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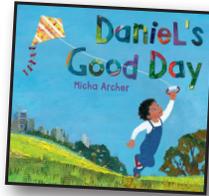
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Daniel's Good Day

by Micha Archer

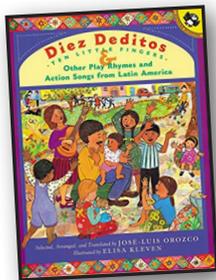
The people in Daniel's neighborhood always say, "Have a good day!" For Emma, a good day means a strong wind for kite flying. For the bus driver, a good day means pleases and thank-yous. And for Daniel's grandma, a good day is a hug from Daniel! When Daniel puts all these good days together, they make a lovely poem.



Doña Flor

by Pat Mora

Doña Flor is a giant lady who lives in a tiny village in the American Southwest. She lets the children use her flowers as trumpets and her leftover tortillas as rafts. Flor can often be found reading to the children. One day, all the villagers hear a terrifying noise. Everyone is afraid, but not Flor. She sets off to find the creature. Soon, Flor's friends come to rescue her, as she discovers the small secret behind that great big noise.



Diez Deditos and Other Play Rhymes and Action Songs from Latin America

by José-Luis Orozco

Singer-songwriter José-Luis Orozco has assembled a collection of favorites and folk songs from a variety of Spanish-speaking countries. *Diez Deditos* is a treat for the eyes, ears, and fingers. Lyrics are presented in both English and Spanish, and easy-to-follow musical accompaniment and diagrams for the corresponding actions are also provided.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Crawl, Bite & Sting: Deadly Insects

by Baby Professor

Not all insects are friendly. Some deadly insects should be avoided at all times. Alert your child to these deadly insects by reading and showing them pictures. This picture book can help educate your child about the dangerous world of insects.

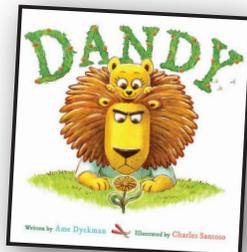


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Dandy

by Ame Dyckman

When Daddy spots a solitary weed in his lawn, he's appalled (along with all his neighborhood friends). But his daughter Sweetie has fallen in love with the beautiful flower, even naming it Charlotte. Daddy has to find a way to get rid of the errant dandelion without breaking his little girl's heart.



The First Tortilla: A Bilingual Story

by Rudolfo Anaya

Jade lives in a village next to a towering volcano. On its peak lives a Mountain Spirit who rumbles the earth, fills the sky with smoke, and pours lava down the mountainside. Angered, the Mountain Spirit has stopped sending rain. A blue hummingbird tells Jade she must take a gift to the Mountain Spirit and ask for rain. When Jade presents her food offering to the Mountain Spirit, it offers the brave girl corn kernels that she takes back to her village and uses to create the first tortilla.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Sunny

by Jason Reynolds

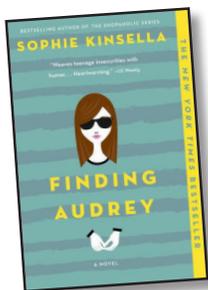
Sunny is always ready with a goofy smile and something nice to say. But his life hasn't always been sun beamy-bright. His mother died giving birth to him, and based on how Sunny's dad treats him—ignoring him, making Sunny call him Darryl, never “Dad”—it's no wonder Sunny thinks he's to blame. It seems the only thing Sunny can do right in his dad's eyes is win first place ribbons running the mile. But Sunny doesn't like running, so he stops right in the middle of a race.

So Coach asks Sunny what he wants to do. Sunny wants to dance. Then he discovers a track event that encompasses the hard beats of hip-hop, the precision of ballet, and the showmanship of dance: the discus throw. But as he practices for this new event, can he let go of everything that's been eating him up inside?



Finding Audrey/Buscando a Audrey

by Sophie Kinsella



Audrey wears dark glasses all the time, even in the house. She almost never goes out, doesn't talk to new people, and finds making eye contact to be nearly impossible. But then she meets Linus, her brother's friend and a sensitive spirit with whom she can talk through her fears. He makes her laugh and doesn't leave her feeling like she's being judged.

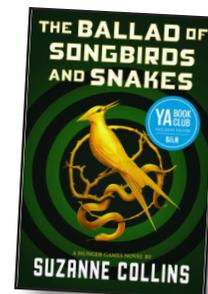
As their friendship deepens, Audrey's recovery gains momentum, and she and Linus begin to develop feelings for each other. But how can they have a future together when Audrey hasn't dealt with her past? And how could anyone ever love her once they've seen her at her worst?

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

by Suzanne Collins

It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The odds are against him. He's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are now completely intertwined—every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favor or failure, triumph or ruin. Inside the arena, it will be a fight to the death. Outside the arena, Coriolanus starts to feel for his doomed tribute . . . and must weigh his need to follow the rules against his desire to survive no matter what it takes.



Serafina's Stories

by Rudolfo Anaya

New Mexico's master storyteller creates a southwestern version of the Arabian Nights in this fable set in 17th-century Santa Fe. In January 1680, a dozen Pueblo Indians are charged with conspiring to incite a revolution against the colonial government. When the prisoners are brought before the governor, one of them is revealed as a young woman. Educated by the friars in her pueblo's mission church, Serafina speaks beautiful Spanish and surprises the governor with her fearlessness and intelligence.



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