

RICHMAN, BRITTANY
Dreams Take Flight: The Story of Deaf Pilot Nellie Zabel Willhite

Illus. by Alisha Monnin
 SLEEPING BEAR, 2025
 9781534113558

In 1928, Nellie Zabel became the first female pilot in South Dakota and the first deaf pilot in the nation. This Own Voices, Own Stories book is written by an author with hearing loss.

SPENCER, RENÉ, AND RODOLFO MONTALVO
Bye Land, Bye Sea

Illus. by Rodolfo Montalvo
 ROARING BROOK, 2024
 9781250246721

A girl in a boat lost in a storm, and a boy stranded on an island. They might not speak each other's language, but they learn other

ways to communicate and rescue each other in this story told in Spanish and English. (*Bilingual*)

SPILLETT, TASHA
Raven's Ribbons

Illus. by Daniel Ramirez
 LITTLE, BROWN, 2025
 9780316422161

Even though Raven's grandmother has never seen a boy dance in a traditional ribbon skirt, she helps make Raven's dream come true.

T. P., SIBU
Home, Home

Illus. by the author
 VIKING, 2025
 9780593403730

A thoughtful exploration of home and culture as a young boy, Ajesh, develops a sense of family and self, while discovering meaning in his bicultural identity.

WHITECROW, DARCY, AND HEATHER M. O'CONNOR

Across the Ice: How We Saved the Ojibwe Horse

Illus. by Natasha Donovan
 CANDLEWICK, 2025
 9781536229455

Eagerly awaiting the arrival of six special horses, Nookomis tells her two grandchildren the story of how their people saved this particular breed from extinction.

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ABTAHI, OLIVIA
The Interpreter

Illus. by Monica Arnaldo
KOKILA, 2025
9780593620441

In addition to being a kid, Cecilia plays an important role for the adults in her family as an interpreter, and the balancing act becomes demanding.

ALCÁNTARA, JACQUELINE
Tíos and Primos

Illus. by the author
NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS,
2025
9780593620137

A young girl and her papa visit his homeland, where she is nervous to meet her extended family because she only knows a little Spanish. She quickly discovers, however, that they share much in common, including a love of food, music, and games. *Also available in Spanish.*

APONTE, CARLOS
Precious

Illus. by the author
NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS,
2025
9780593856802

A beautifully illustrated and heartfelt picture book about a young boy, Pedrito, and how he navigates the aftermath of a hurricane in Puerto Rico. He finds hope

through his family, a new puppy, and the community. *Also available in Spanish.*

ATINUKE
Beti and the Little Round House

Illus. by Emily Hughes
CANDLEWICK, 2024
9781536225181

In four collected stories, Beti creates adventure in her joyful and simple life, surrounded by a warm family and a beautiful mountain home.

BIN, XU
Picking Tea with Baba

Illus. by Yu Yin
Trans. by Shan Chen
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2025
9781623546236

A young boy and his brother spend a special day harvesting tea with their parents, enjoying their mountainside surroundings and competing to see who can pick the most tea leaves.

BINGHAM, WINSOME
Fish Fry Friday

Illus. by C. G. Esperanza
ABRAMS, 2025
9781419766930

A Black grandmother and grandchild go fishing together and prepare

food for a family fish fry in the evening.

CREWS, NINA
Big Family Beach Day

Illus. by the author
GREENWILLOW, 2025
9780063390225

This warmly illustrated celebration of belonging follows Maya through her multigenerational, multiracial family's joyful annual beach day.

CUEVAS, MAYRA
My Abuela Is a Bruja

Illus. by Lorena Alvarez Gómez
KNOPE, 2025
9780593480632

A delightful journey of family and cultural heritage as a young girl learns from her abuela, whose cooking, gardening, and other daily activities seem like magic. Includes an author's note and recipes. *Also available in Spanish.*

FAJARDO, SARA ANDREA
Alberto Salas Plays Paka Paka con la Papa

Illus. by Juana Martinez-Neal
ROARING BROOK, 2025
9781250838612

A joyful and impeccably researched true story

about an agricultural scientist's quest to save Peruvian potatoes from climate extinction. *Also available in Spanish.*

KINKZ, ELIZA
Mistaco: A Tale of Tragedy y Tortillas

Illus. by the author
KOKILA, 2025
9780593700235

Following an embarrassing event at school that Izzy does not want to talk about, she learns from her grandfather how to turn mistakes into delicious mistacos. *Also available in Spanish.*

KRANS, ANGELA PHAM
Another Word for Neighbor

Illus. by Thai My Phuong
HARPERCOLLINS, 2025
9780063334915

A subtle, sweet, and cozy story of two young chatty siblings who befriend their neighbor, an elderly widower.

MANSOUR, VIVIAN
Pilgrim Codex

Illus. by Emmanuel Valtierra
Trans. by Carlos Rodríguez Cortez
LEVINE QUERIDO, 2025
9781646145157

Past and present mix as the Vargas Ramírez family immigrates north in a story laced with Mesoamerican myth and legend and formatted in pre-Columbian style. *Also available in Spanish.*

MASUMOTO, DAVID MAS, AND NIKIKO MASUMOTO
Every Peach Is a Story

Illus. by Lauren Tamaki
ABRAMS, 2025
9781949480290

Midori is always asking her jiichan (grandfather) questions about their peach farm. He, in turn, teaches her about her Japanese American heritage through their peaches.

MOUDAHI, JENN
Charlotte's New Moccasins

Illus. by Rhael McGregor
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2025
9781623544966

When Charlotte outgrows her current

pair of moccasins, she visits her grandmother and learns the process of making a new pair.

RAMIREZ, DANIELA
Welcome Home, Esmerelda

Illus. by Maribel Lechuga
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2025
9781623543907

When Esmerelda's military family is deployed to the U.S., she feels nervous about seeing her extended family, but music and dance help her feel more at home. *Also available in Spanish.*

RANSOME, JAMES E.
A Place for Us

Illus. by the author
NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS,
2025
9780593324882

In this wordless story of a young boy and his mother experiencing homelessness, readers see their love and resilience as they navigate day-to-day activities such as going to the library and school.

