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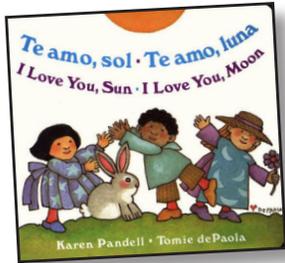
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

I Want My Hat Back

by Jon Klassen

The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Politely, he asks the animals whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, but just as the bear becomes sad, a deer asks a simple question that sparks the bear's memory. This classic repetitive tale plays out in illustrations that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke.



I Love You, Sun • I Love You, Moon / Te amo, sol • Te amo, luna

by Karen Pandell

In this family favorite, each child connects with what he or she sees in both Spanish and

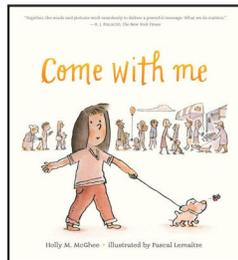
English, pointing at the sol/sun, watering a flor/flower, feeding a carrot to a conejo/bunny—all the while saying “Te amo/I love you” to each one. Adorable pictures warmly illustrate each activity, making it easy and fun to learn these simple Spanish and English words.

PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Come with Me

by Holly M. McGhee

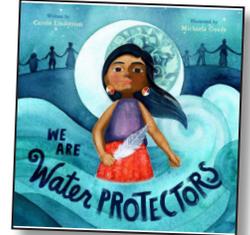
When a girl asks her papa what she can do to make the world a better place, he says, “Come with me.” They walk to the subway, tipping their hats to those they meet. The next day, the girl asks her mama what she can do, and together they set out for the grocery. After dinner, the little girl asks if she can walk the dog. “Come with me,” the girl tells the boy across the hall. Walking together, the girl and the boy see that they matter to the world.



We Are Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom

Inspired by the many indigenous-led movements across North America, this book issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption. All ages will enjoy this bold and lyrical picture book vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade.

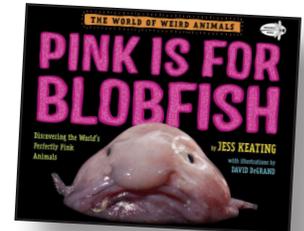


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Pink is for Blobfish

by Jess Keating

Some people think pink is a pretty color—a fluffy, sparkly, princess color. Pink is also the color of monster slugs and poisonous insects, intelligent dolphins, naked mole rats, and bizarre, bloated blobfish.

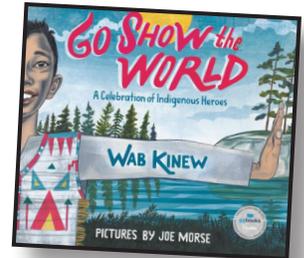


Take a walk on the wild side with zoologist Jess Keating, whose other books in the *World of Weird Animals* series include *What Makes a Monster?* and *Cute as an Axolotl*.

Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes

by Wab Kinew

Celebrating the stories of indigenous people, Wab Kinew has created a powerful rap song whose lyrics are the basis of this beautiful picture book. Profiles include Crazy Horse, Net-no-kwa, former NASA astronaut John Herrington, and Canadian NHL goalie Carey Price. Their stories are inspiring and empower the reader with a message: “We are people who matter, yes, it's true; now let's show the world what people who matter can do.”

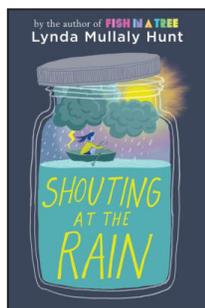


MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Shouting at the Rain

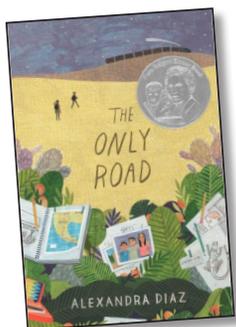
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Delsie loves tracking the weather—lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life. She’s always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she’s looking at their life with new eyes and wishing she could have a “regular family.” Luckily, she has neighbors who support her, and a new friend, Ronan, who is caring and courageous. Ronan and Delsie both learn what it means to be angry versus sad, broken versus whole, and abandoned versus loved. And together, they can weather any storm.



The Only Road/ El único destino

by Alexandra Diaz



Everyone in Jaime’s small town in Guatemala knows someone who has been killed by the Alphas, a powerful gang known for violence. Anyone who refuses to work for them is hurt or killed—like Jaime’s cousin Miguel. Jaime fears that he is next. Accompanied by his cousin Ángela, Jaime must flee his home to live with his older brother in New Mexico.

Inspired by true events, this is the story of a boy who feels that leaving his home and risking everything is his only chance for a better life. It is a story of fear and bravery, strangers becoming family, and one boy’s treacherous and life-changing journey.

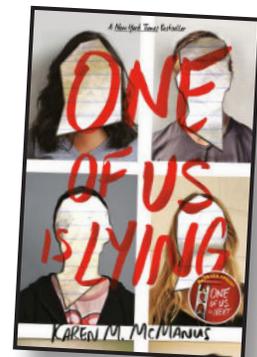
HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

One of Us is Lying

by Karen M. McManus

Pay close attention and you might solve this.

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention: Bronwyn, the brain; Addy, the beauty; Nate, the criminal; Cooper, the athlete; and Simon, the outcast.



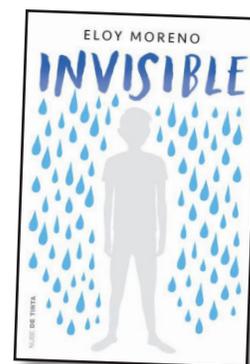
Before the end of detention, Simon is dead, and his death wasn’t an accident. On Tuesday, he’d planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who’s still on the loose?

Invisible/Invisible

by Eloy Moreno

Who hasn’t, at some point, wished they were invisible? Who hasn’t wanted to stop being invisible?

The problem is that I have never been able to control that power. Sometimes, when I mostly felt a desire to be invisible, it was when more people saw me. On the other hand, when I wanted everyone to see me, it was when my body decided to disappear.



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