

**SALAZAR, AIDA****The Land of the Cranes**SCHOLASTIC, 2020  
9781338343809

After her father is arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and she and her mother are forced into a family detention camp, Betita takes heart in her poetry and finds hope in her new community.

**SHANG, WENDY WAN-LONG, AND MADELYN ROSENBERG****Not Your All-American Girl**SCHOLASTIC, 2020  
9781338037760

When her best friend Tara is cast as the lead because Lauren doesn't look the part of an "all-American girl," Lauren struggles to regain her confidence and to support her friend.

**TATE, DON****William Still and His Freedom Stories  
The Father of the Underground Railroad**Illus. by the author  
PEACHTREE, 2020  
9781561459353

A picture-book biography of William Still, a tireless

champion of antislavery efforts who documented the stories of those who passed through Philadelphia on their journey north, and helped reunite freedom seekers with family, including his own brother.

**TONATIUH, DUNCAN****Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns  
A Mesoamerican Creation Myth**Illus. by the author  
ABRAMS, 2020  
9781419746772

A retelling of the Mesoamerican tale of Quetzalcóatl, the god of knowledge, and his journey to the underworld to confront Mictlantecuhtli, lord of the underworld, and reclaim the sacred bones in order to create humans.

**WATSON, RENÉE****Ways to Make Sunshine**Illus. by Nina Mata  
BLOOMSBURY, 2020  
9781547600564

Ryan and her family have just moved from their old house in Portland to a new-to-them home, and as Ryan struggles with changes, she realizes that she must learn to roll with the punches.

**WEATHERFORD, CAROLE BOSTON****Box: Henry Brown  
Mails Himself to Freedom**Illus. by Michele Wood  
CANDLEWICK, 2020  
9780763691561

Poetry and mixed media tell the true story of Henry Brown, who mailed himself in a wooden box to escape slavery.

**WOODSON, JACQUELINE****Before the Ever After**NANCY PAULSEN, 2020  
9780399545436

ZJ's father is a pro football player, adored by fans, including ZJ's friends, but ZJ sees how the game changes Daddy, and in this novel in verse, ZJ tries to understand why his father has headaches, angry outbursts, and moments of forgetting his son's name.

**YANG, KELLY****Three Keys**SCHOLASTIC, 2020  
9781338591385

In this sequel to the acclaimed *Front Desk* (2018), set in the hostile political climate of 1994 California, Mia turns to her friends and family to find strength as she fights for immigration rights, health care, and equal access to education after her family has become owners of the Calivista Hotel.

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# Grades 3–5

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**ALEGRE, REINA LUZ**  
**The Dream Weaver**

SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2020  
9781534462311  
When Zoey finds out that her beloved bowling alley is closing, her mission to save it reawakens Zoey's interest in her heritage and memories of her mother.

**ALZNAUER, AMY**  
**The Boy Who Dreamed of Infinity**  
**A Tale of the Genius Ramanujan**

**Illus. by Daniel Miyares**  
CANDLEWICK, 2020  
9780763690489  
A picture-book biography of Ramanujan, a mathematician who was fascinated with numbers from an early age and constantly explored the idea of infinity and math concepts.

**BAKER, KIM**  
**The Water Bears**

WENDY LAMB, 2020  
9781984852205  
Newt has a secret wish: to move off Murphy Island, away from being the only Latinx kid, and away from the nightmares following a bear attack, but he must decide if he's ready to make that wish come true.

**BAPTIST, KELLY J.**  
**Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero**

CROWN, 2020  
9780593121368  
Isaiah is tired of living out of a single room in a run-down motel, but since his father's untimely passing, he and his family can only hope to keep

their heads above the water. This story about the power of the written word and the unending love of family is a strikingly hopeful tale.

**BROWN, MONICA**  
**Sharuko: El arqueólogo Peruano Julio C. Tello / Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello**

**Illus. by Elisa Chavarri**  
CHILDREN'S BOOK PRESS, 2020  
9780892394234  
A bilingual biography of Julio Tello—who was given the boyhood nickname Sharuko, which means brave in Quechua—a curious boy who grew up to become the first Indigenous archaeologist of the Americas.  
*(Bilingual)*

**CISNEROS, ERNESTO**  
**Efrén Divided**

QUILL TREE, 2020  
9780062881687  
Efrén's parents do everything they can to make sure he and his siblings are safe and loved, but when his undocumented amá doesn't return from work one day, it will take all of Efrén's strength to try to reunite his family.

**CÓRDOVA, ZORAIDA**  
**The Way to Rio Luna**

SCHOLASTIC, 2020  
9781338239546  
With the help of a magical book, Danny goes on the journey of his life to find his sister in the magical land of Rio Luna.

**CUEVAS, ADRIANNA**  
**The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez**

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX, 2020  
9780374313609  
When Nestor and his mom move in with his grandma, he hopes to keep his special ability a secret: he can talk to animals. But when animals start to go missing, and his grandma is the main suspect, Nestor will have to use his ability to save not only his grandma but the entire town.

**DIAZ, ALEXANDRA**  
**Santiago's Road Home**

SIMON & SCHUSTER/PAULA WISEMAN, 2020  
9781534446236  
Orphaned twelve-year-old Santiago flees his abusive home in Mexico, heading for the United States in a peril-filled trek, only to be caught by border patrol agents and held in a youth immigration detention center. Available in English and Spanish.

**GUERRERO, TANYA**  
**How to Make Friends with the Sea**

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX, 2020  
9780374311995  
His desire to be strong for a new friend helps anxious Pablo realize he can face even his greatest fear.

**HENDERSON, LEAH**  
**The Magic in Changing Your Stars**

STERLING, 2020  
9781454934066

After a case of stage fright, Ailey Benjamin Lane turns to his grandfather, whose magical tap shoes transport Ailey back to 1930s Harlem, where he meets prominent Black performers, including his talented grandpa as a youth.

**HIGUERA, DONNA BARBA**  
**Lupe Wong Won't Dance**

LEVINE QUERIDO, 2020  
9781646140039  
Twelve-year-old Lupe needs to get good grades so she can meet her hero, fellow Chinese Mexican American baseball player Fu Li Hernandez, but a square dancing unit in P.E. stands in her way.

**JOHNSON, VARIAN**  
**Twins**

**Illus. by Shannon Wright**  
GRAPHIX, 2020  
9781338236132  
Maureen and Francine are starting sixth grade, and a shift in their relationship inspires Maureen to run against her twin for student council president.

**KAPIT, SARAH**  
**Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!**

DIAL, 2020  
9780525554189  
Baseball-loving and autistic Vivy is asked to play on an all-boys team and gets advice from a professional-baseball-playing pen pal in this epistolary, affirming novel.

**KELKAR, SUPRIYA**  
**American as Paneer Pie**

ALADDIN, 2020  
9781534439382  
Lekha, who is bullied at school for being Indian, discovers the power of using her voice when a racist incident occurs in her small town.

**KELLER, TAE**  
**When You Trap a Tiger**

RANDOM HOUSE, 2020  
9781524715717  
When Lily moves in with Halmoni, her sick grandmother, she makes a deal with a magical tiger to retrieve something Halmoni stole in exchange for her health.

**LAI, REMY**  
**Fly on the Wall**

**Illus. by the author**  
HENRY HOLT, 2020  
9781250314116  
Maybe starting an anonymous gossip blog and flying halfway across the world without telling your parents in order to show everyone you're not a baby isn't a great plan, but twelve-year-old Henry Khoo is going to give it a shot.

**LEZOTTE, ANN CLARE**  
**Show Me a Sign**

SCHOLASTIC, 2020  
9781338255812  
Mary Lambert is sheltered from the outside world until a threatening newcomer opens her eyes to prejudices against Deaf people in this work of historical fiction based on a real New England community

in the 1800s where everyone was fluent in sign language.

**MIAN, ZANIB**  
**Planet Omar**  
**Accidental Trouble Magnet**

**Illus. by Nasaya Mafaridik**  
PUTNAM, 2020  
9780593109212  
While looking forward to Eid, Omar tries to make new friends and avoid the class bully in this humorous illustrated novel.

**NYE, NAOMI SHIHAB**  
**Everything Comes Next: Collected and New Poems**

GREENWILLOW, 2020  
9780063013452  
The 2019–21 Young People's Poet Laureate writes about her childhood and her Palestinian heritage, sharing writing tips and sources of inspiration.

**PARK, LINDA SUE**  
**Prairie Lotus**

CLARION, 2020  
9781328781505  
Hanna is a half-Chinese girl living in an 1880s frontier town and navigating xenophobia and the town's small-mindedness while she develops a thriving dressmaking business.

