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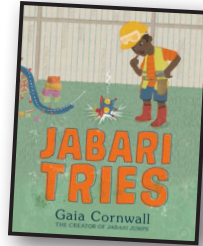
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Jabari Tries

by Gaia Cornwall

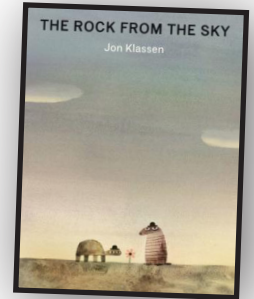
Jabari is making a flying machine in his backyard! Good thing Dad is there for a pep talk and little sister Nika is there to assist, fairy wings and all. This tale shows that through perseverance and flexibility, an inventive thought can become a brilliant reality.



The Rock from the Sky

by Jon Klassen

This is a hilarious meditation on the workings of friendship, fate, shared futuristic visions, and that funny feeling you get that there's something off somewhere, but you just can't put your finger on it. Merging broad visual suspense with wry wit, celebrated picture book creator Jon Klassen gives us an original comedy for the ages.

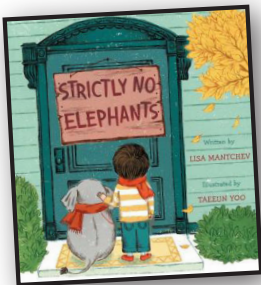


Strictly No Elephants/ No se permiten elefantes

by Lisa Mantchev

Today is Pet Club day. There will be cats and dogs and fish, but strictly no elephants are allowed. The Pet Club doesn't understand that pets come in

all shapes and sizes, just like friends. A boy and his tiny pet elephant show others what it means to be a true friend.

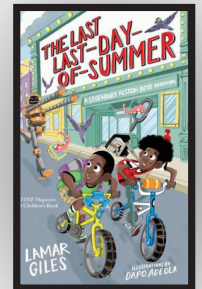


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer

by Lamar Giles

Otto and Sheed are the local sleuths in their Virginia town, masters of unraveling mischief. As the summer winds down and the first day of school looms, the boys are craving just a little bit more fun. Then a mysterious man appears with a camera that literally freezes time. With the help of some very strange people, Otto and Sheed will have to save their town before time stops for good.

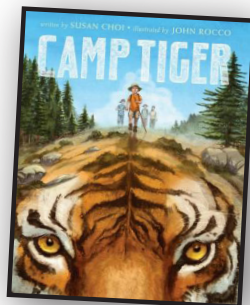


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Camp Tiger

by Susan Choi

Every year, a boy and his family go camping at Mountain Pond. Usually, they see things like eagles, salamanders, and chipmunks. This year is different because the boy is going into first grade, and his mother is encouraging him to do things on his own. And the most different thing of all . . . this year, a tiger comes to the woods.



La montaña de libros más alta del mundo/The Highest Mountain of Books in the World

by Rocio Bonilla

Lucas estaba convencido de que había nacido para volar. Miraba los aviones, intentaba fabricarse alas de todo tipo, ¡incluso pidió poder volar como regalo de Navidad! Pero nada parecía funcionar... Un día, su madre le explicó que había otras formas de cumplir su sueño y le puso un libro en las manos. Ese mismo día, sin darse cuenta, Lucas empezó a volar . . .



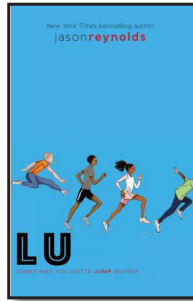
MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Lu

by Jason Reynolds

Lu was born to be co-captain of the Defenders. He was born albino, but that's got nothing to do with being a track star. Lu has swagger, plus the talent to back it up.

Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but suddenly, there are hurdles in Lu's way, and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means.



Los chicos sí que lloran

by Leah Konen

Hola, soy el Amor y quiero contarte una historia. En algún momento apareceré en tu vida y, si me dejas, te ayudaré. Como a Gael Brennan, un gran romántico convencido de que ha encontrado a su amor. Pero no es así, y por eso tengo que intentar llevarle hasta su media naranja. Gael me necesita, y no es precisamente para tener pareja en la fiesta de fin de curso... Al fin y al cabo, no puedo obligar a la gente a que haga nada. No tengo flechas como Cupido ni pociones mágicas. Pero eso no significa que no tenga mis métodos...

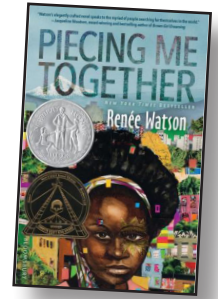


HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Piecing Me Together

by Renée Watson

Jade's mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. And Jade has: Every day she rides the bus away from her friends to the private school where she feels like an outsider, but where she has plenty of opportunities. But some opportunities she doesn't really welcome, like an invitation to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for "at-risk" girls. Just because her mentor is black and graduated from the same high school doesn't mean she understands where Jade is coming from. She's tired of being singled out as someone who needs help, someone people want to fix. Jade wants to speak, to create, to express her joys and sorrows, her pain and her hope. Maybe there are some things she could show other women about understanding the world and finding ways to be real, to make a difference.

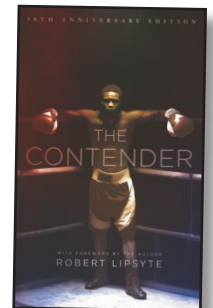


The Contender

by Robert Lipsyte

Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high-school dropout, and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do.

Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There, he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the boxer—that before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender.



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