

Multicultural Themes

AR = Accelerated Reader

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_____ *Beautiful moon/Bella luna.* **Jeffers, Dawn. Gr.K,1,2,3** — With the help of a moonlit night, a little girl's fantasy becomes reality. In a wink the moon grants her wish for a day that never ends. She plays until exhausted and wishes for night to come so she can rest. Bilingual full text in English and Spanish. (2009) \$5.17 AR 9781932748864

_____ *Becoming Naomi Leon.* **Ryan, Pam Munoz. Gr.5,6,7,8** — A riveting novel about family and identity, drawn from the warmth, wisdom, and love of Ryan's own Mexican and Oklahoman heritages. (2005) \$4.55 AR 9780439269971

_____ *Before we were free.* **Alvarez, Julia. Gr.A** — Anita de la Torre never questioned her freedom living in the Dominican Republic. But by her 12th birthday in 1960, most of her relatives have emigrated to the United States, her Tio Toni has disappeared without a trace, and the government's secret police terrorize her remaining family because of their suspected opposition of el Trujillo's dictatorship. Using the strength and courage of her family, Anita must overcome her fears and fly to freedom, leaving all that she once knew behind. From renowned author Julia Alvarez comes an unforgettable story about adolescence, perseverance, and one girl's struggle to be free. (2004) \$4.55 AR 9780440237846

_____ *Black is brown is tan.* **Adoff, Arnold. Gr.K,1,2,3** — This revised warm and loving story is just as meaningful today as it was decades ago. Readers from multicultural families will appreciate this tribute to the diversity of the American family. (2004) \$4.55 AR 9780064436441

_____ *By my brothers side.* **Barber, Tiki. Gr.K,1,2,3** — Professional football stars and twin brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber score with this gentle, inspiring look at defining moments of their childhood, and the early seeds of their athletic careers. (2004) \$10.17 AR 9780689865596

_____ *Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa.* **Chambers, Veronica. Gr.2,3,4** — Everyone knows the flamboyant, larger-than-life Celia Cruz, the extraordinary salsa singer who passed away in 2003, leaving millions of fans brokenhearted. Indeed, there was a magical vibrancy to the Cuban salsa singer. To hear her voice or to see her perform was to feel her life-affirming energy deep within you. Relish the sizzling sights and sounds of her legacy in this glimpse into Celia's childhood and her inspiring rise to worldwide fame and recognition as the Queen of salsa. Her inspirational life story is sure to sweeten your soul. (2007) \$4.55 AR 9780142407790

_____ *Crazy man.* **Porter, Pamela. Gr.4,5,6** — It is 1965, and 12-year-old Emaline, living on a wheat farm, must deal with a family that is falling apart. When her dog, Prince, chases a hare into the path of the tractor, she chases after him, and her father accidentally runs over her leg, leaving her with a long convalescence and a permanent disability. Even worse, from Emaline's point of view, is that in his grief and guilt, her father shoots Prince and leaves Emaline and her mother on their own. Despite the neighbors' disapproval, Emaline's mother hires Angus, a patient from the local mental hospital, to work their fields. Angus is a red-haired giant whom the local children tease and call "the gorilla." Though the small town's prejudice creates a cloud of suspicion around Angus that nearly results in tragedy, he just may hold the key to Emaline's coming to grips with her injury and the loss of her father. (2006) \$5.82 AR 9780888996954

_____ *Dad, Jackie, and Me.* **Uhlberg, Myron. Gr.2,3,4,5** — Jackie Robinson is the new first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers--and the first black player in Major League Baseball. A young boy shares the excitement of Robinson's rookie season with his deaf father. (2005) \$10.17 AR 9781561453290

_____ *Delivering justice.* **Haskins, James. Gr.2,3,4** — A respected biographer teams up with an acclaimed artist to tell the story of a mail carrier, who in 1961 orchestrated the Great Savannah Boycott and was instrumental in bringing equality to his Georgia community. (2005) \$5.19 AR 9780763638801

***Facing the lion.* Lekuton, Joseph. Gr.7,8** — Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton gives American kids a firsthand look at growing up in Kenya as a member of a tribe of nomads whose livelihood centers on the raising and grazing of cattle. Readers share Lekuton's first encounter with a lion, the epitome of bravery in the warrior tradition. They follow his mischievous antics as a young Maasai cattle herder, coming-of-age initiation, boarding school escapades, soccer success, and journey to America for college. Lekuton's riveting text combines exotic details of nomadic life with the universal experience and emotions of a growing boy. (2005) \$4.52 AR 9780792272977

***Fly high! Story of Bessie Coleman.* Borden, Louise. Gr.4,5,6** — The life story of the first African American to earn a pilot's license. (2004) \$5.20 AR 9780689864629

***Freedom on the menu.* Weatherford, Carole Boston. Gr.3,4,5** — After four courageous black teens sat down at a lunch counter in the segregated South of 1960, the reverberations were felt both far beyond and close to home. This insightful story offers a child's-eye view of this seminal event in the American Civil Rights Movement. (2007) \$3.90 AR 9780142408940

***Freedom summer.* Wiles, Deborah. Gr.3,4** — The winner of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award, this work introduces a white boy living in the South of 1964, who recounts his first experience of racial prejudice--and his friendship with a black boy that defied it. (2005) \$5.20 AR 9780689878299

***Game day.* Barber, Tiki. Gr.K,1,2,3** — The Barber twins, both NFL superstars, write an engaging memoir that touches on themes of cooperation and individual differences. (2005) \$10.17 AR 9781416900931

***Hairs/Pelitos.* Cisneros, Sandra. Gr.K,1,2** — With warmth, humor and simple descriptions of the many types of hair in one girl's family, a bestselling Mexican-American author illuminates the diversity among us all. (1997) \$4.55 AR 9780679890072

***Hank Aaron brave in every way.* Golenbock, Peter. Gr.K,1,2,3** — This picture book biography of one of baseball's greats inspires as well as informs. (2005) \$3.90 AR 9780152052508

***Happy birthday, Martin Luther King.* Marzollo, Jean. Gr.K,1,2,3** — This sensitively written picture book provides an introduction to the life of Dr. King, beginning with his birth and childhood through to his tragic death. In this simple biography, Marzollo explains the importance of Dr. King's work and his beliefs. (2006) \$4.55 AR 9780439782241

***Henry and the Kite Dragon.* Hall, Bruce Edward. Gr.2,3,4** — In this touching story based on true 1920's events, two rival groups of children representing two different cultures come face to face, and when they do, they find they share much more than just the same sky. (2004) \$10.20 AR 9780399237270

***Henry's Freedom Box.* Levine, Ellen. Gr.2,3,4,5** — In this powerful story, Levine weaves together the extraordinary events in the life of Henry "Box" Brown, who as a young boy hid in a wooden crate in one of the most amazing escapes using the Underground Railroad. (2007) \$10.79 AR 9780439777339

***Hot day on Abbott Avenue.* English, Karen. Gr.K,1,2,3** — Two Coretta Scott King honorees tell the spirited story of a feud between friends, pairing a rhythmic text with distinctive collage illustrations. \$9.60 AR 9780395985274

***Joy Luck Club.* Tan, Amy. Gr.A** — A New York Times Bestseller In 1949 four Chinese women - drawn together by the shadow of their past - begin meeting in San Francisco to play mah jong, invest in stocks, eat dim sum, and "say" stories. They call their gathering the Joy Luck Club. Nearly forty years later, one of the members has died. When her daughter comes to take her place, she learns of her mother's lifelong wish, and the tragic way in which it has come true. \$10.40 AR 9780143038092

***Letters from a slave girl.* Lyons, Mary E. Gr.4,5,6** — A gripping portrayal that brings to light the special hardships endured by young slave girls, Harriet's story will enrage, enlighten, and not soon be forgotten. \$3.90 AR 9781416936374

_____ **Stephanie. *Mama Elizabeti*. Stuve-Bodeen, Gr.K,1,2,3** — In this tender sequel to "Elizabeti's Doll," she finds that looking after a real child isn't so easy. \$5.17 AR 9781584302360

_____ ***Money hungry*. Flake, Sharon G. Gr.3,4,5** — When protests by the rich folks force them out of their new house in the suburbs, Rasperry must keep her world from crumbling. \$5.20 AR 9781423103868

_____ ***Night boat to freedom*. Raven, Margot Theis. Gr.K,1,2,3** — Inspired by accounts in the WPA "Slave Narrative Collection, Night Boat to Freedom" is a memorable celebration of courage, hope, and unselfish love. \$11.04 AR 9780374312664

_____ ***No more! Stories and songs of slave resistance*. Rappaport, Doreen. Gr.4,5,6** — Drawing from authentic accounts of African Americans, this collection of true vignettes and traditional verse spans the period from the early days of slavery to the Emancipation Proclamation. \$5.85 AR 9780763628765

_____ ***Papa and me*. Dorros, Arthur. Gr.K,1** — A young boy and his papa may speak both Spanish "and" English, but the most important language they speak is the language of love. Here, Arthur Dorros portrays the close bond between father and son, with lush paintings by Rudy Gutierrez. \$10.20 AR 9780060581565

_____ ***Piano*. Miller, William. Gr.4,5,6** — A young black girl's love of music leads her to a job in the home of an older white woman, who not only teaches her to play the piano but also about caring for others. \$5.17 AR 9781584302421

_____ ***Place where sunflowers grow*. Lee-Tai, Amy. Gr.1,2,3,4** — Under the harsh summer sun, Mari's art class has begun. But it's hard to think of anything to draw in a place where nothing beautiful grows -- especially a place like Topaz, the internment camp where Mari's family and thousands of other Japanese Americans have been sent to live during World War II. Somehow, glimmers of hope begin to surface -- in the eyes of a kindly art teacher, in the tender words of Mari's parents, and in the smile of a new friend. Amy Lee-Tai's sensitive prose and Felicia Hoshino's stunning mixed-media images show that hope can survive even the harshest injustice. \$10.77 AR 9780892392155

_____ ***Remember: the journey to school Integratioi*. Morrison, Toni. Gr.4,5,6** — A photographic journey that depicts the historical events surrounding school desegregation Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision ending legal school segregation. \$10.80 AR 9780618397402

_____ ***River between us*. Peck, Richard. Gr.7,8** — Within a page-turning tale of mystery, adventure, and the civilian Civil War experience, a master of stories about people in transition paints a portrait of the lifelong impact that one person can have on another. \$4.55 AR 9780142403105

_____ ***Satchel Paige: Don't look back*. Adler, David A. Gr.K,1,2,3** — Adler and Widener, the award-winning team behind several acclaimed sports biographies, have created a powerful, inspiring story about standout pitcher Satchel Page, who began his career in the 1920s and rose to stardom in the Negro Baseball League. \$9.60 AR 9780152055851

_____ ***Selavi, that is life*. Landowne, Youme. Gr.K,1,2** — This ALA Notable book, now in paperback, tells the true story of Selavi, a small boy who finds himself homeless on the streets of Haiti. He finds other street children who share their food and a place to sleep. Together they proclaim a message of hope through murals and radio programs. Full color. \$5.82 AR 9780938317951

_____ ***Voice of her own*. Lasky, Kathryn. Gr.K,1,2,3** — Arriving in Boston in 1760 via slave ship when she was just 7 years old, Wheatley became a learned young woman who was writing poetry by the age of 12. \$5.20 AR 9780763628789

_____ ***Wake up our souls*. Bolden, Tonya. Gr.4,5,6** — Approximately thirty African-American artists are highlighted in this well-organized book. \$15.57 AR 9780810945272

_____ ***Xochitl And The Flowers/Xochitl, la Nina de las Flores*. Argueta, Jorge. Gr.K,1,2,3** — In this English-Spanish bilingual story by the award-winning author of "A Movie in My Pillow," a girl misses her friends, family and garden

after she moves from El Salvador to San Francisco. Caution: Talks about moving and cleaning on Saturday \$5.17 AR 9780892392247

_____ ***Year of the Dog.* Lin, Grace. Gr.4,5,6** — This funny and profound debut novel by prolific illustrator Lin tells the story of young Pacy who, as she celebrates the Chinese New Year with her family, discovers this is the year she is supposed to "find herself." Illustrations. \$3.90 AR 9780316060028