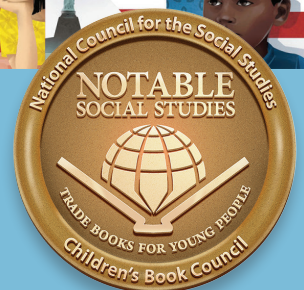
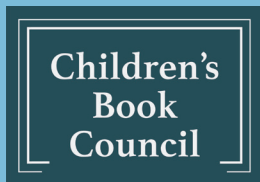


Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2024



About the List and Criteria for Selection

The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2023 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children's Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbooks.org/publishers/our-members.


Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies: A Framework for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment*, to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- 1 CULTURE
- 2 TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- 3 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- 4 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- 5 INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- 6 POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- 7 PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- 8 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- 9 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- 10 CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Key to a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with an asterisk are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator 5. Publisher. 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) 8. Price as of January 2023 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies (see list above).

1. 	2. I'm an American	3. Darshana Khiani	4. Illustrated by Laura Freeman
5. Penguin Random House / Viking	6. 48pp.	7. ISBN 978-0-593-46472-4	8. \$19.99.
9. (P)	10. This book explores the essence of being American through diverse voices.	11. (SH)	12. 1 2 10

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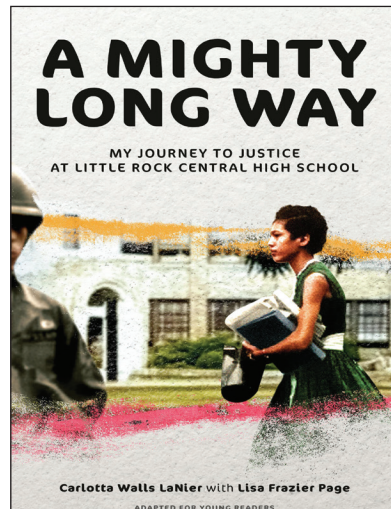
All Rise: The Story of Ketanji Brown Jackson. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Ashley Evans. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-65016-5, \$18.99. (P) Ketanji Brown Jackson is the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. This book highlights her perseverance, determination and willpower, and how she rose to the position of justice on the highest U.S. court. (SW) 4610

A Mighty Long Way (Adapted for Young Readers). Carlotta Walls LaNier with Lisa Frazier Page. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-48675-7, \$17.99. (M, H) This young readers' adaptation follows the journey of Carlotta Walls, the youngest member of The Little Rock Nine, as she becomes one of the first Black students to desegregate schools in Arkansas. Includes End of Book Matter. (BNB) 256

Boundless. Chaunté Lowe. Scholastic / Scholastic Focus. 240pp. Trade ISBN: 978-1-338-74152-0, \$18.99. (I, M). Inspiring true story of Chaunté Lowe's journey to the Olympics. Through hard work and a supportive community Lowe's overcame food insecurity, homelessness, and domestic abuse to become one of the most celebrated high jumpers in U.S. history. (LBW) 429

Brave Volodymyr: The Story of Volodymyr Zelensky and the Fight for Ukraine. Linda Elovitz Marshall. Illustrated by Grasya Oliyko. HarperCollins Publishers / Quill Tree Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-29414-1, \$19.99. (P, I) Embark on a captivating journey through the inspiring life of Volodymyr Zelensky, the president of Ukraine. The book focuses on Zelensky's positive impact on Ukraine. Includes Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography (AMM) 10693

Cantora: Mercedes Sosa, The Voice of Latin America. Melisa Fernández Nitsche. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-64597-0, \$18.99. (P) Argentinian folk singer, Mercedes Sosa, inspired others to protest injustice as she shared stories about her people across the world. Includes Author's Note, Timeline, Vocabulary and Spanish Phrases, Playlist and Selected Sources. (VSW) 239



Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series. Traci Sorrell. Illustrated by Arigon Starr. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-40647-2, \$18.99. (P) The true story of Charles Bender and John Meyers, two Native pro baseball players who faced discrimination throughout the major-leagues. They each made it to the World Series in 1911. A lesson in resilience in the face of injustice. Includes Author's Note and Timeline (DC) 223

Cut!. C.E. Winters. Illustrated by Matt Schu. HarperCollins / Greenwillow Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-06739-4, \$18.99. (P) Lotte Reiniger revolutionized movie making through her creative use of cut paper and the invention of a stop-action camera. Includes Timeline, Author's Note, Sources, and Glossary (VSW) 123

Hispanic Star: Sonia Sotomayor. Claudia Romo Edelman and Nathalie Alonso. Illustrated by Alexandra Beguez. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-82822-4, \$17.99. (I) This biography spans Sotomayor's childhood to her influence on the U.S. Supreme Court, with supporting text boxes such as "What does a judge do?" "The Ivy League," and "Notable Puerto Ricans." Includes "Did you Know," and Authors' Notes. (VSW) 4610

History Comics: Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin. Tracey Baptiste. Illustrated by Shauna J. Grant. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / First Second. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-17421-5, \$12.99. (I) This engaging graphic novel tells the story of Rosa Parks, while also amplifying the contribution of Claudette Colvin, a teenager who was arrested for similar charges months earlier. Includes Afterword. (PK) 610

Jackie Ormes Draws the Future: The Remarkable Life of a Pioneering Cartoonist. Liz Montague. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio, 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-42654-8, \$18.99. (P) As one of the first African American cartoonists, Jackie Ormes entertained and educated audiences in the 1930s-1950s. Includes Author's Note and Selected Sources. (VSW) 217



Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter. Aida Salazar. Illustrated by Molly Mendoza. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-28341-9, \$19.99. (P) This fascinating story tells the history of Jovita Valdovinos who fought for religious freedom in the Cristero War after the Mexican Revolution. Includes More about Jovita, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note. (KB) 126

Kati's Tiny Messengers. Megan Hoyt. Illustrated by Vivien Mildenerger. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-21662-4, \$19.99. (P) This book tells the story of Dr. Katalin Karikó, one of the key scientists behind the COVID-19 vaccine, and her journey of perseverance. (SW) 580

Ketanji. Kekla Magoon. Illustrated by Laura Freeman. HarperCollins/Quill Tree Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-29616-9, \$19.99. (P, I)

Ketanji tells the story of the newest Supreme Court justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to serve on the highest court in the country. Through bright illustrations, the story chronicles how Jackson rose to the Supreme Court. Includes Glossary, Timeline, Author's Note, and Further Reading. (LE) 2610

Ketanji Brown Jackson: A Justice For All. Tami Charles. Illustrated by Jemma Skidmore. Simon & Schuster Children's / S&S Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-665-93526-5, \$18.99. (P, I) This story chronicles Ketanji Brown Jackson's life and path to becoming the first Black woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court and an inspiration for future generations. Includes Author's Note, Timeline (LBW) 6710

Lift Every Voice and Change. Charnaie Gordon. Illustrated by Aeron Cargill. The Quarto Group/becker&mayer! kids. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-760-37459-7, \$18.99. (P) Twelve powerful, brief biographies of Black leaders are accompanied by reflection questions and audio clips, which readers can listen to with the push of a button. Includes Glossary, In Your Own Words, Further Reading, About the Author, About the Illustrator. (NNR) 62

Little People, BIG DREAMS: American Dreams. Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara and Lisbeth Kaiser. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 176pp. ISBN 978-0-711-28557-6, \$30.00. (P) Biographies of 40 iconic individuals in the U.S., from artists and activists to scientists and poets, such as Maya Angelou, Dolly Parton, Michael Jordan, Amanda Gorman, Gloria Steinem, and Neil Armstrong. Includes Timeline, Important Dates, and Photos. (SA), 234510

Loud and Proud: The Life of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illustrated by Kaylani Juanita. Simon & Schuster Children's / Paula Wiseman Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-534-46352-3, \$18.99. (P, I) This dynamic biography of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm brings the former presidential candidate's powerful words to life through vibrant illustrations that highlight her most famous quotes and make clear her political legacy. Includes Author's Note, The Chisholm Trail. (NNR) ●●●

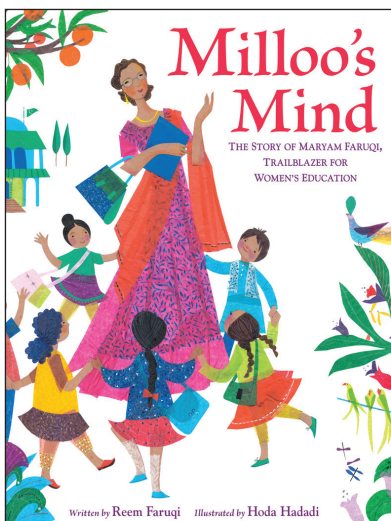
Major Taylor: World Cycling Champion. Charles R. Smith Jr. Illustrated by Leo Espinosa. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-536-21498-7, \$18.99. (I) Marshall "Major" Taylor enters the cycling world's most anticipated Six-Day Race as the only Black cyclist in 1896. The bikers must cycle a track for six days and the one with the most laps wins. Readers are gripped with excitement as day six approaches, and as Major powers through racist abuse from fellow riders. Includes Major's Story, Milestones, and Bibliography. (DC) ●●

Make Way: The Story of Robert McCloskey, Nancy Schön, and Some Very Famous Ducklings. Angela Burke Kunkel. Illustrated by Claire Keane. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-37335-4, \$19.99. (P, I) This double biography shares the creative process of friends Nancy Schön and Robert McCloskey. After reading McCloskey's *Make Way for Ducklings* book, Schön created sculptures of the ducks for the Boston Public Garden. Includes Author's Note, Timeline. (LBW) ●●●

Masked Hero: How Wu Lien-teh Invented the Mask That Ended an Epidemic. Shan Woo Liu. Illustrated by Lisa Wee. Candlewick Press / MIT

Kids Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-536-22898-4, \$18.99. (P, I) The story of the doctor who invented the first version of the N95 mask, which helped end the Manchurian plague in 1910 and is still widely used today. Written by Dr. Wu Lien-teh's granddaughter. Includes Timeline, Author's Note. (PK) ●

Milloo's Mind: The Story of Maryam Faruqi, Trailblazer for Women's Education. Reem Faruqi. Illustrated by Hoda Hadadi. HarperCollins. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-05661-9, \$18.99. (P) *Milloo's Mind* is a touching story about Maryam Faruqi, who grew up in 1930s India when education was not considered important for young girls. Later, as an adult living in Pakistan, Faruqi started a school for young girls and became a fierce advocate for girls' education. This story is told by her granddaughter. Includes Author's Note, Glossary. (KB) ●●●



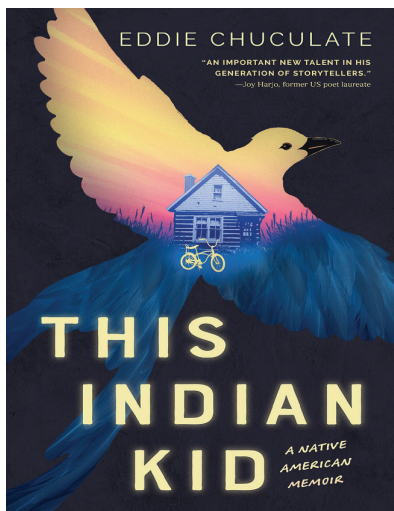
Muzoon: A Syrian Refugee Speaks Out. Muzoon Almelhehan with Wendy Pearlman. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-984-85198-7, \$17.99. (M, H) Muzoon escapes from her beloved Syria under cover of darkness with books in her backpack. Despite tremendous adversity, she becomes a powerful advocate for educational access and equity. Includes Epilogue. (EA) ●●●

The Presidents Decoded: A Guide to the Leaders Who Shaped Our Nation. Katie Kennedy. Illustrated by Monique Steele. Hachette / Workman Children's. 248 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-523-51586-8, \$24.99. (M) This informational text provides an overview of each U.S. president and includes excerpted primary sources with "decoded" information to help readers make sense of the time period and connections to the present. (SW) ●●●

Put Your Shoes On & Get Ready! Raphael G. Warnock. Illustrated by Temika Grooms. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-52887-7, \$19.99. (P, I) Senator Raphael Warnock's story about the influence of his father's advice to "put on your shoes & get ready" for the job you were called to do. A challenge to be yourself and make a difference. (LBW) 146

She Kept Dancing. Sydney Mesher and Catherine Laudone. Illustrated by Natelle Quek. Macmillan Publishing Group / Feiwel and Friends. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-84267-1, \$18.99. (P) Discover an inspiring picture book biography about a dancer with a limb difference who defied ignorance and pursued her dreams. Embracing her passion, she became the first Rockette with a visible disability, showcasing remarkable professional accomplishments. Includes A Note from Sydney. (SH) 4

This Indian Kid: A Native American Memoir. Eddie Chuculate. Scholastic / Scholastic Focus. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-80208-5, \$19.99. (M) Award-winning author Eddie Chuculate recalls a childhood spent in poverty, between multiple households, and surrounded by white culture in his small-town. Eddie gains strength from his Creek and Cherokee heritage. He shares what it means to be Native American in modern-day America. (DC) 415



The Trailblazing Life of Viola Desmond: A Civil Rights Icon. Rachel Kehoe with Wanda Robson. Illustrated by Chelsea Charles. Orca Book Publishers. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-459-83397-5, \$24.95. (I) Viola Desmond refused to leave a segregated movie theater in Canada, almost a decade before Rosa Parks's act of civil disobedience. Sidebars provide historical context and examples of other civil rights trailblazers. Includes Timeline, Glossary, Resources (VSW) 1025

Voices of the People: Introduction to Famous Indigenous Leaders. Joseph Bruchac. Illustrated by Various Indigenous Artists. Reycraft Books. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-478-87516-1, \$27.95. (I, M, H) This is a visually striking collection of 34 Native American historical figures described through poems, each featuring the work of a different Indigenous artist. Includes More About the Voices, About the Author (NNR) 1610

* **We are Your Children Too.** P. O'Connell Pearson. Simon & Schuster Children's / S&S Books for Young Readers. 288 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-665-90139-0, \$17.99. (M) This book recounts the story of students in Prince Edward County, Virginia, who resisted white supremacist structures in their town and started a youth movement against racism and educational inequality. Includes Timeline, Recommend Reading (KB) 126

What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me: Deb Haaland's Historic Inauguration. Alexis Buntin. Illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-43003-6, \$18.99. (P, I) As Deb Haaland is sworn in as the first Native American to serve in the president's cabinet, she wears a ribbon skirt. Children in this story are inspired as they observe Haaland's Native pride. Includes Author's Note, Historical Context, and Action Steps. (EA) 3610

CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS

Ajay and the Mumbai Sun. Varsha Shah. Scholastic / Chicken House. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-87546-1, \$18.99. (I) Ajay and his friends live on the streets of Mumbai, India. They face danger when they create a newspaper to expose a plan to demolish low income housing, child labor practices, and a factory that is about to collapse. (VSW) 9107

All You Have To Do. Autumn Allen. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 432 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-61904-9, \$19.99. (H) This powerful book looks to the past and the present moment to draw parallels between two Black adolescents' experiences with institutional racism in academic settings, and how they each utilized resistance to push back. (KW), 346

* **The Artist.** Nikkolas Smith. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 40 pp. ISBN 978-0-593-61965-0, \$18.99. (P, I) "I want to act. I want to hold up a mirror to the world and show everyone what isn't working right." A Black child combines his artistry with activism to fight against injustice. (SA), 45610

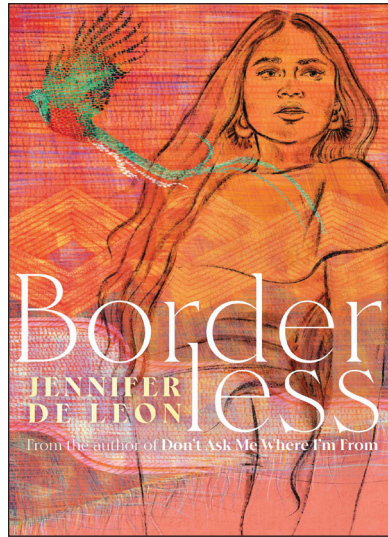
Borderless. Jennifer De Leon. Simon & Schuster Children's / Atheneum / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 336pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-665-90416-2, \$19.99. (H) Maya, an aspiring designer longs to go to fashion school. She meets Sebastian, who encourages her talent but has secrets. She later sees something unthinkable and must decide whether to stay in Guatemala or abandon her country for the Mexico-U.S. border for her safety. (DC) 453

Calling the Moon: 16 Period Stories from BIPOC Authors. Aida Salazar and Yamile Saied Méndez. Candlewick Press. 368pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-536-21634-9, \$22.99. (I, M) This book chronicles the stories of 16 females who share their varied experiences menstruating for the first time. The stories are perfect for young girls experiencing their first period and/or who are worried about it happening. (SW) 47

Cape. Kevin Johnson. Illustrated Kitt Thomas. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group/Roaring Brook Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-84050-9, \$18.99.

(P, I) This heartwarming book tells the story of a child dealing with grief by wearing a superhero cape to block out memories of his loved one. The child learns that remembering loved ones is better than trying to forget them. (LE) 436

* **Dark Testament: Blackout Poems.** Crystal Simone Smith. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-85436-0, \$19.99. (H) Crystal Simone Smith creates moving and powerful blackout poetry to explore the grief encompassing the Black Lives Matter movement using George Saunders's novel *Lincoln in the Bardo*. Includes In Memoriam, A Conversation Between Author and George Saunders. (BNB) 4610



Door By Door. Meeg Pincus. Illustrated by Meridith McKean Gimbel. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-48465-4, \$18.99. (P) This book tells the story of how Delaware State Senator Sarah McBride became America's first openly transgender senator. (KW), 34510

Finding Papa. Angela Pham Krans. Illustrated by Thi Bui. HarperCollins. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-06096-8, \$18.99. (P) A moving story based on the author's incredible journey from Vietnam (from a rescue at sea and help from the American Red Cross) to America in 1983 to be reunited with her father. Includes Author's Note. (LBW) 602

The Great Banned-Books Bake Sale. Aya Khalil. Illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan. Tilbury House Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-884-48967-2, \$18.95. (P) When Kanzi and her classmates discover that diverse books have been taken off the shelves of their library, they raise money and publicize their concerns through a bake sale. Includes Author's Note. (VSW) 105

A Hero Like Me. Jen Reid and Angela Joy. Illustrated by Leire Salaberria. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-711-28631-3, \$18.99. (P) Everyday a little girl sees statues of men that are well-known in history who are called heroes, but to her they are not heroes because these men believed in hatred towards those that were different. Soon she begins her search for real heroes, everyday people that believe in peace and justice. Includes More Information and Questions (DC) 1000

* **I'm an American.** Darshana Khiani. Illustrated by Laura Freeman. Penguin Random House / Viking. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-46472-4, \$19.99. (P) This book explores the essence of being American through diverse voices. Thought-provoking narratives and beautiful illustrations weave a tapestry of cultures, fostering understanding and identity. Ideal for both homes and classrooms. Includes Author's Note, My Family Immigration Story, Migration Factors, Around the World, Further Reading, and Selected Bibliography. (SH) 1000

Mascot. Charles Waters and Traci Sorell. Charlesbridge / Charlesbridge. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-623-54380-8, \$17.99. (M) A school assignment brings a class together to debate the pros and cons of changing their Native American mascot. Written in verse, from six different perspectives. Includes Information and Resources. (VSW) 1000

* **Promise Boys.** Nick Brooks. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 400pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-86697-4, \$19.99. (H) A page turning novel about three boys who are suspects in the mysterious death of their principal. Told from multiple points of view including those of the three suspects, this book provides commentary about how Black students are viewed and treated in charter schools today. (LE) 1000

Stand as Tall as the Trees: How an Amazonian Community Protected the Rain Forest.

Patricia Gualinga and Laura Resau. Illustrated by Vanessa Jaramillo. Charlesbridge / Charlesbridge. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-623-54236-8, \$17.99. (I) The story of one Indigenous Amazonian community working to protect their sacred land from being destroyed for oil production. Includes Glossary and Selected Additional Sources. (BNB) 3000

Stand Up and Speak Out Against Racism.

Yassmin Abdel-Magied. Illustrated by Aleesha Nandhra. Candlewick Press / Walker Books US. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-536-23133-5, \$14.99. (M, H) This is an important book that provides clear and useful information to students for combating racism. The book provides strategies for students to take action and disrupt structures and systems of inequality. Includes How To Get Inspired, Glossary. (KB) 4000



Swimming Toward a Dream: Yusra Mardini's Incredible

Journey from Refugee to Olympic Swimmer. Reem Faruqi. Illustrated by Asma Enayeh. Page Street / Page Street Kids. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-645-67983-7, \$18.99. (P) This book tells the story of Yusra, a girl with a big Olympic dream. When war breaks out, her dream starts to fade, but she goes on to become a member of the Refugee Olympic Team. (SW) 3000

That Flag. Tameka Fryer Brown. Illustrated by Nikkolas Smith. HarperCollins. 40pp. Trade ISBN: 978-0-063-09344-7, \$18.99. (I, M) Two best friends, one Black and one white are torn apart when one family flies a Confederate flag and the other learns the meaning of the flag. An empathetic tale recounted from a young child's perspective. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Back Matter on the history of the Confederate flag. (LE) 1000

Too Small Tola Gets Tough. Atinuke. Illustrated by Onyinye Iwu. Candlewick Press. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-536-22946-2, \$15.99. (I) As the COVID-19 lockdown begins, Tola finds a way to support her family in Lagos, Nigeria. (NNR) 239

Top Story (Front Desk #5). Kelly Yang. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-85839-6, \$18.99. (I, M) Mia is thrilled to be at journalism camp but quickly learns that not everyone has the same opportunities. While spending winter break in San Francisco's Chinatown, she realizes there are multiple ways to share stories that matter. Includes Author's Note. (NNR) 236

* **Warrior Girl Unearthed.** Angeline Boulley. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group/Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 496pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-76658-8, \$19.99. (H) This enthralling mystery about a rebellious teen offers deep insight into the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) while raising awareness about the crisis of murdered and missing Indigenous women. (NNR) 367

Your Plantation Prom Is Not Okay. Kelly McWilliams. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 320 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-44993-9, \$18.99. Harriet lives with her historian father on an old plantation in Louisiana, which is one of the South's few enslaved people's museums. When celebrities want to have an offensive antebellum-themed wedding, Harriet takes a stand. (KW) 13510

FOLKTALES

Eagle Drums. Nasugraq Rainey Hopson. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press.

256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-75065-5, \$18.99. (I, M) A beautiful retelling of the Iñupiaq story of the Messenger Feast. Powerful themes of family, culture, and courage abound as the Eagle Gods bestow rich cultural gifts upon these Arctic peoples. Includes Author's Note. (EA) 13

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

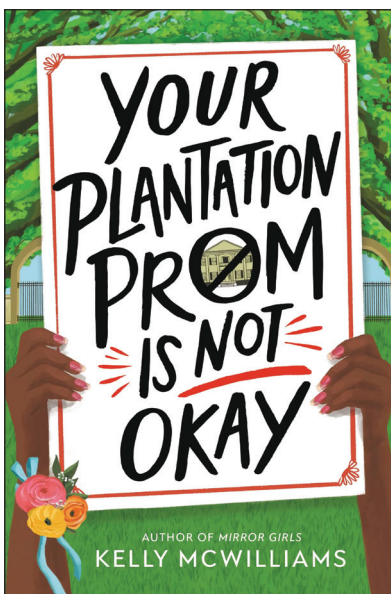
The Walking School Bus. Aaron Friedland and Ndileka Mandela. Greystone Books/Greystone Kids. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-771-64469-3, \$24.95. (P) Against great obstacles, Shaka and Nandi come up with a solution for making the dangerous journey to school. A heartwarming story of innovation and an important spotlight on educational equity around the world. (KW) 1910

GEOGRAPHY/PEOPLES/ PLACES

Amazing: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Inspire Us All. Maia Shibutani, Alex Shibutani, and Dane Liu. Illustrated by

Aaliya Jaleel. Penguin Young Readers/Viking. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-52543-2, \$18.99. (P, I) Brief but well-written profiles of inspiring members of the AAPI community. A wide range of careers is represented, from activists to athletes to politicians to artists. Includes Authors' Notes. (PK) 35

* **Ancestry: The Mystery and Majesty of Ancient Cave Art.** Hannah Salyer. HarperCollins / Clarion Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-358-46984-1, \$19.99. (P, I, M) A beautiful picture book investigating ancient rock art paintings and carvings around the world. Learn about the stories told by our ancestors, and why they are still meaningful today. Includes Site Map, Author's Note, Glossary, Timeline, Resources. (LBW) 192



From Here. Luma Mufleh. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 320 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-35445-2, \$18.99. (H) A first-hand account of growing up queer in Jordan in the 1980s. Luma Mufleh navigates issues of coming out, immigration, and political asylum. (KW) 69

Lei and the Fire Goddess. Malia Maunakea. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-52203-5, \$17.99. (M) A fantastical adventure with a relatable, angst-ridden preteen who has a complicated relationship with her indigenous Hawaiian heritage. (PK) 123

Marvelous Maps: Our Changing World in 40 Amazing Maps. Simon Kuestenmacher. Illustrated by Margarida Esteves. Welbeck Publishing / Welbeck Editions. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-803-38042-1, \$24.95. (I, M) With its stunning hardcover and vibrant visuals, this informational book presents beautiful pictures and intriguing facts to explore places around the world. Dive into the fascinating world of maps. Includes About the Author, About the Illustrator, Glossary, About the Maps. (AMM) 69

Colonization and the Indigenous American Story (Race to the Truth). Linda Coombs. Random House Children's Books / Crown Books for Young Readers. 272 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-48043-4, \$12.99. (M, H) This book tells the story of European colonization and its impact on the Wampanoags, an Indigenous tribe in New England. This is a particularly important counter-story to the traditional European exploration and expansion story that students often hear. Includes Resources for Young Readers section. (KB) 123

* **Rise Up and Sing!: Power, Protest, and Activism in Music.** Andrea Warner. Illustrated by Louise

Reimer. Greystone Books/Greystone Kids. 200pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-771-64898-1, \$21.95. (M, H) An anthology of activism and social justice, through the history of music, from historical musician-activists to contemporary pop-stars. Covers eight areas of activism: The climate emergency, Indigenous rights, civil rights, disability rights, 2SLGBTQIA+ rights, gender equality, the peace/anti-war movement, and human rights. (KW) 12310

The Walk (A Stroll to the Poll). Winsome Bingham. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-74772-4, \$18.99. (P) A grandmother and a granddaughter take a walk towards democracy: The voting booth. A great read-aloud about civic engagement featuring diverse characters. (KW) 4610

HISTORY / LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS

All Aboard the Schooltrain: A Little Story from the Great Migration. Glenda Armand. Illustrated by Keisha Morris. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-76689-9, \$19.99. (P, I) Join Thelma on the "schooltrain" experiencing the challenges Black children faced for education under Jim Crow laws. An excellent story for promoting conversations about social justice. Includes Author's Note, Author's Family Photograph. (AMM) 572

* **America Redux: Visual Stories from our Dynamic History.** Ariel Aberg-Riger. HarperCollins/Balzer + Bray. 304 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-063-05753-1, \$24.99. (H) This informational text is beautifully collaged with primary source material to explore themes central to American history and interrogate persistent myths. The text highlights counter stories and little understood complexities in compelling ways. (EA) 1235610



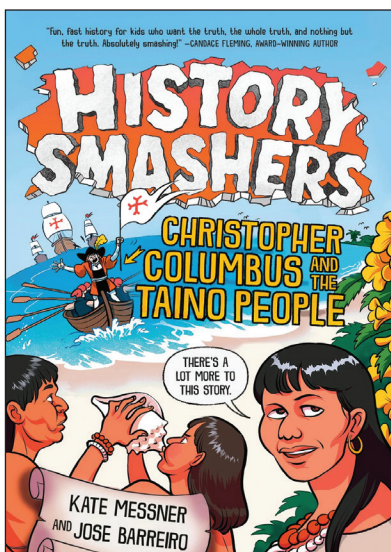
An American Story. Kwame Alexander. Illustrated by Dare Coulter. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 56pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-47312-5, \$18.99. (I, M) Combining powerful mixed-media artwork and compelling text, *An American Story* tells the often-ignored history of chattel slavery in early U.S. history and the cruelties endured by enslaved Black people. Includes Author's Note and Illustrator's Note. (BNB) 236

Dear Yesteryear. Kimberly Annece Henderson. Photographs by Kimberly Annece Henderson. Lettering by Ciara LeRoy. Penguin Young Readers / Dial. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-52924-9, \$18.99. (P) In this letter to the past, the author asks questions of unnamed African Americans in photographs of the 19th century: Did you find someone special? Strive for an education? Includes Author's Note and information on primary sources. (VSW) 25

Doomed: Sacco, Vanzetti, and the End of the American Dream. John Florio and Ouisie Shapiro. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-62193-1, \$20.99. (M, H) A powerful narrative about the accusations against and subsequent trial of Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italian immigrants wrongfully accused of murder. The book weaves in the historical context and illustrates how discrimination can lead to dire consequences. (SW) 156

Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam. Thien Pham. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / First Second. 240pp. ISBN 978-1-250-80972-8, \$17.99. (M, H) This graphic novel tells the author's family story as Vietnamese refugees. Nothing sustains a community more than food; it is how anyone who has ever been separated from their roots finds a way back. (SA) 149

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Farewell Cuba, Mi Isla. Alexandra Diaz. Simon & Schuster Children's / Paula Wiseman Books. 336 pp. ISBN 978-1-534-49540-1, \$17.99. (I, M) *Farewell Cuba, Mi Isla* is a compelling story about a young girl, her cousin, and her family and their struggle to find a new life in Miami against the backdrop of the Cuban Revolution in the 1960s. The book includes inspiring strong female lead characters. (KB) 246

History Smashers: Christopher Columbus and the Taino People. Kate Messner and Jose Barreiro. Illustrated by Falyynn Koch. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-56426-4, \$8.99. (I, M) Keeping the Taino people in the forefront, this graphic novel addresses myths about Columbus and "smashes" many false narratives that have been told for centuries. (SW) 356

How Do You Spell Unfair?: MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Frank Morrison. Candlewick Press. 40pp.

ISBN 978-1-536-21554-0, \$18.99. (I) This picture book tells the story of eighth-grader MacNolia Cox, who, in 1936, became the first African American to win the spelling bee in Akron, Ohio. The story recounts her experiences with institutional racism as she goes on to compete in the National Spelling Bee. (SA) 22620

Kin: Rooted in Hope. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Jeffery Weatherford. Simon & Schuster Children's / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-665-91362-1, \$18.99. (M, H) In lyrical verse and with stunning illustrations, this book chronicles the ancestral history of one Black American family—from 1781 to a homegoing trip to Africa in 2016. It is a profoundly painful, empowering, and hopeful read. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, and Bibliography. (PK) 23620

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A Long Time Coming: A Lyrical Biography of Race in America from Ona Judge to Barack Obama. Ray Anthony Shepard. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Astra Books for Young Readers/Calkins Creek. 336pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-662-68066-3, \$19.99. (H) This lyrical biography conveys the journey of African Americans from enslavement to freedom and beyond by weaving the lived experiences of six key figures—from Ona Judge to Barack Obama. Includes Bibliography, About the Author. (SH) 📖📖

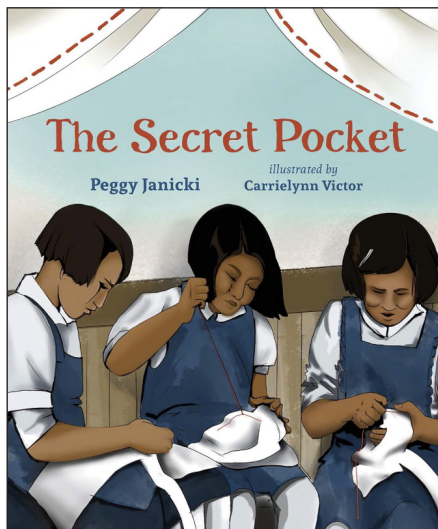
More Than a Dream: The Radical March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group/Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-39174-4, \$21.99. (M) This informational text examines the March on Washington from a lens beyond Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *I Have a Dream* speech. Newspaper reports are used throughout as primary resources to shed light on the organizers, protestors, and future outcomes of the event. (DC) 📖📖

My Red, White, and Blue. Alana Tyson. Illustrated by London Ladd. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-52570-8, \$18.99. (P) A nuanced telling of American history, and a story about how the American flag represents many things for a Black American family. (KW) 📖📖📖

Parachute Kids: A Graphic Novel. Betty C. Tang. Scholastic / Graphix. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-83268-6, \$12.99. (I, M) A semi-autobiographical graphic novel that tells the story of three siblings from Taiwan who must live in the United States on their own after their parents return home. The story includes issues of racism, bullying, and sexual identity. (SA) 📖📖📖

Slavery and the African American Story (Race to the Truth) Patricia Williams Dockery. Random House Children’s Books / Crown (BFYR.) 272p. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-48046-5, \$8.99. (M, H) The story of the first 300 years of Africans and African Americans on American soil, told from the perspective of African Americans. It shares the obstacles, heroes, and facts that have often been overlooked or untold. Includes Resources, Bibliography (DC) 📖📖

The Secret Pocket. Peggy Janicki. Illustrated by Carrielynn Victor. Orca Book Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-459-83372-2, \$21.95. (P) The Secret Pocket tells the story of Mary, Aggie, and James, three Indigenous siblings taken to a residential school in Canada. The book recounts their perseverance and strength in the face of terrible mistreatment. Centering Indigenous children as the main characters is an important inclusion in children’s literature. Includes Author’s Note, Glossary.(KB) 📖📖



Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music That Made a Nation (Young Readers Edition). Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw. Random House Children’s Books / Delacorte Press. 226pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-17879-9, \$24.99. (H) A powerful book that tells the turbulent history of the United States from the Revolutionary War to the election of President Obama through impactful songs from various times of change. Almost a biography of American music and events that shaped it. (LE) 📖📖📖

What was the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921? Caleb Gayle and Who HQ. Illustrated by Tim Foley. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-52170-0, \$7.99. (I, M) Learn what caused one of the worst race massacres in U.S. history. The town of Greenwood, Oklahoma,

was a successful and thriving Black community often known as Black Wall Street, but on May 31, 1921 a white mob burned nearly the entire town to the ground. Includes Timeline, Bibliography, Pictures. (LE) 135

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS/RELATIONSHIPS

* **The Ashe Brothers: How Arthur and Johnnie Changed Tennis Forever.** Judy Allen Dodson. Illustrated by David Wilkerson. Capstone/Capstone Editions. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-684-46536-1, \$18.99. (I) A gripping story that celebrates sports history and parallels the power of brotherly love while overcoming what seems like insurmountable barriers. (SW) 510

The Beautiful Something Else. Ash Van Otterloo. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-84322-4, \$17.99. (I, M, H) This compelling story tackles issues of identity, gender, class, and addiction through the eyes of Sparrow, whose unexpected move to Aunt Mags's house leads them to uncover family secrets and traumas. Includes Resources for Readers, About the Author. (NNR) 37

* **Finally Seen.** Kelly Yang. Simon & Schuster Children's / S&S Books for Young Readers. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-534-48833-5, \$18.99. (I) When Lena Gao leaves Beijing to join her family in Los Angeles, she discovers that life in the United States is not as easy as she imagines. (VSW) 439

Give Me A Sign. Anna Sortino. Penguin Young Readers/G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 320pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-53379-6, \$18.99. (H) Lilah becomes a counselor at Gray

Wolf, a summer camp for the deaf and blind that she once attended. She finds love while learning about herself, the wide spectrum of dis/ability, and acceptance. Includes Author's Note. (NNR) 37

Good Different. Meg Eden Kuyatt. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 288pp. ISBN 978-1-338-81610-5, \$18.99. (I, M) In this novel-in-verse, a neurodivergent girl comes to understand and embrace who she is. While navigating bullying and prejudice, she finds her voice and learns to self-advocate through writing poems. (SA), 75

I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dreams. Tanisia Moore. Illustrated by Robert Paul Jr. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-338-77617-1, \$19.99. (P, I) The story of one Black boy's incredible potential and the achievements of 10 famous Black men who paved the way for him. Includes Author's and Illustrator's Notes. (BNB) 137

The Light She Feels Inside. Gwendolyn Wallace. Illustrated by Olivia Duchess. Sourcebooks

Jabberwocky. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-728-23979-8, \$18.99. (P) An inspiring story about a girl who sees so much light in the world, but feels down when things seem too heavy. Through the power of her ancestors, she sees the world in a new light. (SW) 456

Lolo's Sari-Sari Store. Sophia N. Lee. Illustrated by Christine Almeda. Simon & Schuster Children's / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-534-49447-3, \$18.99. (P) After moving to America from the Philippines, a young girl remembers her grandfather's advice regarding the "good variety" store he ran, and she finds opportunities to connect with her new community. (LBW) 197



Love Makes a Garden Grow. Taeun Yoo. Simon & Schuster Children's / Paula Wiseman Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-534-44286-3, \$18.99. (P) A girl and her grandfather share a special connection as they garden together and their living arrangements change. Includes Author's Note. (VSW) 57

My Name. Supriya Kelkar. Illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group/Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-31463-7, \$18.99. (P) "Your name means you're you." A simple and moving text about the importance of one's name—from the histories and cultures that inspire names, to the need for them to be pronounced correctly. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note. (NNR) 77

* **Salat in Secret.** Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow. Illustrated by Hatem Aly. Random House Children's Books/Random House Studio. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-984-84809-3, \$18.99. (P) Muhammad receives a salat rug on his seventh birthday and is confronted with the challenges of openly practicing his faith. As father and son show courage and conviction together, their bond grows. Includes Author's Note, Glossary. (PK) 23

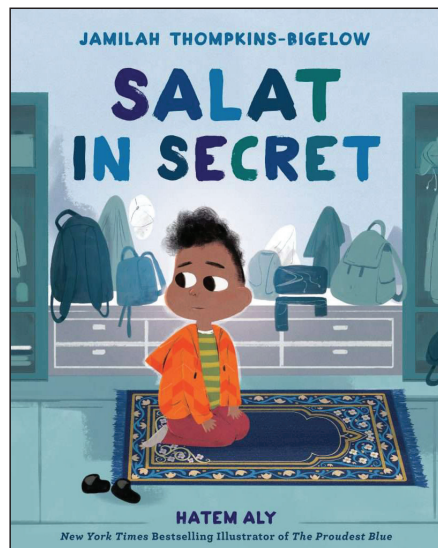
Something, Someday. Amanda Gorman. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Penguin Young Readers / Viking. Trade ISBN 978-0-593-20325-5, \$18.99. (P) A simple yet powerful book about young citizens who notice problems in their community and work toward making positive change. (SW) 50

When the Stars Came Home. Brittany Luby. Illustrated by Natasha Donovan. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-59249-9, \$18.99. (I) When Ojiig's family moves to the city, he struggles to adjust. This book

reminds us of the different ways to remember where we came from and the people we love. Includes Author's Note, Pronunciation Note, About this Book. (NNR) 23

WORLD HISTORY & CULTURE

The Carpet: An Afghan Family Story. Dezh Azaad. Illustrated by Nan Cao. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-76361-8, \$18.99. (P) A beloved carpet transforms into a powerful symbol of home, family, and cultural connection, serving as a conduit for daily activities—from cooking and savoring Afghan cuisine to sharing folklore about mythical creatures spanning generations. Includes Author's Note (SH) 77



\$18.99. (P) Embark on a captivating journey within the pages, where the revelation of "a Dupatta is so much more..." delves into the varied roles and cultural significance of this traditional shawl in Pakistan. Includes Glossary. (SH) 77

Hanukkah Upside Down. Elissa Brent Weissman. Illustrated Omer Hoffman. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN: 978-1-419-76296-3, \$18.99. (P, I) This touching story celebrates Hanukkah traditions between two cousins: one who lives in New York City and one who lives in New Zealand. Readers will learn the similarities and differences in each country through a friendly contest to see who has the best Hanukkah. (LE) 237

Hope Against Hope. Sheena Wilkinson. Little Island Books. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-912-41742-1, \$12.00. (I, M) Set in 1921 Belfast, strong

characters navigate violent political tensions as they work to find and create tolerant and feminist spaces in a divided city and country. Includes Historical Notes, Interview with the Author. (EA) 2256

Last Flight. Kristen Mai Giang. Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. Levine Querido. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-646-14086-2, \$18.99. (I, M) The fall of Saigon during the Vietnam War is the backdrop for one family's harrowing journey on the last Pan Am flight out of Saigon on a flight known as Operation Baby Lift. Includes Flight Facts, Author's Note, Photos, Bibliography. (LE) 353

The Little Match Girl Strikes Back. Emma Carroll. Illustrated by Lauren Child. Candlewick Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-536-23335-3, \$19.99. (I, M) Working tirelessly to feed her family by selling matches in the streets of Victorian London, young Bridie hopes for a better life; courageous labor organizing brings it into view. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note (EA) 7

The Lost Year: A Survival Story of the Ukrainian Famine. Katherine Marsh. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 320pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-31360-7, \$17.99. (I, M) In the midst of the pandemic and his father leaving for a new job, 13-year-old Matthew unravels a family mystery as he discovers his great grandma's hidden past during the Holodomor, a terrible famine in 1930s Soviet-controlled Ukraine. Includes Author's Note, Excerpt from *Nowhere Boy*. (AMM) 122

Mama Shamsi at the Bazaar. Mojdeh Hassani and Samira Irvani. Illustrated by Maya Fidawi. Penguin Young Readers / Dial. 40pp. Trade

ISBN 978-0-593-11061-4, \$18.99. (P) In Tehran, Samira and her grandmother Shamsi explore a market, shedding light on chador practice, "demystify[ing] this veil" that is often perceived negatively by presenting it as a symbol of safety and comfort. Includes Authors' Note. (SH) 137

Run and Hide: How Jewish Youth Escaped the Holocaust. Don Brown. HarperCollins/Clarion Books. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-358-53816-5, \$22.99. (H) This haunting graphic novel recounts the stories of children who escaped the unfathomable horrors of Nazi control through harrowing journeys and with the help of fearless resisters. (EA) 56



* **Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport.** Caren Stelson. Illustrated by Selina Alko. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-541-59868-3,

\$14.99. (I) On the eve of World War II, 669 young children leave their parents behind to travel from Prague to Britain as part of the Czech Kindertransport. Many return 50 years later to find out what became of their families and to learn the identity of the British man that helped them. Includes Timeline, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Recommended Further Reading. (DC) 576

* **The Witness Trees.** Ryan G. Van Cleave. Illustrated by Đóm Đóm. Bushel & Peck Books/Moonshower. 56pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-638-19125-4, \$19.99. (I, M, H) In this unique and imaginative book, trees become the silent witnesses to pivotal moments in history. Through a blend of storytelling and historical accuracy, readers gain a deeper understanding of historical events. This book offers a fresh and engaging approach to learning about the past. Includes Author's Note. (AMM) 30

A Year of Black Joy: 52 Black Voices Share Their Life Passions. Jamia Wilson. Illustrated by Jade Orlando. Abrams Books / Magic Cat. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-76778-4, \$22.99. (I, M) Combining activism, art, and text, this collection celebrates the passions and accomplishments of 52 global Black visionaries, one entry for each week of the year, tied to a season, event, or celebration. Includes Author's Note. (BNB) ●●●

The Yellow Áo Dài. Hanh Bui. Illustrated by Minnie Phan. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Feiwel & Friends. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-84206-0, \$18.99. (P) Naliah is looking forward to performing the Vietnamese Fan Dance at her school's International Day only to find that her áo dài, a traditional Vietnamese dress, doesn't fit her. Naliah finds her own self-confidence while also learning about her family legacy and traditions. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Glossary. (KB) ●●●

Yukie's Island: My Family's World War II Story. Yukie Kimura, Kōdo Kimura, and Steve Sheinkin. Illustrated by Kōdo Kimura. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-250-20650-3, \$19.99. (P) Yukie lives with her family, tending an island lighthouse off the coast of Japan. When the island is bombed during World War II, she feels the impact and then works to regain a sense of joy and safety. Includes Author and Illustrator's Notes (VSW) ●●●

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