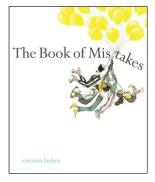


# **21 BOOKS** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader Should Read



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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

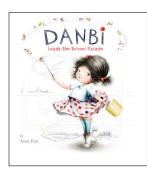
quit! What can Duncan possibly do to appease all the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?



Carmela Full of Wishes by

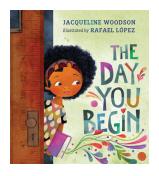
Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson. Carmela is already having an amazing birthday running errands with her brother when she finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. Faced with

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



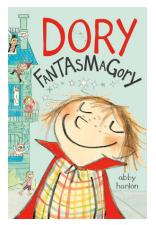
Danbi Leads the School Parade by Anna Kim. Danbi is excited to start school in America but soon realizes that she doesn't know any of her classmates' games or dances. As she learns to navigate her two cultures,

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

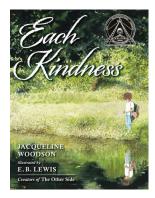


The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López. Lyrical text and dazzling art remind us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach

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



**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.

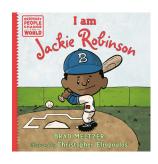


### Jada Jones #1: Rock Star

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.



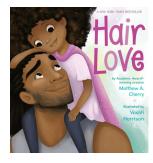
José and El Perro by Susan Rose and Silvia López, illustrated by Gloria Félix. José dreams of having a dog and finally picks the perfect one from a shelter. However, his new pet doesn't understand Spanish commands. Follow along as José teaches his intelligent dog some new words in Spanish.



### <u>Ordinary People Change</u> the World: *I Am Jackie*

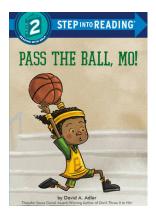
**Robinson** by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos. Jackie Robinson loved baseball but faced racial discrimination before the Civil Rights Movement. Despite the challenges,

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



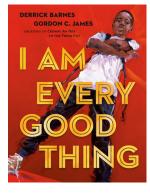
Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison. A heartwarming story about Zuri and her uniquely beautiful, natural hair. When her father steps in to style it for a special occasion, he's determined to make her-and her hair-

happy, showcasing a tender celebration of selflove and empowerment.



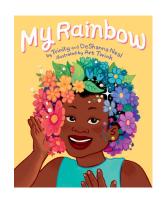
Pass the Ball, Mo! by

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



fully all along.

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

in our midst!



### 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.



down Squeaks.



<u>The Gingerbread Man:</u> <u>Class Pet on the Loose</u> by



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 easyto-read words in this very playful picture book!



<u>The Boy Who Harnessed</u> <u>the Wind</u> by William

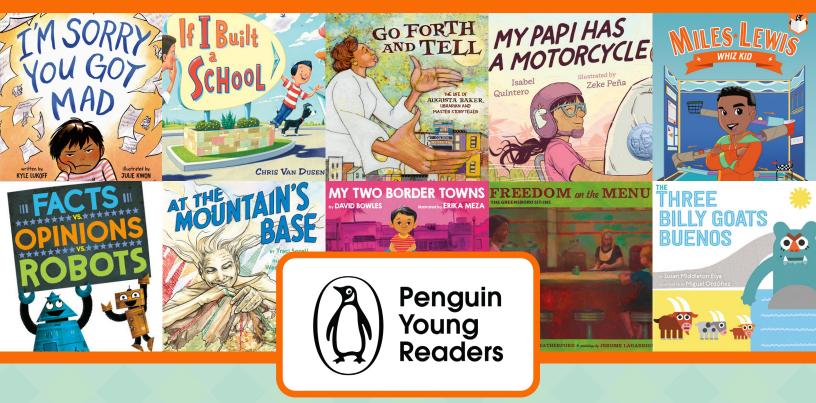
Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Lyrically told and gloriously illustrated, this picture book will inspire many as it shows how—even in the worst of times—a great idea and a lot of hard work can still rock the world.



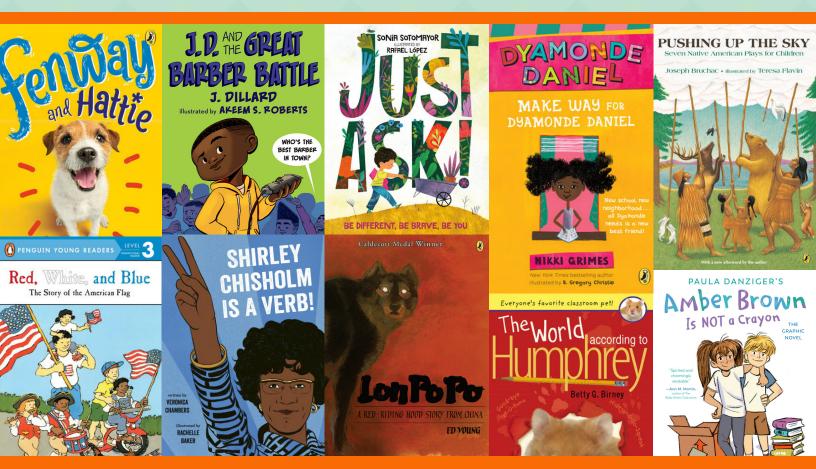
Monster Hands by Karen Kane and Jonaz McMillan, illustrated by Dion MBD. Two best friends use rhyming ASL to help vanquish their fear of the monster under the bed in this fun, interactive readaloud.



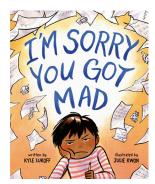
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# **20 Books** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Should Read

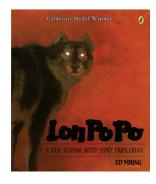


### 20 BOOKS Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Should Read



<u>I'm Sorry You Got Mad</u> by

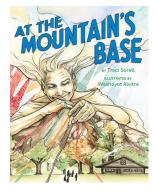
Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Julie Kwon. Jack wants to apologize for hurting Zoe's feelings but struggles to find the right words. This story explores the true meaning of a heartfelt apology.



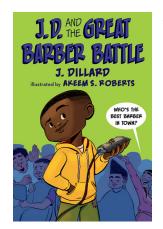
Lon Po Po written and illustrated by Ed Young. This Caldecott Medalwinning retelling of Little Red Riding Hood is a celebrated classic. It features the ancient Chinese version of the fairy tale with vibrant pastels and watercolors.

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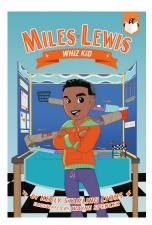
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At the Mountain's Base by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre. A family waits for a loved one to return home in this lyrical picture book celebrating the bonds of a Cherokee family and the bravery of history-making women pilots.

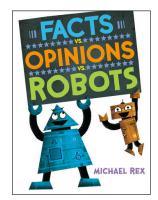


J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard, illustrated by Akeem S. Roberts. Eight-year-old J.D. turns a tragic home haircut into a thriving barber business in this hilarious new illustrated chapter book series.



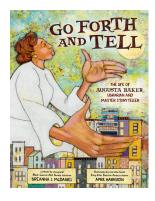
Miles Lewis, Whiz Kid

by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Wayne Spencer. Miles is thrilled to join a city-wide science competition with his allstar team. However, he feels like the weak link as the team struggles and he keeps messing up. Filled with self-doubt, Miles wonders if he's truly a science whiz or a flop.



Facts vs. Opinions vs.

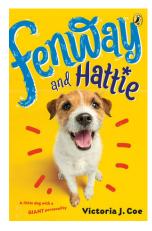
**Robots** by Michael Rex. Using hilarious robot examples, this book introduces and provides excellent examples of facts and opinions and instructs readers on how to tell the difference between the two.



### <u>Go Forth and Tell</u> by

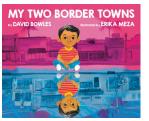
Breanna J. McDaniel, illustrated by April Harrison. This picture book biography explores Augusta Braxton Baker's journey as the first Black coordinator of children's services at the New York Public Library, inspired by her grandmother's

storytelling and her advocacy for uplifting books featuring Black characters.



### Fenway and Hattie

by Victoria J. Coe. The adventures of Fenway, an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier, his Food Lady, Fetch Man, and—of course—his beloved short human and best-friend-in-the-world, Hattie.



My Two Border Towns by

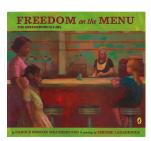
David Bowles, illustrated by Erika Meza. The loving story of a father and son's weekend ritual, a demonstration of community care, and a

tribute to the fluidity, complexity, and vibrancy of life on the U.S.-Mexico border.



Just Ask! by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael López. The United States Supreme Court Justice celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes,

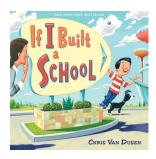
Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges—and looks at the special powers those kids have as well.



**Freedom on the Menu** by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue. There were signs all throughout town telling 8-year-old Connie where she could and could

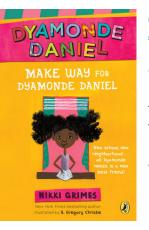
not go. But when Connie

sees four young men take a stand for equal rights at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, she realizes that things may soon change.



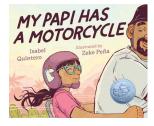
If I Built a School by Chris Van Dusen. If Jack built a school, there would be hover desks and pop-up textbooks, skydiving wind tunnels and a trampoline basketball court in the gym, a robochef to serve lunch in the

cafeteria, field trips to Mars, and a whole lot more.



Make Way for Dyamonde

**Daniel** by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Dyamonde Daniel may be new in town, but that doesn't stop her from making a place for herself in a jiffy. With her can-do attitude and brain power, she takes the whole neighborhood by storm.



### My Papi Has a Motorcycle

by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Peña. A celebration of the love between a father and daughter and of a vibrant immigrant neighborhood.

### PUSHING UP THE SKY



<u>Pushing Up the Sky: Seven</u> <u>Native American Plays for</u>

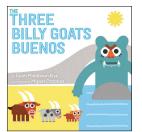
**Children** by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Teresa Flavin. From acclaimed Native American storyteller Joseph Bruchac comes a collection of seven lively plays for children to perform, each one adapted from a different traditional Native tale.



### Blue Story of the American Flag by John Herman, illustrated by Robin Roraback. Some people call the American flag

people call the American flag Stars and Stripes or Old Glory. But why? This Level 3 reader will tell you all about the history of the American flag.

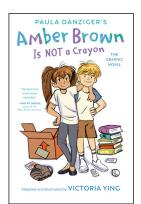
Red, White, and Blue: The



### The Three Billy Goats

**Buenos** by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Miguel Ordóñez. Three little *cabritos* have a clever plan to get past the grumpiest troll in the land. Dashes of humor,

empathy, and kindness make this bilingual twist on "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" a charming delight that dares to ask the question: Why is that troll so grumpy anyway?



### <u>Amber Brown Is Not a</u> <u>Crayon: The Graphic Novel</u>

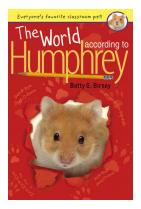
by Paula Danziger, illustrated by Victoria Ying. Third graders Amber and Justin have been best friends since preschool. When Justin learns his family is moving away, they both struggle with the upcoming changes. Can they find a way to say goodbye and keep

their friendship strong?



### Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb!

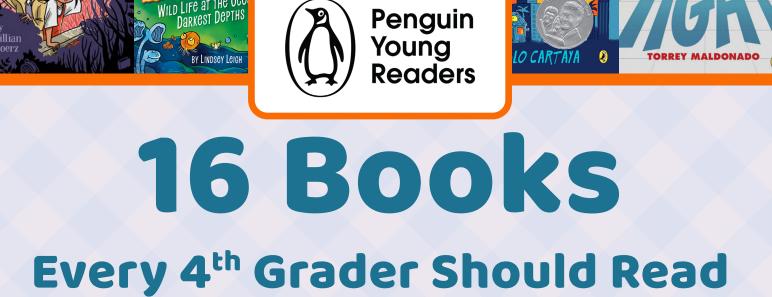
by Veronica Chambers, illustrated by Rachelle Baker. A timely picture book biography about Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman in Congress, who sought the Democratic nomination to be the president of the United States.



### The World According to

*Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney. Boys and girls can't help falling in love with Humphrey—the world's favorite classroom pet! Kids will be eager to get their paws on all 12 books in the series! Penguin Young Readers

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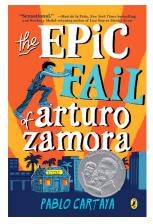
**Thirst** by Varsha Bajaj. The inspiring tale of a heroic girl from a poor part of Mumbai fighting for her belief that water should be for everyone.



### Penny Draws a Best

**Friend** by Sara Shepard. Starting a new school year is tough for Penny, especially when her best friend starts spending time with the meanest girl in school. Penny wonders if she's done something wrong. This story explores managing anxiety, letting go of unkind friends, and

making space for better ones.



The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya. Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can 13-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL?



### Give Bees a Chance by

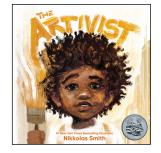
Bethany Barton. Not sure whether to high-five bees or run away from them? Well, maybe you shouldn't high-five them, but you definitely don't have to run away from them. It's more

important now than ever to get on board with our honey-making friends!

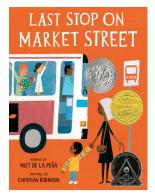


### The Last Kids on Earth: The Graphic Novel by

Max Brallier, illustrated by Brian Churilla. This graphic novel adaptation of the bestselling series centers on a group of 13-year-old friends working together to survive after the monster apocalypse.

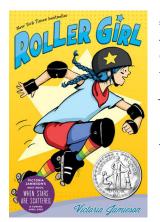


**The Artivist** by Nikkolas Smith. This 2024 Jane Addams Children's Book Award honoree tells an inspiring story about how children can combine art and activism in their daily lives.

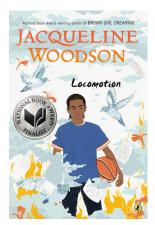


### Last Stop on Market

**Street** by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson. An inclusive ode to kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places.



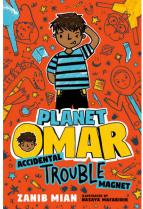
**Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson. A heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derby perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier's *Smile*!



Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson. When Lonnie was 7 years old, his parents died and he and his sister were sent to live in different foster homes. Told entirely through Lonnie's poetry, we see his heartbreak, his thoughtful perspective, and his determination to one day be reunited with his sister.



Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goerz. This middle-grade graphic novel introduces Jamila and Shirley, two unlikely friends who save each other's summers while solving their neighborhood's biggest mysteries.



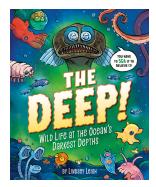
### Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib

Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik. Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. Luckily, Omar's big imagination and goofy family help him get through it.



### <u>Small Spaces</u> by

Katherine Arden. A creepy, spellbinding ghost story destined to become a classic. Three friends have to run away from a mysterious danger after their school bus breaks down during a class field trip.



**The Deep!** written and illustrated by Lindsey Leigh. Plunge beneath the waves to find an alien world of bizarre creatures who explain for themselves how they've adapted to life in the deep dark sea in this graphic nonfiction book.

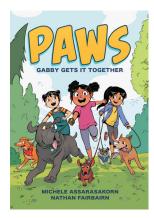


**The Swifts** by Beth Lincoln, illustrated by Claire Powell. Shenanigan Swift, known for her risk-taking and mischief, is preparing for the Swift Family Reunion and plotting to find a hidden treasure. When a family member is murdered, Shenanigan is determined to prove she's more than just a

troublemaker by becoming a detective and solving the case.



**<u>Tight</u>** by Torrey Maldonado. Lately, Bryan's been feeling it in all kinds of ways. He knows what's tight for him in a good way– reading comics, drawing superheroes, and hanging out with no drama. But drama's hard to escape where he's from, and that gets him wound up tight.



### PAWS: Gabby Gets it

**Together** by Nathan Fairbairn, illustrated by Michele Assarasakorn. Are you a fan of Raina Telgemeier or Shannon Hale? Then don't miss PAWS, a new graphic novel series about best friends, cute dogs, and all the fun (and trouble) that comes with them.

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# **17 BOOKS** Every 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Should Read

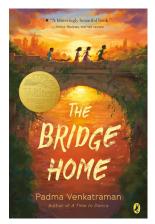


# **17 BOOKS** Every 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Should Read



Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed. Twelve-year-old Amal's dream of becoming a teacher one day is dashed in an instant when she accidentally insults a member of her Pakistani village's ruling family. As punishment, she must leave her family behind and go work as a servant for the ruling family. Amal

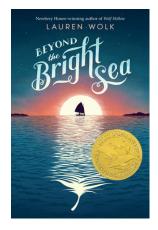
realizes she is going to need to use all her courage if she plans to keep her family safe and win her freedom.



**The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman. Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves on the streets of Chennai, India, in this beautifully written novel about young people who must use their instincts and grit to survive.

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<u>Beyond the Bright Sea</u>

by Lauren Wolk. Twelveyear-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. When a mysterious fire appears across the water, the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an

unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.



**Dress Coded** by Carrie Firestone. A middle-grade girl-power friendship story. Perfect for fans of *Moxie*, an eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion.



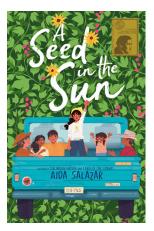
The First Rule of Punk by

Celia C. Pérez. A wry and heartfelt exploration of friendship, finding your place, and learning to rock out like no one's watching.

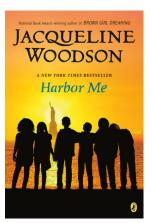


**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she can hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. Things change, however, when Ally's new teacher recognizes her dyslexia. With his help, Ally sees that

there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.

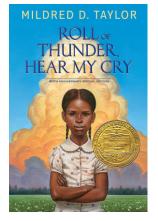


<u>A Seed in the Sun</u> by Aida Salazar. A farm-working girl with big dreams meets activist Dolores Huerta and joins the 1965 protest for workers' rights in this tender-hearted novel in verse.



their lives.

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson. It all starts when six kids must meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults to listen in. When they are together, they can express the feelings and fears they must hide from the rest of the world. And together, they can grow braver and more ready for the rest of



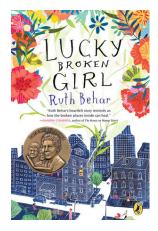
Roll of Thunder, Hear My

**Cry** by Mildred D. Taylor. Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice.



### Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim. One lie snowballs into a full-blown double life in this irresistible story about an aspiring stand-up comedian.



Lucky Broken Girl by

Ruth Behar. Based on the author's childhood in the 1960s—a young Cuban-Jewish immigrant girl is adjusting to her new life in New York City when her American dream is suddenly derailed. Ruthie's plight will intrigue readers, and her powerful story of strength and resilience, full

of color, light, and poignancy, will stay with them for a long time.

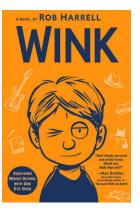
**Mexikid** by Pedro Martín. An unforgettable graphic memoir about a Mexican American boy's family and their adventure-filled road trip to bring their *abuelito* back from Mexico.



### Lei and the Fire Goddess

by Malia Maunakea. Twelveyear-old Anna dismisses her grandmother's Hawaiian folktales until a visit to Hawai'i leads to accidentally offending the fire goddess Pele. When her best friend is kidnapped by a giant hawk, Anna must confront mythical creatures and

embrace her Hawaiian heritage to break the curse and discover her true self.



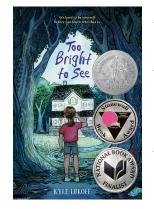
**Wink** by Rob Harrell. A hilarious and heart-wrenching story about surviving middle school—and an unthinkable diagnosis—while embracing life's weirdness. Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who

don't know what to say to "the cancer kid." But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table.



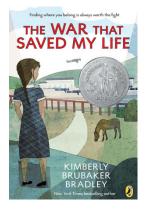
<u>The Unsung Hero of</u>

**Birdsong USA** by Brenda Woods. The moving story of the friendship between a young white boy and a Black WWII veteran who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South.



gender identity.

**Too Bright to See** by Kyle Lukoff. Bug's haunted house has a new visitor and is trying to tell Bug something about friendship, identity, and family. This Newbery Honor and Stonewall Book Award-winner is a spooky and haunting ghost story about navigating grief, growing up, and growing into a new



The War That Saved My

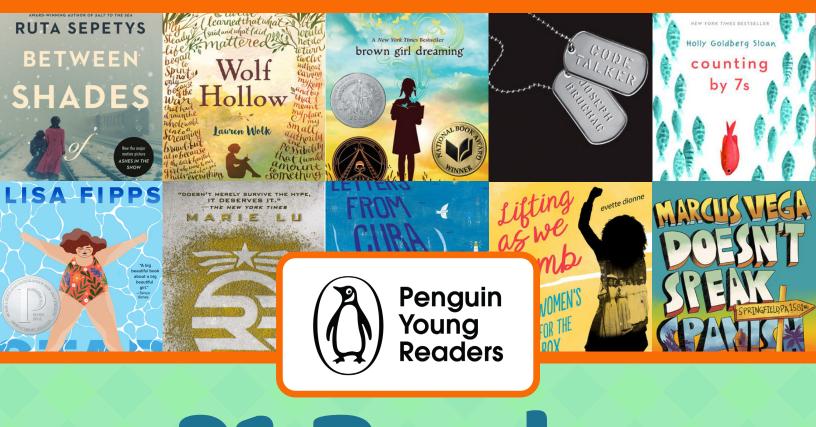
Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So, when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.



And Then, Boom! by Lisa Fipps. Joe's life is a series of challenges, from an unstable home life to losing his grandmother and their home. Struggling to survive, he finds solace in a stray dog and her pups as a tornado approaches, setting the stage for unexpected changes.



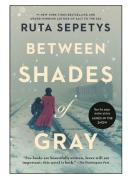
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**Between Shades of Gray** by Ruta Sepetys. Fifteen-yearold Lina's life changes when Soviet officers invade and send her family to a work camp. She documents their ordeal through drawings, secretly including clues for her father in prison. Will her hope and courage be enough to help her



### Brown Girl Dreaming by

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Jacqueline Woodson. In vivid poems, Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights Movement.

family survive?



**The Blackbird Girls** by Anne Blankman. After a reactor explosion at Chernobyl, enemies Valentina and Oksana must trust each other on a train to Leningrad. As their journey unfolds, the novel intertwines with WWII and Jewish refugees' experiences in Eastern Europe, revealing

how true friendship can triumph over hatred, intolerance, and oppression.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, illustrated by Anna Hymas. A gripping memoir of survival and perseverance about the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village.

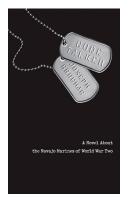


**Starfish** by Lisa Fipps. Ellie has faced relentless bullying about her weight since childhood, adhering to restrictive "Fat Girl Rules" to avoid criticism. Her refuge is the swimming pool, where she feels free and unburdened. Supported by her dad, therapist, and new friend Catalina, Ellie begins to

challenge these rules and embrace her true self.



Letters From Cuba by Ruth Behar. The inspiring story of a Jewish girl who escapes Poland to make a new life in Cuba, where she works to rescue the rest of her family.

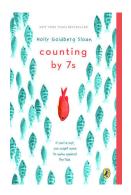


**Code Talker** by Joseph Bruchac. This fictional story is about Ned Begay, a 16-yearold Navajo boy who becomes a Navajo code talker during World War II. This deeply affecting novel honors all of those young men, like Ned, who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo Indians.



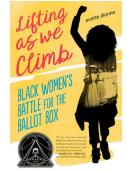
Legend by Marie Lu. What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war with its neighbors. When June's brother is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect, they find themselves caught in the ultimate game of cat and mouse. They are enemies

until they uncover the secret that brought them together, and everything changes.



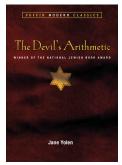
**Counting by 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Willow Chance is a 12-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. With the help of her adoptive parents, she has managed to lead a quietly happy life. But after losing them, Willow begins

a journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family.



### Lifting as We Climb by

Evette Dionne. The important, overlooked story of Black women as a force in the suffrage movement—when fellow suffragists did not accept them as equal partners in the struggle.



### The Devil's Arithmetic by

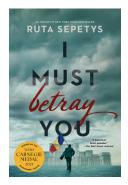
Jane Yolen. Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings—all her family ever talks about is the past. But this year's Passover Seder will be different-Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past ... and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.



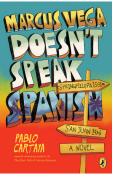
*Flight of the Puffin* by Ann Braden. When Libby completes a small act of kindness, she doesn't expect it to grow like it does, touching the lives of other kids facing their own struggles with bullying, unaccepting families, or grief. Each child finds the encouragement they need to

realize their own worth and feel less alone.

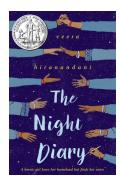
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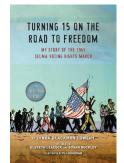
*I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys. A gut-wrenching, startling historical thriller about communist Romania and the citizen spy network that devastated a nation.



Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya. One boy's search for his father leads him to Puerto Rico in this moving middle-grade novel, for fans of *Ghost* and *See You in* 



The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani. It's 1947, and India has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu 12-yearold Nisha doesn't know where she belongs anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees.



### <u>Turning 15 on the Road to</u>

**Freedom** by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, illustrated by PJ Loughran. A memoir of the Civil Rights Movement from one of its youngest heroes—now in paperback will an all-new discussion guide.



**Hands** by Torrey Maldonado. A fast-paced read that packs a punch about a boy figuring out how to best use his hands—to build or to knock down.

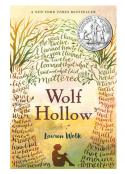


### When Stars Are Scattered by

Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, illustrated by Victoria Jamieson and Iman Geddy. A remarkable graphic novel about growing up in a refugee camp, as told by a former Somali refugee.



**Shouting at the Rain** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. A compelling story about perspective and learning to love the family you have from the author of *Fish in a Tree*.



**Wolf Hollow** by Lauren Wolk. When the new girl in school begins to bully Toby, an odd but kind World War I veteran, Annabelle must find the courage to stand as a lone voice for justice.



**Strange Birds** by Celia C. Pérez. A story of four kids who form an alternative Scout troop that shakes up their sleepy Florida town. With themes of environmental activism, feminism, and class in a wildly fun read, this is a perfect read for fans of *Hoot*.

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