

2014-2015 Recommend Books

Pre-K/TK/K

We Are In a Book by Mo Williams

Press Here By Herve Tullet

Nest By Jorey Hurley

One by Kathryn Otoshi

Grade 1-2

A Butterfly Is Patient by Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long

Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook By Michael Garland

Year of Billy Miller By Kevin Henkes

La Mariposa by Francisco Jiménez

Grade 3-5

Words with Wings by Nikki Grimes

This is the Rope By Jacqueline Woodson

Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/La Juez Que Crecio En El Bronx By Jonah Winter

Words with Wings by Nikki Grimes

Grade 6-8

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin

Bluefish By Pat Schmatz

Diego Rivera: Artist for the People By Susan Goldman Rubin

Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle by Summer Brenner

Grade 9-12

Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle by Summer Brenner and Miguel Perez

Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood By Marjane Satrapi

Changers Book One: Drew By T Cooper and Allison Glock-Cooper

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai

Adult

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown

The Speech: The Story Behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream (2013) by Gary Younge

I Am Malala: How one Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai

Reign of Error by Diane Ravitch

Untold Civil Rights Stories: Asian Americans Speak Out for Justice by Stewart Kwoh and Russel C. Leong

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I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont

I Am Mixed by Garcelle Beauvais

Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat

Tito Puente, Mambo King by Monica Brown and Rafael Lopez

Grade 1-2

My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvits

What Do You Do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada

Rosita y Conchita by Eric Gonzalez

The Noisy Paintbox: The Colors and Sounds of Kadinsky's Abstract Art by Barb Rosenstock

Grade 3-5

Brave Girl by Michelle Markel

Love Twelve Miles Long by Glenda Armand

The Cat Who Chose to Dream by Lorie Honda

Hank Zipzer by Henry Winkler

Grade 6-8

Batman Science Series by Tammy Enz

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Allison Levy

Grade 9-12

The Beginning of Everything by Robyn Schneider

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

This One Summer by Jillian Tamaki

2016-2017 Recommend Books

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MooHoo by Candace Ryan, Illustrated by Mike Lowery

Bee-Bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park, Illustrated by Ho Baek Lee

We Forgot Brock! Written and Illustrated by Carter Goodrich

All Families Are Special by Norma Simon, Illustrated by Teresa Flavin

Grade 1-2

Mañana Iguana by Ann Whitford Paul, Illustrated by Ethan Long

Under the Lemon Moon by Edith Hope Fine, Illustrated by René King Moreno

Creature Features: Twenty-Five Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do
by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty, Illustrated by David Roberts

Grade 3-5

Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui by Icy Smith, Illustrated by Gayle Garner
Rosk

When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop by Laban
Carrick, Illustrated by Theodore Taylor

Joelito's Big Decision by Ann Berlak, illustrated by Daniel Camacho

**Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a
Bald Eagle** by Deborah Lee Rose and Jane Veltkamp

Grade 6-8

George by Alex Gino

Mechanica by Betsy Cornwell

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

The Misfits by James Howe

Grade 9-12

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero

Reclamation Road Poems by Kristy Orona-Ramirez

2017-2018 Recommend Books

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The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi (Author/Illustrator) [2001]
The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin (Author/Illustrator) [1999]
The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield (Author/Illustrator) [2015]
They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel (Author/Illustrator) [2016]

Grade 1-2

Separate Is Never Equal by Duncan Tonatiuh (Author/Illustrator) [2014]
Juana and Lucas by Juana Medina (Author/Illustrator) [2016]
She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton (Author), Alexandra Boiger (Illustrator) [2017]
One of a Kind, Like Me/Único Como Yo by Laurin Mayeno (Author), Robert Liu-Trujillo (Illustrator) [2016]

Grade 3-5

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin [2017]
The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage
by Selina Alko (Author/Illustrator), Sean Qualls (Illustrator) [2015]
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
by Javaka Steptoe [2016]
The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones by Wendelin Van Draanen [2016]

Grade 6-8

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team
by Steve Sheinkin [2017]
Dragonwings by Laurence Yep [1975]
As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds [2016]
The Real Boy by Anne Ursu (Author), Erin McGuire (Illustrator) [2013]

Grade 9-12

Every Day by David Levithan [2012]
The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas [2017]
The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli [2017]
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (Author), Ellen Forney (Illustrator) [2007]

2018-2019 Recommend Books

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It's Okay To Be Different by Todd Parr [2001]

Viva Frida (Morales, Yuyi) by Yuyi Morales (Author), Tim O'Meara (Photographer) [2014]

Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall (Author, Illustrator) [2015]

Anywhere Farm by Phyllis Root (Author), G. Brian Karas (Illustrator) [2017]

Grade 1-2

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal (Author, Illustrator) [2018]

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle (Author), Rafael López (Illustrator) [2015]

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña (Author), Christian Robinson (Illustrator) [2015]

Natsumi! by Susan Lendroth (Author), Priscilla Burris (Illustrator) [2000,2005]

Grade 3-5

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan (Author) [2017]

Barbed Wire Baseball: How One Man Brought Hope to the Japanese Internment Camps of WWII by Marissa Moss (Author), Yuko Shimizu (Illustrator) [2013]

So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom by Gary D. Schmidt (Author), Daniel Minter (Illustrator) [2018]

Math Curse by Jon Scieszka (Author), Lane Smith (Illustrator) [1995]

Grade 6-8

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Author) [2018]

A Night Divided (Scholastic Gold) by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Author) [2015]

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate (Author) [2015]

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez (Author) [2017]

Grade 9-12

The Sympathizer: A Novel (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction) by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Author) [2015]

Beautiful Music for Ugly Children by Kirstin Cronn-Mills (Author) [2012]

Speak: The Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson (Author), Emily Carroll (Illustrator) [1999]

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez (Author) [2017]

2019-2020 Recommend Books

Pre-K/TK/K

SHADES of BLACK: A CELEBRATION OF OUR CHILDREN by Sandra L. Pinkney (Author), Myles C. Pinkney (Illustrator) [2000]

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales (Author) [2018]

MY PAPI HAS A MOTORCYCLE by Isabel Quintero (Author), Zeke Peña (Illustrator) [2019]

GRUMPY MONKEY by Suzanne Lang (Author), Max Lang (Illustrator) [2018]

Grade 1-2

DON'T TOUCH MY HAIR! By Sharee Miller (Author) [2018]

WHEN ANGELS SING: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana by Michael Mahin (Author), Jose Ramirez (Illustrator) [2018]

imagine by Juan Felipe Herrera (Author), Lauren Castillo (Illustrator) [2018]

STONEWALL: A BUILDING. AN UPRISING. A REVOLUTION by Rob Sander (Author), Jamey Christoph (Illustrator) [2019]

Grade 3-5

FRONT DESK by Kelly Yang [2018]

Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor (Author), Lulu Delacre (Illustrator) [2018]

LOLA (En Español) by Junot Díaz (Author), Leo Espinosa (Illustrator) [2018]

STELLA Diaz HAS Something To SAY by Angela Dominguez [2018]

Grade 6-8

MARCUS VEGA DOESN'T SPEAK SPANISH by Pablo Cartaya [2018]

The Distance Between Us: Young Readers Edition by Reyna Grande [2016]

THE POET X by Elizabeth Acevedo [2018]

SAVE ME A SEAT by Sarah Weeks, Gita Varadarajan [2016]

Grade 9-12

A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater [2017]

Dear Martin by Nic Stone [2017]

SUMMER OF THE MARIPOSAS by Guadalupe Garcia McCall [2012]

INTERMENT by Samira Ahmed [2019]

2020-2021 Recommend Books

Pre-K/TK/K

IN MY HEART: A Book of Feelings by Jo Witek (Author), Christine Roussey (Illustrator) [2014]

BE WHO YOU ARE by Todd Parr [2016]

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold (Author), Suzanne Kaufman (Illustrator) [2018]

FEDERICO AND ALL HIS FAMILIES by Mili Hernández (Author), Gómez (Illustrator) [2020]

Grade 1-2

THE PROUDEST BLUE A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali (Authors), Hatem Aly (Illustrator) [2019]

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry (Author), Vashti Harrison (Illustrator) [2019]

WE ARE Water PROTECTORS by Carole Lindstrom (Author). Michaela Goade (Illustrator) [2020]

MARIO and the Hole in the Sky: HOW A CHEMIST SAVED OUR PLANET by Elizabeth Rusch (Author), Teresa Martinez (Illustrator) [2018]

Grade 3-5

THE TEACHERS MARCH! How Selma's Teachers Changed History by Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace (Authors), Charly Palmer (Illustrator) [2020]

SHAKING THINGS UP: 14 YOUNG WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD by Susan Hood [2018]

INDIAN NO MORE by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell [2019]

EFRÉN DIVIDED by Ernesto Cisneros [2020]

Grade 6-8

BÉISBOL en ABRIL y otros cuentos by Stephanie Diaz and Gary Soto [1990]

SEEDFOLKS by Paul Fleischman (Author), Judy Pedersen (Illustrator) [1997]

BLACK BROTHER, BLACK BROTHER by Jewell Parker Rhodes [2020]

ASTRONAUTS Women on the Final Frontier by Jim Ottaviani (Author), Maris Wicks (Illustrator) [2020]

Grade 9-12

STAMPED RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi [2020]

THE BEAST PLAYER by Nahoko Uehashi and Cathy Hirano [2006]

WE ARE NOT FROM HERE by Jenny Torres Sanchez [2020]

WATCH US RISE by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan [2019]