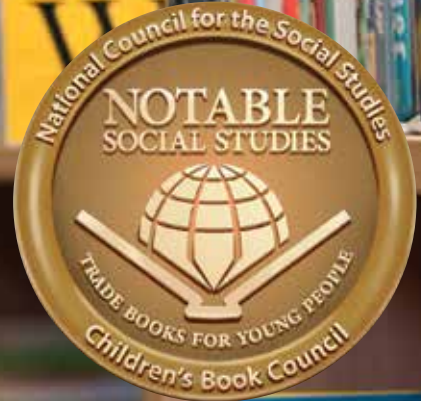


# *Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People*

# 2018



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### 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 2017 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 is available at [www.cbcbbooks.org/membership/member-list](http://www.cbcbbooks.org/membership/member-list). Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.


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) are included for all available editions (trade, library, and paperback). The symbol "F" indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher's name between parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition. 8. Price as of January 2018 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 national curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

1. 	2. <b>Buffalo Sisters.</b>	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. Trade ISBN 0-696-67321-1, Library ISBN 0-696-64213-X, F (Wannamaker)	8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks's childhood on the American frontier.	11. (ABM)	12. 3 5

## BIOGRAPHY

### **30 People Who Changed the World: Fascinating Bite-Size Essays from Award-Winning Writers—Intriguing People Through the Ages: From Imhotep to Malala Yousafzai.**

Edited by Jean Reynolds.

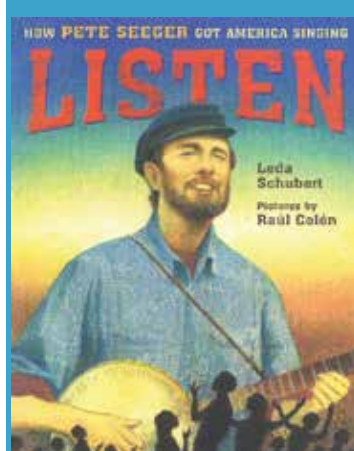
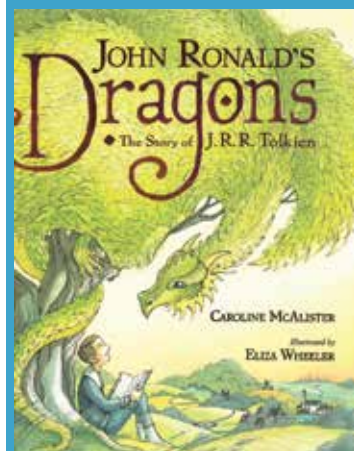
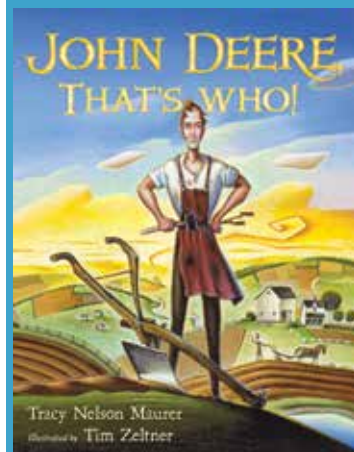
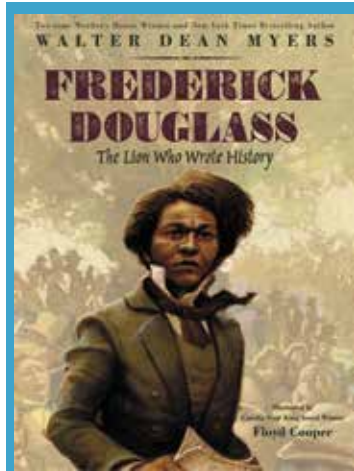
Quarto Group / Seagrass Press. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781633223776, \$14.95. (I, M) This book highlights 30 extraordinary individuals who had an impact on the world. Readers will learn more about luminaries like Albert Einstein and will be introduced to lesser known figures like Edmonia Lewis, the first African American sculptor to achieve international recognition. Includes Find Out More (at the end of each chapter), About the Authors, Index. (LL) ③

**Bravo! Poems about Amazing Hispanics.** Margarita Engle. Illustrated by Rafael López. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company BYR. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780805098761, \$18.99. (I, M) "[A]mazing people who lived in geographic regions now included in the modern United States" are celebrated via beautiful biographical poetry and illustrations. Inspiring accomplishments include librarian, artist, botanist, activist, pilot, educator, and author. Includes Dear Readers Letter, Notes about the Lives. (LEM) ②⑨⑩

**Fallingwater: The Building of Frank Lloyd Wright's Masterpiece.** Marc Harshman and Anna Egan Smucker. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781596437180, \$18.99. (I) A beautifully illustrated book that guides young readers through Wright's designing of Fallingwater, from his initial inspiration to the finished construction of the home. The book opens a window to one architect's creative process. Includes Authors' Note, Artist's Note, Bibliography. (BMB) ③⑧

**Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History.** Walter Dean Myers. Illustrated by Floyd Cooper. HarperCollins. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780060277093, \$17.99. (I) From the youngest age, Frederick Douglass fed his insatiable desire to become literate, viewing it as his passport to freedom. After securing his own independence, he became a leading voice in the abolitionist and suffragist movements. Includes Timeline, Bibliography, Document of Freedom. (ECG) ②⑥

**Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Revealed.** Mary Losure. Candlewick Press. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9780763670634, \$19.99. (M) This



engaging non-fiction narrative of the life of Sir Isaac Newton features extensive primary source images, quotations, and samples from his own notebooks. They provide insight into the father of physics and one of the greatest scientists to have ever lived. Includes Resources, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index. (KJ) ②⑧

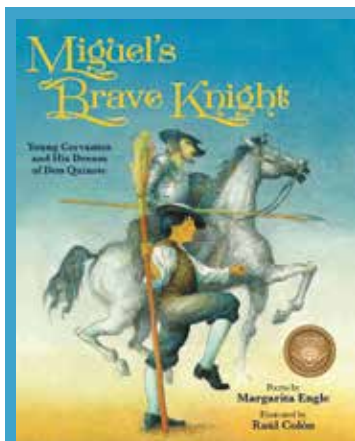
**John Deere, That's Who!** Tracy Nelson Maurer. Illustrated by Tim Zeltner. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company BYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781627791298, \$17.99. (P, I) A blacksmith, John Deere developed a lightweight plow made of steel that cut quickly and easily. The steel plow, which customers named the "singing plow," enabled farming to evolve beyond feeding one's family into a business. Includes Glossary, Fact Page, Bibliography. (KH) ③⑦

**John Ronald's Dragons: The Story of J.R.R. Tolkien.** Caroline McAlister. Illustrated by Eliza Wheeler. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 39pp. Trade ISBN 9781626720923, \$18.99. (P, I) This thoughtfully illustrated book takes the reader through Tolkien's life. His imagination was always a steady and comforting presence, creating characters that kept him company. Eventually, he brings the characters to life in the stories we know today. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Notes on Dragons, Bibliography. (RR) ②③④

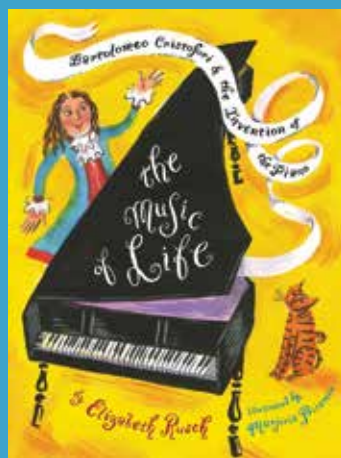
**Listen: How Pete Seeger Got America Singing.** Leda Schubert. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781626722507, \$17.99. (I) A picture book biography that sometimes reads like a song. Readers will meet this legendary folksinger and activist. His songs are mentioned throughout and listening to them would be a natural extension. Includes Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Resources. (JR) ③④⑩

**The Magician and the Spirits: Harry Houdini and the Curious Pastime of Communicating with the Dead.** Deborah Noyes. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780803740181, \$18.99. (M) This fascinating biography of Harry Houdini is centered on his quest to debunk fake spiritualism and find true psychic mediums who could communicate with the dead. Images of primary sources are found throughout the text. Includes Notes, Bibliography, Index. (WH) ⑤⑧

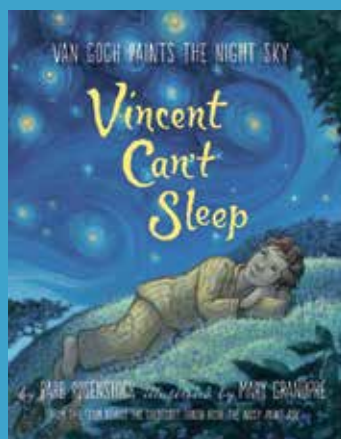
**Miguel's Brave Knight: Young Cervantes and His Dream of Don Quixote.** Margarita Engle. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781561458561, \$17.95. (I) This fictionalized, first-person biography combines free verse with detailed pen, ink, and watercolor illustrations to convey the early life of the father of the modern novel and one of the greatest writers in the Spanish language, Miguel de Cervantes. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Historical Note, Biographical Note, A Cultural Icon. (KJ) 2



**Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters.** Michael Mahin. Illustrated by Evan Turk. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481443494, \$17.99. (P, I) Rhythmic prose and illustrations mimic Muddy's determined spirit and the musical genre he co-created. The Chicago blues combines "the rawness and emotion of the Delta blues with the urban sound and feel of the electric guitar and bass." Includes Author's Note, Bibliography, Further Listening. (LEM) 1 3 5 2



**The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori & the Invention of the Piano.** Elizabeth Rusch. Illustrated by Marjorie Priceman. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481444842, \$17.99. (P, I) Readers will learn about the invention of the piano, one of the world's most popular instruments. This book tells the story of Bartolomeo Cristofori and his quest to create an instrument that can play both soft and loud songs. Includes Timeline, Notes on the Piano, Music List, Author's Note on Sources, Bibliography. (RR) 1 2 3 4



**Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender.** Written and illustrated by S.D. Nelson. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9781419723131, \$19.95. (I, M) Authentic illustrations, period photographs, and primary source documents accompany the narrative of Red Cloud, the Oglala chief, as he navigates war, westward expansion, treaties, and, eventually, moving to a reservation to preserve his people. Includes Timeline, Author's Note, Bibliography, Index. (ECG) 1 2 6



**Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library.** Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Candlewick Press. 44pp. Trade ISBN 9780763680466, \$16.99. (I, M) Arturo Schomburg, an Afro-Puerto Rican, created and curated a collection for a new Negro Division in the New York Public Library emphasizing research in African American

culture. Includes Prologue, Timeline, Source Notes, Bibliography. (KH) 3 5 7

**Vincent Can't Sleep: Van Gogh Paints the Night Sky.** Barb Rosenstock. Illustrated by Mary GrandPré. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9781101937105, \$17.99. (P) A biography with lyrical descriptions of night wanderings, deep thoughts, and the moods of Van Gogh. Gorgeously painted artwork depicts the different colors of the night and various renditions of the night sky. Includes Author's Note, Paintings, Sources. (KH) 3 1

## CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS

**\* The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives.** Dashka Slater. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780374303235, \$17.99. (H) This journalist's engaging informational account uses a wide range of sources to present the perspectives of different people. The author addresses issues of gender, racism, poverty, and the justice system with complexity and compassion. Includes Author's Note, Gender-Neutrality Milestones, U.S. Juvenile Incarceration Numbers. (WH) 4 6 10

**Amina's Voice.** Hena Khan. Simon & Schuster BYR / Salaam Reads. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781481492065, \$16.99. (I, M) This book illustrates the struggle many American-born children of immigrant parents have as they try to understand who they are and where they belong. Amina was born in the United States to Pakistani/Muslim parents. (RR) 1 3 4 10

**Bang.** Barry Lyga. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780316315500, \$17.99. (H) *Bang* tackles gun violence, suicide, mental illness, religious prejudice, cyberbullying, and more. Fourteen-year-old Sebastian grapples with self-forgiveness and his past—having accidentally shot and killed his infant sister when he was four. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255. Includes Special Thanks, Resources for Help. (LEM) 5 1 9

**The Bone Sparrow.** Zana Fraillon. Disney-Hyperion. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781484781517, \$16.99. (M) This fictional account of life in an Australian permanent detention center explores the issues facing refugees in a powerful but accessible fashion. This is the kind of book that spurs people to fight for change. Includes Foreword, Afterword. (JR) 3 9 6

**\* A Different Pond.** Bao Phi. Illustrated by Thi Bui. Capstone Young Readers / Picture Window Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781623708030, \$23.32. (P) A son accompanies his father on an early morning fishing trip to catch the family's dinner. Originating from the childhood memories of both author and illustrator, this evocative picture book provides a powerful glimpse into the value of relationship, tradition, and hope in one Vietnamese American immigrant family. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note. (KJ) ①③④

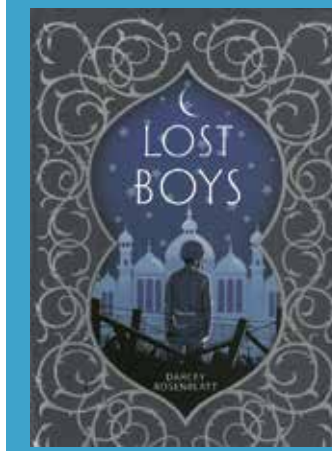
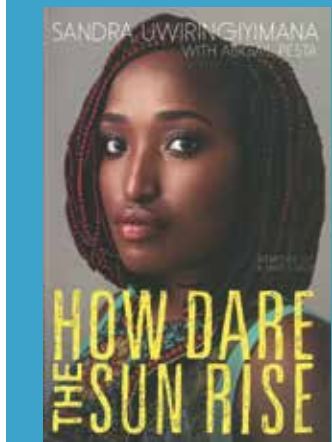
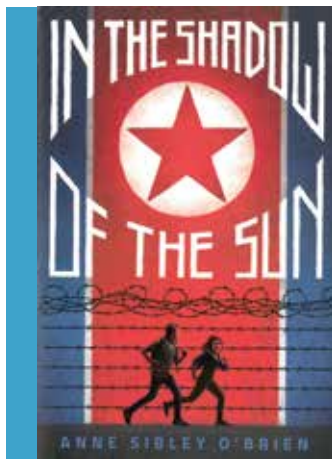
**\* Far from the Tree: How Children and Their Parents Learn to Accept One Another... Our Differences Unite Us (Young Adult Edition).** Andrew Solomon adapted by Laurie Calkhoven. Simon & Schuster BYR. 464pp. Trade ISBN 9781481440905, \$18.99. (H) In this young adult edition, the author explores how parents and families who have children with differences, such as Down syndrome, autism, schizophrenia, deafness, transgenderism, and much more can love and accept each other while facing extraordinary challenges. Includes Notes, Further Reading, Index. (BLS) ①②

**Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today.** Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson. Peachtree Publishers. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9781561459452, \$19.95. (M, H) An engaging analysis of our Constitution, divided into chapters that detail events surrounding its creation and the ways in which decisions made at the Constitutional Convention impact issues of rights and governance today. Includes Timeline, Notes, Bibliography, Articles and Amendments, Index. (ECG) ②⑥⑩

**Halfway Normal.** Barbara Dee. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9781481478519, \$16.99. (P, M) Norah Levy is starting seventh grade. She has not been to school in two years; she has been fighting leukemia and now is trying to adjust to "normal" middle school life. The book tells of her struggles as *The Girl Who Had Cancer* and is powerful in its message of strength and acceptance. Includes About the Author. (LL) ④

**\*The Hate U Give.** Angie Thomas. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 464pp. Trade ISBN 9780062498533, \$17.99. (H) Thomas's sure-to-be classic pushes the reader to ponder the importance of one's voice through a coming-of-age story involving institutional racism, police violence, activism, family dynamics, interracial dating, and more. (LEM) ①⑥⑤⑩

**How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child.** Sandra Uwiringiyimana and Abigail Pesta. HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN



9780062470140, \$19.99. (H) As a child, Sandra watched her family gunned down in a refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This powerful memoir details the author's struggles as a genocide survivor, her inspiring journey to a new country, the challenges faced as an immigrant, and the powerful path that has led to healing. Includes Author's Note, Resource List. (KJ) ①③⑨

**I Like, I Don't Like.** Anna Baccelliere. Illustrated by Ale + Ale. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 28pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854803, \$16.00. (P) Facing pages of this picture book show privileged children at play with objects, while other children are shown working with the same objects. The illustrations and text inspire meaningful discussions about privilege and poverty. Includes notes on Poverty and Child Labor, Convention on the Rights of the Child, How to Help. (BMB) ⑦⑧①

**In the Shadow of the Sun.** Anne Sibley O'Brien. Scholastic / Arthur A. Levine Books. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9780545905749, \$17.99. (M) On a tour of North Korea, Mia and Simon's father is arrested for taking unauthorized pictures. Navigating through dangerous lands, the siblings see firsthand the complexities of North Korea's political and social systems. Includes Background Information, Author's Note, About the Author. (ML) ③⑤⑥

**The Lines We Cross.** Randa Abdel-Fattah. Scholastic Press. 400pp. Trade ISBN 9781338118667, \$18.99. (H) Michael's family members are leaders in an anti-immigration group. Mina, a Muslim refugee, has experienced unspeakable tragedy. They meet at an anti-immigration rally and eventually realize they have more in common than they thought. Includes About the Author. (RR) ①②③④⑩

**The Little Book of Little Activists.** Penguin Young Readers. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780451478542, \$10.99. (P, I) Inspiring photos and quotes from kids related to equality, diversity, and feminism at recent demonstrations and rallies. Introduction by Bob Bland (The Women's March on Washington) and afterword by activist Lynda Blackmon Lowery. (KH) ⑩⑤⑥

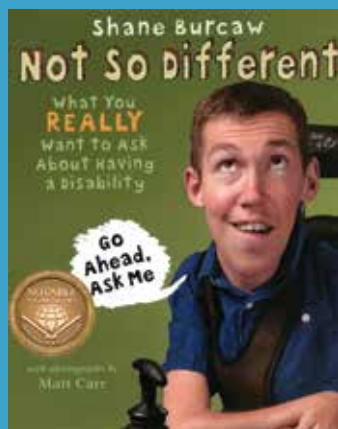
**Lost Boys.** Darcey Rosenblatt. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company BYR. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781627797580, \$16.99. (M, H) Riza is a 12-year-old held in Iraq as a prisoner of war during the Iran-Iraq conflict of 1982. A well-researched historical novel showing the differing attitudes towards the conflict on both sides. Includes Author's Note. (BMB) ⑥④

**Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey.** Doug Kuntz and Amy Shrodes. Illustrated by Sue Cornelison. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781524715472, \$17.99. (P) An Iraqi family is forced to flee their homeland but cannot leave behind their beloved cat, Kunkush, who then gets lost after a treacherous journey over land and sea. This book provides a unique perspective on the contemporary refugee crisis with a true story of hope, perseverance, and luck. Includes Author's Note, Map, Photos. (KJ) 139



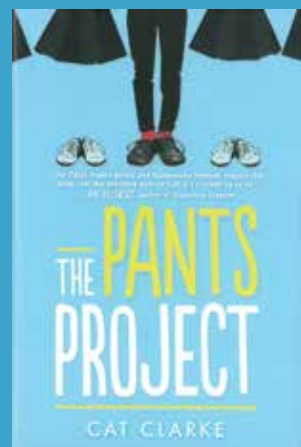
**Lucky Broken Girl.** Ruth Behar. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9780399546440, \$16.99. (I, M, H) Told through the voice of 10-year-old Ruthie, whose family members are refugees from Cuba in the 1960s, Behar explores issues of immigration, racism, art, and politics. Includes Author's Note, About the Author. (RR) 1234

**Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask about Having a Disability.** Shane Burcaw. Photographs by Matt Carr. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781626727717, \$17.99. (P, I) *Not So Different* provides able-bodied readers with an up-close glimpse into the world of those living with disabilities. The humorous presentation portrays a powerful message: Inside, we are all very much alike. Includes Author's Note. (CLC) 453

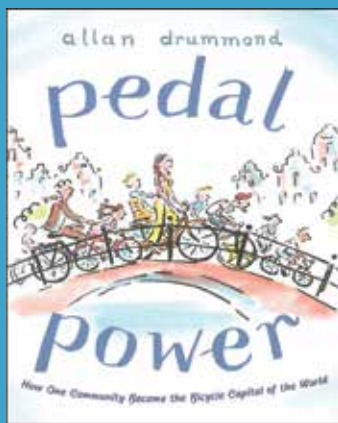


**One Good Thing about America.** Ruth Freeman. Holiday House. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780823436958, \$16.95. (M) Told from the perspective of a middle school refugee, this novel allows readers to see the challenges immigrants face as well as accentuating the similarities and differences between cultures. Includes For More Information, Author's Note, English Words Anaï's is Learning. (ML) 139

**The Pants Project.** Cat Clarke. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781492638094, \$16.99. (M) Liv's story, told with humor, is about his efforts to change his middle school's dress code while at the same time struggling to find the best way to come out as transgender. This LGBTQ novel reinforces the importance of accepting and treating all with fairness and compassion. Includes About the Author. (LL) 46



**Pedal Power: How One Community Became the Bicycle Capital of the World.** Written and illustrated by Allan Drummond. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780374305277, \$17.99. (P, I) Fifty years ago,



the people of Amsterdam took a stand against their city, crowded with motor vehicles, as they led protests against the unsafe streets to promote the inclusion of bicycles. A true story of the people that paved the way for safe biking around the world. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography. (BLS) 912

**Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World.** Sarah Prager. Illustrated by by Zoë More O'Ferrall. HarperCollins. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780062474315 \$17.99. (H) Explores how varied gender and sexuality have been central parts of history. In brief but engaging overviews, this book highlights the significant contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual individuals to world history. Includes Glossary, Learn More, Bibliography. (RR) 13459

**Refugee.** Alan Gratz. Scholastic Press. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780545880831, \$16.99. (M, H) Three young people become refugees during three different crises: World War II, the Cuban Revolution, and the Syrian conflict. Each child goes on a harrowing journey, with connections that tie their stories together in the end. Includes Maps, Author's Note, About the Author. (BMB) 23569

**Star-Crossed.** Barbara Dee. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 277pp. Trade ISBN 9781481478489, \$16.99. (I, M) A star student falls for the lead actress of her school play amidst the intricate social pressures of middle school, unleashing a heart-warming, comical tale of secret crushes, and fierce rivalries. Perfect for the middle grade LGBTQ bookshelf. (KH) 42

**Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter.** Mark Gonzales. Illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini. Simon & Schuster BYR / Salaam Reads. 29pp. Trade ISBN 9781481489362, \$17.99. (P) An empowering story of a parent encouraging his child to celebrate the strengths diversity brings as she recognizes her unique ethnic and religious heritage. (ML) 13

## ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGY

**Bees: A Honeyed History.** Written and illustrated by Piotr Socha. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9781419726156, \$24.95. (I) Between "How the Bee Came to Be" and "Bees in the Big City" this wonderfully illustrated informative text celebrates the essential role that these small creatures have played historically and their continued importance to our ecosystem. Includes The Daily Buzz. (LL) 12783

**The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild (Young Readers Adaptation).** Laurence Anthony, with Graham Spence. Adapted for Young Readers by Thea Feldman. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company BYR. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9781627793094, \$18.99. (I) Laurence Anthony's heartwarming story of learning from and caring for a rogue herd of animals. Readers will be inspired to environmental action by this informational text. Includes Map, Glossary, Prologue, Afterword, Postscript. (JR) 3 9

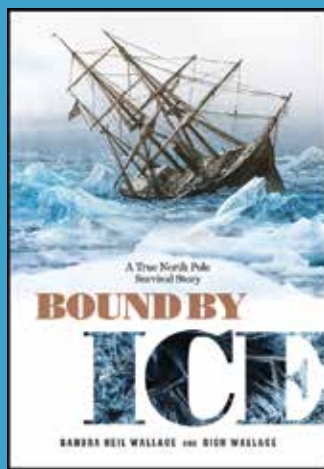
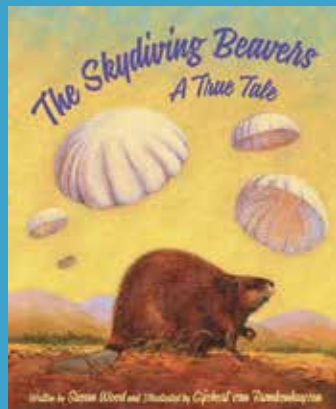
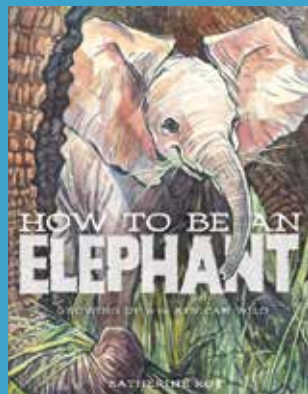
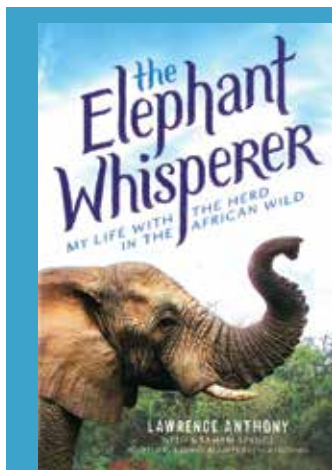
**Forest World.** Margarita Engle. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781481490573, \$16.99. (M) A novel told in alternating verse. Narrators Edver, a Cuban American boy visiting his family in Cuba for the first time, and Luza, the Cuban sister Edver never knew he had, share unique perspectives on their lives, until they are forced to overcome their differences to protect something they both love—the Cuban jungle. Includes Glossary. (LL) 3 4 8

**Green Green: A Community Gardening Story.** Marie Lamba and Baldev Lamba. Illustrated by Sonia Sánchez. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780374327972, \$17.99. (P, I) Spunky illustrations and playful, poetic text work in harmony to tell a story of empowerment. Young people encourage and lead their community in constructing a garden in the midst of city development. Includes Make Your World More Green, Notes on Bees and Butterflies. (LEM) 3 3 10

**How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild.** Written and illustrated by Katherine Roy. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press / David Macaulay Studio. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781626721784, \$18.99. (I, M) This beautifully illustrated informational picture book portrays the life and development of a newborn elephant. Packed with fascinating information, readers will explore how a baby elephant learns to survive and thrive with protective support from her family herd. Includes Author's Note, Selected Sources, Scientific Articles, Further Reading and Resources. (BLS) 6

**Rhino in the House: The True Story of Saving Samia.** Written and illustrated by Daniel Kirk. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781419723162, \$17.95. (P) An adorable picture book that introduces young conservationists to Anna Merz, founder of Lewa Downs Animal Sanctuary in Kenya, and recounts her adventures with Samia, the young rhino she rescues and raises. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography. (JR) 9 3

**The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale.** Susan Wood. Illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781585369942, \$16.99. (I) McCall,



Idaho, had a problem: a "turf war" between a colony of beavers and people. In a tale of ingenuity and compassion, the beavers are transported to an unspoiled habitat by unconventional methods—skydiving! Includes Author's Note, Bet You Didn't Know That Beavers... (ECG) 3

**The Tree: An Environmental Fable.** Written and illustrated by Neal Layton. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780763689520, \$16.99. (P) This picture book tells the tale of different animal families happily sharing a tree until "new arrivals" show up with a "wonderful" plan for the tree's future. Can the tree be a home for all? (LL) 3

## FOLKTALES

**Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India.** Chitra Soundar. Illustrated by Frané Lessac. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763692742, \$17.99. (P) Pattan and his gigantic pumpkin manage to hold the local animals and plants as they float in the floodwaters. Colorful illustrations bring to life the people and village life of the Sahyadri foothills. (WH) 9 2 3

## GEOGRAPHY/PEOPLES/PLACES

**50 Cities of the U.S.A.: Explore America's Cities with 50 Fact-Filled Maps.** Gabrielle Balkan. Illustrated by Sol Linero. Quarto Group / Wide Eyed Editions. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9781847808707, \$30.00. (I, M) An oversized, engaging book that details 50 cities in the U.S.A. with key facts, inspiring people, neighborhood spotlights, city icons, and much more! Includes Publisher's Note, Index, Key References. (BLS) 3 2

**Bound by Ice: A True North Pole Survival Story.** Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9781629794280, \$17.95. (M) This gripping informational text is an introduction to polar exploration in general, and the ship U.S.S. *Jeannette* in particular. Captain Long's journal helps tell the adventure of attempting to reach the North Pole and ending up locked in ice for two years. Includes Epilogue, Author's Note, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (JR) 3 9 8

**Everybody's Somewhere.** Cornelia Maude Spelman. Illustrated by Alea Marley. Quarto Group / Seagrass Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781633223844, \$16.95. (P, I) Readers will contemplate the concept of place through poetic text and whimsical illustrations that provide multiple perspectives about people's homes, loved ones, and interactions. Even when you can't see them—everybody's somewhere! (LEM) 3 4 5

**Grand Canyon.** Written and illustrated by Jason Chin. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781596439504, \$19.99. (P, I) As a father and daughter take a magical journey together they explore the Grand Canyon's past, using artifacts and fossils, while at the same time examining the current ecological community. Includes Notes on the Grand Canyon, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Selected Sources, For Further Reading. (ML) 3 3

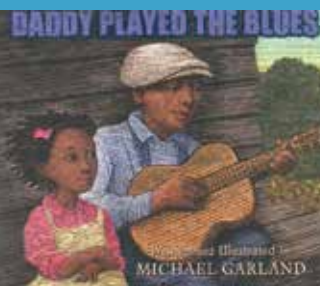
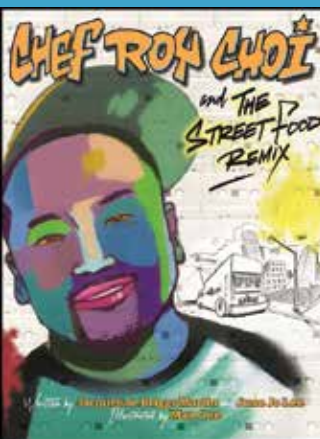
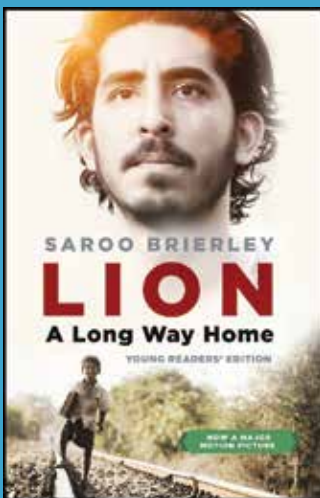
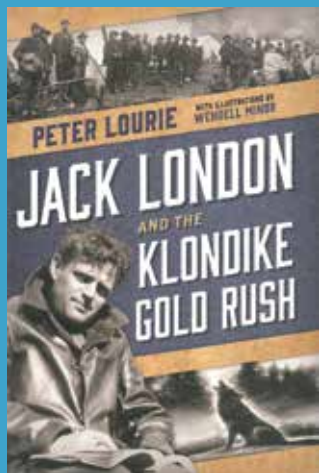
\* **Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush.** Peter Lourie. Illustrated by Wendell Minor. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company BYR / Christy Ottaviano Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9780805097573, \$18.99. (M) Drawing on primary sources, this informational text follows a young Jack London as he heads for the Yukon and finds the inspiration for many of his classic works. Includes Afterword, Author's Notes, Notable Places, Jack London's Writing, Timeline, Glossary, Bibliography and Sources, Index, Map. (JR) 3 5

\* **Lion: A Long Way Home (Young Readers' Edition).** Saroo Brierley. Penguin Young Readers / Puffin Books. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780425291764, \$8.99. (M) Lost at a train station in India at the age of five, Saroo was adopted and moved to Australia. Twenty-five years later, he uses Google Earth to identify his birthplace and reunite with his birth family. Includes Prologue, Epilogue Map, Behind the Scenes of the Movie, Photographs. (ML) 1 3 3

**Manjhi Moves a Mountain.** Nancy Churnin. Illustrated by Danny Popovici. Creston Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781939547347, \$17.99. (P, I) Dashrath Manjhi used a chisel and hammer to cut a road through a mountain in India (from 1960 to 1982), so his village could have easier access to water, medical care, jobs, and schools. Based on a true story. Includes Author's Note, Move Your Own Mountain. (LEM) 3 7 9 10

**The Map of Good Memories / El Mapa de los Buenos Momentos.** Fran Nuño. Illustrated by Zuzanna Celej. Cuento de Luz. 24pp. English Trade ISBN 9788416147823 / Spanish Trade ISBN 9788416147786, \$16.95. (I) A young girl is forced to flee her war-torn city; but before she goes, she draws a map of the city, marks her favorite places, and reminisces about the happy memories at each location. Available in Spanish and English. Includes Author's Note. (ML) 2 3 9

**Shackles from the Deep: Tracing the Path of a Sunken Slave Ship, a Bitter Past, and a Rich Legacy.** Michael H. Cottman. National Geographic Children's Books. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781426326639, \$17.99. (M) The author, an



African American Pulitzer Prize winner and avid scuba diver, embarks on a mission to discover the story behind a sunken slave ship. Includes Foreword, Timeline, Map, Prologue, Epilogue, Further Reading and Resources, Index. (JR) 5 3

**Transportation!** Written and illustrated by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780823434251, \$17.95. (P) Exploring how people get around, readers will learn about different transportation methods while introducing concepts such as carpooling and commuting. Includes Important Signs and Symbols. (ML) 2 3

## HISTORY/LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS

**Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix.** Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee. Illustrated by Man One. Readers to Eaters. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780983661597, \$18.95. (I, M) For Chef Roy Choi, food means love of culture, not only in Korea, but throughout the streets of L.A. Remixing foods from many ethnicities creates an L.A. food culture. Graffiti illustrations complement Choi's story. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Notes, Bibliography, Resources, Biographies. (KH) 2 4 7

**Daddy Played the Blues.** Written and illustrated by Michael Garland. Tilbury House Publishers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780884485889, \$17.95. (I, M) This fictional text about the Great Migration (1930s) is a tribute to the long struggle for social and economic justice. It's also an homage to the rich, yearning strain of American music born in the South. Includes About the Author, Further Information About the Blues. (CLC) 10 5 1

**The Enemy.** Sara Holbrook. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 244pp. Trade ISBN 9781629794983, \$17.95. (M, H) Holbrook's fictional tale captures the angst and fear of the Cold War, McCarthyism, and coming of age. The author's craft transports the reader to the Detroit suburbs in 1954. Includes Author's Notes, Bibliography. (CLC) 10 4 5 1

**The Great American Foot Race: Ballyhoo for the Bunion Derby!** Andrew Speno. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9781629796024, \$17.95. (M, H) The 1920s were an age of extravagance, exuberance, and excessive athletic stunts, including the Transcontinental Foot Race. The engaging narrative of the competitors' cross-country journey is supported with photos and documents from the event. Includes The Bunion Derby Map, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index. (ECG) 2



### How the Cookie Crumbled: The True (and Not-So-True) Stories of the Invention of the Chocolate Chip Cookie.

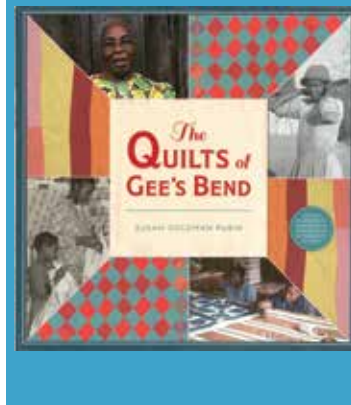
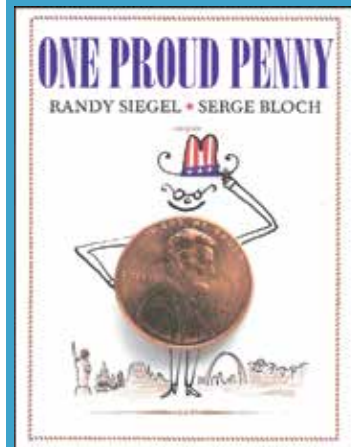
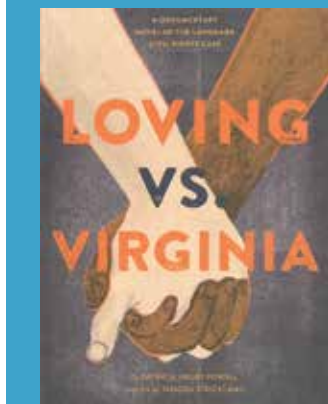
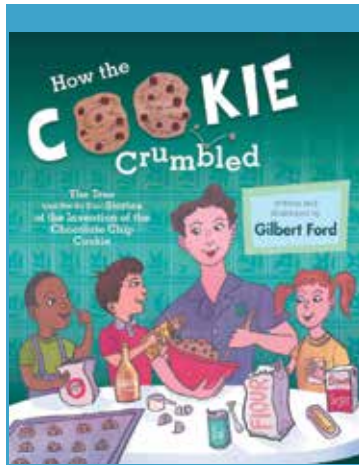
Written and illustrated by Gilbert Ford. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781481450676, \$17.99. (P) This fun story presents three theories for the creation of the chocolate chip cookie. The text is written in a way that naturally invites the readers to weigh in on which theory seems most plausible. Kids will love learning about their favorite treat! Includes Author's Note, Recipe, Bibliography. (JR) 73

**I Love You, Michael Collins.** Lauren Baratz-Logsted. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR / Margaret Ferguson Books. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9780374303853, \$16.99. (M, H) In 1969, the United States is preparing to send men to the moon. At the same time, Mamie experiences significant turmoil in her household and she uses Michael Collins and the moon landing as her touchstone. Includes Author's Note, Suggested Reading. (RR) 1234

**The Life Fantastic: A Novel in Three Acts.** Liza Ketchum. Simon & Schuster / Simon Pulse. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9781440598760, \$17.99. (M, H) A historical novel of early twentieth-century vaudeville that demonstrates elements of racial discrimination applicable today. A strong depiction of the difficulties of American theater life in the last century. Includes Author's Note, Glossary, Resources/Bibliography. (BMB) 24

**Locked Up for Freedom: Civil Rights Protesters at the Leesburg Stockade.** Heather E. Schwarz. Lerner Publishing Group / Millbrook Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9781467785976, \$33.32. (I, M, H) This informational text about the civil rights movement of 1963 captures the inhumane treatment of African American girls who were prisoners in the Leesburg Stockade. The stories of these brave girls will inspire social responsibility. Includes Author's Note, Timeline, Source Notes, Glossary, Bibliography, Further Information, Index. (CLC) 10 1 654

**Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case.** Patricia Hruby Powell. Illustrated by Shadra Strickland. Chronicle Books. 260pp. Trade ISBN 9781452125909, \$21.99. (M, H) This informational text, told in alternating verse, recounts the love and determination of a black woman and a white man to become married in Caroline County, Virginia, in the 1950s. Includes Timeline, Bibliography, Written Material, Sources, Artist's Note. (BLS) 245



**The March Against Fear: The Last Great Walk of the Civil Rights Movement and the Emergence of Black Power.** Ann Bausum. National Geographic Children's Books. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781426326653, \$18.99. (M, H) This informational book about an often-overlooked march highlights Stokely Carmichael and Malcolm X, describing the shift to the Black Power movement. Includes quotes and photos from the march, Prologue, Author's Note, Bibliography, Index. (WH) 10 6 4

**Now or Never: 54th Massachusetts Infantry's War to End Slavery.** Ray Anthony Shepard. Boyds Mills Press/ Calkins Creek. 148pp. Trade ISBN 9781629793405, \$17.95. (M) The harsh realities faced by the all-black Massachusetts 54th Infantry are told through the lives of two enlisted soldiers who also served as the first black correspondents during the Civil War. Includes Slavery and Civil War, Timeline, Source Notes, Bibliography, For More Information, Index. (KJ) 2

**One Proud Penny.** Randy Siegel. Illustrated by Serge Bloch. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781626722354, \$17.99. (P) Readers will journey across the nation from "pocket to pocket" with a penny who is proud to share. Information on the history of the penny is cleverly detailed in imaginative illustrations and thoughtful text. Includes A Brief History of U.S. Coins, Interesting Facts about Pennies, Resources. (LL) 27

**The Quilts of Gee's Bend.** Susan Goldman Rubin. Various illustrators. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781419721311, \$21.95. (M, H) Gee's Bend, in southern Alabama, is home to a fascinating group of multi-generational African American women who have created original vibrant quilts since the early nineteenth century. A photo-essay carries readers through the origins of Gee's Bend quilt making through to a traveling exhibit that featured Gee's Bend quilts at New York's Whitney Museum. Includes Map, Epilogue, Making a Quilt Square, Bibliography, Index. (BLS) 126

**\* The Red Bandanna (Young Readers Adaptation).** Tom Rinaldi. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BYR. 175pp. Trade ISBN 9780425287620, \$17.99. (M, H) This nonfiction account about the man in "The Red Bandanna" recounts the heroism of everyday people like Welles Crowther during the September 11, 2001 attacks. ESPN Correspondent Tom Rinaldi chronicles Crowther's life, death, and legacy, and challenges readers to imagine a world where we all choose to be helpers. Includes Prologue, A Note on Sources. (CLC) 4 10 3

**Remembering Vera.** Written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781481442275, \$17.99. (P) Discovered as a puppy, Vera quickly becomes the new mascot on the US Coast Guard base in Alameda, California. This heart-warming tale shows the courage, devotion, and friendship shared between a very special dog and everyone who comes in contact with her. Includes A Note about This Story, Author's Note. (KJ) 2

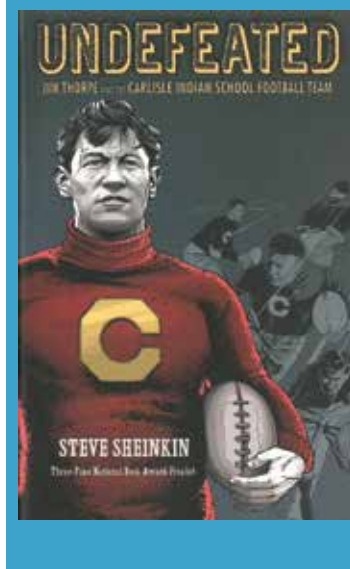
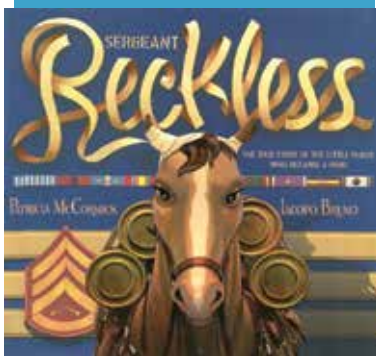
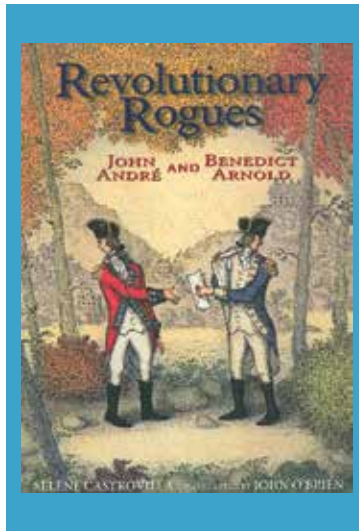
**Revolutionary Rogues: John André and Benedict Arnold.** Selene Castrovilla. Illustrated by John O'Brien. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781629793412, \$17.95. (I, M, H) The book examines the actions of two powerful men who almost brought down Commander in Chief George Washington. Includes Aftermath, Timelines, Places to Visit, Bibliography. (RR) 23

**Rolling Thunder.** Kate Messner. Illustrated by Greg Ruth. Scholastic Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780545470124, \$17.99. (P, I) An annual motorcycle ride on Memorial Day told in poetic form by a granddaughter who goes on the ride with her grandfather, a Vietnam Vet. Includes Author's Note. (KH) 105

**The Secret Project.** Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 34pp. Trade ISBN 9781481469135, \$17.99. (I, M) The clock is ticking on the secret project called "the gadget." This intriguing account of shadowy figures building the first atomic bomb captures the culture and context of the times. Includes Author's Note, Further Reading. (CLC) 863

**\* Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero.** Patricia McCormick. Illustrated by Iacopo Bruno. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780062292599, \$17.99. (P) A great story to introduce young readers to the Korean War, *Sergeant Reckless* is the tale of a young mare adopted by U.S. Marines to help carry ammunition. She proved her bravery and devotion, marching into battle time and again, and became the only animal to ever hold a military rank. Includes Author's Note, Selected Biography. (LL) 6

**Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War.** Debbie Levy. Illustrated by Gilbert Ford. Disney-Hyperion. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9781484725986, \$18.99. (P, M) This true Civil War tale of the winter after the Battle of Fredericksburg explains how enemies were brought together for a single night. As the two sides waited out the winter, music was ever present with songs to wake them up, announce breakfast and to get to work around the



camp. Dixie was sung on both sides, with the Union using different words than the Confederate soldiers, until one evening all joined in singing "Home, Sweet Home." Includes Civil War Note, The Song, Timeline, Bibliography, Quotation Source. (LL) 510

**That Is My Dream!** Langston Hughes. Illustrated by Daniel Miyares. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780399550171, \$17.99. (I) Set in a segregated town in 1950s America, one child's dream of a better, more inclusive world is shared through vibrant watercolors and one of Langston Hughes's most celebrated poems, "Dream Variation." Includes Illustrator's Note. (KJ) 45

**Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961.** Larry Dane Brimner. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9781629795867, \$18.95. (M, H) A 12-day ride through the South exposed the deep rift still evident in Jim Crow laws despite *Brown v. Board of Education*. This nonfiction text reveals the bravery of 13 young and old, black and white freedom riders. Includes Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (CLC) 1064

**\* Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team.** Steve Sheinkin. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781596439542, \$19.99. (M) Taking on Native American history and culture is a challenge for non-Native American authors, and this book is not without controversy. This book must be accompanied by materials, resources, and feedback of Native Americans. Includes Epilogue, Source Notes, Works Cited, Index. (RR) 12345610

**Us, in Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos.** Lulu Delacre. HarperCollins. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9780062392145, \$16.99. (M) This collection of stories about life in the United States for young Latinos covers a wide range of cultural backgrounds and experiences. Stories include references to policies and laws affecting students' lives. Includes Translations, Notes on the Stories. (WH) 219

## SOCIAL INTERACTIONS/ RELATIONSHIPS

**Baby Goes to Market.** Antinuke. Illustrated by Angela Brooksbank. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763695705, \$16.99. (P) Set in a market in South West Nigeria, Baby and Mama are reminded of the value of community as vendors happily give Baby everything from chin-chin biscuits to slices of coconut. (LEM) 273

**Happy Dreamer.** Written and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780545865012, \$17.99. (P, I) A young person offers specific and thoughtful examples of what it's like to be a dreamer. Even though the world often tosses obstacles in front of creative efforts, we're reminded to be persistent and to value being ourselves. Includes Gatefold. (LEM) 7 7 7 9

**Hey Black Child.** Useni Eugene Perkins. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780316360302, \$17.99. (P) Based on an inspirational poem, this book is a celebration of black children and a powerful reminder of the importance of believing in yourself and dreaming big. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note. (ML) 4

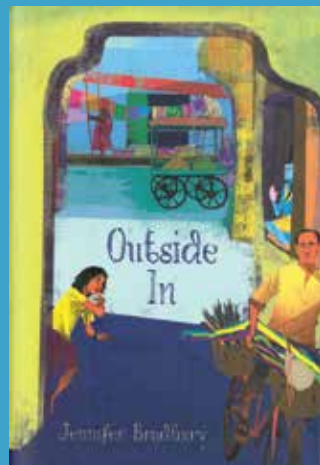
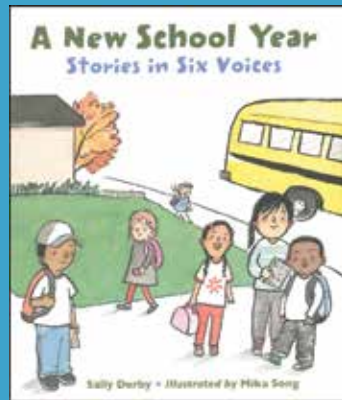
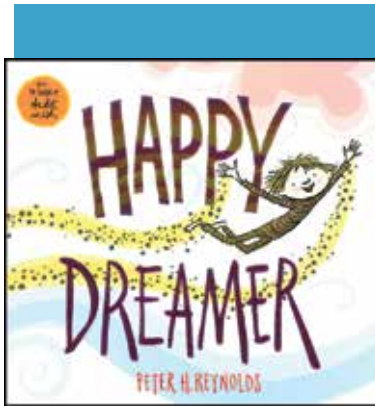
**It Takes a Village.** Hillary Rodham Clinton. Illustrated by Marla Frazee. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781481430876, \$19.99. (P, I) Young readers are prompted to explore creative, thoughtful answers to: What do I hope for the world? What gifts can I offer? Who's in my village? How can we collaborate to make a positive difference? Includes Author's Note. (LEM) 1 10 9

**Long Way Down.** Jason Reynolds. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9781481438254, \$17.99. (H) After witnessing the murder of his brother, 15-year-old Will wants revenge. Written as poetry, this novel compels readers to take a much needed look at teenage gun violence. (ML) 7 5 6

**A New School Year: Stories in Six Voices.** Sally Derby. Illustrated by Mika Song. Charlesbridge. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781580897303, \$16.99. (I) Six children begin a new school year with varied emotions and concerns. The children are diverse in culture, circumstances, and grade level. Their stories before, during, and after the first day are sensitively told through poetry. (BMB) 4 5

**Outside In.** Jennifer Bradbury. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781442468276, \$17.99. (M) An orphaned boy growing up in India faces homelessness and extreme poverty, but through a chance encounter discovers the beauty and extraordinary power of art. Includes Author's Note, Glossary. (ML) 7

**Sparrow.** Sarah Moon. Scholastic / Arthur A. Levine Book. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781338032581, \$18.99. (H)



A painfully shy teenager faces the traumas she has experienced in her life and the social anxiety that makes it difficult for her to make friends. (ML) 3

**Walking with Miss Millie.** Tamara Bundy. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780399544569, \$16.99. (I, M) When her family moves to a new town, Alice is devastated. However, by walking the town with Miss Millie, Alice gains a powerful new friendship and learns about the town's history of segregation and the work left to be done. (JR) 7 3 5

**The Way to Bea.** Kat Yeh. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780316236676, \$16.99. (I) Bea's plans for seventh grade are in trouble: her friends are ignoring her and she's about to be a big sister. Feeling invisible, she turns to writing, which brings her a way to find herself and an unexpected friend. Includes Songs. (JR) 4

**We Are Shining.** Gwendolyn Brooks. Illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist. HarperCollins. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780062570666, \$17.99. (P) A moving poem about acceptance, peace, and diversity, emphasizing every child's right to a shining future. Watercolor illustrations elicit the beauty of our world and its many different people. (KH) 1 4

**Why Am I Me?** Paige Britt. Illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko. Scholastic Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781338053142, \$17.99. (P) Written in poetry format, this reflective and profound picture book is about a boy and a girl who wonder why they are who they are. *Why Am I Me?* nurtures a sense of connection and compassion. (BLS) 4

**\*Windows.** Julia Denos. Illustrated by E.B. Goodale. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763690359, \$15.99. (P) A young boy walks through his diverse neighborhood in the almost-night observing windows lighting up. A strong sense of love, home, and belonging to a neighborhood is conveyed through the book's text and illustrations. (BMB) 3 4

## WORLD HISTORY & CULTURE

**Ahimsa.** Supriya Kelkar. Lee & Low Books / Tu Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781620143568, \$18.95. (M, H) Ahimsa means "non-violent resistance." Set in India in 1942, *Ahimsa* portrays the Indian struggle for independence through a strong female protagonist, 10-year-old Anjali. Includes Author's Note, Further Reading, Glossary. (RR) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10

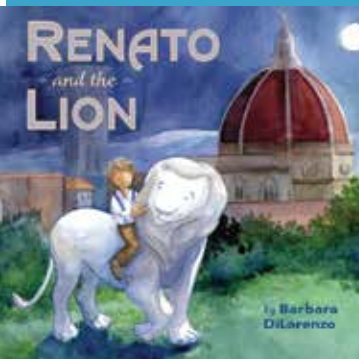
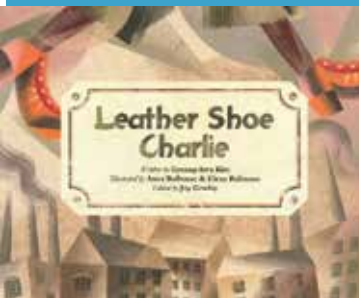
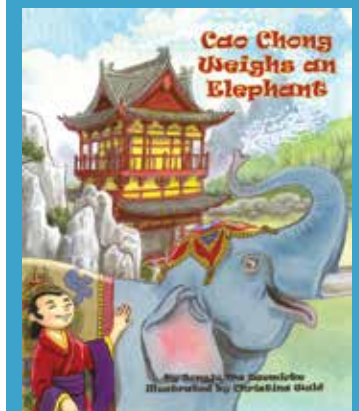
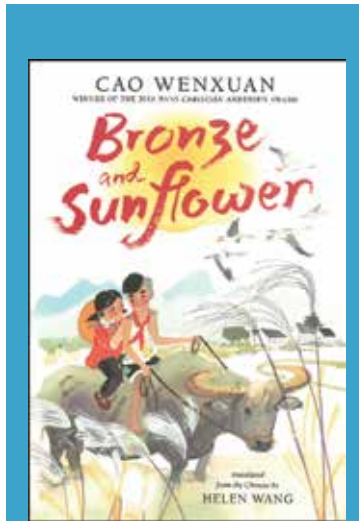
**Bronze and Sunflower.** Cao Wenxuan. Illustrated by Meilo So. Translated from the Chinese by Helen Wang. Candlewick Press. 400pp. Trade ISBN 9780763688165, \$16.99. (M, H) During China's Cultural Revolution, Sunflower is sent with her father to the countryside. When her father dies, Sunflower goes to live with Bronze's impoverished village family. A universal tale of friendship and endurance. Includes Historical Note, Author's Note. (BMB) 134

**Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant.** Songju Ma Daemicke. Illustrated by Christina Wald. Arbordale Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781628559033, \$17.95. (I) Two thousand years ago in China, a young boy helps solve the problem of weighing an elephant using creativity and the principle of buoyancy. A beautifully illustrated book combining history and science. Includes For Creative Minds: Cross-Curricular Teaching Activities. (BMB) 892

**Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion.** Chris Barton. Illustrated by Victo Ngai. Lerner Publishing Group / Millbrook Press. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9781512410143, \$19.99. (I) It's 1917 and the world is at war. How did the Allies protect ships from attack by the German U-boat fleet? With a camouflage known as dazzle! The illustrations in this stunning picture book tell the story of the intricate, mesmerizing designs painted on over 3,000 ships during World War I. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Timeline, Further Reading. (KJ) 2

**Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport.** Emma Carlson Berne. Capstone Press. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9781515745457, \$29.99. (I, M) The stories of seven Jewish children who rode the kindertransport train to England include photos of them as children and a snippet of their later lives. Historical context is provided throughout this informational book. Includes Timeline, Glossary, The Kindertransport Association, Read More, Internet Sites, Critical Thinking Using the Common Core, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (WH) 65

**Flowers for Sarajevo.** John McCutcheon. Illustrated by Kristy Caldwell. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781561459438, \$19.95. (P) A young boy is selling flowers when a Sarajevo square is bombed. The next day, and for 22 consecutive days, cellist Vedran Smailovic plays music in the square to honor the 22 victims. Based on a true story of a 1992 bombing and the effects of Smailovic's music on the people who gathered to listen. Includes Historical Note, Further



Reading, Author's Note, CD with extras, Music Sheet by Smailovic and McCutcheon. (WH) 1659

**The Hawk of the Castle: A Story of Medieval Falconry.** Danna Smith. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780763679927, \$16.99. (P) Gorgeous illustrations provide the setting for this story of a girl and her father—the falconer of a castle. The fictional story alternates between informational text and technical background. Includes Author's Note, Further Reading, Index. (WH) 32

**Leather Shoe Charlie.** Gyeong-hwa Kim. Edited by Joy Cowley. Illustrated by Anna Balbusso & Elena Balbusso. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854735, \$10.00. (I) This international narrative reveals a son's sacrificial love for his mother while introducing the reader to Britain's Industrial Revolution. Students can see how this mirrors the working and environmental conditions of the United States during the same time period. Includes Notes on History, Key Terms, Timeline. (CLC) 9138

**Lion, King, and Coin.** Jeong-hee Nam. Edited by Joy Cowley. Illustrated by Lucia Sforza. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 36 pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854759, \$10.00. (P, I, M) A wonderful introduction to economics and the invention of the coin. Laos is living in ancient Turkey and helps his father and grandfather at the market where people barter for food and livestock. Includes Notes on History, Key Terms, Timeline. (RR) 12379

**My Brigadista Year.** Katherine Paterson. Candlewick Press. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780763695088, \$15.99. (I) It's 1961 Cuba and Fidel Castro calls for volunteers to bring literacy to all of the country's people within a year. Thirteen-year-old Lora takes up the challenge in this coming-of-age novel, showing readers how young people can change the world. Includes Epilogue, Author's Note, Timeline. (JR) 94

**Renato and the Lion.** Written and illustrated by Barbara DiLorenzo. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BYR. 44pp. Trade ISBN 9780451476418, \$17.99. (P, I, M, H) During World War II, Renato is forced to leave Florence and he wonders who will keep his favorite stone lion safe? This is a beautifully illustrated book about the horrors of war and the salience of art. Includes Author's Note. (RR) 123410

**Suspect Red.** L.M. Elliott. Disney-Hyperion. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781423157540, \$16.99. (M) Primary source documents introduce each chapter of our fictional characters' struggles with patriotism during the Cold War, when suspicion and paranoia were at an all-time high. Teachable moments and discussion prompts abound (e.g., coach uses derogatory term "retard" as well as displaying other prejudices in Ch. 5). Includes Afterword, Bibliography. (LEM) 2 6 9 10 7

**\*Traveling the Blue Road: Poems of the Sea.**

Collected by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Illustrated by Bob Hansman and Jovan Hansman. Quarto Group / Seagrass Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781633222762, \$17.95. (I, M) A vividly illustrated collection of poems about pilgrims coming to the New World; a slave ship; the voyage of the *St. Louis*; Vietnamese boat people; the Mariel boatlift; and the current migration situation in the Mediterranean. Includes Notes, About the Poets, About this Book. (KH) 5 7 2

**Tutti's Promise: A Novel Based on a Family's True Story of Courage and Hope during the Holocaust.**

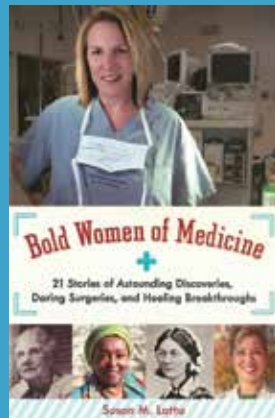
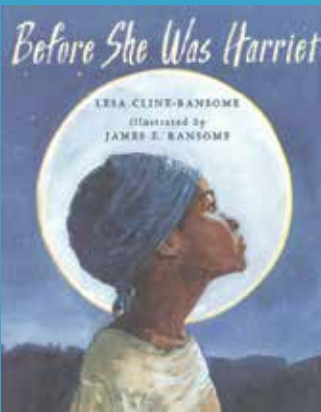
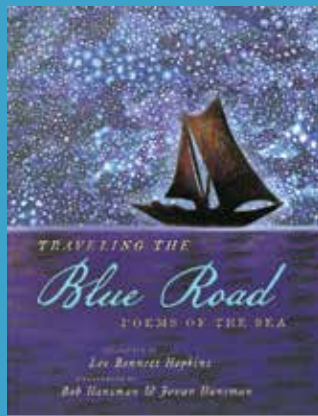
K. Heidi Fishman. MB Publishing. 232pp. Trade ISBN 9780990843016, \$9.99. (M, H) The poignant Holocaust story of Tutti Lichtenstern, her struggle to survive, and the family that was lost along the way while imprisoned at Westerbork and Theresienstadt. Includes The Lichtenstern Family Tree, Prologue, Words of Wisdom, Author's Note, Glossary, Historical Notes, About the Author. (KH) 6 4 5

**Torpedoed! A World War II Story of a Sinking Passenger Ship and Two Children's Survival at Sea.**

Cheryl Mullenbach. Jacket Illustration by Marnie Galloway. Chicago Review Press. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9781613738245, \$17.99. (M) Told through the true-life experiences of two American children and their families, this gripping narrative recounts the sinking of the S.S. *Athenia*, the first ship sunk by German submarines in the battle of the Atlantic during World War II. Includes Prologue, Epilogue, Timeline, Notes, Bibliography, Index. (KJ) 2

**An Uninterrupted View of the Sky.** Melanie Crowder.

Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780399169007, \$17.99. (M, H) This fictional account of Francisco's life takes an unexpected turn when his dad is arrested under false pretenses. The book exposes the hardships indigenous people in Bolivia still endure. Includes Author's Note, Glossary, Selected Sources. (CLC) 9 6 10 7



**The War I Finally Won.** Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books for Young Readers. 400pp. Trade ISBN 9780525429203, \$16.99. (I, M) A sequel to *The War that Saved My Life*, Ada's life becomes even more complicated as World War II intensifies. With strict food rations, tight living quarters, and friends leaving to help with the war effort, Ada contemplates the meaning of friends, family, and happiness. Includes Author's Note. (BLS) 9 4

**WOMEN'S HISTORY—**

**Before She Was Harriet.** Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illustrated by James E. Ransome. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780823420476, \$17.95. (P, I) A lyrical biography beginning at the end of Harriet Tubman's life and traveling back to her girlhood, this book offers a glimpse into a woman who should be known for her many accomplishments and by her different names. (LL) 4 10

**Bold Women of Medicine: 21 Stories of Astounding Discoveries, Daring Surgeries, and Healing Breakthroughs.**

Susan M. Latta. Chicago Review Press. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781613734377, \$19.99. (M) These biographies of women from several cultures and countries span from the early eighteenth century to today, highlighting women's rights and medical advances. Each chapter includes resources to learn more about the spotlighted women. Includes Foreword, Learn More (at the end of every chapter), Bibliography, Index. (WH) 5 8

**Caroline's Comets: A True Story.**

Written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Holiday House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780823436644, \$16.95. (P) This biography of the first professional woman scientist, Caroline Herschel, includes excerpts from her autobiography woven into the text showing her childhood challenges and giving a glimpse of her personality. Includes Note, Bibliography, Glossary, Timeline. (WH) 5 8 6

**Dangerous Jane.** Suzanne Slade. Illustrated by Alice Ratterree.

Peachtree Publishers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781561459131, \$17.95. (I) Jane Addams was inspired as a young child to make the world a better place. She persevered through numerous obstacles toward her goals (e.g., Hull House, Women's Peace Party, WILPF), earning the title, Nobel Laureate. Includes More About Dangerous Jane, Timeline, Bibliography, Sources for Quotes. (LEM) 10 2 9 6

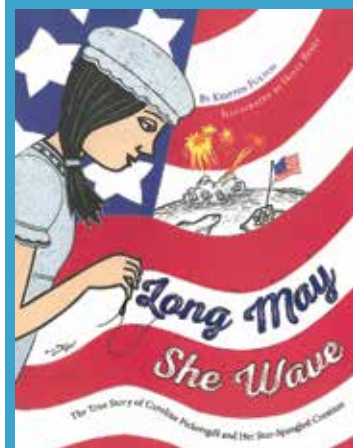
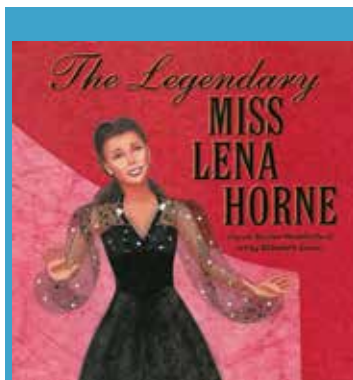
**Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México.** Written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 33pp. Trade ISBN 9781419725326, \$18.95. (P, I, M, H) A beautifully illustrated depiction of Amalia Hernández and the dance company she founded in 1952 that integrated folkloric dances from all over Mexico and became the most famous dance company in the country. Includes Author's Note, Glossary, Bibliography, Index. (RR) ②  
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**Kate Warne, Pinkerton Detective.** Marissa Moss. Illustrated by April Chu. Creston Books. 44pp. Trade ISBN 9781939547330, \$18.99. (I) Kate Warne walked into the Pinkerton Agency in answer to a job ad and became America's first female detective by the following day. The adventures of the cunning and courageous detective's first case are chronicled. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography, About the Authors. (ECG) ②②

**The Legendary Miss Lena Horne.** Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481468244, \$17.99. (P) This powerful picture book biography introduces kids to Lena Horne—legendary actress, singer, and activist. The amazing illustrations and featured quotations will draw readers in. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography, Further Reading. (JR) ⑤⑩

**Lighter than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot.** Matthew Clark Smith. Illustrated by Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763677329, \$16.99. (P) In eighteenth-century France, all the great ballooning aeronauts are men. This beautifully illustrated biography tells the inspiring story of Sophie Blanchard's rise from a shy, rural village girl to an extraordinary woman who was appointed Chief Air Minister of Ballooning by Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Bibliography. (KJ) ②

**Long May She Wave: The True Story of Caroline Pickersgill and Her Star-Spangled Creation.** Kristen Fulton. Illustrated by Holly Berry. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781481460965, \$17.99. (P) Strong women—Caroline's relatives and an African American indentured servant—are central to this story of making the flag that flew over Fort McHenry. Provides historical context and weaves in lyrics from the "Star Spangled Banner." Includes Author's Note, Sources, Lyrics to the Star Spangled Banner. (WH) ⑤⑩



**Malala's Magic Pencil.** Malala Yousafzai. Illustrated by Kerascoët. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780316319577, \$17.99. (P, I, M) Malala shares her story of growing up in Pakistan and how she worked thoughtfully and intentionally to make the world a better place, "one child, one teacher, one book, and one pen" at a time. Includes Dear Friend Letter, About Malala Yousafzai. (LEM) ⑨⑥⑩

**Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song.** Kathryn Erskine. Illustrated by Charly Palmer. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780374303013, \$18.99. (I, M) Miriam Makeba, an award-winning South African singer, raised her voice to campaign against the brutal segregationist system known as apartheid. This biography offers a glimpse into the life of a woman who believed in the power of song and would stop at nothing to fight for equality for all people of South Africa. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography, Further Reading, Timeline, Glossary. (BLS) ②⑨

**Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing.** Dean Robbins. Illustrated by Lucy Knisley. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780399551857, \$17.99. (I) This selection traces the development of Margaret Hamilton from an intellectually curious and multi-talented schoolgirl to a computer coding pioneer and the heroine of the Apollo 11 mission. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography, Additional Reading, Photos. (ECG) ②⑧

**Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines.** Jeanne Walker Harvey. Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company BYR / Christy Ottaviano Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781250112491, \$17.99. (P) Meet the visionary artist-architect who as a college student won a national contest to design the Vietnam War Memorial. Includes Author's Note. (ML) ①③④

**Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands.** Susan Goldman Rubin. Chronicle Books. 100pp. Trade ISBN 9781452108377, \$17.99. (I) An exploration of the revolutionary work of artist/architect Maya Lin, including her design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as well as her unique approach to other projects and the materials used. Includes Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (ML) ①③④

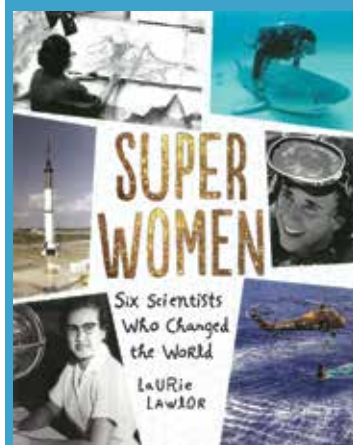
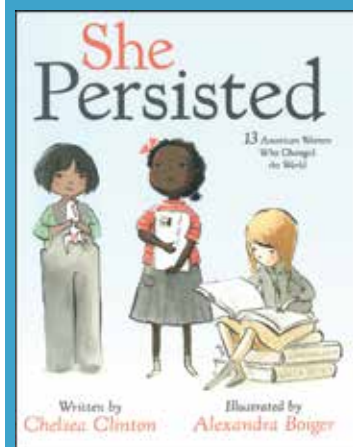
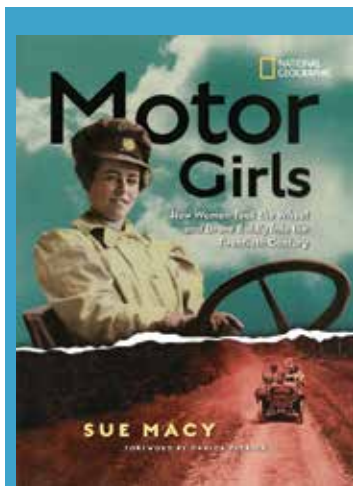
**Motor Girls: How Women Took the Wheel and Drove Boldly into the Twentieth Century.** Sue Macy. National Geographic Children's Books. 96pp. Trade ISBN 9781426326974, \$18.99. (M, H) A timely tribute to the "Motor Girls" of the turn of the century, who paved the way for change when many questioned whether females should be behind the wheel of a car at all. Intriguing historical photographs, artifacts, and art highlight the difficult journey of these progressive women motorists. Includes Epilogue, Appendix, Resources, Sources of Quotes, Index. (BLS) 25

**Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire.** Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville. Illustrated by Brigitte Barrager. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481461313, \$17.99. (P) As a child, Mary Blair noticed colors everywhere. One of the first women to be hired by Walt Disney Studios, she worked with men who mainly saw things in black and white and disliked her bright style. After leaving Disney, she was hired back for her "vivid" and "wild" imagination to create *It's a Small World*. Includes Author's Note. (LL) 4

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality.** Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419725593, \$18.95. (P, I, M) The true story of how this admirable woman persevered to become a remarkable symbol of justice. Structured as a court case, readers are presented with evidence of the injustice that Ginsburg faced as a woman, as a Jew, and as a working mother. Includes Glossary, Author's Note. (KH) 103

**She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World.** Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781524741723, \$17.99. (P, I) This empowering book features 13 diverse and accomplished women, some well-known and some not, who persevered through obstacles and broke down barriers. (BLS) 24

**Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song.** Gary Golio. Illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb. Lerner Publishing Group / Millbrook Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781467751230, \$19.99. (I, M) Billie Holiday was tired of the discrimination that plagued her career as a singer. "Strange Fruit" provided her with a platform to protest the pervasive racism of the era and became her personal anthem for resistance.



Includes Billie Holiday Biography, Source Notes, Selected Bibliography. (ECG) 1210

**Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World.** Laurie Lawlor. Holiday House. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780823436750, \$17.95. (I) Readers will be inspired by these six female scientists who had to overcome gender and, in some cases, racial discrimination in fields such as astronomy, archaeology, and oceanography before rising to the top. Includes Glossary, Sources, Index. (JR) 83

**Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm.** Sue Macy. Illustrated by Matt Collins. Holiday House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780823436651, \$16.95. (I) The book describes Gertrude Ederle's swim across the English Channel in 1926, the first woman to accomplish this difficult feat. Readers learn about the courage necessary for this defining moment in sports history. Includes Afterword, Author's Note, Sources and Resources, Source Notes, Timeline. (BMB) 42

**Women Who Dared: 52 Stories of Fearless Daredevils, Adventurers, and Rebels.** Linda Skeers. Illustrated by Livi Gosling. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781492653271, \$16.99. (M, H) Women: adventurers, daredevils, and rebels! This new compilation of brief biographies features women throughout history (some are known and some not) who have risked their lives for adventure. Includes Bibliography, Index, About the Author, About the Illustrator. (KH) 410

**The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid.** Written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781481446693, \$17.99. (P) Architect Zaha Hadid's story of determination is accompanied by bold illustrations showing the natural inspiration for buildings she designed. Includes List of Buildings, Biography, Author's Note, Sources. (WH) 568

**The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist.** Cynthia Levinson. Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781481400701, \$17.99. (P, I) Inspired by shared meals with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and her own desire for equality, Audrey marched the streets of Birmingham and spent a week in jail—proving that you're never too young to fight for freedom. Includes Author's Note, Timeline, Recipe (for Hot Rolls Baptized in Butter), Sources. (ECG) 26

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