

PUJJI, DEEPIKA KAUR

**The Hair She Wears**

Illus. by Agus Prajogo  
PAW PRINTS, 2023  
9781223186818

Follow a young Sikh girl in a rhyming celebration of her kes (uncut hair) and all the ways she wears it.

RAÚL THE THIRD

**¡Vamos! Let's Go Read**

Illus. by the author  
VERSIIFY, 2023  
9780358539360

Little Lobo and friends can't wait for the book festival at the Guadalupean Library! This is a loving ode to libraries and all they offer, as well as the librarians who are there to help.

RHUDAY-PERKOVICH,  
OLUGBEMISOLA**Makeda Makes a Birthday Treat**

Illus. by Lydia Mba  
BALZER + BRAY, 2023  
9780063217263

Makeda eagerly makes her favorite coconut drops to celebrate her birthday but worries that her classmates won't care for the special treat.

ROCKLIFF, MARA

**Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott**

Illus. by R. Gregory Christie  
RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2022  
9781524720643

Georgia Gilmore is an inspiring civil rights figure who is celebrated in this picture-book biography. She proved ordinary people could make a difference by selling pies to support the Montgomery bus boycott.

SALAZAR, AIDA

**Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter**

Illus. by Molly Mendoza  
SCHOLASTIC, 2023  
9781338283419

A picture-book biography about the Mexican freedom fighter Jovita Valdovinos, raised by her grandmother, who fought as a Cristero feminist in the 1920s against her government to preserve religious freedom.

STERLING, MICHELLE

**Maribel's Year**

Illus. by Sarah Gonzales  
KATHERINE TEGEN BOOKS, 2023  
9780063114357

Maribel and her mama spend an eventful year in their new home in a new country while anxiously waiting for Papa to join them from the Philippines.

VALDEZ, REV

**Bunso Meets a Mumu**

Illus. by the author  
PAW PRINTS, 2023  
9781223186399

After the Mumu (the Filipino boogeyman) ruins his fun, Bunso decides to capture it and makes a surprising discovery.

VILELA, FERNANDO

**Along the Tapajós**

Illus. by the author  
AMAZON CROSSING KIDS, 2019  
9781542008686

This illustrates the seasonal life of a family hunkering down to survive in the Amazon rainforest. *Also available in Portuguese.*

WEN, LENNY

**Spicy Spicy Hot!**

Illus. by the author  
LITTLE, BROWN, 2023  
9780316281027

Lintang is excited to finally meet her Indonesian grandmother and taste her famous sambal, but it is spicy spicy hot! Undaunted, Lintang keeps trying, so Nenek teaches her about the different chilies and preparation methods to make various kinds of sambal. Recipe included.

WYNTER, ANNE

**Nell Plants a Tree**

Illus. by Daniel Miyares  
BALZER + BRAY, 2023  
9780062865779

As a child, Nell carefully plants a seed that grows into a pecan tree her family enjoys for generations to come.

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### K-Grade 2

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**AGUILERA, CLAUDIO**  
**9 Kilometers**

**Illus. by Gabriela Lyon**  
EERDMANS, 2023  
9780802856005  
A young boy walks nine kilometers (more than five miles) every day to school. Along the way, he encounters twists and turns, animals, plants, birds, and butterflies. Back matter includes information about children from around the world and the many ways they get to school.  
*Also available in Spanish.*

**AL-HATHLOUL, LINA, AND UMA MISHRA-NEWBERY**  
**Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers**

**Illus. by Rebecca Green**  
MINEDITION, 2022  
9781662650642  
A girl dares to accomplish the impossible dream of learning to fly in a country where only boys are allowed flying privileges.

**ÁLVAREZ, DAVID, AND DAVID BOWLES**  
**Ancient Night**

**Illus. by David Álvarez**  
LEVINE QUERIDO, 2023  
9781646142514  
A twist on traditional Nahua moon and sun creation stories, representing the folklore of Mexico and Central America.  
*Also available in Spanish. (Bilingual)*

**BARNES, DERRICK**  
**Like Lava in My Veins**

**Illus. by Shawn Martinbrough**  
NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2023  
9780525518747  
Bobby Beacon attends a school for kids with superpowers to help him manage his lava powers, but he is frequently ignored and scolded by his teacher. When he gets a new, empathetic teacher, he finds ways to use his superpowers to save the school.

**BIRKJÆR, BETINA**  
**Coffee, Rabbit, Snowdrop, Lost**

**Illus. by Anna Margrethe Kjøgaard**  
ENCHANTED LION, 2021  
9781592703739  
A young child's experience with a grandfather's dementia.  
*Also available in Danish.*

**FERNÁNDEZ NITSCHE, MELISA**

**Cantora: Mercedes Sosa, the Voice of Latin America**

**Illus. by the author**  
KNOPF, 2023  
9780593645970  
A picture-book biography about the Argentinian singer considered to be the voice of her people. *Also available in Spanish.*

**GIANG, KRISTEN MAI**  
**Last Flight**

**Illus. by Dow Phumiruk**  
LEVINE QUERIDO, 2023  
9781646140862  
A historic event is told through the eyes of an eight-year-old as she and her family journey from

Saigon to America on the last flight out of her home country before the fall of the city.

**GOPAL, JYOTI RAJAN**  
**My Paati's Saris**

**Illus. by Art Twink**  
KOKILA, 2022  
9780593324608  
A young boy revels in the beauty, stories, and safety of his grandmother's colorful saris as the two go to the market, prepare a meal, and attend a celebration. The next day, he gets to try on one of her saris.

**GORMAN, AMANDA**  
**Something, Someday**

**Illus. by Christian Robinson**  
VIKING, 2023  
9780593203255  
A loving ode to small acts of kindness and how small things can create big changes.

**HARVEY, JEANNE WALKER**

**Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas**

**Illus. by Loveis Wise**  
HARPER, 2022  
9780063021891  
A vibrant biography of groundbreaking artist Alma Thomas, whose work has been featured in museums throughout the country as well as in the White House's collection.

**KATONA, ALEXANDRA**  
**Dinner on Domingos**

**Illus. by Claudia Navarro**  
BAREFOOT BOOKS, 2021  
9781646862931  
A girl gathers with her extended family at Abuelita's

house for weekly Sunday dinners, which include games with her cousins, dancing, and preparing and enjoying traditional Ecuadorian foods. Mainly in English with some Spanish words; a glossary and recipe are included.

**KAZI, NATASHA KHAN**  
**Moon's Ramadan**

**Illus. by the author**  
VERSIFY, 2023  
9780358694090  
This book about Ramadan shows celebrations from many countries, along with the phases of the moon that track the month and the celebrations. There is also extensive information in the back, as well as a touch of STEAM with the phases of the moon and their terms used throughout the book.

**LIN, GRACE**  
**Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends behind Your Favorite Foods**

**Illus. by the author**  
LITTLE, BROWN, 2023  
9780316486002  
A new and creative look at Chinese American culture, history, myths, and legends, organized like the courses of a Chinese meal.

**LINDSTROM, CAROLE**  
**My Powerful Hair**

**Illus. by Steph Littlebird**  
ABRAMS, 2023  
9781419759437  
In celebration of hair and its importance to Indigenous cultures, significant events in a young girl's life and the

passage of time are connected to the length of her hair.

**LLANOS, MARIANA**  
**Benita and the Night Creatures**

**Illus. by Cocoretto**  
BAREFOOT BOOKS, 2023  
9798888590027  
All the night creatures want to do is their job of scaring, but nothing can come between Benita and her book! This clever spin on bedtime reading shows monsters don't have to be so scary.

**LONEY, ANDREA J.**  
**Curve & Flow: The Elegant Vision of L.A. Architect Paul R. Williams**

**Illus. by Keith Mallett**  
KNOPF, 2022  
9780593429075  
A picture-book biography of Paul R. Williams, an orphaned boy who grew into an architect famous for shaping the Los Angeles landscape.

**MADISON, MEGAN, AND JESSICA RALLI**  
**Together: A First Conversation about Love**

**Illus. by Anne/Andy Passchier**  
RISE X PENGUIN WORKSHOP, 2023  
9780593522882  
Straightforward, simple text and clear illustrations create jumping-off points for conversations with young children about love, relationships, and families.

**MCCARTHY, CORY**  
**Hope Is an Arrow: The Story of Lebanese American Poet Kahlil Gibran**

**Illus. by Ekua Holmes**  
CANDLEWICK, 2022  
9781536200324  
A picture-book biography of poet Kahlil Gibran and his journey from his homeland to America near the turn of the twentieth century.

**NELSON, S. D.**  
**Grandma's Tipi: A Present-Day Lakota Story**

**Illus. by the author**  
ABRAMS, 2023  
9781419731921  
A tipi chronicles the everyday life of a young girl visiting her grandmother on the reservation. As they tell stories, sing songs, and sleep under the stars, the tipi brings the family closer together.

**NERUDA, PABLO**  
**Book of Questions**

**Illus. by Paloma Valdivia**  
ENCHANTED LION, 2022  
9781592703227  
Using Neruda's original poetry from *The Book of Questions*, this illustrated edition explores the many questions we may have about our world and one another, presented here in both English and Spanish.  
*(Bilingual)*

