	2022 ACL Distinguished Books								
	TITLE	AUTHOR		ILLUSTRATOR		BOOK GROUP	GRADE	RANGE	ANNOTATION
Alias	Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis	Hood	Susan			Biography	6	9	An 8th grade school project uncovers a grandmother's history a a Ukranian child prodigy, evading the Holocaust with her sister. Short, poetic chapters with a dynamic voice, reveal the teen's unbelievable experiences. Extensive backmatter, sources and photographs add up to a gripping topical read.
CHOOSING  BRAUE  For mand Tay-frantar are invert that  For mand Tay-fr	Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement	Joy	Angela	Washington	Janelle	Biography	4	8	Written in accessible free-verse style, this carefully researched, well-structured biography covers the life of Mamie Till-Mobley, the mother of Emmett Till. Vibrant illustrations provide a fitting counterpoint to the moving text.
Listen  On the Case  One the C	Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion	Stocker	Shannon	Holzwarth	Devon	Biography	1	4	Evelyn Glennie's story encourages readers to consider whether music can "still swirl and whirl" even though "your ears can't hear the strum, or hum, or thrum of a melody." A captivating, important story of a deaf girl smashing barriers and insisting that we listen using all our senses.
MAYA'S SONG	Maya's Song	Watson	Renée	Collier	Bryan	Biography	2	6	The life of poet and activist Maya Angelou is presented through series of free verse poems accompanied by beautiful collage an watercolor illustrations. Covers a lot of ground, and traumatic events are deftly handled for young readers.
Only Dest	Only the Best: The Exceptional Life and Fashion of Ann Lowe	Messner	Kate and Margaret E. Powell	Robinson	Erin K.	Biography	2	5	With panache and style, Black fashion designer Ann Lowe overcame blatant discrimination and established herself as a leading American stylist. Messner collaborates with art historia Powell to capture Lowe's life and designs in this masterful picture book biography.
The Tower of Life	The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs	Stiefel	Chana	Gal	Susan	Biography	2	5	In this moving picture book biography, Yaffa Eliach fled her beloved home, surviving the atrocities of the Holocaust. Author Stiefel shines a light onto the lives of the people of Eishyshok, a she recounts Eliach's soaring display, the "Tower of Faces" at th US Holocaust Memorial Museum.
WO MAN WHO SPULL HE AT M AT M MINING	The Woman Who Split the Atom: The Life of Lise Meitner	Moss	Marissa			Biography	6	10	Moss crafts an engrossing biography of Lise Meitner (1878-1968), a Jewish Austrian nuclear physicist, exploring the significance of her research, demonstrating her passion and commitment, and investigating the impact that sexism, antisemitism and personal betrayal had on her work.

Seed the									
To the last of the	A Seed in the Sun	Salazar	Aida			Fiction	4	7	Twelve-year-old Lula and her family fight for change as migrant workers in the Imperial Valley in 1965. Engaging, fast-moving, and heartfelt.
ANT BURNEL  PUTTLE BRADET  PORTOGRAPH  THE BURNEL  ANT									
int parisa	Ain't Burned All the Bright	Reynolds	Jason	Griffin	Jason	Fiction	6	Adult	This is a profound take on the events of 2020-2021 as seen through the eyes of a young Black boy.
ALL MY									
RAGE									Set in a small desert town in California, All My Rage tells the stories of Salahudin and Noor, two seniors in high school whose lives continue to be interwoven despite a broken friendship.
TAHIR	All My Rage	Tahir	Sabaa			Fiction	9	12	Voices of different characters show us how poverty, prejudice and fear can twist lives for generations.
answers in the	Answers in the Pages	Levithan	David			Fiction	5	8	A book banned in a fifth grade class, excerpts from the "offending" book, and a story set several decades earlier form the core of this engaging and nuanced story about intolerance and the power of love. An author's endnote honors groundbreaking LGBTQ children's writers.
LONG LEMONTREES GROW	As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow	Katouh	Zoulfa			Fiction	9	12	18-year-old Salama attempts to survive the endless bombing in her native city of Homs as the Syrian civil war claims her parents, brother and future. Living to save her pregnant sister-in-law and escape, she also helps her people by volunteering at a hospital and builds a fragile relationship.
R.F. KUANG	Babel or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution	Kuang	R.F.			Fiction	8	Adult	Set in the 1830s, Babel is a magical, political examination of imperialism, labor movements, individual identity and institutional racism, a tour-de-force filled with evocative description and deeply interesting exploration of language and violence, individual responsibility and moral choice.
BLACK BIRD. BLUE ROAD.	Black Bird, Blue Road	Pasternack	Sofiya			Fiction	5	8	Twelve-year-old Riva sets out on an epic journey with her twin brother who is dying of leprosy. Steeped in Jewish lore, this thought-provoking fantasy features unique characters, a fascinating historic setting, and a powerful message about love and loss.

CRESS WATERCRESS	Cress Watercress	Maguire	Gregory	Fiction	3	6	After Cress' father fails to return home, the clever but willful young rabbit and her family move to an apartment in an old tree, where many grand adventures ensue. Themes of loss and renewal make this deeply satisfying tale a great choice for older readers, or for a family/classroom read-aloud.
different kinds of fruit	Different Kinds of Fruit	Lukoff	Kyle	Fiction	4	8	This one-of-a-kind book is set in middle school but manages to look at the history of female-to-male transgender folks, prejudice, community and what it means to become a man vs. identifying as nonbinary.
THE DOOR OF NO RETURN	The Door of No Return	Alexander	Kwame	Fiction	5	8	In the 19th century Ashante Kingdom, 12-year-old Kofi Offin's life changes in unimaginable ways when he fails to heed his parents' warning. Engaging, enlightening, horrifying, and necessary.
Drawing Outside the Lines Same J Auto	Drawing Outside the Lines: A Julia Morgan Novel	Austin	Susan J.	Fiction	4	10	Imagining the life of ground-breaking architect Julia Morgan from her childhood in Oakland through her university years in Berkeley, author Susan Austin skillfully blends actual and inferred information in a youth-appropriate and fascinating biographical novel.
ELLEN WINE LIMES	Ellen Outside the Lines	Sass	A. J.	Fiction	4	8	Ellen Katz narrates the cultural, social, and personal progression of a school trip to Barcelona, Spain from the perspective of a 13-year-old who is on the autism spectrum. The author sensitively explores emergent sexuality and its social implications, as well as issues of sensory overload, learning to navigate group dynamics, and adjusting to changing friendships.
FREEWATER	Freewater	Lugman-Dawson	Amina	Fiction	4	7	Twelve-year-old runaway slave Homer and his sister Ada find comfort and community in Freewater, hidden deep in the Great Dismal Swamp. Based on historical information about free communities of color, the book examines themes of freedom, friendship and family in a way that is profound and ageappropriate, with vivid writing and page-turning action as well.
TO STATE OF THE ST	Hollow Fires	Ahmed	Samira	Fiction	9	12	A fast-paced exploration of the personal and societal impacts of Islamophobia in today's America, Hollow Fires challenges the reader to understand the underlying forces driving an intolerable act of violence against a 14-year-old student at main character Safiya Mirza's elite prep school.

MUST betray	l Must Betray You	Sepetys	Ruta			Fiction	7	12	Life is lousy behind the Iron Curtain, but when the Romanian Securitate blackmails 17-year-old Christian to spy on friends, it goes from bad to worse. Gripping and fast paced, the rich historical detail is leavened by wit and romance. Backmatter includes photos, author's note and sources.
The Medical Control of the Manager o	In the Key of Us	Lockington	Mariama J.			Fiction	5	8	Andi and Zora are attending a prestigious music camp, but they each bring their own mental health struggles to the summer. The writing is lyrical and truthful, with distinct voices for Andi and Zora.
Welz Explains	Iveliz Explains It All	Arango	Andrea Beatriz	Bermudez	Alyssa	Fiction	5	9	This novel in verse presents an intimate portrait of a middle school girl's struggles with mental health. Through masterful collaboration, author and illustrator artfully reflect the power of human connection and the value of finding your own voice.
MAPMAKER	The Last Mapmaker	Soontornvat	Christina			Fiction	4	6	This book transports you to another world and is a complex story that shows us what impact a power-hungry country can have on other people's lives and the effect of war and greed. This is a "can't miss" story of high adventure, fantasy, and trust, loyalty and friendship.
LEARNING TO FALL	Learning to Fall	Engelfried	Sally			Fiction	5	8	Twelve-year-old Daphne is sent to live with her dad in Oakland for the summer, where she learns about her dad and more about her past.
THE LESSIANA'S  GUIDE TO  CATHOLIC SCHOOL	The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School	Reyes	Sonora			Fiction	7	Adult	After she's outed by her best friend and crush, Yamilet decides to follow her brother to Catholic school in a wealthier neighborhood. This powerful, funny coming-of-age/coming-out story is unique in how it addresses Yami's struggle with a religion she was born into.
LOUISA JUNE. NAZIS INTHE WAVES	Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves	Elliott	L.M.			Fiction	4	8	Thirteen-year-old Louisa June describes the outbreak of World War II and how it impacts her family and neighbors in Tidewater, Virginia, where her father owns a tugboat. The Nazis are sending U-boats into the area and are blowing up cargo ships.

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Motay Chens LAST CHANCE JURE WEEL TO THE TO	Maizy Chen's Last Chance	Yee	Lisa			Fiction	4	7	When 11-year-old Maizy Chen travels from L.A. to sleepy Last Chance, Minnesota she doesn't expect the most dramatic summer of her life. Her Opa's exciting stories about her ancestor Lucky, who fled San Francisco, fire her imagination and equip her to fight the racist graffiti targeting her family.
my life Begins!	My Life Begins!	MacLachlan	Patricia	Miyares	Daniel	Fiction	2	5	Nine-year-old Jacob describes his experience as the brother to three newborn triplet sisters. His class has a year-long science project of journaling about any subject they choose, and he writes about how the triplets change and grow, which he discovers is a new beginning for him as well.
Silence	My Nest of Silence	Faulkner	Matt	Faulkner	Matt	Fiction	5	8	Told in alternating chapters, the Asai family is sent to Manzanar during World War II. The narrative prose chapters are from the point of view of 12-year-old Mari, who decides to stop speaking until her older brother Mak returns from war. Mak's chapters are presented as graphic novel comic pages.
Patron Thief	The Patron Thief of Bread	Eagar	Lindsay			Fiction	5	9	Eight-year-old pickpocket Duck's life changes in unimaginable ways in this magical tale set in a well-detailed town during the Middle Ages. Filled with adventure, risk, love and loyalty, this rich tale brings great satisfaction.
ROVERS STORY	A Rover's Story	Warga	Jasmine			Fiction	4	7	Born to observe, programmed to learn, Mars rover Resilience moves beyond the expected: learning to care and developing self-awareness. The humor, science, charming robot friendships and human family dynamics add up to a deep and enjoyable story perfect for independent reading and family read-alouds.
A SCATTER OF LIGHT.	A Scatter of Light	Lo	Malinda			Fiction	9	12	High-school graduate Aria Tang West is sent to stay with her grandmother in Marin as a punishment that turns into an opportunity to learn more about her family's past and her own sexuality and identity. Great descriptions of the summer of 2013 when gay marriage was legalized in California.
Silence Bind	The Silence that Binds Us	Но	Joanna			Fiction	9	12	Mourning her brother Danny, fearing for her parents in their deep grief after his suicide, teen protagonist May can barely begin to imagine starting life again when a schoolmate's parent publicly blames her family's Asian culture for her brother's death. May fights back with poetry on social media.

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Summer Butter	The Summer of Bitter and Sweet	Ferguson	Jen			Fiction	9	12	18-year-old Lou's summer is changed from idyllic to threatening as secrets from her family's past threaten to destroy them. A powerful coming-of-age story about a First Nations heroine who fights against both personal and institutional racism.
MANGGANY L. BROWNE	Vinyl Moon	Browne	Mahogany			Fiction	9	12	When Angel is transplanted from Northern California to Brooklyn, she regrets everything she has lost. But as she builds connections and falls in love with a new city, she reveals the traumatic events which lead to her move. An empowering novel with a heroine whose voice is poetic and accessible.
Marie de la companya	When the Angels Left the Old Country	Lamb	Sacha			Fiction	8	Adult	The angel, Uriel, and demon, Little Ash, set out from their shtetl to go to America. Along the way they make friends with a human, Rose, and face problems common to the Jewish immigrant experience. It is a complicated yet joyful tale with Jewish and queer experiences at its heart.
When Winter Robeson Came	When Winter Robeson Came	Woods	Brenda			Fiction	4	8	In free verse, twelve-year-old Eden describes the time her cousin Winter visited her family in Los Angeles in August 1965 to search for his missing father. His trip coincided with the nearby Watts riots. Depicts a warm, loving African American family and their neighbors.
COSER JENNIFER ZIEGLER	Worser	Ziegler	Jennifer			Fiction	5	7	Worser, a seventh grade brainiac, acts to save his one refuge and of course makes it worser. His disastrous run-ins with the painful changes of adolescence allow readers to groan, laugh and marvel at his mistakes and learn right along with him how to build a path from the present into the future.
FLAMINGO									A little girl visits her Lao Lao (Mandarin for grandmother) and finds a flamingo feather on grandma's mantel. Lao Lao tells how she found an egg and a flamingo hatched in this book with just a few sentences spread throughout, making it similar to a wordless
by Guojing	The Flamingo	Guojing		Guojing		Graphic	1	5	picture book.
FRIZZY	Frizzy	Ortega	Claribel A.	Bousamra	Rose	Graphic	3	8	Domincan-American Marlene hates her Sunday Salon day with mom: her natural coils are brushed and heated until they're straight or tamed into "good" soft curls. This story of selfacceptance explains how anti-blackness has infiltrated society's perception of beauty without being preachy.

LIFTLE MONARCHS	Little Monarchs	Case	Jonathan	Case	Jonathan	Graphic	4	7	Black tween Evie and her white caretaker Flora overcome disasters and treachery on a post-apocalyptic Pacific Coast trip, trying to synthesize vaccines to counteract a sun shift that's made surface living fatal. Great art, believable science, laughs and strong characters equal an awesome adventure.
QUINCES	Miss Quinces	Fajardo	Kat	Fajardo	Kat	Graphic	4	8	Suyapa, "Sue," wants to spend summer with her friends at camp, but a trip to Honduras and her surprise quinceañera derail her plans. This middle-grade graphic novel and Pura Belpre illustrator honor was released simultaneously with the Spanish-language version, Srta. Quinces.
Maria	Swim Team: Small Waves, Big Changes	Christmas	Johnnie	Christmas	Johnnie	Graphic	3	8	Middle schooler Bree works hard to overcome her fear of swimming and lead her team to the state championships in this heart-filled graphic novel for fans of Jerry Craft and Raina Telgemeier.
BLAST OFF! OF INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPERTY O	Blast Offl: How Mary Sherman Morgan Fueled America Into Space	Slade	Suzanne	Comport	Sally Wern	Non-Fiction	2	4	Mary Sherman overcame huge odds to become the world's first female rocket scientist. Vibrant illustrations complement compelling text. An inspiring read-aloud for a child with a scientific bent. Back matter includes dates, details about the first satellite and its rocket, and selected bibliography.
BLUE	Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky	Brew-Hammond	Nana Ekua	Minter	Daniel	Non-Fiction	1	4	Fascinating facts and vibrant illustrations open readers' eyes to the diverse history and cultural significance of the world's favorite color. Author's note and selected sources are included.
BOBCAT PROWLING  Power he Maria Gianferrari  Baggam Bassedline	Bobcat Prowling	Gianferrari	Maria	Ibatoulline	Bagram	Non-Fiction	К	3	A bobcat yearling fends for itself as it sets off to find its own home range. Diverse children catch glimpses of the cat as the young animal's journey reveals the complex web of native animals that inhabit rural and suburban woodland edges. Backmatter includes additional sources.
CAVES	Caves	Beckerman	Nell Cross	Chock	Kalen	Non-Fiction	2	4	An inviting look into the world of caving, with profiles of several caves around the world and advice for aspiring spelunkers.  Gorgeous and immersive digital illustrations evoke the mystery of these underground spaces. This well-presented, informative book is sure to inspire an interest in caves.

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CONCRETE	Concrete: From the Ground Up	Theule	Larissa	Light	Steve	Non-Fiction	1	5	In this celebration of the building material concrete, readers will discover what it is, how it is made, and how it revolutionized building throughout history. The format is quite inviting, with a paragraph of text per page, and softly colored cartoon-like watercolor illustrations.
THE GARDENER OF ALCATRAZ ATRUE STORY	The Gardener of Alcatraz: A True Story	Smith	Emma Bland	Ely	Jenn	Non-Fiction	2	5	This unusual picture book biography focuses on counterfeiter Elliot Michener, who was an inmate on Alcatraz in the 1940s and was renowned for developing the prison's gardens. The full-color gouache illustrations are somewhat cartoonish and give a good indication of what Alcatraz was like.
GOOD EATING	Good Eating: The Short Life of Krill	Lilley	Matt	Tavis	Dan	Non-Fiction	1	3	"Hey, egg. What are you doing?" asks a narrator who takes readers on an amazing journey following the life cycle and adventures of an Antarctic krill. Striking, large-format illustrations imbue the krill with personality and panache. Perfect for introducing scientific concepts, or as a general read-aloud
HOWTO BUILD A HUMAN	How To Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps	Turner	Pamela S.	Gurche	John	Non-Fiction	6	10	Human evolution is the focus of this fascinating look at prehistoric man, noting the major steps needed to evolve, which include walking upright, using tools, using fire, and speaking. There is abundant illustrative matter, including sepia-toned drawings of Hominins.
To some we then the some second secon	If You're a Kid Like Gavin: A True Story of a Young Trans Activist	Grimm	Gavin	Yang	J	Non-Fiction	Kindergarten	5	Written by trans activist Gavin Grimm, this outstanding picture book provides unflinching support of transgender kids and the right of all kids to be themselves.
MURDER AMONE FRIENDS  Brown and head that when the HIRIDIA HIRITIA	Murder Among Friends: How Leopold and Loeb Tried to Commit the Perfect Crime	Fleming	Candace			Non-Fiction	7	12	The shocking kidnap and murder of a 14-year-old boy by two rich 19-year-olds (Leopold and Loeb) in Chicago in 1924 is recounted in this fascinating true crime book that uses abundant primary sources. Contains two sections of b&w photos, detailed source notes, a bibliography, and index.
MARY ROACH PACKING FOR MARS	Packing for Mars for Kids	Roach	Mary			Non-Fiction	4	7	The greatest challenge for rocket scientists is the human body. Short, funny, tightly written chapters, open our eyes to the startling, impressive, and odiferous challenges space travel poses to astronauts and engineers. Many photographs, interviews, and transcripts make up for an absence of sources.

PEACE IS A CHAIN REACTION Matter and the street of the str	Peace Is a Chain Reaction: How World War II Japanese Balloon Bombs Brought People of Two Nations Together	Stone	Tanya Lee			Non-Fiction	5	10	Stone weaves three interrelated stories: the incarceration of Japanese Americans on the West Coast in camps, the balloon bomb from Japan that went off in Bly, Oregon, and later how Japanese women who made the bombs apologized.
JELYISI) Alimtuda	Read for a Better World: Read About Ocean Animals series	Leed	Percy			Non-Fiction	Preschool	1	Clear, detailed photographs and short sentences of text introduce six popular ocean animals. Interactive questions engage the reader.
FREEDOM	Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America	Castrovilla	Selene	Lewis	E.B.	Non-Fiction	1	5	Short, active paragraphs and atmospheric watercolor illustrations frame a gripping story that reshapes our understanding of the fight for emancipation, placing an enslaved man and a Union Major General at the center of the story. Includes primary source quotes and photos and copious backmatter.
SEEN AND UNSEEN  ***INTERPRETATION OF THE PRINT OF THE PR	Seen and Unseen: What Toyo Miyatake, Dorothea Lange, and Ansel Adams Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration	Partridge	Elizabeth	Tamaki	Lauren	Non-Fiction	5	12	The exploration of how, and why, three talented photographers diverged in framing the Japanese-American incarceration reveals the complex, shameful and heroic history in a way that is both elegant and profound. Vital ink illustrations incorporate photos, adding emotional power to clear, concise text.
THRME MATTER GENERALMANDS VICTORY STAND! REMARKS THE TAR ACTUS	Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice	Smith	Tommie and Derrick Barnes	Anyabwile	Dawud	Non-Fiction	7	12	Olympic gold medalist Tommie Smith tells his story of life as a poor sharecropper's son who became a legend at San Jose State University who protested racism by raising his fist from the medal stand at the summer Olympics in Mexico City in 1968.
a bear, a bee, and a honey tree									Humor, action and playful rhymes will have young audiences laughing, as they relate to the angry bees and have sympathy for the frustrated, hungry bear. Well suited as a read aloud or a
Market Ma	A Bear, a Bee and a Honey Tree  Bathe the Cat	Bernstrom  McGinty	Daniel  Alice B.	Scott	Brandon James	Picture Book		2	when a brown-skinned daddy, in a two-dad home, uses refrigerator magnets to spell out the chores for his multiracial family, the cat makes creative adjustments. Bouncy rhyme and colorful, energetic illustrations reveal the madness as the floor is fed, the rug is rocked and the dishes are mowed.

Seng Seng Tubuk gut	Berry Song	Goade	Michaela	Goade	Michaela	Picture Book	Preschool	2	A young girl and her grandmother gather berries and other supplies from nature in this beautiful picture book from the creator of We Are Water Protectors. The illustrations draw the reader through the book, which includes rhythmic text that ties the story together.
Bright Brown 3aby	Bright Brown Baby: A Treasury	Pinkney	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	Brian	Picture Book	Baby		Five poems celebrating African American babies make up this treasury divided into chapters. The rhyming poems are similar to nursery rhymes, with fluid, energetic artwork that appears to be done with paint, showing parents and babies with deep brown skin and black hair.
DERCHI MORAL STATE OF THE STATE	Ear Worm!	Knowles	Jo	Bernstein	Galia	Picture Book	Preschool	3	Little Worm cannot get a song out of his head, repeating "Shimmy, Shimmy, No Sashay" and Owl explains it is called an "ear worm." Owl, Chipmunk, Rabbit, and Fox all have different ear worms, complete with dance moves, which listeners can repeat in this cumulative tale with a surprise ending.
Everything in its Place	Everything in its Place: A Story of Books and Belonging	David-Sax	Pauline	Pinkney Barlov	v Charnelle	Picture Book	Preschool	4	This is the story of a shy girl who faces her social anxiety and goes outside the school library to risk finding friendship and share poetry on the playground.
Eyes that Speak to the Stars	Eyes That Speak to the Stars	Но	Joanna	Но	Dung	Picture Book	К	3	When his father picks him up from school, he asks what is bothering the boy, and is told about a picture a classmate drew showing the boy's eyes as two lines instead of circles. Parents can use when this type of aggression occurs.
Farmhouse Smi Dicka	Farmhouse	Blackall	Sophie	Blackall	Sophie	Picture Book	Preschool	3	A farmhouse in upstate New York, once home to a lively family with 12 children, falls into disrepair after the youngest child grows old and leaves. Filled with intriguing details, this beautifully constructed book will spark the imagination of readers both young and old.
Gib-ber-ish	Gibberish	Vo	Young	Vo	Young	Picture Book	К	3	In a new country, Dat sees his classmates as cartoon characters and their words as indecipherable symbols, until he makes a friend. Filled with empathy and humor, this book belongs in all collections.

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HOT DOG	Hot Dog	Salati	Doug	Salati	Doug	Picture Book	Preschool	3	A small, red, short-legged dog is suffering in the city summer heat and compels the older white lady owner that they must go to the beach. The text is brief with many wordless pages. The artwork carries the story, using gouache and pencil set into framed pictures.
Written by Meredith Stener Bustrated by Ameet Sandhu									
LIKE.	Just. Like. You.	Steiner	Meredith	Sandhu	Avneet	Picture Book	Preschool	2	In short, accessible rhyming verses, this book describes kids of a wonderful diversity of genders, abilities, skin colors, and body shapes as they go through a typical day.
KNIGHT	Knight Owl	Denise	Christopher	Denise	Christopher	Picture Book	Preschool	2	Since the day he hatched, Owl has dreamed of becoming a knight. Richly colored illustrations, lavishly filled with medieval detail, convey the large-eyed, diminutive owl's deep desire to belong, to be brave and to be friended. A winning character and satisfying twists guarantee a popular read-aloud.
A LAND OF BOOKS	A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters	Tonatiuh	Duncan	Tonatiuh	Duncan	Picture Book	2	6	The creation of indigenous Mesoamerican books is described by a young Mexica (now called Aztec) girl who is learning techniques passed down through generations of her family. Tonatiuh's colorful, stylized images pay homage to the pictograms of indigenous Mesoamerican books (codices).
GRAVITY  A TALL  MATERIAL  FARRITY  FRIENT	The Legend of Gravity	Palmer	Charly	Palmer	Charly	Picture Book	1	3	A new kid helps take a team of friends to the playground basketball championship and becomes the stuff of legend. Painterly illustrations full of personality and vernacular prose combine in a superb modern-day, tall-tale read-aloud about a group of African-American friends.
LOVE IN THE LIBRARY	Love in the Library	Tokuda-Hall	Maggie	Imamura	Yas	Picture Book	1	4	True story of the author's grandparents finding love while imprisoned at Minidoka, Idaho during WWII. A beautifully written and illustrated book that makes the history of Japanese incarceration accessible to younger readers but has much to offer all ages.
Love, Violet	Love, Violet	Wild	Charlotte Sulliv	r Chua	Charlene	Picture Book	Preschool	3	Violet dreams of going on adventures with Mira, but always gets nervous when Mira is around. With gorgeous watercolor illustrations and expressive text, this book shows how things can turn out when we are brave.

Mana and Monmy, Me in the Middle.	Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle	LaCour	Nina	Juanita	Kaylani	Picture Book	Preschool	3	When her Mommy must go on a business trip, a little girl tries to adjust with help from her Mama. Loving biracial lesbian family. Sweet family story.
THE PARTY OF THE P	My Fade Is Fresh	Grant	Shauntay	Thomas	Kitt	Picture Book	Preschool	2	This colorful picture book celebrates Black hairstyles and a girl's self-determination. It will surely delight a variety of young readers.
Poo-Dunit?	Poo-Dunit? a Forest Floor Mystery	Aronson	Katelyn	Gali	Merce	Picture Book	Preschool	1	Mouse sets out to find out who left a pile of poo in front of his house, and animal after animal says its characteristics do not match their own poo.
STANDING III. NEED > PRAYER  REPARENTE PRAYER  R	Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual	Weatherford	Carole Boston	Morrison	Frank	Picture Book	1	4	This stunningly-illustrated book takes readers on an emotional and enlightening journey of chronicling pivotal moments in American Black History. Ample back matter consisting of references, online resources, and author's notes add profundity to the lyrical text, echoing hope for the future.
Still This Love Goes On	Still This Love Goes On	Sainte-Marie	Buffy	Flett	Julie	Picture Book	Preschool	2	Wonderfully charming and soothing, Sainte-Marie's book is a love song to the Cree people as well as to love in general, enhanced by Métis-Cree Flett's pastel and pencil drawings, composited digitally, swoop and soar in warm, earthy tones. Sheet music included.
THE P BILLY GOATS GRUFT	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Barnett	Mac	Klassen	Jon	Picture Book	Preschool	2	Dynamic storytelling team Barnett and Klassen retell this classic tale with their own signature style.
Walter Had a Best Friend	Walter Had a Best Friend	Underwood	Deborah	Ruzzier	Sergio	Picture Book	Preschool	2	Walter, a rodent, finds himself on the outside after his best friend Xavier, a duck, makes a new friend. Quirky animal characters and a delightfully odd setting add a light touch to this well-paced, emotionally resonant story.

World Belonged to Us	The World Belonged to Us	Woodson	Jacqueline	Espinosa	Leo	Picture Book	Kindergarten	5	Woodson and Espinosa deliver a joyous celebration of childhood pulled from recollections of Brooklyn summers of not so long ago.
AUGUSTA SAVAGE TX: III AUGUST UII MARKET TO THE TO	Augusta Savage: The Shape of a Sculptor's Life	Nelson	Marilyn			Poetry	9	12	A biographical portrait in chronological poems and photographs, captures the character of the African-American sculptor's life and work. A vivid impression of an important artistic life fully lived. Photo credits, but no sources, are included.
STATE OF TEXTS STATE STA	Inheritance: A Visual Poem	Acevedo	Elizabeth	Pippins	Andrea	Poetry	5	Adult	Acevedo's word magic and rhythm combined with Pippins' saturated and dynamic artwork explore the complex theme of black hair and its cultural associations. "How do you fix this shipwrecked history of hair?"Acevedo asks, and answers with a powerful and loving celebration.
Marshmallow Clouds The street of the street	Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play Among Figures of Speech	Kooser	Ted	Jones	Richard	Poetry	3	8	Two noted poets unleash their imaginations on everyday objects, including a worm in a puddle, a cow pie, and a fly-swatter.  Recommended for all collections, this book of engaging, free verse will be appreciated by a variety of ages as well as by teachers launching poetry units.