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# MPS READS!

Selections for May, 2023

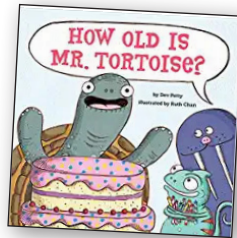
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

## PRESCHOOL

### **How Old Is Mr. Tortoise?**

by Dev Petty

It's Mr. Tortoise's birthday, and he can't wait to eat cake with his friends. But Mr. Tortoise can't remember how old he is, so his friends don't know how many candles to put on the cake. The partygoers work to find the answer with a simple bit of addition.



### **It's a Mitig!**

by Bridget George

Young readers are guided through the forest and introduced to Ojibwe words. Encounter an *amik* swimming in the river, a prickly *gaag* hiding in the bushes, and a big, bark-covered *mitig*. Using rhyme, this book makes learning new words fun.

### **Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend**

by Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo is a spirited seven-year-old Ojibwe girl who moves through the world a little differently. Even though Jo Jo loves her best friend Mimi (a cat), she needs to make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore.

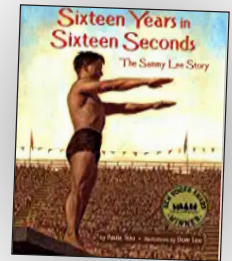


## INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

### **Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story**

by Paula Yoo

The inspirational true story of Sammy Lee, a Korean American who overcame discrimination to realize both his father's desire that he become a doctor and his own dream of becoming an Olympic champion diver.

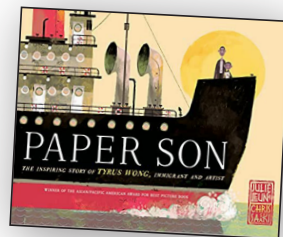


## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### **Paper Sun: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist**

by Julie Leung

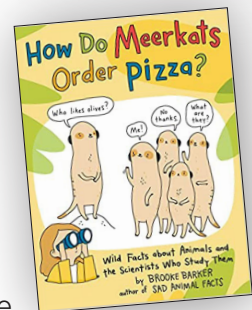
As a boy, Tyrus Wong traveled from China to America with only a suitcase and immigration papers. He seized every opportunity to make art, enrolling at an art institute in Los Angeles. He eventually created the iconic backgrounds of the Disney movie *Bambi*.



### **How Do Meerkats Order Pizza? Wild Facts about Animals and the Scientists Who Study Them**

by Brooke Barker

Meet some weird, wonderful animals and the scientists who study them. There's nothing these amazing humans won't do to help us learn more about animals. This hilarious book reveals secrets like why roosters crow and how meerkats make decisions as a group.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



### ***The Legend of Auntie Po***

by Shing Yin Khor

Anchoring herself with stories of Auntie Po, Chinese immigrant Mei navigates the difficulty of lumber camp work and her growing romantic feelings for her friend Bee.

This book is about immigrant families holding on to rituals and traditions while staking out their own place in the United States.

### ***Charlie Hernández & the League of Shadows***

by Ryan Calejo

Thanks to his abuela's stories, Charlie is an expert on the monsters that have spent the last 500 years haunting Spain and Central and South America. His grandmother hinted that the tales might be true, but when Charlie experiences freaky body changes, he is swept up in a world of these mythical beings.



## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### ***Boys I Know***

by Anna Gracia

June's mother insists she follow in her sister's footsteps and get a full-ride violin scholarship. Instead, she focuses on her relationship with Rhys. But after her scheme explodes, she flings herself into a new relationship. June will have to decide how she's going to live her life—even if it means fraying her relationship with her mother.



### ***Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky: Myths of Mexico***

by David Bowles

These stories trace the history of the world. We hear about the Creator Twins and how they built the world; the shape-shifting nahualli; and the aluxes, elfish beings known to help wanderers. And we read Aztec tales about the blond strangers from across the sea who seek to destroy the very stories we are reading.



## BOOKS IN SPANISH

### ***Aire encantado: Dos culturas, dos alas: una memoria***

by Margarita Engle



Margarita es una niña de dos mundos. Su corazón está en Cuba, la isla tropical de su mamá. Entonces estalla una revolución en Cuba. Margarita teme por su familia lejana. ¿Cómo es posible que los dos países que ella quiere se odien tanto mutuamente? ¿Y podrá volver a visitar su hermosa isla de nuevo?

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