

workplace conditions and her own goals.

**SAID, S. F.**

**Tyger**

Illus. by Dave McKean  
PENGUIN WORKSHOP,  
2025  
9780593887240

In an alternate London where slavery was never abolished, Adam and Zadie join a mystical Tyger to challenge tyranny in this richly imagined fantasy.

**TANG, BETTY C.**

**Outsider Kids**

Illus. by the author  
GRAPHIX, 2025  
9781338832716

As Jesse and her siblings wait for their parents to come back from Taiwan, they try to adjust to life as undocumented immigrants living in California.

**TREUER, ANTON**

**Where Wolves Don't Die**

LEVINE QUERIDO, 2024  
9781646143818

Still reeling from the death of his mother, Ezra wishes he could spend less time in Minneapolis and more time on the rez with his grandparents. When trouble arises with a school bully, a winter season reconnecting with his roots on the trapline with his grandfather proves to be the balm he needed.

**WALLS, JASMINE**

**Brooms**

Illus. by Teo DuVall  
LEVINE QUERIDO, 2023  
9781646142675

This fantasy graphic novel takes place in 1930s Mississippi, where a diverse cast of teens participates in forbidden broom races to feel autonomy in their life choices.

**WATSON, RENÉE**

**All the Blues in the Sky**

BLOOMSBURY, 2025  
9781547605897

Sage copes with her best friend's sudden death with the help of her family, a school grief group, and new friendships in this novel in verse about healing and resilience.

**WEAVER, TONY, JR.**

**Weirdo**

Illus. by Jes Wibowo and Cin Wibowo  
FIRST SECOND, 2024  
9781250772862

In this graphic memoir, eleven-year-old Tony starts fresh at a new school, finds a supportive group of friends, and begins to see his weirdness as a newfound superpower.

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### Grades 6–8

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**ÁGUILA, MARÍA DOLORES**  
**A Sea of Lemon Trees: The Corrido of Roberto Alvarez**

ROARING BROOK, 2025  
9781250342614

This novel, written in verse with Spanish integrated throughout, tells a fictionalized version of the true story of Roberto Alvarez and the 1931 Lemon Grove Incident court case. Seen through the eyes of Roberto at twelve years old, the story depicts his worries as he takes part in a case that will become a landmark in the history of desegregation.

**ARAUJO, MIA**  
**Afia in the Land of Wonders**

Illus. by the author  
SCHOLASTIC, 2025  
9781338856729

A retelling of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* that is inspired by West African history and traditions.

**BARNES, DERRICK**  
**The Incredibly Human Henson Blayze**

VIKING, 2025  
9781984836755

The long-awaited savior of the Great Mountain, Mississippi, football team, thirteen-year-old Henson Blayze deals with the fallout from his loyal fans when he leaves a football game after a friend is badly injured in an act of police violence.

**BURGESS, TAMIKA**  
**Danilo Was Here**

HARPERCOLLINS, 2025  
9780063159662

A young boy from Panama must fight for his dreams, his family, and what he believes in after his neighborhood is destroyed.

**CARTAYA, PABLO**  
**A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation**

KOKILA, 2025  
9780451479754

A thirteen-year-old learns about his estranged grandfather's life in Cuba when they embark on a cross-country road trip as part of a book tour to

promote his grandfather's latest book release. *Also available in Spanish.*

**CHANG, CINDY**  
**How to Draw a Secret**

Illus. by the author  
ALLIDA, 2025  
9780358659662

When Cindy visits Taiwan after her grandmother dies, she and her family are forced to face a secret that they have hidden for years.

**DUNCAN, VIOLET**  
**Buffalo Dreamer**

NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2024  
9780593624814

During a summer visit to her Cree family in Alberta, Canada, Summer's vivid dreams connect her to the painful history of residential schools as she joins her community's call for truth and healing.

**EMEZI, AKWAEKE**  
**Somadina**

KNOPF, 2025  
9780593309070

Twins Somadina and Jayaike face dangers in their West African world when their magic

begins to manifest itself in the village.

**FAHMY, HUDA**  
**Huda F Wants to Know?**

Illus. by the author  
DIAL, 2025  
9780593855614

Huda's plans for the best year ever are derailed when her parents announce that they are divorcing.

**GLASER, KARINA YAN**  
**The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli**

ALLIDA, 2025  
9780063284432

In a dual timeline novel, Han Yu journeys the Silk Road in 731 China to save his family, and Luli fights to preserve her family's Chinatown restaurant in 1931 New York. Rich in Chinese history and culture, this tale highlights resilience across generations.

**JACKSON, TIFFANY D.**  
**Blood in the Water**

SCHOLASTIC, 2025  
9781338849912

This gripping mystery, set in Martha's Vineyard's

historic Black community, tells the story of twelve-year-old Kaylani, who faces class divides, her father's incarceration, and a teen's suspicious death.

**LUKOFF, KYLE**  
**A World Worth Saving**

DIAL, 2025  
9780593618981

A, a trans kid, fights off soul-sucking demons in this tale that uses Jewish mythology to examine anti-trans sentiment and how one person can make a difference.

**MARIANAYAGAM, MARIA**  
**No Purchase Necessary**

HARPERCOLLINS, 2025  
9780063360921

Ajay steals a candy bar to try to fit in, kicking off a series of lies that make it harder and harder for him to tell the truth.

**MÉNDEZ, YAMILE SAIED**  
**The Reel Wish**

LEE & LOW, 2025  
9781643796437

Just as Florencia is ready to pirouette into the spotlight, a panic attack halts her dancing

dreams, and she's challenged to find a new way to step forward. *Also available in Spanish.*

**OCHIENG, PATRICK**  
**Displaced**

CAROLRHODA BOOKS, 2025  
9798765648698

Kimathi, his younger sister, and their mom flee violence and resettle in a Kenyan camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs), where Kim reluctantly settles in and helps to improve water quality for his new community.

**RUIZ-FLORES, LUPE**  
**The Pecan Sheller**

CAROLRHODA BOOKS, 2025  
9798765610527

Set in 1930s San Antonio, Texas, thirteen-year-old Petra leaves school to work in a factory shelling pecans while still grieving for her father. She struggles to balance the needs of her family amidst worsening

