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## Selections for August 2024

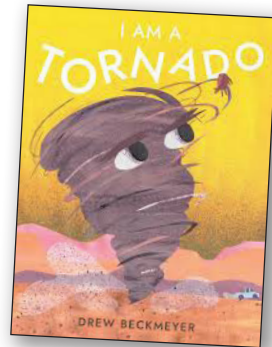
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

### PRESCHOOL

#### ***I Am a Tornado***

by Drew Beckmeyer

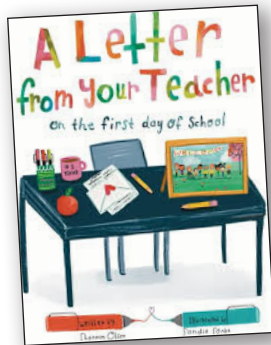
Tornado is on a rampage. It tosses cars and knocks over barns. Tornado is also angry. Then Tornado picks up Cow. Oh, no! Cow would like to be put down. Fortunately, Cow is a good listener. And sometimes Tornado just needs to be heard.



#### ***A Letter from Your Teacher on the First Day of School***

by Shannon Olsen

Through a letter from the teacher, students are given the message that their new teacher is someone who will be special to them. Their teacher is there to help them learn, cheer them on, and provide a caring, safe place for them to learn and grow.



### PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

#### ***When You Can Swim***

by Jack Wong

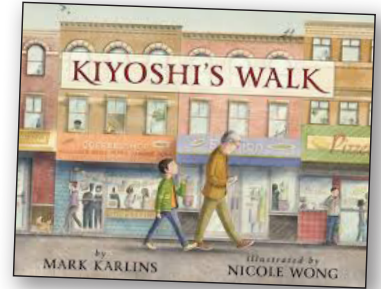
Beautiful illustrations introduce sandpipers, tannin-soaked lakes, and the feeling of a waterfall on sun-soaked shoulders. But what about those who are afraid of the water? This book invites children to discover their confidence and the wonder of the natural world.



#### ***Kiyoshi's Walk***

by Mark Karlins

Grandfather Eto composes his delicate haiku, and Kiyoshi wonders where poems come from. His grandfather takes him to see a cat perched on a hill of oranges and hear the fluttering of wings. Each incident inspires a new haiku from Eto. Kiyoshi discovers that poems come from the world outside, and he writes a haiku of his own.

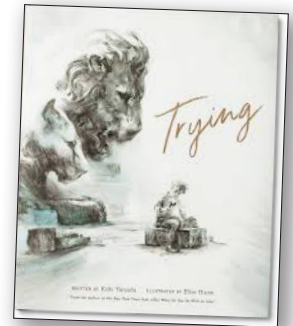


### INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

#### ***Trying***

by Kobi Yamada

How will you know what's possible if you don't try? This is a story for anyone who has ever felt like a beginner, had doubts, or worried they weren't good enough. It's a story for those who have experienced the pain of trying something new and not having it turn out as they had hoped.



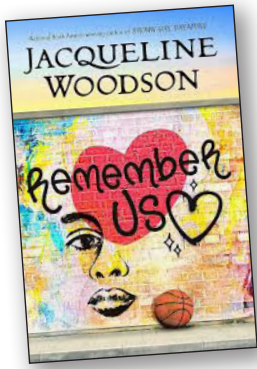
#### ***Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of Extraordinary Women***

by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo

These new bedtime stories feature the adventures of extraordinary women from Nefertiti to Beyoncé. Each biography is transformed into a fairy tale, filling the readers with wonder and curiosity. This book includes a glossary and 100 new portraits created by the best female artists of our time.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



### **Remember Us**

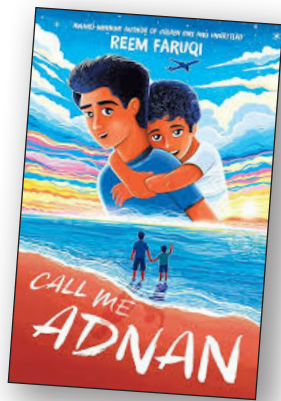
by Jacqueline Woodson

Sage prefers to spend her time shooting hoops with the guys, but as seventh grade approaches, she's also trying to figure out her place inside the circle of girls she's known since childhood. It's also the summer of Freddy, a new kid who truly gets Sage. Together, they reckon with pain, savor what's good, and buoy each other up.

### **Call Me Adnan**

by Reem Faruqi

Adnan Zakir loves table tennis. All Adnan dreams of is making it to the Ultimate Table Tennis Championship in Florida. But when the family travels there, unthinkable tragedy strikes, and Adnan swears he'll never play again. He and his family must learn to make peace and move forward.



## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### **Bash! Vol. 1**

by Rudy Gobert

Rudy's got talent, but talent is nothing without practice, so he sets out to become the best BASH player in the galaxy, always reaching for just one more dunk. While Rudy is starting to get noticed by the teams and the talent scouts, sinister forces have started to creep out from the shadows, jealous of this rising young star.



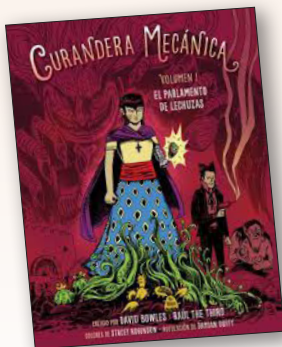
### **Invisible Son**

by Kim Johnson

Andre's suspicions about his arrest for a crime he didn't commit are tainting his friendships after coming home from juvie. The one thing Andre is counting on is the Whitaker kids—especially his longtime crush, Sierra. But her brother Eric is missing. If Andre can find Eric, he just might uncover the truth about his own arrest. But searching for the truth is a dangerous game.



## AUGUST AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



### **El Parlamento de Lechuzas**

by David Bowles & Raúl the Third (Grades 6 – 12)

En la República de Santander, la magia no cristiana está mal vista, si no totalmente vedada. Pero cuando Cristina, aprendiz de chamán, es asesinada por lechuzas malévolas, su hermano Enrique no puede aceptar su muerte. Con alquimia e ingeniería prohibidas, Enrique la devuelve a la vida: parte humana, parte máquina. Aunque su propia existencia es una abominación para los ciudadanos de Santander, Cristina promete usar sus nuevas habilidades para proteger a su país.

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