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Selections for January, 2021



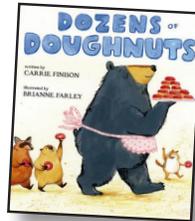
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Dozens of Doughnuts

by Carrie Finison

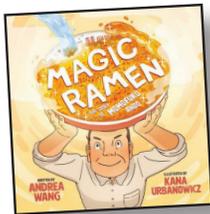
LouAnn is making a doughnut feast in preparation for her long winter nap. Her friend Woodrow drops by and LouAnn is happy to share her doughnuts. One by one, LouAnn's friends come over—and she welcomes her surprise guests with batches of doughnuts. Soon LouAnn's kitchen is bare, winter is near, and she's had nothing to eat!



Inside My Imagination/Dentro de mi imaginación

by Marta Arteaga

We all have a door with which we can access our imagination. Do you dare to participate in the most wonderful journey to your interior? This story, for children and adults alike, invites us to open the doors of our imagination and discover the way it works. What lies there?



Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando

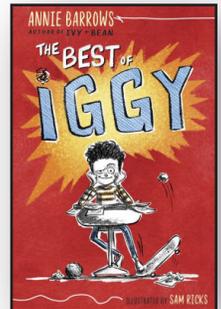
by Andrea Wang

Every day, Momofuku Ando would go to his lab. For years, he'd dreamed about making a new kind of ramen noodle soup that was quick, convenient, and tasty for hungry people during World War II. Peace follows from a full stomach, he believed. Night after night, he failed. But with persistence, creativity, and a little inspiration, Ando succeeded. This is the true story behind one of the world's most popular foods.

The Best of Iggy

by Annie Barrows

Meet 9-year-old Iggy Frangi. He's not a bad kid. Okay, so he's done a few bad things. People make a big deal about nothing. No one got hurt, so there's no problem. No one got hurt except for that one time when the Best Idea Ever turned into the Worst Idea of All Time. What did he do? Well, you'll have to read the book to find out.

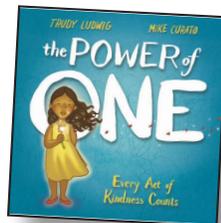


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The Power of One: Every Act of Kindness Counts

by Trudy Ludwig

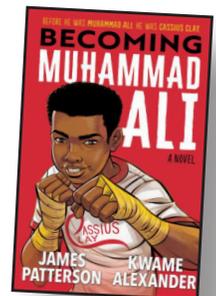
When a child reaches out in friendship to a classmate who seems lonely, she begins a chain reaction of kindness that ripples throughout her school and community. Eventually, the whole neighborhood comes together to build something great. This book conveys a message of kindness and offers concrete steps that kids can take to make a difference in their own communities.



Becoming Muhammad Ali

by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles. The authors vividly depict his life including his struggles in school, the racism he faced, and how Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age 12. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali.



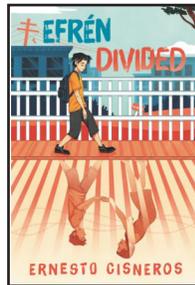
MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Efrén Divided

by Ernesto Cisneros

Efrén Nava's Amá is his Superwoman—or Soperwoman, named after the delicious Mexican sopes his mother prepares. Both Amá and Apá work hard all day to provide for the family, making sure Efrén and his younger siblings Max and Mía feel safe and loved.

But Efrén worries; although he's American-born, his parents are undocumented. His worst nightmare comes true one day when Amá doesn't return from work and is deported across the border to Tijuana, México. Efrén must channel his inner Soperboy to care for and try to reunite his family.



When Stars are Scattered

by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food and no access to the medical care Omar knows

his nonverbal brother needs. When Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might change their futures, but that would mean leaving his brother every day.

Heartbreak, hope, and gentle humor exist together in this graphic novel about a childhood spent waiting and a young man who creates a sense of family and home in the most difficult of settings. Co-author Omar Mohamed tells his own personal story in this book.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Today Tonight Tomorrow

by Rachel Lynn Solomon

It's the last day of senior year. Rowan Roth and Neil McNair have been bitter rivals for all of high school, clashing on test scores, student council elections, and even gym class contests.

When Neil is named valedictorian, Rowan has one last chance at victory: Howl, a senior class game that takes players all over Seattle. But after learning a group of seniors is out to get them, she and Neil reluctantly decide to team up until they're the last players left—and then they'll destroy each other.

As Rowan spends time with Neil, she realizes he's much more than the awkward linguistics nerd she's sparred with for the past four years. And this boy she claims to despise might actually be the boy of her dreams.

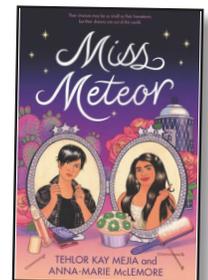


Miss Meteor

by Tehlor Kay Mejia and Anna-Marie McLemore

There hasn't been a winner of the Miss Meteor beauty pageant who looks like Lita Perez or Chicky Quintanilla in all its history. But that's not the only reason Lita wants to enter the contest, or her ex-best friend Chicky wants to help her. The road to becoming Miss Meteor isn't about being perfect; it's about sharing who you are with the world and loving the parts of yourself no one else understands.

To pull off the wildest underdog story in pageant history, Lita and Chicky will have to forget the past and imagine a future where girls like them are more than enough—they are everything.



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