



# Summer Reading at Bank Street (Middle School)

Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:

- Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
- Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!

-Allie

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## Important Dates and Numbers

- Any children's books checked out on or after May 18 are due September 17.
- **If you would like to keep any children's books that were checked out before May 18 for the summer, please renew them.** Otherwise, please return them by their due dates.
- Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer. Grown-ups may have up to 25.



# 7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

**1** Studies show that **kids read more when they see others reading\***—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.

**2** Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.\*\* Remember that **“reading” is not just novels; picture books, non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.**

**3** Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that happens, **have a friend recommend books.** Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grown-up.

**4** **Plan regular trips to the library** to refresh your reading options. Bank Street Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-9:45; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5 (August Mon-Fri 9-5). Check out your local public library, too.

**5** **Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours**, and invite friends too! Check [bankstreetbooks.com](http://bankstreetbooks.com) for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.

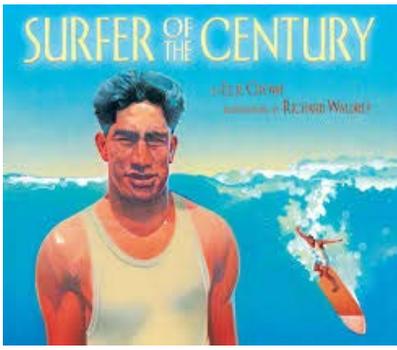
**6** Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and **just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.**

**7** To **understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chore**, read Summer Reading Is Killing Me (Jon Scieszka) or Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).

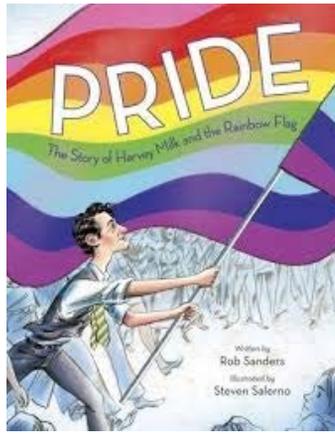
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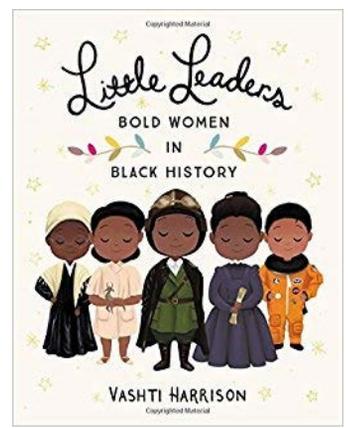
## Non-Fiction Picture Books



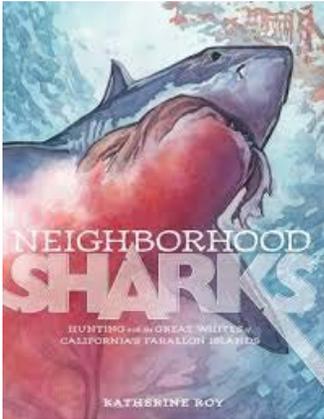
*Surfer of the Century* by Ellie Crowe  
Tells the story of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, a five-time Olympic swimming champion from the early 1900s who is considered the father of modern surfing.



*Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders  
Traces the history of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to how it now spans the globe and its role in today's world.



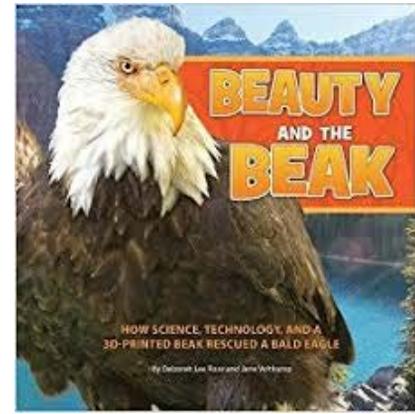
*Little Leaders: Bold Women In Black History* by Vashti Harrison  
Stories of 40 Black women who broke boundaries and achieved beyond expectations, including both iconic and lesser-known figures.



*Neighborhood Sharks* by Katherine Roy  
An up-close look at the ocean's most fearsome and famous predator and the scientists who study them, just 26 miles from the Golden Gate Bridge.



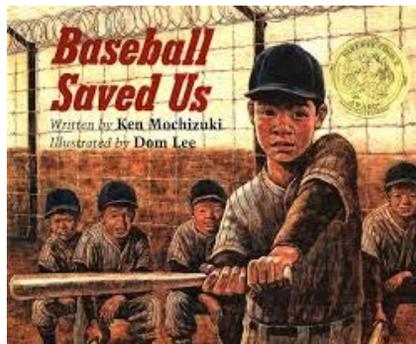
*A Lady Has the Floor* by Kate Hannigan  
Belva Lockwood, a lawyer, activist and presidential candidate, never stopped fighting for equity.



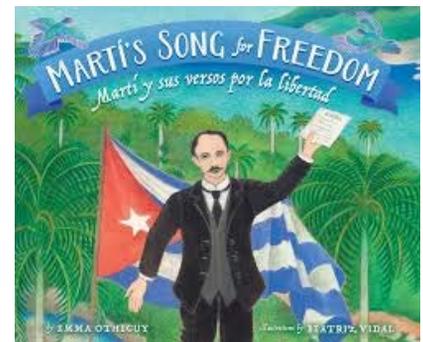
*Beauty and the Beak*  
by Deborah Lee Rose and Jane Veltkamp  
The true story of Beauty the eagle's rescue and rehabilitation, and the incredible team of scientists that created a prosthetic beak for her.



*The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs* by Kate Messner  
Ken Nedimyer launches a movement to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs--with hammer, glue, and grafts of newly grown coral.

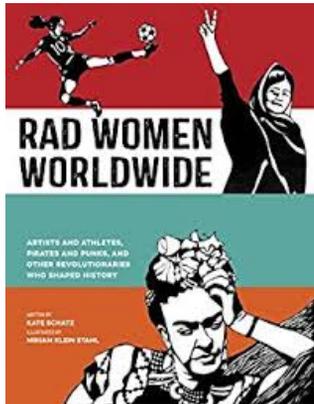


*Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki  
A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II; his abilities help him succeed after the war is over.

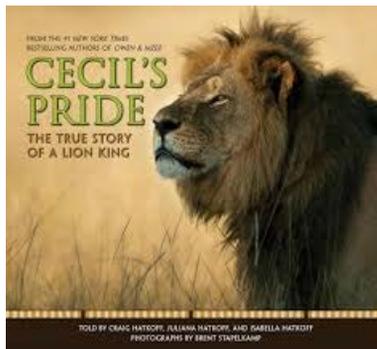


*Martí's Song for Freedom / Martí y sus versos por la libertad* by Emma Otheguy  
Martí traveled to the countryside of Cuba and fell in love with the natural beauty of the land. During this trip he also witnessed the cruelties of slavery on sugar plantations, and began to fight for liberty for all.

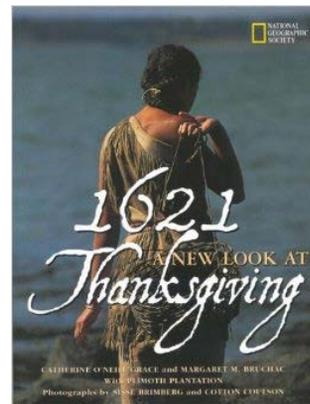
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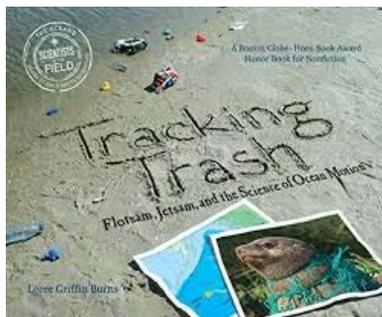
**Rad Women Worldwide: Artists and Athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other Revolutionaries Who Shaped History**  
by Kate Schatz  
40 biographical profiles showcase extraordinary women from around the world.



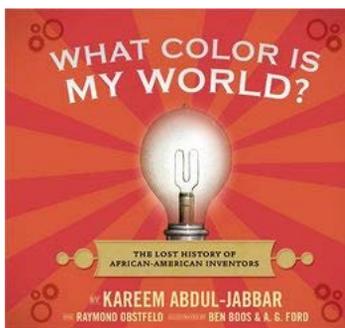
**Cecil's Pride: The True Story of a Lion King**  
by Craig, Juliana and Isabella Hatkoff  
The story of Cecil the Lion's rise to power at the Hwange National Park, from his struggles as a cub and alliance with rival Jericho to his untimely death that shocked the world.



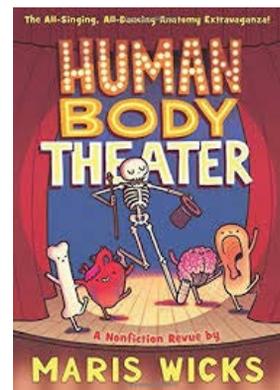
**1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving**  
by Catherine O'Neill Grace  
A recreation of the first Thanksgiving reveals the actual events during the three days that Wampanoag people and European colonists came together.



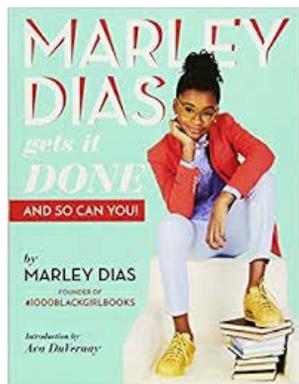
**Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion**  
by Loree Griffin Burns  
An adventurous scientist tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.



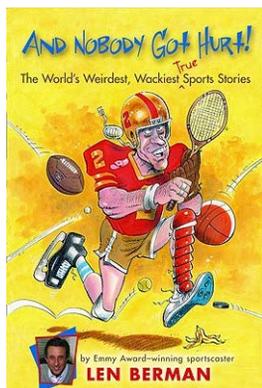
**What Color is My World?**  
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar  
Profiles with fast facts on flaps feature the minds behind the gamma electric cell and the ice-cream scoop, improvements to traffic lights, open-heart surgery, and more.



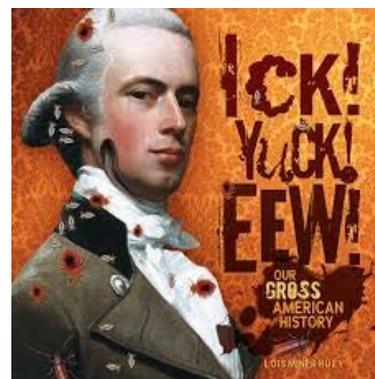
**Human Body Theater** by Maris Wicks  
A goofy and informative theatrical revue of each and every biological system of the human body.



**Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You**  
by Marley Dias  
The founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks explores activism, social justice, volunteerism, equity and inclusion, and using social media for good.

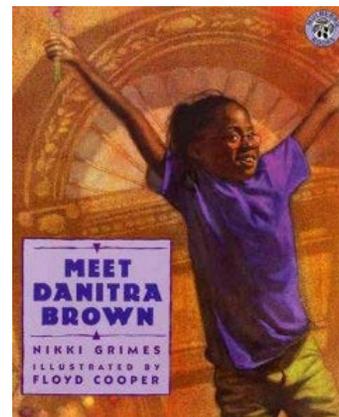
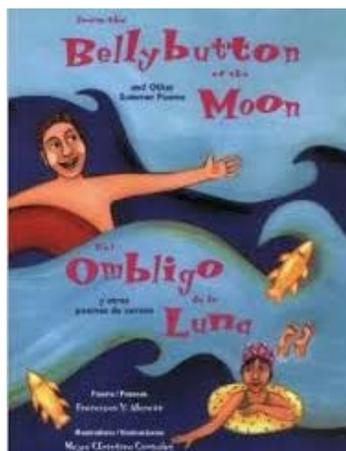
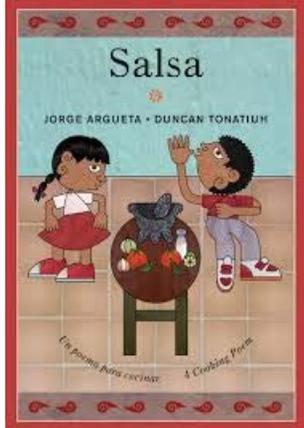


**And Nobody Got Hurt!**  
by Len Berman  
A collection of bizarre and amazing sports moments from around the world.



**Ick! Yuck! Eew! Our Gross American History**  
by Lois Minerhuey  
The past was full of yuckiness. This explores the sounds, smells, filth, bugs, rats, poor hygiene, lack of dental and medical care, and bad food of old.

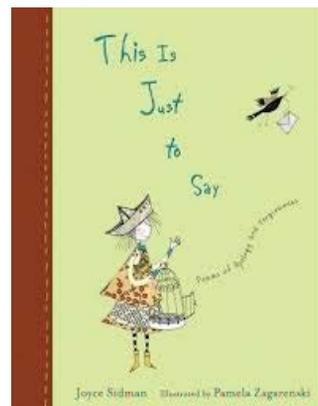
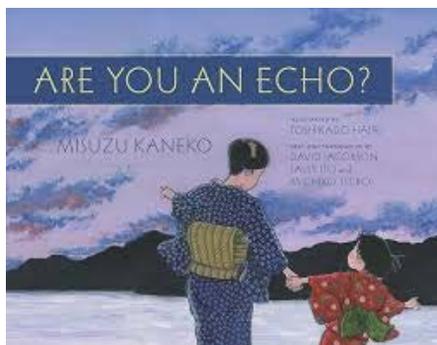
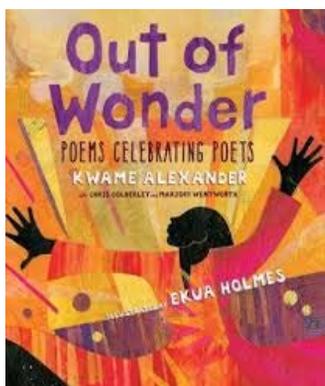
# Poetry



**Salsa: Una Poema Para Cocinar**  
by Jorge Argueta  
A young boy and his sister gather the ingredients for salsa and grind them in a molcajete, just like their ancestors used to do, singing and dancing all the while.

**From the Bellybutton of the Moon / Del Ombbligo de la Luna**  
by Francisco X. Alarcon  
A collection of poems celebrates the writer's childhood memories of summers, Mexico, nature, and more.

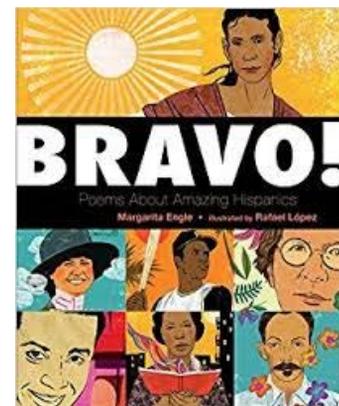
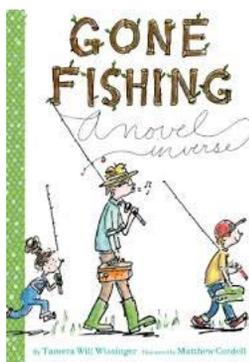
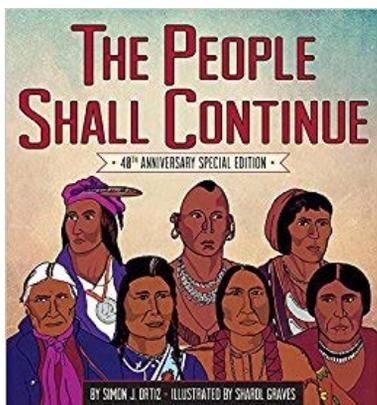
**Meet Danitra Brown**  
by Nikki Grimes  
In poems, Zuri introduces her best friend, Danitra Brown, who wears purple, stands up to bullies, and plans to win the Nobel Prize.



**Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets**  
by Kwame Alexander  
Twenty writers pay tribute to poets from around the world, from Nikki Giovanni to Billy Collins to Pablo Neruda.

**Are You An Echo?** by Misuzu Kaneko  
In early-1900s Japan, Misuzu Kaneko grew from precocious bookworm to instantly-beloved children's poet. But her life ended prematurely, and Misuzu's work was forgotten. Decades later, her poems have been rediscovered.

**This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness**  
by Joyce Sidman  
In haiku, pantoums, two-part poems, snippets, and rhymes, Mrs. Merz's class writes of crushes, overbearing parents, loving and losing pets, and more.

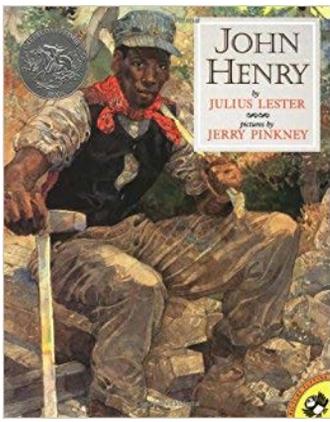


**The People Shall Continue**  
by Simon J. Ortiz  
An epic poem traces the history of Native peoples, telling stories of community, survival, and strength in the face of invasion and European atrocities.

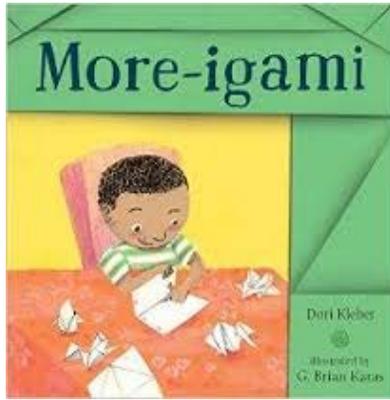
**Gone Fishing** by Tamara Will Wissinger  
In this novel told through poems, nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased.

**Bravo!** by Margarita Engle  
A collection of poems celebrates the accomplishments and spirits of amazing Latinx people, from a musician to a botanist to a baseball player to a pilot.

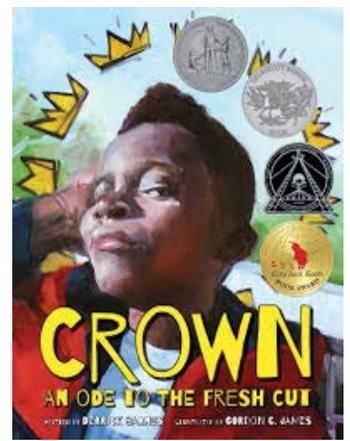
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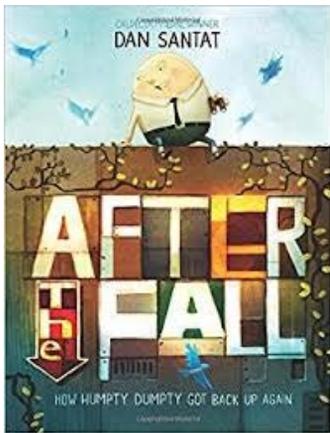
*John Henry* by Julius Lester  
Retells the classic American tall tale of John Henry, a Black railroad worker who won a contest against a steam drill.



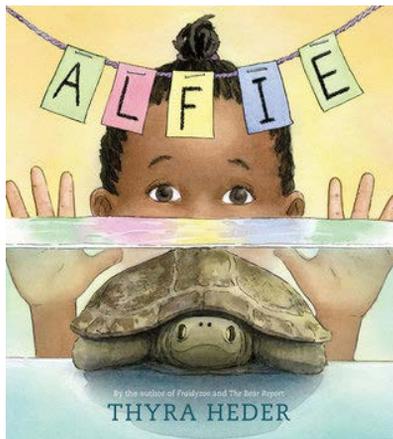
*More-igami* by Dori Kleber  
Joey, who loves anything that can fold, tries to learn origami, but it takes lots of time and practice before he can perfect the craft.



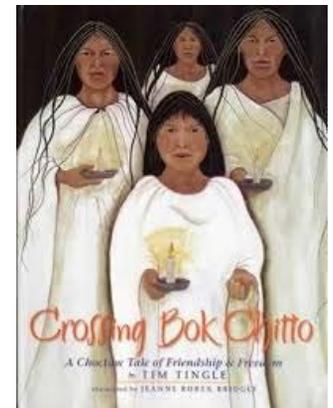
*Crown: An Ode To the Fresh Cut*  
by Derrick Barnes  
Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.



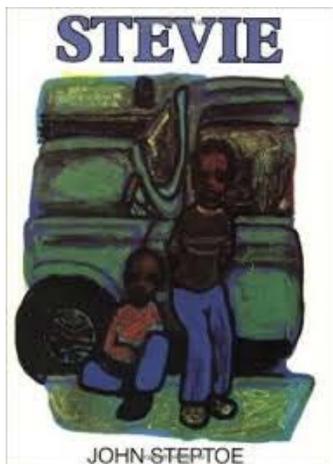
*After the Fall* by Dan Santat  
After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds.



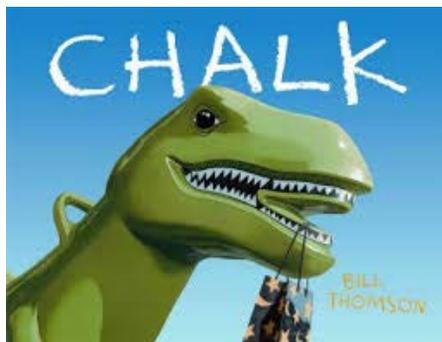
*Alfie: The Turtle That Disappeared*  
by Thyra Heder  
Nia and her pet turtle, Alfie, describe what happens when he disappears on the eve of her seventh birthday to find her a special present.



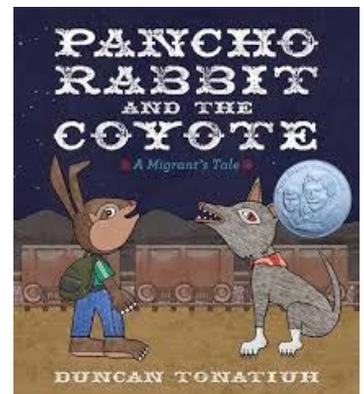
*Crossing Bok Chitto* by Tim Tingle  
In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with an enslaved boy from a plantation across the great river; when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.



*Stevie* by John Steptoe  
Robert wishes Stevie, a house guest, would go away--but when he does, Robert finds himself missing Stevie.

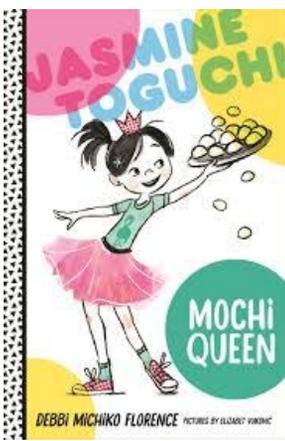


*Chalk* by Bill Thomson  
A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.

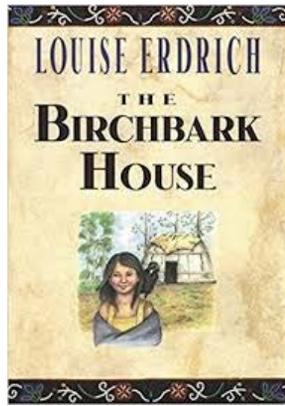


*Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote*  
by Duncan Tonatiuh  
When Papa Rabbit does not return home as expected from many seasons of working in the great carrot and lettuce fields of El Norte, his son Pancho sets out on a dangerous trek to find him, guided by a coyote.

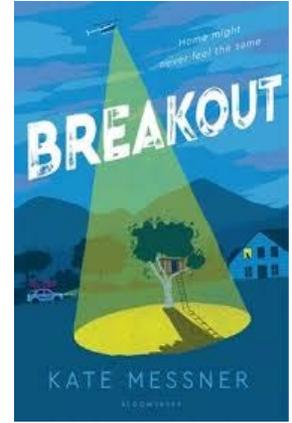
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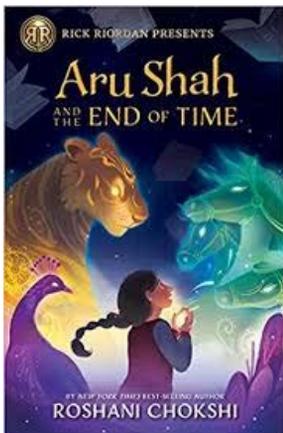
*Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* by Debbi Michiko Florence  
Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's.



*The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich  
Omakayas, a seven-year-old Ojibwe girl, lives through the joys of summer and the perils and atrocities of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.



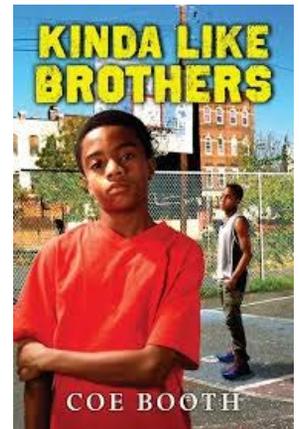
*Breakout* by Kate Messner  
When two inmates break out of a prison in Nora's sleepy town, everything changes. Doors are locked, helicopters fly over the woods, and police patrol the school grounds. Worst of all, everyone is on edge, and fear brings out the worst in some people.



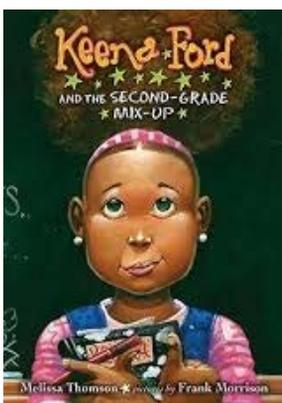
*Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi  
Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.



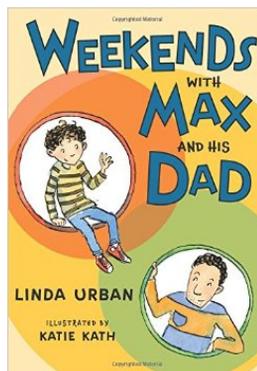
*The Handbook For Dragon Slayers* by Merrie Haskell  
Princess Matilda, whose lame foot brings fear of the evil eye, escapes her scheming cousin Ivo and joins her servant Judith and an old friend, Parz, in hunting dragons and writing about them.



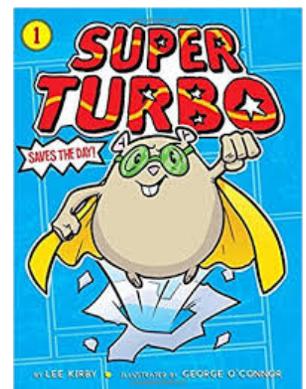
*Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth  
When his mother takes in a twelve-year-old foster boy, Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends with the new boy.



*Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up* by Melissa Thomson  
In her diary, Keena Ford chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade.



*Weekends With Max and His Dad* by Linda Urban  
Every weekend presents a small adventure as Max gets to know his dad's new neighborhood—and learns some new ways of thinking about home.



*Super Turbo Saves the Day!* by Lee Kirby  
After the last bell, classroom pet hamster Turbo becomes Super Turbo to fight evil, but he soon finds that he isn't the only super pet in town.