



### **BEING & BELONGING**



Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship, I. Latham & C. Waters Two poets, one white and one black, explore race and childhood in this collection intended to provoke thought and conversation.



I am Human: A Book of Empathy, S. Verde A hopeful meditation on all the great and challenging parts of being human.





The Day You Begin, J. Woodson Encourage children to find beauty in their differences and share it with the world.





I Walk With Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness, Kerascoët

Vanessa is the new girl at school who is bullied. A conflicted bystander spends the morning mulling over how she can help.





Drawn Together, M. Lê

When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence... until they draw together. Over time, the two form PB a bond that goes beyond words.



Merci Suárez Changes Gears, M. Medina Sixth-grader Merci and her brother go to private school in Florida on a scholarship. She is not like the other rich students at her school.





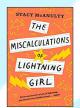
### DIVERSE BODIES & BRAINS



Counting by 7s, H. Sloan

Willow is a 12-year-old genius. Obsessed with nature, she finds comfort in counting by 7s. She loses her adoptive parents and has to find her way in the world.





The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, S. McAnulty

Lucy was struck by lightning and became a genius-level math whiz. After years of being homeschooled, 12-year-old Lucy must now attend public school for the first time.





Fish in a Tree, L. Hunt

Ally has been able to hide her inability to read by creating disruptive distractions, but her new teacher sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker.





Mockingbird, K. Erskine Cailtin has Asperger's. Her older brother, Devon, was always the one to help her until he

was killed in a school shooting.





George, A. Gino

When everyone looks at George, they see a boy. However, George knows she's a girl. When the class prepares to perform Charlotte's Web, the teacher won't even let George try out to be Charlotte because she's a boy.



Out of My Mind, S. Draper

Eleven-year-old Melody has cerebral palsy; she can't walk, talk, or write. However, she is the smartest kid in the school, and no one knows it.

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# **DIVERSE FAMILIES**



**Blended**, S. Draper Isabella's dad is black, and her mom is white. When they get divorced, Izzy has to go between her dad's fancy new house and her mom's home. When Isabella and her stepbrother are stopped by the police, a cell phone is mistaken for a gun and shots are fired.



Last Stop on Market Street, M. de la Peña Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma take a bus across town. He wonders why he doesn't have possessions like some of his peers. They get off at a food kitchen to help serve the needy.



In Our Mothers' House. P. Polacco The oldest of three adopted children recalls her childhood while being raised in a home with two mothers.



#### The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher, D. Levv

While being raised in a home with two dads, the Fletcher brothers learn hard and hilarious lessons about how what you least expect becomes what you care about the most.

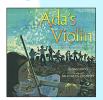




### No Fixed Address, S. Nielsen

Felix and his mom keep a secret about living in their van. His knack for trivia makes him a candidate for a game show that could change their circumstances.

## **GLOBAL STORIES**



Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay, S. Hood Ada Ríos grew up in a small town built on a landfill. And she grew up dreaming of playing the violin. With little money for anything but the bare essentials, a violin was never an option...until the new music teacher makes the children instruments out of materials found in the trash.



#### **Refugee**, A. Gratz

Three different children in three different lands and time periods all go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. 1930s Germany, 1994 Cuba, 2015 Syria. Shocking connections tie their stories together in the end.



### Free as a Bird: The Story of Malala,

L. Maslo

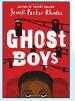
In Pakistan, some believed girls should not be educated. But Malala's family secretly sent her to school. An enemy tried to stop Malala, but she spoke up for education in her country. NF/PB



### **The War that Saved My Life**, K. Bradley During WWII. Ada and her little brother go to live with a woman outside of London. Ada has never been out of her apartment because her mother was humiliated by Ada's twisted foot.



# RACIAL INJUSTICES



**Ghost Boys**, J. Rhodes Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real one. As a ghost, he observes the havoc in his community and meets another ghost from a different time period. They recognize how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life.



Harbor Me, J. Woodson Six kids with different life perspectives have to meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults. They open up and begin to discuss topics they worry about such as deportation, incarceration, and racial profiling.



#### The Hate U Give.

A. Thomas Starr goes between the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. She witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer.

# MMIGRANTS & REFUGEES



The Day War Came, N. Davies It was an ordinary school day when war came to town and turned it into rubble. A girl begins a journey all alone, trying to find a safe place.



**Dreamers**, Y. Morales A celebration of what migrants bring with them when they leave their homes.





Drita, My Homegirl, J. Lombard When Drita and her family come to America from Kosovo, all she wants to do is fit in. When Drita is paired up with another student for a class project, they aren't sure they have CB anything in common.



First Crossing: Stories about Teen Immigrants,

Ten short stories from teen immigrants who arrive on U.S. soil and try to fit in.





Handful of Stars, C. Lord

Salma Santiago is the daughter of migrant workers. After Lily and Salma's chance meeting, the unlikely pair become good friends until Salma decides to join the community CB beauty pageant.



Hannah is My Name: A Young Immigrant's Story, B. Yang

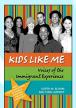
A little girl from Taiwan waits for her green card while taking a new name, starting a new school, and learning a new language.





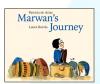
I Hate English, E. Levine

When her family moves to New York from Hong Kong, Mei Mei finds it difficult to adjust to school and learn the alien PB sounds of English.



Kids Like Me: Voices of the Immigrant **Experience**, J. Blohm

A collection of stories providing a youthful perspective on crossing cultures, immigration and citizenship, and learning to appreciate differences. NF/CB



Marwan's Journey, P. de Arias A young boy flees war in his home country in search of safety.





Migrant, M. Trottier Each spring Anna leaves her home in Mexico and travels north with her family to Canada to work on farms harvesting fruit and vegetables.



My Name is Maria Isabel, A. Ada

The hardest thing about being the new girl in school is that the teacher doesn't call her by her real name.

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My Name is Sangoel, K. Williams A refugee from Sudan, Sangoel helps students in his class pronounce his name.





My Name is Yoon, H. Recorvits A Korean girl does not like being in America. She wants to go back home. Her dad tells her she must learn to write her name in English now. PB



Mustafa, M. Gay A young boy flees war in his home country in

search of safety.





The Name Jar, Y. Choi

When arriving from Korea, Unhei is anxious to make friends and worried that no one will be able to pronounce her name.





One Green Apple, E. Bunting

Farah, a young Muslim immigrant, listens and nods but doesn't speak at her new school. When on a field trip, she discovers that things PB sound the same as they did back home.



Saffron Ice Cream, R. Kheiriyeh Rashin is excited about her first visit to the beach in her family's new country. On the way there, she remembers what beach trips were like in Iran.

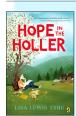


# PERSONAL LOSS



Game Changer, T. Greenwald Thirteen-year-old Teddy is in a coma fighting for his life after a football injury. Told in an innovative multi-media format.





Hope in the Holler, L. Tyre After Wavie's mother dies, she has to return to the holler to be raised by her aunt. She tries to

stop her troublesome aunt from being her legal guardian.

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If My Moon Was Your Sun, A. Steinhöfel Max kidnaps his grandfather who suffers from dementia and lives in a nursing home.





The Meaning of Maggie, M. Sovern Maggie can't wait to grow up and get tattoos and be president. Then she finds out her dad has multiple sclerosis. Family life has to carry on in the face of an uncurable disease.





The Rough Patch, B. Lies Evan and his dog do everything together, but one day the dog dies. Evan is heartbroken and destroys everything beautiful around him, including his prize-winning garden.





The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle, L. Connor Mason already didn't fit in with his classmates due to his learning disabilities, and now he is accused of killing his best friend.

