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# MPS READS!

*Selections for June, 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

### ***Rou and the Great Race***

by Pam Fong

In a time when a flower is so rare that it is the grand prize of an annual race, Rou's wish is to win for her grandma, who is haunted by memories of when flowers were once abundant. But sometimes the real prize is what we make for ourselves.



### ***A New Home/Un nuevo hogar***

by Tania de Regil

Moving to a new city can be exciting. Will you make friends? What will you eat? Where will you play? A young boy conveys his fears about moving from New York City to Mexico City while, at the same time, a young girl prepares to leave Mexico City for New York.



### ***No Pants***

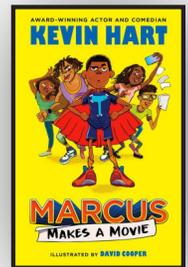
by Jacob Grant

Pablo and his dad are ready for a great day—a cookout with the whole family. They need to get ready. Eat breakfast. Brush teeth. Put on pants. Only Pablo has another idea: No pants!

### ***Marcus Makes a Movie***

by Kevin Hart

Marcus wants to turn the story of his cartoon superhero into an actual MOVIE! He'll need help from his friends, his teachers, and even Tyrell, the local bully. Making this movie won't be easy. But as Marcus discovers, if you want your dream to come true, you've got to put in the hustle to make it happen.

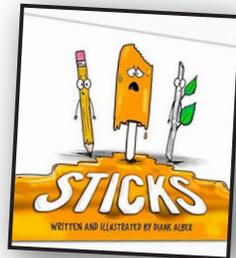


## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### ***Sticks***

by Diane Alber

A heartwarming story about finding your place in the world. **Sticks** is about a Popsicle that melts and becomes just a plain stick. He has a hard time adjusting, but with the help of some new friends who are sticks, he realizes that melting was part of his journey.



### ***Mexique: A Refugee Story from the Spanish Civil War***

by María José Ferrada

In 1937, over 400 children sailed for Morelia, Mexico, fleeing the violence of the Spanish Civil War. Each child packed a suitcase and boarded the *Mexique*, expecting to return home in a few months. When the war finally ended, a dictator—the fascist Francisco Franco—ruled Spain. Home was even more dangerous than before, and the children stayed in Mexico. This moving book describes the “children of Morelia,” many of whom never returned to Spain during Franco's regime.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

### ***One Time***

by Sharon Creech

Gina Filomena has been told she has an overactive imagination. With her bright clothing and artistic spirit, she's always felt different from other kids. That is, until she meets her new neighbor, a mysterious boy named Antonio.

Add in a creative new teacher, Miss Lightstone, and a world of possibilities opens up for Gina, Antonio, and their classmates. With the help of Antonio and Miss Lightstone, will Gina find the answers to the questions: *Who am I?* and *Who do I want to be?*



### ***Boy, Everywhere***

by A.M. Dassu

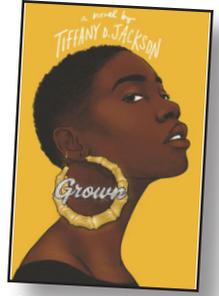
Sami and his family embark on a harrowing journey to save themselves from the Syrian civil war. Sami loves his life in Damascus. He hangs out with his best friend; he's trying out for the football team; he adores his family and gets annoyed by them in equal measure. But his comfortable life gets sidetracked after a bombing in a nearby shopping mall. Knowing that the violence will only get worse, Sami's parents decide they must flee their home for the safety of the United Kingdom.

## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### ***Grown***

by Tiffany D. Jackson

When legendary R&B artist Korey Fields spots Enchanted Jones at an audition, her dreams of being a famous singer take flight. Until Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night. Who killed Korey Fields?



Before there was a dead body, Enchanted's dreams had turned into a nightmare. Behind Korey's charm and star power was a controlling dark side. Now he's dead, the police are at the door, and all signs point to Enchanted.

### ***¡Calla, Cándida, calla!***

by Maite Carranza

Cándida tiene claro que el verano es para disfrutar en compañía de las amigas del alma. Pero sus padres la envían a un pueblecito de La Rioja donde vive su abuela. Y lo peor: acompañada de sus hermanos Gustavo y Alicia. ¡Horror! ¿Hay algo más aburrido que unas vacaciones en familia, en un pueblo convencional y lleno de moscas? Cándida cree que no podrá soportarlo hasta que descubre a una pandilla de jóvenes, y, sobre todo, a Jan, el rastas más guapo del pueblo.



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