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*Selections for June, 2020*



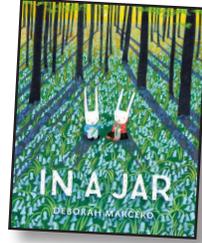
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

## PRESCHOOL

### *In a Jar*

by Deborah Marcero

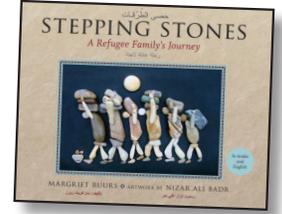
Llewellyn, a little rabbit, collects buttercups, feathers, and heart-shaped stones. Then he meets Evelyn, and together they collect extraordinary things like rainbows, the sound of the ocean, and the wind just before snow falls. One day, Evelyn has sad news: Her family is moving away. How can the friends continue their magical collection and their special friendship?



### *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey*

by Margriet Ruurs

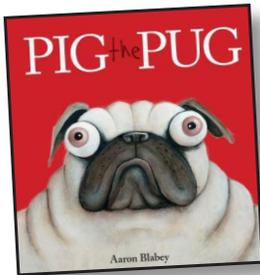
This is the story of Rama and her family, who are forced to flee their once-peaceful village to escape the ravages of the civil war raging ever closer to their home. With only what they can carry on their backs, Rama and her mother, father, grandfather, and brother set out to walk to freedom in Europe. Artist Nizar Ali Badr's stunning stone images illustrate the story. Available in Arabic.



### *Pig the Pug/Chancho el pug*

by Aaron Blabey

Pig is a greedy and selfish pug. He has all the bouncy balls, bones, and chew toys a dog could ever want, yet he refuses to share with his friend, Trevor. Little does he know that being greedy has consequences. Join Pig as he learns to share—the hard way!



## INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

### *The Season of Styx Malone*

by Kekla Magoon

Caleb Franklin and his big brother, Bobby Gene, are excited to have adventures in the woods behind their house. Then Caleb and Bobby Gene meet Styx Malone, who is sixteen and oozes cool. Styx promises the brothers that the three of them can pull off the Great Escalator Trade—exchanging one small thing for something better until they achieve their wildest dream. But as the trades get bigger, the brothers learn that Styx has secrets—secrets so big they could ruin everything.



## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### *We Are the Gardeners*

by Joanna Gaines and Kids

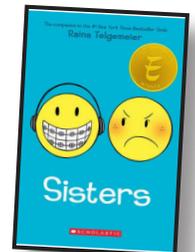
Enjoy a family's adventures in starting their own garden! Telling their story of failed crops, bunnies that eat everything, and knowledge gained along the way, the Gaines family shares how they grew a happy, successful garden. Gardening isn't always easy, but the hardest work often yields the greatest reward—and tasty food!



### *Sisters/Hermanas*

by Raina Telgemeier

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't the way she expected. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much, but when a baby brother comes along and then something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.

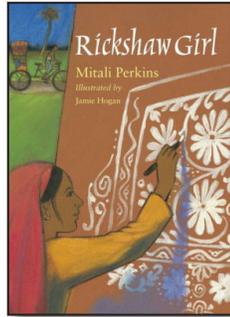


## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

### ***Rickshaw Girl***

by Mitali Perkins

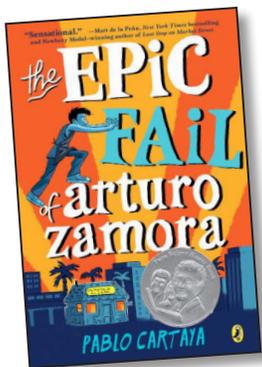
Naima is a talented painter of traditional alpana patterns, which Bangladeshi women and girls paint on their houses for special celebrations. But Naima is not satisfied just painting alpana. She wants to help earn money for her family. When Naima's rash effort to help puts her family deeper in debt, she draws on her resourceful nature and her talents to bravely save the day.



### ***The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora***

by Pablo Cartaya

For Arturo, summertime in Miami means playing basketball, sipping mango smoothies, and keeping cool. And maybe a few shifts at Abuela's restaurant. But this



summer also includes Carmen, a poetry enthusiast who moves into Arturo's apartment complex. He almost doesn't notice the land developer who rolls into town and threatens to change things. Arturo refuses to let his family and community go down without a fight, and as he schemes with Carmen, Arturo discovers the power of poetry and protest.

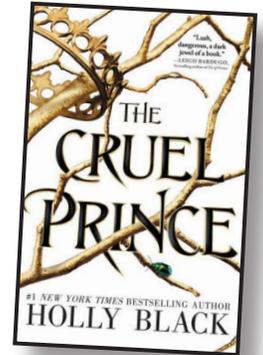
## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### ***The Cruel Prince/El príncipe cruel***

by Holly Black

Book #1 in *The Folk of the Air* series

Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans—especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King.

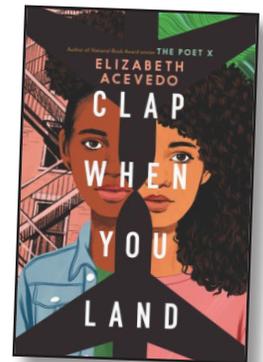


To win a place at the High Court, she must defy him—and face the consequences.

### ***Clap When You Land***

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But on the day his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people.



In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.

Separated by distance—and Papi's secrets—both girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered.

And just when it seems they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other.

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