

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.

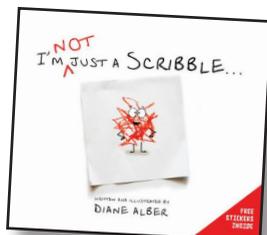


PRESCHOOL

I'm Not Just a Scribble . . .

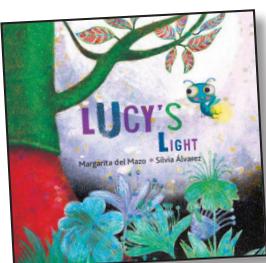
by Diane Alber

In this story about kindness and inclusion, Scribble never thought he was different until he met his first drawing. After being left out because he didn't look like everyone else, Scribble teaches the drawings how to accept each other for who they are, and this enables them to create amazing art.



Lucy's Light/La luz de Lucía

by Margarita del Mazo



Lucy is the youngest member of a family of fireflies. She wants to shine like all the others, but she's too little. One night, it's Lucy's turn. She can fly off to light up the forest, but something is stopping her.

This tale is about how important it is to shine as brightly as you can with the light that we all carry within us and makes us unique.

Mister Yes/Senor Sí

by Carmen Gil

Mr. Yes could do a lot of different, funny things, but he never learned how to say no. Too often, he would agree to do things even though he really wanted to say no. One day, Mr. Yes found a powerful new voice.



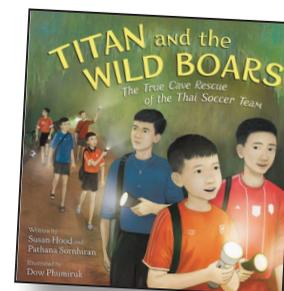
Have you ever smiled and said yes when you really wanted to say no? This is a fun story about the importance of communication and being assertive.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Titan and the Wild Boars

by Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran

This is the true story of the international rescue of the Wild Boars soccer team from a flooded cave in Thailand. When Titan, his Wild Boars soccer team, and their coach decided to explore a local cave, they crawled through narrow tunnels in the dark to reach the center of the cave. When they turned to go home, heavy rains had flooded the tunnel. They were trapped!

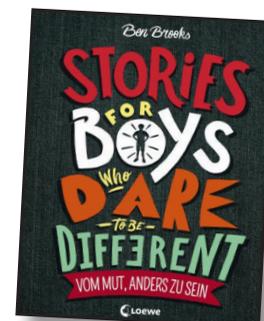


Time and oxygen were running out. The world watched as rescuers from around the globe worked to free the boys. After eighteen harrowing days, they were finally saved.

Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different/Cuentos para niños que se atreven a ser diferentes

by Ben Brooks

Boys can be anything they want to be! This book expands the gender-role conversation



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

After the Fall

by Dan Santat

Everyone knows that when Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened next?

This poignant tale follows Humpty Dumpty, an avid bird watcher who loved to sit high up on the city wall—until his famous fall. Now terrified of heights, Humpty can no longer do the things he loves.

Will he summon the courage to face his fear?



and gives middle-grade boys a welcome message: that masculinity can mean many things. Readers will meet 75 famous and not-so-famous men, each one a rule-breaker and stereotype-smasher in his own way. Entries include Frank Ocean, Salvador Dali, Beethoven, Barack Obama, Ai Weiwei, Jesse Owens, and many more—heroes from all walks of life and from all over the world.

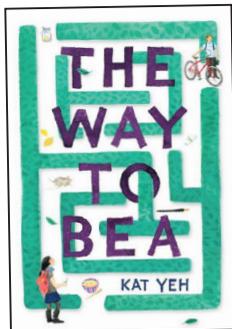
MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

The Way to Bea

by Kat Yeh

Seventh grade isn't starting off well for Beatrix Lee. Bea used to have friends . . . and now she doesn't. She was an only child . . . and now she's going to be a big sister. She used to fit in . . . and now she stands out.

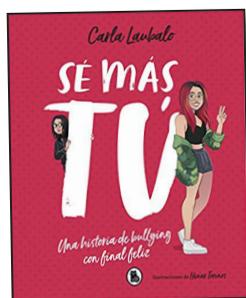
She takes solace in writing poems and hiding them in a secret spot. But then something incredible happens—someone starts writing back. Is it her former best friend? The editor of the school paper? The caring librarian? Or the boy whose obsession with labyrinths is as intense as Bea's love for words? In solving the mystery, Bea just might discover where she belongs.



Sé Más Tú: Una historia de bullying con final feliz

by Carla Laubalo

En todo el tiempo que duró aquello nunca se lo conté a nadie. Me daba miedo. No sé de qué tenía miedo. Pero lo tenía. El miedo es algo terrible. Te paraliza. Es como un nudo en el estómago que no te deja respirar, que no te deja pensar ni reaccionar. Pero aprendí algo: TODOS SOMOS DISTINTOS. Y eso es lo bonito.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

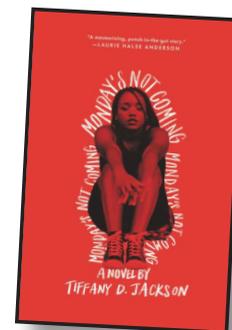
Monday's Not Coming

by Tiffany D. Jackson

Claudia and Monday have always been inseparable—more sisters than friends. So when Monday misses the first day of school, Claudia's worried.

When she doesn't show for the second day, or second week, Claudia knows something is wrong. Monday wouldn't leave her to endure tests and bullies alone. Claudia needs her best friend more than ever. But Monday's mother refuses to give Claudia a straight answer, and Monday's sister is no help.

As Claudia searches for her friend, she discovers that no one remembers the last time they saw Monday. How can a teenage girl vanish without anyone noticing?



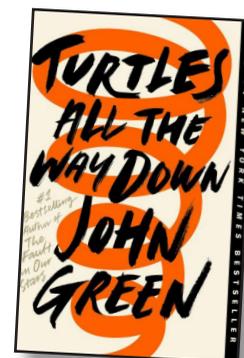
Turtles All the Way Down/ Mil veces hasta siempre

by John Green

This is a story of shattering, unflinching clarity in a brilliant novel of love, resilience, and the power of lifelong friendship.

Aza Holmes never intended to pursue the disappearance of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a huge reward at stake. Plus, her best friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. Together, they navigate their way to Pickett's son, Davis.

Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.



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