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Selections for May, 2020



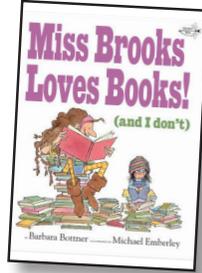
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don't)

by Barbara Bottner

With the help of Miss Brooks, Missy's classmates all find books they love in the library—books about fairies and dogs and trains and cowboys. But Missy dismisses them all—“Too flowery, too furry, too clickety, too yippity.” But Miss Brooks is determined—Book Week is here and Missy will find a book to love if they have to empty the entire library.

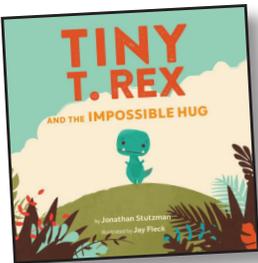


Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug

by Jonathan Stutzman

Tiny T. Rex has a huge problem. His friend Pointy needs cheering up and only a hug will do. But with his short stature and teeny T. Rex arms, is a hug impossible? Join a plucky little dinosaur in this warm and funny tale that proves the

best hugs come from the biggest hearts.

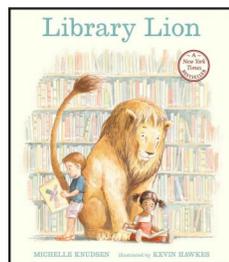


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Library Lion/Un leon en la biblioteca

by Michelle Knudsen

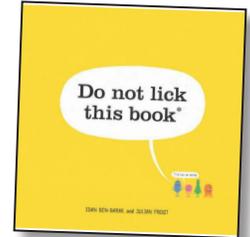
Miss Merriweather, the head librarian, is very particular about rules in the library. But when a lion comes to the library, no one is sure what to do. As it turns out, this lion seems very well suited to the library. His big feet are quiet and he makes a comfy backrest for children at story hour. And when something terrible happens, the lion quickly comes to the rescue.



Do Not Lick this Book

by Idan Ben-Barak

Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. So small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before—like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle of your shirt.



INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré/Sembrando Historias: Pura Belpré: bibliotecaria y narradora de cuentos

by Anika Aldamuy Denise

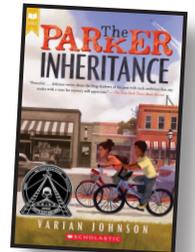
When she came to America in 1921, Pura Belpré carried the folklore of her Puerto Rican homeland. Finding a new home at the New York Public Library as a bilingual assistant, she turned her popular retellings into books and spread story seeds across the land. Today, generations of children and storytellers continue to share her tales and celebrate Pura's legacy.



The Parker Inheritance

by Varian Johnson

In an old attic, Candice finds a letter addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. The letter describes a young woman and an injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery unfolds, and a fortune awaits the person who solves the puzzle.



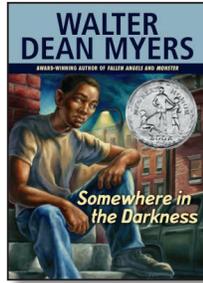
With the help of her friend Brandon, Candice begins to decipher the clues. They travel deep into the town's history, full of ugly deeds and forgotten heroes. Can they find the fortune and fulfill the letter's promise before the answers slip into the past again?

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Somewhere in the Darkness/ *Un lugar entre las sombras*

by Walter Dean Myers

Jimmy hasn't seen his father in nine years. But one day he comes back—on the run from the law. Together, the two of them travel across the country—where Jimmy's dad will find the man who can exonerate him of the crime for which he was convicted. Along the way, Jimmy discovers a lot about his father and himself—and that while things can't always be fixed, sometimes they can be understood and forgiven.



Hurricane Season

by Nicole Melleby

Fig, a sixth grader, loves her dad and the home they share in a beachside town. She does not love the long months of hurricane season. Her father, a once-renowned piano player, sometimes goes looking for the music in the middle of a storm.

Fig wants to see the world through her father's eyes, so she takes an art class to experience life as an artist does. Then social services shows up at their door.

Fig is sure it's up to her alone to solve her father's problems and protect her family's privacy. With the help of her best friend, a girl at the library, and a kind new neighbor, Fig learns she isn't as alone as she once thought . . . and begins to compose her own definition of family.



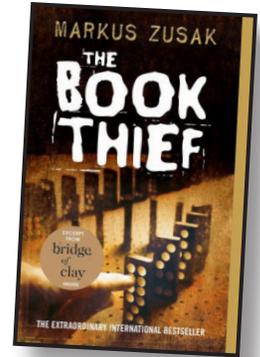
HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

The Book Thief/ *La ladrona de libros*

by Markus Zusak

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich who gives her life meaning by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. This is a remarkable personal glimpse into life under the Nazi regime.

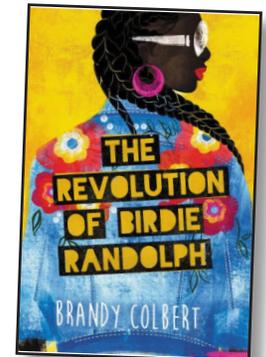


The Revolution of Birdie Randolph

by Brandy Colbert

Dove "Birdie" Randolph works hard to be the perfect daughter. She quit playing her beloved soccer and she's on track to finish high school at the top of her class. But then Birdie falls hard for Booker, a sweet boy with a troubled past.

When her estranged aunt Carlene moves into the apartment above the family's hair salon, Birdie notices the tension building at home. Carlene is sweet, friendly, and open-minded—and has been in treatment for addiction. As Birdie becomes closer to both Booker and Carlene, she yearns to spread her wings. But when long-buried secrets rise to the surface, everything she's known to be true is turned upside down.



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