



Diversity

Graphic Format



Mature



Outstanding Merit (4-6) Age Range

FICTION

Adventure and Mystery

The Canyon's Edge

by Dusti Bowling (Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99) 978-0-316-49469-4

After a flash flood carries away her father, Nora finds herself alone in an isolated southwestern canyon. A harrowing tale of survival, bravery, and healing. (11-14)

The Longest Night of Charlie Noon

by Christopher Edge (Delacorte/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-593-17308-4

In 1933 three English children spend a night in a frightening woods where time bends and glimpses of their potential future appear. Can they change what happens? (11-13)

The Truth According to Blue

by Eve Yohalem (Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99) 978-0-316-42437-0

Blue, 13, searches for a sunken family treasure, hoping she'll then be identified as more than "Diabetes Girl." But will a celebrity's snobby daughter and a millionaire foil her plans? (11-14)

Coming of Age

(D) Ana on the Edge

by A. J. Sass (Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99) 978-0-316-45861-0 Ana, 12, a champion figure-skater, becomes increasingly drawn to a non-binary identity. (11-14)

(D) Black Brother, Black Brother

by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99) 978-0-316-49380-2

Two biracial brothers in prep school present themselves differently. The one who lives as a Black person is bullied, but finds empowerment in fencing. (11-14)

(D) Blood Sport

by Tash McAdam

(Orca Book Publishers, P \$9.95) 978-1-459-82436-2 A foster transgender child mourning the death of his sister finds some consolation in the boxing ring. (11-14)

The King of Jam Sandwiches

by Eric Walters

(Orca Book Publishers, P \$12.95) 978-1-459-82556-7 The relationship of eighth graders Robbie and Harmony begins with a punch in the nose, but they bond when they discover both have dysfunctional single parents. (12-15)

(D) * The List of Things That Will Not Change

by Rebecca Stead

(Wendy Lamb/Random House Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-1-101-93809-6

After her parents' divorce and her father's engagement to another man, Bea, now 12, an only child, tells of her eagerness to meet her new stepsister. (11-13)

A Many Feathered Thing

by Lisa Gerlits

(Capstone Editions, \$16.95) 978-1-684-46071-7 Clarity, who has trouble speaking, dreams of becoming an artist. When she accidentally breaks elderly Mr. Vogelman's lawn ornament, he lets her pay in service in his studio. (11-13)

Music for Tigers

by Michelle Kadarusman (Pajama Press, \$17.95) 978-1-77278-054-3 Louisa is sent to a family camp in remote Tasmania. Will she be able to find the courage to sustain her passion for the violin and her new passion for endangered animals? (11-14)

The Places We Sleep

by Caroline Brooks DuBois (Holiday House, \$16.99) 978-0-8234-4421-2 Bodily changes, a new school, and the 9/11 tragedy profoundly impact 12-year-old Abbey. A novel in verse. (11-13)





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(D) (M) The Ship We Built

by Lexie Bean, illustrated by Noah Grigni (Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-525-55483-7 In letters attached to helium balloons, Rowan, 12, struggles to come to terms with his gender identity. Grayscale spot illustrations. (13-15) Mature Content

(D) A Song Only I Can Hear

by Barry Jonsberg (Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-153444-252-8 Mysterious messages pose challenges to Rob, a painfully shy, imaginative 13-year-old who harbors a secret. (11-14)

Summer and July

by Paul Mosier (HarperCollins Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-0-06-284936-6

When goth girl Juillet, 12, meets surfer girl Summer, 12, Juillet's July is filled with overcoming fears, facing harsh realities, and discovering who she really is. (11-13)

Things Seen from Above

by Shelley Pearsall, illustrated by Xingye Jin (Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-1-5247-1739-1 April, a sixth grader, develops a relationship with Joey, a fourth-grade loner making strange designs in the playground dirt—and learns about perspective. Evocative digital and pencil illustrations. (11-13)

Things You Can't Say

by Jenn Bishop (Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-4097-5

Three years after his father's suicide, 12-year-old Drew faces his anger over his loss and his worries that he might have his father's tendencies. (11-13)

War Stories

by Gordon Korman (Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-1-3383-9020-2 Trevor, 12, loves everything about World War II, especially his great-grandfather's war stories, until a trip to France for D-Day celebrations opens his eyes to the harsh realities of war. (11-14)

(D) The Water Bears

by Kate Baker

(Wendy Lamb/Random House Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-1-9848-5220-5

A terrifying woodland bear attack leaves 13-year-old Newton Gomez slowly recovering but plagued by nightmares. Family, friendship, and possible magic support his recovery. (11-14)

Contemporary Issues

Chirp

by Kate Messner (Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-1-5476-0281-0

After being sexually harassed by her gymnastics coach in Boston, Mia, 12, moves to Vermont where she gains confidence and solves a mystery at her grandmother's cricket farm. (11-14)

(D) Crossing the Farak River

by Michelle Aung Thin (Annick Press, \$18.95) 978-1-77321-397-2 Hasina, her brother, and her cousin must survive on their own after anti-Rohingya forces in Myanmar destroy their home and they are separated from their parents. Back matter. (11-14)

(D) Displaced

by Dean Hughes

(Atheneum BFYR/S&S, \$18.99) 978-1-5344-5232-9 Desperate, Hadi, who peddles gum on a Beirut street to help his Syrian refugee family survive, makes a bad decision that endangers them. (12-14)

Dress Coded

by Carrie Firestone (Penguin YR, \$17.99) 978-1-984816-43-6 Molly leads a protest against her middle school's unfair dress code while coming to terms with changing friendships, family problems, and the stresses of being 13. (11-14)

D * Efrén Divided

by Ernesto Cisneros (Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-288168-7

When his undocumented mother is deported, seventh grader Efrén takes on new responsibilities, caring for his younger siblings and going to Mexico to assist with bringing his mom back. (11-13)





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(D) A Galaxy of Sea Stars

by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

(Farrar, Straus and Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-374-30909-1

While trying to keep bonded with her friends as the three move to middle school, Izzy also copes with a refugee Muslim family from Afghanistan moving in upstairs. (11-13)

(D) The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones

by Daven McQueen

(Wattpad Books, P \$10.99) 978-1-98936-516-8 In this grim view of the South in 1955, a biracial teenager is sent to Alabama to live with white relatives as punishment for his striking a classmate. (12-15)



D The Magic Fish

written and illustrated by Trung Le Nguyen (Random House Graphic, \$23.99) 978-0-5931-2529-8 Loving family, supportive friendships, and fairy tales help Tiến navigate a cultural divide with his Vietnamese parents and newfound feelings for his best friend. Graceful illustrations. (12-15)

(D) * Santiago's Road Home

by Alexandra Diaz

(A Paula Wiseman Book/Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-5344--4623-0

An orphaned boy creates a new family with other migrants heading to El Norte and then spends months in a psychologically scarring U.S. youth detention center. (11-14)

(D) Sunnyside Plaza

by Scott Simon

(Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99) 978-0-316-53120-7

Sally Miyake, 19, can't read, but she notices things and values kindness and honesty. Can she figure out why deaths are increasing in her group home? (11-14)

(D) * A Thousand Questions

by Saadia Faruqi (Quill Street/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-294320-0

In Pakistan, Mimi from Houston helps Sakina, a servant to Mimi's grandparents, learn English; Sakina helps Mimi discover the charms of Karachi - and find her missing father. (11-14)

Ecology

(D) We Didn't Ask for This

by Adi Alsaid

(Inkyard Press, \$18.99) 978-1-33514-676-2 Holding others hostage, Marisa and her friends chain themselves to the doors of an international school for days, demanding environmental change. (12-15)

Family/School/Community

All Together Now (Eagle Rock series)

written and illustrated by Hope Larson (Farrar, Straus and Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$21.99) 978-0-374-31162-9

Bina's new band is great, until two bandmates start dating. Illustrations in muted tones with expressive, bold lines. (11-13)

D C Any Day with You

by Mae Respicio, illustrated by Mark Koerner (Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books/ PRH, \$16.99) 978-0-525-70757-8

When her treasured great-grandfather announces his intention to return to the Philippines, Kaia is devastated and resolves to convince him to stay in Santa Monica. Ink-sketch spot illustrations. (11-14)



Becoming Brianna (Emmie & Friends series)

written and illustrated by Terri Libenson (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins Children's Books, \$22.99) 978-0-06-289454-0

Bri grapples with mixed feelings about religion, having a bat mitzvah, and her quarrel with her best friend. Text with amusing spot illustrations interspersed with graphic format pages. (11-13)



D * Class Act (New Kid series)

written and illustrated by Jerry Craft (HarperCollins, \$22.99) 978-0-0628-8551-7 Friends Jordan, Drew, and Liam spend eighth grade learning to understand each other's different economic circumstances as their private school tries to become more woke. Colorful graphic panels. (11-14)

Closer to Nowhere

by Ellen Hopkins

(G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$17.99) 978-0-59310861-1 When troubled 12-year-old Cal comes to live with his aunt's family, he and his cousin, Hannah, share the impact. Verse with alternate voices. (11-13)





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Read Aloud

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written and illustrated by Cynthia L. Copeland, color by Ronda Pattison (Algonquin BFYR, \$24.95) 978-1-61620-993-3 In the 1970s, seventh grader Cindy encounters bullies, crushes, and friendship challenges while following her dreams to be a newspaper reporter. Colorful graphic panels. (11-13)

① * Everything Sad Is Untrue: (A True Story)

by Daniel Nayeri

(Levine Querido, \$17.99) 978-1-64614-000-8 Steeped in Persian history and culture, Daniel is just trying to survive seventh grade and make sense of his journey from Iran to Oklahoma. (11-14)

M * Fighting Words

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-1-9848-1568-2 Della finds the strength to speak out and acknowledge the multiple abuses she and her sister have suffered. (11-14) Mature Content

D Fly Back, Agnes

by Elizabeth Atkinson (Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$17.99) 978-1-5415-7820-3

Dealing with troubling friendship issues at school and the challenges of recently divorced parents, 12-year-old Agnes creates a new self-identity. Then she must deal with the results of her lies. (11-14)

D In the Role of Brie Hutchens

by Nicole Melleby

(Algonquin Books, \$16.95) 978-1-616-20907-0 Brie, 13, soap opera fanatic and aspiring actor, likes girls. When her mother finds out, Brie lies to distract her—but will their relationship ever be the same? (12-14)

① * Keep It Together, Keiko Carter

by Debbi Michiko Florence (Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-1-338-60752-9 Junior high brings new challenges and stresses to Keiko and her two long-standing "besties." Further complications include busy, distracted parents, social competition, and a growing interest in boyfriends. (11-13)

* Mary Underwater

by Shannon Doleski

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.99) 978-1-4197-4080-0 When 13-year-old Mary's violent and abusive father returns from prison, she finds courage and safety in building a submersible with her first love, Kip. (12-14)

Me and Banksy

by Tanya Lloyd Kyi (Puffin/Penguin Random House, \$15.99) 978-0-7352-6691-9

Inspired by a real graffiti artist, Dominica and her classmates use her street art to combat cyberbullying and the school's invasive security cameras. (11-14)

(D) Tornado Brain

by Cat Patrick (Putnam, \$17.99) 978-1-984815-31-6 Frankie, 13, is on the autism spectrum. Can she help find her estranged friend who has mysteriously disappeared? (11-13)

Turtle Boy

by M. Evan Wolkenstein (Random House Children's Books/Delacorte Press, \$16.99) 978-0-593-12157-3
Kids bully seventh grader Will Levine because of his odd-looking chin. His new challenge is his bar mitzvah community service project—hospital visits. Ugh! (12-14)

M When You Know What I Know

by Sonja K. Solter (Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99) 978-0-316-53544-1 After being molested by her uncle Tori, 1

After being molested by her uncle, Tori, 10, is helped by family, friends, and professionals, and begins to heal. Free verse. (11-13) Mature Content

Fantasy

All Sales Final

by Sarah S. Reida (Warrior Press, P \$10.99) 978-1-7348170-3-4 In a small town in 1956, a new magical shop gives 11-year-old Anna an opportunity to be extraordinary, but what price must she pay? (11-13)





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D Beetle & the Hollowbones

written and illustrated by Aliza Layne (Atheneum BFYR/S&S, \$21.99) 978-1-5344-4153-8 Beetle needs to learn magic quickly to save her best friend Blob Ghost. Will Kat help? And is she more than a friend? Colorful, dynamic artwork. (11-13)

Bloom

by Kenneth Oppel (Knopf BFYR/Random House, \$16.99) 978-1-5247-7301-4

As the earth is covered with possibly carnivorous plants, three unusual young people discover their ability to confront the invasion. First of a trilogy. (11-14)

(D) The Girl and the Ghost

by Hanna Alkaf (HarperCollins Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-0-06-294095-7

Suraya has inherited a ghostly demon from her grandmother. Its friendship can be either destructive or healing. Which aspect will prevail? A contemporary version of a Malaysian folktale. (11-14)

(D) Into the Tall, Tall Grass

by Loriel Ryon

(McElderry Books, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-4967-1 In a tale filled with magic, two sisters learn about their family's past as they work to develop their future. (11-13)



(D) Lizard in a Zoot Suit

written and illustrated by Marco Finnegan (Graphic Universe/Lerner, \$31.99) 978-1-5415-2365-4 In 1943 two Latinx zoot-suit sisters rescue a reptilian creature and try to find his family before a corrupt scientist gets his hands on him. Yellow, black, and white artwork with a retro feel. (12-15)

Poisoned

by Jennifer Donnelly (Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-1-338-26849-2 Seven brothers give Princess Sophie a mechanical heart after hers is stolen. Will she be able to rescue her kingdom before the heart stops? A reimagining of Snow White. (13-15)

Scritch Scratch

by Lindsay Currie (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks, \$16.99) 978-1-7282-0972-2

Reluctantly helping her father run a ghost-themed Chicago bus tour, Claire is astonished and terrified to find a young spirit repeatedly haunting her and apparently seeking her help. (11-13)

(D) A Song of Wraiths and Ruin

by Roseanne A. Brown

(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins Children's Books, \$18.99) 978-0-06-289149-5

Malik, a refugee, and Princess Karina find themselves falling in love though knowing they must murder each other. A West African-inspired tale involving action, magic, and romance. (12-15)



D Superman Smashes the Klan

by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Gurihiru (DC Comics, P \$16.99) 978-1-77950-421-0 When a Chinese family moves to Metropolis, the Klan of the Fiery Kross tries to run them out of town. Can Superman save the day? Colorful retro illustrations. (11-14)



(D) Wonder Woman: Tempest Tossed

by Laurie Halse Anderson, illustrated by Leila del Duca (DC Comics, P \$16.99) 978-1-4012-8645-3 Princess Diana flees from the island of Themyscira to

New York City to rescue drowning refugees. Boldly colored illustrations. (11-14)

Folklore and Fairy Tales

(D) Mulan:

Before the Sword

written and illustrated by Grace Lin (Disney-Hyperion, \$16.99) 978-1-368-02033-6 Mulan feels herself to be a less worthy daughter than her younger sister, but aided by immortal allies, she embarks on a quest that reveals her bravery. Black-andwhite spot illustrations. (11-14)





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Historical Fiction

* The Blackbird Girls

by Anne Blankman

(Viking BFYReve/PRH, \$17.99) 978-1-9848-3735-6 An unlikely friendship forms when a young girl and her nemesis are thrown together after the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown. (12-14)



D * Brother's Keeper

by Julie Lee

(Holiday House, \$17.99) 978-0-8234-4494-6 After war erupts, 12-year-old Sora flees south from North Korea with her brother. Author's note, family photographs, Korean glossary. (11-13)



Catherine's War

by Julia Billet, illustrated by Claire Fauvel; translated from the French by Ivanka Hahnenberger (HarperAlley/HarperCollins Children's Books, \$21.99) 978-0-06-291560-3

To survive in Nazi-occupied France, Rachel, Jewish, becomes Catherine and moves throughout the country photographing everything she sees. Subtle ink and watercolor panels. (11-13)

A Ceiling Made of Eggshells

by Gail Carson Levine (HarperCollins Children's Books, \$17.99) 978-0-06-287819-9

Proud to be her grandfather's companion as he works to keep Jews safe from persecution in 15th-century Spain, Loma still longs to realize her own dreams. (12-14)

* Echo Mountain

by Lauren Wolk

(Dutton/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-525-5556-8 During the 1930s Great Depression, 12-year-old Ellie develops new friendships in the Maine woods while helping her father recover from an accident. Lyrical prose about an idyllic natural world. (11-14)

In a Flash

by Donna Jo Napoli (Wendy Lamb/Random House Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-1-101-93413-5 Caught in Tokyo as World War II engulfs Europe and Asia, two motherless young Italian sisters struggle to survive with their father, an Italian embassy chef. Extensive bibliography. (11-13)

(D) (M) The Maps of Memory: **Return to Butterfly Hill**

by Marjorie Agosín, illustrated by Lee White; translated from the Spanish by Alison Ridley (Atheneum BFYR/S&S, \$18.99) 978-1-481469-01-2 Fourteen-year-old Celeste returns to Chile from Maine to uncover the truth about what happened in Valparaíso during the dictatorship and to find Lucila, her missing friend. Grayscale pen and ink illustrations. (11-14) Mature Content

(D) Saving Savannah

by Tonya Bolden (Bloomsbury Children's Books USA, \$17.99) 978-1-6811-9804-0

In 1919, when Washington DC is on the cusp of chaos from anarchist bombings and race riots, an upper-class Black high school student finds his identity among those less privileged. (11-14)

(D) * Show Me a Sign

by Ann Clare LeZotte (Scholastic, \$18.99) 978-1-338-25581-2 In 1805 Mary, 11, is struggling with the accidental death of her brother, when a suspicious scientist arrives on Martha's Vineyard to study Mary's deaf community. Back matter. (11-13)

(M) Trowbridge Road

by Marcella Pixley (Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-1-5362-0750-7 In 1983 when AIDS is a lethal mystery that kills June's father and renders her mother dangerously germaphobic, a new kid with his own problems becomes a special ally. (12-15) Mature Content

Village of Scoundrels

by Margi Preus, illustrated by S. M. Vidaurri (Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.99) 978-1-4197-0897-8 Isolated villagers in Vichy France rescue, hide, and help Jews and other victims of Nazism escape to Switzerland. Photographs and stark grayscale illustrations. Time line, bibliography. (11-14)





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Humor

Double the Danger and Zero Zucchini

by Betsy Uhrig (Margaret K. McElderry Books/S&S, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-6765-1

The aunt of reluctant reader Alex, 12, persuades him to improve her first novel, with hilarious results, as he and his friends film plot elements in search of verisimilitude. (11-14)

Magical Realism

(D) The Brave

by James Bird (Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-1-250-24775-9

Finally meeting his mother and encountering his Ojibwe heritage, Collin, 13, experiences love, spirituality, and the strength to conquer his crippling OCD. (11-14)

A Game of Fox & Squirrels

by Jenn Reese, illustrated by Jessica Roux (Henry Holt and Company / Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-1-250-24301-0

Eleven-year-old Sam embarks on a guest prompted by forest animals depicted in a card game. Fantasy elements closely mirror trauma in her family. Grayscale spot illustrations. (11-14)



(D) Snapdragon

written and illustrated by Kat Leyh (First Second/Roaring Brook/Macmillan, \$21.99) 978-1-250-17112-2

With the help of her gender-nonconforming best friend, Snapdragon becomes an apprentice to the rumored town witch and discovers surprising family connections. Dynamic cartoon-style artwork. (11-13)

Science Fiction

978-1-49269-333-8

The Last Lie (The List series)

by Patricia Forde (Sourcebooks Young Readers/Sourcebooks, \$16.99)

Letta, a teacher, is part of a rebel group looking to restore their community, created after the "melting." Are freedom of speech and peace possible? (11-14)

Sports

D A High Five for Glenn Burke

by Phil Bildner

(Farrar, Straus and Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-3743-1273-2

Like his baseball hero Glenn Burke, Silas, 12, is gay. He's terrified people will find out and needs to talk to someone he can trust. (11-13)

* One Last Shot

by John David Anderson (Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-0-06-264392-6

Malcolm, 12, yearns for his father's approval, but sports are not his forte. Life changes dramatically when he uses his unusual analytic talent playing miniature golf. (11-13)

POETRY

(D) All He Knew

by Helen Frost

(Farrar, Straus and Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-31299-2

In the 1930s a deaf boy, erroneously deemed unteachable, faces inhumane treatment at an institution until a kindly worker there sees his potential. (11-14)

The Bird in Me Flies

written and illustrated by Sara Lundberg; translated from the Swedish by BJ Epstein

(Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, \$18.95) 978-1-77306-260-0

This novel in verse with nature-inspired watercolor and collage illustrations explores the life, art, and writing of Swedish artist Berta Hansson. Back matter with archival photos. (11-13)

* Flooded:

Requiem for Johnstown

by Ann E. Burg (Scholastic, \$18.99) 978-1-338-54069-7 In lyrical verse, a chorus of six children and other witnesses share their personal stories about the catastrophic collapse of a dam in 1889. (11-14)





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D 🖰 * Say Her Name

by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Loveis Wise (Jump at the Sun/Disney-Hyperion, \$18.99) 978-1-368-04524-7

Striking illustrations accompany powerful and empowering descriptions of the experiences of Black women throughout history. Endnotes. (12-15)



D With a Star in My Hand: Rubén Darío, Poetry Hero

by Margarita Engle (Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-2493-7

Born in Nicaragua, Rubén, abandoned by his mother, began experimenting with different forms of complex poetry at a young age and became famous as el niño poeta. (11-13)

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Biography and Memoir

(D) A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story

by Caren Stelson, illustrated by Akira Kusaka (Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$17.99) 978-1-5415-2148-3

World War II brings devastation to Japan and suffering to Sachiko's family, but grandmother's bowl, found intact amid the wreckage, evokes treasured memories and hope for future peace. Warm digital illustrations. (11-14)

Chance:

Escape from the Holocaust

written and illustrated by Uri Shulevitz (Farrar, Straus and Giroux BFYR/Macmillan \$19.99) 978-0-374-31371-5

Deeply evocative drawings by a renowned artist intensify the story of his life as a Polish Jew whose family escaped the Nazis, only to face harrowing experiences in the Soviet Union. Afterword. (11-14)

(D) Even More Fantastic Failures:

True Stories of People Who Changed the World by **Falling Down First**

by Luke Reynolds

(Beyond Words/Aladdin, \$12.99) 978-1-58270-733-4 Vignettes of famous and not so famous people depict the adversities they overcame. (13-15)

(D) * Finish the Fight!:

The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote

by Veronica Chambers and the Staff of the New York Times, illustrated by various artists (Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Children's Book Group (HMH), \$18.99) 978-0-358-40830-7 Featuring a diverse group of activists, this comprehensive book focuses on women who fought for the 19th Amendment and other social justice issues. Colorful digital illustrations and archival images. Back matter. (11-14)

(D) Kiyo Sato:

From a WWII Japanese Internment Camp to a Life of Service

by Connie Goldsmith with Kiyo Sato (Twenty-First Century Books, \$37.32) 978-1-5415-5901-1

Though once incarcerated, Japanese American Kiyo never gives up hope for progress in the United States, serves in the US Air Force, and advocates for human rights. Extensive back matter, archival photos. (12-15)

(M) The Missing:

The True Story of My Family in World War II

by Michael Rosen

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-1-5362-1289-1

The account of a search for family members who had gone missing in the Holocaust provides lessons for today's world. Many suggestions for further reading. (11-13) Mature Content

(D) Sing and Shout:

The Mighty Voice of Paul Robeson

by Susan Goldman Rubin

(Calkins Creek/Boyds Mills/Kane Miller, \$19.99) 978-1-62979-857-8

An extraordinary voice and a passionate commitment to universal civil rights marked the life a much-loved performer. Photographs and extensive back matter. (11-14)





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Condor Comeback (Scientists in the Field series)

by Sy Montgomery, photographed by Tianne Strombeck (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Children's Book Group/ HMH), \$18.99) 978-0-3583-3066-0

The heroic efforts to save the critically endangered California condor from extinction are depicted with captivating photographs. Extensive back matter. (11-14)

Earth Day and the Environmental Movement: Standing Up for Earth

by Christy Peterson (Twenty-First Century Books, \$30.49) 978-1-5415-5281-4

In 1970 different environmental groups joined together to celebrate the first Earth Day and increase awareness about the urgent need to protect the planet. Bibliography. (11-13)

History

(D) * All Thirteen:

The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' **Soccer Team**

by Christina Soontornvat (Candlewick Press, \$24.99) 978-1-5362-0945-7 An incredible international effort led to the rescue of 12 Thai children and their coach, trapped in a flooded cave. Endnotes, bibliography, archival photos. (12-15)

Attacked at Sea:

A True World War II Story of a Family's Fight for **Survival (True Rescue series)**

by Michael J. Tougias and Alison O.Leary (Henry Holt and Company, \$19.99) 978-1-2501-2806-5

A family shares the harrowing tale of their experiences after their ship is destroyed by a German submarine during World II. Photographs. Bibliography, notes. Young readers edition of So Close to Home: A True Story of an American Family's Fight for Survival during World War II. (11-14)

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