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
9780525555094
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.

THOMPKINS-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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ACOSTA, ALICIA, AND LUIS AMAVISCA
¡Vivan las uñas de colores! Illus. by Gusti NUBEDOHO, 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 CALCINE GREEK, 2020 9781629790991 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 grandsons brings out the accordions. Through music, the two grandfathers and two cultures come together.

GOMÉZ 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 978035853892 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 9781433830747 When both his abuelo and opa visit at the same time, there is silence until their grandsons brings out the accordions. Through music, the two grandfathers and two cultures come together.

WHALI, 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.

KOSTEKCI-SHAW, JENNY SUE
Papa Brings Me the World Illus. by the author HENRY HOLT, 2020 9781350109260 Lulu’s papa travels all over the world for work and always brings 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 Illus. by Paola Escobar SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2020 9781984813787 A Syrian ambulance driver makes it his mission to save the abandoned cats of Aleppo. A community builds, inspired by his kindness.

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 their first major omiga is never forgotten. Available in English and Spanish.

LARA, GARRIE
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 GARIM SHAMSI-BASHA
The Cat Man of Aleppo Illus. by Yuko Shimizu PUTNAM, 2020 9781984483787 A Syrian ambulance driver makes it his mission to save the abandoned cats of Aleppo. A community builds, inspired by his kindness.

LINDESTROM, CAROLE
We Are Water Protectors Illus. by Michaela Goade RODAZING BROOK, 2020 9781433830754 A lyrical retelling of the movement to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline—the “black snake” that threatens to poison the land.

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