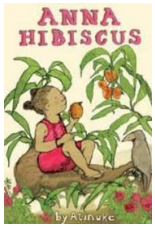


Family Reading List

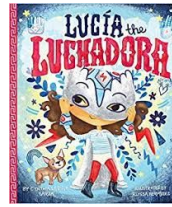
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Suggestions for Primary Grades (K-2)



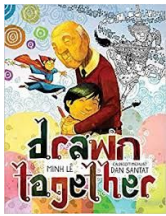
Anna Hibiscus, by Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa with her whole family, loves to splash in the sea and have parties for her aunts, but Anna would love to see snow.



Lucía the Luchadora, by Cynthia Leonor Garza

A story about courage and cultural legacy, Lucía the Luchadora is full of pluck, daring, and heart.



Drawn Together, by Minh Lê

A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.



Something Happened in Our Town, by Marianne Celano

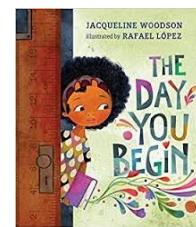
After discussing the police shooting of a local Black man with their families, Emma and Josh know how to treat a new student who looks and speaks differently than his classmates. Includes an extensive Note to Parents and Caregivers



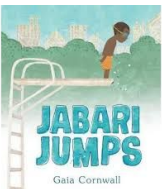
Dreamers, by Yuyi Morales

An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story.

The Day You Begin, by Jacqueline Woodson

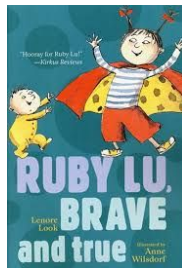


Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.



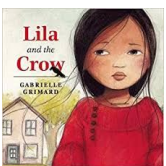
Jabari Jumps, by Gaia Cornwall

Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash.



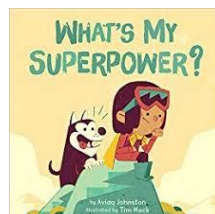
Ruby Lu, Brave and True, by Lenore Look-local author!

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.



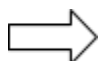
Lila and the Crow, by Gabrielle Grimard

New in town, Lila hopes to make friends at school but is instead taunted by her classmates. Lila is bullied because of her dark skin, but the crows have a solution for that!

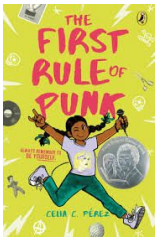


What's My Superpower?, by Aviaq Johnston

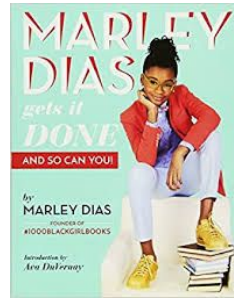
Nalvana thinks she must be the only kid in town without a superpower. But then her mom shows Nalvana that she is unique and special--and that her superpower was right in front of her all along.



Suggestions for Middle Grades (3-5)



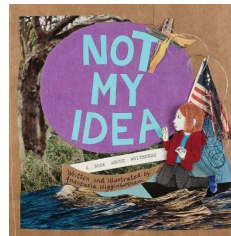
***The First Rule of Punk*, by Celia Pérez**
 Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded "weirdos."



***Marley Dias Gets It Done*, by Marley Dias**
 In this accessible "keep-it-real" guide, Marley explores activism, social justice, volunteerism, equity and inclusion, and using social media for good.



***Flying Lessons & Other Stories*, Various Authors**
 From basketball dreams and family fiascoes to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.



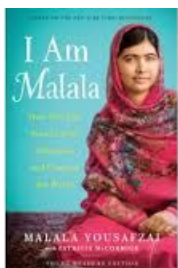
***Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness*, by Anastasia Higginbotham**
 In this call to action, a young white child catches news fragments of a police officer shooting an unarmed black man. The child confronts their family's "colorblind" approach and learns about history.



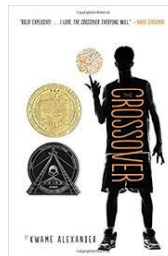
***Hello, Universe*, by Erin Entrada Kelly**
 Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.



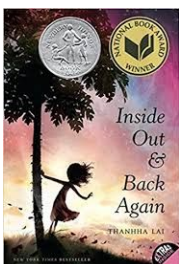
***Amina's Voice*, by Hena Khan**
 A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.



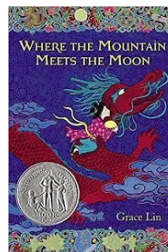
***I am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai**
 Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.



***The Crossover*, by Kwame Alexander**
 Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



***Inside Out and Back Again*, by Thanhha Lai**
 Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.



***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, by Grace Lin**
 Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon.