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Selections for October 2024

October Is Hispanic 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

Meowl-o-ween

by Diane Muldrow

On Meowl-o-ween, cats slink by carved pumpkins and prepare to spook the trick-or-treaters. But a lone kitten is overwhelmed by the crowds and doesn't know which way to turn! This rhyming Halloween tale shows even the smallest scaredy-cat can find the courage to overcome their fears.



Miguel Must Fight!

by Jamie Ofelia

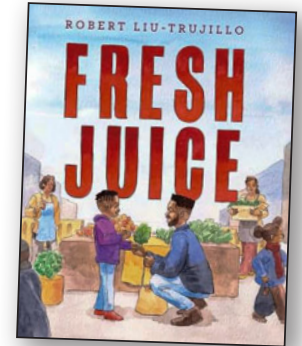
All his life, Miguel's familia told him he must fight! But his family's art of sword fighting never captivated him as much as his colored pencils. When his village is threatened by El Dragón, Miguel must make a choice: Will he stand with his familia and fight, or can he prove that the pencil is mightier than the sword?



Fresh Juice

by Robert Liu-Trujillo

When Art's father can't get over a cold, Art knows exactly what his daddy needs: some sick-fighting juice! They're missing a key ingredient--ginger. Finding some ginger will take them to the farmers' market and the West African grocery, to an unexpected encounter that results in a tasty celebration.

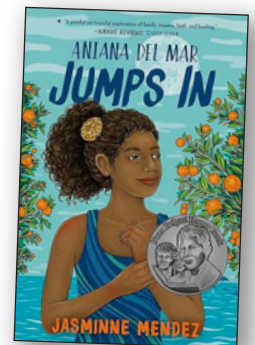


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Aniana del Mar Jumps In

by Jasminne Mendez

Aniana del Mar and Papi keep her swim practices and meets hidden from Mami. Then Ani's swollen joints mean that she can no longer get out of bed, and Ani is forced to reveal how important swimming is. Ani and her doctor believe that swimming will help Ani manage her disease. Ani must grieve who she was to become the young woman she is meant to be.



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

There's a Ghost in this House

by Oliver Jeffers

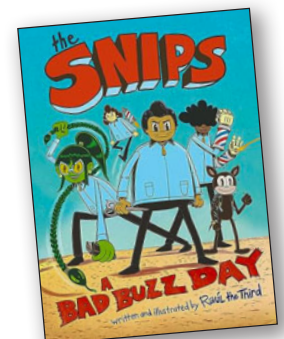
A young girl lives in a haunted house, but she has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? Step inside and help the girl as she searches under the stairs, behind the sofa, and in the attic for the ghost.



The Snips: A Bad Buzz Day

by Raúl the Third

The Snips are crime-fighting, mystery-solving barbers! But Buzz and Boffo have been desperately trying to overthrow the Snips, restore Buzz Corp—their family's company—to the top of the hair-cutting world, and earn the respect of their father. Can the Snips keep the citizens of Scissor City safe?



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Grow up, Luchy Zapata

by Alexandra Alessandri

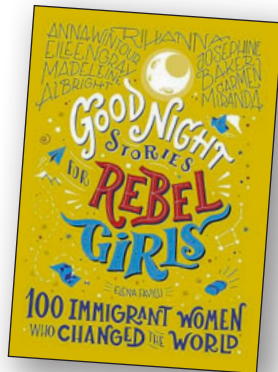


Luchy Zapata is starting middle school. She and her friends, Cami and Mateo, will finally be at the same school. But Cami has been acting weird. She's making new, "cool" friends. Luchy is determined to help Cami remember how special their friendship is. But what if Cami doesn't want to be friends anymore?

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Immigrant Women Who Changed the World

by Elena Favilli

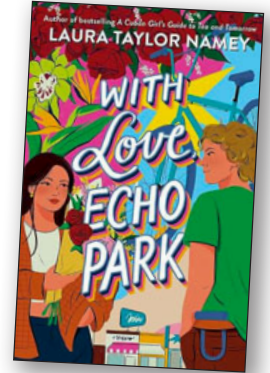
Every reader will enjoy 100 biographies of migrant women who left their country for different reasons: some looking for new opportunities, others because they had no other option. Readers will learn about Madeleine Albright, Asma Khan, Carmen Miranda, Rihanna, and more.



With Love, Echo Park

by Laura Taylor Namey

Clary is set to inherit her family's florist shop, La Rosa Blanca—one of the last Cuban businesses in Echo Park. Only one other business is left—Avalos Bicycle Works. Clary will never be charmed by Emilio, a guy who doesn't care if Echo Park fades away. As summer unfolds, they find there's something stronger than local history tying them together.



The Moonlit Vine/Claro de luna

by Elizabeth Santiago

Taína Perez doesn't know anything about her Taíno heritage. After all, how would ancient Puerto Rican history help with everything going on? A modern tale with interwoven historical chapters, this book brings a powerful story of the struggle, hope, and liberation of Puerto Rican and Taíno peoples.

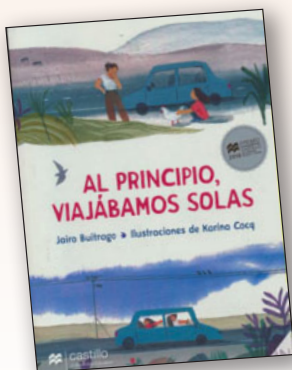


OCTOBER AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION

Al principio, viajábamos solas

by Jairo Buitrago

Eva y Minerva, su mamá, viajan solas por la carretera. Bueno, no completamente solas: las acompaña Hugo, el Oso. Van a visitar a la bisabuela, que está muy enferma. En el camino, se encuentran con Nicte, una niña que también viaja sola. Ellas ofrecen llevarla. Pero Nicte guarda un secreto, y sólo la carretera le permitirá revelárselos.



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