

**McHenry Public Library Presents
New Kids' Lit with Classroom Connections
Grades 4-8**

**Presenters: Caitlin Bergan and
Jennifer Velasquez**

Diversity in Children's Books 2015

Percentages of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds
Based on the 2015 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison
ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp



0.9%
American
Indians/
First Nations

2.4%
Latinx

3.3%
Asian Pacifics/
Asian Pacific
Americans

7.6%
African/
African
Americans

12.5%*
Animals, Trucks, etc.

73.3%**
White

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* About a quarter of the total children's books published in 2015 were picture books, and about half of those depict non-human characters, like animals & trucks.

** The remainder depict white characters.



National Ambassador for Children's Literature Gene Luen Yang Issues the following challenge to young people and educators:

The Reading Without Walls Challenge

- 1 Read a book about a **character** who doesn't look like you or live like you
- 2 Read a book about a **topic** you don't know much about
- 3 Read a book in a **format** that you don't normally read For Fun (a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, etc)

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

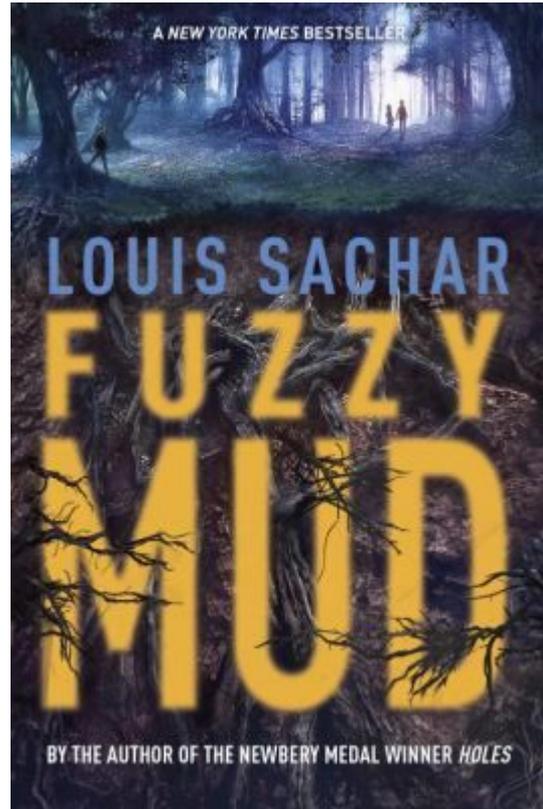
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Lists

Friendship and bullying topics

Science and ethics of science

Math - Geometric Growth

Social studies and Government Oversight



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STEM Read – NIU

http://www.stemread.com/fuzzy_mud/

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Videos, Diagrams, Interactive
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Pros and Cons, Timelines, Statistics,
Discussion Questions

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Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering: Are biotechnology and genetic engineering positive advances?

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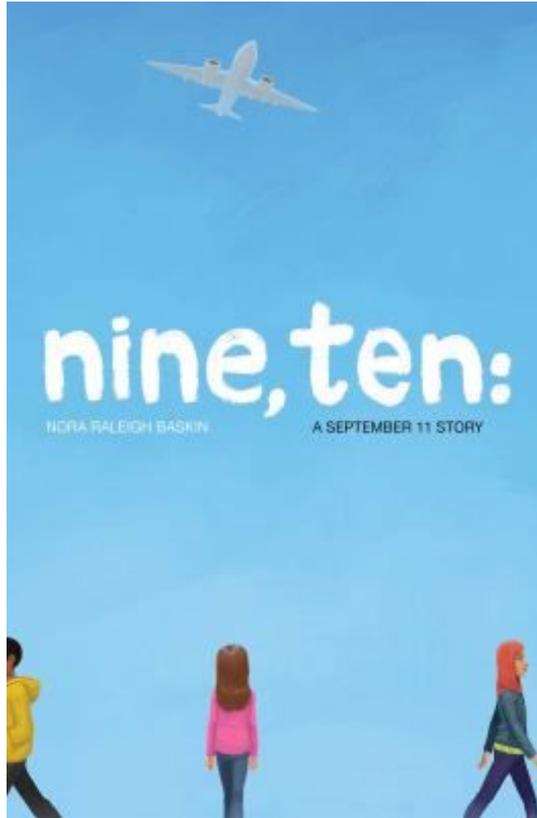
SUPPORTERS ARGUE

Any new technology will have some risks, but the potential benefits of genetic engineering far outweigh the possible dangers. Genetically modified plants and animals are safe and could help end world hunger, and researchers will eventually be able to cure a variety of diseases and disabilities through gene therapy.

OPPONENTS ARGUE

Genetic engineering and synthetic biology may provide some benefits, but they are so new and untested that they pose unacceptable risks both to humans and the environment. Fields like synthetic biology raise ethical quandaries and present real dangers to patients, and genetically modified food poses health risks to consumers and may inadvertently harm the

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin



Historical Fiction

4 characters with different perspectives

Establishes the characters and settings in the days before and how their lives change

The End

A gentle beginning

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story - Resources



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9/11 Terrorist Attack

KEY NEWS EVENTS

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Immigration: INS Chief Announces Restructuring Plan

August 21, 2001

James Ziglar, the commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), August 21 said he would begin by early fall a major restructuring of the agency. Ziglar had taken over the INS...

Hijacked Jets Destroy World Trade Center, Hit Pentagon...NYC Paralyzed; Nations Condemn Terrorism; Other Developments

September 11, 2001

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Hijacked Jets Destroy World Trade Center, Hit Pentagon: Terrorist Acts Against U.S. Targets, 1983-2001

September 11, 2001

Terrorist Acts Against U.S. Targets, 1983-2001 Following are some of the major serious terrorist bombing attacks against U.S. targets since 1983: April 18, 1983 Car bomb blows up U.S. embassy in Beirut

BACKGROUND



9/11 Terrorist Attack

Hijackers belonging to the international terrorist network Al Qaeda commandeered four commercial planes, crashing two into New York City's World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth hijacked plane, presumably headed for the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., crashed into a Pennsylvania field. In all, nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks, making them the deadliest terrorist strike against the U.S. In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, the U.S., under the leadership of President George W. Bush, led several allies into a war against

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Historic Event Overviews

[Historic Event: Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor Brings U.S. into World War II \(1941\)](#)

[Historic Event: Terrorists Attack United States; U.S. Leads War in Afghanistan](#)

[Historic Event: World Trade Center Bombed by Islamic Extremists \(1993\)](#)

Historical Documents

[April 13-14 Testimony Before the 9-11 Commission: Excerpts](#)

[April Intelligence Estimate on Global Terrorism: Declassified Excerpts](#)

[Bin Laden's Videotaped Statement: Text](#)

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[Bush's Speech on the Department of Homeland Security: Excerpts](#)

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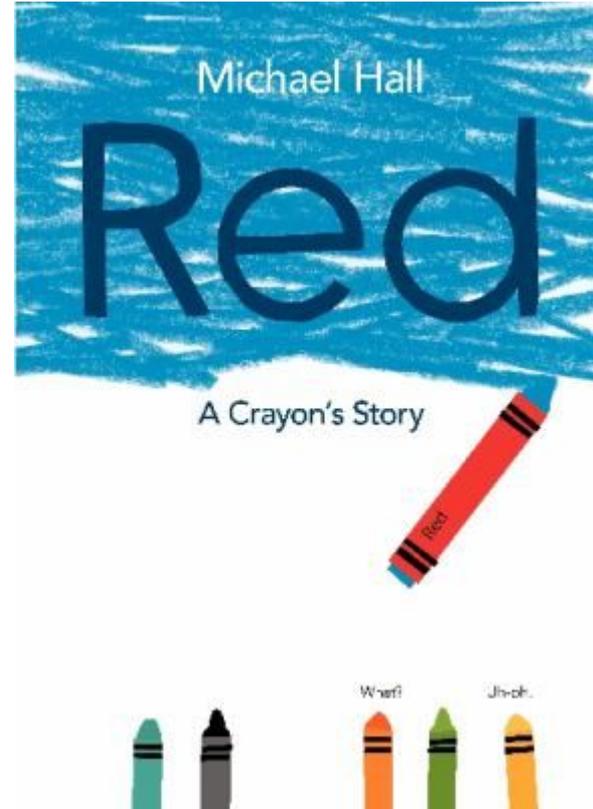
Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall

Great for Social Emotional Learning

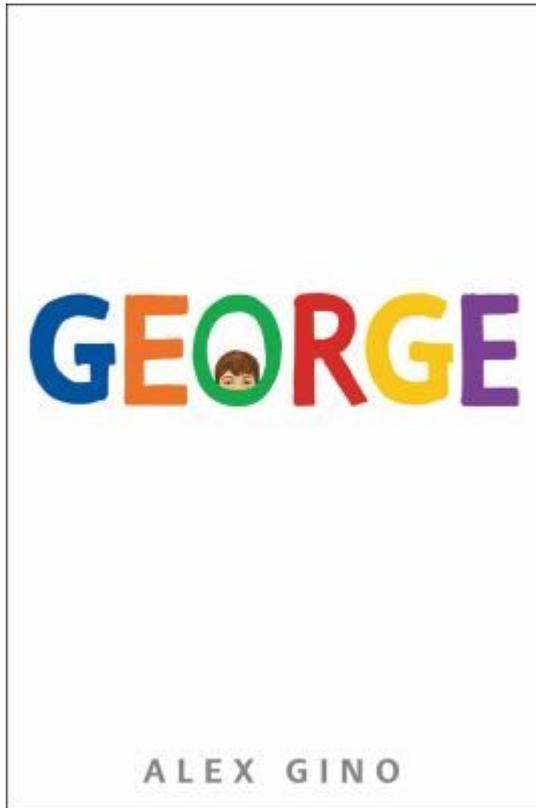
Short and clear, but easy to apply

Art works with text to deliver message

Good for talking about labels



George by Alex Gino



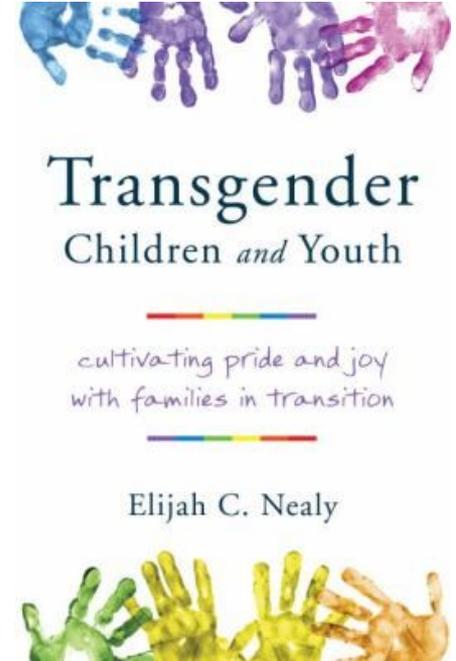
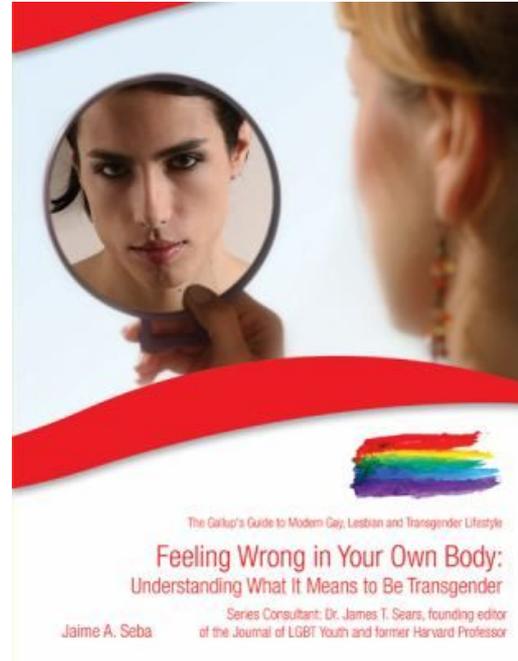
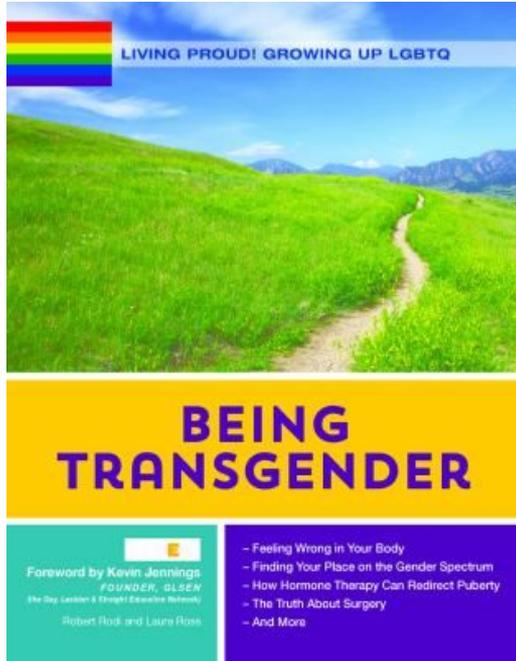
About a transgender person who is in fourth grade

Completely appropriate to the age group

Not about attraction or private parts - it is about identity and not fitting a label

Realistic range of reactions from other characters that ranges from denial, teasing, and confusion, to genuine support

George by Alex Gino - Resources



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United States Transgender Advocacy

Mission is to provide to help and advocacy to transgendered people in situations of prejudice, human rights violations, or hate crimes.

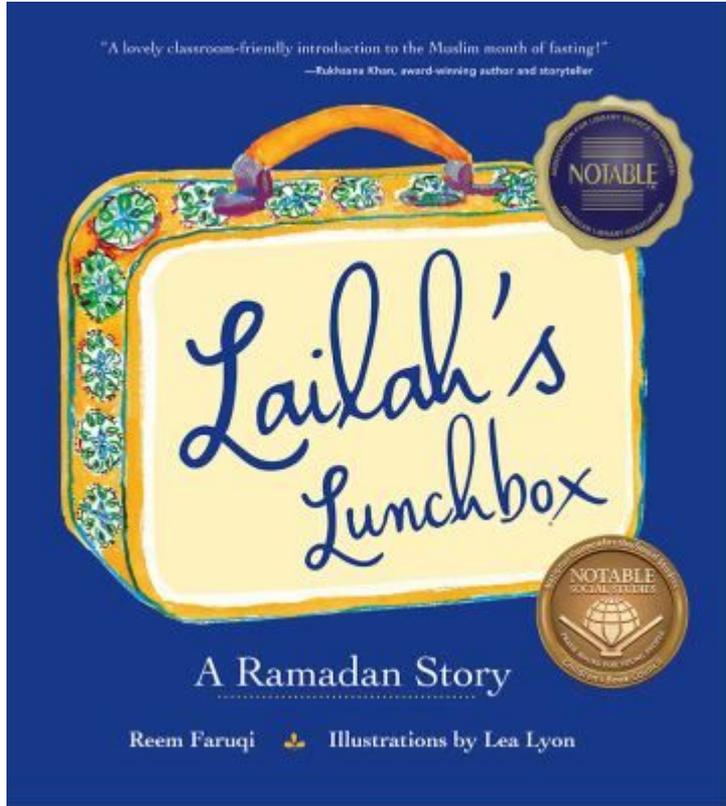
Run by a Woodstock resident but take cases from all over the US

Available for consultation, training, or speaking

Crystal Ann Gray - cgray@ustransgenderadvocacy.org

<http://www.ustransgenderadvocacy.org/>

Lailah's Lunch Box by Reem Faruqi

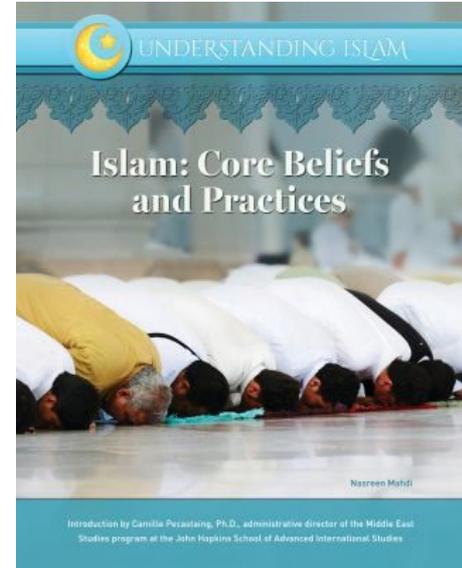
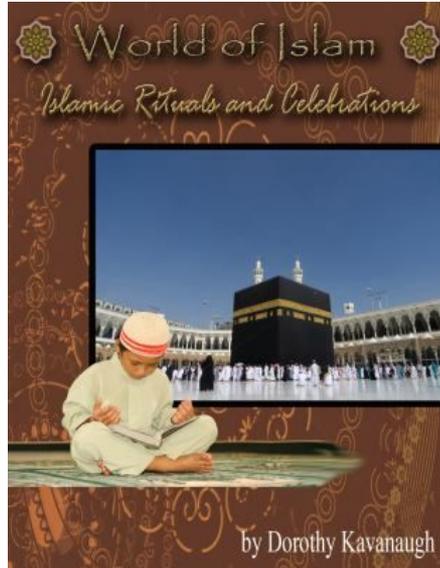
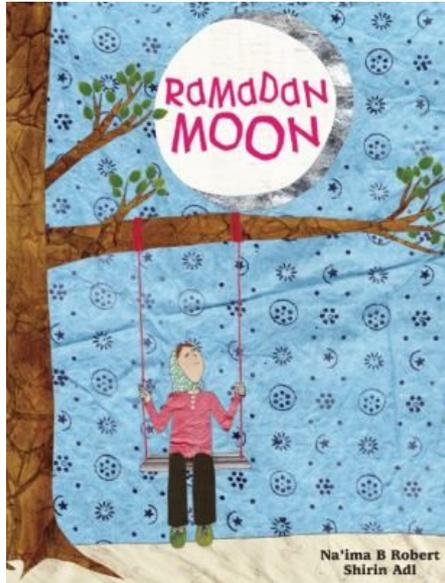


Quick Read - Easily leads into discussion

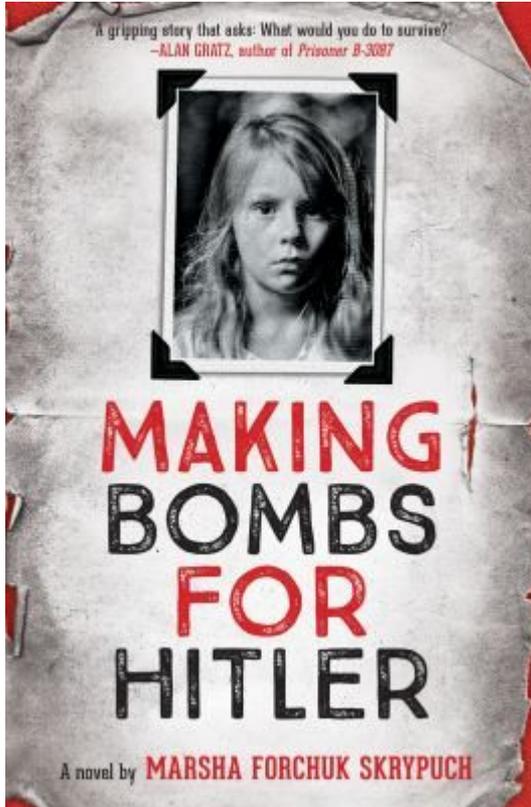
Good Intro to Ramadan

No Bullying, but does mention the fear of being different

Lailah's Lunch Box by Reem Faruqi - Resources



Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch



1943, German slave labor camp

10 year old Ukranian Girl, first person account

Doesn't shy away from experiences, but it's a little less visceral than a true memoir

Good step between *Number the Stars* and *Night*

Making Bombs for Hitler Resources



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The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

English title w/ Spanish words/phrases

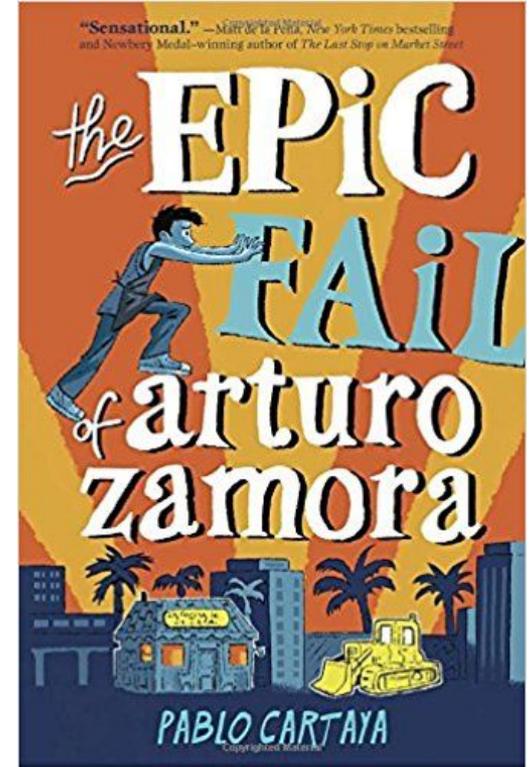
Three starred reviews, endorsed by Matt de la Peña & Margarita Engle

Cuban-American main character, Cuban culture. Miami setting

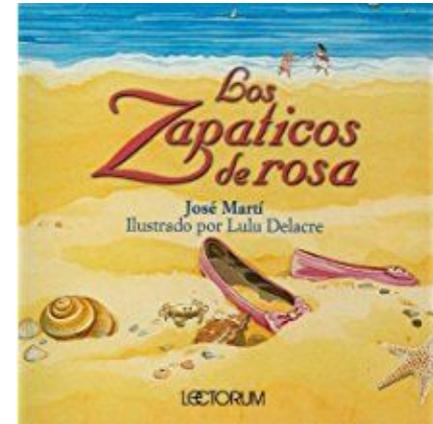
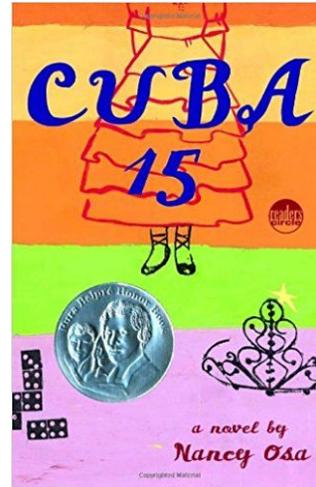
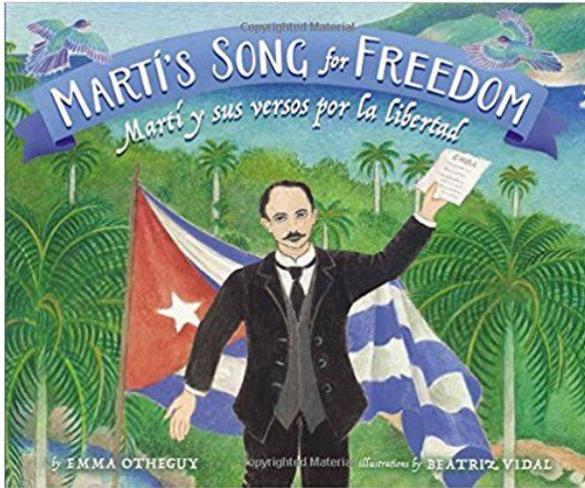
Gentrification; activism; courage, first romance

José Martí, poetry, Cuban cooking

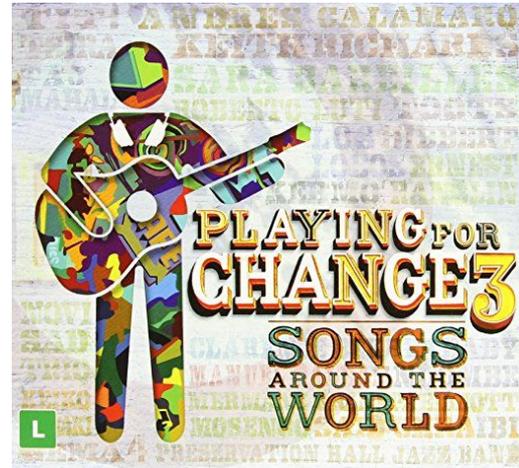
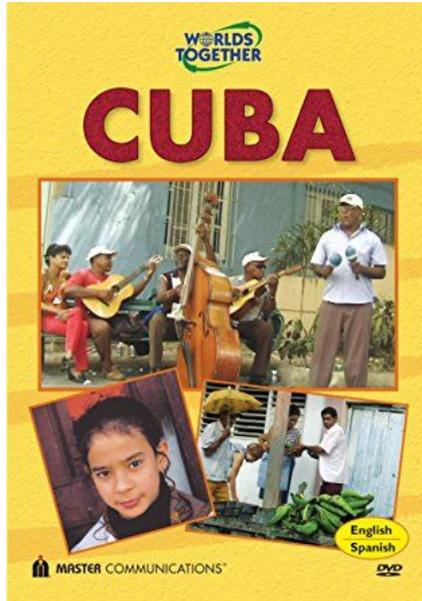
Backmatter: Pablo Cartaya's Recipe Corner; author's note



The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora: Resources



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blUSVALW_Z4

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Did You Know?

- Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean.
- Cuba is home to the world's smallest bird: the *zunzuncito* (bee hummingbird). It weighs less than 1 ounce and is as small as a grasshopper.
- Cuba's waters are full of wildlife, including manatees, crocodiles, sharks, and much more. There are about five hundred species of fish in Cuba. The country is also home to snakes, iguanas, turtles, flamingos, and bats.
- Cubans have two family names—one from the mother and one from the father. The mother's family name comes last, but people are still called by their father's family name.
- Playing dominoes is a national pastime, especially for men.
- The rumba, mambo, and cha-cha dances originated in Cuba.
- More than one million Cuban Americans live in Florida.
- Cuba is known throughout the world for its cigars, including the Monte Cristo, Romeo y Julieta, and Cohiba brands.
- Cubans stand close together when talking, often touching or tapping each other when they are making a point.
- Cubans fondly refer to their island as El Cocodrilo because it is shaped somewhat like a crocodile.
- Cubans love to read. Most towns in Cuba hold annual book festivals, in which the centers of towns and storefronts become open-air bookstores, and kids and adults wander through and shop for books.



The royal palm, found all over the island, is Cuba's national tree. It can withstand hurricane-force winds. It usually grows to be 40 or 50 feet (12–15 meters) tall.

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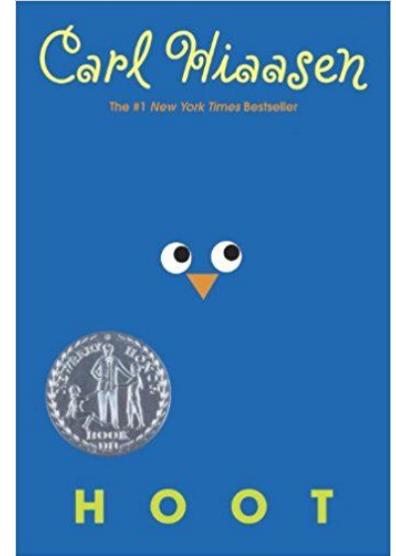
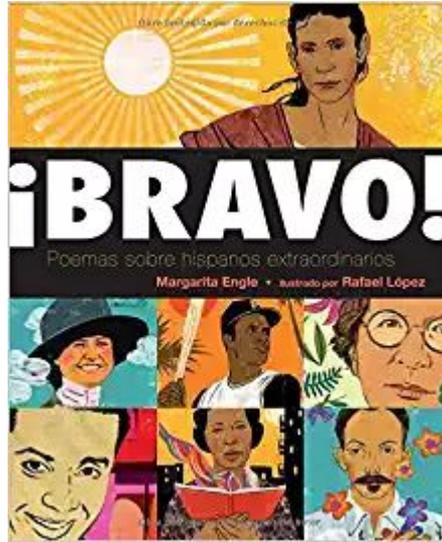
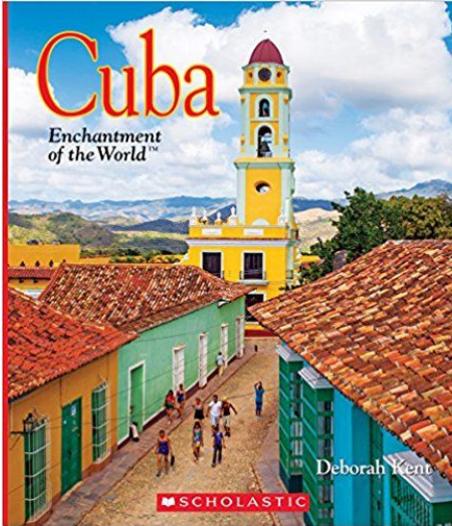
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El único destino by Alexandra Diaz

English version rec'd Pura Belpré 2017

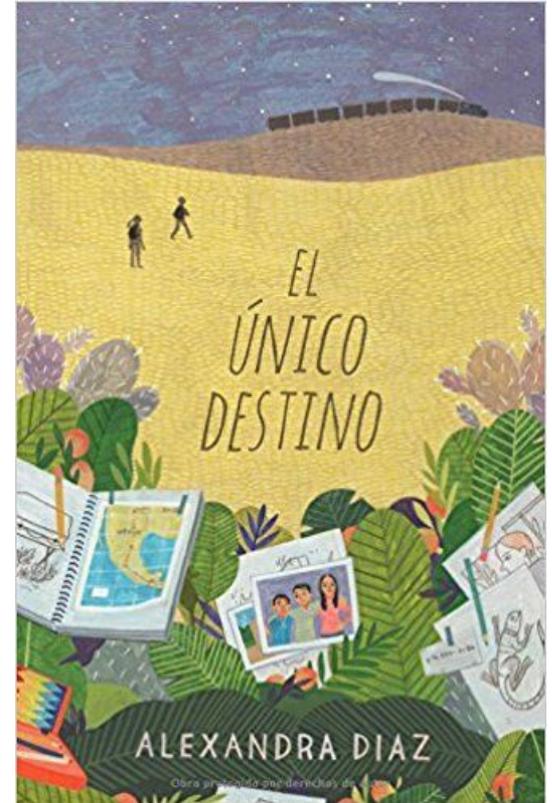
Author Honor; ALA Notable Book

Guatemalan, Central American immigration

Children emigrating alone, riding
“The Beast”

Dangers of leaving central America,
crossing into Mexico, the Border, Gangs

SE: Bravery, perseverance, artistic expression



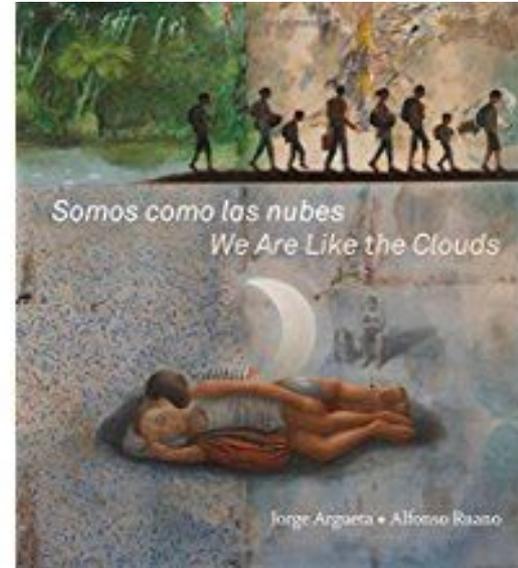
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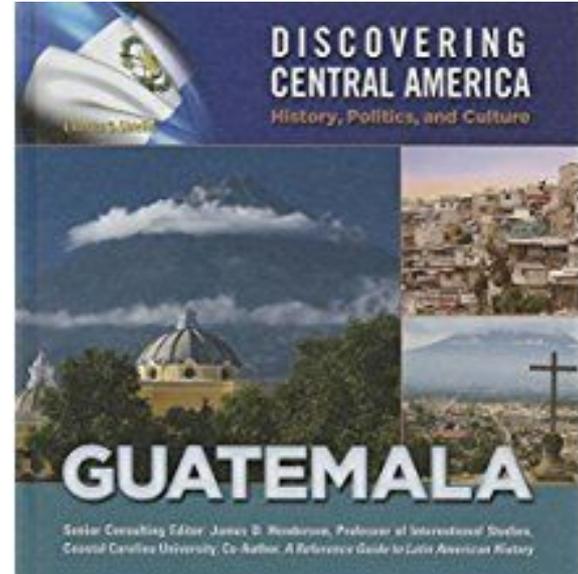
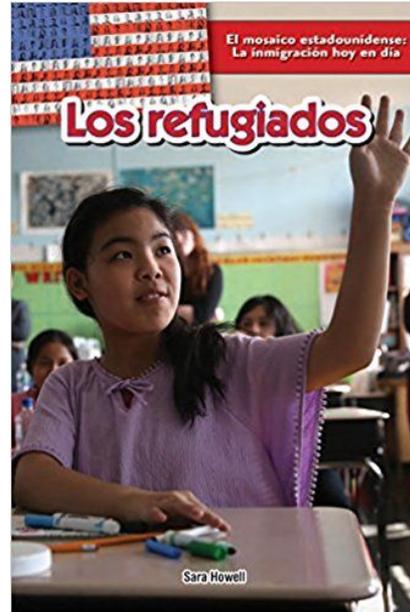
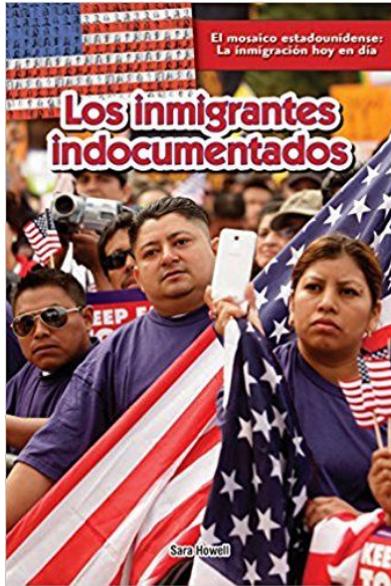
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Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper

Pura Belpré 2017 Illustrator Award Winner

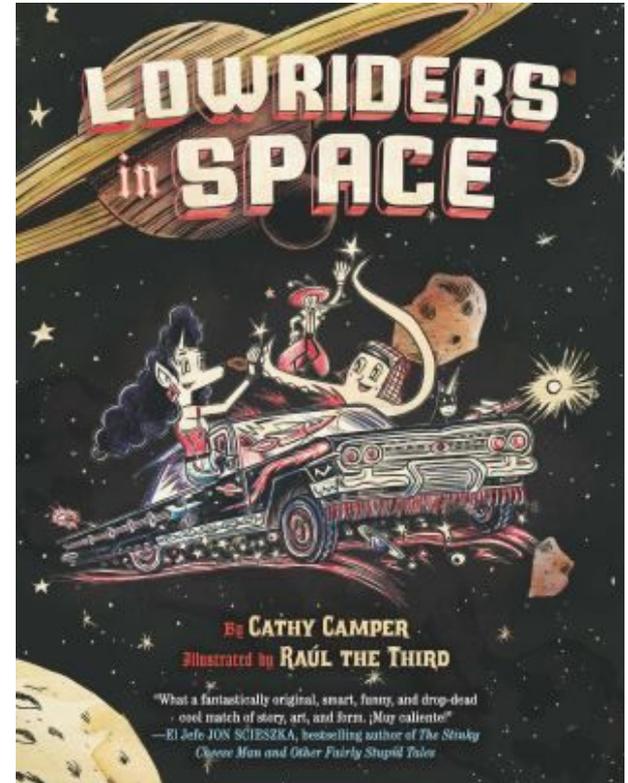
Illustrated by Raúl the Third, from El Paso–Juarez

Ties in scientific content on The Milky Way,
The Pleiades, gaseous planets, Pluto,
aurora borealis, constellations

Mexican/Mexican American culture references:

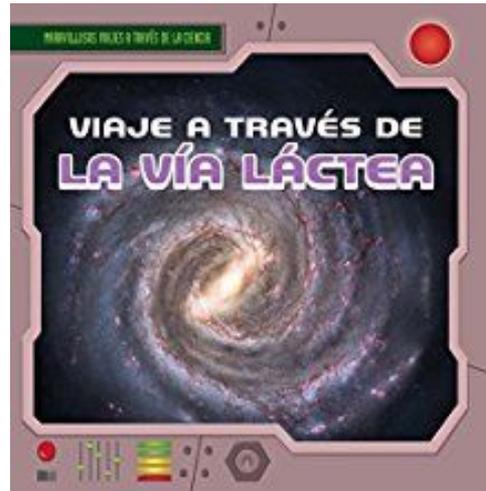
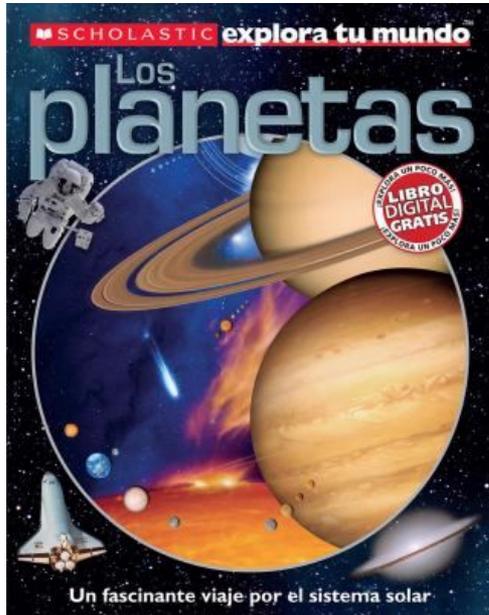
El Chavo del Ocho, Cantinflas, cumbia.

Aztec mythology references: man in the moon

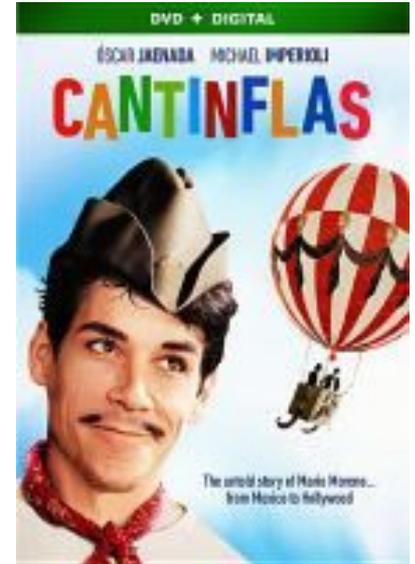
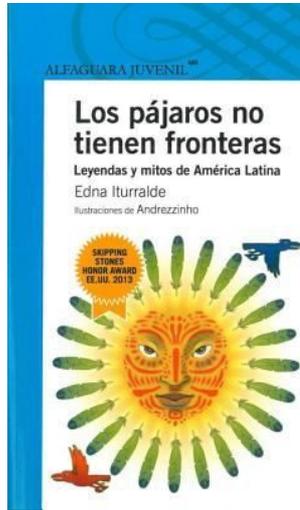


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Aztec folklore:

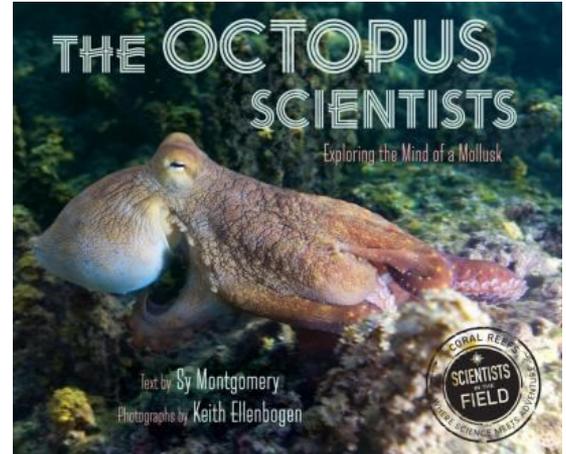
<http://bibliotecadigital.ilce.edu.mx/Colecciones/index.php?clave=huasteca&pag=7>

Spanish-language tale from Veracruz can be turned into readers theater

Used at Cuentos en Garden Quarter, add masks, puppets.

Octupi: True Blue Bloods-

Scientists in the Field series



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Bi-Folkal Kit: Remembering Automobiles

DVD, manual, CD
Upholstery and carpet
Samples, Model A hubcap,
map.

