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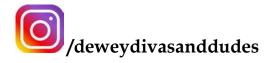
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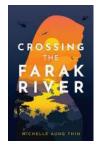


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I'm A Gay Wizard by V.S. Santoni — Wattpad — 9780993689901 — TP - \$14.99 - YOUNG ADULT FICTION / Fantasy—368 pp. – October 2019

Whisked away to the Marduk Institute and told they can never return to their old lives, Johnny and Alison must quickly adapt to a new world shimmering with monsters, fraternities, and cute boys like Hunter and Blake. But when they're pulled into a dark, supernatural fight that could cost them their lives, they'll have to find strength they never knew they had as they battle for love, acceptance, and their own happy endings -- all with the help of a little bit of magic.



Crossing the Farak River by Michelle Aung Thin—Annick Press—9781773213972—HC - \$18.95 - JUVENILE FICTION / People & Places / Asia—224 pp. – April 2020

Hasina races deep into the Rakhine forest to hide with her cousin Ghadiya and Araf. When they emerge some days later, it is to a smouldering village. Their house is standing but where is the rest of her family? With so many Rohingyas driven out, Hasina must figure out who she can trust for help and summon the courage to fight for her family amid the escalating conflict that threatens her world and her identity.



The Case of the Missing Auntie by Michael Hutchinson—Second Story Press—
9781772601176—PB - \$10.95 - JUVENILE FICTION / Native Canadian—192 pp. – March 2020
The Mighty Muskrats are off to the city to have fun at the Exhibition Fair. But when Chickadee asks
Grandpa what he would like them to bring back from the city, she learns about Grandpa's missing little

Grandpa what he would like them to bring back from the city, she learns about Grandpa's missing little sister. She was, they learn, "scooped" years ago – like many Indigenous children, the government had arranged for her adoption by strangers without her parents' permission. Now, the Mighty Muskrats have a new case to solve: to find the whereabouts of their grandpa's long-lost sister.



Be Amazing by Desmond Napoles—Farrar, Straus & Giroux—9780374312589—HC - \$25.99 - JUVENILE NONFICTION / LGBT—40 pp. − May 2020

Throughout history, courageous people like Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and RuPaul have paved the way for a safer, more inclusive society for LGBTQ individuals, and it's thanks to them that people just like Desmond can be free to be who they really are. Featuring illustrations by Dylan Glynn.



A Likkle Miss Lou by Nadia L. Hohn—Owlkids—9781771473507—HC - \$18.95 - JUVENILE NONFICTION / Biography & Autobiography—32 pp. – August 2019

Louise Bennett Coverley, better known as Miss Lou, was an iconic poet and entertainer known for popularizing the use of patois in music and poetry internationally—helping to pave the way for artists like Harry Belafonte and Bob Marley to use patois in their work. This picture book tells the story of Miss Lou's early years, when she was a young girl growing up in Jamaica.



► Spirit Bear: Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams by Cindy Blackstock—9781775191490 – PB - \$15.00 - JUVENILE FICTION—

Spirit Bear is on his way home from a sacred ceremony when he meets Jake, a friendly dog, with a bag full of paper hearts attached to wood stakes. Jake tells Spirit Bear that school children and residential school survivors will plant the hearts when a big report on residential schools called the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is shared.



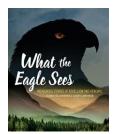
All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson—Farrar, Straus, & Giroux—9780374312718— HC - \$24.50 - YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION / LGBT—320 pp. – April 2020

In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys.



Brown Girl Ghosted by Mintie Das—Houghton Mifflin Harcourt—9780358128892—HC - \$24.99 - YOUNG ADULT FICTION / Diversity & Multicultural—304 pp. – March 2020

Violet Choudhury may be part of the popular clique at school, but as one of a handful of brown girls in a small Illinois town, all she really wants to do is blend in and disappear. Unfortunately for her, she's got a knack for seeing spirits, including the dead—something she's tried to ignore all her life. But when the queen bee of Violet's cheerleading squad ends up dead following a sex tape that's not as consensual as everyone wants to believe, Violet'sfriends from the spirit world decide it's the perfect time for Violet to test her skills and finally accept the legacy of spiritual fighters from whom she's descended.



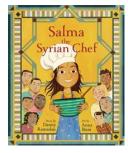
What The Eagle Sees by Eldon Yellowhorn—Annick Press—9781773213293—HC - \$24.95 - JUVENILE NONFICTION / People & Places / Native American—120 pp. − November 2019

In this brilliant follow up to *Turtle Island*, esteemed academic Eldon Yellowhorn and award-winning author Kathy Lowinger team up again, this time to tell the stories of what Indigenous people did when invaders arrived on their homelands. *What the Eagle Sees* shares accounts of the people, places, and events that have mattered in Indigenous history from a vastly under-represented perspective—an Indigenous viewpoint.



Fatty Legs (10th Anniversary Edition) by Margaret Pokiak-Fenton & Christy Jordan-Fenton – Annick Press—9781773213507—PB - \$13.95 - JUVENILE NONFICTION—156 pp. – March 2020

With important updates since it first hit the shelves a decade ago, this new edition of *Fatty Legs* will continue to resonate with readers young and old.



Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan—Annick Press—9781773213750—HC - \$21.95 - JUVENILE FICTION / Cooking & Food—40 pp. − March 2020

All Salma wants is to make her mama smile again. Between English classes, job interviews, and missing Papa back in Syria, Mama always seems busy or sad. A homemade Syrian meal might cheer her up, but Salma doesn't know the recipe, or what to call the vegetables in English, or where to find the right spices! Luckily, the staff and other newcomers at the Welcome Center are happy to lend a hand—and a sprinkle of sumac.



Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson—Bloomsbury—9781547600564—HC - \$22.99 JUVENILE FICTION / Family / General—192 pp. – April 2020

Ryan Hart loves to spend time with her friends, loves to invent recipes, and has a lot on her mind-school, self-image, and family. Her dad finally has a new job, but money is tight. That means changes like selling their second car and moving into a new (old) house. But Ryan is a girl who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. Because Ryan is all about trying to see the best.

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Nibi's Water Song by Sunshine Tenasco, Illus. by Chief Lady Bird | Scholastic Canada | 978-1-443-10789-1 | HC | \$19.99 | Juvenile Fiction / Picture Book | 32 pp. | September 2019 | Ages 4-8

An Indigenous girl named Nibi searches for clean water to drink. Though she is faced with repeated obstacles, Nibi's joyful and determined energy becomes a catalyst for change as her community rallies around her to take action to make clean drinking water available for all.



Can You See Me? by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott | 978-1-338-60891-5 | HC | \$23.99 | Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes | 368 Pages | March 2020 | Ages 8 – 12

Tally isn't ashamed of being autistic—even if it complicates life sometimes, it's part of who she is. But something is different about sixth grade, and Tally now feels like she has to act "normal." But as Tally hides her true self, she starts to wonder what "normal" means after all and whether fitting in is really what matters most.



King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender | 978-1-338-12933-5 | HC | \$23.99 | Juvenile Fiction / Death, Grief, Bereavement | 272 Pages | February 2020 | Ages 8 – 12

Twelve-year-old Kingston James is grieving the loss of his brother Khalid. It would be easier if King could talk with his best friend, Sandy Sanders. But just days before he died, Khalid told King to end their friendship, after overhearing a secret about Sandy—that he thinks he might be gay. But when Sandy goes missing, sparking a town-wide search, and King finds his former best friend hiding in a tent in his backyard, he agrees to help Sandy escape from his abusive father, and the two begin an adventure as they build their own private paradise down by the bayou.



Lila and Hadley by Kody Keplinger | 978-1-338-30609-5| HC | \$22.99| Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes | 256 Pages | April 2020| Ages 8-12

Hadley is angry about a lot of things: her mom going to jail, having to move to another state to live with her sister, leaving her friends behind... and going blind. But then she meets Lila, an abandoned dog that she immediately forms a connection with. Only working with Lila is harder than Hadley thought, and so is the mobility training she starts taking to help with her failing vision. If Hadley could just let go of her anger, she might be able to save Lila... and herself.



You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson – Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-50326-5 – HC – \$23.99 – Young Adult Fiction / LGBT – 336 pp. – June 2020 – Ages 12+

Liz Lighty has always believed she's too black, too poor, too *awkward* to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed town. But when a scholarship for college falls through, she decides to run for prom queen to win the cash prize that comes with the crown. The only thing that makes it halfway bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. But Mack is also in the running for queen. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams . . . or make them come true?



Where We Go From Here by Lucas Rocha – Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-55624-7 – HC – \$25.99 – Young Adult Fiction / LGBT – 288 pp. – June 2020 – Ages 14+

An absorbing debut novel about three gay friends in Brazil whose lives become intertwined in the face of HIV, perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Bill Konigsberg.



Mañanaland by Pam Muñoz Ryan | 9781338157864 | HC | \$24.99 | Emigration & Immigration | 256 Pages | March 2020 | Ages 8-12

Maximiliano Córdoba loves stories, especially the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers, who are true of heart, on a journey into tomorrow. So when Max uncovers a buried family secret-involving an underground network of guardians who lead people fleeing a neighboring country to safety, he decides to seek answers on his own.



Keep It Together, Keiko Carter by Debbi Michiko Florence—Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-60752-9 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Friendship – 304 pp. – May 2020 – Ages 8-12 Seventh grade is supposed to be a game changer. And Keiko thinks she's got it covered, especially with her best friends Audrey and Jenna by her side. But when Audrey decides they need boyfriends before Fall Ball, it looks like things may be changing in all the wrong ways.



The Way to Rio Luna by Zoraida Cordova – Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-23954-6 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Fairy Tales & Folklore – 336 pp. – June 2020 – Ages 8-12 Eleven-year-old Danny Monteverde believes in magic, and that his older sister, Pili, is waiting for him somewhere in Rio Luna, the enchanted land in their favourite book of fairy tales. When the siblings were placed in separate foster homes, she promised that she'd come back for him, and they'd build a new life together in Rio Luna. But just when he thinks it might be time to put foolish fairy tales behind him, he finds a mysterious book in the library that will lead him to a map to Rio Luna... and to his missing sister.

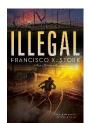


Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan – Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-57105-9 – HC – \$24.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Fairy Tales & Folklore – 336 pp. – June 2020 – Ages 8-12 In contemporary India, 12-year-old Asha will journey across the dangerous Himalayas to find her missing father and save her family's home -- guided by a mythical bird and a green-eyed tiger who she believes to be the spirits of her ancestors. This is an incredibly unique debut about loss, family, buried treasure, and hope.



Not Your All-American Girl by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg – Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-03776-0 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Humourous Stories – 256 pp. – July 2020 – Ages 8-12

Lauren, who loves to sing, hopes she'll be the star of her middle school's musical. But when the show is cast, Lauren lands in the ensemble, while her best friend Tara scores the lead role. Their teacher explains: Lauren just doesn't look the part of the all-American girl. What audience would believe that she, half-Jewish, half-Chinese Lauren, was the every-girl star from Pleasant Valley, USA? With the help of her two bickering grandmothers and new friends in the ensemble, can Lauren find her voice again?



Illegal: A Disappeared Novel by Francisco X. Stork – Scholastic Inc. – 978-1-338-31055-9 HC – \$24.99 – Young Adult Fiction / Emigration & Immigration – 304 pp. – August 2020 – Ages 12+

Life in Mexico is a death sentence for Emiliano and his sister Sara. To escape the violent cartel that is after them, they flee across the border to the United States. Sara turns herself over to the authorities to apply for asylum. Emiliano enters the country illegally, planning to live with their father. But now Sara is being held indefinitely in a detention facility, awaiting an asylum hearing that may never come, while Emiliano sets off on a tense and dangerous race to find justice.

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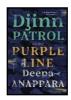
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Sharks in the Time of Saviours by Kawai Strong Washburn - McClelland & Stewart -9780771094453 - Hardcover - \$32.00 - Fiction - Sagas - March 31, 2020

A captivating debut novel that folds ancient Hawaiian lore into an engrossing family saga, a story of the deceptively alluring pull of destiny and the relentless pursuit of salvation. In 1995, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, on a rare family vacation, seven-year-old Nainoa Flores falls overboard a cruise ship into the Pacific Ocean. When a shiver of sharks appears in the water, everyone fears for the worst. But instead, Noa is gingerly delivered to his mother in the jaws of a shark, marking his story as the stuff of legends.



Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line by Deepa Anappara - McClelland & Stewart – 9780771001703 - Hardcover - \$34.95 - Fiction - Mystery & Detective - February 4, 2020

In this transporting debut novel, three friends venture into the most dangerous corners of a sprawling Indian city to find their missing classmate. Drawing on real incidents and a spate of disappearances in metropolitan India, Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line is extraordinarly moving, flawlessly imagined, and a triumph of suspense.



Grown-Up Pose by Sonya Lalli - Berkley - 9780451490964 - \$22.00 - Original Trade -Fiction - Cultural Heritage - Book Club - March 24, 2020

A delightfully modern look at what happens for a young woman when tradition, dating, and independence collide. Adulting shouldn't be this hard. Especially in your thirties. Having been pressured by her tight-knit community to get married at a young age to her first serious boyfriend, Anu Desai is now on her own again and feels like she is starting from the beginning.



Dead Mom Walking by Rachel Matlow - Viking Canada – 9780735236301 - \$24.95 -Original Trade - Biography & Autobiography - Personal Memoirs - March 31, 2020

With irreverence and honesty--and a little help from Elaine's journals and self-published dating guide, plus hours of conversations recorded in her dying days--Matlow brings her inimitable mother to life on the page. A heartfelt story of what happens when two people who've always written their own script go head to head with each other, and with life's least forgiving plot device.



A Phoenix First Must Burn by Patrice Caldwell - Viking - 9781984835659 - \$24.99 -Hardcover - 12 and up - Young Adult - March 10, 2020

A Phoenix First Must Burn will take you on a journey from folktales retold to futuristic societies and everything in between. Filled with stories of love and betrayal, strength and resistance, this collection contains an array of complex and true-to-life characters in which you cannot help but see yourself reflected



Fight Like a Girl by Sheena Kamal - Penguin Teen – 9780735265554 - \$21.99 – Hardcover - 14 and up - Young Adult - March 10, 2020

Love and violence. In some families they're bound up together, dysfunctional and poisonous, passed from generation to generation like eye color or a quirk of smile. Trisha's trying to break the chain, channeling her violent impulses into Muay Thai kickboxing, an unlikely sport for a slightly built girl of Trinidadian descent.

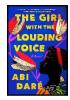
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Last Impressions by Joesph Kertes - Penguin Canada – 9780735238213 - \$24.95 - Original Trade Fiction - Historical - World War II - March 3, 2020

How can you say goodbye forever when you've left an important secret unspoken? "I'll tell you what I'm going to do," Zoltan said. "When I die, I'll leave my luck to you." Zoltan Beck is dying. His devoted but long-suffering sons, Ben and Frank, are trying to prepare themselves and their families for Zoltan's eventual departure...but they can't quite bring themselves to believe that the end is really at hand, and neither can Zoltan himself.



The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré – Dutton – 9781524746025 - \$35.00 - Hardcover Fiction – Women - February 4, 2020

A powerful, emotional debut novel told in the unforgettable voice of a young Nigerian woman who is trapped in a life of servitude but determined to get an education so that she can escape and choose her own future.



Minor Dramas & Other Catastrophes by Kathleen West - Berkley – 9780593098400 - \$35.00 - Hardcover - Fiction - Family Life - February 4, 2020

A wry and cleverly observed debut novel about the privileged bubble that is Liston Heights High—the micro-managing parents, the overworked teachers, and the students caught in the middle—and the fallout for each of them when the bubble finally bursts.



The Antidote for Everything by Kimmery Martin – Berkley - 9781984802835 - \$35.00 – Hardcover - Fiction – Women - February 18, 2020

In this whip-smart and timely novel, two doctors travel a surprising path when they must choose between treating their patients and keeping their jobs. The hospital is instructing doctors to stop providing medical care for transgender patients. Jonah, a gay man, is the first to be fired when he refuses to abandon his patients. When Georgia's attempts to address the situation result in incalculable harm, both find themselves facing the loss of much more than their careers.



Itch by Polly Farquhar - Holiday House – 9780823445523 - \$23.99 – Hardcover - 8-12 years - Middle Grade - February 4, 2020

For everyone who's ever felt out of place, this debut novel set in the Ohio heartland is a warm, funny, and sometimes heartbreaking look at middle school misfits and misadventures. Whether you root for the Buckeyes or have no clue who they are, you'll be drawn into Itch's world immediately.



Pieces of a Girl by Stephanie Kuehnert - Dutton Books for Young Readers – 9780525429753 - \$29.99 – Hardcover - 14 and up - Young Adult - March 17, 2020

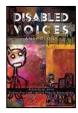
A raw and bold YA memoir about abuse and addiction, and the power of expression and community that helped author Stephanie Kuehnert survive and thrive.

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The Subtweet by Vivek Shraya ECW Press- 978-1-77041-583-6- HC- \$32.95- Fiction- 220 pp.- April 2020

Everyone talks about falling in love, but falling in friendship can be just as captivating. When Neela Devaki's song is covered by internet-famous artist Rukmini, the two musicians meet and a transformative friendship begins. But as Rukmini's star rises and Neela's stagnates, jealousy and self-doubt creep in. With a single tweet, their friendship implodes, one career is destroyed, and the two women find themselves at the center of an internet firestorm.



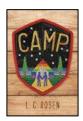
Disabled Voices by Various - Rebel Mountain Press- 978-1-775301950- TPB- \$18.95- Anthology- 150 pp.- March 2020

Written by the disabled community for the disabled community -- a collection of short fiction, memoirs, and poetry from writers around the world. Also features original artwork from artists who identity as disabled. A first of its kind, Disabled Voices captures life as a disabled person.



When You Get the Chance by Tom Ryan & Victoria Stevenson – Running Press Kids- 978- 07624-9500-9- HC- \$22.99- Young Adult Fiction- 272 pp.- May 2020- Ages 13+

Following cousins on a road trip to Pride as they dive into family secrets and friendships, *When You Get the Chance* is a contemporary YA novel, perfect for fans of David Levithan and Becky Albertalli, and for readers looking for a story of friendship and family.



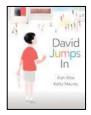
Camp by L. C. Rosen- Little, Brown Books for Young Readers- 978-0-316-53775-9- HC-\$22.99- Young Adult Fiction- 384 pp.- May 2020- Ages 14+

From the author of the acclaimed Jack of Hearts (and other parts) comes a sweet and sharp screwball comedy that critiques the culture of toxic masculinity within the queer community.



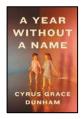
Once Upon an Eid by S. K. Ali & Aisha Saeed- Amulet Books- 978-1-4197-4083-1-HC- \$24.99- Middle Grade Fiction- 304 pp.- May 2020- Ages 8-12

Once Upon an Eid is a collection of short stories that showcases the most brilliant Muslim voices writing today, all about the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid!



David Jumps In by Alan Woo & Katty Maurey - Kids Can Press- 978-1-77138-845-0- HC- \$19.99- Picture Book- 32 pp.- March 2020- Ages 4-7

This lyrical tale, written in simple free verse, tells how a game with roots in ancient China --- called elastic skip in this story --- helps a boy find his footing on his first day at a new school.



A Year Without a Name by Cyrus Grace Dunham- Little, Brown- 978-0-316-44496-5- HC-\$33.00- Memoir- 176 pp.- October 2019

For as long as they can remember, Cyrus Grace Dunham felt like a visitor in their own body. Their life was a series of imitations--lovable little girl, daughter, sister, young gay woman--until their profound sense of alienation became intolerable. Beginning as Grace and ending as Cyrus, Dunham brings us inside the chrysalis of gender transition, asking us to bear witness to an uncertain and exhilarating process that troubles our most basic assumptions about who we are and how we are constituted.



Beautiful on the Outside by Adam Rippon- Grand Central- 978-1-5387-3240-3- HC- \$35.00-Memoir- 256 pp.- October 2019

Olympic medalist Adam Rippon has been making it pretty for the judges even when, just below the surface, everything was an absolute mess. From traveling to practices on the Greyhound bus next to ex-convicts to being so poor he could only afford to eat the free apples at his gym, Rippon got through the toughest times with a smile on his face, a glint in his eye, and quip ready for anyone listening. *Beautiful on the Outside* looks at his journey from a homeschooled kid in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to a self-professed American sweetheart on the world stage and all the disasters and self-delusions it took to get him there.



In the Key of Nira Ghani by Natasha Deen Running Press Kids- 978-07624-6547-7-HC- \$23.49- Young Adult Fiction- 304 pp.- April 2019- Ages 12+

A Guyanese girl must find the balance between her parents' "old world" expectations and traditions while pursuing her dream of being a great trumpeter in this contemporary, coming-of-age story, written by an #OwnVoices author.



Race to the Sun by Rebecca Roanhorse- Disney-Hyperion- 978-1-368-02466-2- HC- \$22.49-Middle Grade Fiction- 320 pp.- January 2020- Ages 8-12

Lately, seventh grader Nizhoni Begay has been able to detect monsters, like that man in the fancy suit who was in the bleachers at her basketball game. Turns out he's Mr. Charles, her dad's new boss at the oil and gas company, and he's alarmingly interested in Nizhoni and her brother, Mac, their Navajo heritage, and the legend of the Hero Twins. Nizhoni knows he's a threat, but her father won't believe her.



The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali & Hatem Aly Little, Brown- 978-0-316-51900-7- HC- \$23.49- Picture Book- 40 pp.- September 2019- Ages 4-8 With her new backpack and light up shoes. Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.



The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar & Alea Marley- Sterling Publishing-978-1-4549-3184-3- HC- \$22.95- Picture Book- 32 pp.- September 2019- Ages 3-7

Harpreet has a different color for every mood and occasion, from pink for dancing to bhangra beats to red for courage. He especially takes care with his patka, smoothing it out and making sure it always matches his outfit. But when Harpreet's mom finds a new job in a snowy city and they have to move, all he wants is to be invisible. Will he ever feel a happy sunny yellow again?

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The Animals of Chinese New Year by Jen Sookfong Lee | 9781459819023 | Board Book \$9.95 | 28 Pages | January 2019 | Ages 0 – 2

Bright photographs of babies demonstrating the same traits as the animals in the text, complemented by traditional Chinese graphic elements.



Pride Colors by Robin Stevenson | 9781459820708 | Board Book | \$10.95 | 28 Pages | March 2019 | Ages 0-2

The profound message of this delightful board book is you are free to be whoever you choose to be; you'll always be loved.



Holi Colors by Rina Singh | 9781459818491 | Board Book | \$9.95 | 24 Pages | February 2018 | Ages 0-2

Experience Holi with every color of the rainbow!



My Heart Fills With Happiness by Monique Gray Smith Illustrated by Julie Flett 9781459809574 | Board Books | \$9.95 | 24 Pages | March 2016 | Ages 0 - 2 A reminder for little ones to reflect on and cherish the moments in life that bring us joy.



We Sang You Home by Richard Van Camp Illustrated by Julie Flett | 9781459811782 | \$10.95 | 26 Pages October 2016 | Ages 0 - 2

Gentle rhythmic text captures the wonder new parents feel as they welcome baby.



Welcome Song For Baby by Richard Van Camp | 9781551436616 | Board Book | \$9.95 | 24 Pages | October 2007

This evocative board book is perfectly suited as a first book for every baby.



Powwow by Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane | 9781459812345 | Hardcover | \$24.95 88 Pages | April 2020 | Ages 9 - 12

Powwow is a journey through the history of powwow culture in North America



Pride by Robin Stevenson | 9781459821248 | Paperback | \$24.95 | 168 Pages | March 2020 Ages 9 – 12

This significant revision includes info on LGBTQ refugees and GSAs in the schools.



Inconvenient Skin/mayehtawan wasakay by Shane Koyczan Illustrated by Kent Monkman and Joseph Sanchez | 9781926886510 Paperback | \$29.95 | 80 Pages | Poetry Powerful and thought-provoking poetry collection, In Cree and English.



Picking Up the Pieces by Carey Newman and Kirstie Hudson | 9781459819955 Hardcover | \$39.95 | 250 Pages | September 2019 | Social Science/Indigenous Studies The making of the Witness Blanket, a living work of ar



Meennunyakaa/Blueberry Patch by Jennifer Leason | 9781926886589 | Hardcover \$19.95 | 32 Pages | September 2019 | Ages 6 – 8

Based in Duck Bay, Manitoba, in the 1940s, an Elder shares his experience of packing up to go out to collect blueberries, a traditional gathering that took place every summer



Legends and Teachings of Xeel's, the Creator by Dr. Ellen Rice White | 9781926886558 Paperback 200 Pages | May 2019 | Social Science/Native American Studies Ellen White's last book features an exciting collection of short stories. Each story is accompanied by a discussion piece that provides cultural context and thoughtful questions.



Sus Yoo/The Bear's Medicine by Clayton Gauthier | 9781926886572 | Hardcover \$19.95 | 32 Pages September 2019 | Ages 6-8

A mother bear shares with her cubs how to be grateful for all they have in the natural world.



Embrace the Chicken by Mahtab Narsimhan | 9781459819733 | Paperback | \$9.95 | 144 Pages | January 2019 | Ages 9-12

Even though she only left Mumbai a few months ago, Shivani isn't feeling like such an outsider anymore. She likes her new school. She finally has a best friend. But when her mother volunteers for the school's annual fundraiser, Shivani is sure she will completely embarrass her



Kung Fu Master by Marty Chan | 9781459822467 | Paperback | \$9.95 | 144 Pages | August 2019 | Ages 9 – 12

Everyone assumes that because he's Chinese, Jon Wong must be good at math and science and a first-class nerd. But when the school bully challenges him to prove his kung-fu skills, Jon must

figure out a way to somehow keep his status as the cool kid. Without getting pulverized.



Neekna and Chemai by Jeannette Armstrong Illustrated by Barbara Marchand |

9781926886435 Paperback | \$14.95 | 52 Pages | May 2019 | Ages 9 – 12

Neekna and Chemai are two little girls growing up in the Okanagan Valley in the time before European contact. Through these two friends, we learn about the seasonal life patterns of the

Okanagan First Peoples.



Blood Sport by Tash McAdam | 9781459824362 | Paperback | \$9.95 | 128 Pages | January 2020 | Ages 12 and up

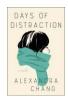
Jason is sure his sister, Becca, was murdered, but he's the only one who thinks so. After finding a photograph Becca kept hidden, he decides to infiltrate a boxing gym to prove that she didn't die accidentally.



Cub by Paul Coccia | 9781459820821 | Paperback | \$9.95 | 144 Pages | January 2019 Ages 12 and Up

Seventeen-year-old Theo fits the definition of "cub" perfectly, but he is very self-conscious about his body. So when his best friend signs him up for a cooking competition at Heat, the city's newest trendy restaurant, Theo is nervous.

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Days of Distraction by Alexandra Chang- Ecco- 9780062951809- HC- \$33.50- Fiction / Literary- 320 pp. - March 2020

A wry, tender portrait of a young woman—finally free to decide her own path, but unsure if she knows herself well enough to choose wisely—from a captivating new literary voice.



Little Gods: A Novel by Meng Jin- Custom House- 9780062935953- HC- \$34.99- Fiction / Literary- 288 pages January 2020

Combining the emotional resonance of *Home Fire* with the ambition and innovation of *Asymmetry*, a lyrical and thought-provoking debut novel that explores the complex web of grief, memory, time, physics, history, and selfhood in the immigrant experience, and the complicated bond between daughters and mothers.



My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russell- William Morrow- 9780062941503- HC- \$34.99- Fiction / Literary- 384 pp. - March 2020 (Simult. ITPE (9780062976802, Paperback, \$23.99), Large Print (9780062978721, TP, \$36.99), Audio (9780062983800, Audio CD, \$55.99)

Exploring the psychological dynamics of the relationship between a precocious yet naïve teenage girl and her magnetic and manipulative teacher, a brilliant, all-consuming read that marks the explosive debut of an extraordinary new writer.



Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir by Robin Ha- Balzer + Bray- 9780062685100- HC- \$28.50- Comics & Graphic Novels / Biography- 240 pp. -Ages 13+, Gr. 8+ - Jan. 2020

For as long as she can remember, it's been Robin and her mom against the world. Growing up in the 1990s as the only child of a single mother in Seoul, Korea, wasn't always easy, but it has bonded them fiercely together. (Simultaneous PB edition also available: 9780062685094- TP- \$15.99)



The Fire Never Goes Out: A Memoir in Pictures by Noelle Stevenson- HarperTeen-9780062278272- HC- \$24.99- YA Nonfiction / Graphic Novels / Biography- 208 pp.- Ages 14+, Grades 9+- March 2020

In a collection of essays and personal mini-comics that span eight years of her young adult life, authorillustrator Noelle Stevenson charts the highs and lows of being a creative human in the world.



Stay Gold by Tobly McSmith- HarperTeen- 9780062943170- HC- \$23.99- YA Fiction- 368 pp. - Ages 14 And Up, Grades 9 And Up- May 2020

A coming-of-age teen love story about a transgender boy who's going stealth at his new Texas high school and a cisgender girl who is drawn to him, even as she's counting down the days until graduation. Perfect for fans of David Levithan, Becky Albertalli, and Jenny Han.

Additional Recommendations:



Daughters of Smoke and Fire: A Novel by Ava Homa Harper Perennial- 9781443460132-TP Original- \$22.99- Fiction / Political- 304 pp. - May 12, 2020

The unforgettable, haunting story of a young woman's perilous fight for freedom and justice for her brother, the first novel published in English by a female Kurdish writer.



In the Land of Men by Adrienne Miller- Ecco- 9780062682413- HC- \$35.99 - Personal Memoirs- 352 pp. - February 2020

A fiercely personal memoir about Miller's coming of age in the male-dominated literary world of the nineties, becoming, at twenty-five, the first female literary editor of *Esquire*, and her personal and working relationship with David Foster Wallace.



Thin Girls: A Novel by Diana Clarke- Harper- 9780062986689- HC- \$34.99 – Fiction/Literary- 368 pp. - June 2020

A dark, edgy, voice-driven literary debut novel about twin sisters that explores body image and queerness as well as toxic diet culture and the power of sisterhood, love, and lifelong friendships, written by a talented protégé of Roxane Gay.



Wine Girl: The Obstacles, Humiliations, and Triumphs of America's Youngest Sommelier by Victoria James- Ecco- 9780062961679- HC- \$33.50- Biography & Autobiography / Culinary-336 pp.- March 2020 (Simultaneous TPB: 9780063022737, \$23.99)

An affecting memoir from America's youngest sommelier, tracing her path through the glamorous but famously toxic restaurant world.



Becoming Brianna by Terri Libenson- Balzer + Bray-9780062894540- HC- \$28.50- Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels / Humorous- 320 pp. - Ages 8-12, Gr. 3 to 7- May 2020 Told in alternating past and present chapters, Bri's heartwarming story unfolds over the eight months leading up to her bat mitzvah as she learns a new language, prepares to give a speech, helps organize a party, and has to juggle drama at school and home. (Simultaneous. PB: 9780062894533, \$15.99)



Five Things About Ava Andrews by Margaret Dilloway- Balzer + Bray- 9780062803498- HC- \$21.00- Juvenile Fiction / Family / Alternative Family- 320 pp. -Ages 8-12, Gr. 3 to 7- June 2020 From Margaret Dilloway, author of Summer of a Thousand Pies, comes a heartfelt and funny story about a shy eleven-year-old with a heart condition who learns to manage her anxiety through improv classes—and discovers her activist voice.



How to Be a Girl in the World by Caela Carter-HarperColllins- 9780062672704- HC- \$21.00 - Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings- 304 pp.- Ages 8-12, Gr. 3-7- August 2020 For fans of Rebecca Stead and Corey Ann Haydu comes this timely story about a tween girl coming to terms with her changing body and the recent attention she's been getting from boys.



I'll Be the One by Lyla Lee- Katherine Tegen Books- 9780062936929- HC- \$21.99- Young Adult Fiction / Asian American- 336 pp.- Ages 13 And Up, Grades 8 And Up- June 2020
I'll Be the One follows a plus-sized bisexual teenage girl who shatters expectations on a televised

competition seeking the next big K-pop star. Lyla Lee's debut YA novel is a nuanced celebration of body positivity, first love, parental expectation, and claiming your own path in life.

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Who's Your Real Mom? by Bernadette Green, illustrated by Anna Zobel—9781950354245—Scribe—HC—\$25.50—Juvenile Fiction / Family / Alternative Family—32 pp.—June 12/20—ages 2-6

A beautifully illustrated story that celebrates nontraditional families and the love they embody.



We Learn From the Sun by David Bouchard, illustrated by Kristy Cameron—
■ ■ ■ ■ 9781989122396—Medicine Wheel Education—HC—\$22.99—Juvenile Fiction / People & Places / Canada / Native Canadian—34 pp.—March 21/20—ages 6-12

An Indigenous rhyming poem with colorful illustrations about the seven sacred teachings that can be learned from the sun.



Farah Rocks Fifth Grade by Susan Muaddi Darraj, illustrated by Ruaida Mannaa—9781496583390—Capstone Press—HC—\$19.95—Juvenile Fiction / School & Education / Social Themes - Adolescence & Coming of Age—144 pp.—Jan 1/20—ages 8-12

Farah takes on the tough parts of being a kid, including bullying, academic pressure, caring for a sibling with special needs, and friendship troubles.



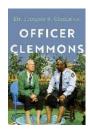
This Town Sleeps by Dennis E. Staples—9781640092846—Counterpoint—HC—\$38.95—Fiction / Literary / LGBT - Gay / Magical Realism / Native American—224 pp.—March 13/20

Set on a reservation in far northern Minnesota, *This Town Sleeps* explores the many ways history, culture, landscape, and lineage shape our lives.



The Shadow King by Maaza Mengiste—9781838851392—Canongate Books—PB—\$25.50—Fiction / Literary—448 pp.—Jan 17/20

Already a *Time Magazine* and *New York Times* Best Book of 2019, this epic Ethiopian novel shows the true strength of women in war.



Officer Clemmons by Francois S. Clemmons—9781948226707—Catapult—HC—\$38.95—Biography & Autobiography / Entertainment & Performing Arts / Cultural, Ethnic & Regional - African American & Black / LGBT—288 pp.—May 15/20

Beloved Officer Clemmons from *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* tells his story, including his reckoning with his own sexuality and making history as a black man on a children's program.

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IntersectionAllies by Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council and Carolyn Choi—9781948340083—Dottir Press—HC—\$28.50—Juvenile Fiction / Social / Friendship—56 pp.—Aug 2/19—ages 6-12

The brainchild of three women-of-color sociologists, *IntersectionAllies* is a smooth, gleeful entry into intersectional feminism.



You Exist Too Much by Zaina Arafat—9781948226509—Catapult—HC—\$38.95—Fiction / Literary / Coming of Age / LGBT - Bisexual—244 pp.—June 19/20

You Exist Too Much opens up the fantasies and desires of one Palestinian-American young woman caught between cultural, religious, and sexual identities.



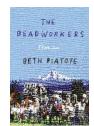
The Revisioners by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton—9781640092587—Counterpoint—HC—\$37.50—Fiction / African American / Contemporary Women—288 pp.—Nov 15/19

From the author of the acclaimed debut, *A Kind of Freedom*, this is a nuanced novel about the depth of women's relationships, generational legacies, and the endurance of hope.



The Prettiest Star by Carter Sickels—9781938235627—Hub City Press—HC—\$38.95—Fiction / LGBT - Gay / Southern / Literary—288 pp.—April 24/20

A novel from the recipient of the Lambda Literary Emerging Writer Award about the politics and fragility of the body, sex and shame, set in NYC during the AIDS epidemic.



The Beadworkers by Beth Piatote—9781640092686—Counterpoint—HC—\$34.50—Literary Collections / Native American—208 pp.—Nov 1/19

This genre-defying reader that draws on Indigenous aesthetics and forms to offer a powerful, sustaining vision of Native life.



First They Erased Our Name by Habiburahman and Sophie Ansel, translated by Andrea Reece—9781947534858—Scribe—PB—\$28.50—Biography & Autobiography / Personal Memoirs / Cultural, Ethnic & Regional / Social Science / Refugees—256 pp.—Nov 15/19

For the first time, a Rohingya speaks up to expose the persecution facing his people in an urgent, moving memoir about what it feels like to be repressed in one's own country and a refugee in others.

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Freedom Soup by Tami Charles, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara | Candlewick | 9780763689773 | \$22.99 HC | Picture Book | 32 pages | Available | Ages 5-9 Every year, Haitians all over the world ring in the new year by eating a special soup, a tradition dating back to the Haitian Revolution. This year, Ti Gran is teaching Belle how to make Freedom Soup, just like she was taught as a little girl. Also: *Hot Pot Night; Catch That Chicken!*.



The Paper Kingdom by Helena Ku Rhee, illustrated by Pascal Campion | Random House BFYR | 9780525644613 | \$23.99 HC | Picture Book | 40 pages | February 2020 | Ages 3-7 Daniel joins his parents as they head for their jobs as nighttime office cleaners. Mama and Papa turn the deserted office building into a magnificent kingdom filled with paper, then weave a fantasy of dragons and kings. Also: *Our Favorite Day; My Grandma and Me.; Nana Akua Goes to School.*



Bedtime Bonnet by Nancy Redd, illustrated by Nneka Myers | Random House BFYR | 9781984895240 | \$23.99 HC | Picture Book | 40 pages | April 2020 | Ages 3-7 A heartwarming story about quintessential Black nighttime hair traditions, celebrating the love between the members of this multigenerational family. More: *Cool Cuts; Happy Hair.*



When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller | Random House BFYR | 9781524715700 | \$22.99 HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 304 pages | January 2020 | Ages 8-12 When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. This book also explores how three generations of immigrants feel about being "other" in America. Also: Silverworld; Wish in the Dark; Dragons in a Bag; Dragon Thief.



Mad, Bad & Dangerous to Know by Samira Ahmed | Soho Teen | 9781616959890 | \$21.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 336 pages | April 2020 | Ages 14-up 17-year-old Khayyam Maquet is in Paris, wishing she was home figuring out her messy life, until a descendant of Alexandre Dumas helps her to connect allusions to an enigmatic 19th-century Muslim woman whose path may have intersected with Dumas, Delacroix, and Byron. Also: *Court of Miracles; Suncatcher*.





The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna | Delacorte Press | 9781984848697 | \$24.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 432 pages | May 2020 | 12-up | Sixteen-year-old Deka lives in fear and anticipation of the blood ceremony that will determine whether she will become a member of her village, but on the day of the ceremony, her blood runs gold--and Deka knows she will face a terrible consequence. A patriarchal fantasy inspired by the author's experience growing up in civil war-torn Sierra Leone. Also: Spin the Dawn; Unravel the Dusk.



Home Home by Lisa Allen-Agostini | Delacorte Press | 9781984893581 | \$23.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 160 pages | May 2020 | Ages 14-up | Moving from Trinidad to Canada wasn't her idea. But after being hospitalized for depression, her mother sees it as the only option. Now, living with an aunt she barely remembers and dealing with her "troubles" in a foreign country, she feels more lost than ever. Also: Who Put This Song On?; Girl in Pieces; 10 Things I Can See From Here; Lost Soul, Be at Peace; Cursed.



My Grandma and Me by Mina Javaherbin, illustrated by Lindsey Yankey | Candlewick | 9780763694944 | \$22.99 HC | Picture Book | 32 pages | Available | Ages 4-8 In a true tale of a young girl in Iran and her grandmother, this beautiful ode to family celebrates small moments of love that become lifelong memories.



How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock-Climbing Champion by Ashima Shiraishi, Illustrated by Yao Xiao | RH Childrens Books/Make Me a World | 9781524773274 | \$23.99 HC | Picture Book Nonfiction | 40 pages | April 2020 | Ages 4-8 Ashima Shiraishi draws on her experience as a world-class climber in this story that challenges readers to tackle the problems in their own lives and rise to greater heights than they would have ever thought possible.



Clean Getaway by Nic Stone | Crown BFYR | 9781984892973 | \$22.99 HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 240 pages | January 2020 | Ages 8-12 Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, a trip with an eleven-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--his G'ma included. Also: *Isaiah Dunn is My Hero*.



Cursed by Karol Ruth Silverstein | Charlesbridge Teen | 9781580899406 | \$21.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 320 pages | Available | Ages 12-up | As if her parents' divorce and sister's departure for college weren't bad enough, fourteen-year-old Ricky has just been diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Her days consist of cursing everyone out, skipping school, daydreaming about her crush, and trying to keep her parents from realizing just how bad things are.



Color Outside the Lines: Stories about Love, edited by Sangu Mandanna | Soho Teen | 9781641290463 | \$21.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction/Short Stories | 312 pages | Available | Ages 14-up Young people in interracial relationships and families can feel set apart from those around them. *Color Outside the Lines* brings together diverse, talented YA voices, including Samira Ahmed, Adam Silvera, Anna-Marie McLemore, Lori Lee, and Elsie Chapman, to reflect on interracial relationships. While focusing predominantly on POC voices, the anthology also includes LGBTQ+, religious minority and disability intersectionality, and its stories range in tone and genre, from lighthearted contemporary to darker fantasy.



Who Put This Song On? by Morgan Parker | Delacorte Press | 9780525707516 | \$24.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 336 pages | Available | Ages 14-up | Morgan Parker's pitch-perfect novel about a black teenage girl searching for her identity when the world around her views her depression as a lack of faith and blackness as something to be politely ignored. Trapped in sunny, stifling, small-town suburbia, seventeen-year-old Morgan knows why she's in her therapist's office. She can't even count the number of times she's been the only non-white person at the sleepover, been teased for her "weird" outfits, and been told she's not "really" black. Also, she's spent most of her summer crying in bed.



Girl Crushed by Katie Heaney | Alfred A. Knopf BFYR | 9781984897343 | \$24.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 352 pages | April 2020 | Ages 12-up Before Quinn Ryan was *in* love with Jamie Rudawski, she loved Jamie Rudawski, who was her best friend. But when Jamie dumps Quinn a month before their senior year, Quinn is suddenly girlfriend-less and best friend-less. Enter a new crush: Ruby Ocampo, the gorgeous and rich lead singer of the popular band Sweets. Quinn's always only wanted to be with Jamie, but if Jamie no longer wants to be with her, why can't Ouinn go all in on Ruby?



This is My America by Kim Johnson | Random House BFYR | 9780593118764 | \$23.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 416 pages | July 2020 | 12-up Dear Martin meets Just Mercy in this unflinching yet uplifting YA novel that explores the racist injustices in the American justice system. Every week, seventeen-year-old Tracy Beaumont writes letters to Innocence X, asking the organization to help her father, an innocent Black man on death row. After seven years, Tracy is running out of time--her dad has only 267 days left. Then the unthinkable happens. The police arrive in the night, and Tracy's older brother, Jamal, goes from being a bright, promising track star to a "thug" on the run, accused of killing a white girl.



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