

OTHEGUY, EMMA

Sofía Acosta Makes a SceneKNOPF, 2022
9780593372630

Sofía's Cuban American family is filled with talented ballet dancers, but that doesn't help her when she mistakenly lets slip another Cuban dancer's plans to defect to the United States.

PARTRIDGE, ELIZABETH

Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration

Illus. by Lauren Tamaki

CHRONICLE, 2022
9781452165103

Learn about what happened to Americans of Japanese descent during World War II through the work of three photographers who captured life in the prison camps.

PÉREZ, CELIA C.

TumbleKOKILA, 2022
9780593325179

Addie Ramírez starts to put together the puzzle of who makes up her family, including her biological father's luchador side of the family. A heartwarming story of belonging, self-discovery, and professional wrestling.

RYAN, PAM MUÑOZ

MañanalandSCHOLASTIC, 2020
9781338157864

A magical coming-of-age story that offers a window into how and why someone becomes a refugee as well as its effects on their life. *Also available in Spanish.*

SHANG, WENDY

WAN-LONG**The Secret Battle of Evan Pao**SCHOLASTIC, 2022
9781338678857

As the new kid in a small town and the only Asian American student in school,

Evan faces bullying. A Civil War reenactment provides an opportunity for Evan to stand up for himself.

SOONTORNVAT, CHRISTINA

The Last MapmakerCANDLEWICK, 2022
9781536204957

Sai, assistant to a renowned mapmaker, runs away to explore the uncharted southern seas, but she faces dangers and secrets along the way that risk her chances of escaping her past and securing a better future.

TORRES, JENNIFER

The Do-OverSCHOLASTIC, 2022
9781338754193

When twins Raquel and Lucinda Mendoza find out that they must spend the rest of the school year at their father's ranch instead of in the city with their mom, they hatch a plan to bring their parents closer together.

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AHMED, SAMIRA

Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds

LITTLE, BROWN, 2021
9780316540469

A fantasy-adventure novel based on Islamic folklore, featuring siblings who are tasked with saving the world from a demon.

**ARMENDÁRIZ, LUISANA
DUARTE**

Julietta and the Diamond Enigma

TU BOOKS, 2020
9781643790466

Julietta gets to accompany her father on a work trip to the Louvre in Paris! When the Regent Diamond is stolen, Julieta must work to find the thief so her father is not blamed. *Also available in Spanish.*

ATINUKE

Too Small Tola

ILLUS. BY **Onyinye Iwu**
CANDLEWICK, 2021
9781536211276

Three short and funny chapters follow Tola, a young girl who lives in Lagos,

Nigeria, with her siblings and grandmother.

BARTON, CHRIS

Moving Forward: From Space-Age Rides to Civil Rights Sit-Ins with Airman Alton Yates

ILLUS. BY **Steffi Walthall**
BEACH LANE, 2022
9781534473652

The story of Alton Yates, an Air Force veteran who, after returning from duty, devoted his time to standing up to Jim Crow laws. Based on exclusive interviews with the author.

BROWN, DANIELLE

Run like a Girl

BUTTON BOOKS, 2021
9781787081086

Written by a white Paralympian, this collection celebrates women from every corner of the sports world. Profiles include biographical details and fun facts.

CHRISTMAS, JOHNNIE

Swim Team

ILLUS. BY **the author**
HARPER ALLEY, 2022
9780063056770

A graphic novel about a girl moving to a new town and joining her middle-school swim team. Layered in the book is the history of racism in regards to swimming and how that history continues to impact Black people today.

CISNEROS, ERNESTO

Falling Short

QUILL TREE, 2022
9780062881724

Marco and Isaac are best friends, and they need one another's support more than ever as they encounter challenges in sixth grade. Marco wants to try out for the basketball team, while Isaac needs to improve his grades.

COLLIER, NICOLE D.

Just Right Jillian

ILLUS. BY **Kitt Thomas**
VERSIFY, 2022
9780358434610

Fifth-grader Jillian learns how to speak up and come out of her own shell while her class hatches chicks as a science project.

DOBBS, ALDA P.

The Other Side of the River

SOURCEBOOKS, 2021
9781728238449

A sequel to Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna in which Petra and her family begin a new life in the United States in 1913 after fleeing the Mexican Revolution.

ENGLE, MARGARITA

Singing with Elephants

VIKING, 2022
9780593206690

In this novel in verse set in the 1940s, Oriol moves with her veterinarian parents from Cuba to Santa Barbara, California. There she meets the poet Gabriela Mistral and finds her own voice to advocate for change.

FRANCO, BETSY

Counting in Dog Years and Other Sassy Math Poems

ILLUS. BY **Priscilla Tez**
CANDLEWICK, 2022
9781536201161

A humorous poetry collection that explores math in a way that relates to the daily lives of children. The book pairs math with English language arts in a fun way.

GETTEN, KEREEN

If You Read This

DELACORTE, 2022
9780593174005

On her twelfth birthday, Brie receives one final treasure hunt from her mother, who passed away three years ago. To complete it, she will need help from family and friends in her Jamaican community.

GLASER, KARINA YAN

A Duet for Home

CLARION, 2022
9780544876408

June and Tyrell, residents of the homeless shelter Huey House, bond over a shared love of music and a fight to save their home from a new housing policy that threatens to force families out before they are ready.

GONZALES, CHUCK

Carlos Gomez Freestyles . . . Heavy on the Style

ILLUS. BY **the author**
REYCRRAFT, 2021
9781478874126

Carlos Gomez struggles to fit in in his community in Sioux

Falls, South Dakota. When faced with the opportunity to join the BMX stunt team at a talent competition, Carlos finds his own way to shine in this hilarious and vibrant graphic novel.

HIRANANDANI, VEERA

How to Find What You're Not Looking For

KOKILA, 2021
9780525555032

Ariel's Jewish family is rocked when her older sister elopes with her boyfriend from India shortly after the Loving v. Virginia ruling. Ari must navigate friendships, family financial troubles, and the diagnosis of a learning disability without her beloved sister.

KELLY, ERIN ENTRADA

Surely Surely Marisol Rainey

ILLUS. BY **the author**
GREENWILLOW, 2022
9780062970459

In a new installment of the chapter-book series, Marisol must face two whole weeks of kickball in P.E. class! The charming illustrations add personality to a sweet story about everyday challenges.

KHAN, HENA

Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun

ILLUS. BY **Wastana Haikal**
SALAAM READS, 2022
9781534497597

Zara Saleem organizes games and activities in her neighborhood for all the

kids to play. When she is supplanted by a new kid, Zara sets out to break a world record to regain her influence.

KIRKWOOD, KATHLYN J.

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round: My Story of the Making of Martin Luther King Day

ILLUS. BY **Steffi Walthall**
VERSIFY, 2022
9780358387268

This memoir in verse tells of the author's life of activism, beginning when she was a child through adulthood. The book can be used as a blueprint for young activists looking to make a difference.

MCGOWAN, ANTHONY

Dogs of the Deadlands

ROCK THE BOAT, 2022
9780861543199

Set in 1986 in the aftermath of Chernobyl and the spaces humans left behind, this is the story of a dog's survival in the wilds. Full of love and hope.

