

2023 Summer Reading List

Intermediate List for Grades 3 - 5



Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills that children can develop.
Enjoy the summer and keep reading!

Here are some suggested titles that you may want to read this summer and feel free to find other books that excite your imagination.

This summer reading list was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood elementary schools and the public libraries, and is available online through the SOMSD website and the public library sites. Physical copies of these books are available at the public libraries & your local bookstores. eBook and eAudiobook copies may be available for some of these titles. You may also read some of these books on [MackinVIA](#).

CONTACT US THIS SUMMER

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South Orange Library email: youthservices.org • click [here](#) for our website

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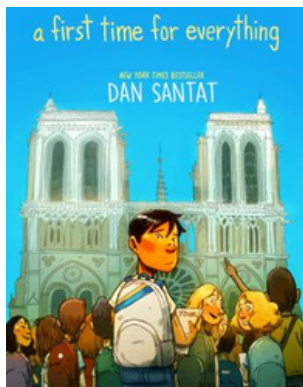
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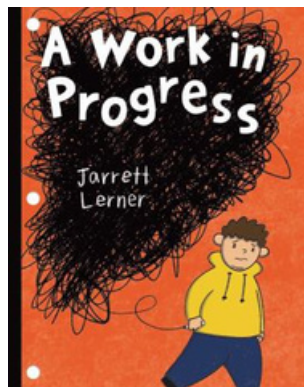
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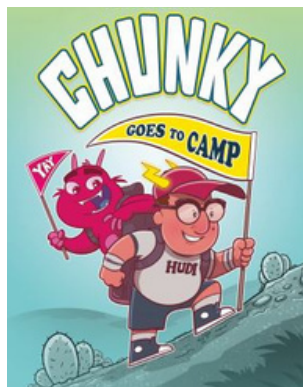
Biography



A First Time for Everything
Dan Santat
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A Work in Progress
Jarrett Lerner
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Chunky Goes to Camp
Yehudi Mercado



Star Child
Ibi Zoboi
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Who Was Celia Cruz?
Pam Pollock
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Fantasy



A Rover's Story
Jasmine Warga
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Amari and the Great Game
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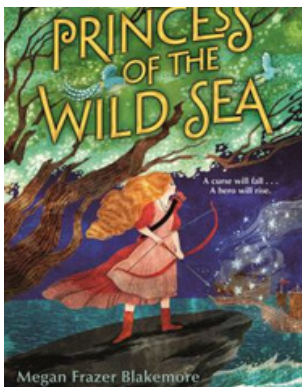
The Enchanted Bridge
Zetta Elliot



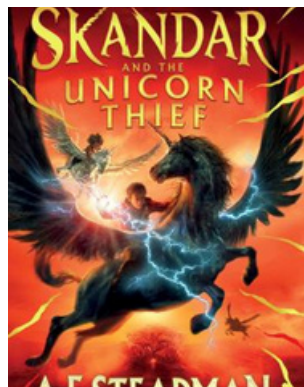
Legends of Lotus Island
Christina Soontornvat
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Nic Blake and the Remarkables
Angie Thomas
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Princess of the Wild Sea
Megan Blakemore
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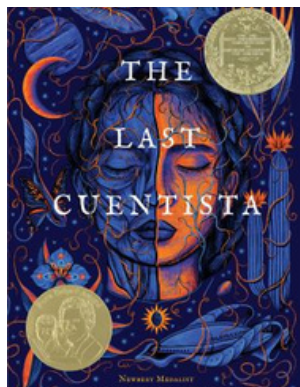
Skandar and the Unicorn Thief
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Speculation
Nisi Shawl



Stellarlune
Shannon Messenger



The Last Cuentista
Donna Barba Higuera
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Fantasy



The Last Mapmaker
Christina Soontornvat
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The Marvellers
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The Midnight Children
Dan Gemeinhart

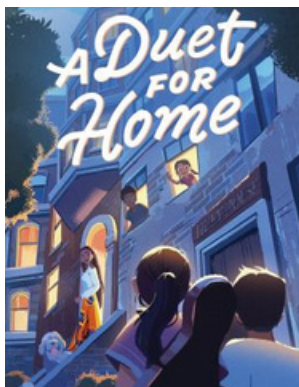


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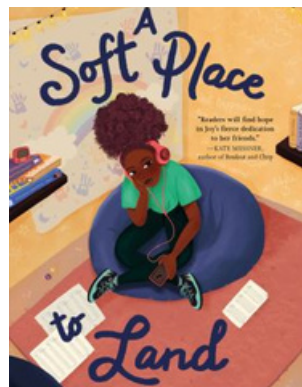


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Fiction



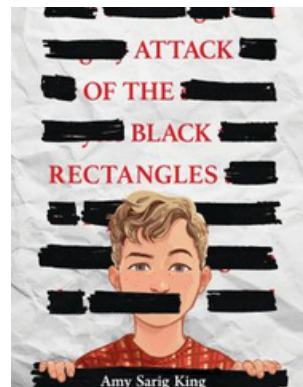
A Duet for Home
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A Soft Place to Land
Janae Marks
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Are You There God? It's Me Margaret
Judy Blume
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Attack of the Black Rectangles
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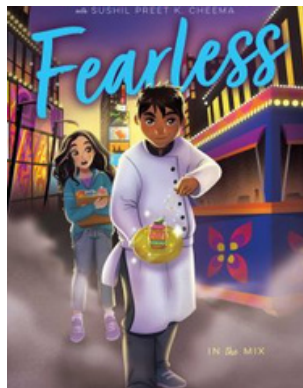
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Waka Brown
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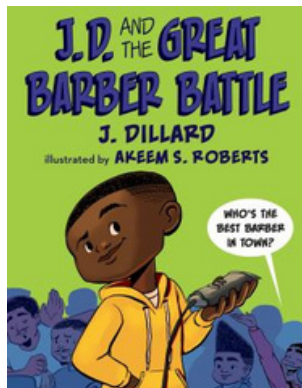
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Susan Muaddi Durraj
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Fearless in the Mix
Mandy Gonzalez
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Finally Seen
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J.D. and the Great Barber Battle
J. Dillard
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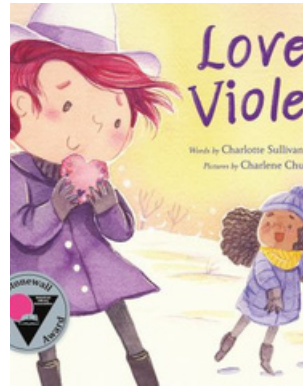
Fiction



Jennifer Chan is not Alone
Tae Keller
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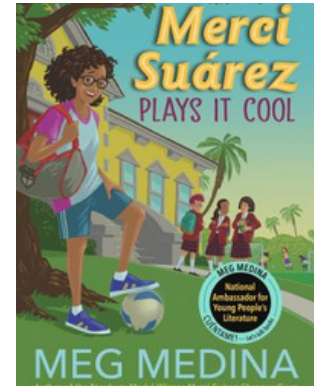
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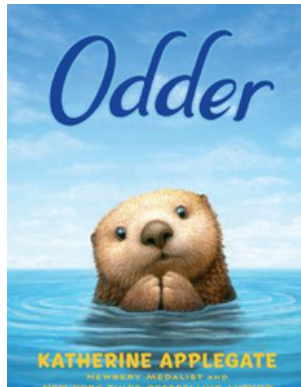
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Charlotte Wild



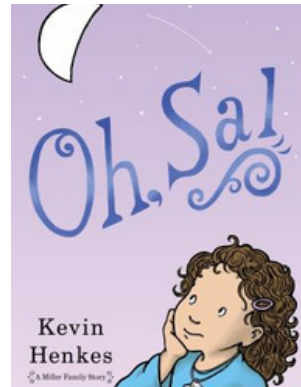
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Lisa Yee
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Merci Suárez Plays it Cool
Meg Medina
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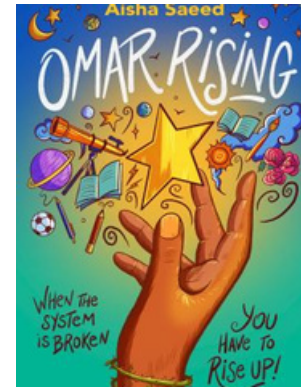
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Oh, Sal
Kevin Henkes
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Olive Oh Gets Creative
Tina Kim
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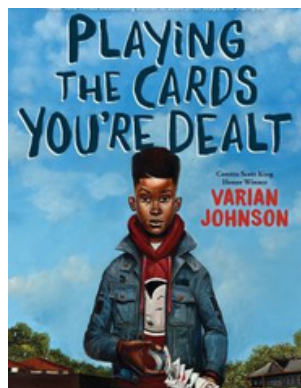
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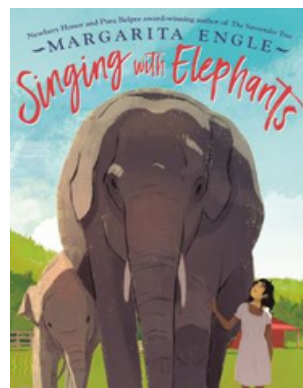
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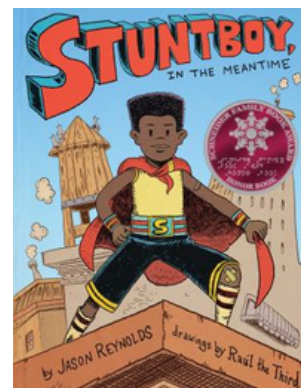
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Lauren Castillo



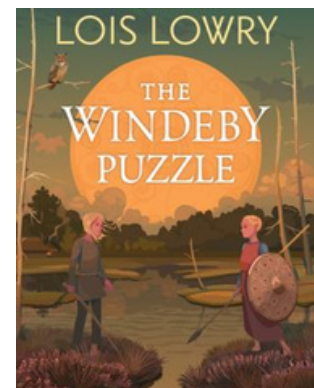
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Singing with Elephants
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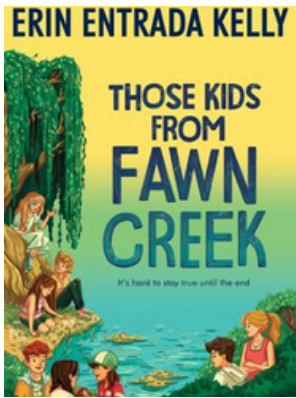


Stuntboy, In the Meantime
Jason Reynolds
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Windeby Puzzle
Lois Lowry
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Fiction



**Those Kids From
Fawn Creek**

Erin Entrada Kelly
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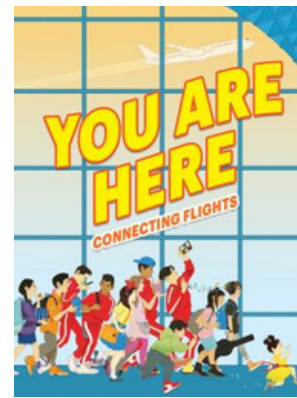
Tumble

Celia Perez
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Ways to Share Joy

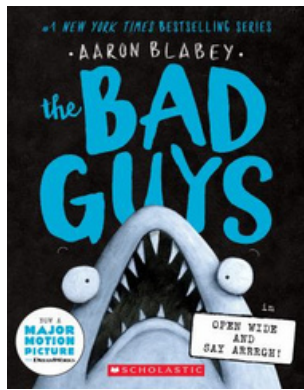
Renée Watson



**You Are Here
Connecting Flights**

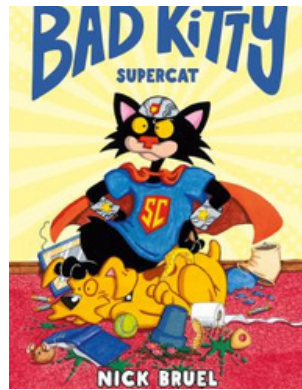
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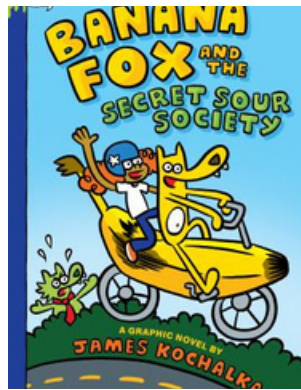
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and Say Arrrgh!**

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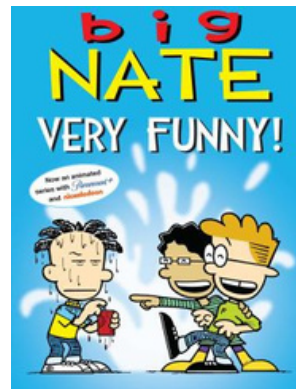
**Bad Kitty
Supercat**

Nick Bruel



Banana Fox

James Kochalka
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Big Nate Very Funny

Lincoln Pierce
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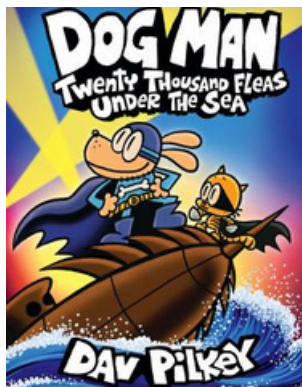
Booked

Kwame Alexander



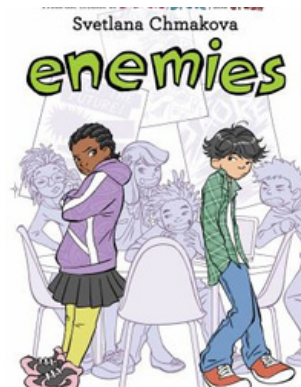
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Dan Zettwoch



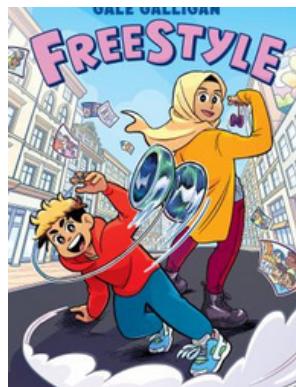
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Thousand Fleas**

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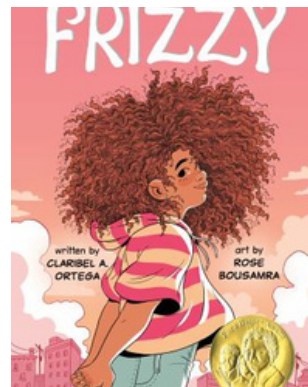
Enemies

Svetlana Chmakova



Freestyle

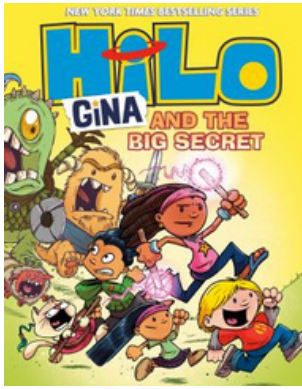
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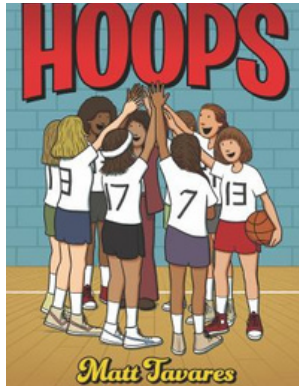
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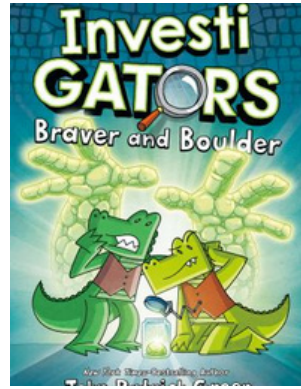


HiLo Gina and the Big Secret

Judd Winick
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Hoops
Matt Tavares



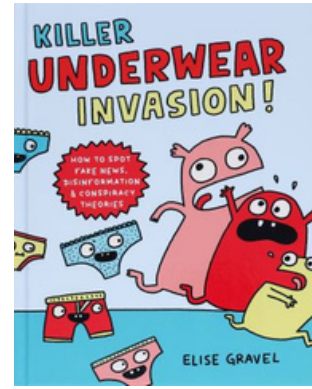
**InvestiGATORS
Braver and Boulder**

John Patrick Green
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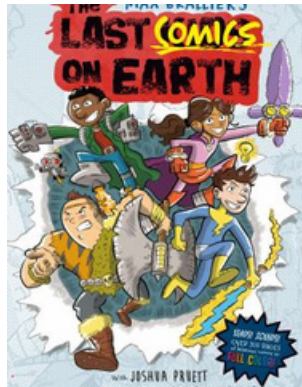
**Katie and the Catsitter
Best Friends for Never**

Colleen AF Venable
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**Killer Underwear
Invasion!**

Elise Gravel
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**Last Comics
on Earth**

Max Brallier
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**Meesh the
Bad Demon**

Michelle Lam
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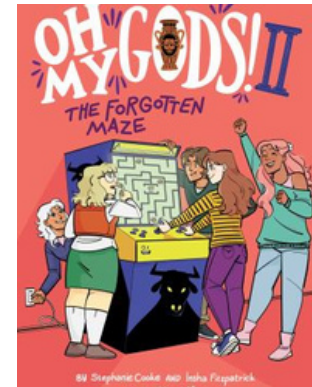
Miss Quinces

Kat Fajardo
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Moth Keeper

K. O'Neill
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Oh My Gods! II

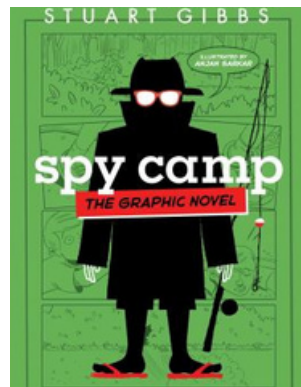
Stephanie Cooke



**Pushen the Cat's
Guide to Everything**
Claire Belton



School Trip
Jerry Craft
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Spy Camp
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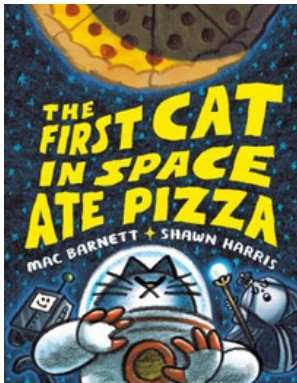


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Megan Wagner Lloyd
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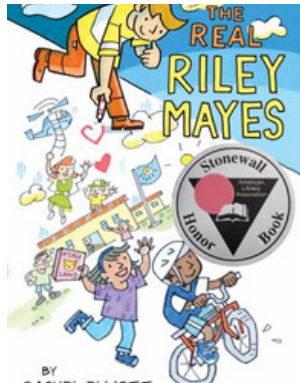
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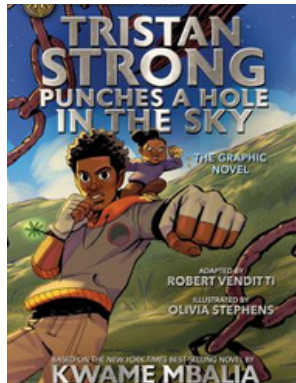
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Mac Barnett
Shawn Harris
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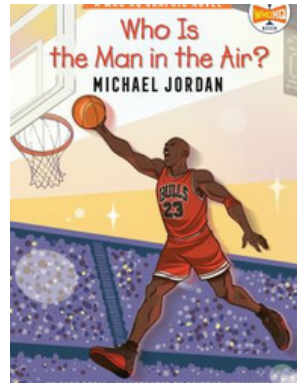
The Real Riley Mayes

Rachel Elliott



Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky

Kwame Mbalia



Who is the Man in the Air?

Gabriel Soria



Wings of Fire Moon Rising

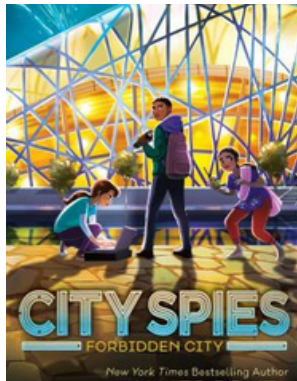
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Mystery



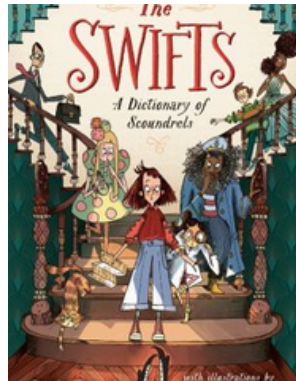
A Perfect Mistake

Melanie Conklin
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City Spies Forbidden City

James Ponti
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The Swifts

Beth Lincoln
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Whale Done

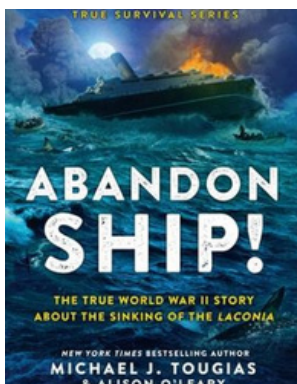
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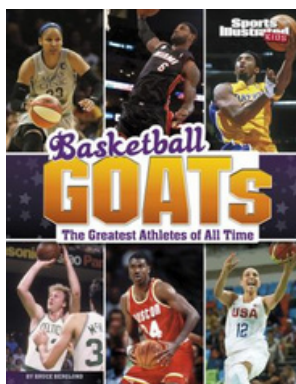
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Nonfiction



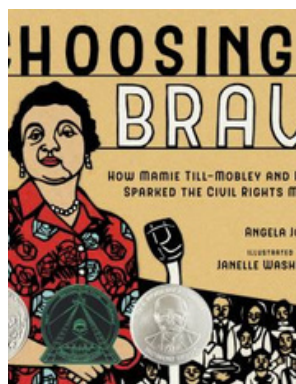
Abandon Ship!

Michael Tougias & Alison O'Leary
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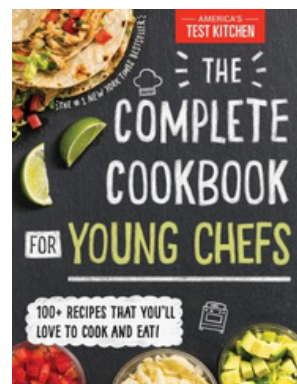
Basketball GOATs

Bruce Berglund



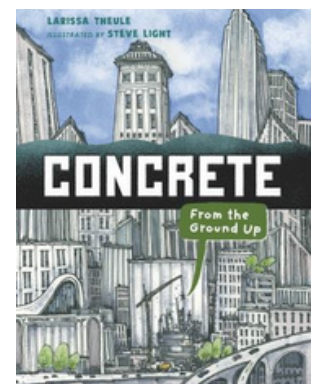
Choosing Brave

Angela Joy
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The Complete Cookbook

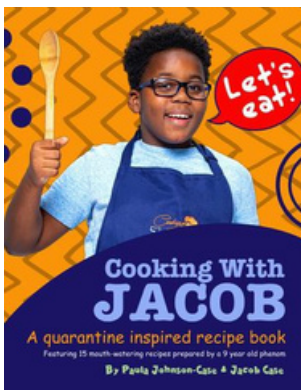
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Concrete

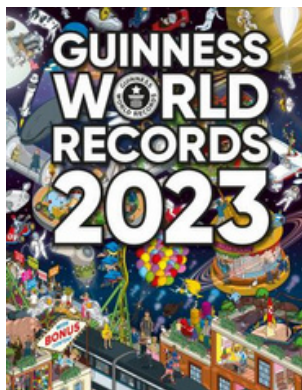
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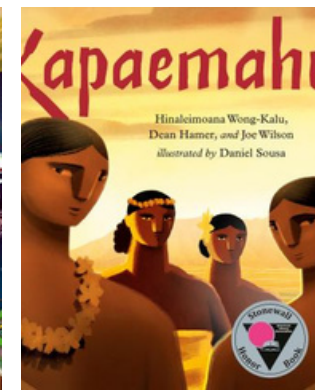


Cooking with Jacob

Paula Johnson-Case

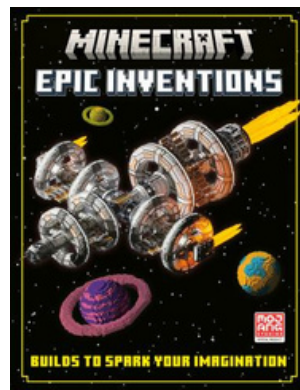


Guinness World Records 2023



Kapaemahu

Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu



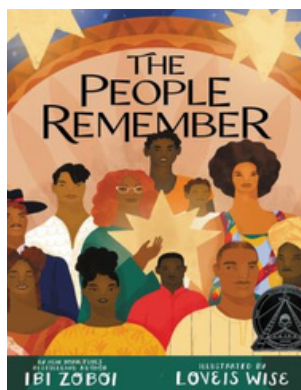
Minecraft Epic Inventions

Mojang AB
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The Lego Ideas Book

Hannah Dolan



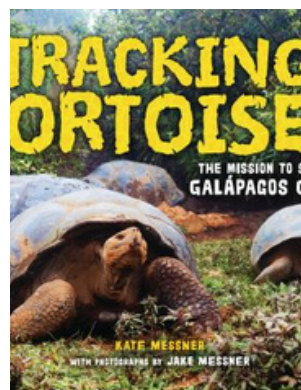
The People Remember

Ibi Zoboi
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Totally Random Questions 2

Melinda Bellows
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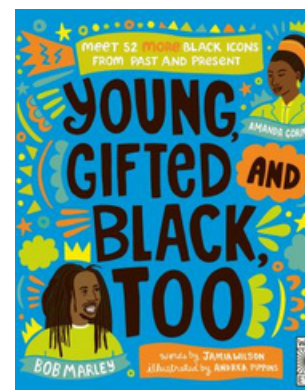


Tracking Tortoises

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Weird but True Birthdays



Young, Gifted and Black, Too

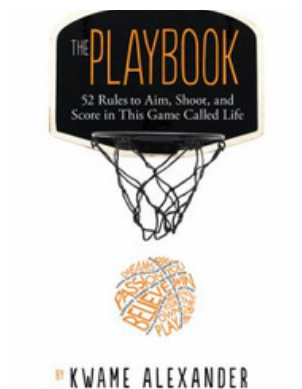
Jamia Wilson

Sports



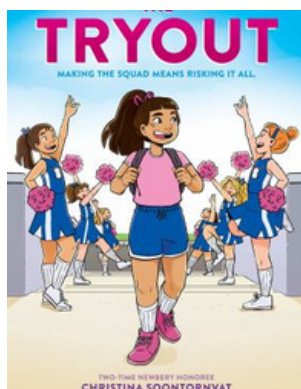
Swim Team

Johnnie Christmas
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The Playbook

Kwame Alexander
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The Tryout

Christina Soontornvat
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Who is LeBron James?

Crystal Hubbard



Who is Megan Rapinoe?

Stefanie Loh