9780763687199, \$16.99. (HS) After meeting Sean, Mike struggles to accept himself and to be accepted by others, particularly in light of his parents’ religious-based intolerance. An engrossing story about family, first love, and homophobia. (JR) 45

**Isaac and His Amazing Asperger Superpowers.** Melanie Walsh. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763681210, \$16.99. (P) Meet Isaac whose wonderful memories, energy, sensitivity to sounds and difficulty with eye contact set him apart from his peers. This is a cheerful and informative story that describes both the positive and challenging aspects of Isaac’s Asperger’s superpowers. The colorful and fun illustrations make this a very kid-friendly introduction to Asperger’s syndrome and autism spectrum disorders. Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome Resources. (JSP) 7

**Jack’s Worry.** Sam Zuppari. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678456, \$16.99. (P, I) Jack is worried about playing the trumpet for his first concert. Although he loves playing the trumpet and is excited about playing his first concert, he can’t seem to quiet his jitters. Young readers will connect to Jack’s nervousness and support him as he overcomes his fears. (RR) 77



**Mayday.** Karen Harrington. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780316298018, \$16.99. (M) A sweet story of courage, friendship, and finding one’s voice. Middle school student Wayne survives an airplane crash and loses his ability to speak. He realizes how much he doesn’t say and the importance of what needs to be talked about as he navigates his grief, adolescence, and difficult relationship with his father and grandfather. (JSP) 7

**Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story.** Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781442485068, \$16.99. (M, H) This novel weaves together the stories of four young people and how they each experienced the events of September 11, 2001, from different parts of the United States. Author’s Note. (AMW) 3

**The Art of Being Normal.** Lisa Williamson. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Trade. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780374302375, \$17.99. An important and timely novel chronicling the inner lives of transgender teens as they go through the gender transition process while enduring chronic bullying at school. Author’s Note. (ML) 256

**The Class.** Boni Ashburn. Illustrated by Kimberly Gee. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781442422483, \$17.99. (P, I) This brightly illustrated picture book gives young readers a look at the first day of school for kindergarteners. The author examines the daily accidents and mishaps, and explores several different backgrounds and personalities as the children get ready for school. (RR) 7237

**The Firefly Code.** Megan Frazer Blakemore. Bloomsbury USA. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781619636361, \$16.99. (M) Readers of *The Giver* will enjoy this story of a group of young friends. The text is set in a corporate utopian community where every facet of life is controlled and parents select their children’s genetic traits. The believable young characters allow the reader to explore the power of friendship, individuality, and imperfection. (JSP) 146810

## ENVIRONMENT/ ENERGY/ECOLOGY

**The Last Execution.** Jesper Wung-Sung. Translated by Lyndy Falk van Rooyan. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781481429658, \$17.99. (H) This fictionalized account of the execution of a 15-year-old boy in 1853, the last execution in Denmark, will leave readers pondering the moral implications of capital punishment in a world where context and identity affect justice. Author's Note (JG) 2610

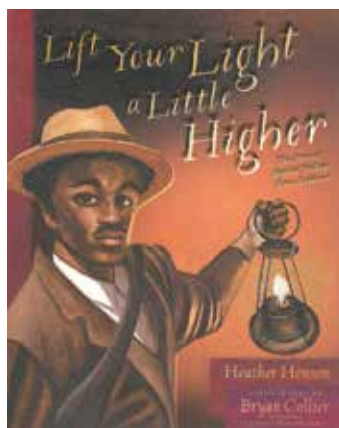
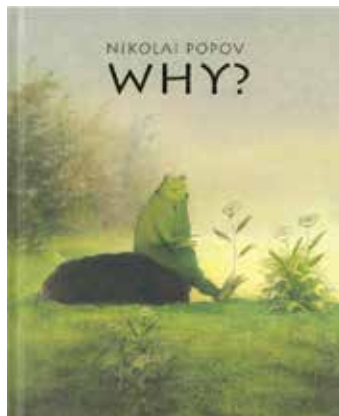
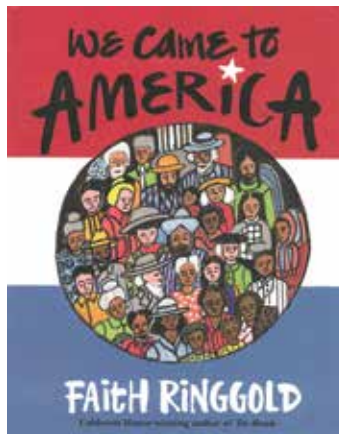
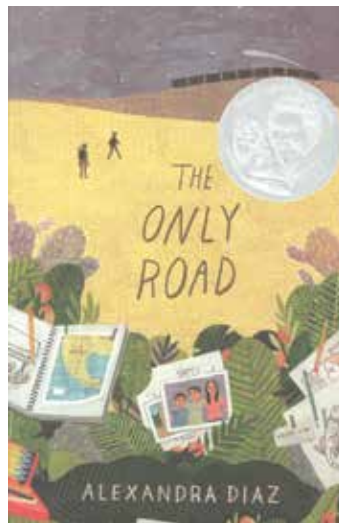
**The Light Fantastic.** Sarah Combs. Candlewick Press. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678517, \$17.99. (HS) Seven interwoven tales make up this story of students planning the unimaginable in schools across the nation. This book clearly points out the need for change in a sometimes frightening world. (JR) 507

**The Only Road.** Alexandra Diaz. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9781481457507, \$16.99. (I, M, H) Inspired by true events, this riveting story follows two young boys fleeing the violence of Guatemala. In search of refuge in the United States, they endure a treacherous journey and encounter many obstacles. Glossary. Further Reading. (ML) 139

**Their Great Gift: Courage, Sacrifice, and Hope in a New Land.** John Coy. Photographs by Wing Young Huie. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781467780544, \$19.99. (P, I) This beautiful book of photographs and lyrical text focuses on the lives of families coming to the United States in the twenty-first century and celebrates their experiences, diversity, and vision of hope for the future. Author and illustrator arrival stories included. (KH) 130

**We Came to America.** Faith Ringgold. Random House Children's Books / Knopf Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780517709474, \$17.99. (P, I) A timely picture book embracing America's people of every race, religion, and background. (BLS) 932

**Why?** Nikolai Popov. Classic-Minedition. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9789888341054, \$12. (P, I) A thought-provoking picture book that tells a story of a frog and a mouse who start a war over a flower. A fierce battle ensues devastating the landscape around them leaving both the frog and mouse to reflect on the question, "Why?" (BLS) 23



**Charles Darwin's around the World Adventure.** Jennifer Thermes. ABRAMS. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419721205, \$18.95. (P, I) The story of Darwin's adventures as the naturalist aboard the HMS *Beagle* takes readers to the coasts of South America, the waters of Tierra del Fuego, the Galápagos Islands, and to the Cape of Good Hope. Young readers will enjoy the beautiful illustrations and understand why Darwin made the natural world his life's work. Author's Note. Fun Facts. (LL) 33

**Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids and One Hundred Sea Turtles.** Philippe Cousteau and Deborah Hopkinson. Illustrated by Meilo So. Chronicle Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781452112411, \$16.99. (P, I) Students get involved in a class project to solve a problem involving baby loggerhead sea turtles. They work to raise awareness in their sea-side community and help the turtles. A great example of the C3 Inquiry Arc. Includes letters to young activists, parents, and teachers. (JG) 30

**Green City: How One Community Survived a Tornado and Rebuilt for a Sustainable Future.** Allan Drummond. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780374379995, \$17.99. (P) The inspiring true story behind how one town survived a tornado and rebuilt again, creating one of the greenest towns in the United States. Author's Note. Source Notes. (ML) 339

**Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn.** Kenard Pak. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781627794152, \$17.99. (P, I) Rich watercolor illustrations and thoughtful text provide countless details of the changing season. A young girl and her dog walk through their community noticing and greeting the changes in landscape, animals, weather, and daylight. (LEM) 3

**Lift Your Light a Little Higher—The Story of Stephen Bishop: Slave-Explorer.** Heather Henson. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 31pp. Trade



ISBN 9781481420952, \$17.99. (I) In the 1840s, visitors to the Mammoth Cave System in Kentucky were led through the longest cave system in the United States by cave guide Stephen Bishop, who was enslaved. The author helps readers understand the freedom that existed under the ground in comparison to slave rights in the light. (CC) 125

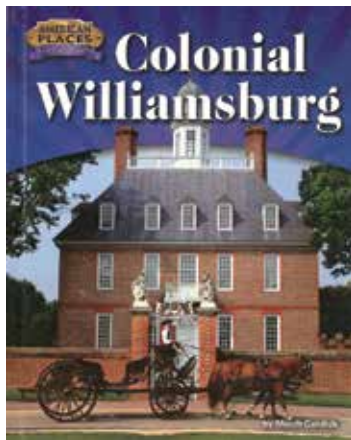
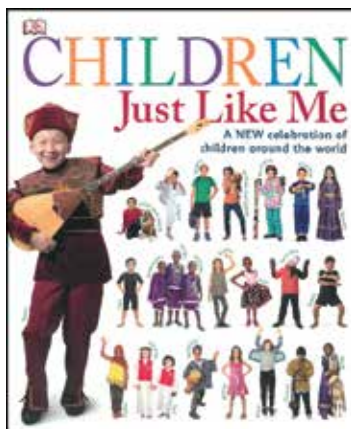
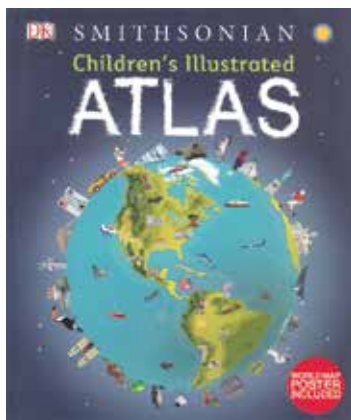
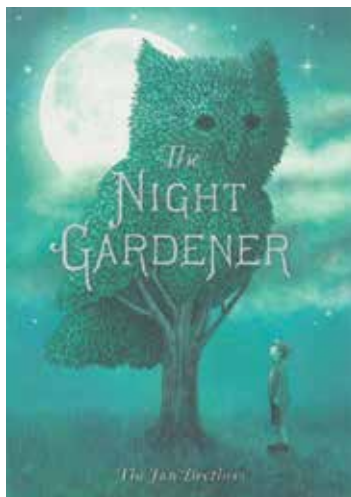
**Saving Wonder.** Mary Knight. Scholastic, Inc. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9780545828932, \$16.99. (I, M) Set in the Appalachian Mountains, a young boy struggles to choose between maintaining his family's way of life and the innate desire he has to protect the environment that he loves. (ML) 2320

**Solving the Puzzle under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor.** Robert Burleigh. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781481416009, \$17.99. (I, M) Despite the barriers in the 1940s for women scientists, Marie Tharp persevered and became one of the twentieth century's most important scientists. This historical fiction narrative will inspire boys and girls alike. Author's Note, Vocabulary, Bibliography, Interesting Websites, Things to Wonder about and Do. (CC) 2363

**The Night Gardener.** Terry Fan and Eric Fan. Simon & Schuster/ Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481439787, \$17.99. (P) The Night Gardener transforms one street in a depressed town through his nocturnal pruning of trees and bushes into animal-shaped topiaries. A beautifully illustrated story of neighborhood revitalization and the power a single person can have in a community. (JSP) 320

## FOLKTALES

**First Light, First Life: A Worldwide Creation Story.** Paul Fleishman. Illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781627791014, \$17.99. (P, I) Combining creation myths from a variety of cultures, the story in this beautifully illustrated book forms a continuous tale that is full of delightful discovery and unexpected harmony. (LFS) 1



## GEOGRAPHY/ PEOPLES/PLACES

**A Piece of Home.** Jeri Watts. Illustrated by Hyewon Yum. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763669713, \$16.99. (P) Heejun has recently moved from Korea and is struggling to adjust to his new life in the United States. A child-friendly story about the difficulties faced by immigrants. (ML) 139

**Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America.** Gail Jarrow. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 200pp. Trade ISBN 9781620917381, \$18.95. (M) A descriptive and compelling narrative of the spread of bubonic plague. Jarrow vividly describes how public health doctors worked tirelessly to uncover the source of the plague, how the disease spread, and how some political leaders tried to keep its spread to the United States secret. FAQs, Glossary, Timeline, Author's Note, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JSP) 23

**Children's Illustrated Atlas.** Andrew Brooks. Illustrated by Jeongeun Park. DK Publishing / Smithsonian Institute. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781465435552, \$15.99. (P, I, M, H) This Smithsonian children's atlas combines realistic pictures, maps, drawings, and other informational text features to create a visual introduction to the world. This text provides a great snapshot of the planet. Glossary, Index, Picture Quiz. (CC) 1339

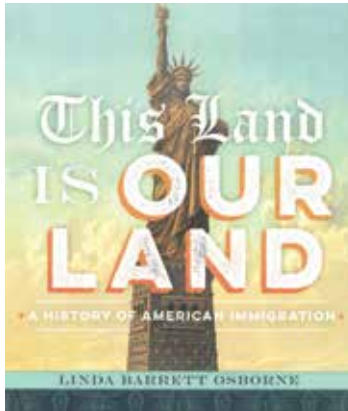
**Children Just Like Me: A New Celebration of Children around the World.** DK Publishing. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9781465453921, \$19.99. (P, I, M) Highlighting 36 countries, this book presents the daily lives of 44 children. An excellent informational text that would make a great addition to any social studies classroom or library. Glossary, Index. (ML) 139

**Colonial Williamsburg.** Meish Goldish. Bearport Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781944102463, \$26.60. (I) Using colorful photographs, interesting maps, and informative sidebars, this informational text examines the transformation of the neglected capital of colonial Virginia to an amazing living history museum. Part of the series, *American Places: From Vision to Reality*. Bibliography, Glossary, Index, Web Resources. (LFS) 123

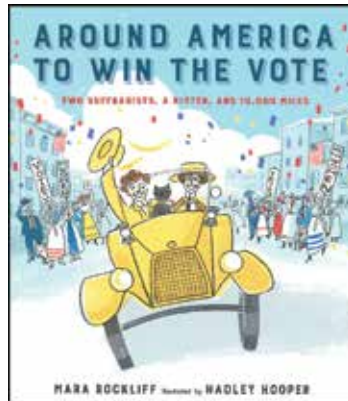
**Lost and Found: Adèle & Simon in China.** Barbara McClintock. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780374399238, \$17.99. (P) When Adèle and Simon arrive for a visit with their uncle in China, he buys Adèle a camera and Simon a number of small items, including a flute and fan. Set in the early 1900s, Adèle describes the sites they visit, including the Forbidden City and the Great Wall, on postcards to her mother and takes pictures along their journey, recording all of the places where Simon loses his gifts. Author's Note. (LL) ●●



**Marooned in the Arctic: The True Story of Ada Blackjack, the "Female Robinson Crusoe."** Peggy Caravantes. Chicago Review Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781613730980, \$19.95. (M, H) A captivating account of the 1921 Wrangel Island Expedition which, through a series of misfortunes, left Ada Blackjack alone on the island and desperate to survive. Source Notes. Bibliography. (ML) ●●

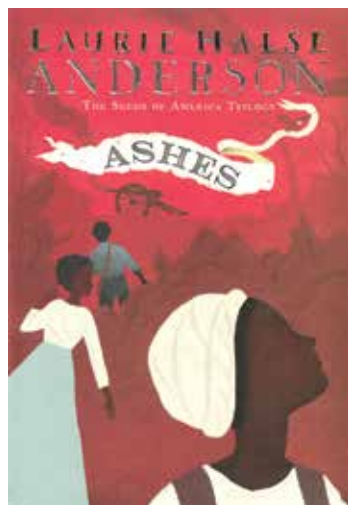


**The Hello Atlas.** Ben Handicott. Illustrated by Kenard Pak. Quarto Children's Publishing Group USA / Wide-Eyed Editions. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9781847808639, \$18.99. (P, I) Olá! Namaste! Ni Hao! This informational text allows young readers to explore the great diversity of languages across the world. The illustrations will encourage students to turn the page to see where in the world the author is taking them next. Foreword. Free App Download. (LL) ●●●



**This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration.** Linda Barrett Osborne. ABRAMS. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781419716607, \$24.95. (I, M) Explore the history of American immigration from the early colonists to the modern day with an emphasis on how different immigrant groups have faced discrimination and obstacles in their search for freedom. Author's Note. Bibliography. Index. (ML) ●●●

**Why Am I Here?** Constance Ørbeck-Nilssen and Akin Duzakin. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 31 pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854773, \$16.00. (P, I) Impactful and self-reflecting, a young girl wanders through life wondering what it would be like to live somewhere else. She ignites readers to consider the world around us through many lenses. (KH) ●●●



## HISTORY/LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS

**Alamo All-Stars: A Texas Tale.** Nathan Hale. ABRAMS / Amulet Books. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781419719028, \$12.95. (I, M) This graphic novel is the sixth in Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales Series. Featuring Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, Stephen Austin and Vicente Guerrero, the detailed illustrations and witty dialog explain Texas's fight for independence. Bibliography. (LFS) ●●

**America's Tea Parties: Not One but Four! Boston, Charleston, New York, Philadelphia.** Marissa Moss. ABRAMS. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718748, \$23.95. (I, M) Using informational text features and primary sources, the author portrays four ports, four tea parties, one monopoly on tea, an oppressive tax, and a heap of colonists ready for change. The table of contents, bibliography, glossary and index help students navigate and understand this text. (CC) ●●●

**Answering the Cry for Freedom: Stories of African Americans and the American Revolution.** Gretchen Woelfle. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9781629793061, \$18.95. (M) The experiences, dilemmas, and choices of 13 diverse African Americans, who lived during the American Revolution, are uncovered in this informational and well-sourced text. Excerpts from primary sources are included. Author Notes, Timelines, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (JG) ●●

**Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, A Kitten, and 10,000 Miles.** Mara Rockliff. Illustrated by Hadley Hooper. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678937, \$16.99. (P, I) Nell and Alice travel across the country to advance their suffragist message. Told with all of the energy these two woman must have had, it is an accessible entry point into a complex topic. Additional Information, Source Notes, Further Reading Suggestions. (JR) ●●●

**Ashes.** Laurie Halse Anderson. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781416961468, \$16.99. (M, H) With the Revolutionary War raging, Isabel sets out with her friend Curzon to find Isabel's younger sister and escape the horrors of slavery. Appendix, Vocabulary Words. (ML) 22

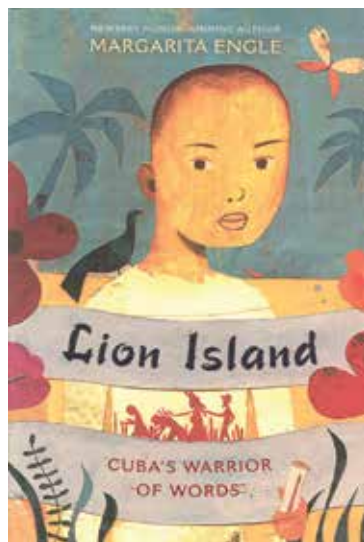
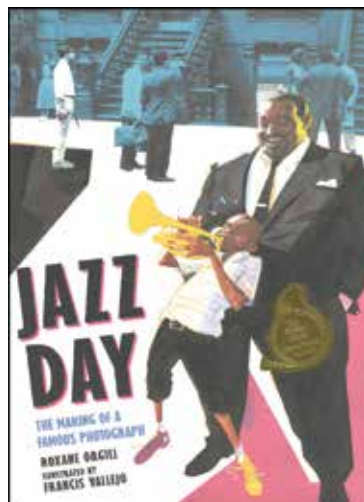
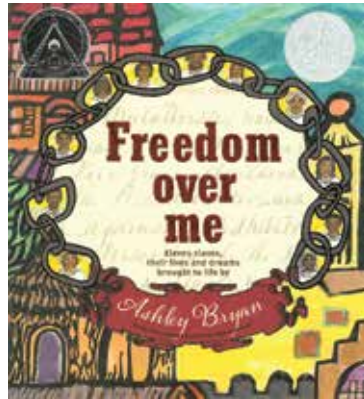
**Brave Like My Brother.** Marc Tyler Nobleman. Scholastic, Inc. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9780545880350, \$15.99. (I, M) After being drafted, Joe writes letters to his younger brother describing his missions and challenges as a World War II soldier. Charlie credits Joe as his role model and summons the strength to challenge a neighborhood bully. Author's Note. (LEM) 2692

**Awesome America.** Katy Steinmetz. Time, Inc. Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781618931498, \$24.95. (I, M) This informative, highly readable text includes primary sources, as well as graphics and text. Beginning with "Who Really Discovered America?" students explore American history, people, and culture from our founding to today. Glossary. Index. (LL) 13532

**Doing Her Bit: A Story about the Woman's Land Army of America.** Erin Hagar. Illustrated by Jen Hill. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580896467, \$16.95. (P) A fictional story based on true events, young readers will learn about the history of the Women's Land Army during World War I and the work of the farmerettes as they learned to farm and do their bit for the war effort. Author's Note. (LL) 522

**Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life.** Ashley Bryan. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781481456906, \$17.99. (I, M) Imagined narratives of slaves of various ages. Told in verse and wonderfully illustrated, this book could be used in a classroom of any age classroom to study perspective. Author's Note. (AMW) 35

**In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives.** Kenneth C. Davis. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781627793117, \$17.99. (M, H)



In this well-researched informational text, primary source documents bolster a compelling narrative that reveals the contradiction of slave ownership in a nation founded on the principles of equality and freedom. Bibliography, Index, Source Notes. (LFS) 527

**Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph.** Roxane Orgill. Illustrated by Francis Vallejo. Candlewick Press. 66pp. Trade ISBN 9780763669546, \$18.99. (P, I) In 1958, *Esquire* magazine planned a special issue about American Jazz. Art Kane's group photo of 57 jazz musicians became the famous photograph *Harlem 1958*. The reader will learn the inside story about the famous photograph through poetry and vivid illustrations. Author's Note, Biographies, Source Notes. (RR) 1233

**Liberty (Dogs of World War II).** Kirby Larson. Scholastic Press. 221pp. Trade ISBN 9780545840712, \$16.99. (I, M) A boy and a dog are at the heart of this tale set in 1940s New Orleans. This is a poignant story told from alternating viewpoints and touching on important themes such as race and war, loyalty, bravery, and patriotism. Author's Note. (KH) 25

**Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare.** Gene Barretta. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780805099454, \$17.99. (P, I) Many are aware of the connections and similarities between Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy. This picture book provides details about the presidents for young readers to compare. Glossary. Bibliography. (AMW) 62

**Lion Island: Cuba's Warrior of Words.** Margarita Engle. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9781481461122, \$16.99. (M) The engaging verses of this text are written from multiple perspectives of Cuban workers during Cuba's fight for independence from Spain. It skillfully illustrates the history and multi-ethnic identities of the Cuban people. Historical Note, References, Information for Further Reading. (JG) 1292

**Miss Paul and the President: The Creative Campaign for Women's Right to Vote.** Dean Robbins. Illustrated by Nancy Zhang. Random House Children's Books / Knopf Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN

9781101937204, \$17.99. (P, I, M, H) This wonderfully illustrated book tells the story of Alice Paul and how she was spurred to become a suffragist. Her personality and beliefs come through and engage young readers in the issue of voting equality. Author's Note, Bibliography. (RR) 12410

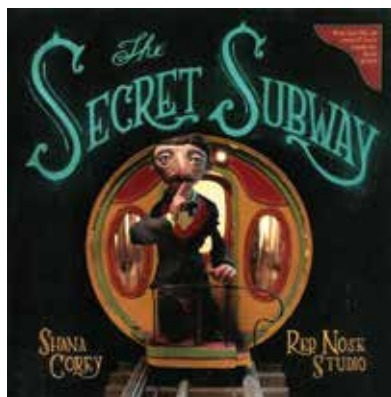
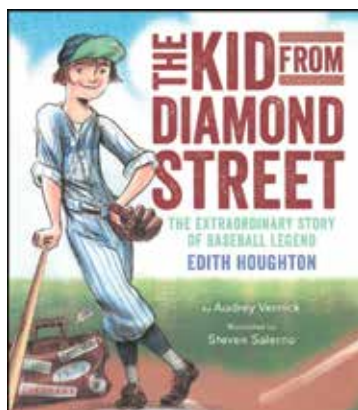
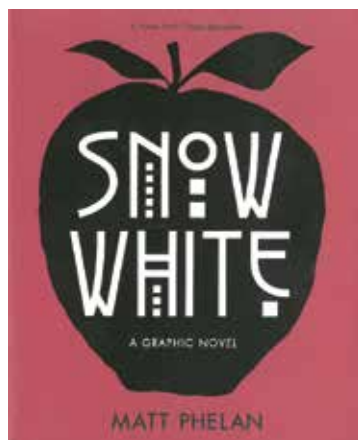
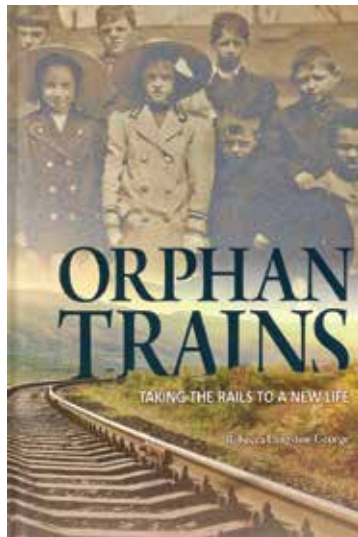
**Orphan Trains: Taking the Rails to a New Life.** Rebecca Langston-George. Capstone Press / Capstone Young Readers. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781623706302, \$6.95. (I) This informational book tells the story of orphans who were resettled with families in the Midwest, with varying degrees of success. Historical photos help bring the children to life. Timeline, Glossary, Additional Sources, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (JR) 236

**Paper Wishes.** Lois Sepabahn. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9780374302160, \$16.99. (I, M) In 1942, a Japanese American girl and her family are forced to live in a prison camp in the California desert. While coping with the move, loss of their dog, and forgiveness, Manami enters a silent period. Author's Note, Resources. (LEM) 26910

**River Runs Deep.** Jennifer Bradbury. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9781442468252, \$7.99 (M, H) Elias is a 12-year-old boy suffering from consumption. He is sent to Kentucky's Mammoth Cave to experience the "cave vapors" that are supposed to cure the disease. During his stay, Elias befriends the slaves that work for Doc Croghan, and begins to question his beliefs about owning slaves. Further Reading. (RR) 12410

**Runs with Courage.** Joan M. Wolf. Sleeping Bear Press. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9781585369850, \$16.99. (M) In 1880, Four Winds, a strong-willed Lakota girl, is taken from her family and placed in a harsh culturally insensitive boarding school where she is taught English and expected to assimilate into the white culture. Author's Note. (LFS) 332

**Scar: A Revolutionary War Tale.** J. Albert Mann. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781629794655, \$16.95. (P) The year is 1779 and critically wounded 16-year-old Noah Daniels, through a series of flashbacks, describes the events prior to a violent battle between the local militia and a Mohawk raiding party. Bibliography. (LFS) 231



**Snow White: A Graphic Novel.** Matt Phelan. Candlewick Press. 216pp. Trade ISBN 9780763672331, \$19.99. (I, M) The noir-like illustrations and limited text present a compelling story of Snow White set in New York City during the Great Depression. Snow's adventures with Queen of the Follies and the Seven of Hooverville will prompt discussions and inquiries. (LEM) 267

**The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial.** Susan E. Goodman. Illustrated by E. B. Lewis. Bloomsbury USA. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780802737397, \$17.99. (P, I) Goodman skillfully chronicles the story of how the 1849 *Roberts v. City of Boston* paved the way for the many "first steps," both forward and backward, towards a more just education system, with which we still struggle today. *Marching Toward Equality: An Integration Timeline, What Happened to Our Heroes?, Sources and Resources*, Author's Note. (LEM) 2610

**The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton.** Audrey Vernick. Illustrated by Steven Salerno. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780544611634, \$17.99. (P, I) The amazing story of Edith Houghton, a young girl who played professional baseball and traveled the world on a team in the early twentieth century. Houghton's life is an inspiration for female athletes. Author's Note. (AMW) 32

**The Secret Subway.** Shana Corey. Illustrated by Red Nose Studio. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780375870712, \$17.99. (P) Photographs of handmade three-dimensional dioramas illustrate the remarkable story of inventor Alfred Ely Beach who secretly built the first underground train in New York City during the late 1860s. Author's Note, Bibliography, Web Resources. (LFS) 324

**Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry.** Susan Vaught. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781481422796, \$16.99. (I, M) As Dani grapples with her grandmother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, she begins to discover family secrets from the civil rights era. Dani embarks on a quest to find a secret key and envelop her grandmother has hidden. The deeper she and her friends dig, the more secrets they uncover. (ML) 120

**To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and The Tragic Journey of the Donner Party.** Skila Brown. Candlewick Press. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678111, \$17.99. (M) Nineteen-year-old Mary Ann Graves's adventure west is told through poetry in this first person narrative about a young survivor of the 1846 Donner Party. Traveling with her family, she dreams of a new life in California, but must survive a deadly winter in the Sierra Nevada, facing loss and making sacrifices in a story of perseverance. (LL) ⑤

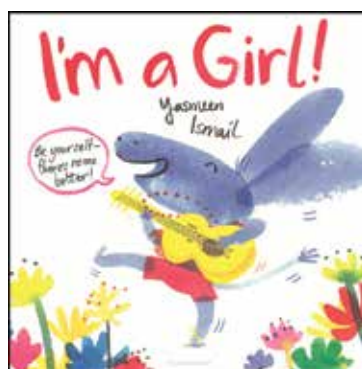
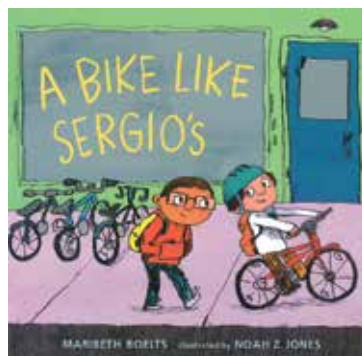
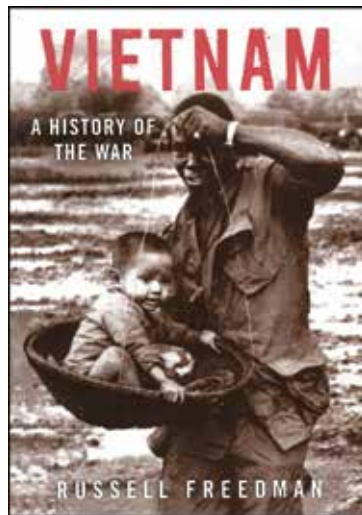
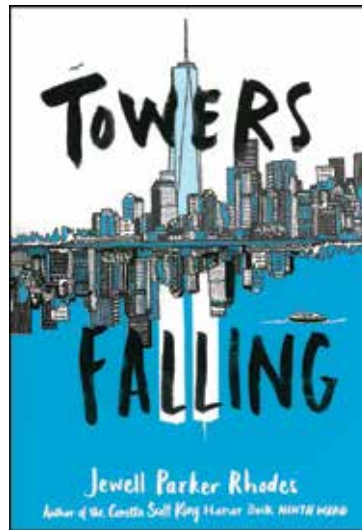
**Towers Falling.** Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780316262224, \$16.99. (I) Homeless fifth grader Déja enters a new school and begins a difficult journey of exploration about home, family and why her father is sick and so angry when she mentions the missing Twin Towers from the New York City skyline. As Déja makes new friends, she learns how the events of 9/11 relate to herself, her school, and community. Author's Note. (JSP) ②④

**Trouble the Water.** Frances O'Roark Dowell. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781481424639, \$16.99. (I, M) In their struggle to find the owner of a stray dog, a black girl and a white boy face the reality of segregation in their Kentucky town, in 1953. (ML) ②④⑥

**Vietnam: A History of the War.** Russell Freedman. Holiday House. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780823436583, \$20.00. (I, M, H) Newberry Medalist Russell Freedman presents a descriptive and engaging look at the Vietnam War, and the controversies and contention that still surround it, while also examining current day Vietnam. Timeline, Source Notes, Glossary, Index. (RR) ②③⑤⑥⑩

**What is a Veteran, Anyway?** Robert C. Snyder, Ph.D. Illustrated by Ron Himler. Blue Marlin Publications. 29pp. Trade ISBN 9780988529557, \$17.95. (I) This Veteran's Day text highlights the sacrifice and service of the men and women in the Armed Services. It celebrates the many facets of being a veteran and recognizes the dedication it takes as well as the cost. Veterans Day Activities List. (CC) ②⑤⑥⑩

**You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen.** Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Jeffery Boston Weatherford. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 96pp.



Trade ISBN 9781481449380, \$16.99. (I, M, H) The story of the African American pilots of World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen, told in verse and beautifully illustrated in graphic black and white sketches. Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography. (AMW) ③

## SOCIAL INTERACTIONS/ RELATIONSHIPS

**A Bike Like Sergio's.** Maribeth Boelts. Illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763666491, \$15.99. (P, I) When Ruben picks up someone's lost money, he learns how hard it is to do the right thing, but realizes that with sacrifice comes peace of mind. (KH) ③④

**Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire.** Sundee T. Frazier. Scholastic, Inc. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9780545822350, \$16.99. (I) Creative, entrepreneurial, and impulsive fifth-grader Cleo Oliver changes her middle name to Edison as she deals with friendships, family dynamics, and the complexities of being adopted. (LFS) ②⑦

**Everyone.** Christopher Silas Neal. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763676834, \$15.99. (P) Powerful in its simplicity, this book reminds young readers that we all share similar feelings, both good and bad, and that it's okay to discuss our range of emotions. (JR) ④

**Falling Over Sideways.** Jordan Sonnenblick. Scholastic, Inc. / Scholastic Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780545863247, \$17.99. (M, H) Eighth-grade Claire's life is difficult. Her best friends have surpassed her in dance class, the mean girls at school are...mean, and she's in competition for first-chair saxophone status with Ryder, her nemesis. Then, her dad has a stroke. As life becomes unrecognizable to Claire, she finds support in the unlikelyst of places and the unlikelyst of friends. (RR) ①④⑤

**Ghosts.** Raina Telgemeier. Scholastic, Inc. / GRAPHIX. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9780545540629, \$10.99. (I). Telgemeier captivates readers in a graphic novel that uncovers careful childhood reflection on illness and death and also as provides an authentic context of rich cultural traditions. It is exciting, heart-warming, and thought provoking. Author's Note (JG) ②④

**I'm a Girl!** Yasmien Ismail. Bloomsbury USA. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781408858486,

\$16.99. (P, I) A little girl humorously expresses her love of learning, spontaneity, bravery, and winning but is constantly mistaken for a boy. After meeting a friend also facing gender stereotypes, they decide it's important to be yourself. (LEM) 5

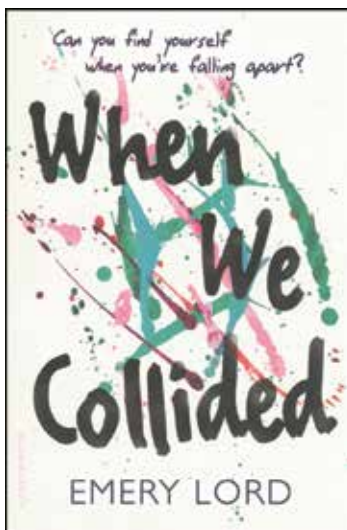
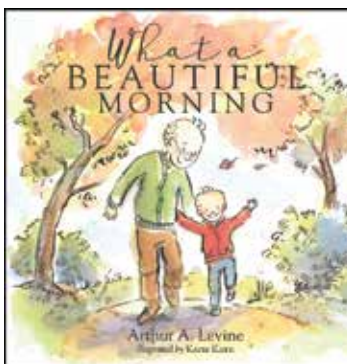
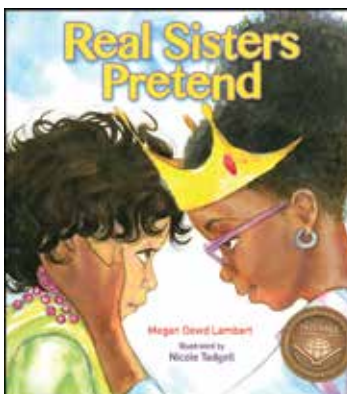
**Look Up!** Jung Jin-Ho. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780823436521, \$16.95. (P, I) From her balcony, a girl in a wheelchair beckons passersby to "look up." Eventually, a boy waves and others follow. Jin-Ho's nearly wordless picture book eloquently prompts readers to consider the importance of acknowledgement, inclusion, and perspective. (LEM) 1 7 6

**Raymie Nightingale.** Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780763681173, \$16.99. (I, M) Raymie Nightingale's father has left her and her mother, and it's up to Raymie to get him to come back home. If she wins the Little Miss Central Florida Tire Competition, he will see her in the paper and want to come home. During the process, she becomes friends with her two competitors Louisiana Elefante and Beverly Tapinski. This is a wonderfully engaging story about growing up and creating support systems. (RR) 1 7 10

**Real Sisters Pretend.** Megan Dowd Lambert. Illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Tilbury House Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780884484417, \$16.95. (P) This is a story of two sisters, who, as they play pretend princesses, talk about how adoption made them real sisters. The conversation, overheard by their two moms, is told in simple, yet moving, words. (LL) 7 7

**Rookie of the Year (Rip and Red).** Phil Bildner. Illustrated by Tim Probert. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780374301347, \$15.99. (I) A follow up to last year's Notable book *A Whole New Ballgame*, Mr. Acevado's diverse class gets a new student (daughter of an Egyptian animal-rights activist) and takes a jump into civil disobedience as they strive to improve their cafeteria. (JR) 6 6 6

**The Honest Truth.** Dan Gemeinhart. Scholastic, Inc. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780545665735, \$16.99. (I/M) Mark copes with cancer by running away with his dog to pursue his dream of climbing a mountain. His best friend Jessie struggles with keeping her promise to him. What does it mean to be a friend? What does it mean to live? (LEM) 3 7



**The Possibility of Now.** Kim Culbertson. Scholastic Inc. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780545731461, \$17.99. (H, M) Mara is a perfectionist until someone posts a video of her anxiety-driven panic attack that goes viral. Now she is faced with trying to find balance in her suddenly changed world. (JR) 7 3 7

**The Quickest Kid in Clarksville.** Pat Zietlow Miller. Illustrated by Frank Morrison. Chronicle Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781452129365, \$16.99. (P, I) When Alta meets a girl with a competitive spirit and brand-new running shoes, she has to remind herself how three-time Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph overcame obstacles greater than worn-out sneakers. Author's Note. (BLS) 2 1 7

**The Sound of All Things.** Myron Uhlberg. Illustrated by Ted Papoulas. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781561458332, \$17.95. (I) This moving picture book set in 1930s Coney Island conveys the author's memories of learning to explain the sounds of all things around him to his deaf parents. Author's Note. (CC) 7 3 7

**Thunder Boy Jr.** Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780316013727, \$17.99. (P, I) Little Thunder struggles with being named after his dad and seeks his own special name that honors his identity and life goals. By the end, his dad "reads his heart" and offers the perfect name. Illustrator's Note. (LEM) 7 7

**What a Beautiful Morning.** Arthur A. Levine. Illustrated by Katie Kane. Running Press / Running Press Kids. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780762459063, \$16.95. (P) This picture book thoughtfully presents a difficult topic for young students. Noah is confused when his grandfather begins to lose his memory of their special traditions. The powerful illustrations help to tell this important story. (JR) 6 6

**When We Collided.** Emery Lord. Bloomsbury USA. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781619638457, \$17.99. (H) This modern-day novel told from two points of view highlights an honest look at two romantically involved teenagers, one grappling with his grief over the sudden loss of his father, and one struggling with her bipolar disorder. Author's Note, Resources. (BLS) 7

## WORLD HISTORY & CULTURE

### Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi

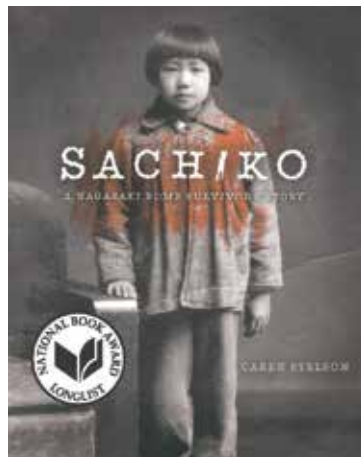
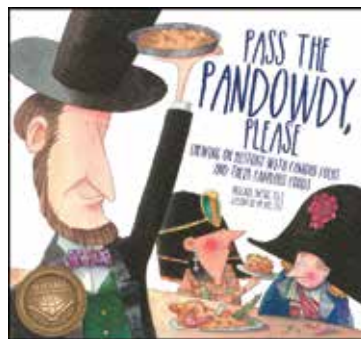
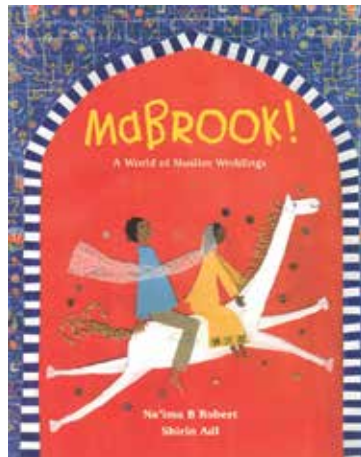
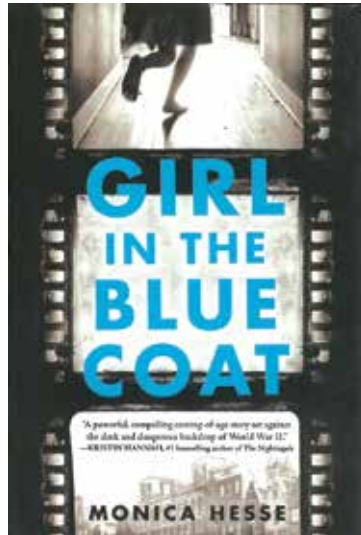
**Story.** Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus. Illustrated by Evan Turk. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481442657, \$18.99. (P, I) Gandhi was a great civil rights leader and leader of India's independence movement, but he was also a grandfather with wisdom to share. Written by his grandson Arun, this is a beautiful story of family lessons learned. Author's Note. (AMW) ②③

**Captain.** Sam Angus. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Feiwel & Friends. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781250061379, \$17.99. (M) Billy has lied about his age to enlist in the British army and quickly learns about the horrors of war. While the fighting takes an emotional toll on Billy's mind and heart, his friendship with Captain helps him to heal and learn the true power of friendship. (JSP) ①②③④

✿ **Cloud and Wallfish.** Anne Nesbet. Candlewick Press. 400pp. Trade ISBN 9780763688035, \$16.99. (M, H) This engaging novel, set right before the fall of the Berlin Wall, tells the story of a young American boy whose parents abruptly decide to move the family to East Germany in 1989. Noah joins forces with his new neighbor Cloud-Claudia in this story of walls and intrigue. (AMW) ②③⑥

**Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea.** Sungju Lee and Susan McClelland. ABRAMS / Amulet Books. 236pp. Trade ISBN 9781419721328, \$16.95. (M, H) With simple but powerful language, this first-person memoir describes a once privileged 12-year-old boy's desperate struggle to survive in famine stricken North Korea after his parents' disappearance. Glossary. (LFS) ⑤⑥⑦

**Girl in the Blue Coat.** Monica Hesse. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780316260602, \$17.99. (H) Hanneke is a 16-year-old girl living in Amsterdam during World War II. As she mourns her boyfriend who was killed on the Dutch front lines, she takes on the enormously dangerous task of finding a missing Jewish teenager during the Nazi invasion. Note on Historical Accuracy. (BLS) ③④⑤



**Mabrook! A World of Muslim Weddings.** Na'ima B. Robert. Illustrated by Shirin Adl. Quarto Children's Publishing USA / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781847805881, \$17.99. (P, I) *Mabrook!* takes readers inside the world of Muslim weddings, including festive traditions like henna parties, drums and dancing, clothing traditions, and blessings and vows, from Pakistan, Morocco, Somalia, and the UK. Author's Note, Glossary. (RR) ①②⑤

**Mission Mumbai: A Novel of Sacred Cows, Snakes, and Stolen Toilets.** Mahtab Narsimhan. Scholastic, Inc. / Scholastic Press. 277pp. Trade ISBN 9780545746519, \$16.99. (M) Dylan is invited by his best friend Rohit Lal on the family's trip to Mumbai, India. Dylan is excited to get away from his constantly fighting parents and work on his photography. Rohit is hoping that he can convince his own family that staying in the United States is good for him and that he will not have to remain in India. Both boys struggle with their individual problems and this test of their friendship. (RR) ①④

**Pass the Pandowdy, Please: Chewing on History with Famous Folks and Their Fabulous Foods.** Abigail Ewing Zelz. Illustrated by Eric Zelz. Tilbury House Publishers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780884484684, \$17.95. (P, I) This delightful book tells the stories of historic figures across time, including Cleopatra, Moctezuma and Mohandas Gandhi, through the lens of their favorite foods. A fun and entertaining way to learn about the past. Author's Note. Timeline. (LL) ①③⑦⑧

✿ **Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story.** Caren Stelson. Lerner Publishing Group. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781467789035, \$19.99. (M, H) Sachiko was just six years old when the atomic bomb dropped a half-mile from where she was playing. This informational text provides a remarkable new perspective on Sachiko and her family enduring the blast and persevering through the physical, emotional, and social trauma that followed. Author's Note, Family Tree, Glossary, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index. (BLS) ③④⑤

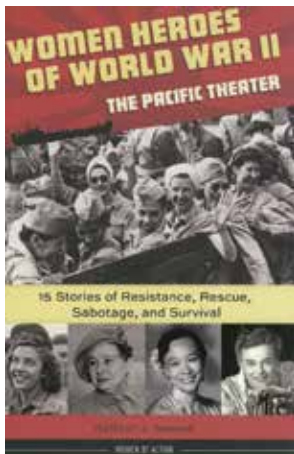
**The Tree in the Courtyard: Looking through Anne Frank's Window.** Jeff Gottesfeld. Illustrated by Peter McCarty. Random House Children's Books / Knopf Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780385753975, \$17.99. (I) A unique

perspective on Anne Frank's story, this book tells Anne's story from the point of view of the tree outside her window. Afterword. (AMW) 32

**The World Beneath.** Janice Warman. Candlewick Press. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678562, \$16.99. (H). Young Joshua faces tough decisions on moral action as he navigates the underground of South Africa's apartheid. Glossary, Author's Note, Amnesty International Information. (JG) 2569

**We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler.** Russell Freedman. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9780544223790, \$17.99. (M, H) This rich informational and well researched text tells the story of Hans Scholl and his sister Sophie who belonged to the Hitler Youth organization. Once older and with several friends, they formed the White Rose campaign as an active resistance to Nazi Germany. Source Notes, Selected Bibliography, Index. (BLS) 26

**Women Heroes of World War II, The Pacific Theater: 15 Stories of Resistance, Rescue, Sabotage, & Survival.** Kathryn J. Atwood. Chicago Review Press. 235pp. Trade ISBN 9781613731680, \$19.99. (M, H) Victory in the Pacific Theater came through the paths of spies, fighters, prisoners of war, survivors, courageous heroines of World War II. Atwood paints vivid pictures of how 15 women helped change history. (CC) 2569



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