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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.

Callender, 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
9780062485094
Robin learns that her vacation to Alabama is actually a permanent move when her mom announces she is getting married, leaving Robin 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.

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
9781626720418
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.

Respicío, Mae
Ang 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 Ibrahim X. Kendi
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You
A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning “Stamped from the Beginning”
LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
9780316463691
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 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
DUPREY CANADA, 2020
9780735266100
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.