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Selections for September, 2021



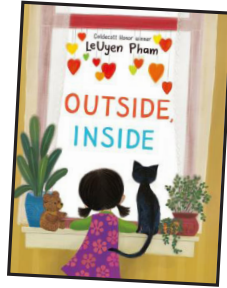
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Outside, Inside

by LeUyen Pham

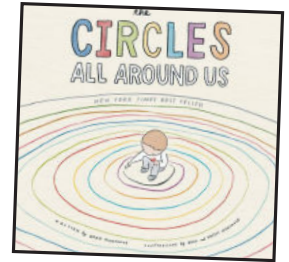
Gorgeous illustrations and simple but pointed text beautifully take the reader and listener through the changes in our daily life during the pandemic. This special book highlights the silver linings in life and helps us all make the best of the new world we live in.



The Circles All Around Us

by Brad Montague

This is the story of a circle. When we're first born, our circle is very small, but as we grow, our circle includes family, friends, neighbors, community, and beyond. This picture book explores how to expand our worlds with kindness and inclusivity—even if it seems scary or uncomfortable.

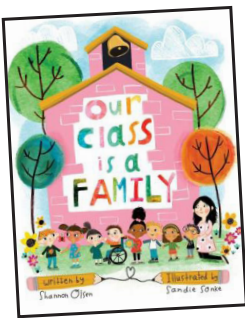


Our Class Is a Family/Nuestra clase es una familia

by Shannon Olsen

This book will help build and strengthen a class community. Kids learn that their classroom is a safe place, it's okay to make mistakes, and it's important to be

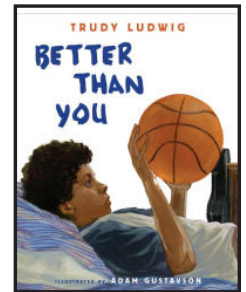
a friend. When hearing this story, students are sure to feel like they are part of a special family.



Better Than You

by Trudy Ludwig

Jake's bragging is really starting to get to Tyler. Tyler can't show Jake a basketball move, a school assignment, or a new toy without Jake saying he can do better. Tyler starts to wonder: Is Jake really better than him at everything? Or is Jake the one with the problem? With the help of his uncle, Tyler learns that Jake's bragging has nothing to do with Tyler, and that puffing yourself up leaves little room for friends.

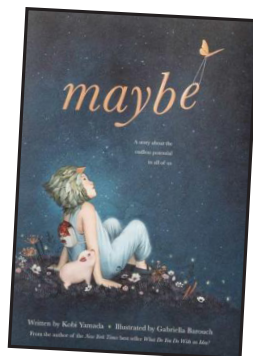


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Maybe

by Kobi Yamada

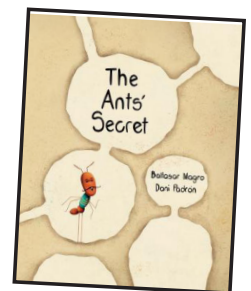
You are more amazing than you even know! This is a story about the unbound potential you hold inside. With striking, realistic illustrations, it's a reminder that you were meant for incredible things. And just maybe, you will exceed your wildest dreams.



The Ants' Secret/El secreto de las hormigas

by Baltasar Magro

General Ant received a message about imminent danger: Chloe and Jack were poking sticks into the anthill, attacking the colony. The General sent hundreds of worker ants and soldier ants through the tunnels to protect the storeroom and their queen. Will these tiny, fascinating insects be able to defend their anthill and teach the children to respect them?

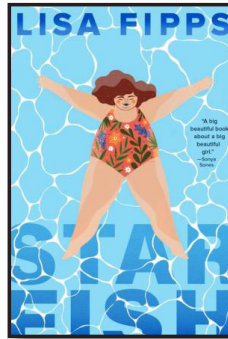


MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

Written in free verse, *Starfish* follows Ellie, a Texas girl who has been bullied relentlessly for her weight, even by her own mother. With the help of a therapist, a new friend, and her loving father, Ellie learns to stand up for herself. This is a much-needed story for young people about the power of kindness and self-love.



La chica que coleccionaba sellos y el chico que esperaba un tren

by Daniel Hernández Chambers



Isabel acude a menudo a la estación de tren con su padre, el cartero del pueblo, para recoger la saca del correo. Un día ve allí a Guillermo, un compañero de clase, que parece estar esperando un tren que no llega nunca.

La curiosidad hará que ambos compartan sus secretos y que comiencen una amistad que los

marcará de por vida.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Furia

by Yamile Saied Méndez

In Argentina, Camila Hassan lives a double life. At home, she is a careful daughter, living within her mother's narrow expectations, in her rising-soccer-star brother's shadow, and under the abusive rule of her short-tempered father. On the field, she is La Furia, a powerhouse of skill and talent. When her team qualifies for the South American tournament, Camila gets the chance to see just how far those talents can take her. In her wildest dreams, she'd get an athletic scholarship to a North American university. Camila is forced to face her secrets and make her way in a world with no place for the dreams and ambitions of a girl like her.



Home Is Not a Country

by Safia Elhillo

Nima wishes she were someone else. She doesn't feel understood by her mother, who grew up in a different land. She doesn't feel accepted in her suburban town, yet she isn't different enough to belong elsewhere. Her best friend, Haitham, is the only person with whom she can truly be herself. Until she can't, and suddenly her only refuge is gone.

As the ground is pulled out from under her, Nima must grapple with the phantom of a life not chosen—the name her parents meant to give her at birth—Yasmeen. But that other name, that other girl, might be more real than Nima knows. And the life Nima wishes were someone else's is one she will need to fight for with a fierceness she never knew she possessed.



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