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Selections for October 2023

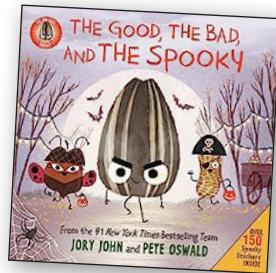
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

The Good, the Bad, and the Spooky

by Jory John and Pete Oswald

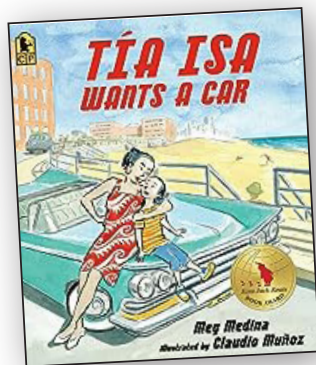
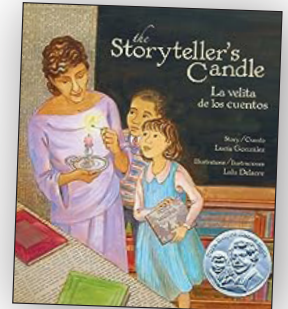
Halloween is the Bad Seed's favorite holiday. But what's a seed to do when he can't find a show-stopping costume? Can he get a costume together in time? Or will this seed return to his bad ways? Find out in this hilarious, charming, and thought-provoking story.



The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos

by Lucía González

The winter of 1929 feels cold to cousins Hildamar and Santiago—they arrived in New York City from Puerto Rico only months before. Their home feels far away. But then a magical visitor appears in their class, a gifted storyteller and librarian by the name of Pura Belpré.



Tía Isa Wants a Car

by Meg Medina

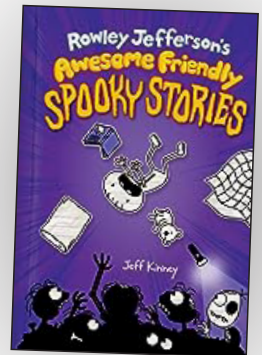
While Tía Isa wants to save money for a car that will take the whole family to the beach, her niece does odd jobs for neighbors. But it's hard to save enough when half the money is set aside to bring family members who live far away to join them someday.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories

by Jeff Kinney

Grab a flashlight, crawl under the covers, and dive into the twisted, unexpectedly hilarious world of Rowley Jefferson. You'll meet zombies, vampires, ghosts, and much more. These spooky stories might leave you laughing, but beware—you could end up sleeping with the lights on!

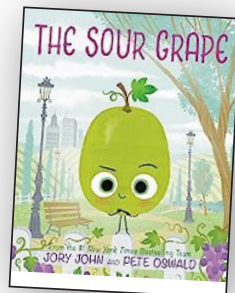


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

The Sour Grape

by Jory John and Pete Oswald

The Sour Grape holds grudges for every reason. Lime never returned a scarf and Orange never called back. But when a friend holds a grudge against the Sour Grape, it realizes how unfair grudges can be. Could forgiveness and compassion turn a sour grape sweet?



Ghost Squad

by Claribel A. Ortega

Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her cat to reverse the curse to save the town.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Eden's Everdark

by Karen Strong

When Eden discovers her mother's old sketchbook, she's haunted by a creepy mansion covered with roots and a tall woman with wind-blown hair. Eden follows a black cat and stumbles into Everdark, where spirits linger between death and the afterlife, and where her mother's drawings are real—especially the Witch of Everdark, who wants to make Eden her eternal daughter.

The Jump

by Brittney Morris

Team Jericho is the best scavenger hunting team in all of Seattle. But their families are at risk of losing their jobs and homes. When a mysterious organization hijacks the scavenger hunt and concocts a puzzle, promising a reward, Team Jericho sees the chance of a lifetime. If they win, they could change their families' fates and save the city.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Delicious Monsters

by Liselle Sambury

Brittney is desperate to get out from under the thumb of her abusive mother, a bestselling author who claims her stay at "Miracle Mansion" allowed her to see the error of her ways. Brittney decides the new season of her popular Haunted web series will uncover what happened to a young Black girl in the mansion ten years prior.



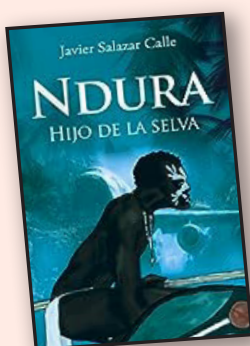
We Were Here

by Matt de la Peña

When it happened, Miguel was sent to Juvi. The judge gave him a year in a group home. The judge had no idea that he actually did Miguel a favor. From the streets of Stockton to the beaches of Venice, all the way to the Mexican border, this is a journey of self-discovery by a boy who is trying to forgive himself.



AUTHENTIC SPANISH TITLE



Ndura: Hijo de la selva

by Javier Salazar Calle

Cuando una persona normal y corriente, cualquiera de nosotros, se encuentra de repente en una situación de vida o muerte en medio de la selva, ¿sabría sobrevivir?

Este es el dilema que se le ofrece al protagonista de nuestra historia, que, volviendo de unas tranquilas vacaciones, se ve envuelto en una inesperada situación de supervivencia en la selva del Congo cuando el avión en el que viaja se estrella. Un lugar donde la naturaleza no es el único enemigo y donde sobrevivir no es el único problema.

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