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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Selections for May 2024 — Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

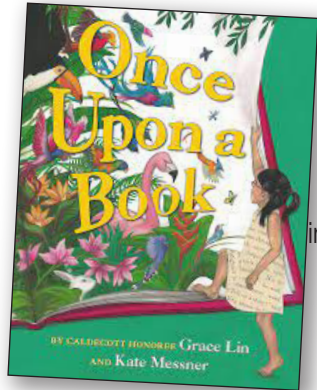
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live; and ignite a passion for reading.

PRESCHOOL

Once Upon a Book

by Grace Lin

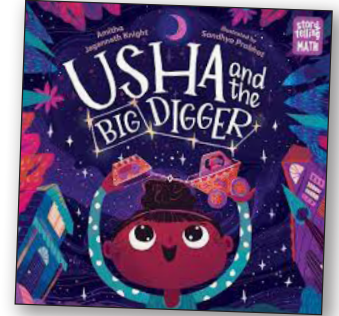
Alice loves to imagine herself in the pages of her favorite book. When it invites her in, she is swept away to a world of wonder, riding camels the desert, swimming under the sea, floating in space, and more! When her journey comes to an end, she yearns for the place she loves best of all.



Usha and the Big Digger

by Amitha Jagannath Knight

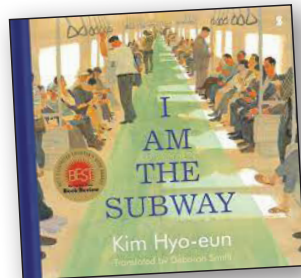
When sisters Usha and Aarti look up at the stars, they see different things. Aarti sees the Big Dipper, but Usha sees the Big Digger. This is a playful introduction to geometry and spatial relationships featuring Indian American characters and a note about cultures and constellations.



I Am the Subway

by Kim Hyo-eun

Accompanied by the constant rumbling of its passage through the city, the subway has stories to tell. Between sunrise and sunset, it welcomes and farewells people, and holds them—along with their joys, hopes, fears, and memories—in its embrace.



INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods

by Grace Lin

Separated into courses like a Chinese menu, these tales are filled with squabbling dragons, magical fruits, and hungry monks. This book will bring you to far-off times and marvelous places, all while making your mouth water. Discover a deeper understanding of the resilience and triumph behind this food.

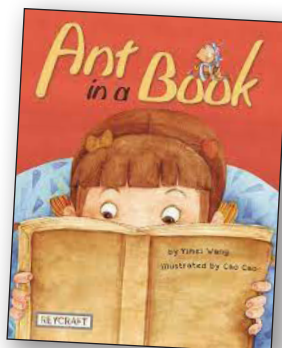


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Ant in a Book

by Yimei Wang

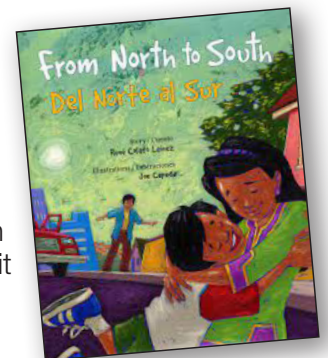
When an ant finds himself flattened in a book and moves from page to page, he inspires the Chinese characters printed on them to start moving too, creating new stories every day.



From North to South/Del Norte al Sur

by René Colato Laínez

José loves helping Mamá in the garden at their home in California. But when Mamá is sent back to Mexico for not having proper papers, José and his Papá face an uncertain future. What will it be like to visit Mamá in Tijuana? When will Mamá come home?



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Finally Seen

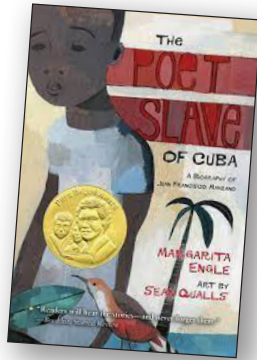
by Kelly Yang

When Lina Gao steps off the plane in Los Angeles, it's her first time in America and the first time seeing her parents and sister in five years! She's been waiting for this moment while she lived in Beijing, getting teased by kids at school who called her "left behind girl." But life in America is not what she expected.

The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano

by Margarita Engle

Born into the home of a slave owner in Cuba in 1797, Juan Francisco Manzano spent his early years with a woman who made him call her Mama, even though he had a mama. Denied an education, young Juan showed a talent for poetry. His verses reflect the beauty of the world and expose its hideous cruelty.

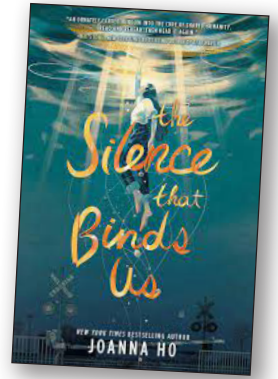


HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

The Silence that Binds Us

by Joanna Ho

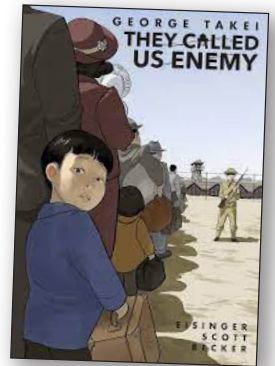
Maybelline Chen isn't the perfect daughter her mother expects. May's beloved brother, Danny, is going to Princeton. When he dies by suicide, May's world is shattered. Racist accusations are hurled against May's parents for putting too much pressure on him. May challenges these ugly stereotypes through her writing to take back the narrative.



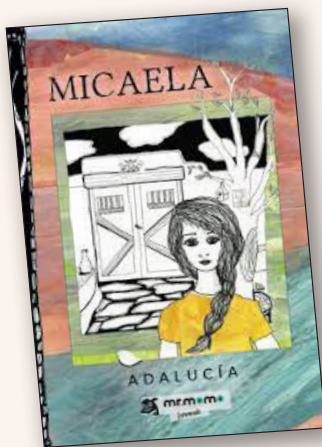
They Called Us Enemy

by George Takei & Justin Eisinger

In 1942, people of Japanese descent in the United States were captured and sent to one of ten relocation centers. This is Takei's story about those years behind barbed wire, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, and how, with the support of his parents, he sowed the seeds of his amazing future.



MARCH AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



Micaela

by Adalucía

Micaela vibra en las entrañas de sus lectores con un latido nuevo. Y nos acostumbramos a ella como si la conociéramos desde siempre, como un perfume antiguo o un exquisito recuerdo que entretiene y endulza el corazón.

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