

## 2024 Youth Literature Festival Bibliography

Works in this bibliography are listed in alphabetical order. The author is the main author or co-author unless otherwise listed. Works contained in anthologies are included. Forewords, introductions, doctoral dissertations, journal articles, and translated works are not included. Works are limited to books written for children or about children's literature. Adult books about children's literature are indicated by an asterisk (\*). Information about awards is listed immediately following each author's name.

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## Chris Barton

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 ALSC Notable Children's Book Selection (2010) for **The Day-Glo Brothers**  
 Sibert Medal Honoree (2010) for **The Day-Glo Brothers**  
 Cybil's Award for Fiction Picture Book Finalist (2010) for **Shark vs. Train**  
 Children's Choice Book Award: Kindergarten to Second Grade Finalist (2011) for **Shark vs. Train**  
 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Selection (2012) for **Can I See Your I.D.?**  
 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Nominee (2012) for **Can I See Your I.D.?**  
 Cybil's Award for Elementary Nonfiction Finalist (2017) for **Dazzle Ships**  
 Children's and Teen Choice Book Award: Third to Fourth Grade Finalist (2017) for **Whoosh!**  
 ALSC Notable Children's Book Selection (2018) for **Dazzle Ships**  
 NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Honoree (2018) for **Dazzle Ships**  
 Booklist Editors' Choice: Books for Youth Selection (2018) for **What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?**  
 Cybil's Award for Elementary Finalist (2018) for **What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?**  
 ALSC Notable Children's Books Selection (2019) for **What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?**  
 NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Recommended (2019) for **What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?**  
 Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award Winner (2019) for **Whoosh!**  
 Rise a Feminist Book Project Top 10 (2020) for **What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?**  
 NCSS Carter G. Woodson Book Award: Elementary Winner (2016) for **The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch**

### **88 Instruments. 2016.**

Summary: A boy who loves to make noise gets to pick only one instrument (at his parents' urging) in a music store, but there is too much to choose from! There are triangles and sousaphones, guitars and harpsichords, bagpipes and cellos and trombones! How can he find the one that is just right for him out of all those options?

### **All of a Sudden and Forever: Help and Healing After the Oklahoma City Bombing. 2021.**

Summary: Sometimes bad things happen, and you must tell everyone. Sometimes terrible things happen, and everybody knows. On April 19, 1995, something terrible happened in Oklahoma a bomb exploded, and people were hurt and killed. But that was not the end of the story. Those who survived—and those who were forever changed—shared their stories and began to heal. Near the site of the bomb blast, an American elm tree began to heal as well. People took care of the tree just as they took care of each other. The tree and its seedlings now offer solace to people around the world grappling with tragedy and loss.

### **Attack! Boss! Cheat Code! 2014.**

Summary: Video games are the dominant form of pop culture today, a \$75 billion industry worldwide, and an inescapable part of modern living. Don't be left out! A quick perusal of Attack! Boss! Cheat Code!

Is all you need to get in the game. Brilliantly colorful illustrations by video game artist Joey Spiotto vividly embody the terminology of video games, bringing the world of video games to life. Lucid definitions make terms clear and understandable, even for non-players.

**Book or Bell? 2017.**

Summary: The first page has Henry hooked. The second page has him captivated. The third page . . . BBBBRRRRRIIIINNNGGGG! . . . will have to wait. That is, unless Henry ignores the bell, stays put, and keeps on reading the most awesome book. By not springing up with the ringing of the bell, Henry sets off a chain reaction unlike anything his school or town has ever seen. Luckily, Mayor Wise, Governor Bright, and Senator Brilliant know exactly what the situation calls for: A louder bell. MUCH louder.

**Can I See Your I.D.? 2011.**

Summary: True crime, desperation, fraud, and from the impoverished young woman who enchanted nineteenth-century British society as a faux Asian princess, to the sixteen-year-old boy who "stole" a subway train in 1993, to the lonely but clever Frank Abagnale of Catch Me if You Can fame, these ten vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades. Graphic panels draw you into the exploits of these pretenders, and meticulously researched details keep you on the edge of your seat. Each scene is presented in the second person, a unique point of view that literally places you inside the faker's mind. With motivations that include survival, delusion, and plain, old-fashioned greed, the psychology of deception has never been so fascinating or so close at hand.

**Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion. 2017.**

Summary: This nonfiction picture book explores art, desperation, and one man's incredible idea for saving ships from German torpedoes in World War I. Dazzle camouflage transformed ordinary British and American ships into eye-popping masterpieces.

**Fire Truck vs. Dragon. 2020.**

Summary: It's the wackiest rivalry ever, when the fire-breathing ruler of the skies and the fearless fire truck go head-to-head in an epic battle of fire vs water! Who will win? But wait, is it actually a competition? Their rivalry takes unexpected turns as these two unlikely friends face off at a campfire, a birthday party, and more with unexpected results. Who will you root for?

**Glitter Everywhere! Where It Came From, Where It's Found & Where It's Going. 2023.**

Summary: If you love glitter, this book is for you. If you hate glitter, this book is also for you. Everyone seems to have strong feelings about glitter. But how much do you actually know about it? Who invented glitter? How is it made? Why does it stick to everything? Is it bad for the environment? And of course: What makes glitter . . . glitter?

**How to Make a Book (About My Dog). 2021**

Summary: Acclaimed author Chris Barton and his trusty pooch Ernie show readers how to make a nonfiction picture book . . . about Ernie! From coming up with ideas, researching, and writing a first draft to finding the perfect illustrator, deciding what goes on the cover, and getting every last word—er,

*word*—just right, you’ll see how a book is made from beginning to end. From acquisitions and editing to graphic design and dog treats, find out what’s required to bring a book to life. This title perfectly blends how-to and humor for an informative look at book publishing.

**Mighty Truck Series. 2017.**

Titles:

- **Muddymania!**
- **On the Farm**
- **The Traffic Tie-Up**
- **Zip and Beep**
- **Surf’s Up!**

**Moving Forward: From Space-Age Rides to Civil Rights Sit-Ins with Airman Alton Yates. 2022.**

Summary: As a child growing up in Jacksonville, Florida, Alton Yates watched Black veterans return home from fighting for their country, only to have that country turn its back on them. After Alton joined the Air Force and risked his life to make spacecraft and airplane flight safer, he returned home to the same Jim Crow laws. Alton now had a new mission: To make a stand against Jim Crow.

**Sister, Brother, Family: An American Childhood in Music. 2021.**

Summary: He was a boy with a guitar. She was a girl with a piano. Raised by loving grandparents in Depression-era rural Texas, their humble beginnings playing local shows to put food on the table started Willie and Bobbie Nelson on a remarkable path to global stardom. In a story filled with details of a childhood in rural Texas—with church socials, general stores, and town dances—Willie and Bobbie weave together an inspiring story of a long-ago time.

**Shark vs. Train. 2010**

Summary: “I’m going to choo-choo you up and spit you out.” “Ha! I’m going to finish you, mackerel-breath.” Who will win? Well, that depends on...

**That’s Not Bunny! 2016.**

Summary: From high above on his perch, Hawk searches for his next meal. When he spots a bunny, he swoops down and snatches — a carrot!? He decides to try again; because after all, he isn’t a Carrot Hawk. But when Hawk goes for his second attempt he comes up with a cucumber! And the third time he grabs a head of lettuce! How can Hawk be a hawk if he can’t catch a single bunny? As he surveys the assortment of vegetables in his nest, he gets a great idea for baiting the bunny. But will it work?

**The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch. 2015.**

Summary: John Roy Lynch spent most of his childhood as a slave in Mississippi, but all of that changed with the Emancipation Proclamation. Suddenly people like John Roy could have paying jobs and attend school. While many people in the South were unhappy with the social change, John Roy thrived in the new era. He was appointed to serve as justice of the peace and was eventually elected to the United States Congress.

**The Day-Glo Brothers. 2009.**

Summary: Joe and Bob Switzer were very different brothers. Bob was a studious planner who wanted to grow up to be a doctor. Joe dreamed of making his fortune in show business and loved magic tricks and problem-solving. When an accident left Bob recovering in a darkened basement, the brothers began experimenting with ultraviolet light and fluorescent paints. Together they invented a whole new kind of color, one that glows with an extra-special intensity—Day-Glo.

**‘The Nutcracker’ Comes to America: How Three Ballet-Loving Brothers Created a Holiday Tradition. 2015.**

Summary: Every December, The Nutcracker comes to life in theaters across the United States. But how did this 19th-century Russian ballet become such a big part of the holidays in 21st-century America? Meet Willam, Harold, and Lew Christensen, three small-town Utah boys who caught the ballet bug from an uncle in the early 1900s. They performed alongside elephants and clowns on vaudeville, immersed themselves in the New York City dance scene, and even put on a ballet featuring gangsters at a gas station. Russian immigrants shared the story of The Nutcracker with them, and during World War II – on a shoestring budget and in need of a hit – they staged their own Christmastime production in San Francisco. It was America’s first full-length version and the beginning of a delightful holiday tradition.

**What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan 2018.**

Summary: Even as a child growing up in the Fifth Ward of Houston, Texas, Barbara Jordan stood out for her big, bold, booming, crisp, clear, confident voice. It was a voice that made people sit up, stand up, and take notice. So, what do you *do* with a voice like that? Barbara took her voice to places few African American women had been in the 1960s: first law school, then the Texas state senate, then up to the United States Congress. Throughout her career, she persevered through adversity to give voice to the voiceless and to fight for civil rights, equality, and justice.

**Whoosh! 2016.**

Summary: Trying to create a new cooling system for refrigerators, inventor Lonnie Johnson instead created the mechanics for an iconic toy. As a kid, Lonnie Johnson loved rockets, robots, inventions, and creativity. With persistence and a passion for problem solving, he became an engineer and worked for NASA. But it is his invention of the Super Soaker water gun that has made his most memorable splash with kids and adults.

## **Debbi Michiko Florence**

Bank Street Books Best Books (2023) for **Sweet and Sour**

Sakura Medal nominee (2024) for **Sweet and Sour**

Amazon Best Books of the Year for **Just Be Cool. Jenna Sakai**

Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection for **Just Be Cool. Jenna Sakai**

Chicago Public Library’s Best of the Best of (2021) for **Niki Nakayama: A Chef’s Tale in 13 Bites**

Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award nominee (2023-2024) for **Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites**

Sakura Medal nominee (2024) for **Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites**

Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection for **Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites**

New England Book Award finalist (NEIBA) for **Keep It Together, Keiko Carter**

Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection for **Keep It Together, Keiko Carter**

Junior Library Guild selection for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Amazon's Best Children's Books for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Nerdy Book Club Award winner for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Amelia Bloomer Book List for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Otter Award (Washington Library Association) nominee for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

the Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award (Oregon Library Association) nominee for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Nutmeg Book Award nominee (Connecticut Library Association) for **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen**

Cybils Award winner for **Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl**

Junior Library Guild selection for **Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl**

Nerdy Book Club Award winner for **Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl**

CCBC Choices list for **Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl**

Maryland Blue Crab Award winner (Maryland Library Association) for **Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl**

Junior Library Guild selection for **Jasmine Toguchi Flamingo Keeper**

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Jr (Florida) nominee for **My Furry Foster Family – Truman the Dog**

OTTER Award (Washington Library Association) nominee for **My Furry Foster Family – Truman the Dog**

### **Dorothy & Toto Series.** 2016.

Summary: Dorothy Gale and her little dog, Toto, invite you to their home in the Land of Oz, a place filled with wonder and magic. Each warmly illustrated chapter book takes readers on a gentle adventure in and around Oz and treats them to the simple joys true friendship brings. Titles:

- **What's Your Name?**
- **The Hunt for the Perfect Present**
- **The Disappearing Picnic**
- **Little Dog Lost**

### **Jasmine Toguchi Series.** 2017.

Summary: Debbi Michiko Florence's charming chapter book series for young readers, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic, stars Jasmine Toguchi—a spunky, eight-year-old Japanese American heroine unafraid to try new things while learning life lessons about family, friendship, and

sisterhood along the way.

Titles:

- **Brave Explorer**
- **Peace-Maker**
- **Bridge Builder**
- **Great Gardener**
- **Mochi Queen**
- **Super Sleuth**
- **Drummer Girl**
- **Flamingo Keeper**

**Just Be Cool, Jenna Sakai.** 2021.

Summary: When Jenna Sakai gets dumped over winter break, it confirms what she learned from her parents' messy divorce: Relationships are risky and only lead to disappointment. So even though she still must see her ex-boyfriend at newspaper club, Jenna is going to be totally heartless this semester — no boys, just books. But keeping her cool isn't always easy. Jenna's chief competition for a big journalism scholarship is none other than her ex-. Her best friend Keiko always seems busy with her own boyfriend. And cute-but-incredibly-annoying Rin Watanabe keeps stealing her booth at the diner she's been hiding at every day after school. Rin is every bit as stubborn and detached as Jenna. And the more Jenna gets to know him, the more intriguing a mystery he seems. Soon Jenna is starting to realize that being a loner is kind of, well, lonely. And letting people in might just be a risk worth taking.

**Keep it Together, Keiko Carter.** 2020.

Summary: Seventh grade is supposed to be a game changer. And Keiko thinks she's got it covered, especially with Audrey and Jenna by her side to shop for a new look, pick out a prime lunch spot, and even hit up that cute new bubble tea place after school. Her trio is ready to tackle life as they always have... together. But when Audrey decides they need boyfriends before Fall Ball, it looks like things may be changing in all the wrong ways. Jenna is sick of caving into Audrey's demands, and soon Keiko's besties are barely talking, leaving her caught in the middle. While she's been dreaming about triple-dates, first kisses, and a boy she really shouldn't have a crush on, the friendship she's always thought was rock-solid is beginning to crumble. Keiko feels pulled in two directions. Should she try to help her friends — even if it means losing one of them — or follow her heart? When it comes to flirting, friendships, and fallouts, how is Keiko supposed to keep it all together?

**My Furry Foster Family Series.** 2019.

Summary: Eight-year-old Kaita Takano has one dog, a miniature dachshund named Ollie. But there's never just one animal in the Takano house. Kaita and her family foster animals rescued by a local animal rescue group. They take them to medical appointments, teach them manners and tricks, and help the animals find new homes. Kaita loves animals, but sometimes the zoo in her house gets out of control! It can be hard to say goodbye when the animals find forever

homes, but Kaita is happy for them and excited to welcome a new foster animal to her family. Titles:

- **Truman the Dog**
- **Buttons the Kitten**
- **Apple and Annie, the Hamster Duo**
- **Betty the Bearded Dragon**
- **Roo the Rabbit**
- **Murray the Ferret**
- **Kingston the Great Dane**
- **Tiki the Cockatoo**

**Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites. 2021.**

Summary: As a child and adult, Niki faced many naysayers in her pursuit of haute cuisine. Using the structure of a traditional kaiseki meal, the authors Debbi Michiko Florence and Jamie Michalak playfully detail Niki's hunger for success in thirteen "bites" — from wonton wrappers she used to make pizza as a kid to yuzu-tomatillo sauce in her own upscale Los Angeles Michelin-starred restaurant, n/naka. To anyone who tells her a woman can't be a master chef, Niki lets her food do the talking.

**Sweet and Sour. 2022.**

Summary: Revenge is sweet! For as long as she can remember, Mai Hirano has spent every summer in Mystic, Connecticut visiting family friends. And hanging out with her best friend since birth, Zach Koyama, was always the best part. Then two summers ago everything changed. Zach humiliated Mai, proving he wasn't a friend at all. So, when Zach's family moved to Japan, Mai felt relieved. No more summers together. No more heartache. But this year, the Koyamas have returned, and the family vacation is back on. And if Mai must spend the summer around Zach, the least she can do is wipe away the memory of his betrayal...by coming up with the perfect plan for revenge! Only Zach isn't the boy he used to be, and Mai's memories of their last fateful summer aren't the whole truth of what happened between them. But how can she forgive Zach for a betrayal she'll never forget?

**The Fisher Boy: A Japanese Graphic Folktale. 2024.**

Summary: In this Japanese folktale, a fisher boy, Urashima Taro, saves the life of a magical turtle. As a reward, the turtle guides the fisher boy to an enchanted underwater palace, where a young princess awaits him. But when the boy must return home to his family, he is greeted with the surprise of his lifetime. With clever text and easy-to-follow panels, books in the *Discover Graphics: Global Folktales* series are perfect for graphic novel fans new and old.

**This is How I Roll. 2023.**

Summary: Susannah Mikami dreams of becoming a famous sushi chef like her dad. And this summer, she plans to learn everything about his traditional kitchen. Only he refuses to teach her and won't tell her why. Is it because he doesn't want her to embarrass him in front of the



documentary crew filming at his restaurant? Or worse because she's a girl? Either way, Sana decides he's not the only one who can keep secrets. So, when she meets Koji, a cute boy who wants to help her cook up some trouble in the kitchen—and film online tutorials to show the world her mad skills—Sana is all in. But sneaking around means lying to her parents, something Sana's never done before. Can she take the heat, or will she get out of the kitchen for good.

### **Tameka Fryer Brown**

Charlotte Huck Honor Award for (2023) **That Flag**

Jane Addams Children's Book Honor Award for (2023) **That Flag**

Nerdy Book Award for (2023) **That Flag**

A Notable Book for a Global Society (ILA) for (2023) **That Flag**

Anna Dewdney Read Together Award Winner (2021) for **Brown Baby Lullaby**

Charlotte Zolotow Honor Award Winner (2014) for **My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood**

**Around Our Way on Neighbors' Day.** 2010.

Summary: Neighbors gather on a hot summer day for a joyful block party—kids play double Dutch; men debate at the barbershop and play chess; mothers and aunts cook up oxtail stew, collard greens and other delicious treats; and friends dance and sway as jazz floats through the air.

**Brown Baby Lullaby.** 2021

Summary: From sunset to bedtime, one very active baby keeps Momma and Papi busy...but yummy tummy kisses and warm snuggles make this bebito sleepy, just in time for bed.

**My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood.** 2013.

Summary: On a really good day, Jamie feels purple...like the first bite of a juicy cold plum. And with a crayon in his hand, Jamie eases into a green feeling...like a dragon dancing through a jungle made of green Jell-O. But when his brothers push him around and make fun of his drawings, Jamie feels gray like a dark storm brewing. What will it take to put Jamie back in a bright-feeling mood?

**Not Done Yet: Shirley Chisholm's Fight for Change.** 2022.

Summary: Brooklyn-born Shirley Chisholm was smart and ambitious. She poured her energy into whatever she did—from teaching young children to becoming Brooklyn's first Black assemblywoman. Not afraid to blaze a trail, she became the first Black woman elected to Congress and the first woman to seriously run for U.S. president. With a vision of liberty and justice for all, she worked for equal rights, for the environment, for children, and for health care.

**That Flag.** 2023.

Summary: Bianca is Keira's best friend. At school, they are inseparable. But Keira questions their friendship when she learns more about the history of the Confederate flag hanging from Bianca's front porch. Will the two friends be able to overlook their distinct understandings of

the flag? Or will they have to reckon with the flag's impact on both yesterday and today?

**Twelve Dinging Doorbells. 2022.**

Summary: Every holiday, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and neighbors come over to eat, sing, and celebrate life. But all our main character can think about is the sweet potato pie Granny makes just for her. As tables fill with baked macaroni and cheese, chitlins, and other sides a-steaming, she and Granny move the pie to keep it intact. The task becomes trickier as the room grows with dancing and card games and pie cravings. Just when all seems lost and there's no more pie, Granny pulls out a sweet surprise.

**Suzanne Garcia-Mateus**

**Vitamina C for Cultura: An Alphabet book, Cultural Dictionary, and Guide. 2022.**

Summary: Vitamina C is for Culture, a way to celebrate nuestra cultura. From the traditions, our language and the culture that brings families, friends, and Latinos together, Vitamina C is one of the strongest ways we connect as a gente. Culture represents our people through quinceañeras, gritos de mariachis, marchas and how we use Spanglish in our communities.

**Vitamina T For Tacos. 2021.**

Summary: Vitamina T for Tacos explores nuestra comida, cultura and places in Latino & Latina vecindarios, neighborhoods, parques y plazas. From the tacos we all grew up eating like barbacoa and huevos con chorizo, places in and around our neighborhoods like taquerias, trucks and cultural references that empower our children to embrace their Mexican and Latinx identities and roots.

**Xavier Garza**

NAACS Texas Young Adult Book Award (2014) for **Maximilian and the Bingo Rematch**

Texas Institute of Letters Children's Book Award (2014) for **Maximilian and the Bingo Rematch**

Pura Belpré Honor Book (2012) for **Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel**

Horace Mann Upstanders Children's Book Award Finalist (2011) for **Charro Claus and the Tejas Kid**

Tejas Star Book Award (2009-2010) for **Charro Claus and the Tejas Kid**

WLT Teddy Book Award Finalist (2009) for **Charro Claus and the Tejas Kid**

Tejas Star Book Award (2008-2009) for **Lucha Libre**

Américas Award Nominee (2007) for **Lucha Libre**

Tejas Star Book Award (2007-2008) for **Juan Carlos and the Chupacabras**

International Latino Book Awards (2020), **Maximilian and the Curse of the Fallen Angel**

**Charro Claus and the Tejas Kid. 2009.**

Summary: Santa Claus can't cover the whole earth in one night—so he enlists his primo Pancho to deliver presents along the Texas-Mexico border.

**Creepy Creatures and Other Cucuys. 2004.**

Summary: This collection of eerie folklore tales features cucuys, supernatural creatures, including the Devil himself, La Llorona, and the Witch Owl.

**Juan and the Chupacabras / Juan y el Chupacabras. 2005.**

Summary: Juan and Luz love their Abuelo's stories about the Chupacabra. They decide to go hunting for one, armed with a bag of marbles and a sling shot, in search of the truth.

**Just One Itsy Bitsy Little Bite / Solo Un Mordadita Chiquita. 2018.**

Summary: "I love pan de muerto," Joaquín says as he and his mother sit down to eat the special Mexican sweet bread prepared especially for the Day of the Dead. But someone knocks at the door just as they are about to take the first bite of the pastry. Standing at the door is a hungry skeleton dressed in a mariachi suit who offers to sing Joaquín and his mother a song in exchange for just one itsy bitsy little bite of sweet bread. It seems like a fair exchange, so they agree to share. But before the skeleton can begin singing, two more knock at the door and offer to play their accordions for just one bite of bread. And then, three show up and want to play their guitars, four want to play their maracas and five want to dance—all for just one itsy bitsy little bite of the Mexican sweet bread!

**¡Juventud! Growing Up on the Border. 2013.**

Summary: Borders are magical places and growing up on a border, crossing and recrossing that space where this becomes that, creates a very special sort of person, one in whom multiple cultures, languages, identities and truths mingle in powerful ways. In these eight stories and sixteen poems, a wide range of authors explore issues that confront young people along the US-Mexico border, helping their unique voices to be heard and never ignored.

**Kid Cyclone Fights the Devil and Other Stories / Kid Ciclon Se Enfrenta a El Diablo y Otras Historias. 2010.**

Summary: Maya and Vincent, cousins, are excited to see their uncle and favorite wrestler, Kid Cyclone, in action against his opponent El Diablo until Maya's disrespect calls the *real* devil to the fight.

**La Llorona Can't Scare Me / La Llorona No Me Asusta. 2021**

Summary: Little Damian is getting ready for bed, and the spooky monster called La Llorona is hollering up a storm outside his bedroom window. But he is not afraid. "You can't scare me, silly Llorona," says Damian, "and neither can your monster friends!" When evil-looking witch owls fly around his room and little green duendes, or goblins, make creepy noises under his bed, he is still not frightened. Not even a little bit. The Donkey Lady, a chupacabras and even some little devils parade through his room, but Damian still isn't afraid. A witch casting spells, a ghost rattling its chains, a cucuy with a burlap bag to catch him...nada. None of them can terrify brave little Damian. How can a little boy like him be so fearless?! No one knows it, but Damian has a secret weapon: a night light shaped like a mighty wrestler

wearing a silver mask. When he plugs it in, its bright light terrifies all the monsters and sends them running for a place to hide!

**Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask: A Bilingual Cuento.** 2007.

Summary: Lucha Libre, or freestyle wrestling, is getting more and more popular. Carlito's Papá and Tío take him to his first live match in Mexico City—but the famous luchador, El Santo, looks terribly familiar to Carlito...

**Maximilian and the Bingo Rematch: A Lucha Libre Sequel.** 2013.

Summary: All of Max's family and friends are fighting—either for a title or for his heart! Max just hopes that the right person comes out on top.

**Maximilian and the Curse of the Fallen Angel.** 2020.

Summary: Max gets closer to lucha libre fame, and his favorite luchador gears up to face his biggest opponent yet!

**Maximilian and the Lucha Libre Club: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller.** 2016.

Summary: Max is admitted into the super-secret Lucha Libre club, which only accepts wrestling royalty like him. Max likes the club but feels bad about keeping secrets from his other friends.

**Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller.** 2011.

Summary: Eleven-year-old Maximilian loves lucha libre, especially the fighter known as El Angel de la Guardia—The Guardian Angel! However, Max begins to suspect that he may have a mysterious connection to his favorite fighter.

**The Donkey Lady Fights La Llorona and Other Stories / La Señora Asno Se Enfrenta La Llorona Y Otros Cuentos.** 2015.

Summary: In each of the twelve chapters, protagonists come face to face with some seriously scary creatures, including witches, devils, and La Llorona.

**The Great and Mighty Nikko! A Bilingual Counting Book.** 2015.

Summary: Nikko practices both counting and wrestling with his toys before bed.

**The Vincent Ventura Series.** 2018.

Summary: This series focuses on Vincent Ventura, monster fighter extraordinaire, and he is determined to catch these monsters and save the world from danger!

- **Vincent Ventura and the Curse of the Dancing Devil**
- **Vincent Ventura and the Curse of the Donkey Lady**
- **Vincent Ventura and the Curse of the Weeping Woman**
- **Vincent Ventura and the Diabolical Duendes**
- **Vincent Ventura and the Mystery of the Chupacabras**

- **Vincent Ventura and the Mystery of the Witch Owl**

**Zulema and the Witch Owl/Zulema Y La Bruja Lechuza.** 2010.

Summary: Everyone knows Zulema is the meanest girl in the world, but Zulema doesn't care—not even when her grandmother tells her to watch out for the Witch Owl, who hunts naughty children.

### Shannon Gibney

Booklist Best YA Winner (2023) for **The Girl I am, Was, and Never Will Be**

A Kirkus Best YA Winner (2023) for **The Girl I am, Was, and Never Will Be**

Michael L. Printz Honoree (2023) for **The Girl I am, Was, and Never Will Be**

Minnesota Book Award winner (2018) for **Dream Country**

A One Read for Racial Justice at St. Catherine University (2018) for **Dream Country**

Kirkus Best YA Historical Fiction Winner (2018) for **Dream Country**

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Blue Ribbon Winner (2018) for **Dream Country**

Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year pick (2018) for **Dream Country**

New York Public Library Best Book Pick (2018) for **Dream Country**

Nerdy Book Club Best YA Pick (2018) for **Dream Country**

What She Reads Best YA Books Pick (2018) for **Dream Country**

Best Books for Young Readers by Penn Graduate School of Education Professor Ebony Thomas Pick (2018) for **Dream Country**

Teen Librarian Toolbox Favorite (2018) for **Dream Country**

Minnesota Book Award winner (2015) for **See No Color**

Kirkus Best Teen Book of the Year (2015) for **See No Color**

Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year (2015) for **See No Color**

**Dream Country.** 2018.

Summary: The heartbreaking story of five generations of young people from a single African-and-American family pursuing an elusive dream of freedom.

**Sam and the Incredible African and American Food Fight.** 2023.

Summary: Six-year-old Sam, with his Liberian dad and African American mom, finds a way to bring everyone in his cross-cultural family together at the dinner table.

**See No Color.** 2015.

Summary: A novel of race, adoption, family, and baseball centered on a mixed Black teenager coming to terms with her identity.

**The Girl I Am, Was, and Never Will Be.** 2023.

Summary: Part memoir, part speculative fiction, this novel explores the often-surreal experience of growing up as a mixed-Black transracial adoptee.

**When We Become Ours. 2023.**

Summary: Two teens take the stage and find their voice...A girl learns about her heritage and begins to find her community...A sister is haunted by the ghosts of loved ones lost... These tales from fifteen bestselling, acclaimed, and emerging adoptee authors genuinely and authentically reflect the complexity, breadth, and depth of adoptee experiences.

**Where We Come From. 2022.**

Summary: In this unique collaboration, four authors lyrically explore where they each come from—literally and metaphorically—as well as what unites all of us as humans.

### Janice Harrington

Nebraska Book Award (2005) for **Going North**

Ezra Jack Keats Award for Best New Writer of Children's Books (2005) for **Going North**

Parent's Choice Gold Award (2007) for **The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County**

Cybils Award for Fiction Picture Book (2008) for **The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County**

American Library Association Notable Children's Book (2008) for **The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County**

Charlotte Zolotow Award Highly Commended Title (2008) for **The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County**

NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book (2024) for **Rooting for Plants**

NSTA-CBC Best STEM Book (2024) for **Rooting for Plants**

Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year (2016) for **Catching a Storyfish**

Paterson Prize for Books for Young People Winner (2016) for **Catching a Storyfish**

Arnold Adoff Poetry Honor Award (2016) for **Catching a Storyfish**

Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices Selection (2016) for **Catching a Storyfish**

NSTA-CBC Best STEM Book (2019) for **Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner**

Oregon Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Master List Selection (2019) for **Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner**

**Busy-Busy Little Chick. 2013.**

Summary: Mama Nsoso knows her chicks need a warm new house, but each day when they set out to collect sticks and mud, she is distracted by good things to eat, while Little Chick stays busy gathering the building materials himself.

**Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner. 2019.**

Summary: Can spiders learn? How do ants find their way home? Can bugs see color? All of these questions buzzed endlessly in Charles Henry Turner's mind. He was fascinated by plants and animals and bugs. And even when he faced racial prejudice, Turner did not stop wondering. He constantly read, researched, and experimented.

**Catching a Storyfish. 2016.**

Summary: Keet knows the only good thing about moving away from her Alabama home is that she'll live near her beloved grandfather. When Keet starts school, it's even worse than she expected, as the kids tease her about her southern accent. Now Keet, who can "talk the whiskers off a catfish," doesn't want to open her mouth. Slowly, though, while fishing with her grandfather, she learns the art of listening. Gradually, she makes her first new friend. But just as she's beginning to settle in, her grandfather has a stroke, and even though he's still nearby, he suddenly feels ever-so-far-away. Keet is determined to reel him back to her by telling him stories; in the process she finds her voice and her grandfather again.

**Going North. 2004.**

Summary: A young African American girl and her family leave their home in Alabama and head for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they hope to escape segregation and find a better life.

**Hurry Kate, or You'll Be Late! 2023.**

Summary: A young girl stops to call out all the sights and sounds on her morning trip to preschool, but that's not what makes her late—it is her dad's goodbye hug. Kate was late for preschool, but not for the reasons you might expect. It wasn't because her daddy brushed her hair into poofs or because they slowed to say hello to neighbors on the way to the bus stop. It wasn't even because she had to wave to all the trucks, cars, and street cleaners on the road. No, Kate was late because just after they arrived at school, her daddy swooped in to give her a great big goodbye hug that lasted a very long time.

**\*Multiculturalism in Library Programming for Children. 1994.**

Summary: Details ideas for integrated programming designed to help children develop the social, cognitive, and communication skills they need in an increasingly diverse American society

**Roberto Walks Home. 2008.**

Summary: Roberto is very angry when his older brother Miguel promises to walk him home from school and then forgets.

**Rooting for Plants. 2023.**

Summary: In 1882, Black botanist and mycologist Charles S. Parker sprouted up in the lush, green Pacific Northwest. From the beginning, Charles's passion was plants, and he trudged through forests, climbed mountains, and waded into lakes to find them. When he was drafted to fight in World War I, Charles experienced prejudice against Black soldiers and witnessed the massive ecological devastation that war caused. Those experiences made him even more determined to follow his dreams, whatever the difficulties, and to have a career making things grow, not destroying them. As a botanist and teacher, Charles traveled the United States, searching for new species of plants and fungi. After discovering the source of the disease killing peach and apricot trees, Charles was offered a job at Howard University, the famed historically Black college where he taught the next generation of Black scientists—men and women—to love plants and fungi as much as he did.

**The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County. 2007.**

Summary: A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.

**Anna Lapera**

**Mani Semilla Finds her Quetzal Voice. 2024.**

Summary: This contemporary middle grade novel centers around Manuela “Mani” Semilla who only wants two things: one is to get her period, and two is to escape her mother’s plan of taking her to Guatemala, a place that has always been shrouded in mystery for her. Mani cannot comprehend how she could survive leaving Las Nerdas, her band of misfit friends, for the summer. That is until she discovers letters written between her mother and her missing journalist aunt. As Mani begins to read the letters, she uncovers what it means to be a woman, the beauty of Guatemala, Guatemala’s history of violence against women, which slowly transforms Mani’s perspective into becoming a full-fledged rising activist.

**Alice B. McGinty**

NCTE Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children Honor Book (2010) for **Darwin**  
 Northern Lights Book Award (2019) for **Pancakes to Parathas: Breakfast Around the World**  
 Sakura Medal Nominee (2021) for **Pancakes to Parathas: Breakfast Around the World**  
 Junior Library Guild Selection (2019) for **The Girl Who Named Pluto: The Story of Venetia Burney**

Bank Street Best Children’s Book (2020) for **The Girl Who Named Pluto: The Story of Venetia Burney**

ALA Notable Children's Book Selection (2022) for **The Water Lady**

CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young Readers Selection (2022) for **The Water Lady**

Cooperative Children’s Book Center Choices Selection (2021) for **The Water Lady**

Irma S. Black Gold Medalist (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

ALSC Notable Children’s Book (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominee (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

CLEL BELL Early Literacy Award (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

Texas 2x2 Award (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Ballot (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2023) for **Bathe the Cat**

Foreword Book of the Year Award Finalist (2022) for **A Synagogue Just Like Home**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2023) for **A Synagogue Just Like Home**

**A Story for Small Bear. 2020.**

Summary: Autumn is ending, and a chilly breeze is drifting in, which can mean only one thing–



it's time to hibernate over the long winter. But before Small Bear does, she'd like Mama to tell her some stories. Mama agrees with one condition: all the preparation must get done—no dilly, no dally. So Small Bear tries to be good, venturing off to find sprigs for her winter bed, splishing and splashing in the stream, and climbing up, up, up into the tall forest trees in search of acorns. When she finally returns home, Small Bear snuggles down with Mama in their den. Did she make it back in time? "You did," Mama answers, and pulls her in close. And then Mama tells the most wonderful tale of a little bear—just like Small Bear—who, while enjoying the world around her, saved just enough time for stories.

**A Synagogue Just Like Home.** 2022.

Summary: A new rabbi's efforts to fix up his aging synagogue are a labor of love—and a comedy of errors—until his congregants fondly pool their talents in this lighthearted celebration of community.

**About the Author Series.** 2002.

Summary: This series introduces readers to the lives and works of various authors.

Titles:

- **Meet Daniel Pinkwater**
- **Meet Eve Bunting**
- **Meet Gail Carson Levine**
- **Meet Jane Yolen**
- **Meet Jerry Spinelli**
- **Meet Laurence Yep**

**Bathe the Cat.** 2022.

Summary: It's cleaning day, but the family cat will do anything to avoid getting a bath. So instead of mopping the floor or feeding the fish, the family is soon busy rocking the rug, vacuuming the lawn, and sweeping the dishes. Bouncy rhyme carries the story headlong into the growing hilarity, until finally Dad restores some kind of order—but will the cat avoid getting his whiskers wet?

**Celebrating Champaign-Urbana History.** 2000.

Summary: The twin Illinois cities of Champaign and Urbana have had a rich history since their founding, which McGinty discusses in depth.

**Darwin.** 2009.

Summary: This picture book biography reveals the development of Darwin's most profound idea: the survival of the fittest.

**Discovering Mission San Gabriel Arcángel** [The Missions of California]. 2000.

Summary: Discusses the founding, building, operation and closing of the Spanish mission at San Gabriel and its role in California history.

**Dogs Helping People Series. 1998.**

Summary: Many students love to read about animals; this series describes the many ways dogs have been trained to help people.

Titles:

- **Detector Dogs: Sniffing Out Trouble**
- **Guide Dogs: Seeing for People Who Can't**
- **Police Dogs: Helping to Fight Crime**
- **Sheepherding Dogs: Rounding Up the Herd**
- **Sled Dogs: Speeding Through Snow**

**Eliza's Kindergarten Pet. 2010.**

Summary: It's the first day back to school and the children are introduced to 'Cookie', a guinea pig, the new class pet. Eliza is a bit wary of something that looks like a chocolate chip cookie with teeth, but guess who finds Cookie when the pet goes missing?

**Eliza's Kindergarten Surprise. 2007.**

Summary: On her first day of school, Eliza fills her pocket with objects--buttons, a pebble, a napkin, and a piece of yarn--that remind her of her mother, whom she misses very much.

**Feasts and Festivals Around the World: From Lunar New Year to Christmas. 2022.**

Summary: From South Korea to Nigeria to the USA, come celebrate festivals throughout the year! People around the world are celebrating. In Australia, it's Christmas in summer with barbecues on the beach. In Thailand, they're celebrating Songkran, the famous Buddhist water festival. Rhyming text and graphic illustrations pair perfectly and invite young readers to explore the world through mesmerizing festivals.

**Gandhi: A March to the Sea. 2013.**

Summary: *Gandhi: A March to the Sea* recreates Mohandas Gandhi's 24-day March to the Sea, which became a pivotal moment in India's quest to become an independent country no longer ruled by Great Britain.

**My Israel and Me. 2021.**

Summary: Throughout history, many have felt a deep connection with this tiny desert land. Everyone leaves a unique mark on Israel and Israel leaves its mark on them. The result is a country with an incredible diversity of cultures and traditions, where Israel means something special to each person. This connection leads everyone, in their own way, to think of Israel as "my Israel."

**Pancakes to Parathas: Breakfast Around the World. 2019.**

Summary: Breakfast varies from country to country, but it's how all children begin their day. Explore the meals of twelve countries in this playful approach to the world!

**Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons.** 2014.

Summary: The congregation of a warm-hearted rabbi makes him a special holiday vest with four silver buttons, but as Rabbi Benjamin celebrates the Jewish holidays and eats at delicious home-cooked food with his congregants, the buttons on his vest get more and more strained.

**Software Designer [Cool Careers].** 2000.

Summary: This book explains what software designers do and how to prepare for a career in software design.

**Step By Step.** 2021.

Summary: On the morning a little boy is going to start school, his father reassures him: when things seem overwhelming, take it step by step! Whether it is making new friends, learning to write and count, or cleaning up a big mess at the end of the day, he can get through it all and have fun along the way.

**Ten Little Lambs.** 2002.

Summary: As they play all through the night, little lambs finally fall asleep, one by one.

**Thank You, World.** 2007.

Summary: Eight children from eight different countries express their thanks for many special things, including the sun that colors the sky, breezes that lift kites, clouds that paint cotton pictures and send rain, and sparkling stars that "shine like Mommy's eyes."

**The Buzzy Bee Book for Kids.** 2021.

Summary: Buzzy Bee, reporting for duty! With this book on bees, kids can follow along with a honeybee and explore everything that happens inside a beehive and beyond. They'll see amazing photos, learn what makes bees so unique, and learn all about the jobs bees do to keep the hive happy and healthy.

**The Girl Who Named Pluto: The Story of Venetia Burney.** 2019.

Summary: When Venetia Burney's grandfather reads aloud from the newspaper about a new discovery--a "ninth major planet" that has yet to be named--her eleven-year-old mind starts whirring. She is studying the planets in school and loves Roman mythology. "It might be called Pluto," she says, thinking of the dark underworld. Grandfather loves the idea and contacts his friend at London's Royal Astronomical Society, who writes to scientists at the Lowell Observatory in Massachusetts, where Pluto was discovered. After a vote, the scientists agree unanimously: Pluto is the perfect name for the dark, cold planet.

**The Library of Author Biographies.** 2004-2005.

Summary: This series discusses the lives and works of different authors.

Titles:

- **Cynthia Rylant**
- **Katherine Paterson**
- **Sharon Creech**

**The Library of Food Chains and Food Webs Series. 2002.**

Summary: This series walks readers through the food chain, explaining the function and importance of each part.

Titles:

- **Carnivores: In the Food Chain**
- **Decomposers: In the Food Chain**
- **Herbivores: In the Food Chain**
- **Omnivores: In the Food Chain**
- **Producers: In the Food Chain**
- **Scavengers and Parasites: In the Food Chain**

**The Library of Healthy Living Series. 1997.**

Summary: This series gives children pointers on how to stay safe and healthy.

Titles:

- **Dental Care**
- **Eating Right**
- **Good Hygiene**
- **Let's Exercise**
- **Personal Safety**
- **Sleep and Rest**

**The Library of Spiders Series. 2001.**

Summary: Spiders are creepy, crawly, and fascinating! This series introduces readers to the characteristics and behaviors of different arachnids.

Titles:

- **The Black Widow**
- **The Crab Spider**
- **The Jumping Spider**
- **The Orb Weaver**
- **The Tarantula**
- **The Wolf Spider**

**The Look and Find Out Series. 2015.**

Titles: This series explores the variety of animals that live in different climates and environments and how they survive.

- **Rainforest Animals**
- **Desert Animals**
- **Forest Animals**
- **Ocean Animals**
- **Polar Animals**

**The Sea Knows.** 2020.

Summary: In this playful, rhyming celebration of the marine world, readers can explore all of the wondrous things the sea knows. It knows huge whales and small krill; it knows short crabs and tall giant kelp; it knows brightly colored starfish in shallow pools; and in the inky depths it knows the alluring jewel of an anglerfish's glowing lure. Discover all of the strange and magnificent underwater creatures in this accessible tribute to the power and mystery of the ocean.

**The Water Lady.** 2021.

Summary: Underneath the New Mexico sky, a Navajo boy named Cody finds that his family's barrels of water are empty. He checks the chicken coop— nothing. He walks down the road to the horses' watering hole. Dry. Meanwhile, a few miles away, Darlene Arviso drives a school bus and picks up students for school. After dropping them off, she heads to another job: she drives her big yellow tanker truck to the water tower, fills it with three thousand gallons of water, and returns to the reservation, bringing water to Cody's family, and many, many others. Here is the incredible and inspiring true story of a Native American woman who continuously gives back to her community and celebrates her people.

## Magdalena Mora

Bookstagang Future Classic Picture Books (2022) for **Tomatoes in my Lunchbox**  
 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Children's Book (2021) for **I Wish You Knew**  
 Kansas NEA Reading Circle List Primary Title (2020) for **Equality's Call**  
 South Carolina Picture Book Award Nominee (2020) for **Equality's Call**  
 Eureka! Excellence in Nonfiction Award Honor Title (CA) (2020) for **Equality's Call**  
 Florida Literacy Association Children's Book Award Nominee (2020) for **Equality's Call**  
 Pura Belpré Author Honor Book (2023) for **The Notebook Keeper**  
 Pura Belpré Award Honor for Illustration (2023) for **Still Dreaming/Seguimos Sonando**  
 ALA Notable Children's Book Selection (2023) for **Still Dreaming/Seguimos Sonando**  
 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society (2023) for **Still Dreaming/Seguimos Sonando**  
 Honor Award for Multicultural Literature (2023) for **Still Dreaming/Seguimos Sonando**  
 Southwest Books of the Year (2023) for **Still Dreaming/Seguimos Sonando**  
 New York Public Library Best Books for Kids (2023) for **Still Dreaming/Seguimos Sonando**

**Barrio Rising: The Protest that Built Chicano Park.** 2024.

Summary: Barrio Logan, one of San Diego's oldest Chicano neighborhoods, once brimmed with families and stretched all the way to the glorious San Diego Bay. But in the decades after WWII, the community lost their beach and bayfront to factories, junkyards, and an interstate that divided the neighborhood and forced around 5,000 people out of their homes. Then on April 22, 1970, residents discovered that the construction crew they believed was building a park—one the city had promised them years ago—was breaking ground for a police station. That's when they knew it was time to make their voices heard. *Barrio Rising* is a story about a courageous young activist and her neighbors in their successful twelve-day land occupation and

beyond, when Barrio Logan banded together and built the colorful park that would become the corazón of San Diego's Chicano community.

**Equality's Call.** 2020.

Summary: *A right isn't right till it's granted to all...* The founders of the United States declared that consent of the governed was a key part of their plan for the new nation. But for many years, only white men of means were allowed to vote. This unflinching and inspiring history of voting rights looks back at the activists who answered equality's call, working tirelessly to secure the right for all to vote, and it also looks forward to the future and the work that still needs to be done.

**I Wish You Knew.** 2021.

Summary: When Estrella's father must leave because *he wasn't born here, like her*, she misses him. And she wishes people knew the way it affects her. At home. At school. *Always*. But a school wrapped around a hundred-year-old oak tree is the perfect place to share and listen. Some kids miss their family, some kids are hungry, and some kids live in shelters. But nobody is alone.

**Still Dreaming / Seguimos Sonando.** 2022.

Summary: Faced with the prospect of being separated from each other, a young boy and his family make the difficult decision to leave their home and begin a journey filled with uncertainty. On the road, they meet other people like them. Families with deep roots tied to the land. Others helped build the railroads. Some were shop owners and factory workers. Each with similar hopes and dreams.

**The Fish of Small Wishes.** 2024.

Summary: *Once, there was a girl named Kiki, who found a fish on the asphalt.* The fish was very hot and very dry. But when Kiki put it in the bathtub, it started swimming, and growing, and . . . speaking? "I want to grant you a wish to save me," it said. A wish-granting fish! Alas, this fish was only a fish of *small* wishes, and Kiki's wish was too big. Unless . . . there was a way for both their dreams to come true.

**The Notebook Keeper.** 2022.

Summary: Based on true events, this inspiring story follows a mama and her daughter who are denied entry at the U.S. border, and must find the refugee in charge of "the notebook," an unofficial ledger of those waiting to cross into the U.S.

**Tomatoes in My Lunchbox.** 2022.

Summary: A child, newly arrived in another country, feels displaced, lonely, and a little scared on her first day of school. Her name doesn't sound the way she's used to hearing it. She knows she doesn't fit in. And when she eats her whole tomato for lunch, she can feel her classmates observing her—and not quite understanding her. But sometimes all it takes is one friend, one

connection, to bring two worlds together, and gradually the girl, her tomato, and her full name, starts to feel at home with her new friends and community.

### **Hannah Moushabeck**

**Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine.** 2023.

Summary: A father and his daughters may not be able to return home...but they can celebrate stories of their homeland! As bedtime approaches, three young girls eagerly await the return of their father who tells them stories of a faraway homeland - Palestine.

### **Greg Neri**

Magnolia Book Award Finalist (2015) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

ALSC Notable Children's Book (2015) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

Cooperative Children's Book Center Choice (2015) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People (2015) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

LBH/Penn State Poetry Award Master List (2014) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Books of the Year (2015) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2014) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

Florida Book Awards Silver Medalist (2014) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

Virginia Library Association's Jefferson Cup Award (2014) for **Hello, I'm Johnny Cash**

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award Finalist (2014) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Evergreen Young Book Award Finalist (2014) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

South Carolina Book Award Finalist (2014) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Garden State Teen Book Award Finalist (2014) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Maine Student Book Award Finalist (2013) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Texas Bluebonnet Master List (2013) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Horace Mann Upstanders Children's Book Award (2012) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

ALA Odyssey Award Honor Book (2012) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

ALSC Notable Recording (2012) for **Ghetto Cowboy (recording)**

ALA-YALSA Amazing Audiobook (2012) for **Ghetto Cowboy (recording)**

Pennsylvania Young Readers' Choice List (2012) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Tennessee's Volunteer State Award Finalist (2012) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2011) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Cybil's Award Finalist (2011) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

AudioFile Earphones Award (2011) for **Ghetto Cowboy (recording)**

New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing (2011) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

School Library Journal's 100 Magnificent Children's Books (2011) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers (2011) for **Ghetto Cowboy**

Storytelling World Honor Award (2011) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**  
 ALA Notable Children's Book (2011) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**  
 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Award (2011) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**  
 Once Upon a World Children's Book Award (2011) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**

IRA Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award (2010) for **Chess Rumble**  
 Cybil Award Best Graphic Novel (2010) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**  
 Eisner Award Finalist (2010) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**  
 Publishers Weekly Best Books of the Year (2010) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**

Kirkus Best Books of the Year (2010) for **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**  
 NCTE Notable Children's Book in the English Language Arts (2008) for **Chess Rumble**  
 ALA Notable Children's Book (2008) for **Chess Rumble**  
 Junior Library Guild Selection (2024) for **Safe Passage**  
 Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Books of the year (2022) for **Polo Cowboy**  
 Junior Library Guild selection (2022) for **Polo Cowboy**  
 Michael L. Printz Award Winner (2024) for **The Collectors: Stories**

### **Chess Rumble. 2007.**

Summary: Branded a troublemaker due to his anger over everything from being bullied to his sister's death a year before, Marcus begins to control himself and cope with his problems at home and at his inner-city school when an unlikely mentor teaches him to play chess.

### **Christo and Jeanne-Claude Wrap the World. 2023.**

Summary: When they first met, Christo was a poor refugee, and Jeanne-Claude knew nothing about art, but they were both rule-breakers and kindred spirits. Christo's innovative creations—everyday objects wrapped to make people reconsider them—sparked Jeanne-Claude's imagination. Thus began their lifelong partnership as husband and wife, and as artistic collaborators whose once-in-a-lifetime public installations captivated viewers and asked: What is art? Who does it belong to? And how can it help us reimagine the world around us?

### **Ghetto Cowboy. 2011.**

Summary: Twelve-year-old Cole's behavior causes his mother to drive him from Detroit to Philadelphia to live with a father he has never known, but who soon has Cole involved with a group of African American "cowboys" who rescue horses and use them to steer youths away from drugs and gangs.

### **Grand Theft Horse. 2018.**

Summary: Gail Raffu was once a respected racehorse trainer known for her unconventional training methods. Then she became part owner of the thoroughbred Urgent Envoy, and everything changed. The horse's co-owners pushed Gail to speed up her training methods, and eventually made her race him too early. The horse developed a hairline fracture. One more race would kill him. So, on Christmas Eve, Gail stole her own horse. A modern-day outlaw at age 53,



Gail learned the law at night while living out of her truck in order to move the horse to safe havens, evade private investigators, and take on a powerful Los Angeles attorney determined to crush her in court. As she stood up for the humane treatment of racing horses, Gail also took on the system that could crush them.

**Hello, I'm Johnny Cash.** 2014.

Summary: In this free verse biography for children of the early life of music legend Johnny Cash, readers learn about Cash's difficult childhood and rise to fame.

**Hooray for Teeth!** 2001. [Illustrator]

Summary: *Hooray for Teeth!* offers young readers information about their teeth, including how to care for them properly.

**Knockout Games.** 2014.

Summary: When Erica transfers to a new school in urban St. Louis, she feels seriously alienated and begins experiencing the world through the lens of her video camera. An encounter with a girl named Destiny draws Erica into the world of the Knockout Games, where kids pick a random stranger and try to knock them out with one punch. When she begins filming the encounters and sees a stranger die as a result of the game, Erica must face the consequences of her actions.

**My Antarctica.** 2024.

Summary: Antarctica is a land of extremes—the coldest, windiest, highest, and driest place on the planet. It's a world where the sun stays hidden half of the year and where visitors must undergo a week of special training before it's safe to go outside (watch out for lava bombs!). It's also a place of stark beauty, history, and endless scientific research.

**Open Mic: Riffs On Life Between Cultures in Ten Voices.** 2013.

Summary: This anthology shares ten stories about growing up in diverse communities, including Neri's "Under Berlin," inspired by his experiences in Germany.

**Polo Cowboy.** 2021.

Summary: When Cole moves in with his dad, Harp, he thinks life will be sweet—just him and his horse, Boo, hanging out with Philadelphia's urban cowboys. But when Harp says he has to get a job, Cole winds up as a stable hand for the polo team at George Washington Military Academy, where the players are rich, white, and stuck-up—all except Ruthie, the team's first and only girl, who's determined to show the others she can beat them at their own game. As Cole and Ruthie become friends—and maybe more—he starts imagining his future, maybe even at the academy. But between long workdays, arrogant polo players, and a cousin trying to pull Cole into his dangerous business, that future seems remote. Will Cole find the courage to stand and be seen in a world determined to keep him out?

**Safe Passage.** 2023.

Summary: Fifteen-year-old Darius is going through a rough time. It's almost been a year since a

terrible act of violence took the life of his mother and left him with a wound both in his leg and in his heart. With his stepdad out of work; his little sister, Cissy, always on his case; and the looming prospect of foreclosure on their house, he feels his world closing in on him. But Darius's best friend, Booger, has a plan. A Brinks armored truck has crashed on a nearby highway and money is blowing everywhere. If they can get across town and back safely, they just might get rich! But to do it, they need to cross through some of the most dangerous streets in Chicago, staying ahead of the gangs that rule those neighborhoods. Before long, their adventures blow up on social media as Booger documents their search for riches, and everyone is after them. Can they get home without falling victim to the violence of the streets? Sometimes, on the streets of Chicago, there is no Safe Passage.

**Surf Mules.** 2009.

Summary: When a tragic accident and sudden financial woes cause recent high school graduate Logan to question plans for his future, he agrees to make a road trip with his best friend and surfing buddy, Z-boy, transporting marijuana from southern California to Orlando, Florida.

**The Collectors: Stories.** 2023.

Summary: From David Levithan's story about a non-binary kid collecting pieces of other people's collections to Jenny Torres Sanchez's tale of a girl gathering types of fire while trying not to get burned to G. Neri's piece about 1970's skaters seeking opportunities to go vertical—anything can be collected and in the hands of these award-winning and bestselling authors, any collection can tell a story. Nine of the best YA novelists working today have written fiction based on a prompt from Printz-winner A.S. King (who also contributes a story) and the result is itself an extraordinary collection.

**The Time Traveling Dino Detectives of Antarctica.** 2020.

Summary: Time travel back 270 million years ago in search of the dinosaurs of Gondwana, the lost forests of Pangaea, and the origins of the polar desert known as Antarctica! With a talking penguin and seal in tow, these two kids are in for the time of their lives. They may even meet an Elvis-singing dinosaur if they're lucky! Created as a companion piece to the Giant Screen film, *Dinosaurs of Antarctica*, and the museum exhibition, *Antarctic Dinosaurs, Dino Detectives* explores the geographical history of Antarctica through its dinosaurs and climate changes.

**Tru & Nelle.** 2016.

Summary: Before either became a famous author, Harper Lee and Truman were childhood friends and troublemakers. In *Tru & Nelle*, the duo gets into all kinds of trouble investigating a local crime.

**Tru & Nelle: A Christmas Tale.** 2017.

Summary: Two years after choosing his mother in a Christmas-season custody hearing, Truman Capote runs away to spend Christmas in Monroeville, Alabama, with best friend, Nelle Harper Lee, who gives him courage to stay true to himself.

**When Paul Met Artie: The Story of Simon & Garfunkel. 2018.**

Summary: Long before they became one of the most beloved and successful duos of all time, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel were just two kids growing up in Queens, New York -- best friends who met in a sixth-grade production of Alice in Wonderland and bonded over girls, baseball, and rock'n'roll.

**Who Done it? An Investigation of Murder Most Foul. 2013.**

Summary: In this anthology, over 80 beloved YA authors, including Neri, write alibis to clear their good names—the crime? The murder of the publishing industry’s most hated editor, Herman Mildew. Neri doesn’t know who did it, but it wasn’t him!

**Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty. 2009.**

Summary: This graphic novel is based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year-old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl and was then shot by his own gang members.

## Ellen Oh

ALSC Notable Children’s Books Commended (2018) for **Flying Lessons**

CCBC Choices Selection (2018) for **Flying Lessons**

Best Fiction for Young Adults (2018) for **Flying Lessons**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2017) for **Flying Lessons**

SLJ Best Books of the Year Selection (2017) for **Flying Lessons**

AICL Lists of Best Books Selection (2017) for **Flying Lessons**

Charlotte Huck Award Honor (2024) for **You Are Here: Connecting Flights**

Recent Book Award Winners & Honorees Honor (2024) for **You Are Here: Connecting Flights**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2023) for **You Are Here: Connecting Flights**

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People Selection (2019) for **A Thousand Beginnings and Endings**

Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection (2019) for **A Thousand Beginnings and Endings**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2018) for **A Thousand Beginnings and Endings**

Freeman Book Awards Honor (2018) for **A Thousand Beginnings and Endings**

Publishers Weekly Best Books (2018) for **A Thousand Beginnings and Endings**

Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor (2022) for **Finding Junie Kim**

El día de los niños / El día de los libros Selection (2022) for **Finding Junie Kim**

We are Kid Lit Collective Summer Reading List Selection (2022) for **Finding Junie Kim**

Freeman Book Awards Winner (2021) for **Finding Junie Kim**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2017) for **Spirit Hunters**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2018) for **Spirit Hunters: The Island of Monsters**

Recent Book Award Winners & Honorees Selection (2023) for **Haru, Zombie Dog Hero**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2023) for **Haru, Zombie Dog Hero**

**A Thousand Beginnings and Endings. 2018.**

Summary: A mountain loses her heart. Two sisters transform into birds to escape captivity. A young man learns the true meaning of sacrifice. A young woman takes up her mother's mantle and leads the dead to their final resting place.

**Behind The Song. 2017.**

Summary: A soaring melody, a pulse-pounding beat, a touching lyric: Music takes a moment and makes it a memory. It's a universal language that can capture love, heartbreak, loss, soul searching, and wing spreading—all in the span of a few notes. In *Behind the Song*, fourteen acclaimed young adult authors and musicians share short stories and personal essays inspired by the songs, the albums, the musicians who move them.

**Diverse Energies. 2012.**

Summary: The stories in *Diverse Energies* journey through many alternate histories and projections of the future, but all have one important element in common: the inclusion of people of color.

**Finding Junie Kim. 2021.**

Summary: Junie Kim just wants to fit in. So, she keeps her head down and tries not to draw attention to herself. But when racist graffiti appears at her middle school, Junie must decide between staying silent or speaking out. Then Junie's history teacher assigns a project and Junie decides to interview her grandparents, learning about their unbelievable experiences as kids during the Korean War. Junie comes to admire her grandma's fierce determination to overcome impossible odds, and her grandpa's unwavering compassion during wartime. And as racism becomes more pervasive at school, Junie taps into the strength of her ancestors and finds the courage to do what is right.

**Flying Lessons. 2021.**

Summary: Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold anthology—written by the best children's authors—celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

**Fresh Ink. 2018.**

Summary: Thirteen of the most accomplished YA authors deliver a label-defying anthology that includes ten short stories, a graphic novel, and a one-act play from Walter Dean Myers never in print. This collection addresses topics like gentrification, acceptance, untimely death, coming out, and poverty and ranges in genre from contemporary realistic fiction to adventure and romance.

**Haru, Zombie Dog Hero. 2023.**

Summary: Eleven-year-old Luke and his dog, Haru, are the best of friends. Totally inseparable. But when their nasty landlord falsely accuses Haru of biting her, Haru is kidnapped! As Luke and his friends go on a serious mission to find and bring Haru home again, they discover mysterious

experiments happening at the old laboratory at Painted Lake, owned by an evil multibillionaire named Mr. Thomas Sinclair. And Luke and his friends soon fear that Sinclair’s scientists could be doing illegal testing that may endanger Haru and their whole town.

**Spirit Hunters Series.** 2017.

Summary: A high-stakes middle grade mystery series about Harper Raine, the new seventh grader in town who must face down the dangerous ghosts haunting her younger brother.

- **Spirit Hunters**
- **Spirit Hunters: The Island of Monsters**
- **Spirit Hunters: Something Wicked**

**The Colliding Worlds of Mina Lee.** 2024.

Summary: When a Korean American teenage artist gets sucked into the world of her own web comic, she must find a way out with the help of a cute boy, all while facing off against a villainous corporation.

**The Dragon Egg Princess.** 2020.

Summary: In a kingdom filled with magic, Jiho Park and his family are an anomaly—magic doesn’t affect them.

**The Dragon King Chronicles.** 2013.

Summary: The greatest warrior in all the Seven Kingdoms... is a girl with yellow eyes. Kira’s the only female in the king’s army, and the prince’s bodyguard. She’s a demon slayer and an outcast, hated by nearly everyone in her home city of Hansong. And she’s their only hope...Murdered kings and discovered traitors point to a demon invasion, sending Kira on the run with the young prince. He may be the savior predicted in the Dragon King Prophecy, but the missing treasure of myth may be the true key. With only the guidance of the cryptic prophecy, Kira must battle demon soldiers, evil shaman, and the Demon Lord himself to find what was once lost and raise a prince into a king.

- **Prophecy**
- **Warrior**
- **King**

**The Hero Next Door.** 2019.

Summary: Not all heroes wear capes. Some heroes teach martial arts. Others talk to ghosts. A few are inventors or soccer players. They’re also sisters, neighbors, and friends. Because heroes come in many shapes and sizes. But they all have one thing in common: they make the world a better place.

**You Are Here: Connecting Flights.** 2023.

Summary: Twelve powerhouse Asian American authors explore themes of identity and belonging in the entwined experiences of young people whose family roots may extend to East and Southeast Asia, but who are themselves distinctly American.

## Dawn Quigley

Moonbeam Children's Book Award Winner (2018) for **Apple in the Middle**

IPPY Book Awards Winner (2019) for **Apple in the Middle**

WILLA Literary Award Nominee (2019) for **Apple in the Middle**

American Indian Youth Literature Award Nominee (2020) for **Apple in the Middle**

Great Lakes Great Books Nominee (2020) for **Apple in the Middle**

North Dakota Library Association's Flicker Tales Nominee (2020) for **Apple in the Middle**

### **Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids.** 2021.

Summary: Collection of intersecting stories by both new and veteran Native writer's bursts with hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native pride. Native families from Nations across the continent gather at the Dance for Mother Earth Powwow in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In a high school gym full of color and song, people dance, sell beadwork and books, and celebrate friendship and heritage. Young protagonists will meet relatives from faraway, mysterious strangers, and sometimes one another (plus one scrappy rez dog). They are the heroes of their own stories.

### **Apple in the Middle.** 2018.

Summary: Apple Starkington turned her back on her Native American heritage the moment she was called a racial slur for someone of white and Indian descent, not that she really even knew how to be an Indian in the first place. Too bad the white world doesn't accept her either. And so, begins her quirky habits to gain acceptance.

### **Jo Jo Makoons: Fancy Pants.** 2022.

Summary: First grader Jo Jo Makoons knows how to do a lot of things, like how to play jump rope, how to hide her peas in her milk, and how to be helpful in her classroom. But there's one thing Jo Jo doesn't know how to do: be fancy. She has a lot to learn before her Aunt Annie's wedding! Favorite purple unicorn notebook in hand, Jo Jo starts exploring her Ojibwe community to find ways to be fancy.

### **Jo Jo Makoons: Snow Day.** 2023.

Summary: Jo Jo Makoons has noticed that the family members she loves most—Mama, Kokum, and even her cat, Mimi—all have their own ways of being healthy. So, when the Teacher says that their class will be learning about healthy habits, Jo Jo is ready to be *neighborly* by helping everyone around her be healthy too. After a snowstorm shuts down her Ojibwe reservation, Jo Jo uses her big imagination and big personality to help both Elders and classmates alike. Because after all, being healthy means being together!

### **Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-be Best Friend.** 2021.

Summary: Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. It always seems like her mom, her kokum (grandma), and her teacher have a lot to learn—about how good Jo Jo is at cleaning up, what makes a good rhyme, and what it means to be friendly. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1

best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore...

**Native American Heroes. 2019.**

Summary: A compendium of biographies of barrier-breaking Native American and First Nation people including astronaut John Herrington, the first Native American to fly in space.

## Justin A. Reynolds

Junior Library Guild Selection (2023) for **Shot Clock**

El dia de los ninos / El dia de los libros Selection (2023) for **Shot Clock**

Recent Book Award Winners & Honorees Selection (2023) for **Shot Clock**

YALSA Teens' Top Ten Finalist (2020) for **Opposite of Always**

SLJ Best Books of the Year Selection (2019) for **Opposite of Always**

El dia de los ninos / El dia de los libros Winner (2022) for **Miles Morales: Shock Waves**

Junior Library Guild Selection (2021) for **Early Departures**

Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection (2021) for **Early Departures**

**Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood. 2021.**

Summary: A vibrant collection of stories, comics, and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood.

**Early Departures. 2022.**

Summary: What if you could bring your best friend back to life—but only for a short time? Jamal's best friend, Q, doesn't know that he died, and that he's about to die . . . again. He doesn't know that Jamal tried to save him. And that the reason they haven't been friends for two years is because Jamal blames Q for the accident that killed his parents. But what if Jamal had a second chance? New technology allows Q to be reanimated for a few weeks before he dies . . . permanently. And Q's mom is not about to let anyone ruin this miracle by telling Q about his impending death. So how can Jamal fix everything if he can't tell Q the truth?

**Forever Ends on Friday. 2020.**

Summary: Jamal's best friend, Q, doesn't know that he died, and that he's about to die . . . again. He doesn't know that Jamal tried to save him. And that the reason they haven't been friends for two years is because Jamal blames Q for the accident that killed his parents. But what if Jamal had a second chance? An innovative technology allows Q to be reanimated for a few weeks before he dies . . . permanently. And Q's mom is not about to let anyone ruin this miracle by telling Q about his impending death. So how can Jamal fix everything if he can't tell Q the truth?

**House Party. 2023.**

Summary: The biggest event of the year is happening, and you're invited! Join us for Florence Hills High School seniors' last hurrah before graduation at a mega mansion in one of Chicago's wealthiest suburban enclaves. Hosted by DeAndre Dixon, aka FHHS's golden boy, guests include the popular, the jocks, the artists, and heck, even that one kid. All the drama ensues. Kisses are swapped between old friends, new friends, and could've-sworn-they-were-enemies kind of friends. Relationships get tested. Animals roam free. Secrets are spilled. Add dope music that's thumping, and there's a good chance the whole neighborhood will be disrupted.

**It's the End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit. 2022.**

Summary: Twelve-year-old Eddie Gordon Holloway has concocted his most genius plan ever to avoid chores... especially the dreaded L-A-U-N-D-R-Y. If he can wear all the clothes he owns, he'll only have to do the laundry once during his school break. On the day of the highly anticipated Beach Bash, Eddie's monstrous pile of dirty laundry is found by his mom. And Eddie's day has just taken a turn for the worst. Now he's stuck at home by himself, missing the bash, and doing his whole pile of laundry. But mid-cycle, the power goes out! With his first load of laundry wet and the rest of his stuff still filthy, he sets out to explore the seemingly empty neighborhood in his glow-in-the-dark swim trunks, flip-flops, and a beach towel. He soon meets up with other neighborhood kids: newcomer Xavier (who was mid-haircut and has half his head shaved), Eddie's former friend Sonia (who has spent her entire break trying to beat a video game and was mid-battle with the final boss), and siblings Trey and Sage (who are dealing with major sibling drama). As they group up to cover more ground and find out what happened, they realize that their families aren't coming back anytime soon. And as night falls, the crew realizes that they aren't just the only people left in the neighborhood, they might be the only people left... anywhere.

**Miles Morales: Shock Waves. 2021.**

Summary: Miles Morales is a normal kid who happens to juggle school at Brooklyn Visions Academy while swinging through the streets of Brooklyn as Spider-Man. After a disastrous earthquake strikes his mother's birthplace of Puerto Rico, Miles springs into action to help set up a fundraiser for the devastated island. But when a new student's father goes missing, Miles begins to make connections between the disappearance and a giant corporation sponsoring Miles' fundraiser. Who is behind the disappearance, and how does that relate to Spider-Man?

**Miles Morales: Stranger Tides. 2022.**

Summary: Join Miles Morales in his most epic adventure yet! Miles Morales has just about gotten used to this being Spider-Man thing. Keeping Brooklyn safe, taking down bad guys, and finishing his homework—he's got this! But when Spider-Man is invited to a launch for a brand-new video game, things go sideways fast. Anyone who plays the game is frozen, and it's all because of a villain named the Stranger. He's judged humanity and found it lacking, and his idea of justice is extreme. Left with the fate of the world in his hands, the clock is ticking for Miles. Can he turn old foes into friends and find the answers he needs in time?



**Opposite of Always. 2019.**

Summary: When Jack and Kate meet at a party, bonding until sunrise over their mutual love of Froot Loops and their favorite flicks, Jack knows he's falling—hard. Soon she meets his best friends, Jillian and Franny, and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack. But then Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel. However, Jack will learn that his actions are not without consequences. And when one choice turns deadly for someone else close to him, he has to figure out what he's willing to do to save the people he loves.

**Running in Flip-Flops from the End of the World. 2024.**

Summary: When twelve-year-old Eddie Gordon Holloway and his friends return home from Beach Bash, aka the greatest party of the year, only to realize that everyone in town has disappeared without a trace, they do what any smart, responsible kids would do . . . have the best day ever! No parental supervision sounds fun for a while, but forever is a long time. And soon the gang starts to notice strange things happening around town, and they are only getting stranger. They must figure out what happened to their families. It seems like getting to the beach will answer all their questions . . . but the only problem is that some mysterious force seems determined to prevent them from making it there.

**Shot Clock. 2022.**

Summary: Tony loves basketball. But the game changed recently when his best friend, Dante, a hoops phenom, was killed by a police officer. Tony hopes he can continue Dante's legacy by making the Sabres, the AAU basketball team Dante took to two national championships. Tony doesn't make the team, but Coach James likes what he sees from Tony at tryouts and offers him another job as team statistician. With his community reeling and the team just finding its footing on the court, can Tony find a path to healing while helping to bring the Sabres to the championship?