**Family Life**

**Gone Crazy in Alabama**
By: Williams-Garcia, Rita
Juvenile PZ7.W6713 Gon 2015 Gr 4-8
Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother and her mother but when tragedy strikes Delphine discovers that the bonds of family run deeper than she ever knew possible.

**The Boy in the Black Suit**
By: Reynolds, Jason
Juvenile PZ7.R33593 Boy 2015 Gr 7 Up
Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.

**The War That Saved My Life**
By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Juvenile PZ7.B7247 War 2015 Gr 4-6
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the countryside during WWII, where their life is much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

**Written in the Stars**
By Saeed, Aisha
JUV PZ7.1.S24 Wr 2015 Gr 9-up
Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she's never met.

**Shadowshaper**
By Older, Daniel José
Juvenile PZ7.1.O45 Sh 2015 Gr 7 Up
When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on, she discovers that her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers.

**When I was the Greatest**
By: Reynolds Jason
JUV PS3618.E9753 W54 2014 Gr 7-8
All lives in a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party.

**The Thing About Luck**
By: Kadokata, Cynthia
Juvenile PZ7.K1166 Thi 2013 Gr 7-12
Just when Summer thinks nothing else can go wrong an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her brother, helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

**Words with Wings**
By: Grimes, Nikki
JUV PZ7.G88429 Wor 2013 Gr 3-Up
Gabby daydreams to tune out her parents' arguments, but when her parents divorce and she begins a new school, daydreaming gets her into trouble until she finds a friend who also daydreams.

**Chickadee**
By Erdrich, Louise
Juvenile PZ7.E72554 Ch 2012 Gr 4-8
In 1866, Omakayas's son Chickadee is kidnapped by two ne'er-do-well brothers from his own tribe and must make a daring escape, forge unlikely friendships, and set out on an exciting and dangerous journey to get back home.

**Under the Mesquite**
By: McCall, Guadalupe Garcia
Juvenil PZ7.M47833752 Und 2011 Gr 7-12
Throughout her high school years, as her mother battles cancer, Lupita takes more responsibility on her house and seven younger siblings, while finding refuge in acting and writing poetry.

**The Great Wall of Lucy Wu**
By Shang, Wendy Wan Long
Juvenile PZ7.S52833 Gr 2011 Gr 4-6
Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months.

**The Year of the Dog: A Novel**
By Lin, Grace
Juvenile PZ7.L644 Yea 2006 Gr 3-5
Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.
Novels in Verse

**Boo ked**
By: Alexander, Kwame
Child Lit Ctr. PZ7.5.A44 Bo 2016 Gr 6–up
Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

**Full Cicada Moon**
By Hilton, Marilyn
Juvenile PZ7.5.H56 Fu 2015 Gr 4–8
In 1969 twelve-year-old Mimi and her family move to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimi's mixed-race background and interest in "boyish" topics like astronomy make her feel like an outsider.

**Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings**
By: Engle, Margarita
JUV PS3555.N4254 Z46 2015 Gr 6–10
This poetic memoir acclaimed author Margarita Engle tells of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War.

**The Crossover**
By: Alexander, Kwame
JUV PZ7.5.A44 Cr 2014 Gr 6–up
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

**How I Discovered Poetry**
By: Nelson, Marilyn
JUV PS3573.A4795 H69 2014 Gr 6 Up
The author reflects on her childhood in the 1950s and her development as an artist and young woman through fifty poems that consider such influences as the Civil Rights Movement, the "Red Scare" era, and the feminist movement.

**Darius & Twig**
By Walter Dean Myers
JUV PZ7.M992 Dap 2013 Gr 8 Up
Two best friends, a writer and a runner, deal with bullies, family issues, social pressures, and their quest for success coming out of Harlem.

**The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba’s Greatest Abolitionist**
By: Engle, Margarita
Juvenile PZ7.5.E54 Lig 2013 Gr 7-12
In free verse evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in 19th century Cuba.

**Hurricane Dancers**
By: Engle, Margarita
Juvenile PS3555.N4254 H87 2011
Quebrado has been a slave on Captain Bernadino de Talavera's pirate ship for years, but when a hurricane sinks the ship and kills most of the crew, Quebrado escapes to safety and finds acceptance and refuge in a nearby village.

**The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette’s Journey to Cuba**
By: Engle, Margarita
Juvenile PS3555.N4254 F57 2010
Based on the diaries & letters of Swedish suffragist Fredrika Bremer, who spent three months in Cuba in 1851, the story focuses on oppressed women, the privileged as well as the enslaved, in three alternating free-verse narratives.

**How I Discovered Poetry**
By: Ryan, Pam Muñoz
Juvenile PZ7.R9553 Dr 2010 Gr 4–9
A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

**The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba’s Struggle for Freedom**
By: Engle, Margarita
Juvenile PS3555.N4254 S87 2008
Cuba has fought three wars for independence, and still she is not free. This history in verse creates a lyrical portrait of Cuba.

**A Wreath for Emmett Till**
By: Nelson, Marilyn
JUV PS3573.A4795 W73 2005 Gr 9 Up
In 1955 Emmett Louis Till was a 14-year-old African American boy who was lynched for supposedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi. This poem reminds us of the boy whose fate helped spark the civil rights movement.
# Social Justice and Race Relations

## The Inker’s Shadow
**By**: Say, Allen  
**Juvenile**: NC975.5.S39 A2 2015  
**Gr**: 7 - 9  
Recounts the author’s coming of age at a military academy where he endured harsh racism before embarking on a journey to discover himself as a Japanese-American artist.

## Sitting Bull
**By**: Nelson, S. D  
**Juvenile**: E99.D1 N46 2015  
**Gr**: 4 – 6  
Sitting Bull was instrumental in the war against the invasive wasichus (white men) and was at the forefront of the combat, including the Battles of Killdeer Mountain and the Little Bighorn.

## Out of Darkness
**By**: Pérez, Ashley Hope  
**Juvenile**: PZ7.P4255 Ou 2015  
**Gr**: 9 Up  
This is the story of two teenagers: Naomi, who is Mexican, and Wash, who is black, and their dealings with race, segregation, love, and the forces that destroy people.

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## Everything, Everything
**By**: Yoon, Nicola  
**Juvenile**: PZ7.1.Y66 EV 2015  
**Gr**: 10- up  
The story of Maddy, a girl who’s literally allergic to the outside world, and Olly, the boy who moves in next door becomes the greatest risk she’s ever taken. A story of a girl who discovers life, love and forgiveness in new places.

## How It Went Down
**By**: Magoon, Kekla  
**JUV**: PZ7.M2739 How 2014  
**Gr**: 9-12  
When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

## The Madman of Piney Woods
**By**: Curtis, Christopher Paul  
**Child Lit Ctr**: PZ7.C94137 Mad 2014  
**Gr**: 4–6  
Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before--the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine.

## If I Ever Get Out of Here
**By**: Gansworth, Eric L  
**Juvenile**: PZ7.G1532 If 2013  
**Gr**: 9 Up  
Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 upstate New York there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and Whites.

## My Name is Not Easy
**By**: Edwardson, Debby Dahl  
**Juvenile**: PZ7.E2657 My 2011  
**Gr**: 7 Up  
Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they are forced to attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home.

## Zora and Me
**By**: Bond, Victoria  
**Juvenile**: PZ7.B63693 Zo 2011  
**Gr**: 4-7  
A fictionalized account of Zora Neale Hurston's childhood with her best friend Carrie, in Eatonville, Florida, as they learn about life, death, and the differences between truth, lies, and pretending.

## All American Boys
**By**: Jason Reynolds  
**Gr**: 8 Up  
Two teens one black, and one white, grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their country grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

## Monster
**By**: Myers, Walter Dean  
**Juvenile**: PZ7.M992 Mon 1999  
**Gr**: 7- up  
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
Survival and Resilience

**Under a Painted sky**
By Lee, Stacey
JUV PZ7.L514858 Und 2015 Gr 7 Up
In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri.

**When I was the Greatest**
By Reynolds Jason
JUV PS3618.E9753 W54 2014 Gr 7–10
Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back.

**Crazy horse’s girl friend: a novel**
By Erika T. Wurth
JUV PS3623.U78 C72 2014 Gr 10- up
Margaritte, an American-Indian teenager is trapped in a Colorado town crippled by intense poverty, unemployment, drug abuse, a pregnancy and fights against a life she hates.

**Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker**
By Powell, Patricia Hruby
Juvenile GV1785.B3 P68 2014 Gr 5–8
A portrait of the passionate performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker, the woman who worked her way from the slums of St. Louis to the grandest stages in the world.

**The living**
By Matt de la Peña
JUV PZ7.P3725 Li 2013 Gr 9-up
A riveting survival story about Shy, who takes a summer job on a luxury cruise liner to make money, only to find everything changes with a massive earthquake which hits California.

**Counting by 7s**
By Sloan, Holly Goldberg
Juvenile PZ7.S633136 Cou 2013 Gr 5–8
Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents is killed in a car accident.

**Little White Duck: A Childhood in China**
By Liu, Na and Andrés Vera Martínez
Child Lit Ctr PZ7.7.M373 Whi 2012 Gr 4 – 8
This memoir is based on Na Liu childhood; with her co-author husband they have incorporated history, geography, language, culture and mythology into eight short stories, which show life in China during the 1970s.

**Sylvia & Aki**
By Conkling, Winifred
Juvenile PZ7.C76182 Syl 2011 Gr 4–7
At the start of World War II, Japanese-American third-grader Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American third-grader Sylvia’s family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

**A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story**
By: Park, Linda Sue
Juvenile PZ7.P22115 Lo 2010 Gr 5–8
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.

**The Year of the Rat: A Novel**
By Lin, Grace
Juvenile PZ7.L644 Yer 2008
In the Chinese Year of the Rat, a young Taiwanese American girl faces many challenges: her best friend moves to California and a new boy comes to her school, she must find the courage to forge ahead with her dream of becoming a writer and illustrator.

**A Single Shard**
By Park, Linda Sue
Juvenile PZ7.P22115 Si 2001 Gr 5–8
Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters’ village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

**The Color of My Words**
By Joseph, Lynn
When life gets difficult for Ana Rosa, a twelve-year-old would-be writer living in a small village in the Dominican Republic, she can depend on her older brother to make her feel better--until the life-changing events on her thirteenth birthday.
Civil Rights Movement

X: A Novel
By: Shabazz, Ilyasah and Kekla Magoon
Juvenile PZ7.1.S47 Xan 2015 Gr 8-12
Malcolm’s parents have always told him that he can achieve anything, but from what he can tell, that’s a pack of lies after all what’s happening to him and his family.

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom
By: Lowery, Lynda Blackmon
Juvenile F334.S4 L69 2015 Gr 5 Up
A 50th-anniversary tribute shares the story of the youngest person to complete the momentous Selma to Montgomery March, and how she felt about her involvement in historic Civil Rights event.

March. Book Two
By Lewis, John
Juvenile E840.8.L43 A3 2015 Gr 8 Up
John Lewis is more committed than ever to changing the world through nonviolence but as he and his fellow Freedom Riders board a bus into the vicious heart of the Deep South, they will be tested like never before.

Brown Girl Dreaming
By: Woodson, Jacqueline
JUV PS3573.O64524 Z46 2014 Gr 5-up
Jacqueline Woodson tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. In poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights
By: Sheinkin, Steve
JUV D810.N4 S44 2014 Gr 7- up
An account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

Revolution
By Wiles, Deborah
Child Lit Ctr PZ7.W6474 Re 2014 Gr 5–8
It’s 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi and people from up north who are coming to help people register to vote are invading Sunny’s town.

March: Book One
JUV E840.8.L43 A3 2013 Gr 8 Up
This graphic novel is a first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis’ lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

As Fast as Words Could Fly
By Tuck, Pamela M
Juvenile PZ7.T805 As 2013 Gr 3-6
A thirteen-year-old African American boy in 1960s Greenville, North Carolina, uses his typing skills to make a statement as part of the Civil Rights movement. Based on true events.

One Crazy Summer
By: Williams-Garcia, Rita
Juvenile PZ7.W6713 On 2010 Gr 4-7
In the summer of 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters travel to Oakland, California to spend a week with the mother they barely know. They arrive to a cold welcome, discovering that their mother is resentful of the intrusion.

Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network That Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement
By Bowers, Rick
Child Lit Ctr. E185.93.M6 B69 2010 Gr 7-10
In the 1950s and 1960s, the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission compiled secret files on more than 87,000 private citizens in the most extensive state-spying program in U.S. history. Its mission: to save segregation.

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice
By: Hoose, Phillip M
Juvenile F334.M753 C6554 2009 Gr 6 -Up
Based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others, Phillip Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott.

A Wreath for Emmett Till
By: Nelson, Marilyn
JUV P53573.A4795 W73 2005 Gr 9 Up
In 1955 Emmett Louis Till was a 14-year-old African American boy who was lynched for supposedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi. This poem reminds us of the boy whose fate helped spark the civil rights movement.
**Historical Fiction**

**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**
By Marshall, Joseph
Juvenile PZ7.1.M3728 In 2015 Gr 4–8
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.

**Stella by Starlight**
By Draper, Sharon M
Child Lit Ctr. PZ7.D78325 Su 2015 Gr 4–8
When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

**Echo**
By Pam Muñoz Ryan
JUV PZ7.R9553 E33 2015 Gr 5–8
Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.

**The War That Saved My Life**
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**Mare's War**
By: Davis, Tanita S
Juvenile PZ7.D3174 Mar 2011 Gr 7-10
Octavia and Tali learn about, independence, strength and courage when they take a car trip with their grandmother who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during WWII in the Women’s Army Corps.

**Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**
By: Neri, Greg
Juvenile F548.9.N4 N47 2010 Gr 7- Up
A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl and was then shot by his own gang members.

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In the summer of 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters travel to Oakland, California to spend a week with the mother they barely know. They arrive to a cold welcome, discovering that their mother is resentful of the intrusion.

**Chains**
By Anderson, Laurie Halse
Juvenile PZ7.A54385 Ch 2008 Gr 6–10
After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

**Elijah of Buxton**
By Curtis, Christopher Paul
Juvenile PZ7.C94137 El 2007 Gr 5–10
In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

**Code Talker**
By: Bruchac, Joseph
JuvenilePZ7.B82816 Co 2005 Gr 5- up
After being taught in a boarding school that Navajo is useless, Ned and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during WW II in their native language.

**When My Name Was Keoko**
By Park, Linda Sue
Juvenile PZ7.P22115 WH 2002 Gr 5- 8
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress.
Identity

American Ace
By: Nelson, Marilyn
Juvenile PZ7.5.N45 Ame 2016 Gr 8 Up
Sixteen-year-old Connor tries to help his severely depressed father, who learned upon his mother's death that Nonno was not his biological father by doing research it reveals Dad's father was probably a Tuskegee Airman.

Listen, Slowly
By: Lai, Thanhha
Juvenile PZ7.L1543 Li 2015 Gr 5–8
Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.

Gabi, a Girl in Pieces
By: Isabel Quintero
JUV PZ7.Q438 Gab 2014 Gr 9 Up
Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her father's meth habit her friend pregnancy, friend Sebastian's coming out and her cravings for food and boys.

Fat Angie
By: Teo, E. Charlton-Trujillo
JUV PZ7.C381855 Fat 2013 Gr 9 Up
Fat Angie's sister was captured in Iraq, she's the resident laughingstock at school, and her therapist tells her to count instead of eating.

P.S. Be Eleven
By: Williams-Garcia, Rita
Juvenile PZ7.W6713 Ps 2013 Gr 4-7
The Gaither sisters return to Brooklyn, where they adapt to new feelings of independence while managing changes from Pa's new girlfriend to a very different Uncle Darnell's return from Vietnam.

The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano
By: Manzano, Sonia
JUV PZ7.M3213 Rev 2012 Gr 6-9
It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and Evelyn is trying hard to break free from her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings but when her grandmother comes to stay, the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated and dangerous.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe
By: Sáenz, Benjamin Alire
JUV PZ7.S1273 Ar 2012 Gr 9-12
Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents and his family.

Marcelo in the Real World
By: Stork, Francisco X
JUV PZ7.S88442 2011 Gr 8 Up
Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
By: Alexie, Sherman
Juvenile PZ7.A382 Ab 2009 Gr 7–10
Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Mexican Whiteboy
By: Matt de la Peña
Juvenile PZ7.P3725 Mex 2008 Gr 9 Up
Sixteen-year-old Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and half-white while spending a summer with his cousin and new friends on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego County, California.

Becoming Naomi León
By: Ryan, Pam Muñoz
Juvenile PZ7.R9553 Be 2004 Gr 4-7
A riveting novel about family and identity, drawn from the warmth, wisdom, and love of Pam Munoz Ryan's own Mexican and Oklahoman heritages.

Bad Boy: A Memoir
By: Myers, Walter Dean
Juvenile PS3563.Y48 Z47 2001 Gr 9 Up
As a boy, Myers was quick-tempered and physically strong, always ready for a fight. He also read voraciously he would check out books from the library and carry them home, hidden in brown paper bags in order to avoid other boys' teasing. He aspired to be a writer.
**Immigration**

**I Lived on Butterfly Hill**
By: Agosín, Marjorie
Juvenile PZ7.A2686 lah 2014 Gr 5–8
When her beloved country, Chile, is taken over by a militaristic, sadistic government, Celeste is sent to America for her safety and her parents must go into hiding before they disappear.

**Yes! We Are Latinos**
By: Ada, Alma Flor
Juvenile PZ7.A1857 Yes 2013 Gr 4-8
A collection of twelve narrative poems/stories about the young Latino and Latina’s experiences in the United States. Supplemented with nonfiction sections outlining the history, culture, triumphs and challenges of the Latino people.

**The Fire Horse Girl**
By: Honeyman, Kay
Juvenile PZ7.H7473 Fi 2013 Gr 9- Up
When Jade Moon, born in the unlucky year of the Fire Horse, and her father immigrate to America in 1923 and are detained at Angel Island Immigration Station, she is determined to prove that she is not cursed.

**Inside out & Back Again**
By: Lai, Thanhha
Juvenile PZ7.5.L35 In 2011 Gr 5–8
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

**Return to Sender**
By: Alvarez, Julia
Juvenile PZ7.A48 Re 2009 Gr 4–7
After her family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders.

**Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration**
By: Bausum, Ann
Juvenile JV6483 .B38 2009 Gr 5 – 8
An award-winning author examines the history of American immigration particularly those lesser-known stories of immigrants who were denied entrance into the States or detained for security reasons.

**Reaching out**
By: Jiménez, Francisco
Juvenile PZ7.J57525 Rea 2008 Gr 8 Up
Jiménez left behind a life of hard work and poverty when he entered Santa Clara University. He chronicles his college years and introduces people who befriended him as well as those who had prejudices against Mexicans.

**La Línea**
By: Jaramillo, Ann
Juvenile PZ7.J28278 Lin 2006 Gr 6-Up
Fifteen-year-old Miguel leaves his poor Mexican village by crossing the border undetected to join his parents in California, his younger sister’s determination to join him imperils them both.

**Heat**
By: Lupica, Mike
Juvenile PZ7.L97914 Hea 2006 Gr 5-8
Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

**Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio**
By: Johnston, Tony
Juvenile PZ7.J6478 An 2001 Gr 4-7
Arturo and his family and friends share all kinds of experiences living in the barrio of East Los Angeles reclaiming their names, playing basketball, championing the school librarian, and even starting their own gang.

**A Step from Heaven**
By: Na, An
Juvenile PZ7.N1243 St 2001 Gr 5- 8
When Young Ju’s family moves to Southern California, she finds the transition from life in Korea far from easy. The countless unexpected challenges from learning English, to finding work, to attending school put more and more pressure on the Park family until its fragile construction begins to splinter.

**Esperanza Rising**
By: Ryan, Pam Muñoz
Juvenile PZ7.R9553 Es 2000 Gr 6-9
Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
**LGBTQ**

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Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family.

**Riding Freedom**  
By Pam Muñoz Ryan  
Gr 3-6.  
Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst, a gender nonconformist, lived life as a man for many years, working as a stable hand and stagecoach driver. His female birth gender was discovered only upon his death. This historical fiction novel is set in the mid-1800s, telling about how Charley left an orphanage in New England and made his way to California.

**From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun**  
By Woodson, Jacqueline  
Juvenile PZ7.W868 Fr 1995  
Gr 7-11  
Fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.

**Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy**  
By Wright, Bil  
Gr 7-10  
16-year-old New Yorker Carlos Duarte, a proud makeup artist with flamboyance and ambition. Carlos is elated with his job at the Macy's makeup counter. Then a clash with his boss and problems at home threaten to get in the way of Carlos’s dreams.

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**Bullying**

**Blackbird Fly**  
By: Kelly, Erin Entrada  
Juvenile PZ7.1.K45 Bl 2015  
Gr 5-8  
Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

**Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass**  
By: Medina, Meg  
JUV P53613.E338 Y37 2013  
Gr 8-Up  
Before school, some girl tells Piddy Sanchez that Yaqui Delgado hates her and wants to kick her ass. Piddy doesn’t even know who Yaqui is. Yaqui thinks Piddy is stuck-up, shakes her stuff when she walks, and isn’t Latin enough.

**If I Ever Get Out of Here**  
By: Gansworth, Eric L.  
Juvenile PZ7.G1532 If 2013  
Gr 9 Up  
Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 upstate New York there’s a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and Whites and Lewis is not sure that he can rely on friendship.

**Wonder**  
By Palacio, R. J  
Child Lit Ctr PZ7.P17526 Wo 2012  
Gr 4-8  
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities goes from being homeschooled to entering in a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

**Jumped**  
By Rita Williams-Garcia  
Grade 8–10  
Teens will relate to Leticia’s dilemma even as they may criticize her motives, and the ethical decision she faces will get readers thinking about the larger issues surrounding community, personal responsibility, and the concept of "snitching."
Graphic Novels

Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure
By: Spiegelman, Nadja
JUV PZ7.7.S65 2015 Gr 4–7
After getting separated from his teacher, his classmates, and his trip partner during an outing to the Empire State Building Pablo the new kid in school, learns to navigate the New York City subway system and his own feelings towards making new friends.

The Shadow Hero
By Yang, Gene Luen
Juvenile PZ7.7.Y35 2014 Gr 7 Up
The Green Turtle solved crimes and fought injustice just like the other comics characters. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something more than your run-of-the-mill secret identity: he was the first Asian American super hero.

Boxers & Saints: boxed set
By: Gene Luen Yang
JUV PN6727.Y36 2013 Gr 7-up
Boxers: In China in 1898 bands of foreign missionaries and soldiers roam the countryside, bullying and robbing Chinese peasants.
Saints

Little White Duck: A Childhood in China
By Liu, Na and Andrés Vera Martínez
Child Lit PZ7.7.M373 2012 Gr 4 – 8
This memoir is based on Na Liu childhood; with her co-author husband they have incorporated history, geography, language, culture and mythology into eight short stories, which show life in China during the 1970s.

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty
By: Neri, Greg
Juvenile F548.9.N4 2010 Gr 7 Up
A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert “Yummy” Sandifer, an eleven-year-old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl and was then shot by his own gang members.

Sita's Ramayana
By: Arni, Samhita
JUV PZ7.7.A76 2011 Gr 9-12
After she and Rama are banished from the kingdom, Sita is imprisoned in a garden and must prove herself to be true to Rama, in a graphic adaptation of the great Indian legend.

Drawing from Memory
By Say, Allen
Juvenile NC975.5.S39 2011 Gr 4-7
Allen Say's own story of his path to becoming the renowned artist he is today. Shunned by his father, who didn't understand his son's artistic leanings, Allen was embraced by Noro Shinpei, Japan's leading cartoonist and the man he came to love as his "spiritual father.

Any's Ghost
By: Bros gol, Vera
Juvenile PZ7.7.B77 2011 Gr 10-up
Any, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.

American Born Chinese
By: Yang, Gene Luen
Juvenile PN6727.Y36 2006 Gr 7-up
Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture

Mr. Mendoza’s Paintbrush
By Urrea, Luis Alberto
3rd FL NORTH PN6727.U77 2010 Gr 10-up
Tells a story of a graffiti artist, Mr. Mendoza, who goes about the Mexican village of Rosario creating masterpieces that reflect the social ills of the city.

The Arrival
By Tan, Shaun
Juvenile PZ7.T16123 2006 Gr 7 Up
In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

The Complete Persepolis
By Satrapi, Marjane
Gr 11-up
Persepolis is the story of Marjane Satrapi’s childhood and coming of age within a large and loving family in Tehran during the Islamic Revolution; of the contradictions between private life and public life in a country plagued by political upheaval.
Gone Crazy in Alabama
By: Williams-Garcia, Rita
Juvenile PZ7.W6713 Gon 2015 Gr 4-8
Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother and her mother but when tragedy strikes Delphine discovers that the bonds of family run deeper than she ever knew possible.

P.S. Be Eleven
By: Williams-Garcia, Rita
Juvenile PZ7.W6713 Ps 2013 Gr 4-7
The Gaither sisters return to Brooklyn, where they adapt to new feelings of independence while managing changes from Pa's new girlfriend to a very different Uncle Darnell's return from Vietnam.

One Crazy Summer
By: Williams-Garcia, Rita
Juvenile PZ7.W6713 On 2010 Gr 4-7
In the summer of 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters travel to Oakland, California to spend a week with the mother they barely know. They arrive to a cold welcome, discovering that their mother is resentful of the intrusion.

House of Purple Cedar
By Tingle, Tim
Juvenile PS3570.I525 H68 2014 Gr 9 Up
Rose Goode, a Choctaw Indian girl living in pre-statehood Oklahoma, must endure a life plagued by white land-grabbers, who savagely beat her grandfather and burn down her school, and she is the only student to survive.

How I Became A Ghost
By Tim Tingle
Juvenile PZ7.T489 How 2013 Gr 4-7
Isaac, a Choctaw boy, tells of his tribe's removal from its homeland and how the exodus led him to become a ghost to be able to help those left behind.

March: Book One
JUV E840.8.L43 A3 2013 Gr 8 Up
This graphic novel is a first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

March. Book Two
By Lewis, John
Juvenile E840.8.L43 A3 2015 Gr 8 Up
John Lewis is more committed than ever to changing the world through nonviolence but as he and his fellow Freedom Riders board a bus into the vicious heart of the Deep South, they will be tested like never before.

The Year of the Rat: A Novel
By Lin, Grace
Juvenile PZ7.L644 Yer 2008 Gr 3-5
In the Chinese Year of the Rat, a young Taiwanese American girl faces many challenges: her best friend moves to California and a new boy comes to her school, she must find the courage to forge ahead with her dream of becoming a writer and illustrator.

The Year of the Dog: A Novel
By Lin, Grace
Juvenile PZ7.L644 Yea 2006 Gr 3-5
Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

Boxers & Saints: boxed set
By: Gene Luen Yang
JUV PN6727.Y36 2013 Gr 7-up
Little Bao, a Chinese peasant boy, whose village is abused and plundered by Westerners claiming the role of missionaries, he is inspired by visions of the Chinese gods, joins a violent uprising against the Western interlopers. Against all odds, their grass-roots rebellion is successful.

Boxers & Saints: boxed set
By: Gene Luen Yang
JUV PN6727.Y36 2013 Gr 7-up
A girl whose village has no place for her is taken in by Christian missionaries and finds for the first time, a home with them. As the Boxer Rebellion gains momentum, Vibiana must decide whether to abandon her Christian friends or to commit herself fully to Christianity.

By Mariana Penaloza F'16