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ALI, S. K., AND AISHA SAEED, EDS.

Once upon an Eid Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices

Illus. by Sara Alfageeh
ABRAMS, 2020
9781419740831

A collection of short stories, poems, and a graphic-novel chapter showcasing distinct Muslim voices highlight the joyful memories and celebration of Eid.

BEHAR, RUTH

Letters from Cuba

NANCY PAULSEN, 2020
9780525516477

In 1938, twelve-year-old Esther joins her Polish refugee

father in Cuba, where she learns about family, friendship, and perseverance against injustices, both in Cuba and in her homeland.

BIRD, JAMES **The Brave**

FEIWEL & FRIENDS, 2020
9781250247759

Due to his OCD, which causes him to count every letter spoken to him, Collin is a frequent frustration to the adults in his life, until his father sends him to live on an Ojibwe reservation in Minnesota with the mother he's never met. Collin finds a new home that is open and kind and a friend who needs him as much as he needs her.

CALENDER, KACEN

King and the Dragonflies

SCHOLASTIC, 2020
9781338129335

Convinced his deceased brother has been reincarnated as a dragonfly, King confronts the new reality of his family and his growing feelings for his best friend, while building resilience against homophobia, racism, and grief.

HA, ROBIN

Almost American **Girl: An Illustrated Memoir**

Illus. by the author
BALZAR + BRAY, 2020
9780062685094

Robin learns that her vacation to Alabama is actually a permanent move when her mom announces she is getting married, leaving Robin to adapt to a new language, a new country, a new school, and a new family.

HERNANDEZ, CARLOS **Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe**

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2020
9781368022835

Readers who relished Sal and Gabi's first adventure will find even more Sal and way more Gabis as a rogue Gabi who isn't too thrilled about her universe being destroyed is on the loose in this sequel.

HUDSON, WADE, AND CHERYL WILLIS HUDSON, EDS.

The Talk Conversations about Race, Love & Truth

CROWN, 2020
9780593121610

A collection of seventeen illustrated stories, poems, and letters about ways racism affects the lives of young people, from an array of #OwnVoices authors and illustrators.

HUGHES, KIKU

Displacement

Illus. by the author
FIRST SECOND, 2020
9781250193537

While on vacation in San Francisco, Kiku finds herself transported back in time to the 1940s, alongside her grandmother, who was forcibly relocated to a Japanese internment camp during World War II.

RESPICIO, MAE

Any Day with You

WENDY LAMB, 2020
9780525707578

Kaia is working on a short movie with her friends that is inspired by the Filipino folktales her great-grandfather Tatang told her, but when Tatang decides to return to his homeland in the Philippines, Kaia tries everything to stop him from leaving.

REYNOLDS, JASON, AND IBRAM X. KENDI

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning "Stamped from the Beginning"

LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
9780316453691

An examination of racial ideology in the United States positing that people fall into three categories: segregationists, assimilationists, and antiracists.

RHODES, JEWELL PARKER

Black Brother, Black Brother

LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
9780316493802

Brothers Donte and Trey are both mixed-race, but they look very different—Donte presents as Black, while Trey presents as white. Donte is frustrated with their mostly white prep school, where he is constantly picked on and suspected of any crime, until he meets a Black Olympic fencer who coaches him in the sport and helps him build his confidence.

ROBERTSON, DAVID A.

The Barren Grounds: The Misewa Saga #1

PUFFIN CANADA, 2020
9780735261000

In this middle-grade fantasy centering on Indigenous culture, two Cree foster children discover a portal to another reality, the wintry Barren Grounds of Misewa, a community in need of their help.

SOONTORNVAT, CHRISTINA

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team

CANDLEWICK, 2020
9781536209457

This fast-paced and thrilling nonfiction book looks at the real-life rescue of the thirteen boys who were trapped in a cave in Thailand for more than a week, taking into account how Buddhism, local volunteers, and science all played a role in their rescue.

SOONTORNVAT, CHRISTINA

A Wish in the Dark

CANDLEWICK, 2020
9781536204940

Inspired by the musical *Les Misérables* and set in a fantasy counterpart of Thailand, this story with strong social justice threads finds Pong escaping from prison, evading the prison warden's daughter's attempts at recapture, and clashing with the governor who rules over the land.

