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Title	Author	Illustrator	Description
I Am Enough	Grace Byers	Keturah A. Bobo	This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another comes from Empire actor and activist Grace Byers and talented newcomer artist Keturah A. Bobo.
A Bad Case of Stripes	David Shannon		Camilla Cream loves lima beans, but she never eats them. Why? Because the other kids in her school don't like them. And Camilla Cream is very, very worried about what other people think of her. In fact, she's so worried that she's about to break out in...a bad case of stripes!
A Boy Like You	Frank Murphy	Kayla Harren	2020 "Rise: A Feminist Book Project Top Ten" winner (ALA) & Winner of the 2019 Eureka! Gold Awards There's more to being a boy than sports, feats of daring, and keeping a stiff upper lip. A Boy Like You encourages every boy to embrace all the things that make him unique, to be brave and ask for help, to tell his own story and listen to the stories of those around him. In an age when boys are expected to fit into a particular mold, this book celebrates all the wonderful ways to be a boy.
A New Kind of Wild	Zara Gonzalez Hoan	Zara Gonzales Hoan	This sweet author-illustrator debut celebrates imagination, the magic of friendship, and all the different ways we make a new place feel like home.
Ahn's Anger	Gail Silver	Christianne Kromer	In Anh's Anger, five-year-old Anh becomes enraged when his grandfather interrupts playtime with a summons to the dinner table. When Anh's grandfather takes the time to help Anh fully experience his anger by suggesting he go to his room and "sit with his anger," Anh discovers a positive method by which to work through his feelings. This remarkable book teaches children to both acknowledge and resolve their difficult emotions, making it an invaluable tool for parents and teachers alike
All Because You Matter	Tami Charles	Bryan Collier	Discover this poignant, timely, and emotionally stirring picture book, an ode to Black and brown children everywhere that is full of hope, assurance, and love. Lyrical, personal, and full of love, All Because You Matter is for the picture book audience what The Hate U Give was for YA and Ghost Boys was for middle grade: a conversation starter, a community touchstone, and a deep affirmation of worth for the young readers who need it most.
All Welcome Here	James Preller	Mary GrandPre	The first day of school and all its excitement, challenges, and yes, anxieties, are celebrated here in connected haiku poems. A diverse cast of characters all start—and finish—their first days of school, and have experiences that all children will relate to.

At the Mountain's Base	Traci Sorell	Weshoyot Alvitre	At the mountain's base sits a cabin under an old hickory tree. And in that cabin lives a family -- loving, weaving, cooking, and singing. The strength in their song sustains them through trials on the ground and in the sky, as they wait for their loved one, a pilot, to return from war.
Be Kind	Pat Zietlow Miller	Jen Hill	After seeing a classmate spill grape juice all over her new dress — and struggling to find the words that will help her feel better — the young narrator wonders: what does it really mean to be kind? She realizes that it means many things, from being welcoming to a new child to standing up when someone is being bullied. She also discovers that even small acts of kindness can make a difference and contemplates how kindness can spread, envisioning a chain of kind acts that stretch "all the way... around the world." This contemplative look at kindness encourages kids to explore the meaning of kindness along with her narrator and gives children many concrete ideas of how they can be kind in their day-to-day lives.
Blue Sky White Stars (Bilingual Edition)	Sarvinder Naberhaus	Kadir Nelson	Wonderfully spare, deceptively simple verses pair with richly evocative paintings to celebrate the iconic imagery of our nation, beginning with the American flag. Each spread, sumptuously illustrated by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson, depicts a stirring tableau, from the view of the Statue of Liberty at Ellis Island to civil rights marchers shoulder to shoulder, to a spacecraft at Cape Canaveral blasting off. This book is an ode to America then and now, from sea to shining sea, and is now accessible to a much larger audience in this bilingual edition.
Brontorina	James Howe	Randy Cecil	Brontorina knows, deep in her heart, that she is meant to be a ballerina. James Howe's lovable dinosaur is of a size outmatched only by her determination, and has talent outmatched only by her charm. Accompanied by Randy Cecil's beguiling illustrations, here is an irresistible story that proves that no problem is too big when the heart and imagination know no bounds.
Call Me Tree Llámame árbol.	Maya Christina Gonzalez (Author, Illustrator)		In this spare, lyrically written story, we join a child on a journey of self-discovery. Finding a way to grow from the inside out, just like a tree, the child develops as an individual comfortable in the natural world and in relationships with others. The child begins Within / The deep dark earth, like a seed, ready to grow and then dream and reach out to the world. Soon the child discovers birds and the sky and other children: Trees and trees / Just like me! Each is different too. The child embraces them all because All trees have roots/ All trees belong. Maya Christina Gonzalez once again combines her talents as an artist and a storyteller to craft a gentle, empowering story about belonging, connecting with nature, and becoming your fullest self.

<p>Carmela full of wishes Los deseos de Carmela</p>	<p>Matt de la Peña</p>		<p>When Carmela wakes up on her birthday, her wish has already come true--she's finally old enough to join her big brother as he does the family errands. Together, they travel through their neighborhood, past the crowded bus stop, the fenced-off repair shop, and the panadería, until they arrive at the Laundromat, where Carmela finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. But before she can blow its white fluff away, her brother tells her she has to make a wish. If only she can think of just the right wish to make . . . With lyrical, stirring text and stunning, evocative artwork, Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson have crafted a moving ode to family, to dreamers, and to finding hope in the most unexpected places."</p>
<p>Dreamers/Soñadores</p>	<p>Yuyi Morales</p>		<p>Dreamers is a celebration of making your home with the things you always carry: your resilience, your dreams, your hopes and history. It's the story of finding your way in a new place, of navigating an unfamiliar world and finding the best parts of it. In dark times, it's a promise that you can make better tomorrows. Told in rhyme, this story follows Susan through a series of familiar activities. She swims with her father, works hard in school, plays with her friends -- and even rides a horse. Lively, thoughtfully drawn illustrations reveal a portrait of a busy, happy little girl with whom younger readers will identify. Not until the end of the story is it revealed that Susan uses a wheelchair.</p>
<p>Enemy Pie Pastel para enemigos</p>	<p>Derek Munson</p>		<p>Teach kindness, courtesy, respect, and friendship: It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie. But part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy! In this funny yet endearing story one little boy learns an effective recipe for turning a best enemy into a best friend. Accompanied by charming illustrations, Enemy Pie serves up a sweet lesson in the difficulties and ultimate rewards of making new friends.</p>
<p>Evelyn del Rey Is Moving Away Evelyn Del Rey se muda</p>	<p>Meg Medina</p>	<p>Sonia Sanchez</p>	<p>Evelyn Del Rey is Daniela's best friend. They do everything together and even live in twin apartments across the street from each other: Daniela with her mami and hamster, and Evelyn with her mami, papi, and cat. But not after today—not after Evelyn moves away. Until then, the girls play amid the moving boxes until it's time to say goodbye, making promises to keep in touch, because they know that their friendship will always be special. The tenderness of Meg Medina's beautifully written story about friendship and change is balanced by Sonia Sánchez's colorful and vibrant depictions of the girls' urban neighborhood.</p>
<p>Eyes That Kiss in the Corners</p>	<p>Joanna Ho</p>	<p>Dung Ho</p>	<p>A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future.</p>

Floating on Mama's Song (Bilingual Edition)	Laura Lacamara	Yuyi Morales	Anita's mama loves to sing. She sings such beautiful, happy songs that something magical happens: Everyone who hears her music floats high above the ground. But then Mama stops singing. Can Anita find a way to bring back happy times and magical moments for her family? Debut author Laura Lacámara's lyrical, uplifting tale is paired with Yuyi Morales's stunning art for a magical celebration of family, music, and happiness.
Happy in Our Skin	Fran Manushkin	Lauren Tobia	Is there anything more splendid than a baby's skin? Cocoa-brown, cinnamon, peaches and cream. As children grow, their clever skin does, too, enjoying hugs and tickles, protecting them inside and out, and making them one of a kind. Fran Manushkin's rollicking text and Lauren Tobia's delicious illustrations paint a breezy and irresistible picture of the human family — and how wonderful it is to be just who you are.
How Alma Got Her Name Alma y cómo obtuvo su nombre	Juana Martinez-Neal (Author, Illustrator)		If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-grandmother who longed to travel; José, the grandfather who was an artist; and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that she will one day have her own story to tell. In her author-illustrator debut, Juana Martinez-Neal opens a treasure box of discovery for children who may be curious about their own origin stories or names.
I Am Every Good Thing	Derrick Barnes	Gordon C. James	The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He's got big plans, and no doubt he'll see them through—as he's creative, adventurous, smart, funny, and a good friend. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up. And other times he's afraid, because he's so often misunderstood and called what he is not. So slow down and really look and listen, when somebody tells you—and shows you—who they are. There are superheroes in our midst!
Iggy Peck, Architect	Andrea Beaty	David Roberts	Some kids sculpt sand castles. Some make mud pies. Some construct great block towers. But none are better at building than Iggy Peck, who once erected a life-size replica of the Great Sphinx on his front lawn! It's too bad that few people appreciate Iggy's talent—certainly not his second-grade teacher, Miss Lila Greer. It looks as if Iggy will have to trade in his T square for a box of crayons . . . until a fateful field trip proves just how useful a mast builder can be.
Leo the Late Bloomer Leo, El Retono Tardío	Robert Kraus	Jose Aruego	This heartwarming story of how a little tiger named Leo bloomed is told by bestselling author Robert Kraus and is accompanied by the wonderfully bold illustrations of Jose Aruego. It's an excellent choice to share during homeschooling, in particular for children ages 4 to 6. It's a fun way to learn to read and as a supplement for activity books for children.

Listening with my heart Escuchando con mi Corazón	Gabi Garcia	Ying Hui Tan	Listening with my heart reminds us of the importance of being friends to ourselves. It also touches on the universal themes of friendship, empathy and kindness. Includes mindfulness and self-compassion activities.
Lovely	Jess Hong		Big, small, curly, straight, loud, quiet, smooth, wrinkly. Lovely explores a world of differences that all add up to the same thing: we are all lovely!
Mango, Abuela, and Me	Meg Medina	Angela Dominguez	Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. While they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English, and Mia learns some Spanish, too, but it's still hard for Abuela to learn enough words to tell Mia her stories. Then Mia sees a parrot in the pet-shop window and has the perfect idea for how to help them all communicate a little better. Here is an endearing tale that speaks loud and clear about the love that binds families across the generations.
Mariama Different But Just The Same Mariama - diferente pero igual	Jerónimo Cornelles	Nívola Uyá	Everything is new for Mariama after a long journey by car, train, boat, and plane from Africa. She is going to discover a world where the streets, her school, and the food are all different. However, what about the people? A beautiful tale about identity, the process of integration, and solidarity. Are you ready to meet Mariama and play with her?
Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match (Bilingual Edition)	Monica Brown	Sara Palacios	Marisol doesn't look — or act — like anyone she knows: she has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin, enjoys peanut butter and jelly burritos, and loves being a soccer playing pirate princess! And for some reason, this confuses other people around her, who'd rather that she stop being herself so that she would fit into one of their boxes. But this Peruvian-Scottish-American girl doesn't mind, and she wouldn't give up her "mis-matched" life for anything. With its vibrant illustrations and fun text, this book celebrates individuality and the power of being proud of your uniqueness.
Maya's Blanket La manta de Maya	Monica Brown	David Diaz	Little Maya has a special blanket that Grandma stitched with her own two hands. As Maya grows, her blanket becomes worn and frayed, so with Grandma's help, Maya makes it into a dress. Over time the dress is made into a skirt, a shawl, a scarf, a hair ribbon, and finally, a bookmark. Each item has special, magical, meaning for Maya; it animates her adventures, protects her, or helps her in some way. But when Maya loses her bookmark, she preserves her memories by creating a book about her adventures and love of these items.
Rainbow Weaver	Linda Elovitz Marshall	Elisa Chavarri	Rainbow Weaver's charming story highlights the art, culture, and economic status of indigenous Guatemalans. The beautiful illustrations feature real photographs of Mayan textiles mixed in with original artwork. The book is bilingual, with a fluid Spanish translation and lots of vocabulary in both languages pertaining to the art of weaving. While all the characters are rural villagers, which could give the impression that all Guatemalans, especially indigenous ones, are poor farmers, the characters are based on real indigenous people, and it is just one story about a group of people whose stories are rarely told in children's books.

Ricky, the Rock that Couldn't Roll (The "You Rock" Group)	Jay Miletsky	Erin Wozniak	From zippy, little pebbles to big strong boulders, the rocks (and their ladybug friend) get together to play and roll around their favorite hill, only to find that one of their friends, Ricky, can't roll with them. Unlike all of the others, who are all round, Ricky can't roll because he's flat on one side. Determined not to leave their friend behind, the rocks and the ladybug set out to help Ricky roll around - one way or another.
Sing, Don't Cry	Angela Dominguez	Angela Dominguez	In this story inspired by the life of Apolinar Navarrete Diaz—author Angela Dominguez's grandfather and a successful mariachi musician—Abuelo and his grandchildren sing through the bad times and the good. Lifting their voices and their spirits, they realize that true happiness comes from singing together."
Sparkle Boy	Lesléa Newman	Maria Mola	This sweet and refreshing story speaks to us all about acceptance, respect, and the simple freedom to be yourself. Shimmery, glittery, sparkly things are fun—for everyone!
Stella Brings the Family	Miriam B. Schiffer	Holly Clifton-Brown	Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.
Thank You, Mr. Panda / Gracias, Sr. Panda (Bilingual Edition)	Steve Antony		Mr. Panda is giving away presents to all his animal friends, including a mouse, an octopus, an elephant, and a lemur, but they aren't being very grateful about the gifts they receive. It may be because the presents aren't quite right. Mouse receives a sweater that's too big, and Octopus gets six colorful socks even though he has eight legs. Fortunately, thoughtful little Lemur knows that even if the present isn't perfect, it's the thought that counts most of all."
The Boy with Big, Big Feelings	Britney Winn Lee	Jacob Souva	Meet a boy with feelings so big that they glow from his cheeks, spill out of his eyes, and jump up and down on his chest. When a loud truck drives by, he cries. When he hears a joke, he bursts with joy. When his loved ones are having a hard day, he feels their emotions as if they were his own. The boy tries to cope by stuffing down his feelings, but with a little help and artistic inspiration, the boy realizes his feelings are something to be celebrated. Written by debut picture book author Britney Winn Lee and boldly illustrated by Jacob Souva, The Boy with Big, Big Feelings is relatable for any child, but especially for children experiencing anxiety and extreme emotions, or who have been diagnosed with autism or as a Highly Sensitive Person.
The Day You Begin El Día En Que Descubres Quién Eres!	Jacqueline Woodson and Rafael López		National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson and two-time Pura Belpré Illustrator Award winner Rafael López have teamed up to create a poignant, yet heartening book about finding courage to connect, even when you feel scared and alone.

The Most Magnificent Thing	Ashley Spires	Ashley Spires	Award-winning author and illustrator Ashley Spires has created a charming picture book about an unnamed girl and her very best friend, who happens to be a dog. The girl has a wonderful idea. She is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!?! But making her magnificent thing is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, the girl gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right.
The Proudest Blue	Ibtihaj Muhammad, S.K. Ali	S.K. Ali, Hatem Aly	Paired with Hatem Aly's beautiful, whimsical art, Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad and Morris Award finalist S.K. Ali bring readers an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond between siblings, and of being proud of who you are
The Rabbit Listened	Cori Doerrfeld		"When something terrible happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. All the animals are sure they have the answer. The chicken wants to talk it out, but Taylor doesn't feel like chatting. The bear thinks Taylor should get angry, but that's not quite right either. One by one, the animals try to tell Taylor how to process this loss, and one by one they fail. Then the rabbit arrives. All the rabbit does is listen, which is just what Taylor needs. Whether read in the wake of tragedy or as a primer for comforting others, this is a deeply moving and unforgettable story sure to soothe heartache of all sizes."
The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet	Carmen Agra Deedy	Eugene Yelchin	Pura Belpre Honoree Carmen Agra Deedy and Newbery Honor-book author/illustrator Eugene Yelchin have created a powerful tale that celebrates the spirit of freedom.
The Seeds and The Trees Semillas y árboles	Brandon Walden	Kristen Howdeshell and Kevin Howdeshell (Illustrators) David Aliaga Muñoz (Translator)	Seeds and Trees carries the key message of love and positivity supported by the many advocates of positive parenting solutions. It'll sit comfortably on your shelf alongside other books that focus in on emotions. Like the work of Laurie Wright (I Can Handle It), Maria Dismondy (Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun) and Carol McCloud (Have You Filled a Bucket Today?). Seeds and Trees will help encourage your children to offer kindness towards themselves and others.
The Skin You Live In	Michael Tyler	David Lee Csicsko	With the ease and simplicity of a nursery rhyme, this lively story delivers an important message of social acceptance to young readers. Themes associated with child development and social harmony, such as friendship, acceptance, self-esteem, and diversity are promoted in simple and straightforward prose. Vivid illustrations of children's activities for all cultures, such as swimming in the ocean, hugging, catching butterflies, and eating birthday cake are also provided. This delightful picturebook offers a wonderful venue through which parents and teachers can discuss important social concepts with their children.

Two is Enough	Janna Matthies	Tuesday Mourning	From playing in the snow to a rainy-day ride, to double-scoop treats and crash-landing in leaves, two can be the perfect number for creating life's memories. And two can definitely be enough for a warm family, full of the love, support, and comfort that every child needs.
Under the Love Umbrella	Davina Bell	Allison Colpoys	"From this award-winning creative duo comes a stunning celebration of the joy and comfort that love can bring—wherever we roam in the big, wild world. No matter what challenges children may face, they can always rely on the love umbrella above them."
What do you do with an idea?	Kobi Yamada	Mae Besom	This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started
When We Love Someone We Sing to Them: Cuando Amamos Cantamos (Bilingual Edition)	Ernesto Javier Martinez	Maya Christina Gonzalez (Illustrator) Jorge Gabriel Martinez Feliciano (Translator)	A reclamation of the Mexican serenata tradition, follow the story of a young boy who asks his father if there is a song for a boy who loves a boy.
Where Are You From? ¿De dónde eres?	Yamile Saied Méndez	Jaime Kim	When a girl is asked where she's from—where she's really from—none of her answers seems to be the right one. Unsure about how to reply, she turns to her loving abuelo for help. He doesn't give her the response she expects. She gets an even better one.
Wilma Jean the Worry Machine	Julia Cook	Anita Duffla	This fun and humorous book addresses the problem of anxiety in a way that relates to children of all ages. It offers creative strategies for parents and teachers to use that can lessen the severity of anxiety. The goal of the book is to give children the tools needed to feel more in control of their anxiety. For those worries that are not in anyone's control (i.e. the weather) a worry hat is introduced. A fun read for Wilmas of all ages!
You Hold Me Up	Monique Gray Smith	Danielle Daniel	This vibrant picture book, beautifully illustrated by celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, encourages children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions.