A promotional poster for summer reading. The background is a light pink grid. A central blue rectangle with a white grid pattern contains the text. At the top left of the blue rectangle is a silver paperclip. At the top center is a red and white beach ball. At the bottom right is a blue and white life preserver. In the corners of the pink background are red and white striped umbrellas. The text 'Summer Reading!' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, a white rounded rectangle contains the text 'By the Needham Elementary Librarians 2021' in a black, sans-serif font.

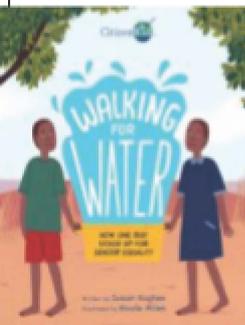
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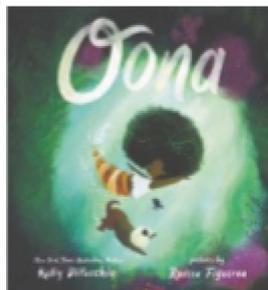
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[Walking for Water: How One Boy Stood Up for Gender Equality](#)

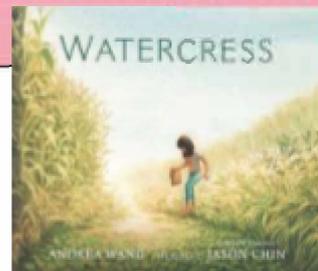
Susan Hughes

Victor recognizes inequality when his twin sister must stop attending school to retrieve water. Perfect for discussing activism.



[Oona](#) Kelly DiPucchio

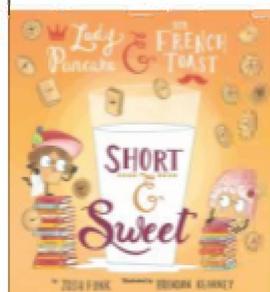
Oona and her best friend Otto love to search for treasure...and often find trouble instead. Messy trouble. Tricky trouble. That's never stopped them before, though!



[Watercress](#)

Andrea Wang

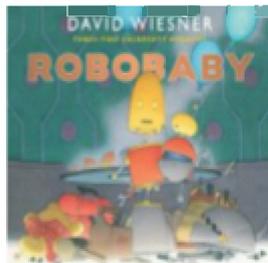
A Chinese American family pulls their car over to gather wild watercress growing by the roadside and sparks a conversation about their family history.



[Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast \(series\)](#)

Josh Funk

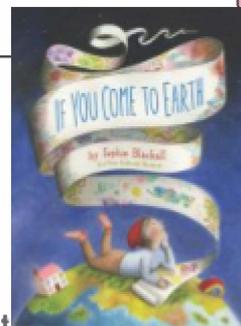
The two are back on another adventure- this time Professor Biscotti has turned them into toddlers! Don't forget to check out the rest of their previous adventures!



[RoboBaby](#)

David Wiesner

Excited by the arrival of a new baby, a family of robots is nearly undone by technical difficulties until big sister steps in and repairs the situation.



[If you come to Earth](#)

Sophie Blackall

Quinn writes a letter to potential visitors of Earth, describing the many, people, cultures, abilities, and environments that exist on our planet. The art will give children hours of enjoyment.

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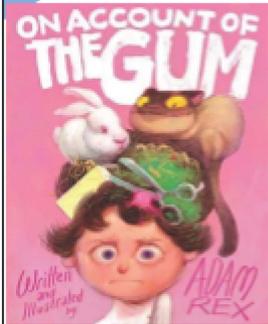
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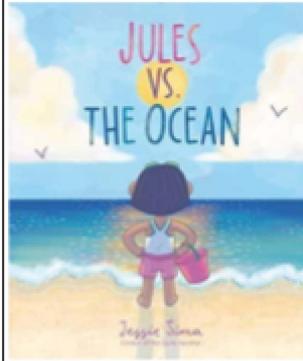
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[On account of the GUM](#)

Adam Rex

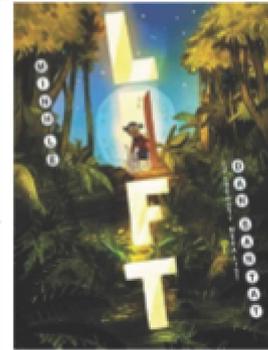
How do you get gum out of your hair? Read this rhyming book with wacky solutions, each one funnier than the last!



[Jules vs. the Ocean](#)

Jessie Sima

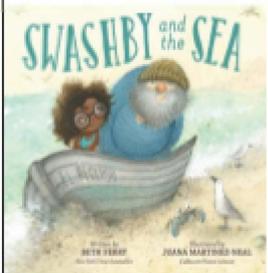
Jules wants to build, the biggest, bestest sand castle, but the ocean has other ideas. A tongue in cheek story full of warmth and humor.



[Lift](#) by Minh Le

Needham students' favorite picture book of 2020

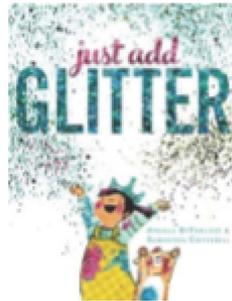
Join the story of Iris and her magic elevator button!



[Swashby and the Sea](#)

Beth Ferry

Swashby wants to be left alone in his retirement, but the sea and his new neighbor have some other ideas. 2 starred reviews for this sweet and fun book.



[Just add glitter](#)

Angela DiTerlizzi

It all starts with a mysterious mail delivery, a little girl with a big imagination, and a bit of sprinkling, twinkling, glitter. Before long, there glitter here, glitter there,--glitter, glitter- EVERYWHERE!

[Burt the Beetle doesn't](#)

[bite!](#) Ashley Spires
Spires's mix of slapstick and dry humor is front and center in this winning story that shows how being special is as much about character as it is about abilities. Learn as Burt rescues his friends!



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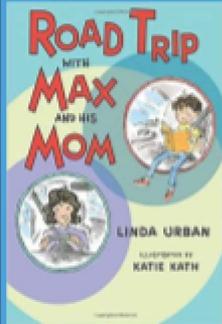
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Road Trip with Max & his

Mom Linda Urban

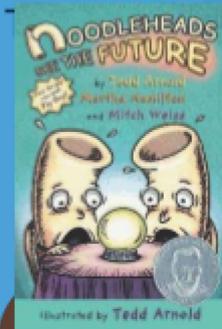
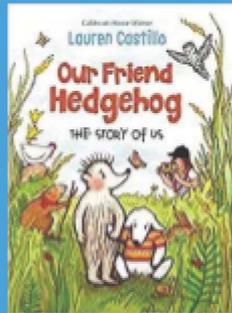
3rd grader Max is heading off on a road trip with Mom. With miles to travel, cousins to meet, and a tall roller coaster to ride (maybe), one thing is sure- it will be an adventure!



Our Friend Hedgehog

Lauren Castillo

Hedgehog lives on a teeny-tiny island with onnly her stuffed dog, Mutty, for company. When a storm carries Mutty away she embarks on a quest to find her friend!



Noodleheads (series)

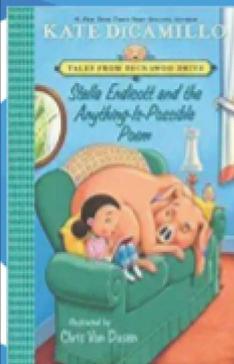
Tedd Arnold, creator of Fly Guy!

Join Mac and Mac Noodleheads as they have adventures based on folktales from all over the world

Sella Endicott and the anything-is-possible poem

Kate DiCamillo

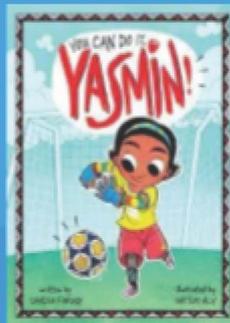
In this newest Dekawoo Drive book, Stella & her classroom get into a heated discussion over whether pigs can live in houses. Don't forget to read the rest of the Mercy Watson Story!



Yasmin (series)

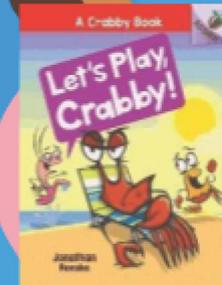
Saadia Faruqi

Join Yasmin for four more Yasmin stories where Yasin tackles common kid problems with out of the box solutions



Let's Play Crabby!

Jonathan Fenske
With humor and full color art, this story of PLankton;s attempts to get crabby to play will delight early readers, especially fans of Elephant and Piggie!

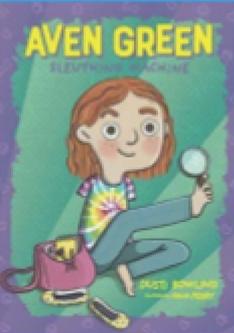


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Aven Green

Dusti Bowling

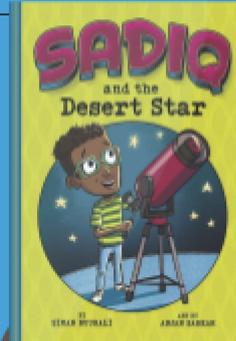
Third grader Aven was born without arms, but that doesn't stop her from being a great detective. Follow along as she locates missing lunches and her grandma's dog.



Ella and Owen (series)

Jaden Kent

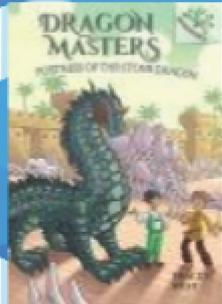
These dragon twins set out to find a cure for Owen's cold, and encounter an ogre & an evil vegetable wizard.



Sadiq (series)

Siman Nuurali

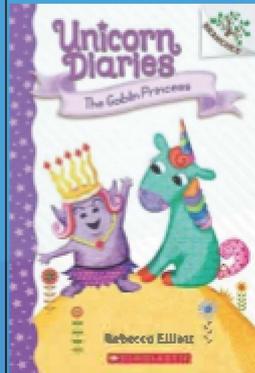
When his Baba tells him about the Desert Star, it sparks Saadiq to try and start a space club. Perfect for science fans.



Dragon Masters (series)

Tracey West

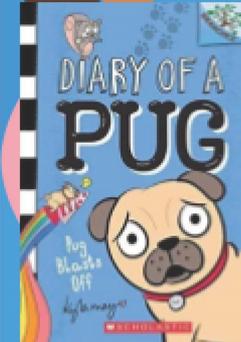
In this book, Drake & Mina travel to the Fortress of the Stone Dragon to warn the Dragon Master, Caspar, that Astrid is on her way there. But will the evil wizard's dark magic overpower the Dragon Masters?



Unicorn Diaries (series)

Rebecca Elliott, author of Owl Diaries!

Greta's wish to fly gets granted, but as things start to get out of HOOOF, can the unicorns find a way to clean up Greta's messes-and show her the power of imagination?



Diary of a Pug (series) by

Kyla May. Bub loves fashion, peanut butter, & his human. He does NOT love Nutz the squirrel, baths, & the rain. When Bella enters the Inventor Challenge, Bub helps her craft the best project ever. But when he ruins it, he'll have to find a way to fix it.

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[Finding Junie Kim](#)

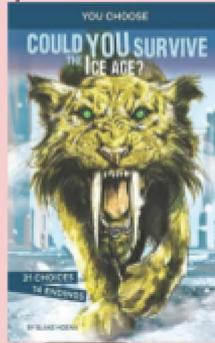
Ellen Oh.

When faced with middle school racism, she learns of her grandparents' strength and finds her voice. Inspired by her mother's real-life experiences during the Korean War, Oh's characters are real and riveting.



[Unsettled](#) Reem Farqui

When her family moves from Pakistan to GA, all Nurah wants is to blend in, yet she stands out for all the wrong reasons. Until she goes to swimming tryouts. Now she wants to win medals like her athlete brother, yet when rivalry gets in the way, a split-second decision changes their fates.



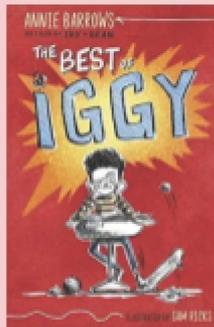
[You Choose \(series\)](#) Multiple authors You've just been sent back in time. It could be a moment in history like the Revolutionary War or the Ice Age. Or maybe you're in the future and zombies are everywhere. Do you have what it takes to survive? Each link takes to a different sub-series of you choose adventures!



[The Doughnut Fix](#)

Jessie Janowitz

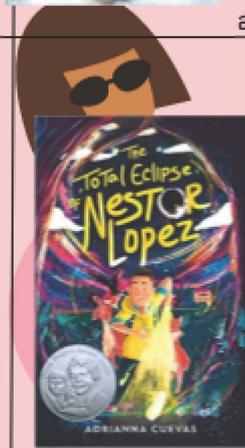
Tristan isn't talented or gifted, but he is determined as he seeks to bring back the famous chocolate cream doughnuts to his new tiny town. Filled with fun, adventure and characters you'll wish you could meet.



[The Best of Iggy](#)

Annie Barrows

A new series from the author of *Ivy & Bean*. "All of us do things we wish we hadn't done" begins this lively illustrated series opener about Iggy Frangi, a mischievous, good-hearted nine-year-old who frequently lands himself in trouble and only sometimes regrets it.



[The total eclipse of Nestor Lopez](#)

Adrianna Cuevas

A Cuban-American boy must use his ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a tula vieja, a witch that transforms into animals.

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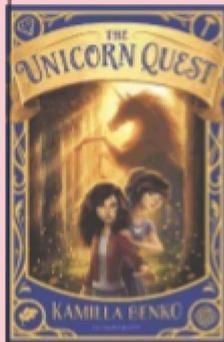
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**Efrén Divided**

Ernesto Cisneros.
Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mia, after their mother is deported to Mexico.

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**Unicorn Quest**

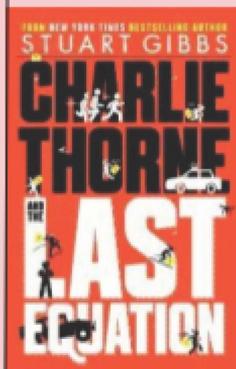
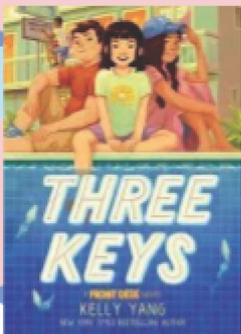
Kamilla Benko
An antique-filled mansion, a ladder to a magical land, where wraiths roam freely, unicorns have disappeared, & the guilds of magic no longer trust each other.

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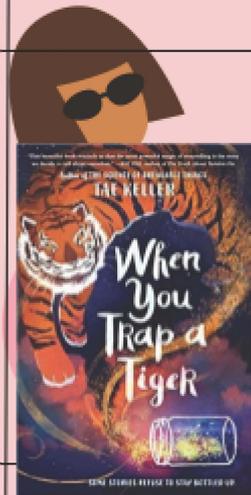
**Show me a sign**

Ann Clare LeZotte
A young girl living on Martha's Vineyard in 1805 doesn't think her community of Deaf and hearing signers is special until the day the hearing world violently intrudes.

Three Keys. Kelly Yang
Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic. Sequel to **Front Desk**.

**Charlie Thorne: the Last Equation**

Stuart Gibbs
Age 12, Charlotte "Charlie" Thorne, a rebellious genius, must use her code-breaking skills on a global chase to locate Einstein's last equation before others discover it and unlock the way to harness energy for evil. For fans of **Funjungle!**

**When you Trap a Tiger**

Tae Keller
Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

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Allergic

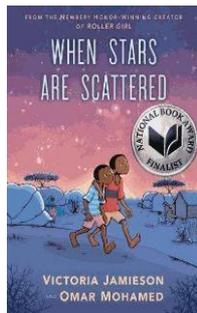
Megan Lloyd
At home, Maggie is the odd one out. She thinks a puppy is the answer, but when she goes to pick one on her birthday, she breaks out in hives & rashes. She's allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart

her allergies & find the perfect pet?

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When Stars Are Scattered

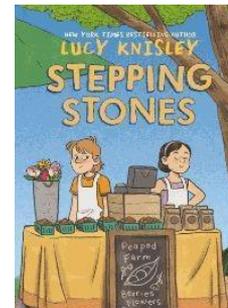
by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed. The true story of Omar and his younger brother Hassan who lived in a refugee camp. Omar must balance getting an education and caring for his nonverbal brother in this touching portrayal of life in a refugee camp.



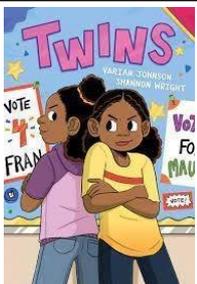
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Stepping Stones

Lucy Knisley
Jen moves out to the country and has to put up with her mom and her mom's new boyfriend, as well as his kids. Suddenly part of a larger family in a new place, Jen isn't sure there is a place for her in this different world.

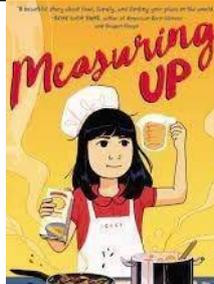


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Twins Varian Johnson
A contemporary middle-grade graphic novel about two twin siblings who begin to drift apart once they enter middle school.

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Measuring up by Lily LaMotte
Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, 12 year old Cici enters a cooking contest to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.

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Investigators (series)

John Green
With their Spy Technology & their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! For Fans of *Chicken Squad!*

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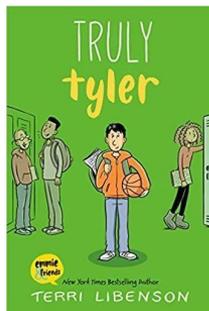


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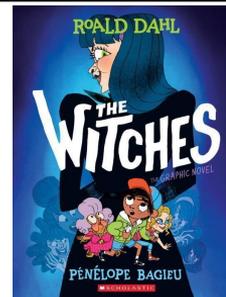
Anti/Hero Kate Quinn Piper Pajaro is strong and longs to be a superhero while Sloane MacBrute puts her smarts to use for her villain grandfather. When a mission to steal an experimental device brings the two girls face

to face, the device sparks and the two girls swap bodies. | [eBook](#) |



Truly Tyler (Emmie & Friends series) Terri Libenson

Ever since Tyler started getting into art and hanging out with Emmie, his friends and teammates have been giving him a hard time. He wonders why can't he nerd out on drawing and play ball?



Witches

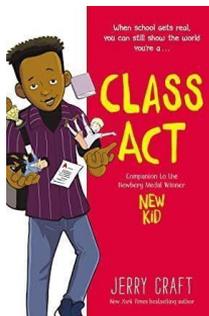
Roald Dahl
A graphic novel adaptation of Roald Dahl's story about a young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, who together foil a witches' plot to destroy the

world's children by turning them into mice.

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I Survived (series) multiple authors Chet Roscow, who had been thrilled by the news of an aggressive great white shark attacking people all along the Atlantic coast, goes swimming with his friends in Springfield, New Jersey, one day, and wonders if he sees a shark in the water.

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Class Act Jerry Craft
Drew takes center stage in another laugh-out-loud funny, powerful, & important story about being one of the few kids of color in a prestigious private school. A companion book to **New Kid**.

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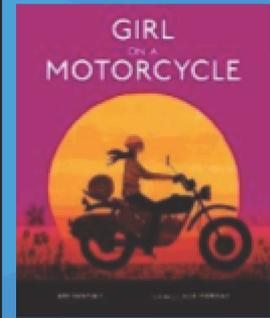
Bunbun & Bonbon

(series) Jess Keating
Lonely Bunbun doesn't have a friend--until she meets Bonbon. Together they learn how to be fancy, eat donuts for lunch, and more!

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Non-Fiction

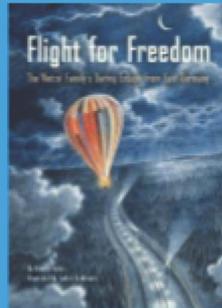
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Girl on a motorcycle

Amy Novesky

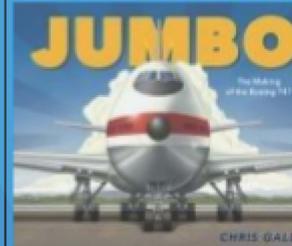
One day, a girl gets on her motorcycle and rides away. To go...Elsewhere. This is the true story of the first woman to ride a motorcycle around the world alone.



Flight for Freedom

Kristen Fulton

This is the true story of one child, Peter Wetzel and his family's daring escape from East Berlin to West Berlin in a handmade hot air balloon in 1979!



Jumbo: the making of the Boeing 747

Chris Gall

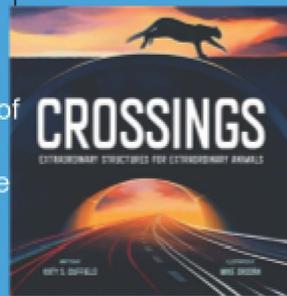
For the 50th anniversary of its first commercial flight, a picture book about the development of the iconic passenger plane and how it changed the history of air travel.



Fauja Singh Keeps Going

Simran Jeet Singh

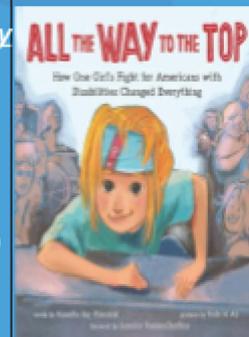
The inspiring true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first 100 year old to run a marathon.



Crossings: extraordinary structures for extraordinary animals

Katy S. Duffield

An exploration of animal crossings built by animal lovers around the world to help animals cross over, under, around, & through human construction.



All the way to the top: how one girl's fight for

Americans with disabilities changed everything

Annette Bay Pimentel

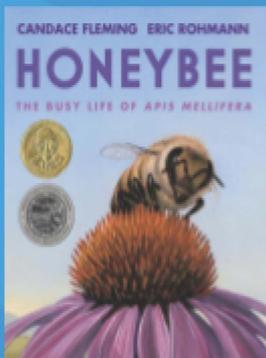
The true story of activist Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins & her participation in the Capitol Crawl in this inspiring autobiographical picture book.

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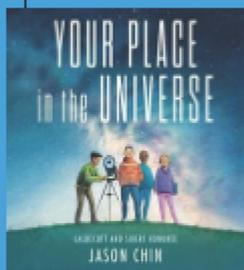
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Honeybee

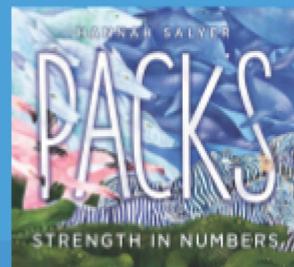
Candace Fleming

This year's Sibert medal winner for nonfiction. Describes the behaviors, habitats, and physical characteristics of the honeybee.



Your place in the Universe

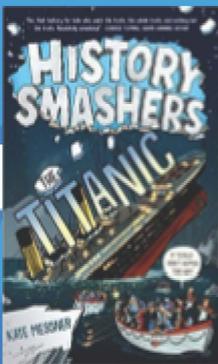
Award-winning author & illustrator Jason Chin has once again found a way to make a complex subject--size, scale and almost unimaginable distance--accessible and understandable to readers of all ages. Meticulously researched and featuring highly detailed artwork.



Packs : strength in numbers

Hannah Salyer

A richly illustrated celebration of animals who live in packs, herds, pods, and more. Packs shows how teamwork helps many creatures thrive.

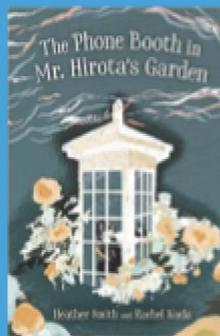


History Smashers (series)

Multiple authors

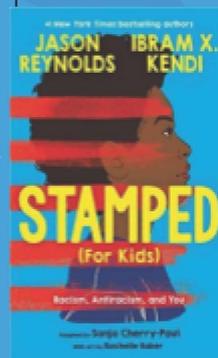
Myths! Lies! Secrets!

Uncover the hidden truth behind history! Such as sinking of the Titanic of the American revolution. Perfect for fans of *I Survived!* and *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales*.



The phone booth in Mr. Hirota's garden

Heather Smith. Mr Hirota builds a phone booth on a hill, giving Maiko and others a chance to feel close to their loved ones after losing them in the tsunami. Although the phone is not connected to anything, words carry on the wind.



Stamped (For Kids): racism, antiracism, and you

Jason Reynolds

Adapted from the bestseller *Stamped*, this book takes readers on a journey from present to past to back again. Kids will discover where racist ideas come from, identify how they impact the Americas today, and meet those who have fought racism with anti-racism.

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