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Grades 6–8

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ALI, S. K., AND AISHA SAIED, EDS.
Once upon an Eid
Joy by 15 Muslim
Voices

Illus. by Sara Alfageeh
ABRAMS, 2020
9781419740831
A collection of short stories, poems, and a graphic-novel chapter showcasing distinct Muslim voices highlight the joyful memories and celebration of Eid.

j FIC ONCE Holiday Collection

BEHAR, RUTH
Letters from Cuba
NANCY PAULSEN, 2020
9780525516477
In 1938, twelve-year-old Esther joins her Polish refugee

father in Cuba, where she learns about family, friendship, and perseverance against injustices, both in Cuba and in her homeland.

j FIC BEHAR

BIRD, JAMES
The Brave

FEIWEL & FRIENDS, 2020
9781250247759
Due to his OCD, which causes him to count every letter spoken to him, Collin is a frequent frustration to the adults in his life, until his father sends him to live on an Ojibwe reservation in Minnesota with the mother he's never met. Collin finds a new home that is open and kind and a friend who needs him as much as he needs her.

MG BIRD

CALLENDER, KACEN
King and the Dragonflies

SCHOLASTIC, 2020
9781338129335
Convinced his deceased brother has been reincarnated as a dragonfly, King confronts the new reality of his family and his growing feelings for his best friend, while building resilience against homophobia, racism, and grief.

MG CALLENDER
HA, ROBIN
Almost American
Girl: An Illustrated
Memoir

Illus. by the author
BALZAR + BRAY, 2020
9780062685094
Robin learns that her vacation to Alabama is actually a permanent move when her mom announces she is getting married, leaving Robin to adapt to a new language, a new country, a new school, and a new family.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL ALMOST
HERNANDEZ, CARLOS
Sal and Gabi Fix the
Universe

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2020
9781368022835
Readers who relished Sal and Gabi's first adventure will find even more Sal and way more Gabis as a rogue Gabi who isn't too thrilled about her universe being destroyed is on the loose in this sequel.

MG HERNANDEZ

HUDSON, WADE, AND CHERYL WILLIS HUDSON, EDS.
The Talk
Conversations about
Race, Love & Truth

CROWN, 2020
9780593121610
A collection of seventeen illustrated stories, poems, and letters about ways racism affects the lives of young people, from an array of #OwnVoices authors and illustrators.

j 305.8 HUDSO
HUGHES, KIKU
Displacement
Illus. by the author

FIRST SECOND, 2020
9781250193537
While on vacation in San Francisco, Kiku finds herself transported back in time to the 1940s, alongside her grandmother, who was forcibly relocated to a Japanese internment camp during World War II.

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL DISPLACEMENT
RESPICIO, MAE
Any Day with You

WENDY LAMB, 2020
9780525707578
Kaia is working on a short movie with her friends that is inspired by the Filipino folktales her great-grandfather Tatang told her, but when Tatang decides to return to his homeland in the Philippines, Kaia tries everything to stop him from leaving.

MG RESPICIO

REYNOLDS, JASON, AND IBRAM X. KENDI
Stamped: Racism,
Antiracism, and You
A Remix of the
National Book
Award-Winning
"Stamped from the
Beginning"

LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
9780316453691
An examination of racial ideology in the United States positing that people fall into three categories: segregationists, assimilationists, and antiracists.

YA AWARD BOOK
RHODES, JEWELL PARKER
Black Brother, Black
Brother

LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
9780316493802
Brothers Donte and Trey are both mixed-race, but they look very different—Donte presents as Black, while Trey presents as white. Donte is frustrated with their mostly white prep school, where he is constantly picked on and suspected of any crime, until he meets a Black Olympic fencer who coaches him in the sport and helps him build his confidence.

MG RHODES

ROBERTSON, DAVID A.
The Barren Grounds:
The Misewa Saga #1

PUFFIN CANADA, 2020
9780735266100
In this middle-grade fantasy centering on Indigenous culture, two Cree foster children discover a portal to another reality, the wintry Barren Grounds of Misewa, a community in need of their help.

j GREAT STONE FACE BK
SOONTORNVAT,
CHRISTINA
All Thirteen: The
Incredible Cave
Rescue of the Thai
Boys' Soccer Team

CANDLEWICK, 2020
9781536209457
This fast-paced and thrilling nonfiction book looks at the real-life rescue of the thirteen boys who were trapped in a cave in Thailand for more than a week, taking into account how Buddhism, local volunteers, and science all played a role in their rescue.

j 904 SOONT
SOONTORNVAT,
CHRISTINA
A Wish in the Dark

CANDLEWICK, 2020
9781536204940
Inspired by the musical Les Misérables and set in a fantasy counterpart of Thailand, this story with strong social justice threads finds Pong escaping from prison, evading the prison warden's daughter's attempts at recapture, and clashing with the governor who rules over the land.

MG SOONTORNVAT

