



Top 20 Suggested Books: Multicultural

Applegate, Kathrine. ***Wishtree***. J FIC Applegate Grade 4+

A red oak tree and a crow help their human neighbors work out their differences after a hateful message is left on the Wishtree.

Calejo, Ryan. ***Charlie Hernandez & the League of Shadows***. J FIC Calejo Grade 5+

Steeped in Hispanic folklore since childhood, middle schooler Charlie Hernández learns the stories are true when, shortly after his parent's disappearance, he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world.

Cruz, Marie Miranda. ***Everlasting Nora***. J FIC Cruz Grade 3+

Forced to move to a Philippines shantytown when her father is tragically killed, 12-year-old Nora rediscovers the compassion of the human spirit when a new friend and his kindhearted grandmother support her search for her missing mother.

Cuevas, Adrianna. ***Cuba in my Pocket***. J FIC Cuevas Grade 4+

In 1961 **Cuba**, with the threat of military service for children looming, twelve-year-old Cumba's parents send him to Miami, where he lives with a new family and misses his homeland.

Dominguez, Angela. ***Stella Diaz Dreams Big***. J FIC Dominguez Grade 3+

Stella is happy as a clam in fourth grade. She's the president of the Sea Musketeers conservation club, she starts taking swim lessons, and she joins a new art club at school. But as her schedule fills up, school gets harder, too. Suddenly the tides have turned, and she is way too busy.

Gratz, Alan. ***Refugee***. [Tween] J FIC Gratz Grade 6+

Separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

House, Silas. ***Same Sun Here***. J FIC House Grade 5+

A twelve-year-old Indian immigrant in New York City and a Kentucky coal miner's son become pen pals, and eventually best friends, through a series of revealing letters exploring such topics as environmental activism, immigration, and racism.

Jones, Kelly. ***Sauerkraut***. J FIC Jones Grade 4+

A boy's plans for the summer go sideways when the ghost of his great-great-grandmother demands his attention

Kim, Patti. ***I'm Ok***. [Tween] J FIC Kim Grade 5+

Ok, a Korean American boy, tries a get rich quick scheme of starting a hair braiding business and winning the school talent competition to hide the fact that he is struggling with the loss of his father and the financial hardships he and his mother must now bear.

Lai, Remy. ***Pie in the Sky***. J FIC Lai Grade 3+

Knowing very little English, eleven-year-old Jingwen feels like an alien when his family immigrates to Australia, but copes with loneliness and the loss of his father by baking elaborate cakes.

Lockington, Mariama. ***For Black Girls Like Me*** [Tween] J FIC Lockington Grade 6+
Eleven-year-old Makeda dreams of meeting her African American mother, while coping with serious problems in her white adopted family, a cross-country move, and being homeschooled.

Marshall, Joseph. ***In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse***. J FIC Marshall Grade 4+
Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present.

Medina, Juana. ***Juana & Lucas***. J FIC Medina Grade 3+
A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.

Mejia, Tehlor Kay. ***Paola Sanitago and the Forest of Nightmares***. – series J FIC Mejia Grade 5+
Paola's search for her father will send her far from home, where she will encounter new monsters and ghosts, a devastating betrayal, and finally, the forest of her nightmares. Will the truths her father has been hiding save the people Paola loves, or destroy them?

Okorafor, Nnedi. ***Ikenga***. J FIC Okorafor Grade 4+
In southeastern Nigeria, twelve-year-old Nnamdi is determined to avenge his police chief father, who was murdered while trying to rid the town of criminals, but Nnamdi feels powerless until he receives a magical object which gives him superpowers.

Ramee, Lisa Moore. ***A Good Kind of Trouble***. [Tween] J FIC Ramee Grade 6+
After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement, but when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.

Reynolds, Jason. ***As Brave As You***. J FIC Reynolds Grade 4+
When Genie and his older brother spend their summer in the country with their grandparents, he learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave.

Roanhorse, Rebecca. ***Race to the Sun***. [Tween] J FIC Roanhorse Grade 5+
Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monsterslayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father. Includes glossary of Navajo terms.

Villanueva, Gail D. ***My Fate According to the Butterfly***. Grade 4+
A superstitious girl tries to fix her broken family before death catches her. Ten-year-old Filipina Sabrina "Sab" Dulce believes all the superstitions her dad used to tell her before he and Mom split up. So when she sees the Butterfly, a giant black omen of death, she knows she only has a week left to live.

Zoboi, Ibi. ***My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich***. [Tween] J FIC Zoboi Grade 5+
In the summer of 1984, twelve-year-old Ebony-Grace of Huntsville, Alabama, visits her father in Harlem, where her fascination with outer space and science fiction interfere with her finding acceptance.