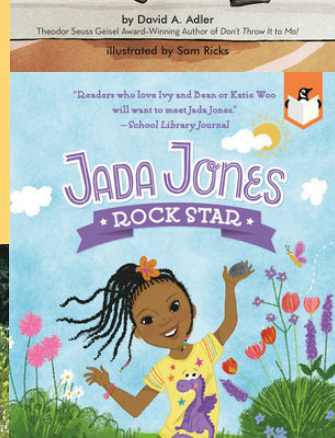
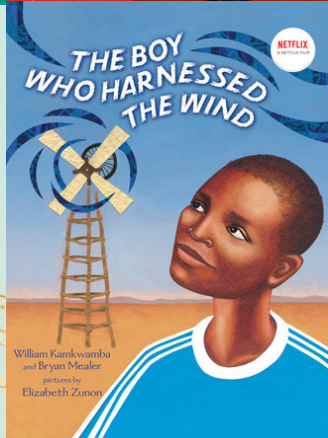
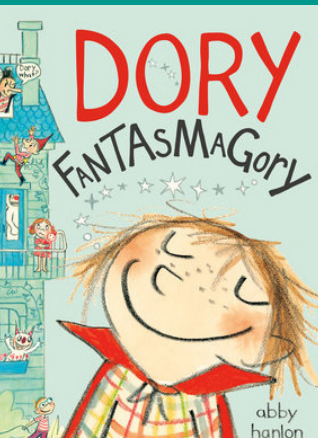
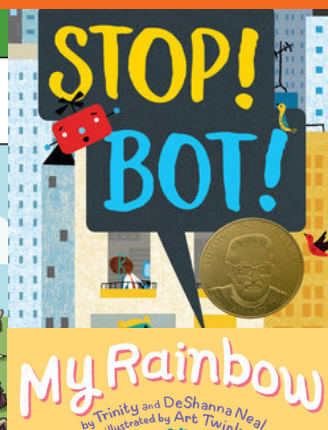
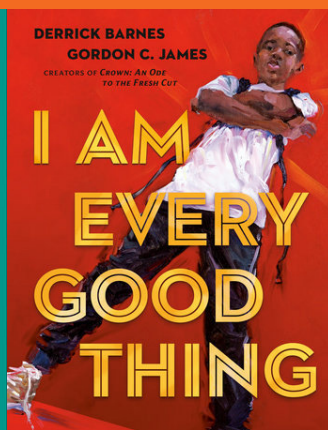
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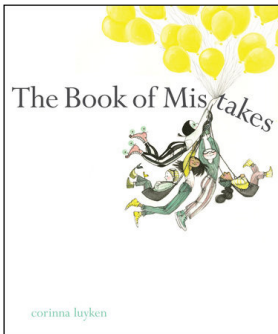
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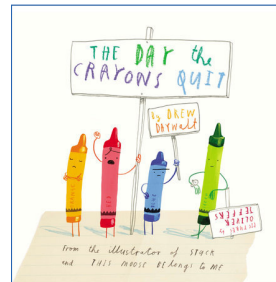


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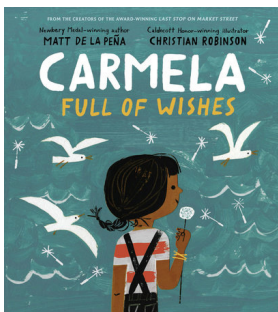


[The Book of Mistakes](#) by Corinna Luyken. Zoom meets *Beautiful Oops!* in this memorable picture book debut about the creative process and the way in which “mistakes” can blossom into inspiration.



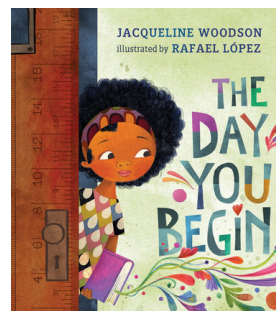
[The Day the Crayons Quit](#) by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They

quit! What can Duncan possibly do to appease all the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?



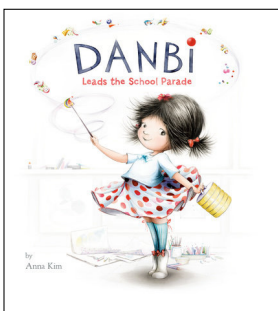
[Carmela Full of Wishes](#) by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson. Carmela is already having an amazing birthday running errands with her brother when she finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. Faced with

another wish, Carmela must decide what else to wish for.



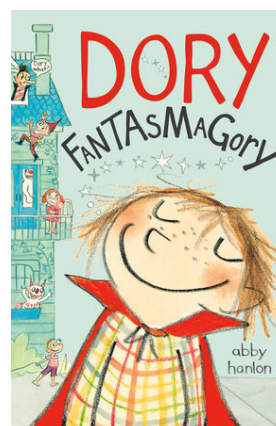
[The Day You Begin](#) by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López. Lyrical text and dazzling art remind us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes—and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach

out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway.

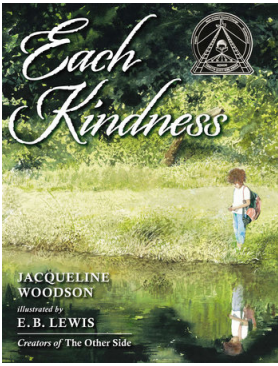


[Danbi Leads the School Parade](#) by Anna Kim. Danbi is excited to start school in America but soon realizes that she doesn't know any of her classmates' games or dances. As she learns to navigate her two cultures,

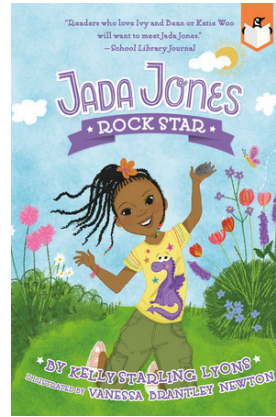
she realizes that when you open your world to others, their world also opens up to you.



[Dory Fantasmagory](#) by Abby Hanlon. Move over, Junie B. Jones and Ivy & Bean! Here comes a lovably energetic little sister with a BIG personality—and an imagination to match!



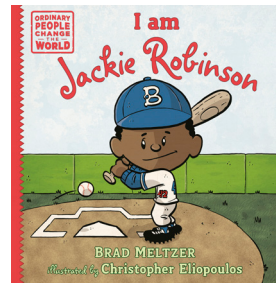
Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Each kindness makes the world a little better. With its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, this book will resonate with readers long after they've put it down.



Jada Jones #1: Rock Star by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. Fans of Princess Posey and Ivy and Bean will enjoy engaging with science-loving Jada Jones in this easy-to-read chapter book.

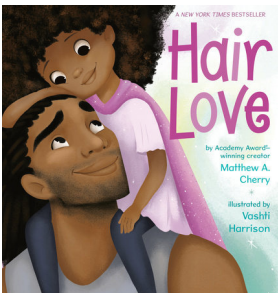


José and El Perro by Susan Rose and Silvia López, illustrated by Gloria Félix. José dreams of having a dog and finally picks the perfect one from a shelter. However, his new pet doesn't understand Spanish commands. Follow along as José teaches his intelligent dog some new words in Spanish.



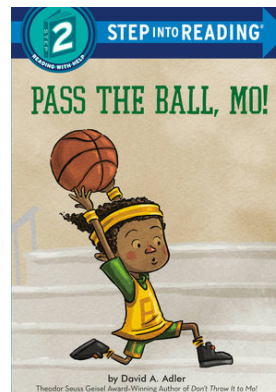
Ordinary People Change the World: I Am Jackie Robinson by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos. Jackie Robinson loved baseball but faced racial discrimination before the Civil Rights Movement. Despite the challenges,

he became the first Black player in Major League Baseball, changing American history and promoting equality in sports.

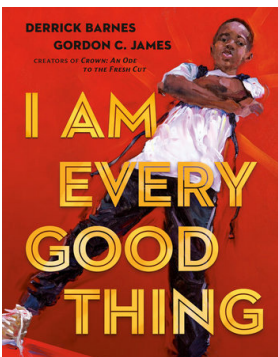


Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison. A heartwarming story about Zuri and her uniquely beautiful, natural hair. When her father steps in to style it for a special occasion, he's determined to make her—and her hair—

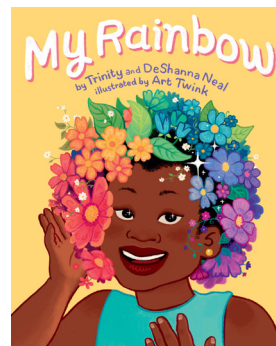
happy, showcasing a tender celebration of self-love and empowerment.



Pass the Ball, Mo! by David Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks. Mo's latest obsession is basketball. He's determined to learn how to pass, but as the shortest member of the team, he can't seem to launch the ball high enough. Can Mo learn to pass in time to help his team win the big game?



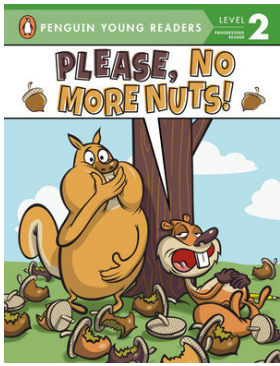
I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James. The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is. So slow down and really look and listen when somebody tells you—and shows you—who they are. There are superheroes



My Rainbow by Trinity and DeShanna Neal, illustrated by Art Twink. A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter. A celebration of showing up as our full selves with the people who have seen us

fully all along.

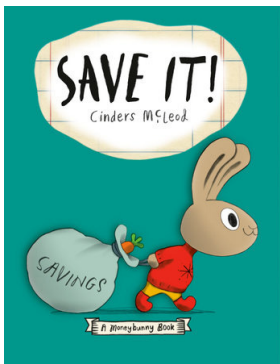
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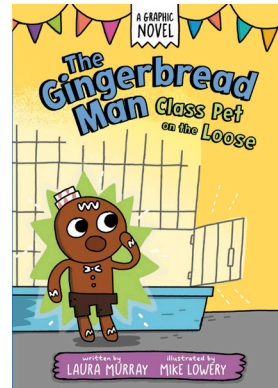
Please, No More Nuts! by Jonathan Fenske. The same squirrels of *We Need More Nuts!* have been eating nothing *but* nuts ever since—and now they're sick of them! How will they ever be able to get rid of them all? Unless, of course, *you'd* like to take some off their paws. ...



Pizza! A Slice of History written and illustrated by Greg Pizzoli. Discover the surprising origins and global variations of this favorite food. Explore fun facts like Sweden's banana and peanut pizza. Enjoy colorful illustrations and a family-friendly English muffin pizza recipe.



Save It! by Cinders McLeod. A charming introduction to simple money concepts in which a little bunny learns about the power and satisfaction that come with saving money.



The Gingerbread Man: Class Pet on the Loose by Laura Murray, illustrated by Mike Lowery. The Gingerbread Man is thrilled about the new class pet and it's his turn to feed Squeaks. But her cage is open, and she's missing! Follow his fun, rhyming adventure as he tracks

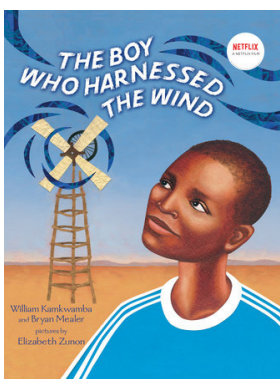
down Squeaks.



Stop! Bot! by James Yang. A little boy must go on an adventure to rescue his "bot" when it floats up out of his hands like a balloon. Every resident of his apartment building tries to help, but will they rescue the Bot before it's too late?! Children will love all the funny details and easy-to-read words in this very playful picture book!



Monster Hands by Karen Kane and Jonaz McMillan, illustrated by Dion MBD. Two best friends use rhyming ASL to help vanquish their fear of the monster under the bed in this fun, interactive read-aloud.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Lyrically told and gloriously illustrated, this picture book will inspire many as it shows how—even in the worst of times—a great idea and a lot of hard work can still rock the world.



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