

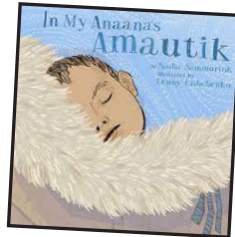
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

In My Anaana's Amautik

by Nadia Sammurtok

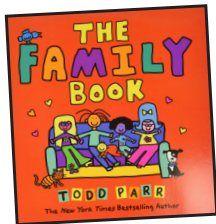
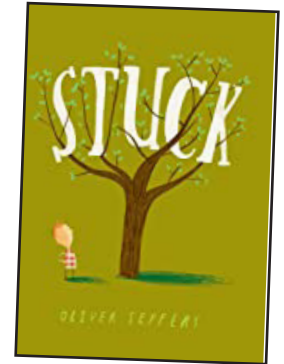
Experience the amautik—the pouch in the back of a mother's parka used to carry a child—through the eyes of the baby nestled inside. Sweet and soothing, this book offers a unique perspective that will charm readers of all ages.



Stuck/Atrapados

by Oliver Jeffers

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he's determined to knock it down with his shoe. But it gets stuck too! He throws his other shoe. Only now it's stuck! Surely there must be something he can use to get his kite. An orangutan? A boat? His front door? And that's only the beginning.



The Family Book/El libro de la familia

by Todd Parr

This book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Some families are big. Some families are small.

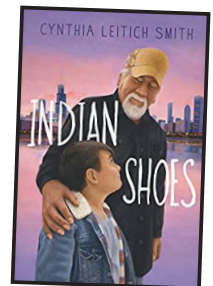
Some families live near each other. Some families live far from each other.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Indian Shoes

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Ray Halfmoon prefers hightops, but he gladly trades them for a nice pair of moccasins for his grandpa. After all, it's Grampa Halfmoon who's always there to help Ray get out of scrapes—like the time they teamed up to pet sit for the whole block during a holiday blizzard!

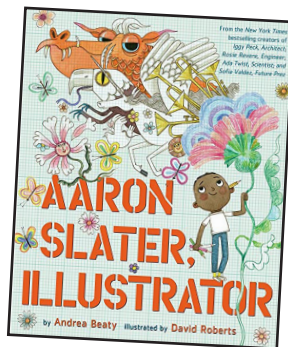


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Aaron Slater, Illustrator

by Andrea Beaty

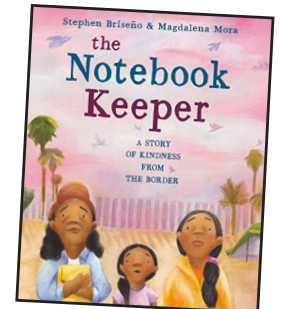
Part of the series *The Questioners*, Aaron Slater dreams of writing stories. But he struggles with reading more than his peers. When his teacher asks the class to write a story, Aaron can't get a single word down. He is sure his dream of being a storyteller is out of reach . . . until Aaron finds a way.



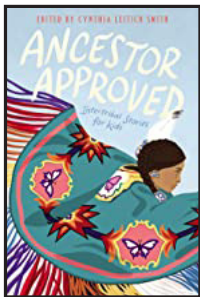
The Notebook Keeper: A Story of Kindness from the Border/La guardiana de la libreta: Usa historia de bondad desde la frontera

by Stephen Briseño

Noemi and Mama flee their home in Mexico and head for the U.S. border. They look for “the notebook keeper”—the person in charge of a ledger for those waiting to cross, and they add their names to the book. As the days turn into weeks, the little girl looks for kindness around her—and inside herself.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

This collection of intersecting stories by Native writers bursts with hope, joy, resilience, and Native pride. Native families gather at the Dance for Mother Earth Powwow in Michigan. People dance, sell beadwork and books, and celebrate friendship and heritage. Young protagonists will meet relatives from far away and mysterious strangers.

The Moon Within

by Aida Salazar

Celi Rivera's life swirls with questions about her changing body, boys, and the idea of gender fluidity. Her mother insists that she have a moon ceremony when her first period arrives—an ancestral Mexican ritual—but Celi promises she will NOT be participating. Can she find the power to be who she wants to be?



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

If I Ever Get out of Here

by Eric Gansworth

Lewis Blake is used to the joys and difficulties of life on the Tuscarora Indian reservation: the joking, the Fireball games, the snow blowing through his roof. He's not used to white people being nice to him — like George, who recently moved to town. As the boys connect through their passion for music, Lewis has to lie to hide his family's poverty. If George finds out the truth, will he still be his friend?



Color Me In

by Natasha Díaz

Growing up in an affluent suburb of New York City, 16-year-old Nevaeh Levitz never thought much about her biracial roots. When her Black mom and Jewish dad split up, she relocates to her mom's family home in Harlem and is forced to confront her identity. Will she decide who and where she is meant to be?



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Me gusta

by Angela Dominguez

En la afirmativa y alentadora Me Gusta, la aclamada autora e ilustradora Ángela Domínguez combina el español y el inglés en una poética y conmovedora historia familiar, recordándonos que a través de las aventuras y la angustia, el amor lo conquista todo y trasciende el lenguaje.



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