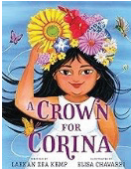


ONCE UPON A BOOK
 Author: Grace Lin and Kate Messner

Alice loves to imagine herself in the magical pages of her favorite book. So when it flaps its pages and invites her in, she is swept away to a world of wonder and adventure.



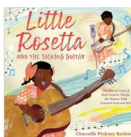
A CROWN FOR CORINA
 Author: Laekan Zea Kemp and Elisa Chavarri

On her birthday, Corina gets to wear a crown of flowers picked from Abuela's garden. Each flower tells a special story about how Corina is rooted in the family she loves.



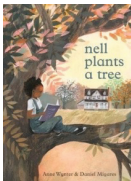
BIG
 Author: Vashti Harrison

This story traces a child's journey to self-love and shows the power of words to both hurt and heal. This emotional exploration of being big in a world that prizes small is a tender portrayal of how you can stand out and feel invisible at the same time.



LITTLE ROSETTA AND THE TALKING GUITAR
 Author: Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

"Music is our story's heart," Momma tells young Rosetta, gifting her a guitar. Despite the initial "ker-plunks," Rosetta's practice brings lively music. This tale beautifully depicts Sister Rosetta Tharpe's childhood, whose rural beginnings inspired the music we still hear today.



NELL PLANTS A TREE
 Author: Anne Wynter and illustrated by Daniel Miyares

One little girl's careful tending of a pecan tree creates the living center of a loving, intergenerational Black family. And as Nell's tree grows and thrives with her love and care, so do generations of her close-knit family.



CUT!: HOW LOTTE REINIGER AND A PAIR OF SCISSORS REVOLUTIONIZED ANIMATION

Author: C. E. Winters
 Illustrated by: Matt Schu

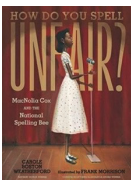
Art is everywhere, and for everyone, it is a message many forget. In the 1920s, Lotte Reiniger revolutionized animation, mastering paper silhouette animation and inventing the multiplane camera. She created the oldest surviving full-length animated film with her small team.



THE STORY OF THE SAXOPHONE

Author: Lesa Cline-Ransome
 Illustrated by: James E. Ransome

You may think the saxophone story begins with Dexter Gordon or Charlie Parker or on a street corner in New Orleans. It really began in 1840 in Belgium with a young daydreamer named Joseph-Antoine Adolphe Sax—a boy with bad luck but great ideas.



HOW DO YOU SPELL UNFAIR?

Author: Carole Boston Weatherford
 Illustrated by: Frank Morrison

In 1936, MacNolia Cox made history by winning the Akron, Ohio spelling bee and earning a spot at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Despite her achievements, she faced discrimination and segregation. Her story inspires perseverance in overcoming challenges.



THE FIRE OF STARS

Author: Kirsten W. Larson and Katherine Roy

Astronomer Cecilia Payne was the first to discover what fuels stars, but her journey began as a curious girl aspiring to unravel the universe's mysteries.



BUFFALO FLUFFALO

Author: Bess Kalb
 Illustrated by: Erin Kraan

Buffalo Fluffalo, puffed up with self-importance, alienates other creatures with his superiority. After a rain shower exposes his true self, the other animals offer comfort, affirming that he's great just as he is.



ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE

Author: Gabriela Orozco Belt
 Illustrated by: Richy Sanchez Ayala

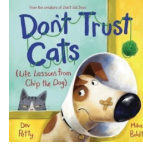
When Papi loses his job, Maribel's family moves in with Tía Carmen, leaving Maribel and her sister feeling unsettled. Despite the challenges, Papi reassures them it's temporary. Maribel finds joy in the shared meals and bedtime snuggles, realizing that being there "por un ratito" isn't so bad after all.



DEAR YESTERYEAR

Author: Kimberly Annece Henderson and Ciara LeRoy

In 2020, Kimberly Annece Henderson founded *Emaline and 'nem*, an Instagram repository showcasing everyday African Americans from the late 1800s and early 1900s. *Dear Yesteryear*, is a poetic extension of this project, honoring ancestors and celebrating the everyday life of Black Americans.

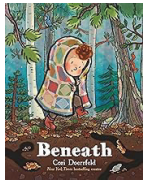


DON'T TRUST CATS

(LIFE LESSONS FROM CHIP THE DOG)

Author: Dev Petty

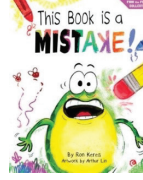
Chip, a very smart dog, shares his tips for living your best life: trust the squirrel you chase, trust grandpa (even if he cheats at cards), and trust the skunk (what could go wrong?). But above all, don't trust cats, especially not Mittens, nohow, no meow.



BENEATH

Author: Cori Doerrfeld

Finn, in a bad mood, reluctantly agrees to hike with Grandpa. Along the way, they observe nature's wonders and encounter other hikers. Through this experience, Finn learns that people, like nature, are complex. Grandpa teaches that beneath someone who may seem indifferent is someone who may share similar feelings.

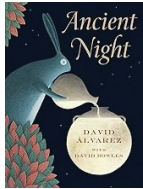


THIS BOOK IS A MISTAKE!

Author: Ron Keres

Illustrated by: Arthur Lin

Finn, a frog, loves his life until a child's doodles prompt him to try a colorful makeover. But each change complicates his identity, leading to a whimsical journey of self-discovery. Will Finn embrace his true self amidst the chaos?



ANCIENT NIGHT

Author: David Bowles

Illustrated by: David Alvarez

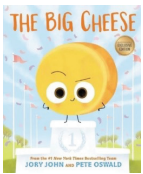
Ancient Night is a twist on two Nahuatl traditions: the rabbit, which the Feathered Serpent placed on the moon, and Yaushu, the Lord Opossum who ruled the earth before humans came and who stole fire from the gods to create the sun.



MR. S: A FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BOOK

Author: Monica Arnaldo

It was the first day of school. But even the kindergartners of room 2B could tell something was seriously wrong...Where was the teacher? Who left this sandwich on the desk? The only clue, written on the chalkboard, were three simple letters: *Mr. S*.



THE BIG CHEESE

Author: Jory John and Pete Oswald

The Big Cheese, known for bragging about being the best, faces a challenge when the quiet newcomer, Wedge Wedgeman, wins the annual Cheese-cathlon. Will this slice of humility teach the Big Cheese that there's more to life than being the best?

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