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Students have countless interests beyond their classwork and can choose to explore them through school-sponsored extracurricular activities. These clubs range from the arts to sciences to pop culture and everything in between. Discover books that overlap with the goals and themes of these groups and would be perfect for supplemental reading or book clubs!

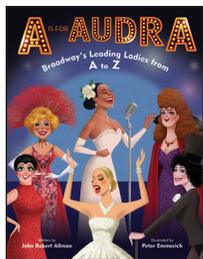
**Have a club not represented on this list? Looking for additional titles or resources? Email us at [slmarket@randomhouse.com](mailto:slmarket@randomhouse.com), or tag us on social!**

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# The Arts

Students who join these clubs are typically looking for a place to practice or hone their skills with like-minded peers. These clubs can include dance, theater, art, and music.



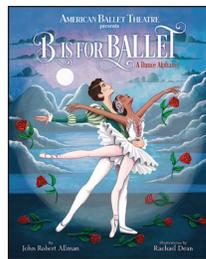
From Audra McDonald to Liza with a "Z," this is a showstopping rhythmic alphabet book featuring your favorite leading ladies of the Broadway stage!

**John Robert Allman**  
Illustrated by Peter Emmerich

HC: 978-0-525-64540-5

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Concepts/Alphabet, Rhyme & Alliteration



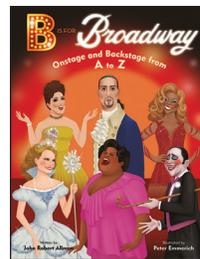
This is an A to Z celebration of ballet from the world-renowned American Ballet Theatre.

**John Robert Allman**  
Illustrated by Rachel Dean

HC: 978-0-593-18094-5

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Concepts/Alphabet



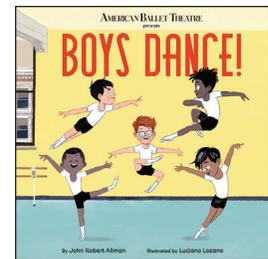
From auditions to Ziegfeld, grab a ticket to this smash-hit rhythmic alphabet book featuring your favorite performers, creators, songs, and shows from the Broadway stage!

**John Robert Allman**  
Illustrated by Peter Emmerich

HC: 978-0-593-30563-8

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Concepts/Alphabet, Rhyme & Alliteration



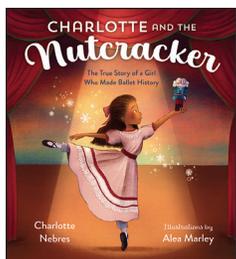
A lively and encouraging picture book celebrating boys who love to dance from the renowned American Ballet Theatre.

**John Robert Allman**  
Illustrated by Luciano Lozano

HC: 978-0-593-18114-0

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Friendship, Sports



In this spectacular debut full of fluid, dynamic illustrations, Charlotte provides youngsters with a multicultural tale of family, dance, and holiday cheer.

**Charlotte Nebres**  
Illustrated by Alea Marley

HC: 978-0-593-37490-0

Age: 4-8

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Fairy Tales & Fables



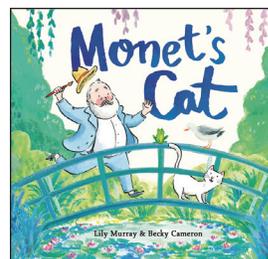
Based on an unrhymed manuscript and sketches discovered in 2013, this book is like a visit to a museum—with a horse as your guide!

**Dr. Seuss**  
Illustrated by Andrew Joyner

HC: 978-0-399-55912-9

Age: 7 and up

**THEMES:** Art, Music & Theater, Nonfiction



Inspired by the porcelain cat that Monet prominently displayed in his studio, this book offers a fun feline perspective and is a great way to teach kids about Monet's art.

**Lily Murray and Becky Cameron**

HC: 978-0-593-30613-0

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Animals, Historical Fiction



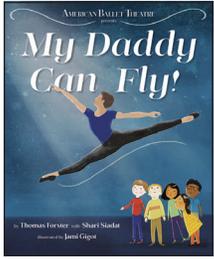
A new picture book about the iconic artist Claude Monet from the Caldecott Award-winning team who created *The Noisy Paint Box*.

**Barbara Rosenstock**  
Illustrated by Mary GrandPré

HC: 978-0-525-70817-9

Age: 4-8

**THEMES:** Biography, Nonfiction, History & Social Studies, Growing Up



For young dance lovers, a picture book about a young boy whose father is a ballet dancer.

**Thomas Forster and Shari Siadat**  
**Illustrated by Jami Gigot**

HC: 978-0-593-18097-6  
 Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Family & Relationships

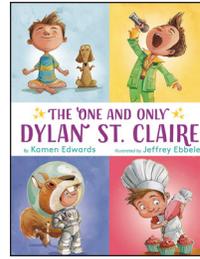


The fascinating story of Vasily Kandinsky, one of the very first painters of abstract art.

**Barb Rosenstock**  
**Illustrated by Mary GrandPré**

HC: 978-0-307-97848-6  
 Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Biography, Art, Self-Discovery

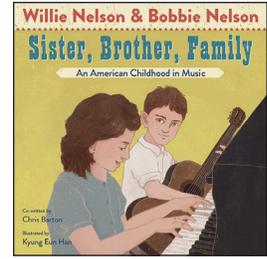


Meet elementary school superstar Dylan St. Claire in this laugh-out-loud book about a live-out-loud boy.

**Kamen Edwards**  
**Illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler**

HC: 978-1-9848-9346-8  
 Age: 3–7

**THEMES:** Humor, School, Self-Esteem, Back to School

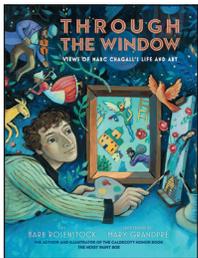


Music legend Willie Nelson and his sister and bandmate Bobbie Nelson tell the moving and inspiring story of their childhood and lifelong bond.

**Willie Nelson, Bobbie Nelson, and Chris Barton**  
**Illustrated by Kyung Eun Han**

HC: 978-1-9848-5183-3  
 Age: 3–7

**THEMES:** Biography & Autobiography, Music, Performing Arts, Siblings

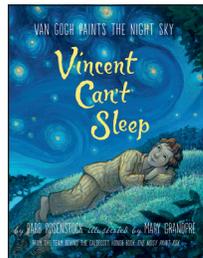


An expressive picture-book biography of Marc Chagall that demonstrates how art has the power to be revolutionary.

**Barb Rosenstock**  
**Illustrated by Mary GrandPré**

HC: 978-1-5247-1751-3  
 Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Biography, Art, History

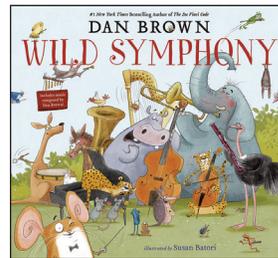


A gorgeous, lyrical picture-book biography of Vincent van Gogh that offers insight into the true meaning of creativity and commitment.

**Barb Rosenstock**  
**Illustrated by Mary GrandPré**

HC: 978-1-101-93710-5  
 Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Biography, Art, History



Dan Brown makes his picture book debut with this mindful, humorous, musical, and uniquely entertaining book!

**Dan Brown**  
**Illustrated by Susan Batori**

HC: 978-0-593-12384-3  
 Age: 3–7

**THEMES:** Poetry, Emotions & Feelings, Music & Theater, Cooperation & Teamwork



Neighborhood kids transform ordinary cardboard into fantastical homemade costumes as they explore conflicts with friends and family and their own identities.

**Chad Sell**

PB: 978-1-5247-1938-8  
 Age: 9–12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Self-Discovery, Bullies



In the sequel to *The Cardboard Kingdom*, the kids try to solve the mystery of a new neighborhood monster.

**Chad Sell**

PB: 978-0-593-12555-7  
 Age: 9–12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Self-Discovery, Bullies



A group of young artists must work together when one of their creations becomes a monster.

**Chad Sell**

PB: 978-1-9848-9471-7  
 Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Self-Esteem, Emotions & Feelings, Friendship

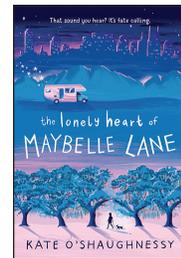


Inkling leaps off the pages of a sketchbook and straight into readers' hearts!

**Kenneth Oppel**

PB: 978-1-5247-7284-0  
 Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Humor, Art, School, Family & Relationships, Making Choices

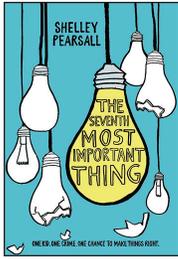


Maybelle Lane is looking for her father, but on the road to Nashville, she finds so much more: courage, brains, heart—and true friends.

**Kate O'Shaughnessy**

PB: 978-1-9848-9386-4  
 Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Divorce & Single Parent Families, Friendship, Music & Theater,



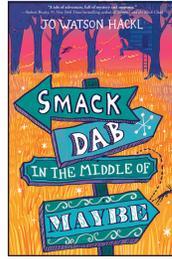
The moving story of a grieving boy's crime and his hard-won redemption.

**Shelley Pearsall**

PB: 978-0-553-49731-1

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Historical, Death, Dying & Grief, Intergenerational Stories, Self-Discovery



Eleven days. Thirteen clues. And one kid who won't give up. How far would you go to find something that might not even exist?

**Jo Watson Hackl**

PB: 978-0-399-55741-5

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Mystery & Suspense, Family & Relationships



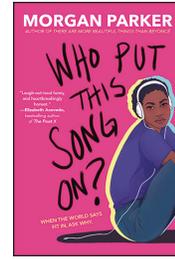
This isn't a love story . . . until it is.

**Nicola Yoon**

HC: 978-1-5247-1896-1

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Coming of Age, Friendship, Music & Theater, Self-Discovery



A pitch-perfect novel about a Black teenager searching for her identity when the world around her views her depression as a lack of faith and Blackness as something to be politely ignored.

**Morgan Parker**

PB: 978-0-525-70754-7

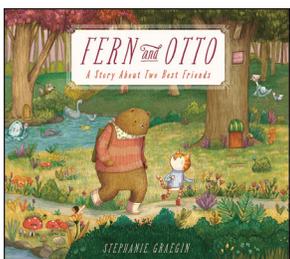
Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Racism & Prejudice, Self-Discovery, Emotions & Feelings, Growing Up



## Creative Writing Club

Use these books as examples of possible writing styles or as prompts to begin a new writing project.



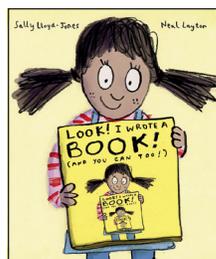
A charming picture book about two friends who take a walk through a fairy-tale world hoping to find an exciting story to tell.

**Stephanie Graegin**

PB: 978-0-593-48132-5

Age: 3–7

**THEMES:** Animals, Fairy Tales & Folklore



An utterly hilarious step-by-step guide to writing a book, as told by a child "author."

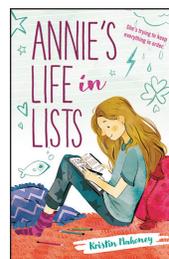
**Sally Lloyd-Jones**

**Illustrated by Neal Layton**

HC: 978-0-399-55818-4

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Writing, Humor, Crafts & Hobbies



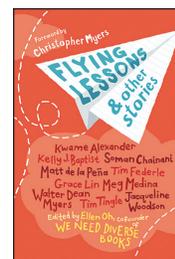
Even amid the chaos of everyday life, it's essential to put things in order.

**Kristin Mahoney**

PB: 978-1-5247-6512-5

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Emotions & Feelings, Family & Relationships



Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold anthology celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

**Edited by Ellen Oh**

PB: 978-1-101-93462-3

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Short Stories & Anthologies, Self-Discovery, Acceptance & Belonging, Family & Relationships



This anthology, featuring some of the best voices in children's literature, explores acts of bravery.

**Edited by**  
**Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich**

PB: 978-0-525-64633-4

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Short Stories & Anthologies, Heroes & Heroism, Growing Up, Leadership



Emily Winfield Martin shares her "Imaginaries": paintings from over the last ten years captioned with one enigmatic sentence that is designed to inspire.

**Emily Winfield Martin**

HC: 978-0-553-51103-1

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Imagination & Play, Visionary & Metaphysical



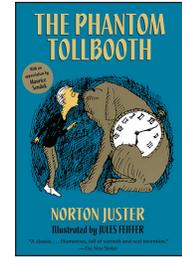
A coming-of-age tale about a boy who discovers a love of poetry after finding his late father's journal.

**Kelly J. Baptist**

PB: 978-0-593-12139-9

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Growing Up, Family & Relationships, Friendship, Self-Discovery



This ingenious fantasy centers around a bored ten-year-old who comes home to find a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room; through its gates, a memorable journey begins.

**Norton Juster**  
**Illustrated by Jules Feiffer**

PB: 978-0-394-82037-8

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Fantasy, Classics



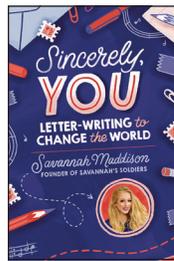
Side characters can be heroes, too, in this charming, fast-paced adventure featuring some very notable literary figures.

**Scott Reintgen**

PB: 978-0-525-64671-6

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Fantasy, School, Adventure, Good vs. Evil



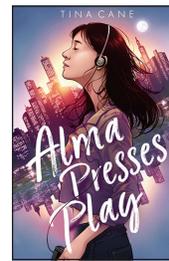
This book is packed with tips for conquering writer's block, finding your creativity, and connecting with your friends, family, and community!

**Savannah Maddison**

PB: 978-1-63565-355-7

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Journal Writing, Autobiography



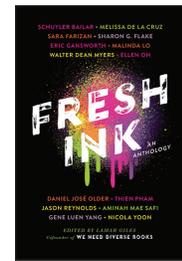
A lyrical novel-in-verse that takes us through the journey of coming of age in New York during the '80s.

**Tina Cane**

HC: 978-0-593-12114-6

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Coming of Age, Family & Relationships, Community



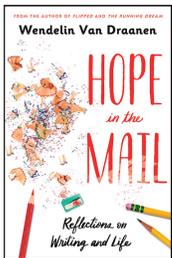
This YA anthology features ten short stories, a graphic short story, and a never-before-in-print one-act play by Walter Dean Myers.

**Edited by Lamar Giles**

PB: 978-1-5247-6631-3

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Short Stories & Anthologies, Racism & Prejudice, Self-Esteem, Acceptance & Belonging



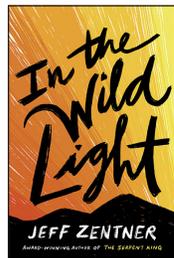
A wildly inspirational read for anyone with a story to share.

**Wendelin Van Draanen**

PB: 978-1-9848-9469-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Writing, Nonfiction, Perseverance, Self-Esteem



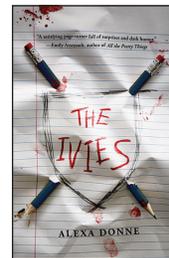
From the award-winning author of *The Serpent King* comes a beautiful examination of grief, found family, and young love.

**Jeff Zentner**

HC: 978-1-5247-2024-7

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Coming of Age, Love & Romance, Family & Relationships, Friendship



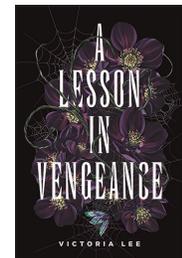
Enroll in this boarding school thriller about a group of prep school elites who would kill to get into the college of their dreams . . . literally.

**Alexa Donne**

HC: 978-0-593-30370-2

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Mystery & Suspense, School, Friendship, Graduation



A dark, twisty thriller about a boarding school haunted by its history of witchcraft.

**Victoria Lee**

HC: 978-0-593-30582-9

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** LGBTQ, Supernatural, Horror & Ghost Stories, Mystery & Suspense

## Creative Writing Club



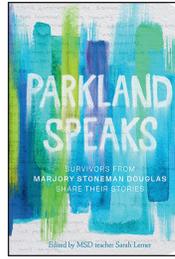
Five strangers walk into detention, and only four make it out alive.

**Karen M. McManus**

HC: 978-1-5247-1468-0

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Mystery & Suspense, Friendship, School, Family & Relationships



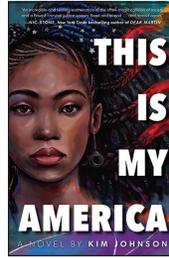
Featuring art and writing from the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, this is a poignant representation of grief, healing, and hope.

**Edited by Sarah Lerner**

PB: 978-1-9848-4999-1

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Hope, Emotions & Feelings, Survival, Death, Dying & Grief



An unflinching yet uplifting novel that explores the racist injustices of the American justice system.

**Kim Johnson**

HC: 978-0-593-11876-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Contemporary Issues/Social Problems, Racism & Prejudice, Family & Relationships



Short, powerful poems from Instagram sensation Trista Mateer shine beauty and insight into relationships, love, growing up, and learning to cope.

**Trista Mateer**  
**Illustrated Jessica Cruickshank**

HC: 978-0-593-17267-4

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Poetry, Coming of Age, Self-Esteem, Love & Romance



## Student Newspapers

Students who write or read the school newspaper are typically curious and engaged in current events. These books serve as inspiration as they embark on their reporting journeys.



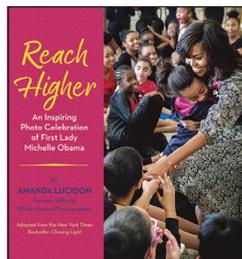
Will Harriet be able to find a way to put her life and friendships back together again after her secret notebook ends up in the wrong hands?

**Louise Fitzhugh**

PB: 978-0-440-41679-1

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Classics, Family & Relationships, Writing



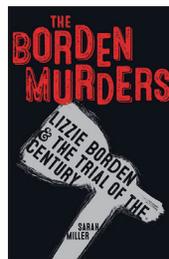
A visual celebration of Michelle Obama from an official White House photographer.

**Amanda Lucidon**

PB: 978-0-593-17341-1

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Biography, Government & Politics, Leadership, Patriotism



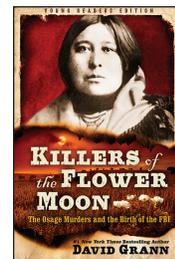
With murder, court battles, and sensational newspaper headlines, this story of Lizzie Borden is compulsively readable.

**Sarah Miller**

PB: 978-1-9848-9244-7

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Biography, Nonfiction, Media, Gender Issues



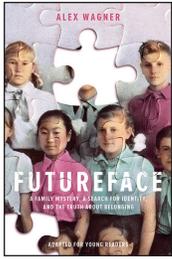
An essential book that introduces young readers to the Reign of Terror against the Osage people.

**David Grann**

HC: 978-0-593-37734-5

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Native American, Racism & Prejudice, Mystery & Suspense, Nonfiction



This is the story of a journalist who travels the world to solve the mystery of her ancestry.

**Alex Wagner**

HC: 978-1-9848-9662-9

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Autobiography, Genealogy, Immigrant Experience



This is an investigation turned obsession, full of twists and turns, with an ending you'll never expect.

**Holly Jackson**

PB: 978-1-9848-9639-1

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Thrillers & Crimes, Law & Crime, Prejudice & Racism



A touching testament to the Me Too movement and all the ways women stand up for each other.

**Camryn Garrett**

HC: 978-1-9848-2999-3

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Coming of Age, Love & Romance, Friendship



A journalistic look at the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland and the fight for gun control—as told by the student reporters for the school's newspaper and TV station.

**Edited by Melissa Falkowski and Eric Garner**

HC: 978-1-9848-4996-0

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Contemporary Issues/Social Problems, Guns, School, Nonfiction



## World Cultures & Foreign Language Clubs

These clubs can promote empathy and connection and build character strength to speak up for their beliefs.



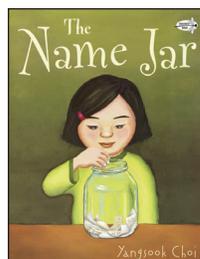
A picture book based on the life of a garbage collector in Bogotá, Colombia, who started a library with a single discarded book found on his route.

**Angela Burke Kunkel**  
**Illustrated by Paola Escobar**

HC: 978-1-9848-9263-8

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Biography & Autobiography



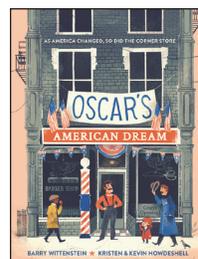
The new kid in school needs a new name! Or does she?

**Yangsook Choi**

PB: 978-0-440-41799-6

Age: 3–7

**THEMES:** Friendship, Growing Up, Self-Esteem, Immigrant Experience



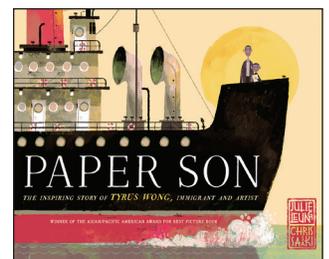
If you want to see twentieth-century American history unfold before your eyes, stand on a city street corner and watch the world change!

**Barry Wittenstein**  
**Illustrated by Kristen and Kevin Howdeshell**

HC: 978-0-525-70769-1

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Immigrant Experience, Historical Fiction/Twentieth Century, Perseverance



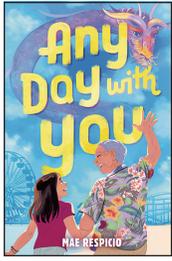
An inspiring picture-book biography of animator Tyrus Wong, the Chinese American immigrant responsible for bringing Disney's *Bambi* to life.

**Julie Leung**  
**Illustrated by Chris Sasaki**

HC: 978-1-5247-7187-4

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Art, Music & Theater, Biography, Immigrant Experience



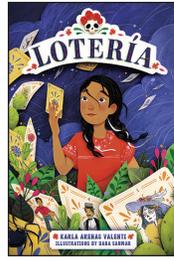
A warm, tender story about a creative girl who hopes that by winning a filmmaking contest, she'll convince her great-grandfather to stay in the United States.

**Mae Respicio**

HC: 978-0-525-70760-8

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Coming of Age, Community, Customs & Traditions



A dangerous game of chance. A journey among myths and monsters. A girl whose fate hangs in the balance.

**Karla Arenas Valenti**

HC: 978-0-593-17696-2

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Fantasy, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Death, Dying & Grief



This story is a touching portrayal of the immigrant experience and making new friends—sometimes where least expected.

**Emma Otheguy**

HC: 978-1-5247-7325-0

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Immigrant Experience, Acceptance & Belonging, Contemporary Issues



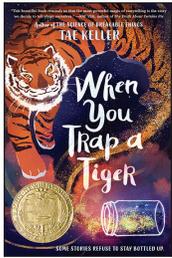
The haunting and poignant story of how a lantern ceremony transformed a young Japanese girl's understanding of the tragic bombing at Hiroshima.

**Shaw Kuzki**

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Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Death, Dying & Grief, Patriotism, Historical Fiction/World War II, Love & Romance



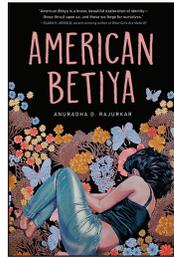
This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

**Tae Keller**

HC: 978-1-5247-1570-0

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Friendship, Growing Up, Emotions & Feelings



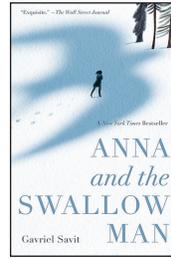
A luminous story of a young artist grappling with first love, family boundaries, and the complications of a cross-cultural relationship.

**Anuradha D. Rajurkar**

HC: 978-1-9848-9715-2

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Emotions & Feelings, Coming of Age, Family & Relationships



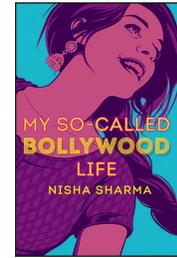
A stunning, literary, and wholly original novel set in Poland during the Second World War.

**Gavriel Savit**

HC: 978-0-553-52208-2

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Holocaust & Jewish Studies, Adopted & Orphaned Children, Historical Fiction/World War II, Coming of Age



To find her perfect ending, Winnie Mehta will need a little bit of help from fate, family, and of course, a Bollywood movie star.

**Nisha Sharma**

HC: 978-0-553-52325-6

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Music & Theater, Love & Romance, Friendship



An American Muslim teen is forced to confront hatred and hidden danger when she is framed for a terrorist act.

**Rabiah York Lumbard**

HC: 978-0-525-64425-5

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Justice & Equality, Love & Romance, Racism & Prejudice, Mystery & Suspense



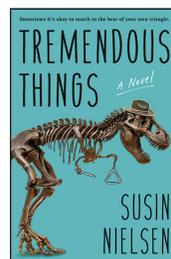
A breathtaking fantasy about a princess in exile, a shapeshifting dragon, six enchanted cranes, and an unspeakable curse.

**Elizabeth Lim**

HC: 978-0-593-30091-6

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Fantasy, Adventure, Love & Romance, Myths, Legends & Folklore



A funny and heartfelt story about learning how to rise above your most embarrassing moment while staying true to yourself.

**Susin Nielsen**

HC: 978-1-5247-6838-6

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Coming of Age, Friendship, Humor, School



A lushly illustrated novel about a teen Holocaust survivor who must come to terms with who she is and rebuild her life.

**Vesper Stamper**

HC: 978-1-5247-0038-6

Age: 12 and up

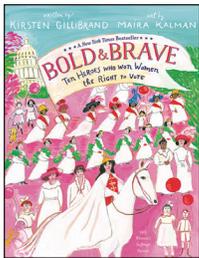
**THEMES:** Holocaust & Jewish Studies, Historical Fiction/World War II, Love & Romance, Family & Relationships



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Through these texts, students will see that historical research can be used not only to write nonfiction but also fiction. Many of these books include extensive backmatter and even an author's note that talks about the work that went into creating the book.

Student government encourages students to take on responsibilities managing various school events, programs, policies, and initiatives for the school. These books are sure to inspire any burgeoning politicians you may have in your classroom.

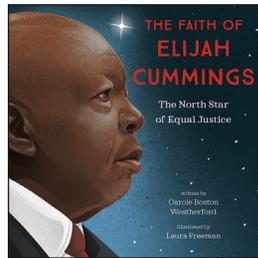


This inspiring picture book from United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand shares the stories of ten suffragists who fought for women's right to vote.

**Kirsten Gillibrand**  
**Illustrated by Maira Kalman**

PB: 978-0-593-30266-8  
Age: 6–9

**THEMES:** Patriotism, Historical Fiction/  
Twentieth Century, Nonfiction

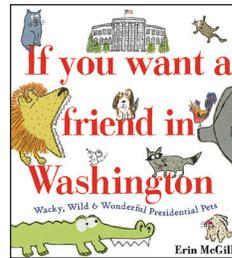


Best known as a voice for people of color and an advocate for equal opportunity, Elijah Cummings was a beacon of justice and an unrelenting warrior for equality and change.

**Carole Boston Weatherford**  
**Illustrated by Laura Freeman**

HC: 978-0-593-30650-5  
Age: 6–9

**THEMES:** Biography, Nonfiction,  
Perseverance

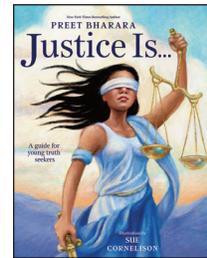


A clever, funny, and informative look at the pets that have passed through the White House gates.

**Erin McGill**

HC: 978-0-593-12269-3  
Age: 5–9

**THEMES:** Animals, Biography,  
History & Social Studies

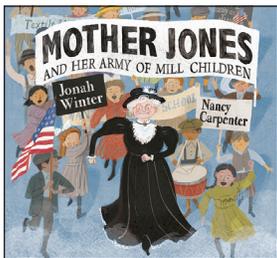


In clear and simple language, Preet Bharara, former US attorney for the Southern District of New York, explains what justice is and what it takes to achieve it.

**Preet Bharara**  
**Illustrated by Sue Cornelison**

HC: 978-0-593-17662-7  
Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Fairness, Justice & Equality,  
Nonfiction, Human & Civil Rights

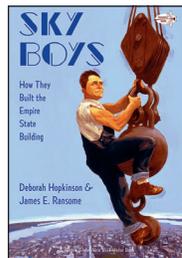


A stunning picture book about Mary "Mother" Jones and the 100 children who marched from Philadelphia to New York in a fiery protest against child labor.

**Jonah Winter**  
**Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter**

HC: 978-0-449-81291-4  
Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Women's History Month

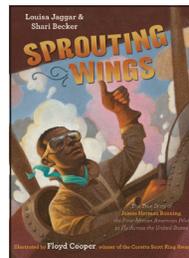


A riveting brick-by-brick account of how one of the most amazing accomplishments in American architecture came to be.

**Deborah Hopkinson**  
**Illustrated by James E. Ransome**

PB: 978-0-375-86541-1  
Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Historical Fiction/  
Twentieth Century, Patriotism,  
History & Social Studies

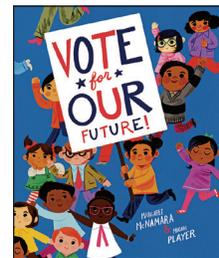


The inspirational true story of James Herman Banning, the first African American pilot to fly across the country.

**Louisa Jaggard and Shari Becker**  
**Illustrated by Floyd Cooper**

HC: 978-1-9848-4762-1  
Age: 7–9

**THEMES:** Biography, Heroes & Heroism,  
History & Social Studies



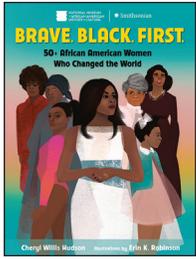
The students of Stanton Elementary School learn how to use their voices for change in this powerful picture book.

**Margaret McNamara**  
**Illustrated by Micah Player**

HC: 978-1-9848-9280-5  
Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Adventure, Election Day,  
Government & Politics

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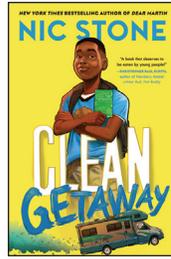


Discover over fifty remarkable African American women whose unique skills and contributions paved the way for the next generation.

**Cheryl Hudson**  
Illustrated by **Erin K. Robinson**

HC: 978-0-525-64581-8  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Heroes & Heroism, Biography, Nonfiction



A road trip through the Civil Rights Movement's landmarks and contemporary race relations.

**Nic Stone**  
PB: 978-1-9848-9300-0  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Racism & Prejudice, Human & Civil Rights, Family & Relationships, Intergenerational Stories

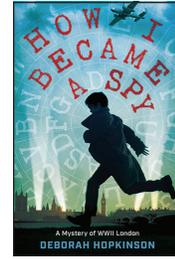


Myths! Lies! Secrets! Uncover the hidden truth about history's pandemics, from the Black Death to COVID-19.

**Kate Messer**  
Illustrated by **Falynn Koch**

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Age: 8–12

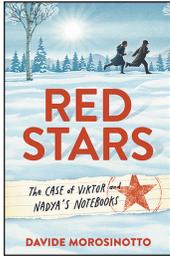
**THEMES:** History & Social Studies, Science & Nature, Disabilities & Illness, Nonfiction



This suspenseful World War II adventure reminds us that times of war call for bravery, brains, and teamwork from even the most unlikely heroes.

**Deborah Hopkinson**  
PB: 978-0-399-55709-5  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Historical Fiction/ World War II, Friendship, Mystery & Suspense, Adventure



A harrowing journey of two twelve-year-old siblings, separated just before the Nazi siege of their city, desperate to reunite.

**Davide Morosinotto**  
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Age: 10 and up

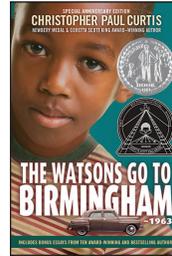
**THEMES:** Adventure, Perseverance, War, Loyalty, Family & Relationships



A graphic novel adaptation of the beloved, bestselling, Newbery Honor-winning novel.

**Jennifer L. Holm and Savanna Ganucheau**  
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Age: 8–12

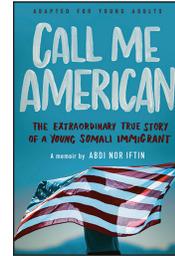
**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Character Education/Caring, Determination, Responsibility, Coming of Age



An unforgettable family road trip during one of the most critical times in the Civil Rights Movement.

**Christopher Paul Curtis**  
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Age: 8–12

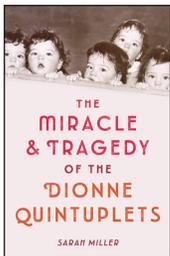
**THEMES:** Humor, Family & Relationships, Historical Fiction/Twentieth Century, Racism & Prejudice



The extraordinary true story of a young Somali immigrant that shows that everyone deserves the chance to build a brighter future for themselves.

**Abdi Nor Iftin**  
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Age: 12 and up

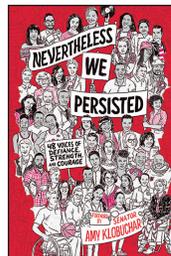
**THEMES:** Autobiography, War, Immigrant Experience, Determination



In this riveting, beyond-belief true story, meet the five children who captivated the entire world.

**Sarah Miller**  
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Age: 12 and up

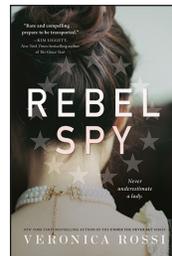
**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Nonfiction



A powerful collection of essays from actors, activists, athletes, politicians, musicians, writers, and teens.

**Amy Klobuchar**  
Edited by **In This Together Media**  
HC: 978-1-5247-7196-6  
Age: 12 and up

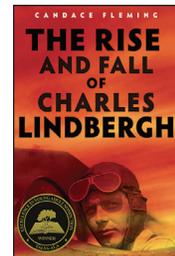
**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Bullies, Nonfiction, Perseverance



A reimagining of the story of Agent 355, a New York society girl and spy for George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

**Veronica Rossi**  
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Age: 12 and up

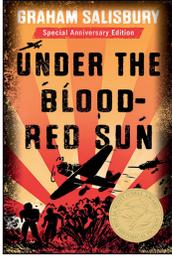
**THEMES:** Adventure, Historical Fiction/ Colonial America, Courage & Honor, War



Discover the dark side of Charles Lindbergh—one of America's most celebrated and complicated men.

**Candace Fleming**  
HC: 978-0-525-64654-9  
Age: 12 and up  
**THEMES:** Biography

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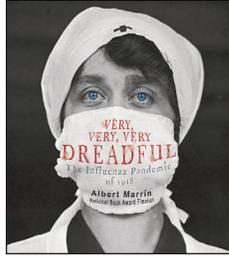
A riveting view of what Japanese Americans endured at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

**Graham Salisbury**

PB: 978-0-385-38655-5

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Friendship, Historical Fiction/World War II, Racism & Prejudice



A fascinating look at the history and science of the deadly 1918 flu pandemic—and its chilling resemblance to the worldwide coronavirus outbreak.

**Albert Marrin**

HC: 978-1-101-93146-2

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** History & Social Studies, Science & Nature, Nonfiction, Government & Politics



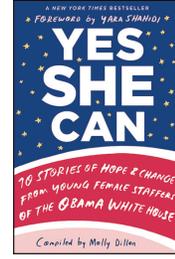
A true story about an American woman who pioneered codebreaking in both World Wars, but was only recently recognized for her contributions.

**Amy Butler Greenfield**

HC: 978-0-593-12719-3

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Biography, History & Social Studies



Return to President Obama's White House in this anthology for young women by young women.

**Compiled by Molly Dillon**

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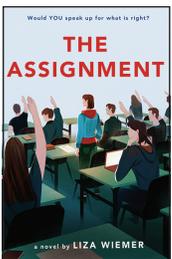
Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Government & Politics, Biography & Autobiography, Short Stories & Anthologies, Responsibility



## Debate Team

Debate club allows students to develop their speaking and reasoning skills. It also encourages critical thinking and analysis and builds confidence.



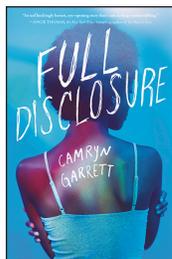
Inspired by a real-life incident, this riveting novel explores the dangerous effects of discrimination and antisemitism on a community when a school assignment goes terribly wrong.

**Liza Wiemer**

PB: 978-0-593-12319-5

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Morals & Values in Conflict, Making Choices, Government & Politics, Justice & Equality



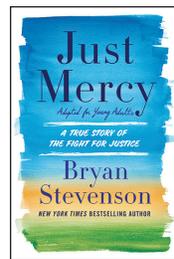
The uplifting story of an HIV-positive teen falling in love and learning to live her truth.

**Camryn Garrett**

PB: 978-1-9848-2998-6

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Family & Relationships, Peer Pressure



Through this adaptation, young people will find themselves called to action and compassion in the pursuit of justice.

**Bryan Stevenson**

PB: 978-0-525-58006-5

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Government & Politics, Human & Civil Rights, Contemporary Issues/Social Problems, Justice & Equality



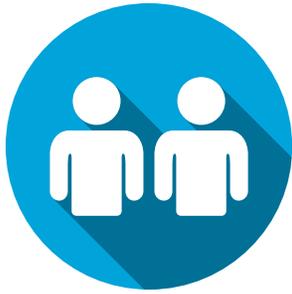
Based on a real incident, this is the story of how the powerful force of group pressure could persuade people to blindly follow a leader, give up individual rights, and harm those who oppose them.

**Todd Strasser**

PB: 978-0-307-97912-4

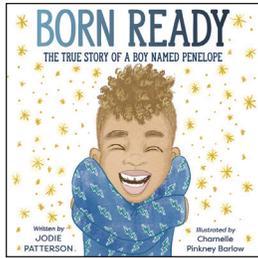
Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Morals & Values in Conflict, Cooperation & Teamwork, Self-Discipline, Justice & Equality



# GSA/LGBTQ+ Clubs

GSA/LGBTQ+ Clubs are student-led and organized school clubs that seek to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting space for students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

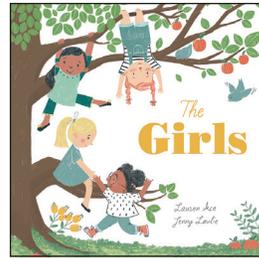


Penelope knows that he's a boy. The problem is getting everyone else to realize it. An important picture book about identity and acceptance.

**Jodie Patterson**  
Illustrated by  
**Charnelle Pinkney Barlow**

HC: 978-0-593-12363-8  
Age: 4-8

**THEMES:** Biography, Family & Relationships, Self-Discovery, Pride

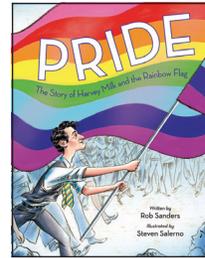


A timeless picture book for friends of all ages, *The Girls* celebrates kindness, supportiveness, and the power of true friendship.

**Lauren Ace**  
Illustrated by **Jenny Løvlie**

HC: 978-1-9848-9651-3  
Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Friendship, Growing Up, Community

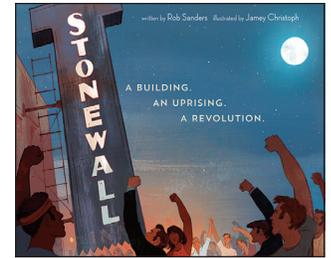


The very first picture book about the incredibly inspiring history of the Gay Pride flag!

**Rob Sanders**  
Illustrated by **Steven Salerno**

HC: 978-0-399-55531-2  
Age: 5-8

**THEMES:** Pride, Justice & Equality, Acceptance & Belonging, History & Social Studies

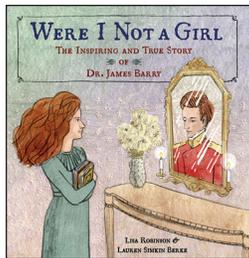


Celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising with the very first picture book to tell of its historic and inspiring role in the gay Civil Rights Movement.

**Rob Sanders**  
Illustrated by **Jamey Christoph**

HC: 978-1-5247-1952-4  
Age: 5-8

**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Justice & Equality, Human & Civil Rights, History & Social Studies

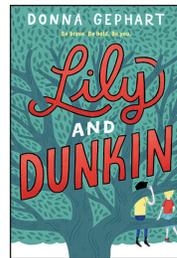


This unique picture-book biography tells the story of Dr. James Barry, born female, who lived as a man from age eighteen to his death.

**Lisa Robinson**  
Illustrated by  
**Lauren Simkin Berke**

HC: 978-1-9848-4905-2  
Age: 4-8

**THEMES:** Biography, Pride



A compelling story about two remarkable young people: Lily, a transgender girl, and Dunkin, a boy dealing with bipolar disorder.

**Donna Gephart**  
PB: 978-0-553-53677-5  
Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Coming of Age, Family & Relationships



When everything is changing for Bea and her family, the essential things will always stay the same.

**Rebecca Stead**  
HC: 978-1-101-93809-6  
Age: 8-12

**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Family & Relationships, Divorce & Single Parent Families, Emotions & Feelings



How can you believe in the impossible when everything and everybody tells you not to? A twisting journey through truth, reality, fantasy, and belief.

**David Levithan**  
HC: 978-1-9848-4859-8  
Age: 8-12

**THEMES:** Justice & Equality, Community, Acceptance & Belonging, Historical Fiction/Twentieth Century



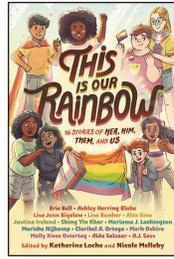
A coming-of-age story about a transgender tween named Obie who didn't think being himself would cause such a splash.

**Schuyler Bailar**

HC: 978-0-593-37946-2

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Coming of Age, Cultural Diversity, Determination, Bullies



The first LGBTQIA+ anthology for middle graders features stories for every letter of the acronym, including realistic, fantasy, and sci-fi stories.

**Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby**

HC: 978-0-593-30394-8

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Pride, Short Stories & Anthologies, Coming of Age



Witty, romantic, and honest, teens (and adults) will come to this collection not only on Valentine's Day but all year round.

**David Levithan**

PB: 978-1-9848-4866-6

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Emotions & Feelings, Family & Relationships, Short Stories & Anthologies



Jazz Jennings shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths.

**Jazz Jennings**

PB: 978-0-399-55467-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Autobiography, Bullies, Growing Up, Human & Civil Rights



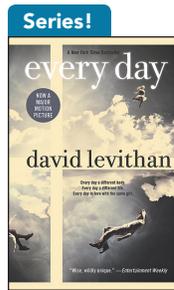
An upbeat and heartfelt boy-meets-boy romance that feels like a modern twist on a '90s rom-com!

**Kevin van Whye**

PB: 978-0-593-12606-6

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Peer Pressure, Acceptance & Belonging



“Wise, wildly unique.”  
—*Entertainment Weekly*

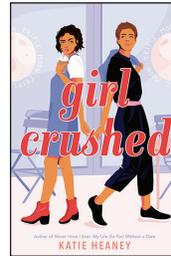
A love story about a teen who wakes up every morning in a different body, living a different life.

**David Levithan**

PB: 978-0-307-93189-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Emotions & Feelings, Love & Romance, Science Fiction, Determination



This is a pitch-perfect queer romance about falling in love and never quite falling out of it—heartbreak, unexpected new crushes, and all.

**Katie Heaney**

PB: 978-1-9848-9737-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Emotions & Feelings, Coming of Age



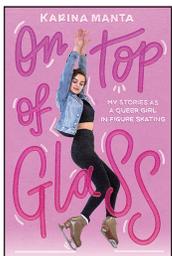
An amazing young adult graphic novel that deals with the complexity of family and how stories can bring us together.

**Trung Le Nguyen**

PB: 978-1-9848-5159-8

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Fairy Tales & Fables



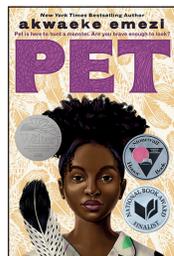
An insightful memoir from a figure skating champion about her life as a bisexual professional athlete.

**Karina Manta**

HC: 978-0-593-30846-2

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Autobiography, Sports, Love & Romance



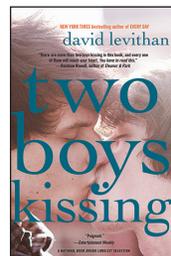
Pet is here to hunt a monster. Are you brave enough to look?

**Akwaeke Emezi**

PB: 978-0-593-17544-6

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Fantasy, Family & Relationships, Art



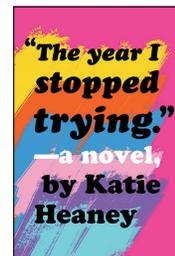
Levithan's trademark sharp wit is on full display in this warm-hearted tale of teenage love and a momentous kiss.

**David Levithan**

PB: 978-0-307-93191-7

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Coming of Age, Acceptance & Belonging, Family & Relationships



A stunning YA about overachieving, existential crises, growing up, and coming out.

**Katie Heaney**

HC: 978-0-593-11828-3

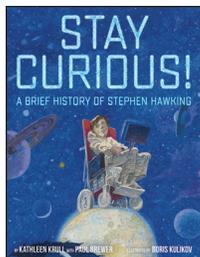
Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Emotions & Feelings, Coming of Age



# STEAM/Makers Club

STEAM and makers clubs are spaces for out-of-the-box thinking, invention, and exploring science and the arts.



A picture-book biography about Stephen Hawking, whose visionary mind revolutionized our concept of reality and whose struggle with ALS inspired millions.

**Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer**  
Illustrated by **Boris Kulikov**

HC: 978-0-399-55028-7  
Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Biography, Nonfiction, Science & Nature, Leadership, Determination



In book 4 of the Magnificent Makers series, you will learn all about good and bad germs and why staying home until you're 100 percent recovered is really important.

**Theanne Griffith**  
Illustrated by **Reggie Brown**

PB: 978-0-593-37960-8  
Age: 7–10

**THEMES:** Technology; School & Education; Fantasy & Magic

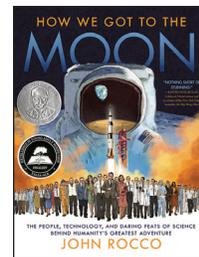


A coming-of-age story that explores culture and family, forgiveness and friendship, and what makes a true home.

**Mae Respicio**

PB: 978-1-5247-1797-1  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships



A beautifully illustrated guide to the people and technology behind the moon landing by award-winning author-illustrator John Rocco.

**John Rocco**

HC: 978-0-525-64741-6  
Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Nonfiction, Space, Technology, and Computers, Transportation

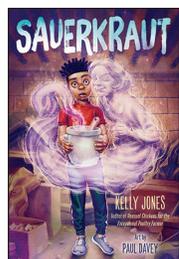


This heart-pounding mystery-adventure follows three kids who get lost in the woods at night and experience something they cannot quite explain.

**Christopher Edge**

HC: 978-0-593-17308-4  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Friendship, Diversability

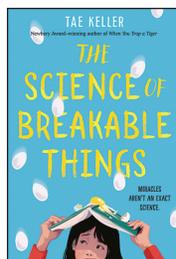


A quirky and funny book about a boy whose plans for the summer go sideways when the ghost of his great-great-grandmother demands his attention.

**Kelly Jones**

PB: 978-1-5247-6598-9  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Humor, Family & Relationships, Horror & Ghost Stories, Intergenerational Stories



A vibrant, loving debut about the coming-of-age moment when kids realize that parents are people, too.

**Tae Keller**

PB: 978-1-5247-1569-4  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Friendship, Science & Nature, Growing Up



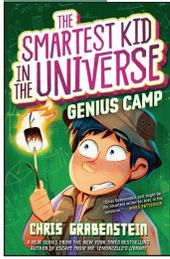
Everyone deserves to shine in this sparkling book about a girl who's trying to find her place in the universe—and middle school.

**J.J. & Chris Grabenstein**

PB: 978-1-5247-1767-4  
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Science & Nature, Friendship, Humor, School

**Series!**



The Smartest Kid in the Universe goes to genius camp in book two of this action-packed series.

**Chris Grabenstein**

HC: 978-0-593-30177-7

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Humorous Stories, Action & Adventure, School & Education



The story of a girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species and the journey she takes to help him.

**Lynne Kelly**

PB: 978-1-5247-7026-6

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Animals, Disabilities, Ecology & Conservation, Family & Relationships



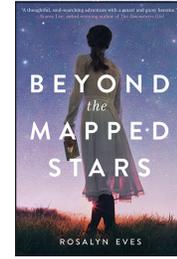
An astronaut who completed spacewalks on two Hubble missions tells his inspiring story in this middle-grade adaptation of his bestselling adult memoir.

**Mark Massimino**

PB: 978-0-593-12089-7

Age: 9–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Perseverance, Space, Courage & Honor



A sweeping adventure set in the late nineteenth century about science, love, and finding your place in the world.

**Rosalyn Eves**

HC: 978-1-9848-4955-7

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Historical Fiction/Nineteenth Century, Mystery & Suspense, Acceptance & Belonging, Coming of Age



## Environmental Awareness/Activism Clubs

Seek to engage and excite students to help counteract the negative effects of climate change. Help students explore different ways to get their communities involved in these efforts.



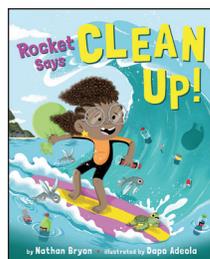
A girl solves a windy problem with an environmentally sound solution: planting trees.

**Liz Garton Scanlon**  
Illustrated by Lee White

HC: 978-1-101-93479-1

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Weather, Ecology & Conservation, Science & Nature



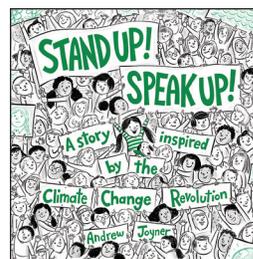
Plucky science-lover Rocket inspires her community to notice the world around them and CLEAN UP! their shoreline.

**Nathan Byron**  
Illustrated by Dapo Adeola

HC: 978-0-593-11899-3

Age: 3–7

**THEMES:** Ecology & Conservation, Family & Relationships, Community



An extremely relevant picture book about activism, community, hope, and a young girl's mission to inspire others to help the planet.

**Andrew Joyner**

HC: 978-0-593-30158-6

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Government & Politics, Science & Nature



A warm coming-of-age novel about a community banding together in the wake of an unexpected tornado.

**Jenn Bishop**

HC: 978-1-101-93875-1

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Community, Cooperation & Teamwork, Weather

## Environmental Awareness/Activism Clubs



A dazzling tale of mystery, science, and adventure at the top of the world.

**Rebecca Stead**

PB: 978-0-440-42222-8

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Fantasy, Science & Nature, Ecology & Conservation



This novel will intrigue, surprise, and inspire while compelling readers to think twice about how they treat others and the environment.

**Louis Sachar**

PB: 978-0-385-37022-6

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Ecology & Conservation, Bullies, Mystery & Suspense, Friendship



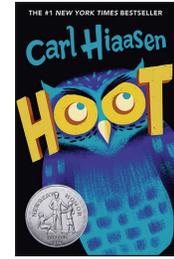
Environmental activism and summer friendship collide in this heartfelt story about conservation and standing up for the things you love.

**Michele Weber Hurwitz**

PB: 978-1-9848-9635-3

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Ecology & Conservation, Family & Relationships, Adopted & Orphaned Children, Cooperation & Teamwork



A beloved modern classic that delivers an adventure full of new kids, bullies, alligators, eco-warriors, pancakes, and pint-sized owls.

**Carl Hiaasen**

PB: 978-0-375-82916-1

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Humor, Mystery & Suspense, Ecology & Conservation, Friendship



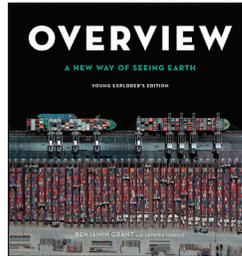
The uplifting story of a girl who discovers a family of panthers thought to be extinct and her journey to save the species.

**Todd Mitchell**

PB: 978-0-399-55561-9

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Ecology & Conservation, Self-Esteem, Animals, Perseverance



Discover Earth as you've never seen it before in this stunning and unique collection of satellite images that offer an unexpected look at our planet.

**Benjamin Grant and Sandra Markle**

HC: 978-1-9848-3202-3

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Ecology & Conservation, Technology and Computers, Nonfiction, Geography



A major hurricane is raging across the southern United States, and two unsuspecting kids are about to go on the journey of a lifetime!

**Nick Courage**

HC: 978-0-525-64596-2

Age: 9–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Weather



Every day in middle school can feel like the end of the world, but is middle-school drama scarier than an asteroid heading for Earth?

**Stacy McAnulty**

PB: 978-1-5247-6764-8

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Family & Relationships



A darkly funny thriller about a boy's attempt to unravel the mysterious phenomenon affecting students in his new town.

**Josh Swiller**

HC: 978-0-593-11957-0

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Science Fiction, Family & Relationships, Friendship, Love & Romance



A haunting novel of love and loss, in which a series of tornadoes rips through a small midwestern town, forever altering the lives of those who live there.

**Christopher Barzak**

HC: 978-0-399-55609-8

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Death, Dying & Grief, Friendship, Horror & Ghost Stories, School



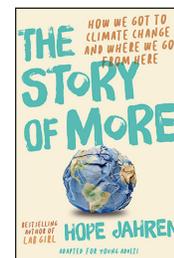
An intense, high-stakes story about five friends and the deadly secret that could send their lives up in flames.

**Jennifer Lynn Alvarez**

HC: 978-0-593-30963-6

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Mysteries & Detective Stories, Friendship, Thrillers & Suspense



This young adult adaptation of Hope Jahren's highly respected nonfiction work is perfect for those interested in learning about climate change and how they can contribute to a more sustainable future.

**Hope Jahren**

HC: 978-0-593-38112-0

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Ecology & Conservation



# Gaming Club

Gaming club allows students to come together over their shared love of video games. This involves playing multi- and single-player games, providing the opportunity to discuss strategies, skills, and preferences.



A wild action-comedy told through a mix of text and black-and-white illustrations, with a mystery to solve at the end.

**Justin Dean**

PB: 978-0-525-64484-2

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Humor, Friendship, Cooperation & Teamwork, Technology



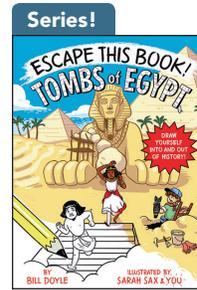
Twelve kids are chosen to stay overnight in a library, and must find a way out by solving puzzles.

**Chris Grabenstein**

PB: 978-0-307-93147-4

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Mystery & Suspense, Cooperation & Teamwork



In the Escape This Book! series, YOU are the star of history! Doodle your way through adventures as you decide the best path for survival.

**Bill Doyle**

**Illustrated by Sarah Sax**

PB: 978-0-525-64423-1

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Adventure, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Historical Fiction



Five young Minecraft players find themselves transported inside the game they love.

**Nick Eliopoulos**

HC: 978-1-9848-5045-4

Age: 6–9

**THEMES:** Media, Friendship, Adventure, Science Fiction



What if a video game was prepping you to solve an incredible real-world puzzle and locate a priceless treasure?

**Denis Markell**

PB: 978-1-101-93190-5

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Adventure, Cooperation & Teamwork, Humor, Technology



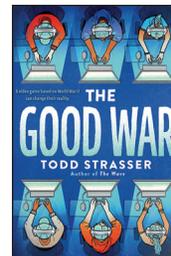
A quirky Dungeons & Dragons–inspired adventure that will appeal to gamers and readers alike.

**Denis Markell**

PB: 978-1-101-93194-3

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Adventure, Cooperation & Teamwork, Humor, Technology



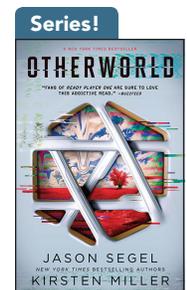
A timely story about a group of seventh graders who are brought together—and then torn apart—by an afterschool club that plays a video game based on World War II.

**Todd Strasser**

HC: 978-0-593-17365-7

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Racism & Prejudice, War, Peer Pressure, Cooperation & Teamwork



A video game so addictive you'll never want it to end . . . until you realize that you're the one being played.

**Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller**

PB: 978-1-101-93935-2

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Adventure, Cooperation & Teamwork, Friendship, Good vs. Evil



# Pop Culture Club

This club increases awareness of popular culture and its influence on students through examination and creation. Members may watch movies, write and publish articles, build websites, produce radio and TV programs, organize events, and discuss popular culture, from cartoons and comic books to contemporary art.

## Series!



The DC Super Hero Girls are ready to save the day, and have fun doing it!

**Lisa Yee**

HC: 978-1-5247-6926-0

Age: 9–12

**THEMES:** Humor, Good vs. Evil, Friendship, Fantasy

## Series!



Wonder Woman is back in another breathtaking adventure! This time, Diana will travel to the Underworld to take on Hades—but will she make it out alive?

**Aisha Saeed**

HC: 978-0-593-17837-9

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Heroes & Heroism, Adventure, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Friendship



Soar into the modern classic about a young witch and her clever cat. This was the inspiration for the Hayao Miyazaki film.

**Eiko Kadono**  
**Translated by Emily Balistreri**

PB: 978-1-9848-9669-8

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Fantasy, Adventure, Determination, Coming of Age, Growing Up



A love story about two teens who find each other while standing on the edge.

**Jennifer Niven**

PB: 978-0-593-11892-4

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Death, Dying & Grief, Love & Romance, Friendship, Family & Relationships

## Series!



Dinah Lance's voice is her weapon—in a near-future world where women have no rights, she uses her songs to fight back.

**Alexandra Monir**

HC: 978-0-593-17831-7

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Heroes & Heroism, Adventure, Gender Issues, Fairness, Justice & Equality, Good vs. Evil

## Series!



Lily left a red notebook full of challenges on her favorite bookstore shelf, waiting for just the right guy to come along and accept its dares.

**Rachel Cohn and David Levithan**

PB: 978-0-593-30960-5

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Family & Relationships, Self-Discovery



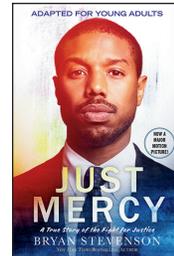
Maddy is a girl who's literally allergic to the outside world, and Olly is the boy who moves in next door.

**Nicola Yoon**

PB: 978-1-5247-6960-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Family & Relationships, Self-Discovery



The story of Bryan Stevenson's incredible fight to end mass incarceration, excessive punishment, and racial inequality.

**Bryan Stevenson**

PB: 978-0-593-17704-4

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Government & Politics, Human & Civil Rights, Justice & Equality



A tense, emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the thrill and inspiration of first love.

**Jerry Spinelli**

PB: 978-0-593-17904-8

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Friendship, Peer Pressure, Love & Romance, Self-Discovery



High school is a monster, and it's eating everyone Robin knows. Discover the backstory of the *Stranger Things* fan favorite character Robin.

**A. R. Capetta**

HC: 978-0-593-37556-3

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Self-Discovery, Acceptance & Belonging, Coming of Age, Pride



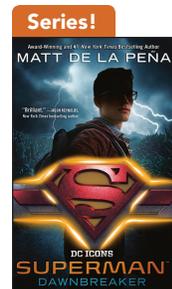
One magical day amid the fervor and flurry of New York City, two strangers fall in love with a bit of help from fate.

**Nicola Yoon**

PB: 978-1-9848-4939-7

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Love & Romance, Family & Relationships, Making Choices, Immigrant Experience



When the dawn breaks, a hero rises.

**Matt de la Peña**

PB: 978-0-399-54968-7

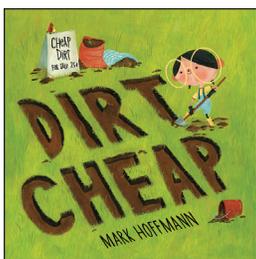
Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Heroes & Heroism, Adventure, Good vs. Evil, Fantasy



## Mathletes/Quizbowl

These clubs are for students who wish to attend competitions for math or general knowledge, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, popular culture, sports, and more.



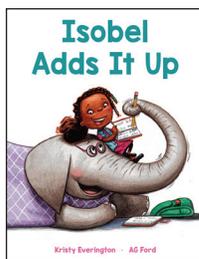
A young entrepreneur sets out to earn some money and discovers the value of a dollar (and of dirt)! An industrious tale about striking it rich.

**Matt Hoffmann**

HC: 978-1-5247-1994-4

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Activities, Crafts & Hobbies, Determination, Concepts/Counting



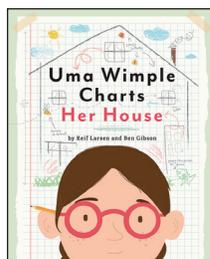
Isobel is a problem solver, but trying to figure out who is causing all the noise next door is one problem she can't quite work out.

**Kristy Everington  
Illustrated by AG Ford**

HC: 978-0-593-17810-2

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Math, Animals, Friendship, Humor



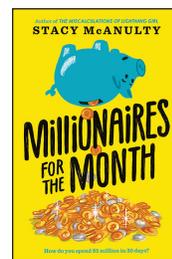
A hip, funny, unique picture book about the challenges a student faces when she is asked to make a chart of her own home!

**Reif Larsen and  
Ben Gibson**

HC: 978-0-593-18118-8

Age: 4-8

**THEMES:** Concepts, Family & Relationships, School



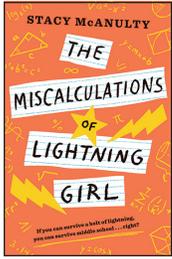
As intelligent as it is entertaining, *Millionaires for the Month* is a thought-provoking story about friendship, privilege, and the value of a penny.

**Stacy McAnulty**

HC: 978-0-593-17525-5

Age: 8-12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Cooperation & Teamwork, Adventure, Humor



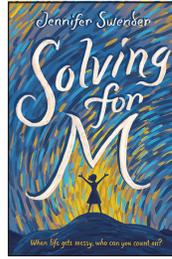
A lightning strike gave her a superpower . . . but even a superpower can't solve the problem of middle school.

**Stacy McAnulty**

PB: 978-1-5247-6760-0

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Family & Relationships, Growing Up, Acceptance & Belonging



An honest and heartfelt novel that seamlessly blends STEAM content with first loss.

**Jennifer Swender**

HC: 978-1-101-93290-2

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Math, Family & Relationships, School



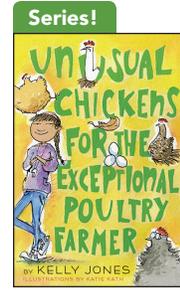
Math whiz and *New York Times* bestselling author Danica McKellar shares her revolutionary and FUN way for kids to memorize multiplication facts outside of the classroom!

**Danica McKellar**

PB: 978-1-101-93402-9

Age: 7–10

**THEMES:** Math, Concepts/Counting, Humor, School



Sophie learns to care for her flock, but when a farmer tries to steal them, she must find a way to keep them (and their superpowers) safe.

**Kelly Jones**

PB: 978-0-385-75555-9

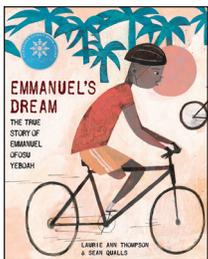
Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Animals, Humor, Adventure, Family & Relationships



## Sports

Organized sports teams help students learn valuable skills like teamwork, dedication, mental toughness, integrity, and more, while also providing an outlet for healthy competitiveness and a way to bond through school spirit.



An inspiring true story of a disabled West African kid who proved nothing is impossible by biking 400 miles across Ghana in 2001.

**Laurie Ann Thompson  
Illustrated by Sean Qualls**

HC: 978-0-449-81744-5

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Biography, Special Needs & Disabilities, Justice & Equality, Perseverance



From one of the world's youngest and most skilled climbers comes a true story of strength and perseverance.

**Ashima Shiraishi  
Illustrated by Yao Xiao**

HC: 978-1-5247-7327-4

Age: 4–8

**THEMES:** Health/Nutrition/Physical Fitness, Adventure, Perseverance



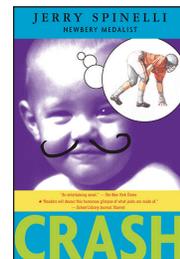
Batter up! Baseball action, exciting whodunits, and the Minnesota Twins star in the latest edition of this chapter book series!

**David A. Kelly  
Illustrated by Mark Meyers**

PB: 978-0-593-12624-0

Age: 6–9

**THEMES:** Sports, Mystery & Suspense, Family & Relationships, Geography



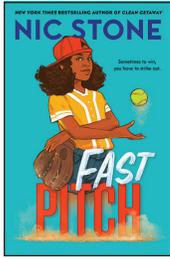
Readers get a rare glimpse into the life of a bully in this unforgettable and beloved story about stereotypes and the surprises life can bring.

**Jerry Spinelli**

PB: 978-0-679-88550-4

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Friendship, Intergenerational Stories, Bullies



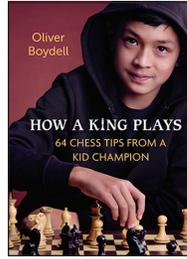
A challenging and heartwarming coming-of-age story about a softball player looking to prove herself on and off the field.

**Nic Stone**

HC: 978-1-9848-9301-7

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Racism & Prejudice, Human & Civil Rights, Family & Relationships, Intergenerational Stories



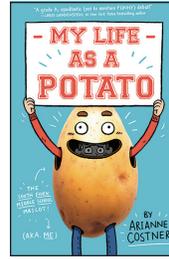
For fans of *The Queen's Gambit* comes a brand-new book from eleven-year-old chess champion Oliver Boydell.

**Oliver Boydell**

HC: 978-0-593-45126-7

Age: 10 and up

**THEMES:** Nonfiction, Activities, Reference, Autobiography



This hilarious story about a boy forced to become the dorkiest school mascot ever will have readers cheering!

**Arianne Costner**

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Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Friendship, Humor, Peer Pressure, Family & Relationships



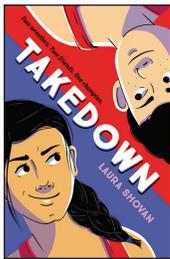
This anthology introduces twenty-one trailblazing women who have broken through the boundaries set for female athletes.

**Lesa Cline-Ransome**

HC: 978-1-5247-6453-1

Age: 8–12

**THEMES:** Sports, Biography, Nonfiction, Perseverance



Discover what happens when one girl wants to break barriers in a sport dominated by boys in this exciting and thoughtful novel.

**Laura Shovan**

PB: 978-0-553-52144-3

Age: 9–12

**THEMES:** School, Community, Self-Discovery, Coming of Age



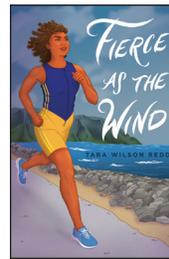
A novel-in-verse about a young girl coming of age and stepping out of the shadow of her former best friend.

**Mahogany L. Browne**

HC: 978-0-593-17639-9

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Poetry, Friendship, Coming of Age, Growing Up



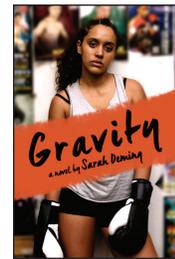
Heartbreak pushes one Hawaiian girl to find her strongest self in this authentic and emotional story of personal transformation.

**Tara Wilson Redd**

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Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Love & Romance, Coming of Age, Emotions & Feelings



Gravity Delgado knows boxing will take her places—if she just stays focused, she knows she'll have a shot at the Olympics.

**Sarah Deming**

PB: 978-0-525-58106-2

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Sports, Self-Discipline, Perseverance, Gender Issues, Making Choices



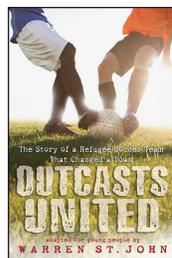
A story of friendship, acceptance, and struggle to find your identity in a world of definitions.

**Matt de la Peña**

PB: 978-0-440-23938-3

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Acceptance & Belonging, Character Education/Honesty, Coming of Age



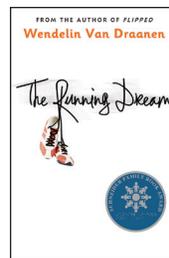
A moving account of how a soccer team made up of refugees inspired an entire community in the United States.

**Warren St. John**

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Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Immigrant Experience, Sports, Nonfiction, Community



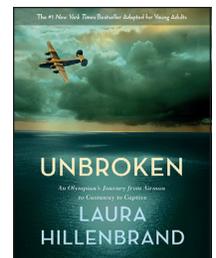
Readers will revel in the story of a girl who puts herself back together after she's told she'll never run again.

**Wendelin Van Draanen**

PB: 978-0-375-86628-9

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Sports, Diversability, Perseverance, Acceptance & Belonging



The story of a former Olympian's courage, cunning, and fortitude following his plane crash in enemy territory.

**Laura Hillenbrand**

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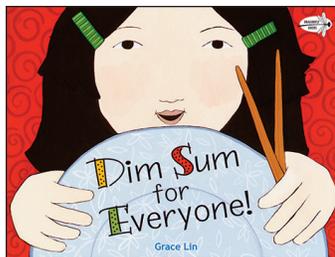
Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Nonfiction, War, Heroes & Heroism, Survival



# Cooking Club

Cooking Club participants come together to cook or discuss various cuisines.



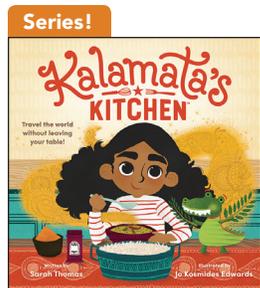
On a visit to a bustling dim sum restaurant, a family picks their favorite little dishes from the steaming trolleys filled with dumplings, cakes, buns, and tarts.

**Grace Lin**

PB: 978-0-440-41770-5

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Family & Relationships, Customs & Traditions



A charming story about facing your fears and overcoming back-to-school jitters.

**Sarah Thomas**  
Created by **Derek Wallace**

Illustrated by **Jo Kosmidis Edwards**

HC: 978-0-593-30791-5

Age: 4-8

**THEMES:** Media, Humor, Acceptance & Belonging, Activities, Crafts & Hobbies



Packed with flavor and savory smells, this irresistible read-aloud about friendship and determination is perfect for even the youngest taco fans!

**Tanya Valentine**  
Illustrated by **Jorge Martin**

HC: 978-1-5247-6585-9

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Transportation, Emotions & Feelings, Self-Esteem, Friendship



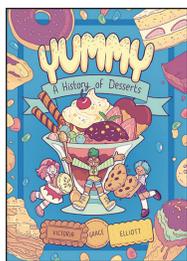
Join Waffles and Mochi for global adventures that reveal the stories behind our food.

**Christy Webster**  
Introduction by **Michelle Obama**  
Illustrated by **Sarah Rebar**

HC: 978-0-593-42552-7

Age: 3-7

**THEMES:** Health/Nutrition/Physical Fitness, Friendship



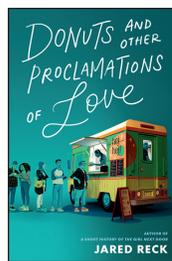
Explore the history of desserts through a fun adventure in this exciting nonfiction graphic novel for kids!

**Victoria Grace Elliott**

PB: 978-0-593-12438-3

Age: 8-12

**THEMES:** Nonfiction, Humor, Adventure, Customs & Traditions



The future is anything but certain in this alternately funny and heartbreaking contemporary story about food trucks, festivals, and first loves.

**Jared Reck**

HC: 978-1-5247-1611-0

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Dying & Grief, Love & Romance, Humor, Family & Relationships



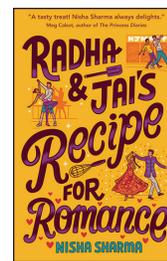
This memoir chronicles *Top Chef* star Kwame Onwuachi's fame in the food world after a tough childhood in the Bronx and Nigeria.

**Kwame Onwuachi and Joshua David Stein**

HC: 978-0-593-17600-9

Age: 12 and up

**THEMES:** Biography, Coming of Age



A delectable love story that combines food, dance, and a hint of drama to cook up the perfect romance.

**Nisha Sharma**

HC: 978-0-553-52329-4

Age: 14 and up

**THEMES:** Art, Music & Theater, Love & Romance, Friendship