

**MÉNDEZ, YAMILE SAIED****Where Are You From?**

**Illus. by Jaime Kim**  
HARPERCOLLINS  
2019

9780062839930

Tired of being asked over and over where she's from, a young girl turns to her grandfather for answers about her heritage and her ancestors.

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**SINGH, SIMRAN JEET****Fauja Singh Keeps Going****The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon**

**Illus. by Baljinder Kaur**  
KOKILA, 2020

978052555094

This biography highlights Fauja Singh, who began distance running at age eighty-one and continued running marathons even at one hundred. This book will teach children that they can do anything that they put their minds to, no matter their age.

j BIOGRAPHY SINGH

**TAMAKI, JILLIAN****Our Little Kitchen**

**Illus. by the author**  
ABRAMS, 2020

9781419746550

Every week, a community comes together, relishing the sounds and smells of cooking, to provide a meal at a food bank.

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**THOMPkins-BIGELOW, JAMILAH****Your Name Is a Song****Illus. by Luisa Uribe**

INNOVATION PRESS, 2020

9781943147724

This melodic picture book explores what is in a name. It is the story of a mother explaining to her daughter that all names are beautiful, even if they are not common in Western culture. This book will empower any young child to recognize the importance of a name.

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**WALKER, TRICIA ELAM****Nana Akua Goes to School****Illus. by April Harrison**

SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2020

9780525581130

Nana Akua is Zura's favorite person in the world, but she worries about bringing her to Grandparents Day at school because of Nana's facial markings. Nana calms Zura, and together they show her classmates that differences can make us special.

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**YANG, KAO KALIA****The Most Beautiful Thing****Illus. by Khoa Le**

CAROLRHODA, 2020

9781541561915

A grandmother helps her granddaughter find beauty in love and family.

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**ACOSTA, ALICIA, AND  
LUIS AMAVISCA**

**¡Vivan las uñas de  
colores!**

**Illus. by Gusti**  
NUBEOCHO, 2019  
9788417123581

Ben loves to paint his nails, but after he's bullied at school for doing so, he learns how to find his own voice and be himself again.

**(Spanish)**

ON ORDER

**ADDERSON, CAROLINE**

**Pierre and Paul  
Avalanche! A  
Story Told in Two  
Languages / Une  
histoire racontée en  
deux langues**

**Illus. by Alice Carter**  
OWLKIDS, 2020  
9781771473279

Two boys converse seamlessly in French and English. Their goal is to make the perfect preadventure snack. Bon appétit!

**(Bilingual)**

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**ANDERSON, BETH**

**Lizzie Demands  
a Seat! Elizabeth  
Jennings Fights for  
Streetcar Rights**

**Illus. by E. B. Lewis**  
CALKINS CREEK, 2020  
9781629799391

In 1854 New York, Black schoolteacher Elizabeth Jennings boarded a whites-only streetcar, only to be thrown off. She decides to fight back and takes her case to court. It takes ten years, but she wins the first case in the one-hundred-year battle

against segregation on public transportation.

j BIOGRAPHY JENNINGS

**DENISE, ANIKA ALDAMUY**

**A Girl Named Rosita:  
The Story of Rita  
Moreno: Actor,  
Singer, Dancer,  
Trailblazer!**

**Illus. by Leo Espinosa**  
HARPERCOLLINS, 2020  
9780062877703

This is a picture-book biography of the award-winning actress Rita Moreno. It begins with her as a young child in Puerto Rico and follows her life as she adjusts to all the changes she must make in America, eventually becoming the first Latina actress to win an Oscar. Available in English and Spanish.

j BIOGRAPHY MORENO

**DIAZ, DABRALI**

**The Music from Our  
Country**

**Illus. by J. Donatella**  
DANCING DABRALI, 2020  
9781734566802

Join Mechi in this beautiful picture book as she celebrates her heritage by learning to dance bachata with her family.

ON ORDER

**GENHART, MICHAEL**

**Accordionly: Abuelo  
and Opa Make Music**

**Illus. by Priscilla Burris**  
MAGINATION PRESS, 2020  
9781433830747

When both his abuelo and opa visit at the same time, there is silence until their grandson brings out the accordions. Through music, the two

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grandfathers and two cultures come together.

**GÓMEZ REDONDO,  
SUSANA**

**The Day Saida  
Arrived**

**Illus. by Sonja Wimmer**  
BLUE DOT, 2020  
9781733121255

Young Saida, an immigrant from Morocco, is unable to communicate with her classmates in her new country. One of her classmates tries to make Saida feel welcome, and as a result, the two form a strong bond while also learning about each other's cultures and languages.

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**HOANG, ZARA GONZÁLEZ**  
**A New Kind of Wild**

**Illus. by the author**  
DIAL, 2020  
9780525553892

When Ren moves from a place with lots of plants and green space to the man-made city of brick and cement that Ava calls home, he struggles to feel at home. But Ren soon finds that the most important element to feeling at home is a friend.

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**JOY, ANGELA**

**Black Is a Rainbow  
Color**

**Illus. by Ekuu Holmes**  
ROARING BROOK, 2020  
9781626726314

Rhyming text and exuberant illustrations celebrate everyday objects as well as aspects of Black culture.

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**KHALIL, AYA**

**The Arabic Quilt  
An Immigrant Story**

**Illus. by Anait Semirdzhyan**  
TILBURY HOUSE, 2020  
9780884487548

When Kanzi's family moves from Egypt to America, she is teased for the Arabic they speak. Her teacher finds a poem Kanzi wrote about her teita's quilt, and she encourages Kanzi to share her quilt and language with the class.

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**KOSTECKI-SHAW,  
JENNY SUE**

**Papa Brings Me  
the World**

**Illus. by the author**  
HENRY HOLT, 2020  
9781250159250

Lulu's papa travels all over the world for work and always brings her back special gifts. This beautiful picture book displays the strong relationship between a father and daughter, while also exploring cultures all over the world.

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**KUNKEL, ANGELA BURKE**

**Digging for Words  
José Alberto**

**Gutiérrez and the  
Library He Built**

**Illus. by Paola Escobar**  
SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2020  
9781984892638

In Bogotá, Colombia, garbage collector José Alberto Gutiérrez founded the first library in his neighborhood by rescuing books from the trash.

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**LARA, CARRIE**

**The Heart of Mi  
Familia**

**Illus. by Christine Battuz**  
MAGINATION PRESS, 2020  
9781433832536

Working with both her abuela and her grandma, a young girl creates a present for her brother that celebrates both sides of her multicultural family. The text is a mix of Spanish and English.

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**LATHAM, IRENE, AND  
KARIM SHAMSI-BASHA**

**The Cat Man of  
Aleppo**

**Illus. by Yuko Shimizu**  
PUTNAM, 2020  
9781984813787

A Syrian ambulance driver makes it his mission to save the abandoned cats of Aleppo. A community builds, inspired by his kindness.

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**LINDSTROM, CAROLE**

**We Are Water  
Protectors**

**Illus. by Michaela Goade**  
ROARING BROOK, 2020  
9781250203557

A lyrical retelling of the movement to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline—the "black snake" that threatens to poison the land.

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**LYON, LEA, AND  
ALEXANDRIA LAFAYE**

**Ready to Fly  
How Sylvia Townsend  
Became the  
Bookmobile Ballerina**

**Illus. by Jessica Gibson**  
HARPERCOLLINS, 2020  
9780062888785

Young Sylvia was turned away from ballet classes in the 1950s because she was Black. Thanks to her local bookmobile, she learned ballet from books and grew up to become a ballet teacher for all.

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**MEDINA, MEG**

**Evelyn Del Rey Is  
Moving Away**

**Illus. by Sonia Sánchez**  
CANDLEWICK, 2020  
9781536207040

Evelyn and Daniela are best friends. They do everything together. But moving day arrives, and Evelyn is leaving. The girls exchange stickers, hug, cry, and promise to talk on the phone and write. A story of how your first *mejor amiga* is never forgotten. Available in English and Spanish.

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