

MÉNDEZ, YAMILE SAIED

¿De dónde eres?

Illus. by Jaime Kim
HARPERCOLLINS ESPAÑOL,
2019
9780062915252

Tired of being asked over and over where she's from, a young girl turns to her grandfather for answers about her heritage and her ancestors.

(Spanish)

SINGH, SIMRAN JEET

Fauja Singh Keeps Going

The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon

Illus. by Baljinder Kaur
KOKILA, 2020
978052555094

This biography highlights Fauja Singh, who began distance running at age eighty-one and continued running marathons even at one hundred. This book will teach children that they can do anything that they put their minds to, no matter their age.

TAMAKI, JILLIAN

Our Little Kitchen

Illus. by the author
ABRAMS, 2020
9781419746550

Every week, a community comes together, relishing the sounds and smells of cooking, to provide a meal at a food bank.

THOMPSON-BIGELOW, JAMILAH

Your Name Is a Song

Illus. by Luisa Uribe
INNOVATION PRESS, 2020
9781943147724

This melodic picture book explores what is in a name. It is the story of a mother explaining to her daughter that all names are beautiful, even if they are not common in Western culture. This book will empower any young child to recognize the importance of a name.

WALKER, TRICIA ELAM

Nana Akua Goes to School

Illus. by April Harrison
SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2020
9780525581130

Nana Akua is Zura's favorite person in the world, but she worries about bringing her to Grandparents Day at school because of Nana's facial markings. Nana calms Zura, and together they show her classmates that differences can make us special.

YANG, KAO KALIA

The Most Beautiful Thing

Illus. by Khoa Le
CAROLRHODA, 2020
9781541561915

A grandmother helps her granddaughter find beauty in love and family.

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K-Grade 2

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**ACOSTA, ALICIA, AND
LUIS AMAVISCA**

**¡Vivan las uñas de
colores!**

Illus. by Gusti
NUBEOCHO, 2019
9788417123581

Ben loves to paint his nails, but after he's bullied at school for doing so, he learns how to find his own voice and be himself again.

(Spanish)

ADDERSON, CAROLINE

**Pierre and Paul
Avalanche! A
Story Told in Two
Languages / Une
histoire racontée en
deux langues**

Illus. by Alice Carter
OWLKIDS, 2020
9781771473279

Two boys converse seamlessly in French and English. Their goal is to make the perfect preadventure snack. Bon appétit!

(Bilingual)

ANDERSON, BETH

**Lizzie Demands
a Seat! Elizabeth
Jennings Fights for
Streetcar Rights**

Illus. by E. B. Lewis
CALKINS CREEK, 2020
9781629799391

In 1854 New York, Black schoolteacher Elizabeth Jennings boarded a whites-only streetcar, only to be thrown off. She decides to fight back and takes her case to court. It takes ten years, but she wins the first case in the one-hundred-year battle

against segregation on public transportation.

DENISE, ANIKA ALDAMUY

**A Girl Named Rosita:
The Story of Rita
Moreno: Actor,
Singer, Dancer,
Trailblazer!**

Illus. by Leo Espinosa
HARPERCOLLINS, 2020
9780062877703

This is a picture-book biography of the award-winning actress Rita Moreno. It begins with her as a young child in Puerto Rico and follows her life as she adjusts to all the changes she must make in America, eventually becoming the first Latina actress to win an Oscar. Available in English and Spanish.

DIAZ, DABRALI

**The Music from Our
Country**

Illus. by J. Donatella
DANCING DABRALI, 2020
9781734566802

Join Mechi in this beautiful picture book as she celebrates her heritage by learning to dance bachata with her family.

GENHART, MICHAEL

**Accordionly: Abuelo
and Opa Make Music**

Illus. by Priscilla Burris
MAGINATION PRESS, 2020
9781433830747

When both his abuelo and opa visit at the same time, there is silence until their grandson brings out the accordions. Through music, the two

grandfathers and two cultures come together.

**GÓMEZ REDONDO,
SUSANA**

**The Day Saida
Arrived**

Illus. by Sonja Wimmer
BLUE DOT, 2020
9781733121255

Young Saida, an immigrant from Morocco, is unable to communicate with her classmates in her new country. One of her classmates tries to make Saida feel welcome, and as a result, the two form a strong bond while also learning about each other's cultures and languages.

HOANG, ZARA GONZÁLEZ

A New Kind of Wild

Illus. by the author
DIAL, 2020
9780525553892

When Ren moves from a place with lots of plants and green space to the man-made city of brick and cement that Ava calls home, he struggles to feel at home. But Ren soon finds that the most important element to feeling at home is a friend.

JOY, ANGELA

**Black Is a Rainbow
Color**

Illus. by Ekua Holmes
ROARING BROOK, 2020
9781626726314

Rhyming text and exuberant illustrations celebrate everyday objects as well as aspects of Black culture.

KHALIL, AYA

**The Arabic Quilt
An Immigrant Story**

Illus. by Anait Semirdzhyan
TILBURY HOUSE, 2020
9780884487548

When Kanzi's family moves from Egypt to America, she is teased for the Arabic they speak. Her teacher finds a poem Kanzi wrote about her teita's quilt, and she encourages Kanzi to share her quilt and language with the class.

**KOSTECKI-SHAW,
JENNY SUE**

**Papa Brings Me
the World**

Illus. by the author
HENRY HOLT, 2020
9781250159250

Lulu's papa travels all over the world for work and always brings her back special gifts. This beautiful picture book displays the strong relationship between a father and daughter, while also exploring cultures all over the world.

KUNKEL, ANGELA BURKE

**Digging for Words
José Alberto**

**Gutiérrez and the
Library He Built**

Illus. by Paola Escobar
SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2020
9781984892638

In Bogotá, Colombia, garbage collector José Alberto Gutiérrez founded the first library in his neighborhood by rescuing books from the trash.

LARA, CARRIE

**The Heart of Mi
Familia**

Illus. by Christine Battuz
MAGINATION PRESS, 2020
9781433832536

Working with both her abuela and her grandma, a young girl creates a present for her brother that celebrates both sides of her multicultural family. The text is a mix of Spanish and English.

**LATHAM, IRENE, AND
KARIM SHAMSI-BASHA**

**The Cat Man of
Aleppo**

Illus. by Yuko Shimizu
PUTNAM, 2020
9781984813787

A Syrian ambulance driver makes it his mission to save the abandoned cats of Aleppo. A community builds, inspired by his kindness.

LINDSTROM, CAROLE

**We Are Water
Protectors**

Illus. by Michaela Goade
ROARING BROOK, 2020
9781250203557

A lyrical retelling of the movement to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline—the "black snake" that threatens to poison the land.

**LYON, LEA, AND
ALEXANDRIA LAFAYE**

**Ready to Fly
How Sylvia Townsend
Became the
Bookmobile Ballerina**

Illus. by Jessica Gibson
HARPERCOLLINS, 2020
9780062888785

Young Sylvia was turned away from ballet classes in the 1950s because she was Black. Thanks to her local bookmobile, she learned ballet from books and grew up to become a ballet teacher for all.

MEDINA, MEG

**Evelyn Del Rey Is
Moving Away**

Illus. by Sonia Sánchez
CANDLEWICK, 2020
9781536207040

Evelyn and Daniela are best friends. They do everything together. But moving day arrives, and Evelyn is leaving. The girls exchange stickers, hug, cry, and promise to talk on the phone and write. A story of how your first *mejor amiga* is never forgotten. Available in English and Spanish.

