

2023 Summer Reading List

Primary List for Grades K – 2



Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills that children can develop.
Enjoy the summer and keep reading!

Here are some suggested titles that you may want to read this summer ... or feel free to find other books that excite your imagination.

This summer reading list was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood elementary schools and the public libraries, and is available online through the SOMSD website and the public library sites. Physical copies of these books are available at the public libraries & your local bookstores. eBook and eAudiobook copies may be available for some of these titles. You may also read some of these books on [MackinVIA](#).

CONTACT US THIS SUMMER

We are always happy to help you or update your library card!

Maplewood Library email: kids@maplewoodlibrary.org • or click [here](#) for our website

South Orange Library email: youthservices@sopl.org • click [here](#) for our website

Thank you to all our librarians!

Ms. Jen Latimer [Clinton School](#)

Ms. Teresa Quick [Delia Bolden School](#)

Ms. Maria-Daphne Kazanis [Marshall School](#)

Ms. Janine Guida Poutre [Seth Boyden School](#)

Ms. Holly Taylor-Fox [South Mountain School](#)

Ms. Amy Popp [Tuscan School](#)

Maplewood Memorial Library Hilton Branch

Ms. Jane Folger, Ms. Jennifer Jacoppo,

Ms. Natasha Osborne

973.762.1688 ext 5101



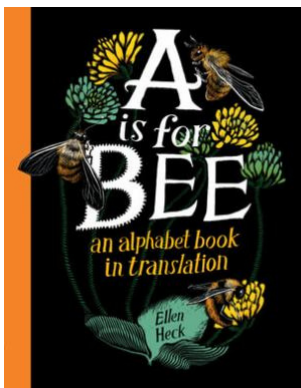
South Orange Public Library

Ms. Keisha Miller

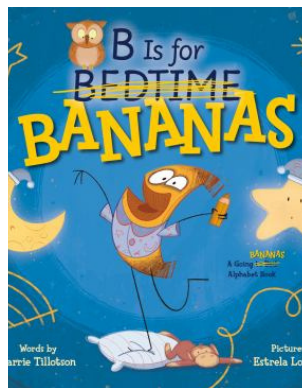
973.762.0230



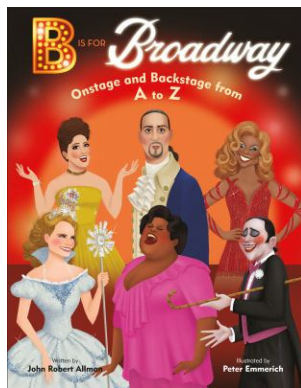
Alphabet



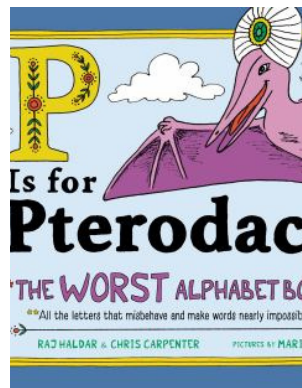
A is for Bee
Ellen Heck



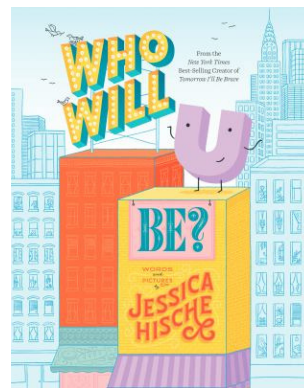
B is for Bananas
Carrie Tillotson



B is for Broadway
John Robert Allman



P is for Pterodactyl
Raj Haldal
Chris Carpenter

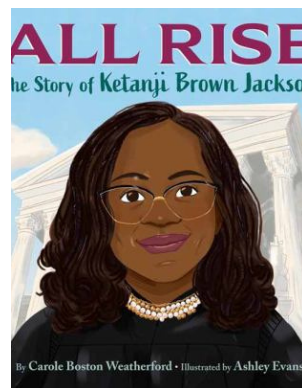


Who Will U Be?
Jessica Hische

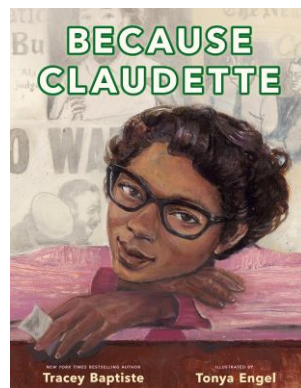
Biography



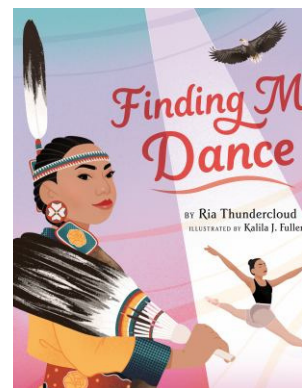
Agatha May and the Anglerfish
Nora Morrison



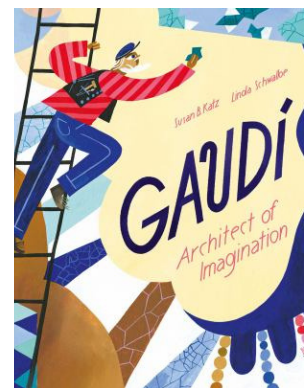
All Rise
Carole Boston Weatherford



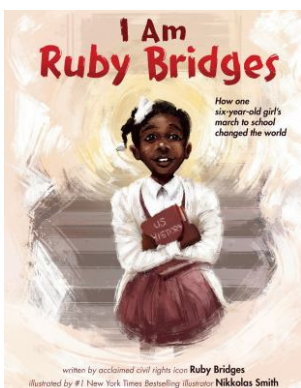
Because Claudette
Tracey Baptiste



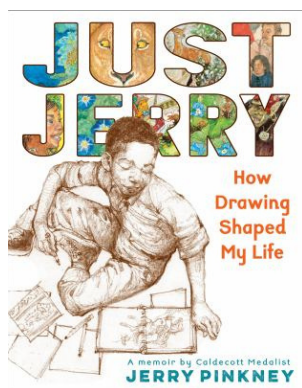
Finding My Dance
Ria Thundercloud



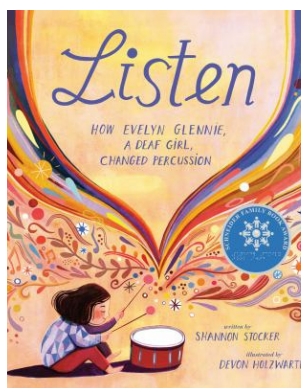
Gaudi
Susan Katz



I am Ruby Bridges
Ruby Bridges



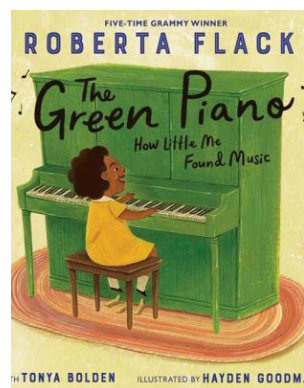
Just Jerry
Jerry Pinkney



Listen
Shannon Stocker

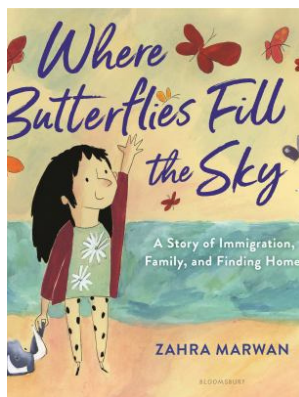


Strong
Rob Kearney



The Green Piano
Roberta Flack

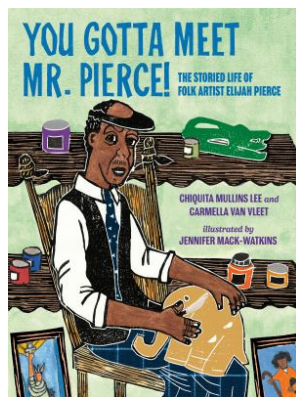
Biography



**Where Butterflies
Fill the Sky**
Zahra Marwan

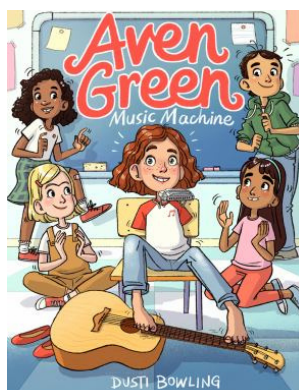


Yes We Will
Kelly Yang

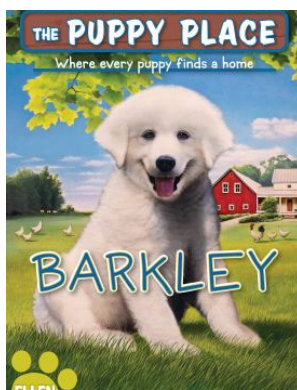


**You Gotta Meet
Mr. Pierce!**
Chiquita Mullins-Lee

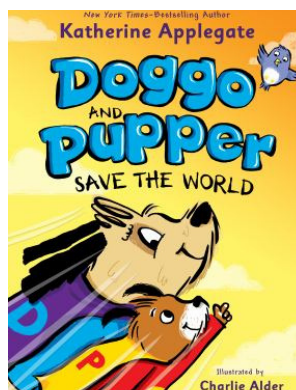
Chapter Books



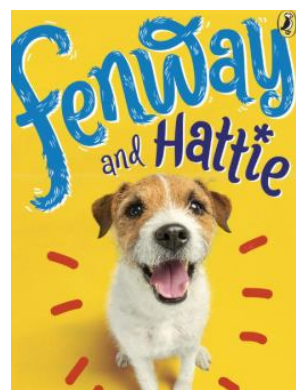
**Aven Green
Music Machine**
Dusti Bowling



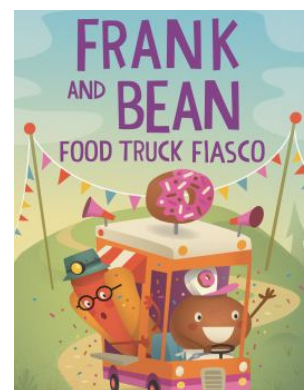
Barkley
Ellen Miles



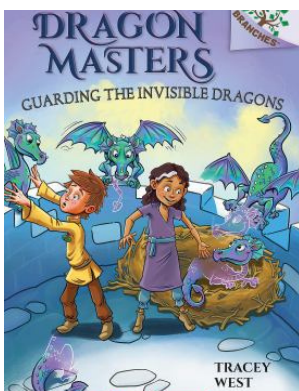
Doggo and Pupper
Katherine Applegate



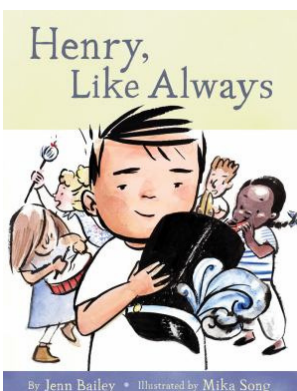
Fenway and Hattie
Victoria Coe



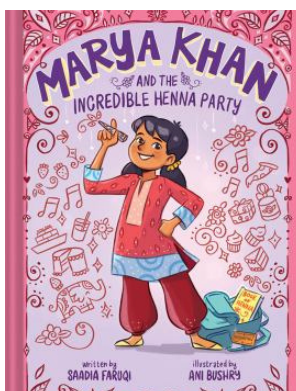
Frank and Bean
Jamie Michalak



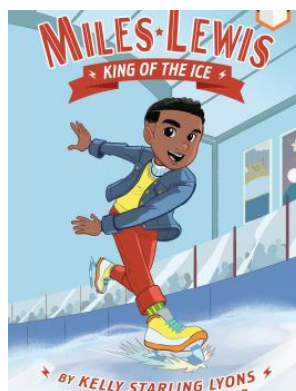
**Guarding the
Invisible Dragons**
Tracey West



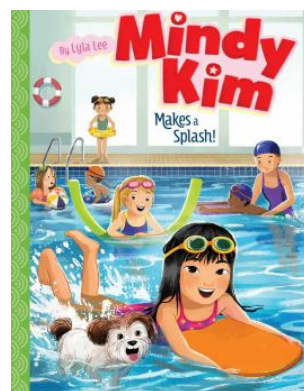
Henry, Like Always
Jenn Bailey



**Marya Khan & the
Incredible Henna
Party**
Saadia Faruqi

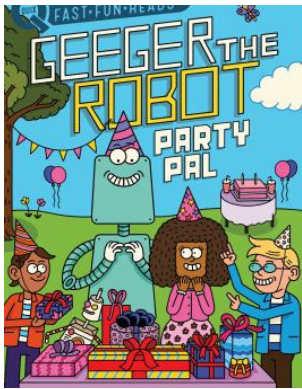


**Miles Lewis
King of the Ice**
Kelly Starling Lyons

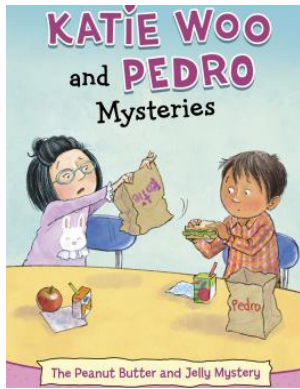


**Mindy Kim
Makes a Splash**
Lyla Lee

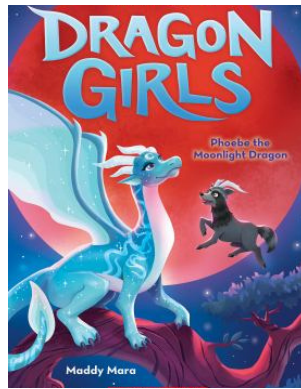
Chapter Books



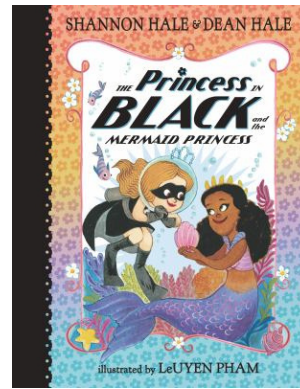
Party Pal
Jarrett Lerner



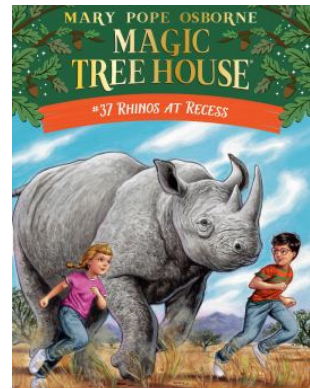
Peanut Butter and Jelly Mystery
Fran Manushkin



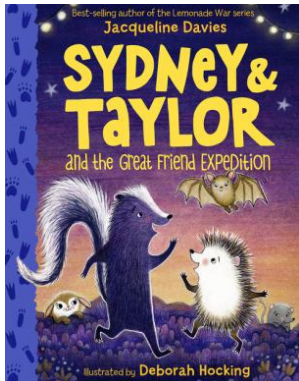
Phoebe the Moonlight Dragon
Maddy Mara



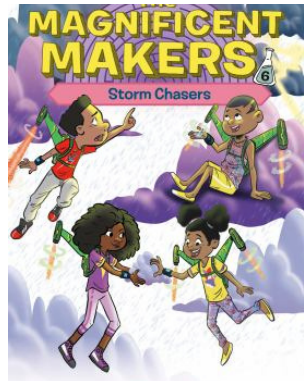
Princess in Black & the Mermaid Princess
Shannon Hale



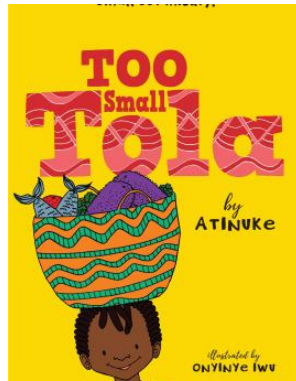
Rhinos at Recess
Mary Pope Osborne



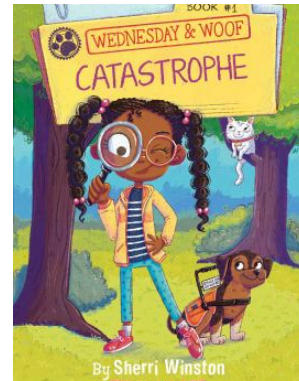
Sydney & Taylor and the Great Friend Expedition
Jacqueline Davies



The Magnificent Makers: Storm Chasers
Theanne Griffith

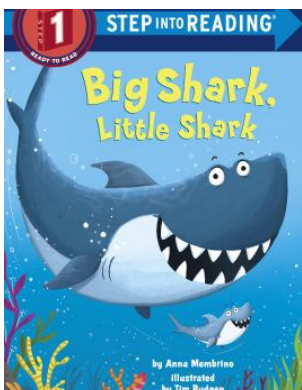


Too Small Tola
Atinuke

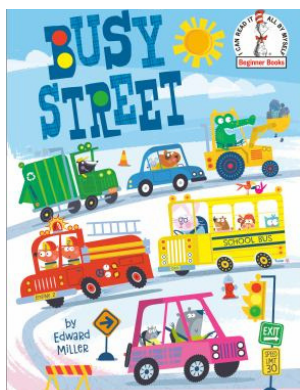


Wednesday & Woof Catastrophe
Sherri Winston

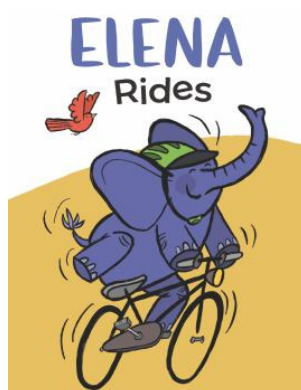
Early Readers



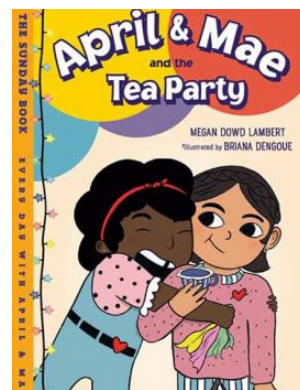
Big Shark, Little Shark & the Missing Teeth
Anna Membrino



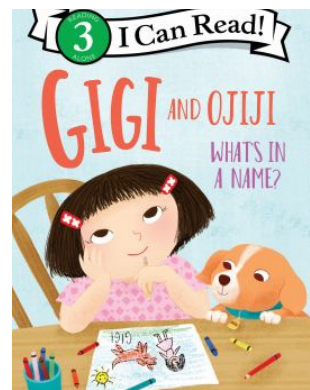
Busy Street
Edward Miller



Elena Rides
Juana Medina

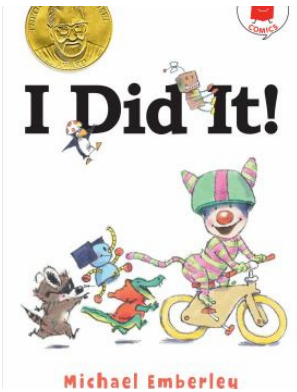


Every Day with April & Mae
Megan Lambert

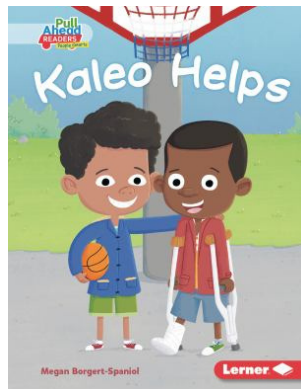


Gigi and Ojiji
Melissa Iwai

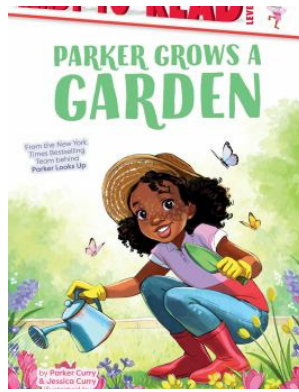
Early Readers



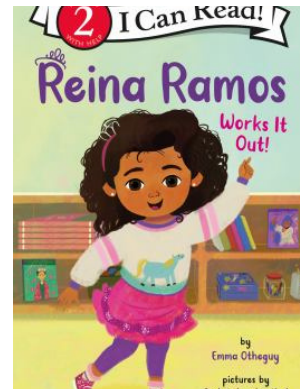
I Did It!
Michael Emberley



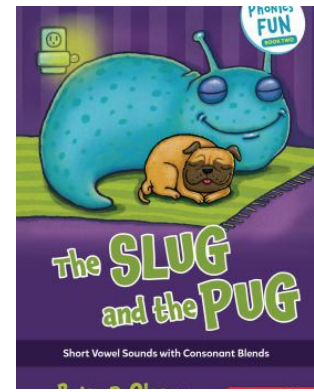
Kaleo Helps
Megan Borgert-Spaniol



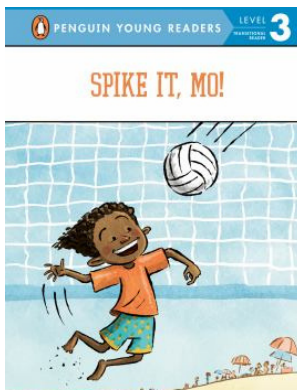
Parker Grows a Garden
Parker Curry



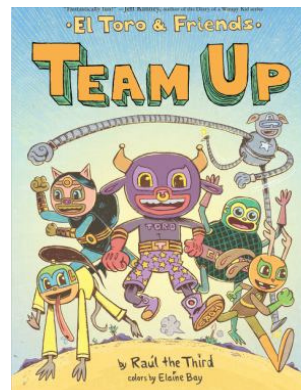
Reina Ramos Works It Out
Emma Otheguy



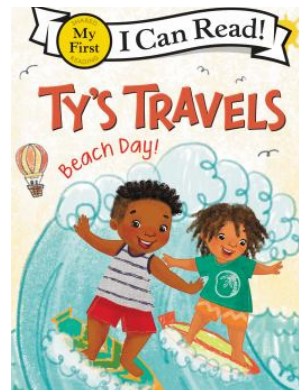
Slug and the Pug
Brian Cleary



Spike It Mo!
David Adler



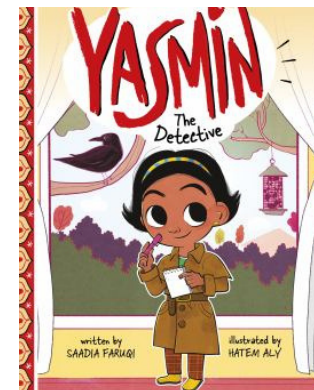
Team Up
Raúl the Third



Ty's Travels Beach Day!
Kelly Starling Lyons

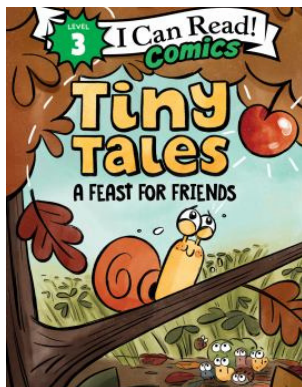


Wild Sharks!
Martin Kratt

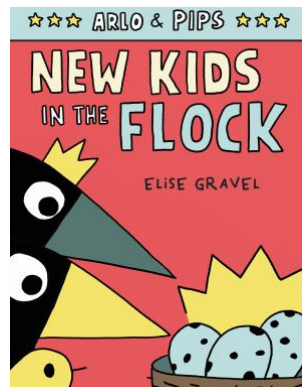


Yasmin the Detective
Saadia Faruqi

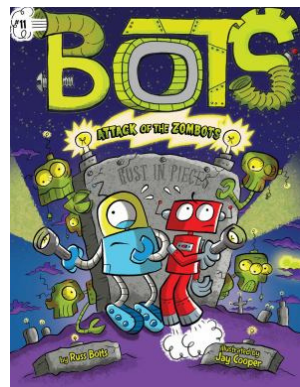
Graphic



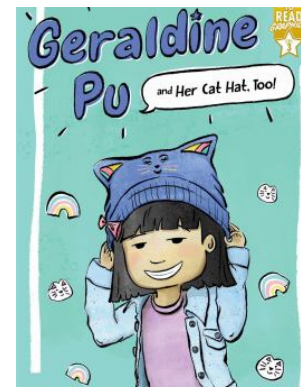
A Feast for Friends
Steph Waldo



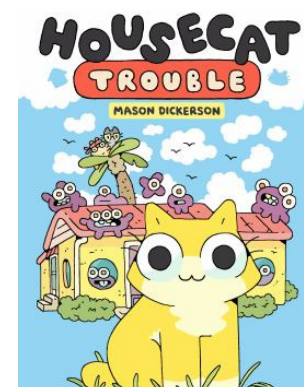
Arlo & Pips New Kids in the Flock
Elise Gravel



BOTS Attack of the Zombots
Jay Cooper

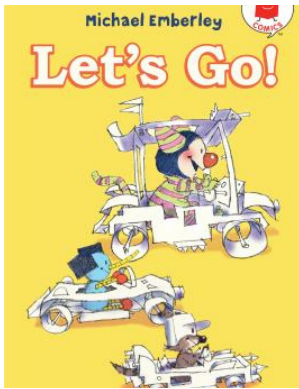


Geraldine Pu and Her Cat Hat Too
Maggie Chang

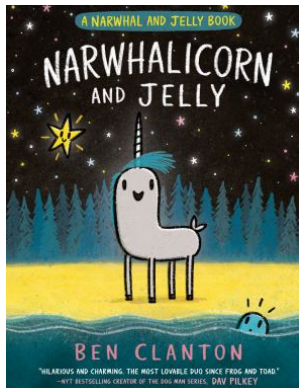


Housecat Trouble
Mason Dickerson

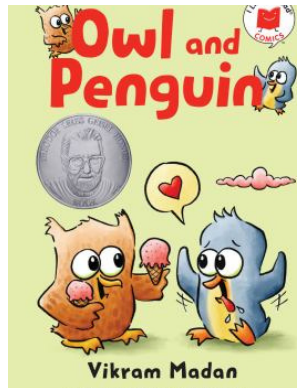
Graphic



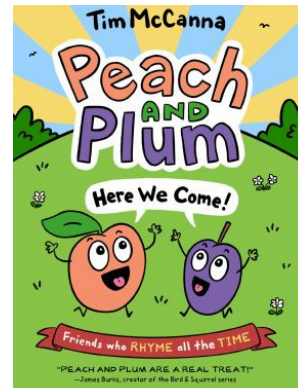
Let's Go!
Michael Emberley



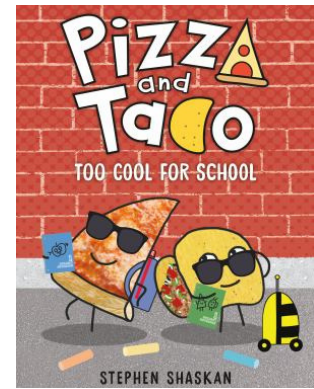
Narwhal and Jelly
Ben Clanton



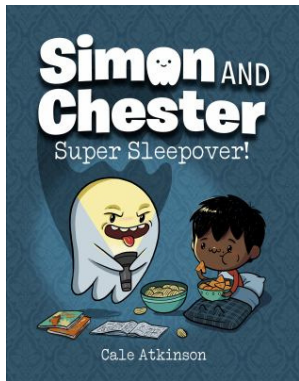
Owl and Penguin
Vikram Madan



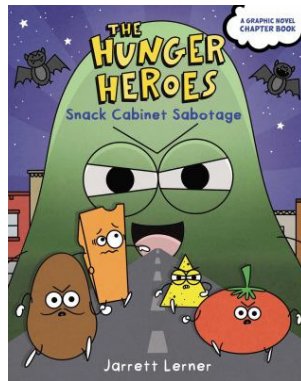
Peach and Plum
Here We Come
Tim McCanna



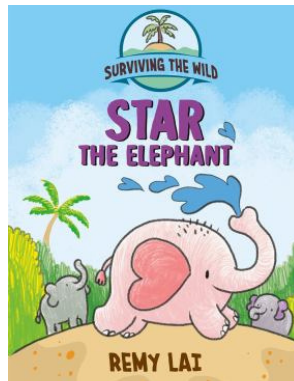
Pizza and Taco
Too Cool for School
Stephen Shaskan



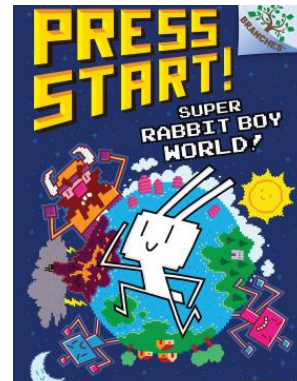
Simon and Chester
Super Sleepover!
Cale Atkinson



The Hunger Heroes
Snack Cabinet Sabotage
Jarrett Lerner

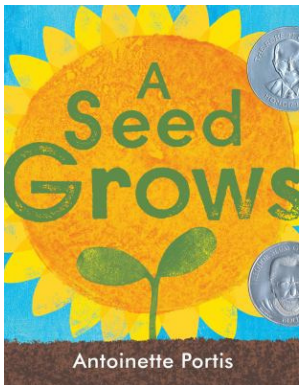


Star the Elephant
Remy Lai

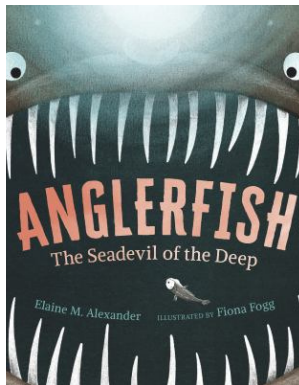


Press Start!
Super Rabbit Boy World!
Thomas Flintham

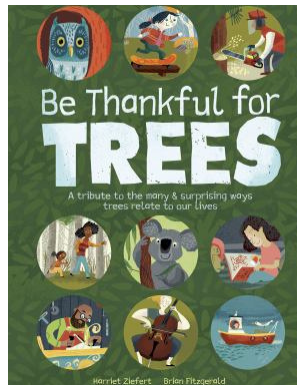
Nonfiction



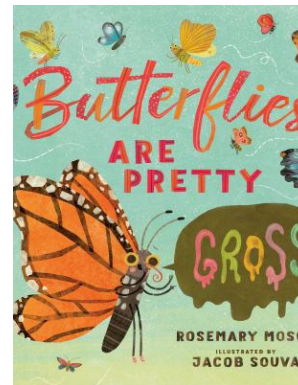
A Seed Grows
Antoinette Portis



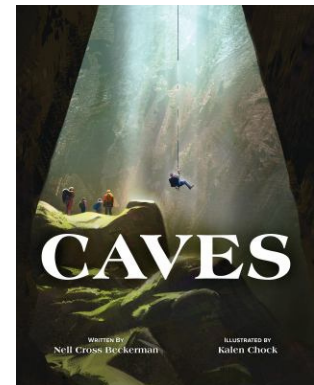
Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep
Elaine Alexander



Be Thankful for Trees
Harriet Ziefert

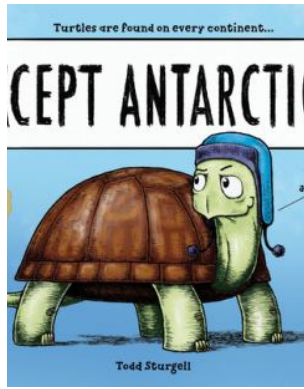


Butterflies are Pretty Gross
Rosemary Mosco

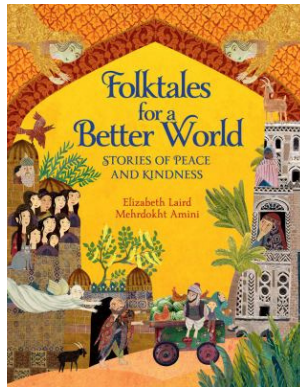


Caves
Nell Cross Beckerman

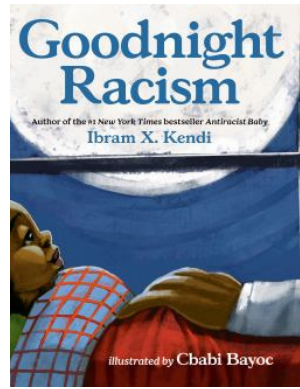
Nonfiction



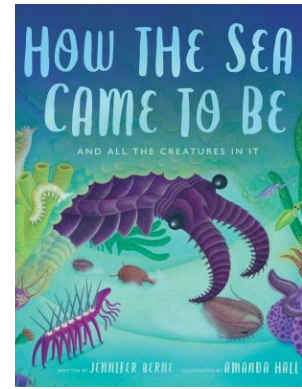
Except Antarctica!
Todd Sturgell



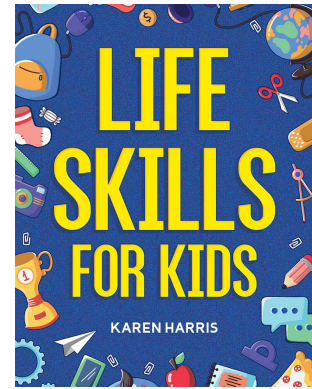
Folktales for a Better World
Elizabeth Laird



Goodnight Racism by
Ibram X. Kendi



How the Sea Came to Be
Jennifer Berne



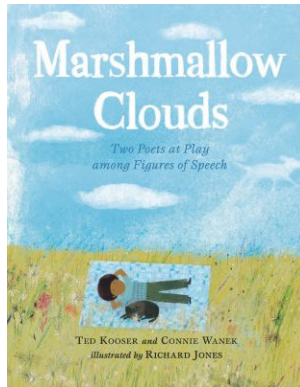
Life Skills for Kids
Karen Harris



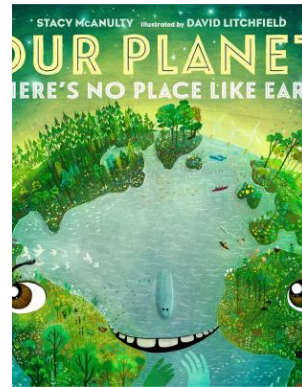
Looking for Bees
Emilie Dufresne



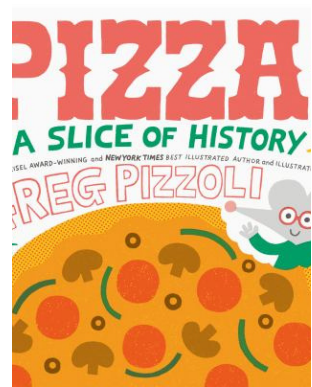
Making Pizzas
Megan Borgert-Spaniol



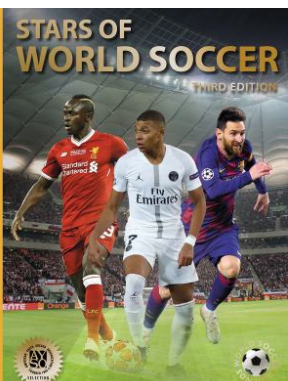
Marshmallow Clouds
Ted Kooser



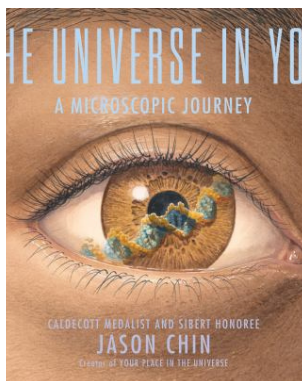
Our Planet! There's No Place Like Earth
Stacy McAnulty



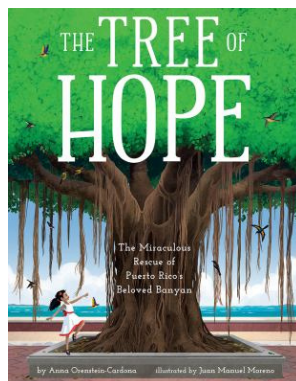
Pizza! A Slice of History
Greg Pizzoli



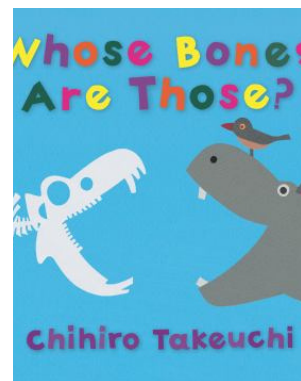
Stars of World Soccer
Illugi Jokulsson



The Universe in You
Jason Chin

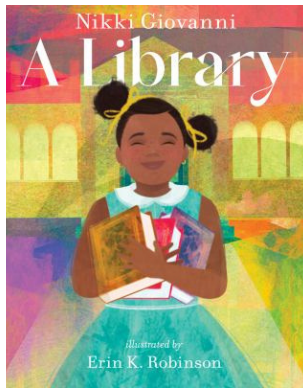


Tree of Hope
Anna Orenstein-Cardona

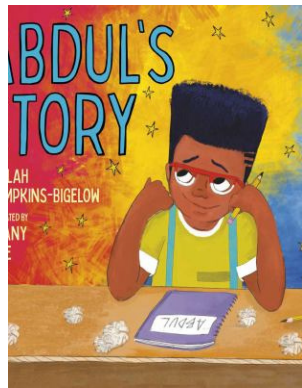


Whose Bones Are Those?
Chihiro Takeuchi

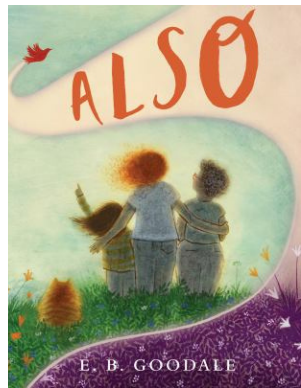
Picture Books



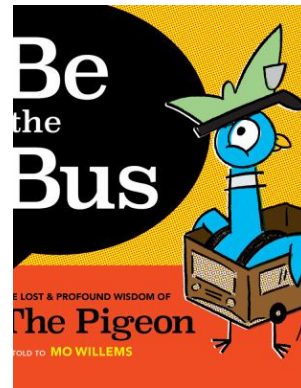
A Library
Nikki Giovanni



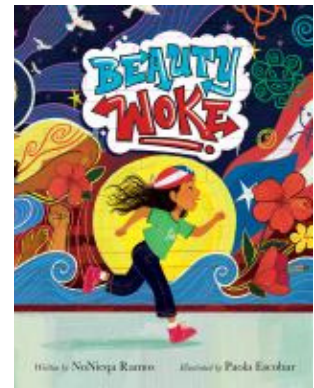
Abdul's Story
Jamilah Thompkins-
Bigelow



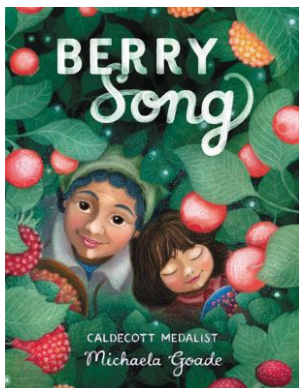
Also
E. B. Goodale



**Be the Bus: The Lost
& Profound Wisdom
of The Pigeon**
Mo Willems



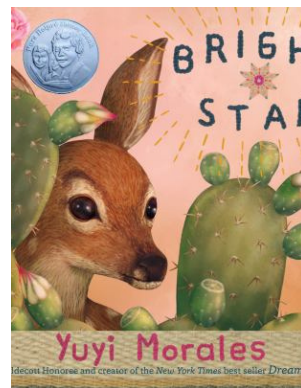
Beauty Woke
NoNieqa Ramos



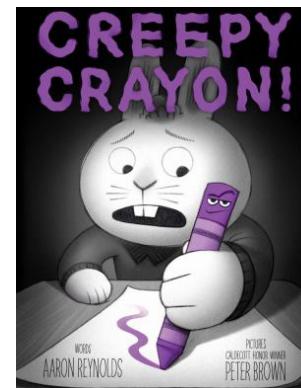
Berry Song
Michaela Goade



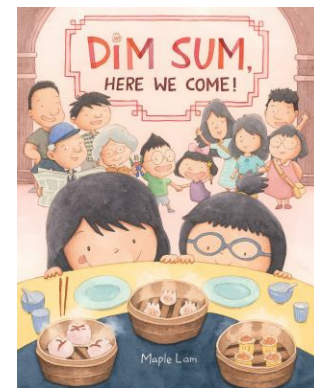
Blue
Nana Ekuia Brew-
Hammond



Bright Star
Yuyi Morales



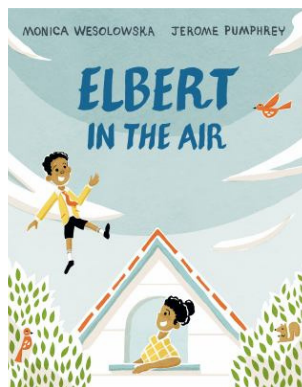
Creepy Crayon!
Aaron Reynolds



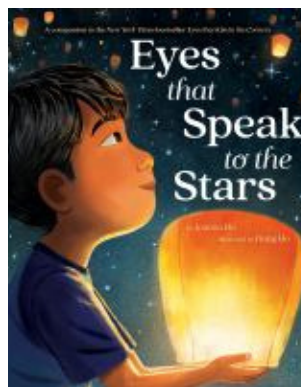
**Dim Sum,
Here We Come!**
Maple Lam



**Do NOT Bring Your
Dragon to the Last
Day of School**
Julie Gassman



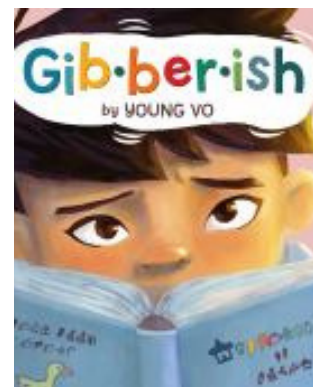
Elbert in the Air
Monica Wedolowska



**Eyes that Speak
to the Stars**
Joanna Ho

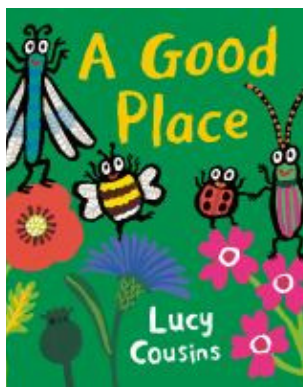


Farmhouse
Sophie Blackall



Gibberish
Young Vo

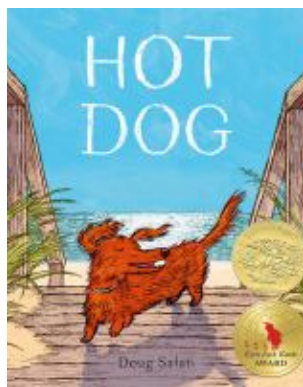
Picture Books



Good Place
Lucy Cousins



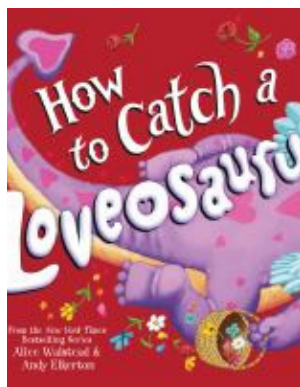
Heart String
Brooke Boynton-Hughes



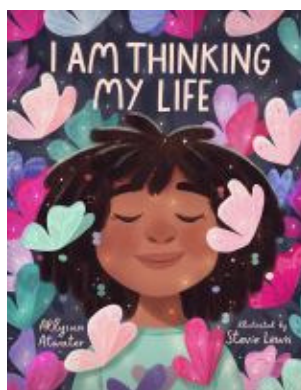
Hot Dog
Doug Salati



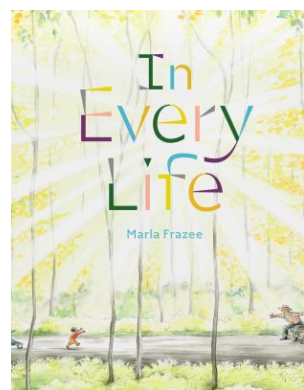
How to be Confident in Kindergarten
David Steinberg & Ruth Hammond



How to Catch a Loveosaurus
Alice Walstead



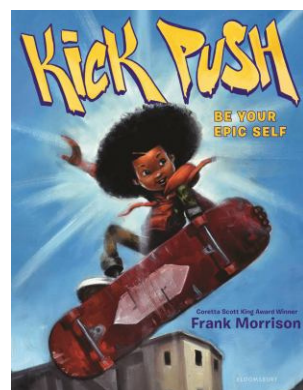
I am thinking my life
Allysun Atwater



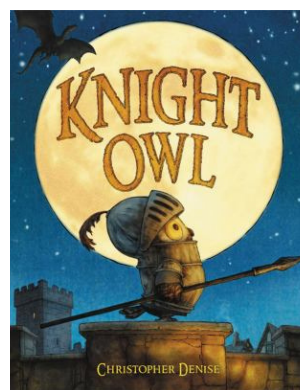
In Every Life
Marla Frazee



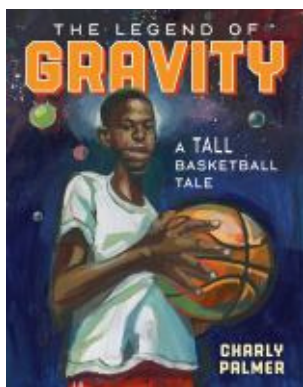
Inside Cat
Brendan Wenzel



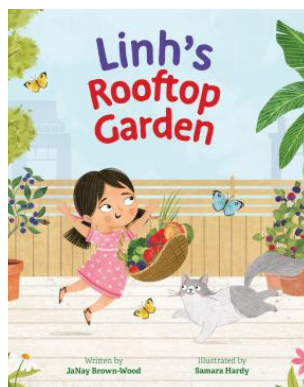
Kick Push
Frank Morrison



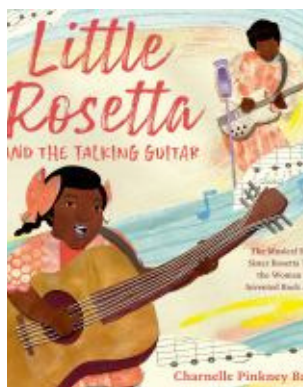
Knight Owl
Christopher Denise



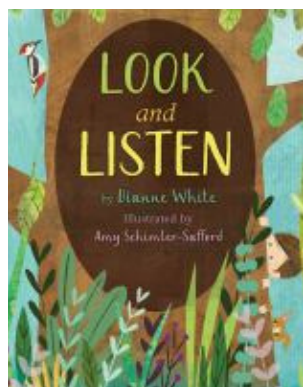
Legend of Gravity
Charly Palmer



Linh's Rooftop Garden Where Wonder Grows
Xelena Gonzalez



Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar
Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

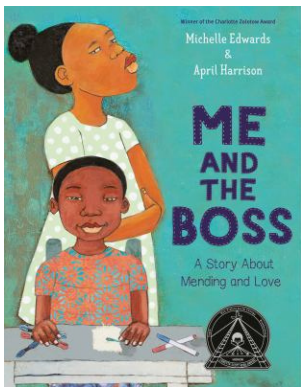


Look and Listen
Dianne White



Love in the Library
Maggie Tokuda-Hall

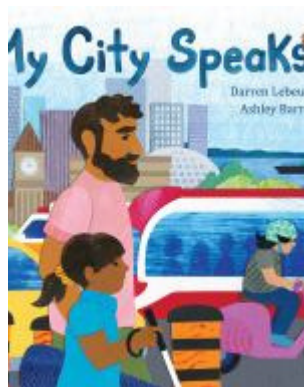
Picture Books



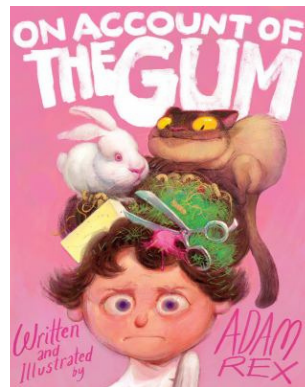
Me and the Boss
Michelle Edwards



My Baba's Garden
Jordan Scott



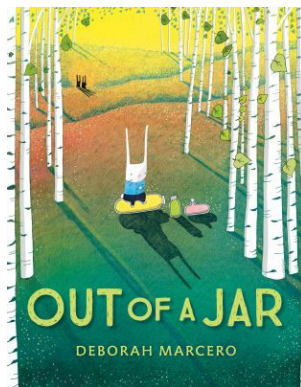
My City Speaks
Darren Lebeuf



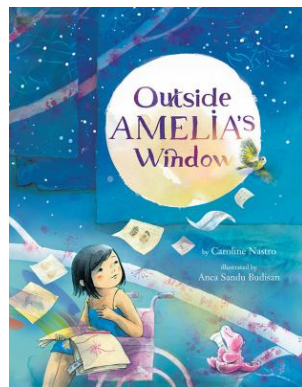
On Account of the Gum
Adam Rex



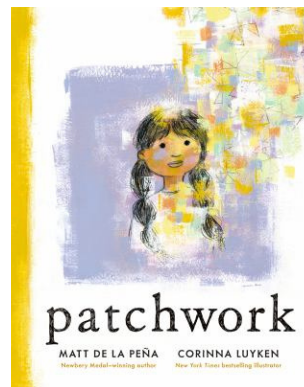
Once Upon a Book
Grace Lin



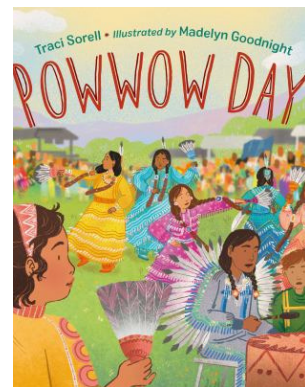
Out of a Jar
Deborah Marcero



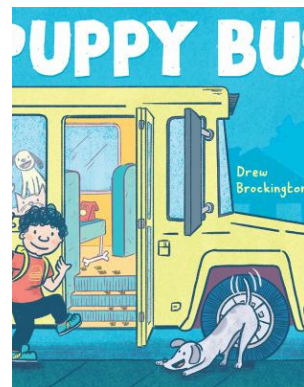
Outside Amelia's Window
Caroline Nastro



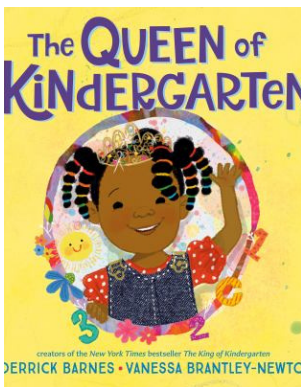
Patchwork
Matt De La Peña



Powwow Day
Traci Sorell



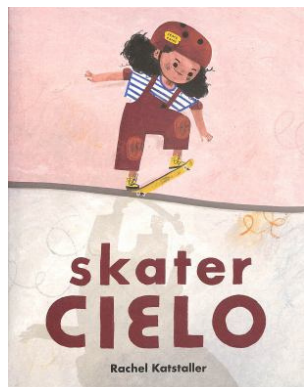
Puppy Bus
Drew Brockington



Queen of Kindergarten
Derrick Barnes



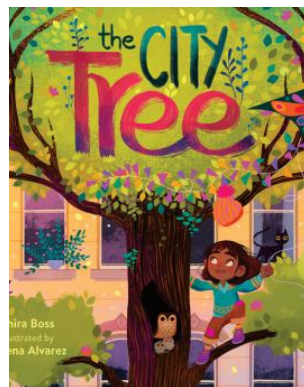
Remember
Jo Harjo



Skater Cielo
Rachel Katstaller



Stanley's Secret
John Sullivan

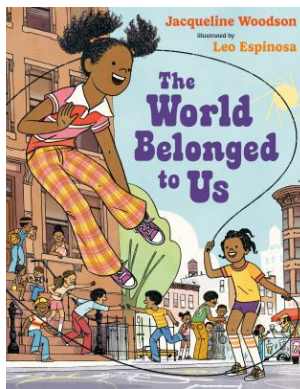


The City Tree
Shira Boss

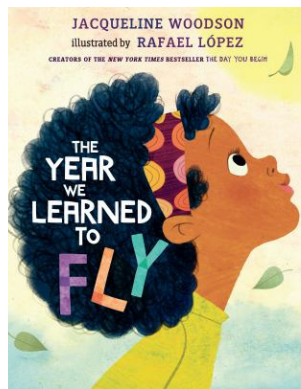
Picture Books



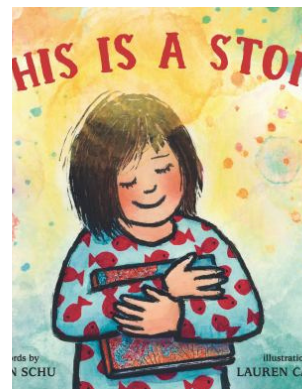
The Kindest Red
Ibtihaj Muhammad



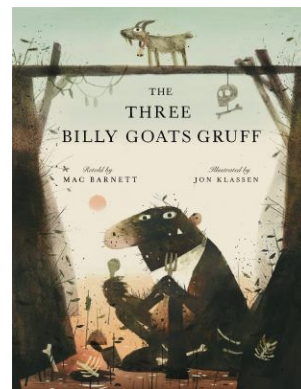
The World Belonged to Us
Jacqueline Woodson



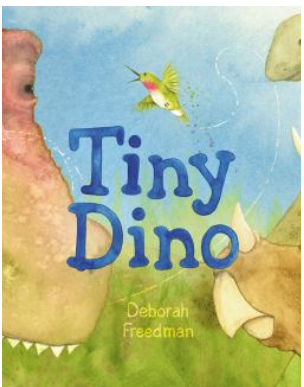
The Year We Learned to Fly
Jacqueline Woodson



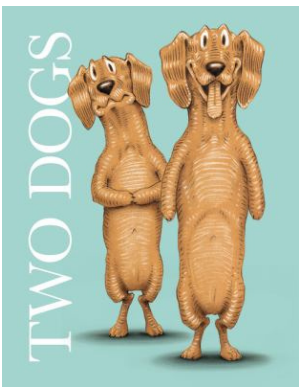
This is a Story
John Schu



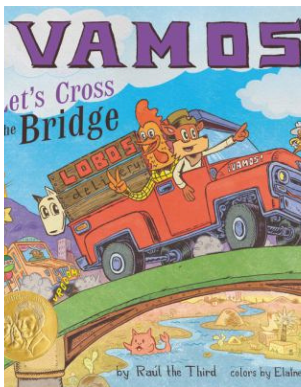
Three Billy Goats Gruff
Mac Barnett



Tiny Dino
Deborah Freedman



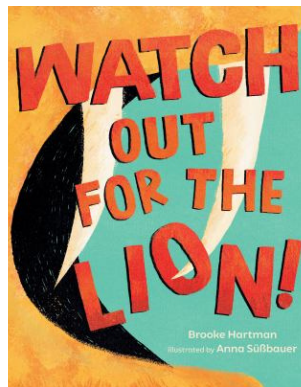
Two Dogs
Ian Falconer



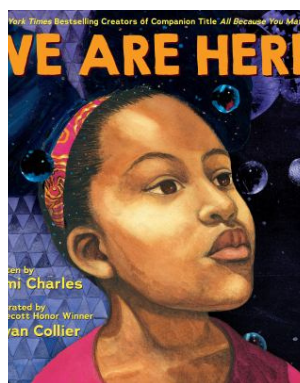
Vamos, Let's Cross the Bridge
Raúl the Third



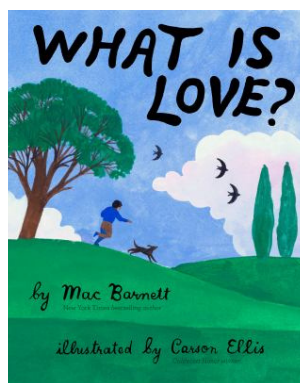
Very Good Hats
Emma Straub



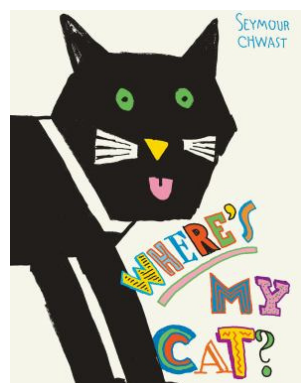
Watch Out for the Lion
Brooke Hartman



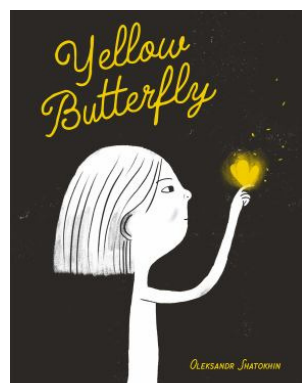
We Are Here
Tami Charles



What is Love?
Mac Barnett



Where's My Cat?
Seymour Chwast



Yellow Butterfly: A Story From Ukraine
Oleksandr Shatokhin