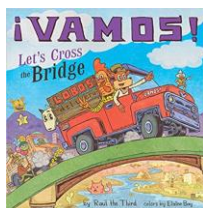


# ALSC Book Awards and Selected Booklists



Award year: **2022**



## **¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge**

*By Raúl Gonzalez (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780358380405

Pals Little Lobo, Bernabé, La Oink Oink, and El Toro get stuck on a bridge between sister cities in two different countries and make a party out of a difficult situation.



## **Alaina and the Great Play**

*By Eloise Greenfield, Colin Bootman (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781733686525

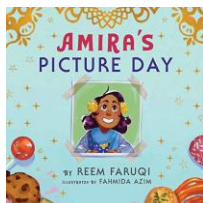
Kindergartener Alaina has five words to recite after the second-grade play. But when the big moment arrives, she is inspired to improvise.



## **Alma's Way**

"Alma's Way" provides an authentic view of a Puerto Rican family living in New York. Throughout the show, viewers are immersed in Alma's daily life in the Bronx. As Alma reflects on her experiences, children learn to problem-solve, explore their emotions, and value the diversity in their communities.

"The committee was impressed by the diverse and authentic voices represented in the show and the extensive set of caregiver resources developed for meaningful joint media engagement," said Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media Award Committee Chair Celeste Swanson.



## **Amira's Picture Day**

*By Reem Faruqi, Fahmida Azim (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780823440191

Amira is excited to celebrate Eid, but she becomes upset when she realizes it falls on class picture day.

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## **Areli Is a Dreamer**

*By Areli Morales, Luisa Uribe (Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, Biography ISBN 9781984893994

The nonfiction offering follows DACA recipient Areli Morales as she migrates to the U.S., navigates her new life, and imagines her future. Simultaneously published in Spanish and English.

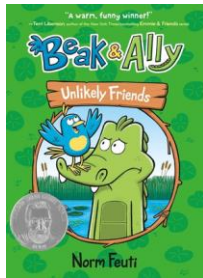


## **Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna**

*By Alda P. Dobbs (Author)*

Fiction, Historical Fiction ISBN 9781728234656

This is the story of 12-year-old Petra Luna and her family during the Mexican Revolution. Petra is forced to embark in a treacherous journey across the desert where she navigates challenges including hunger and family separation. It is a story of hope and belief in one's own abilities no matter the odds.



## **Beak Ally #1: Unlikely Friends**

*By Norm Feuti (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, Graphic Novels ISBN 9780063021570

Despite Beak the bird's bubbly attempts to befriend Ally, the alligator is content to be alone, until a party invitation and a chance encounter with a Long-Billed Party Pooper remind her of what's important.



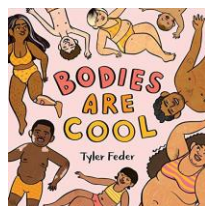
## **The Big Bath House**

*By Kyo Maclear (Author), Gracey Zhang (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780593181959

Based on childhood memories, this story chronicles a young girl's intergenerational family trip to a traditional Japanese bath house.

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## **Bodies Are Cool**

*By Tyler Feder (Author)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780593112625

This inclusive body-positivity book celebrates bodies of all shapes, colors, and abilities.



## **Boogie Boogie, Y'all**

*By C. G. Esperanza (Author, Illustrator, Narrator)*

Fiction ISBN 9780063112865

Boogie Boogie, Y'all takes the listener on an auditory adventure through the Bronx, painted with the colorful rhythm of the city. With a hip-hop beat, this celebration of the city matches the energy of the often-overlooked art that illustrates public spaces. The perfect timing and cadence will have listeners tapping their toes and bobbing their heads.

"Pure joy at first listen, 'Boogie Boogie, Y'all' is truly outstanding with its originality, energetic vibe, and catchy beat," said Odyssey Award Committee Chair Pat Toney.

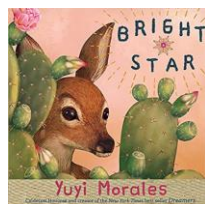


## **Boogie Boogie, Y'all**

*By C. G. Esperanza (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780062976222

The adults may not notice the amazing world around them, but the children do—and they are determined to get the rest of their city to see the wonder around them, too.



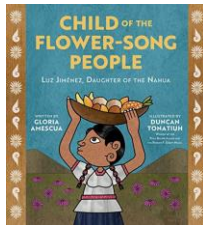
## **Bright Star**

*By Yuyi Morales (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780823443284

An allegorical look at the migrant experience as told through the story of a young fawn looking for safety after being separated from her mother. Simultaneously published in Spanish and English.

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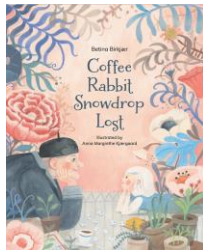


## **Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua**

*By Gloria Amescua (Author), Duncan Tonatiuh (Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, History, World History, Biography ISBN 9781419740206

In this biography of a little-known Indigenous (Nahua) woman who helped preserve and impart knowledge of her language and culture to scholars, artists and future generations, Amescua lyrically weaves the story of Luz Jiménez's quiet strength and perseverance with Aztec myths, true stories, and dramatic episodes in Jiménez's life.



## **Coffee, Rabbit, Snowdrop, Lost**

*By Betina Birkjær (Author), Anna Margrethe Kjærgaard (Illustrator), Sinéad Quirke Køngerskov (Translator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781592703739

This gentle, intergenerational story of a beloved grandfather sliding into dementia delivers an honest, affirming portrayal of love, dementia, depression, frustration, and hope.

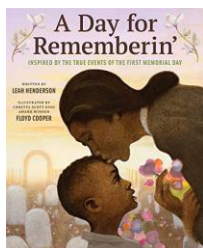


## **The Cot in the Living Room**

*By Hilda Eunice Burgos (Author), Gaby D'Alessandro (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780593110478

A young girl develops empathy for the children who need to use the living-room cot while their parents work the nightshift.



## **A Day for Rememberin': Inspired by the True Events of the First Memorial Day**

*By Leah Henderson (Author), Floyd Cooper (Illustrator)*

Fiction, Historical Fiction ISBN 9781419736308

Unfolding through the eyes of young Eli, a Black community marches, sings, and fills the streets with flowers and wreaths in celebration of the first Memorial Day.

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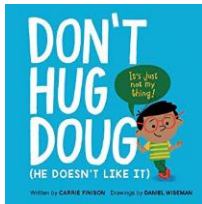


## **De aquí como el coquí**

*By Nomar Perez (Author, Illustrator), Farah Perez (Translator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780593324073

When Miguel moves to the U.S., he is sad to leave behind his pet coquí (frog), but soon he finds exciting similarities between life in San Juan and New York City. Available in Spanish and English.

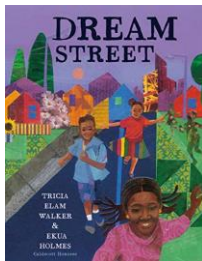


## **Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It)**

*By Carrie Finison (Author), Daniel Wiseman (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781984813022

Doug doesn't like hugs, but he'll tell you what he does like—just ask!

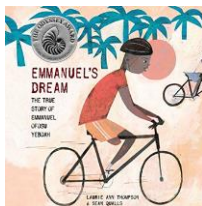


## **Dream Street**

*By Tricia Elam Walker (Author), Ekua Holmes (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780525581109

Tour the colorful neighborhood of Dream Street and its thriving inhabitants in this ode to the creators' childhoods in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

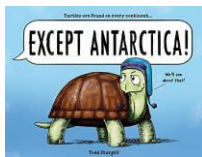


## **Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah**

*By Laurie Ann Thompson (Author), Adjoa Andoh (Narrator)*

Biography ISBN 9780593396681

Born in Ghana with one functional leg, Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah overcomes pain and prejudice, and embarks on an epic bicycle ride to raise awareness for disability rights. Andoh's expressive voice brings out the joy and triumph in this uplifting story, working in tandem with the warm musical score.



## **Except Antarctica**

*By Todd Sturgell (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781728233260

Animals defy the narrator's declaration that they can't go to Antarctica, triggering a silly sequence of events.

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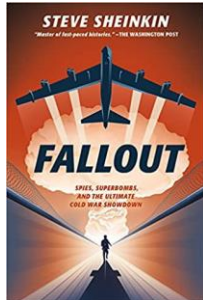


## **Eyes that Kiss in the Corners**

*By Joanna Ho (Author), Dung Ho (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780062915627

As an Asian girl appreciates the beauty of her eyes, she reflects upon the legacies of the women in her life.

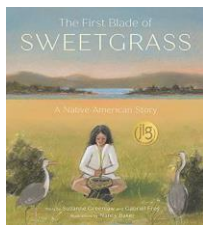


## **Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown**

*By Steve Sheinkin (Author)*

Nonfiction, History, World History ISBN 9781250149015

This thrilling history of the Cold War breaks down the events preceding, and key players involved in, the Cuban Missile Crisis.

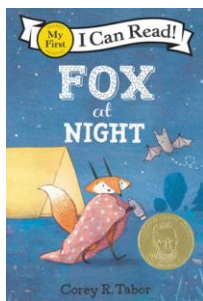


## **The First Blade of Sweetgrass: A Native American Story**

*By Suzanne Greenlaw (Author), Gabriel Frey (Author), Nancy Baker (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780884487609

In the tradition of her native ancestors, a young girl learns to identify and gather sweetgrass.



## **Fox at Night**

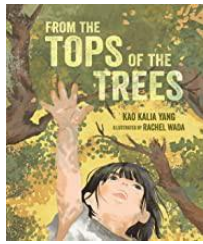
*By Corey R. Tabor (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction ISBN 9780062977076

Equipped with a pair of binoculars, Fox encounters nocturnal forest creatures who offer to help Fox realize the night is full of friends, not monsters—but are they correct?



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## **From the Tops of the Trees**

*By Kao Kalia Yang (Author), Rachel Wada (Illustrator)*

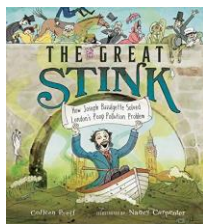
Nonfiction, History, World History ISBN 9781541581302

After young Kalia wonders what is outside the fences of her refugee camp, her father gives her a new perspective from the top of a tree.



## **Goodnight, World!**

This original “sleepcast” features familiar Sesame Street characters helping young children calm down and fall asleep. Alan, the owner of Hooper’s Store, leads listeners through stories, guided meditations, and breathing exercises. Episodes end with quiet music or soundscapes as listeners drift off to sleep.

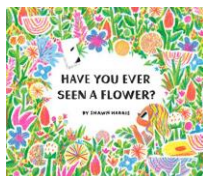


## **The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem**

*By Colleen Paeff (Author), Nancy Carpenter (Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, History ISBN 9781534449299

After multiple cholera outbreaks and an exceptionally smelly summer in Victorian London, engineer Joseph Bazalgette designs a sewage system for the city.



## **Have You Ever Seen a Flower?**

*By Shawn Harris (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781452182704

A young child leaves the drab city for a multi-sensory experience among effervescent flowers in this electric celebration of our connection to, and place within, the natural world.



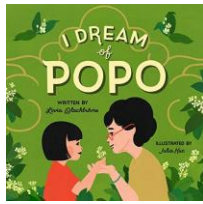
## **I Am Smoke**

*By Henry Herz (Author), Mercè López (Illustrator)*

Fiction, History ISBN 9780884487883

Smoke itself narrates an account of its religious, cultural, and practical uses by humans in this unique, STEAM-focused picture book.

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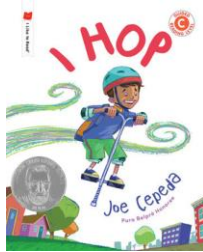


## **I Dream of Popo**

*By Livia Blackburne (Author), Julia Kuo (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781250249319

The strong connection between a young girl and her grandmother is tested when the girl moves from Taiwan to San Diego.

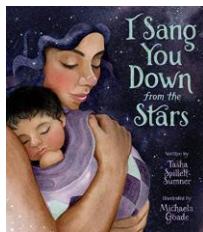


## **I Hop**

*By Joe Cepeda (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780823448258

A young boy plans a picnic for his grandmother and sets his plan in motion using a rather unique mode of transportation—a pogo stick.

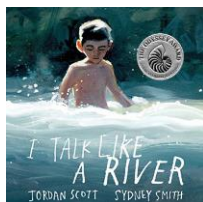


## **I Sang You Down from the Stars**

*By Tasha Spillett-Sumner (Author), Michaela Goade (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780316493161

An Inniwak expectant mother engages in mindful cultural traditions as she collects sacred items for her child's medicine bundle.

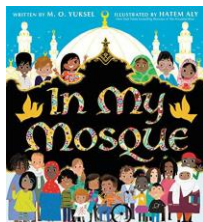


## **I Talk Like a River**

*By Jordan Scott (Author, Narrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781662052392

A young boy who is bullied because of his stutter finds strength in the sounds of a river. The author's stuttering narration of this autobiographical story gives an immersive experience unmatched by the picture book alone. This much-needed audiobook offers representation and a bridge to build empathy.



## **In My Mosque**

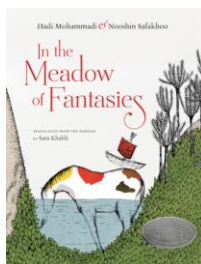
*By M.O. Yuksel (Author), Aly Hatem (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780062978707

Children welcome the reader to their mosque in this inviting study of similarities and differences in religious and cultural traditions.



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## **In the Meadow of Fantasies**

*By Hadi Mohammadi (Author), Nooshin Safakhoo (Illustrator), Sara Khalili (Translator)*

Fiction, Fantasy ISBN 9781939810908

In this imaginative parable, a girl and seven horses embark on a fantastical journey in which the horses gather to share their visions and dreams.

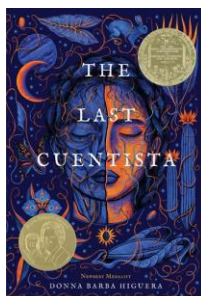


## **King of Ragtime: The Story of Scott Joplin**

*By Stephen Costanza (Author, Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, Arts, Performing Arts, Biography ISBN 9781534410367

This picture-book biography follows the life of Scott Joplin, an African American musician and composer who popularized the style known as ragtime.

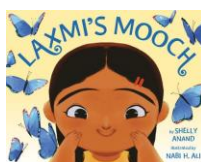


## **The Last Cuentista**

*By Donna Barba Higuera (Author)*

Fiction, Science Fiction ISBN 9781646140893

Centuries after Earth is destroyed, Petra arrives on a new planet, where she uses traditional stories and cunning to outwit enemies and rescue other survivors.

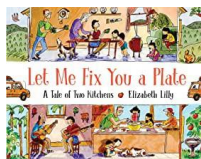


## **Laxmi's Mooch**

*By Shelly Anand (Author), Nabi H. Ali (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781984815651

In this celebration of all bodies' natural hair, young Laxmi is offered loving reassurance after a friend notices her facial hair.



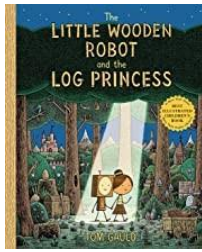
## **Let Me Fix You a Plate: A Tale of Two Kitchens**

*By Elizabeth Lilly (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780823443253

A young family finds connection and commonality through the meals they share while visiting the Appalachian and Cuban sides of their family.

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## **The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess**

*By Tom Gauld (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, Fantasy ISBN 9780823446988

Stranded far from home due to a mishap, a wooden robot prince and his log-princess sister rescue one another during their journey back to the castle.

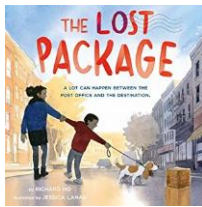


## **The Longest Storm**

*By Dan Yaccarino (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781662650475

A single-parent family learns to appreciate spending time together when they're stuck indoors during a seemingly interminable storm.

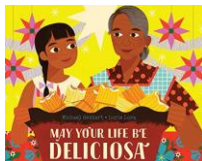


## **The Lost Package: A Lot Can Happen between the Post Office and the Destination**

*By Richard Ho (Author), Jessica Lanan (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781250231352

Ever wonder what happens to mailed packages that are lost en route? This is the happy story of one such box.



## **May Your Life Be Deliciosa**

*By Michael Genhart (Author), Loris Lora (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781951836221

Rosie's Abuela doesn't need a recipe because she truly cooks "by heart." Rosie compares the steps of making tamales to the wishes she has for her family.



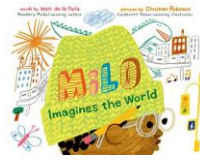
## **Mel Fell**

*By Corey R. Tabor (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780062878014

As Mel the kingfisher plunges from a treetop on her first flight, readers are invited to turn the book sideways and upside-down as they follow her journey.

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## **Milo Imagines the World**

*By Matt de la Peña (Author), Christian Robinson (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780399549083

Milo sketches what he imagines to be the lives of his fellow subway passengers, only to reassess his drawings after he discovers one boy shares Milo's destination: visiting day at a correctional facility.



## **Mornings with Monet**

*By Barb Rosenstock (Author), Mary GrandPré (Illustrator)*

Fiction ISBN 9780525708179

As the morning sun moves, Monet shifts from painting to painting, capturing what will become a famous series of images of the Seine.



## **The Most Beautiful Story**

*By Brynjulf Jung Tjønn (Author), Øyvind Torseter (Illustrator), Kari Dickson (Translator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781592703500

In an intricate tale of tragic loss and fervent hope, a loving sister seeks help from a compassionate, magical entity who uses the wonder of story to revive memories of a lost sibling.



## **My First Day**

*By Phùng Nguyễn Quang (Author, Illustrator), Huỳnh Kim Liên (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780593306277

A young boy, who lives on Vietnam's Mekong Delta, sets out alone in a little wooden boat and journeys to reach a familiar place.

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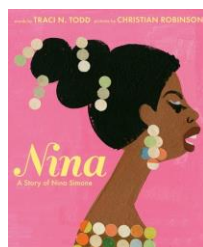


## **My Two Border Towns**

*By David Bowles (Author), Maya Myers (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780593111048

Crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, a boy and his father buy gifts and necessities for refugee friends who temporarily live between the two countries. Simultaneously published in Spanish and English.

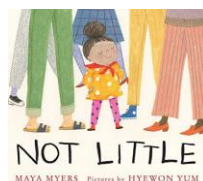


## **Nina: A Story of Nina Simone**

*By Traci N. Todd (Author), Christian Robinson (Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, Arts, Performing Arts, Biography ISBN 9781524737283

A well-rounded biography of Nina Simone, whose music was influenced by her civil rights activism.

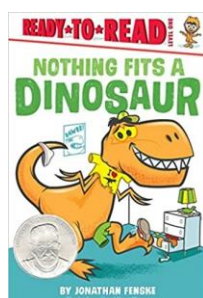


## **Not Little**

*By Maya Myers (Author), Hyewon Yum (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9780823446193

Dot proves that even though she may be small in stature, she will stand up for herself and others.

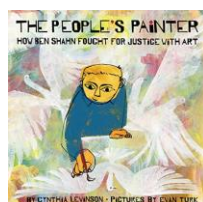


## **Nothing Fits a Dinosaur**

*By Jonathan Fenske (Author, Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781665900652

When “Mommasaurus” says it’s time to settle in for the night after his bath, a young boy must find some pajamas, sparking dino drama and the question: how do you dress a dinosaur?



## **The People’s Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice with Art**

*By Cynthia Levinson (Author), Evan Turk (Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, Arts, Visual Arts, Biography ISBN 9781419741302

Jewish immigrant Ben Shahn used his art to portray the lives of working-class people and

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others who had been mistreated to bring to light injustices in the United States.

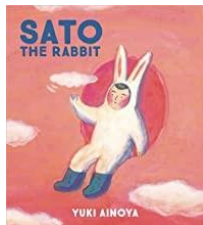


## **Red, White, and Whole**

*By Rajani LaRocca (Author)*

Fiction, Verse Novel ISBN 9780063047426

In this novel in verse set during the 1980s, Reha struggles with her cultural identity as an Indian American girl while coping with the realities of her mother's leukemia.

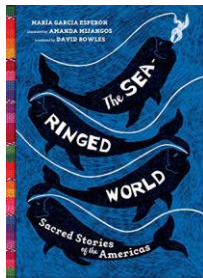


## **Sato the Rabbit**

*By Yuki Aino (Author, Illustrator), Michael Blaskowsky (Illustrator)*

Fiction, General Fiction ISBN 9781592703180

Sato the Rabbit's imagination transforms the details of ordinary life into fanciful adventures that embrace and enhance the natural world.



## **The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas**

*By María García Esperón (Author), Amanda Mijangos (Illustrator), David Bowles (Translator)*

Nonfiction, Poetry, Folklore Fairy Tales ISBN 9781646140152

Poetry, prose, and artwork combine in this collection of traditional tales from 18 Indigenous cultures that span from Argentina to Alaska.



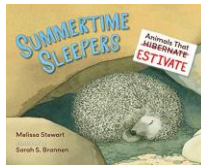
## **A Snake Falls to Earth**

*By Darcie Little Badger (Author)*

Fiction, Fantasy ISBN 9781646140923

Applying conventions of traditional Lipan Apache storytelling, this lyrical novel follows the entwining stories of Native teen Nina and Oli, a snake boy from the spirit world.

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## **Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate**

*By Melissa Stewart (Author), Sarah S. Brannen (Illustrator)*

Nonfiction, Science, Animals ISBN 9781580897167

Using comparisons and contrasts, this engaging nonfiction title introduces young readers to estivation, the summertime equivalent of hibernation.



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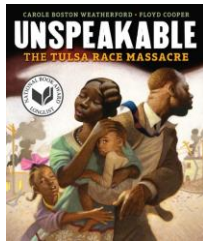
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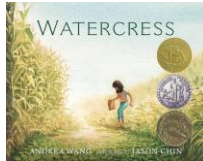


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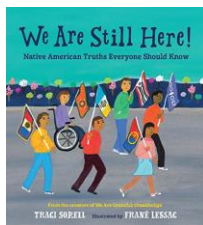


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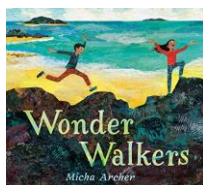


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