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A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla	Westergaard	Azadeh	Sardà	Júlia	Bio	2	5	O	Jenny	This well-researched picture book biography explores the fascinating life of prolific inventor Nikola Tesla, father of the AC induction motor that ushered in the modern electrical era. Folksy woodblock-style illustrations with recurring motifs provide a fitting accompaniment to the enchanting text.
Genius Under the Table, The: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain	Yelchin	Eugene	Yelchin	Eugene	Bio	5	9	O	Penny	Yelchin's memoir of growing up Jewish in 1960's Communist Leningrad, USSR, mixes personal stories with comments on the Cold War and related politics in this warm and revelatory book. The chapters are augmented with ink cartoon drawings on nearly every page which help convey the story.
Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost Childhood	Paulsen	Gary			Bio	7	12	O	Penny	Gary Paulsen offers this unusual episodic memoir written in third person about "the boy." The first and most engaging half describes his idyllic years living on a farm during WWII with relatives; a nice balance of humorous anecdotes with sad or frightening passages of abuse.
I Am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story	Brockenbrough	Martha	Kuo	Julia	Bio	1	5	O	Penny	A boy named Kim Ark is born in San Francisco, but has to sue the government to reenter the U.S. after visiting China as a young man. His case helped to verify that being born in the U.S., no matter where one's parents were born, is what makes one a citizen.
The Boy Whose Head Was Filled With Stars: A Life of Edwin Hubble	Marinov	Isabelle	Marcero	Deborah	Bio	2	5	O	Melissa	The charm and majesty of Hubble's life is captured with richly illustrated details that elevate understanding and convey Hubble's massive contributions: our galaxy is not alone and our universe is expanding. Backmatter includes bibliography, author/illustrator notes and more astronomical details.
I'm On It! (Elephant and Piggie Like Reading!)	Andrea	Tsurumi	Andrea	Tsurumi	ER	K	2	O	Penny	In this entry to the "Elephant & Piggie Like Reading" series, Goat climbs up on various stacked items, followed by Frog on another stack, until they crash down into the pond. The text emphasizes prepositions such as beside, between, inside, under, across.

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A Snake Falls to Earth	Little Badger	Darcie			Fic	6	12	O	Lesley	Nina is a Lipan girl from Earth, trying to save her family's stories and uncover a family mystery. Oli is a cotton mouth kid from the Reflecting World, taking a huge leap to Earth from his home in an attempt to save a life. They work together to fight extinction and to face evil.
Ace of Spades	Abike-Iyimide	Faridah			Fic	8	12	HA	Lesley	A gripping debut novel told through the voices of its two main characters, Ace of Spades explores the lives of the only two Black students at an exclusive private high school whose world is suddenly overturned by the actions of an anonymous online bully who targets them due to their color.
All Our Hidden Gifts	O'Donoghue	Caroline			Fic	9	12	O	Eny	Maeve discovers a deck of tarot cards during detention. An emotionally charged reading of her former best friend Lily results in Maeve wishing Lily would disappear, and when Lily does, it becomes clear that supernatural forces are afoot in their small Irish town. A fun, witchy read with real heart.
Amari and the Night Brothers	Alston	B. B.	Akpan	Godwin	Fic	4	7	O	Carla	Amari, a young Black girl, is recruited to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and embraces her talent for magic to find her missing brother. Despite dealing with issues of bullying and discrimination, the book's exciting plot, humor and enjoyable characters make this a fun read.
Amber & Clay	Schlitz	Laura Amy	Iredale	Julia	Fic	6	9	O	Jenny	Rhaskos, a slave boy and artist, and Melisto, a high born and rebellious girl, cross paths in Ancient Greece. The book's length and unique blend of literary styles may deter some readers, but the payoff is a beautifully-rendered narrative.
Becoming Muhammad Ali	Patterson	James	Anyabwile	Dawud	Fic	5	7	O	Rachael	This book gives a great view in verse and prose of the life of a young Muhammad Ali. The reader gets a great view of how Ali grows as both an athlete and an activist.

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Blackout	Clayton	Dhonielle			Fic	9	12	O	Carla	In this collection of six stories we meet thirteen Black teens in the midst of different romantic dilemmas, complicated by a blackout. Penned by an all-star group of young adult writers, these engaging romances are inclusive across gender and sexuality making them relatable to a variety of teens.
Bluebird	Cameron	Sharon			Fic	8	12	O	Melissa	Eva arrives in New York bent on justice. In alternate chapters Inge, a Nazi's daughter, discovers inconceivable horror hidden in her past and present. A clever plot consistently surprises: interweaving history with resonant details. Based on real events, an substantial author's note adds context.
Clues to the Universe	Li	Christina			Fic	3	7	O	Rachael	A sweet and poignant story of two seventh graders discovering a deep friendship as they take on school bullies, the science fair and trying to recover from different types of parental loss.
Concrete Rose	Thomas	Angie			Fic	7	A	O	Solia	A Prequel to The Hate U Give, Concrete Rose follows a 17-year-old Maverick Carter while he navigates becoming a father, life in a gang, and the struggle to go straight.
Dawn Raid	Smith	Pauline Vaeluaga			Fic	4	7	O	Beth	Extensive back matter supports this compelling historical fiction in diary format about a New Zealand girl in 1976. Thirteen year old Sofia, of mixed Maori/Caucasian heritage, proves a compelling narrator as she intermingles typical teenage concerns and activism.
Deathless Divide	Ireland	Justina			Fic	8	12	O	Lesley	The second book in the Dread Nation series, Deathless Divide is narrated by Jane McKeene and her unlikely friend Katherine Deveraux. The novel explores relationships between black women and examines tensions between communities of color and the corrupting, colonizing influence of white settlement.

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Don't Hate the Player	Nedd	Alexis			Fic	9	12	O	Carla	This sweet romance exploring the challenges a young woman of color faces when she enters the world of competitive videogaming while trying to keep the rest of her life on track is both fun and honest. A diverse cast, solid plot, and cinematic description of in-game action make this a stellar read.
Elatsoe	Little Badger	Darcie	Cai	Rovina	Fic	7	12	O	Eny	Ellie is a Lipan Apache teen with the hereditary gift of raising spirits. Her summer plans change when her cousin Trevor dies and his spirit appears to her with a plea: he names his murderer and asks Ellie for justice. This is a story with wide appeal for any readers looking for a fresh mystery.
Jadie in Five Dimensions	Salerni	Diane K.			Fic	5	8	O	Melissa	Jadie helps superintelligent beings from from the 4th dimension adjust Earth's present to produce a better future, until chance reveals both Jadie's birth-family and a conspiracy. A cracking plot, engaging storyline, multi-racial cast and plenty of mind bending physics make this a clear winner.
Just Like That	Scmidt	Gary			Fic	7	12	O	Lesley	Schmidt's third novel in the Wednesday War trilogy follows Meryl Lee Kowalski to Maine where she struggles to recover from a personal tragedy, while learning to understand the lives around her and exploring human relationships across many lines, from gender to class, race to politics
Kaleidoscope	Selznick	Brian	Selznick	Brian	Fic	5	9	O	Penny	In this unusual allegorical novel, the first-person thirteen-year-old narrator is unnamed, and describes his best friend James who the reader learns has died. The two have adventures and seek knowledge in a series of episodic chapters that could also serve as stand-alone short stories.
Last Cuentista, The	Higuera	Donna Barba			Fic	5	9	O	Joshua	Petra Pena journeys to another planet in a bid to save humanity, encountering obstacles that noone could have predicted, all while working to keep her heritage and stories alive.

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Last Night at the Telegraph Club	Lo	Malinda			Fic	9	12	O	Lesley	Malinda Lo skilfully blends historical fiction, coming-of-age, coming out and ethnic heritage in this beautifully-written novel about first love in San Francisco. Deft cultural and historical context of the 1950s and personal relationships of characters trying to navigate a changing world.
Like Other Girls	Lundin	Britta			Fic	9	12	O	Hayley	Closeted “butch” lesbian Mara is reluctantly accepted into her high school football team but is horrified when four other girls are inspired to play too. Mara’s growing confidence and understanding of her identity is drawn authentically and from the heart.
Little Thieves	Owen	Margaret			Fic	8	12	O	Lesley	Little Thieves is a reimagined fairy story which examines theft, privilege, worth and intention in an elaborately built world with well-drawn characters. Narrator Vanja begins thieving to escape from a terrible situation, but ends up understanding the power of truth as she explores her past.
Merci Suarez Can't Dance	Medina	Meg			Fic	4	7	O	Beth	Cuban American seventh grader Merci Suarez continues to unintentionally shake things up at school and at home. Masterful character progression make this sequel shine, possibly even brighter than the Newbery award winning original.
Not So Pure and Simple	Giles	Lamar			Fic	8	12	O	Lesley	When protagonist Del Rainey Jr. inadvertently takes the Purity Pledge at his church in an attempt to put the moves on his long-time crush Keira and is then caught ferrying questions from his church group to his high school health class, humor tempers a serious examination of gender politics.
Punching the Air	Zoboi	Ibi			Fic	8	12	O	Lesley	A novel in verse, Punching the Air tells the story of teenaged Amal Shahid, imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. It details his physical and mental suffering , examining our brutalizing prison system and exploring the inner strength and creativity he calls on to maintain himself.

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Red White and Whole	LaRocca	Rajani			Fic	5	8	HA	Melissa	Reha lives a divided life: torn between 1980's American culture and her parents' conservative Indian values. Her nascent self-assertion is cut short by her mother's illness and Reha's decision to be the perfect daughter. Told in first-person verse, Reha's feelings and concerns will resonate.
Root Magic	Royce	Eden			Fic	3	7	O	Lesley	With the death of their beloved grandmother, twins Jezebel and Jay Turner begin their supernatural education in the traditions of folk magic which have been a part of their Gullah family's legacy, while also battling threats from racist police and witchcraft-fearing peers in 1963 South Carolina.
Rural Voices: 15 Authors Challenge Assumptions About Small-Town America	Shalaway Carpenter	Nora, ed.			Fic	8	12	O	Jenny	Sixteen short stories explode expectations and stereotypes about rural America by giving voice to characters whose perspectives are often overlooked. Authors use a variety of formats, including prose, verse, memoir and comics, to tell unique and authentic stories.
Six Crimson Cranes	Lim	Elizabeth			Fic	7	A	O	Lesley	Elizabeth Lim uses East Asian folklore to create a unique retelling of a folk tale where a princess whose brothers are enchanted into cranes not only has to keep silent to save their lives, but who also finds alliances in the undersea world of the dragons and the real world of her father's kingdom.
Too Bright to See	Lukoff	Kyle			Fic	5	7	O	Penny	During the summer before middle school, Bug's uncle has died, and Bug is going through an identity crisis with the support of Mom and friend Moira, although Bug is challenged by the fact their house is haunted. The novel discusses the struggles of middle school, making friends and gender identity.
Too Small Tola	Atinuke		Iwu	Onyinye	Fic	1	4	O	Melissa	Set in Nigeria, three witty stories are packed with details, emotions and observations perfect for children. Each spread is enlivened with humorous line drawings. Tola's relatable challenges result in heartwarming triumphs, making this a superb choice for newly confident readers or reading aloud.

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The Box in the Woods	Johnson	Maureen			Fic	9	12	O	Eny	Amateur teen sleuth Stevie and her friends are hired to work at a summer camp in order to solve the decades-old Box in the Woods murders. An enjoyable, engrossing mystery with a clever balance of detective work and relatable teenage dilemmas.
The Bridge	Konigsberg	Bill			Fic	9	A	O	Rachael	The Bridge tells four stories - in each of them Aaron & Tillie come to the George Washington Bridge intending to jump but there the stories diverge. Ultimately this book showcases hope and reasons for each of the characters to live.
The Chance to Fly	Stroker	Ali			Fic	4	8	O	Carla	Natalie Beacon auditions for a role in her favorite musical, "Wicked," refusing to be held back by the fact that she uses a wheelchair. Diverse, theater loving characters and an honest portrayal of disability set in every day middle grade life combine to make an enlightening and enjoyable story.
Firekeeper's Daughter	Boulley	Angeline			Fic	9	12	O	Sarah	Eighteen-year-old Ojibwe Daunis Fontaine goes undercover with the FBI to help an investigation into meth dealing among her tribal community. Boulley weaves contemporary Native American issues with traditional Ojibwe language, politics, imagery and beliefs in this thrilling murder mytery.
The Forest of Stolen Girls	Hur	June			Fic	8	12	O	Lesley	Set on Jeju Island in fifteenth century Korea, this evocative and fast-paced mystery centers on two sisters, Hwani and Maewol, the first of whom returns to the island to try and find their missing father, Detective Min and thirteen local girls, uncovering the family's and the island's past.
The Great Godden	Rosoff	Meg			Fic	9	12	O	Hayley	A British family, artsy and rich in love, intelligence, and quirkiness if not in actual cash, always spend summer at their beach house and, with the arrival of the Godden brothers, this classic and familiar sunshiny structure is wonderfully subverted into something dark and twisted.

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The Land of the Cranes	Salazar	Aida			Fic	3	7	O	Yesica	Oakland writer Aida Salazar uses verse to depict the experience of nine-year-old Latinx Betita Quintero and her pregnant mother in an immigration family detention center. Salazar creates visceral images that do not pander to stereotypes in this timely story.
The One Thing You'd Save	Park	Linda Sue	Sae-Heng	Robert	Fic	4	6	O	Melissa	A class project causes a group of kids to reflect on what matters most to them. Each individuals' answer and illustration builds on and influences the next, revealing both diverse individuals and a community. Brilliant as a read aloud, a self-read and as a mentor text for a copy-cat class project.
This Light Between Us: A Novel of World War II	Fukuda	Andrew			Fic	7	12	O	Julia	World War II is experienced through the eyes of Japanese American boy Alex Maki, as well as the letters he shares with a Jewish girl named Charlie Levy. This powerful story of friendship during a time of war is a must read for teen fans of historical fiction.
When You Trap A Tiger	Keller	Tae			Fic	3	6	O	Rachael	Coming of age, loss, and sibling relationships are all themes in this expertly crafted novel which weaves a contemporary story, family memories and a mystical tiger from Korean folklore into a compelling portrait of a family coming to terms with loss. It will take your breath away.
Wink	Harrell	Rob			Fic	5	8	O	Melissa	Ross has all the usual seventh-grade issues plus the massive drama of rare eye cancer that threatens his life. Reluctant readers will be pulled in by the humor and comics and avid readers will find plenty to appreciate in this story of how to stay alive, while figuring out what makes you feel alive.
Yolk	Choi	Mary H. K.			Fic	9	12	O	Lesley	Jayne Baek is an underachieving fashion student at a university in New York where her older sister June is an overachieving Columbia graduate. When June needs Jayne to help her navigate a cancer diagnosis, they are forced to confront their own and their immigrant parents' past.



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Almost American Girl	Ha	Robin	Ha	Robin	GN	6	12	O	Solia	In this illustrated memoir 14 year old Chuna's life is upended after a "vacation" to Alabama. Her mother has gotten married and they're starting a new life in America. Themes include: mother/daughter relationships, new immigrant experiences, grief, and single parenthood.
Artie and the Wolf Moon	Stephens	Olivia	Stephens	Olivia	GN	5	8	O	Carla	8th grader Artie discovers she comes from a line of werewolves. Beyond learning about her heritage, how to manage her powers and deal with the threat of vampires, she has a sweet romance with Maya, another young werewolf. The werewolves are all Black and the vampires are light skinned.
Nubia: The Real One	McKinney	L.L.	Smith	Robyn	GN	8	A	O	Lesley	For 17-year-old Nubia, coming of age in a world complicated by racism, misogyny and hate is even more challenging because she is also coming into her identity as a super hero stepping into her immense power as Wonder Woman's Black twin sister. Realistic dialogue and relationships with good graphics.
Squad	Tokuda-Hall	Maggie	Sterle	Gurihiru	GN	10	A	O	Solia	New girl Becca is quickly adopted by the squad of popular girls, and watches them change before her eyes when she's harassed by a boy at a party. Becca has to make the ultimate choice: join the squad and become a werewolf, or be eaten herself. Sharply feminist, but best suited for older teens.
Superman Smashes the Klan	Yang	Gene Luen		Sylvie	GN	6	A	O	Julia	Chinese American siblings Roberta & Tommy Lee team up with Superman to fight racism and embrace their true selves. Solid characters, lively artwork, and relevant themes make this a superhero story that is not to be missed.
Sylvie	Kantorovitz	Sylvie	Kantorovitz	Marcus Kwame	GN	6	12	O	Penny	Many readers will identify with young Sylvie, who is not sure what profession she might want to pursue in this graphic novel memoir. The author/illustrator describes her youth in France where the family lives at a school for boys because her father is the principal.

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Black Panther Party: A Graphic Novel History, The	Walker	David F.	Anderson	Molly Knox	GN	8	A	O	Carla	This in depth examination of the Black Panther Party tells the history in all of its complexity. The art's realistic renderings and muted color palette work beautifully with the narrative to convey the complicated legacy of Party's people and programs. Back matter has resources for further reading.
Girl From the Sea, The	Ostertag	Molly Knox	Ostertag	Shin Yin	GN	7	11	O	Eny	Sixteen-year-old Morgan has a plan: stay quiet and unnoticed, wait until she can leave her small island hometown for college, then come out as gay. This is a fun and encouraging read for fans of queer romance, magic, and coming of age stories.
Legend of Auntie Po, The	Khor	Shing Yin	Khor	Torben	GN	4	8	O	Catherine	A historical coming of age story featuring a Chinese American girl growing up in a Californian logging camp, this graphic novel expands the idea of the keepers of American folktales.
Fallout	Sheinkin	Steve			NF	5	12	O	Kimberly	Sheinkin's narrative non-fiction follow-up to Bomb (2012) follows the tension between the US and the Soviets from the space race through the Cuban Missile Crisis. Despite minor book design flaws, Sheikin's exceptional storytelling and well-sourced dialogue make history read like a spy novel.
Flight for Freedom	Fulton	Kristen	Kuhlmann		NF	1	4	O	Melissa	The true-life tale of two families who make a daring escape from East Berlin in a homemade hot air balloon, offers an exciting window into Cold War history. Extensive back-matter provides engineering details, historical context and personal perspectives.
From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement	Yoo	Paula		Michael	NF	8	A	O	Lesley	Paula Yoo's analysis of Vincent Chin's brutal 1982 Detroit murder explores the racism of the city and time which caused his death, the deep flaws in the legal system and the remarkable ripple effect which Chin's community's response to the killing had on the Asian American movement nationwide.

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It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, Gender, and Sexual Health	Harris	Robie H.	Emberley		NF	4	8	O	Rachael	25 years ago Harris and Emberley set the "gold standard" on honest yet accessible sex education information for younger children. I heartily recommend this newest edition for library collections and home libraries.
Picturing a Nation: The Great Depression's Finest Photographers Introduce America to Itself	Sandler	Martin W.			NF	7	12	O	Penny	The Farm Security Administration started a project in 1935 where noted photographers (including Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Gordon Parks, Russell Lee) were hired to document what Americans were going through, from struggling farmers and migrants fleeing the Dust Bowl to those in cities.
The People Remember	Zoboi	Ibi	Wise	Loveis	NF	K	5	O	Penny	In Zoboi's (American Street, 2018) first book for younger readers, she describes the history of African Americans, using the pillars of Kwanzaa as the organizing structure. The text is done using free verse poetry, with repetition and rhythm that makes this a great classroom read-aloud.
This is Your Time	Bridges	Ruby		Frane'	NF	1	A	O	Solia	Activist and civil rights icon Ruby Bridges writes a passionate letter to children reflecting on her experiences and the Black Lives Matter Movement. Historic and contemporary black and white Pictures accompany each page of text. A small, yet powerful book that will appeal to all ages.
Unspeakable	Weatherford	Carole Boston	Cooper	Floyd	NF	2	5	HA	Beth	Eight thousand people are left homeless, yet there is no investigation for seventy-five years after a massacre of a wealthy Black neighborhood in Tulsa in 1921. A timely read on a multitude of levels.
We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know	Sorell	Traci	Lessac		NF	1	5	O	Penny	In this companion to We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga (2018), twelve Native American children describe laws, policies, struggles, and victories that have occurred in Native life. The folk art style illustrations help to extend the brief text.

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Why Longfellow Lied: The Truth About Paul Revere's Midnight Ride	Lantos	Jeff		Maya	NF	5	12	O	Penny	In this look at Paul Revere's ride, the book begins with Longfellow's poem, and then describes what really occurred and why Longfellow may have changed the facts. The book design will attract readers with b&w and color photos, maps, sidebars, page decorations and other illustrative elements.	
Without Separation: Prejudice, Segregation, and the Case of Roberto Alvarez	Brimner	Larry Dane	Gonzalez	Raúl	NF	1	5	O	Penny	In 1931 in Lemon Grove, California, the school board built a grand new school, but sent all the Mexican-American students to a wooden barn-like building for instruction. Families sued with the lead plaintiff Roberto Alvarez to prove this segregation was racial prejudice, and won.	
¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat	the Third	Raúl	the Third	Kara	PB	PS		2	O	Yesica	Little Lobo, his dog Bernabé and his friend, Kooky Dooky provide food for the hungry luchadores before the Lucha Libre 5000 match. The kaleidoscope of colors conveys the excitement of, and pays homage to, the lucha libre tradition. This book is a feast for the eyes and electrifies the senses.
Atticus Caticus	Maizes	Sarah	Kramer	Anne	PB	PS		2	O	Jennie	The bright and straightforward digital pictures in this tongue twister of a picture book stand out with a playful blue cat, Atticus, doing all the actions the rhymes implore. The drum beat rhythm is asking to be read aloud and the illustrations create a sense of movement.
Blob	Appert	Anne	Appert	Dung	PB	PS		1	O	Joshua	Bob is a blob, who can be anything it wants to be, though being called blob and being what it wants is best of all.
Born on the Water	Hannah-Jones	Nikole	Smith	Nikkolas	PB	K	4	O	Eny	A young Black girl is assigned to draw up a family tree, but she can only trace her family history back to her great-grandparents. Her grandmother shares a beautiful tale in verse about her ancestors in West Central Africa. This is a great book for parents and teachers alike to share with kids.	
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Ho	Joanna	Ho	Mike	PB	PS		2	O	Julia	A young girl describes her eyes and the eyes of her loved ones in this celebration of family and Chinese culture. The perfect picture book to add more diversity and Asian acceptance to your library collection.

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How to Apologize	LaRochelle	David	Wohnoutka	Nicole	PB	PS	2	O	Melissa	Colorful cartoon animals model amusing gaffs and subsequent insincere and sincere apologies. Readers will laugh as they are gently led to an understanding of the right way to behave. A much-needed primer on how to apologize, perfect for classrooms and all those emerging from their Covid bunker.	
Kiyoshi's Walk	Karlins	Mark	Wong	Stephanie	PB	K	3	O	Melissa	On an inspiring walk a grandfather answers a boy's question - 'where do poems come from?' Detailed and whimsical illustrations reinforce the clear and compelling explanation of the origins of inspiration. An author's note goes into greater depth about the history and structure of haiku.	
Listen	Snyder	Gabi	Graegin	Tom	PB	K	3	O	Melissa	Barraged by a multicultural city's noise, a young girl pauses: consciously separating sounds, building awareness and empathy throughout the school day. Charming digital and colored pencil illustrations radiate calm. Use of onomatopoeia adds to the message. An afterword explains aspects of hearing.	
Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess, The	Gauld	Tom	Gauld	Amber	PB	PS	3	O	Jenny	In this beguiling fairy tale, a childless kind and queen adopt two unusual children: a little wooden robot and a little log princess. Veering off in unexpected but totally delightful directions, the well-paced story offers plenty of room for a reader's imagination to soar. A perfect read-aloud!	
Looking for a Jumbie	Baptiste	Tracey	Ren	Corey	PB	PS	2	O	Penny	A little Afro Caribbean girl goes looking for jumbies, which are Caribbean fairies or trolls from folklore. She is not afraid and states several times, 'I'm looking for a jumbie. I'm going to find a scary one.' This fun alternative to the usual Halloween monster stories can be used all year long.	
Mel Fell	Tabor	Corey	Tabor	Christian	PB	PS	3	O	Eny	One day a young kingfisher bird named Mel decides it's time to learn to fly. Despite her and her siblings' fears, "she jumped. She flipped. She spread her wings. And then... she fell." Mel's exciting tale will be a hit for storytime.	

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Milo Imagines the World	De la Peña	Matt	Robinson	Layn	PB	K	3	O	Melissa	Words and illustrations unite in a story rich in rhythm, detail, charm and humanity. On a subway ride, dark-skinned Milo draws his fellow passengers' lives. Chance and literal self-reflection come together in a surprise ending, causing him to reimagine his world.
Noah's Seal	Marlow	Layn	Marlow	Julie	PB	PS	2	O	Jenny	A seal sculpted in the sand washes away during a storm, only to return later to guide a young boy and his Nana out to sea in their sailboat. Simple, reassuring word choices, paired with delightful illustrations, leave room for interpretation as children draw their own conclusions about the seal.
On the Trapline	Robertson	David A.	Flett	Mariachiar	PB	K	3	O	Meghan	A young boy and his Swampy Cree grandfather visit the ancestral lands that the grandfather grew up on. Through an effective question and answer format, the book conveys the history of this Indigenous family and leads readers to reflect on the experiences of Native Americans in the United States.
Midnight Fair, The	Sterer	Gideon	Di Giorgio	Jon	PB	B/T	2	O	Rachael	This is an outstanding wordless picture book that will have children and their adults screaming more, more, more at every reading.
Rock From the Sky, The	Klassen	Jon	Klassen	Brian	PB	PS	3	O	Yesica	Five chapters compose this longer form picture book, and the events appear to take place in the space of a day. Turtle, Armadillo, Snake, and a one-eyed alien all make appearances in the various chapters. The dead-pan humor combined with the muted color palate makes this a compulsive read.
Time for Kenny	Pinkney	Brian	Pinkney	Jason	PB	PS	1	O	Rachael	Brian Pinkney presents four moments through a young black boys day in vibrant and joyful text and art.
Watercress	Wang	Andrea	Chin	Victo	PB	K	3	O	Penny	A young Chinese American girl describes a car trip where the family stops to pick watercress along the road in Ohio, to eat at dinner. At first, the girl is ashamed and doesn't want to help or eat the watercress until she learns of her mother's past as a child of the famine in China.

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We are Water Protectors	Lindstrom	Carole	Goade	Michaela	PB	K	3	O	Keira	A young girls tells a simple yet powerful story about the importance of standing up for ourselves and for others who are not able to. Inspiring words and illustrations make this outstanding book great for anyone teaching about environmental causes and the value of water to life.
When We Say Black Lives Matter	Clarke	Maxine Beneba	Clarke	Maxine Beneba	PB	K	3	O	Penny	Simply told in rhyming verse, this dramatic picture book clearly explains a complex topic: "Little one, when we say Black Lives Matter, we're saying Black people are wonderful-strong. That we deserve to be treated with basic RESPECT, and that history's done us wrong."
Wishes	Van	Muon Thi	Ngai	Micha	PB	PS	3	O	Rachael	Author Muon Thi Van and illustrator Victo Ngai tell the complex story of a family fleeing Vietnam in deceptively simple text and richly detailed illustrations.
Wonder Walkers	Archer	Micha	Archer		PB	PS	2	O	Penny	Two children go outside for a walk. They notice many beautiful aspects of nature and wonder "Is fog the river's blanket?" or "Are branches trees'arms?"The dramatic collage illustrations were created with tissue paper, handmade stamps and ink. A Caldecott Honor book.