CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN’S DAY (Book/Day)

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BAPTISTE, TRACEY
Looking for a Jumble
Illus. by Amber Ren
BALZER + BRAY, 2021
9780062970817
Join Maya on a monster-finding nighttime adventure inspired by Caribbean folklore, where expectations and reality rarely coincide.

COSTA BATES, JANET
Time for Bed, Old House
Illus. by A. G. Ford
CANDLEWICK, 2021
9781536209983
At his first sleepover at Grandpa’s house, Isaac begins to worry about sleeping in a new place. Luckily, Grandpa knows just what to do, and Isaac is able to help put the house to bed just in time for his own slumber.

COULSON, ART
Look, Grandma! Ni, Eric!
Illus. by Madeyln Goodnight
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2021
9781635442030
Explore volume and capacity with 80 as he tries to find the perfect container to display his traditional marbles at the Cherokee National Holiday festival.

DOMINGUEZ, ANGELA
I’m Hungry! / ¡Tengo hambre!
Illus. by the author
HENRY HOLT, 2022
9781250779960
In this picture book, a grumpy T. rex can’t settle on the right snack until a chubby bluebird helps him find exactly what he’s craving.

ESPERANZA, C. G.
Boogie Boogie, Y’all
Illus. by the author
KATHERINE TEGEN, 2021
9780062976222
A jubilant, vibrant celebration of street art as children boogie to the beat and a block party breaks out on the urban streets.

FLETCHER, JULIE
We All Play / Kimé taván w
Illus. by the author
GREYSTONE KIDS, 2021
9781776446779
Just as animals hop, peep, slide, and wiggle, do children! Warm illustrations are paired with simple text in English and Cree.

HIGUERA, DONNA BARBA
El Cucuy Is Scared, Too!
Illus. by Juliana Perdomo
ABRAMS, 2021
9781479844467
This brightly illustrated story explores the relationship between a young boy and the legendary Mexican boogeyman El Cucuy as they both face their fears. The text is in English interspersed with Spanish.

ISHIDA, SANA
Sumo Counting
Illus. by the author
LITTLE BIGFOOT, 2021
9788831770126
This board book invites children to count in English and Japanese while learning about sumo wrestlers and their daily activities.

KHAM, HEMA
One Sun and Countless Stars: A Muslim Book of Numbers
Illus. by Mehrdokht Amini
CHRONICLE, 2022
9781452133728
This book celebrates diverse traditions within the Muslim world, while introducing young readers to numbers along the way.

KHAM, NAZ
Room for Everyone
Illus. by Mercé López
ATHENEUM/COSMOPOLITAN, 2021
9781534431935
This rumbly, rhyming picture book set in Zanzibar reinforces the idea that on this dala dala, there is room for everyone!

KHAN, DARSHANA
How to Wear a Sari
Illus. by Jeanne Lew-Vriethoff
VERSIFIED, 2021
9781922838204
Tired of being treated like a child, a little girl decides to prove she’s all grown up by donning a sari on her own, but it isn’t as easy as she hoped.

LUBY, BRITTANY
Mii maanda ezihi-gendma: This Is How I Know
Illus. by Joshua Mengesig
Pawis-Steeckley
GROUNDWOOD, 2021
9781775555526
Presented in English and Anishinaabemowin, this poem follows a child and grandmother as they explore nature through each season.

MARTINEZ-NEAL, JUANA
Zonia’s Rain Forest
Illus. by the author
CANDLEWICK, 2021
9780544084500
Zonia is a young Asháninka girl living in the Amazon rain forest. Her morning is full of friendly animals and joyful adventures until she notices that the forest needs help.

MASS, DAWN
My Name Is Girl: A Song of Celebration from Argentina to Zambia
Illus. by the author
DOUBLEDAY, 2021
9780593046644
Each letter of the alphabet introduces a pair of girls, the country they live in, and a positive adjective. A world map indicating where the girls live is included.

MORALES, YUII
Bright Star
Illus. by the author
NEAL POSTER, 2021
9780544452064
A fawn gingerly threads her way through the local flora and fauna of the border desert in this lyrical and intricately illustrated story of identity and place. Available in Spanish as LUCERO.