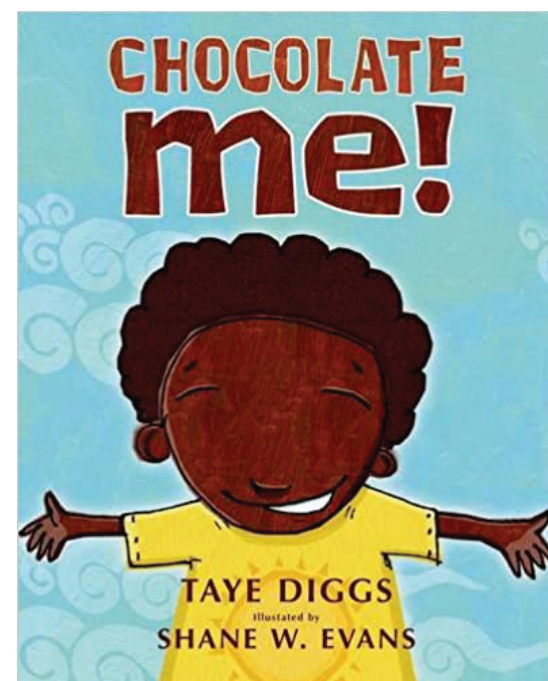
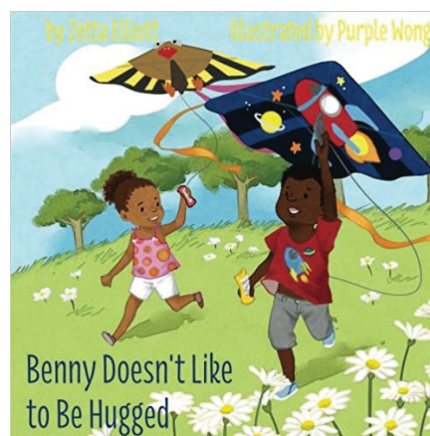
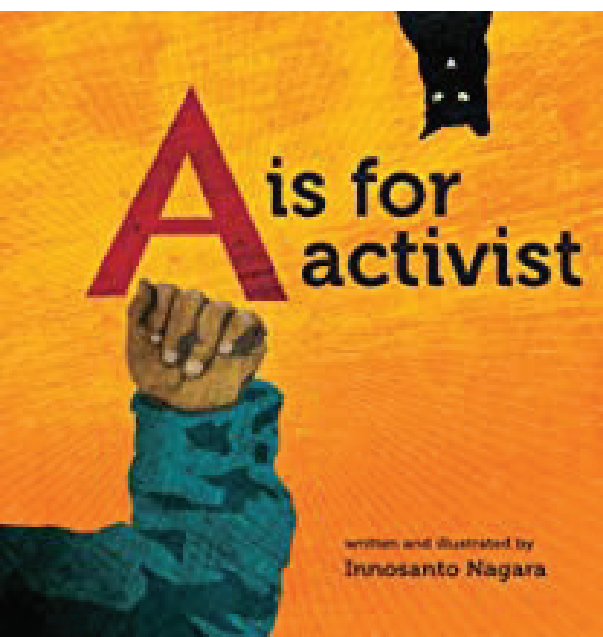
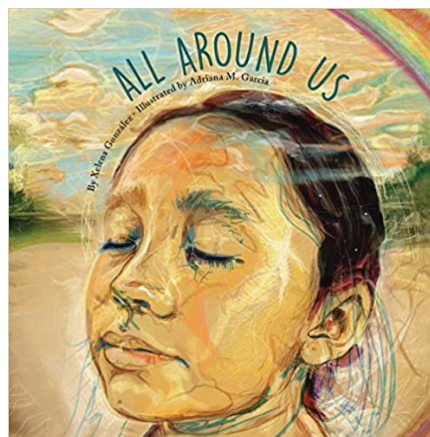


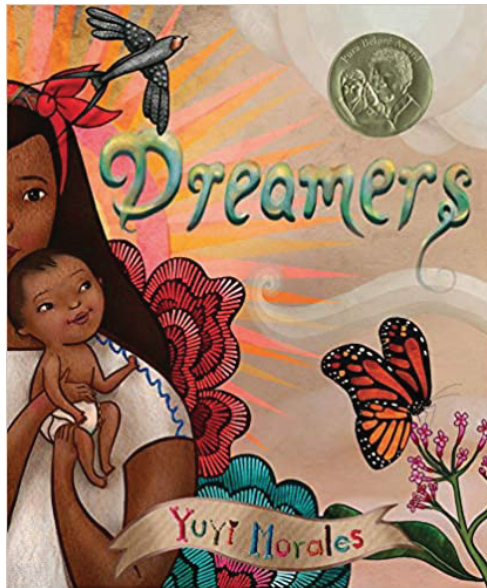
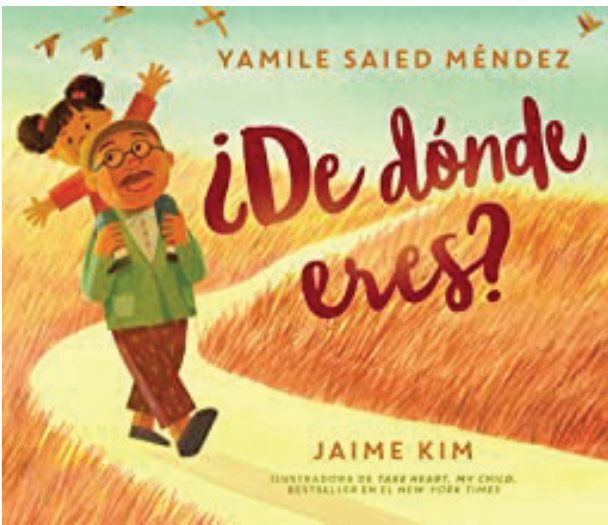
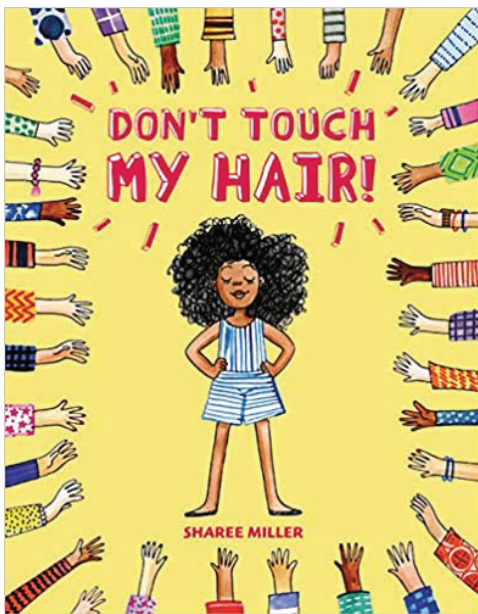
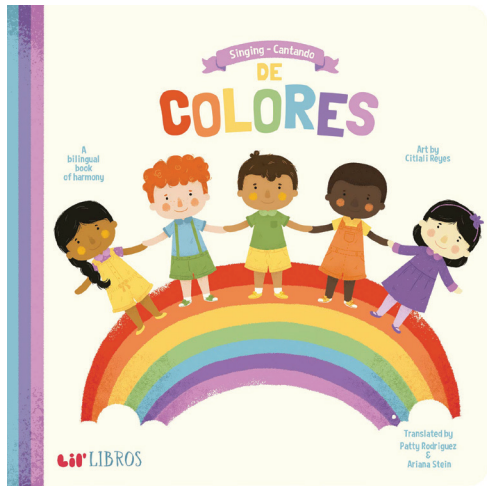
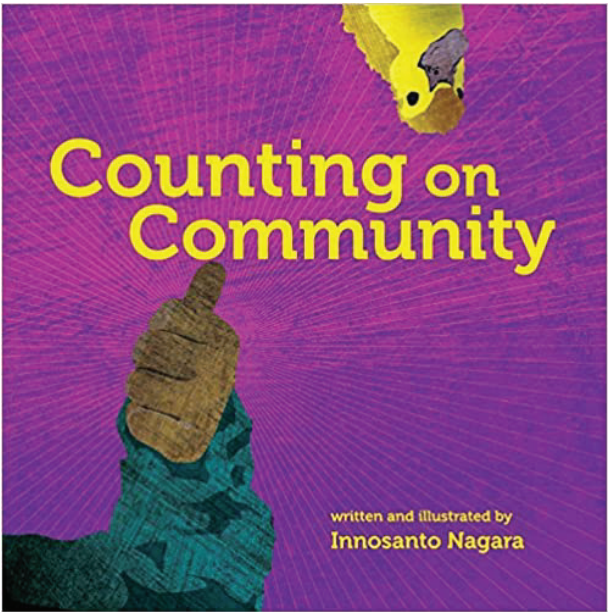
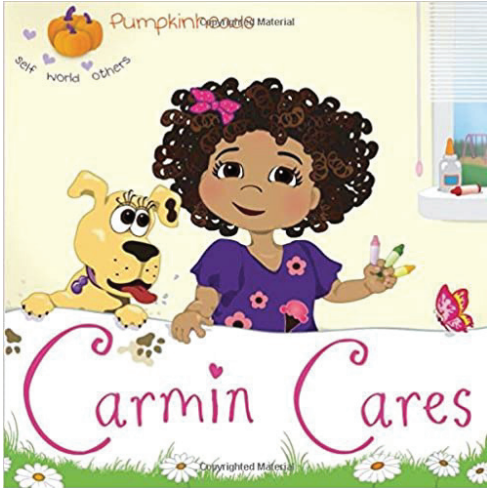
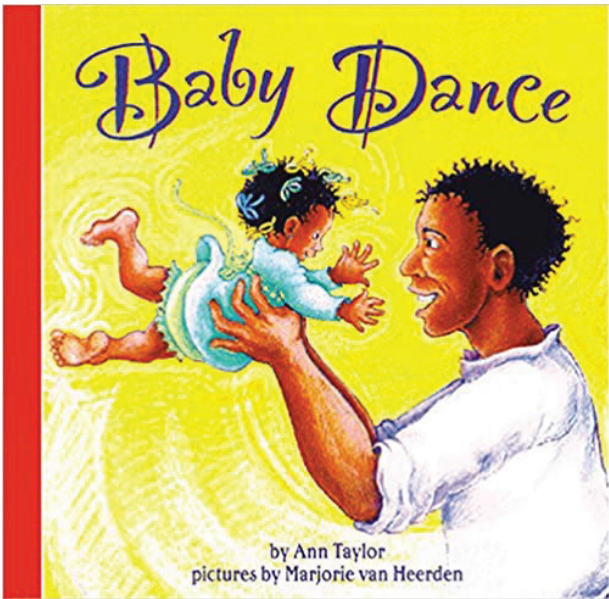
Stories matter. Stories shape the way children see the world, themselves, and others. Assumptions about race begin at a very young age so we must begin conversations early. The stories we share with children can be powerful tools for starting important conversations about race and dismantling oppression. Sharing stories leads the learning and change that begins in our own minds and hearts. Books are mirrors that reflect our own experiences and windows into seeing the lives of others. At Make Way for Books, we work to share books that highlight diverse perspectives and voices; books that celebrate culture, race, and identity; books that build empathy and understanding; and books that empower children to see themselves and others in empowering ways.

All children should see themselves and their stories represented in the pages of the books they read from a young age. We are sharing this book list of stories to share with young children. This is not an exhaustive list; it is a starting point to amplify the voices and stories created by authors and illustrators who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Books featured in this list are developmentally-appropriate for children ages 0-8.

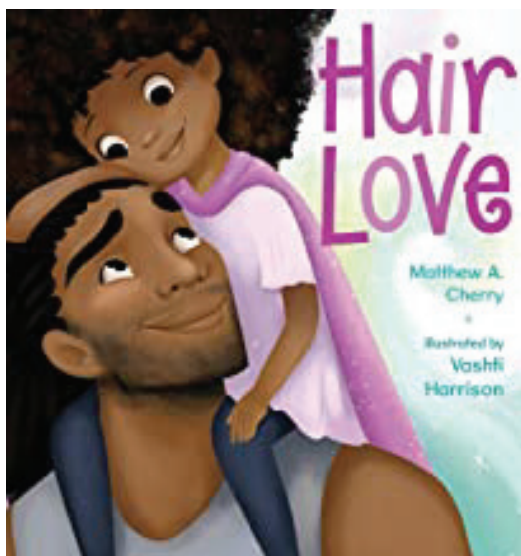
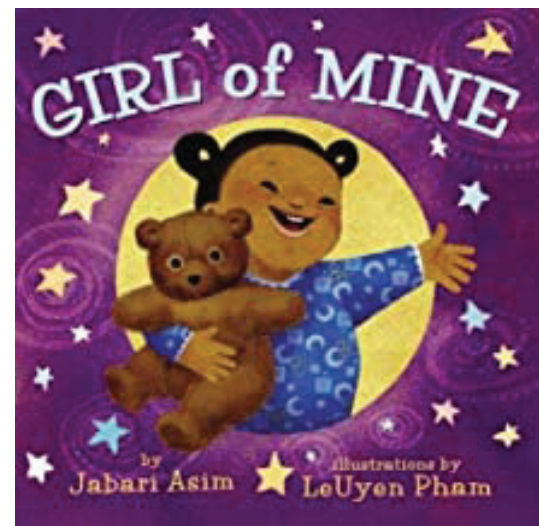
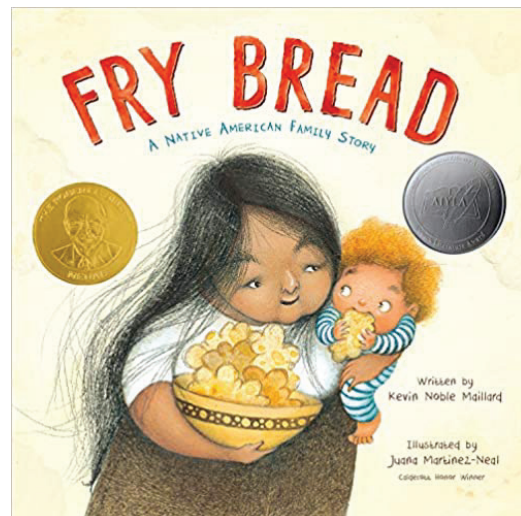
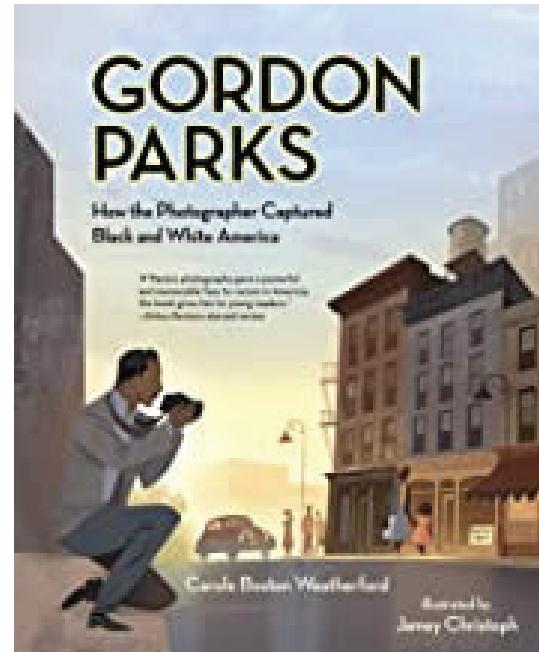
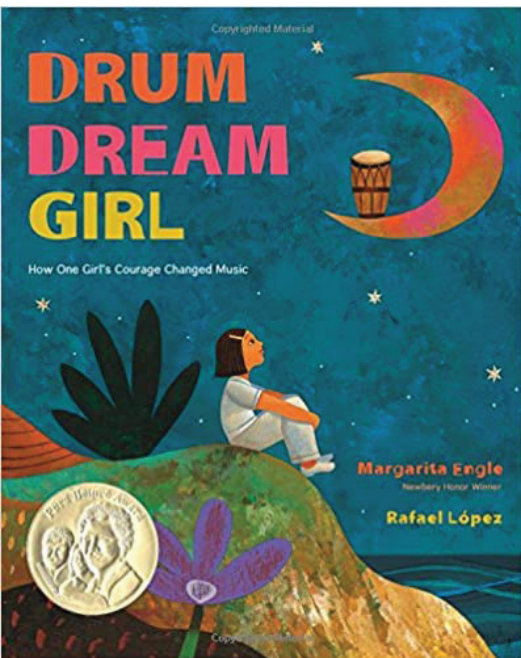
To change our world, we must begin with the children who are our future.



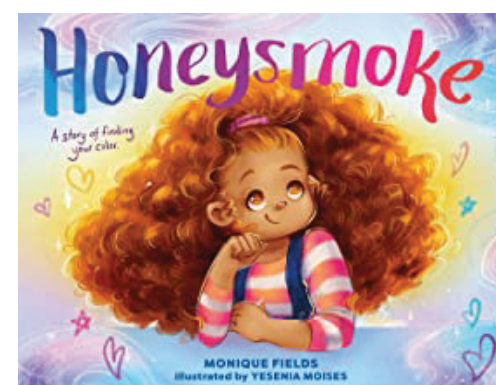
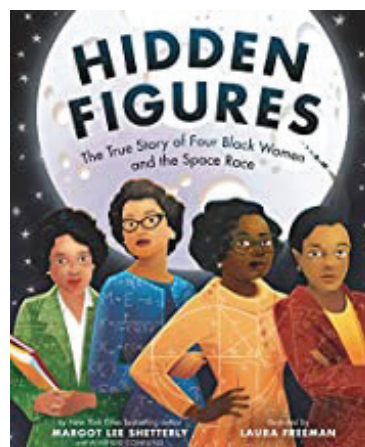
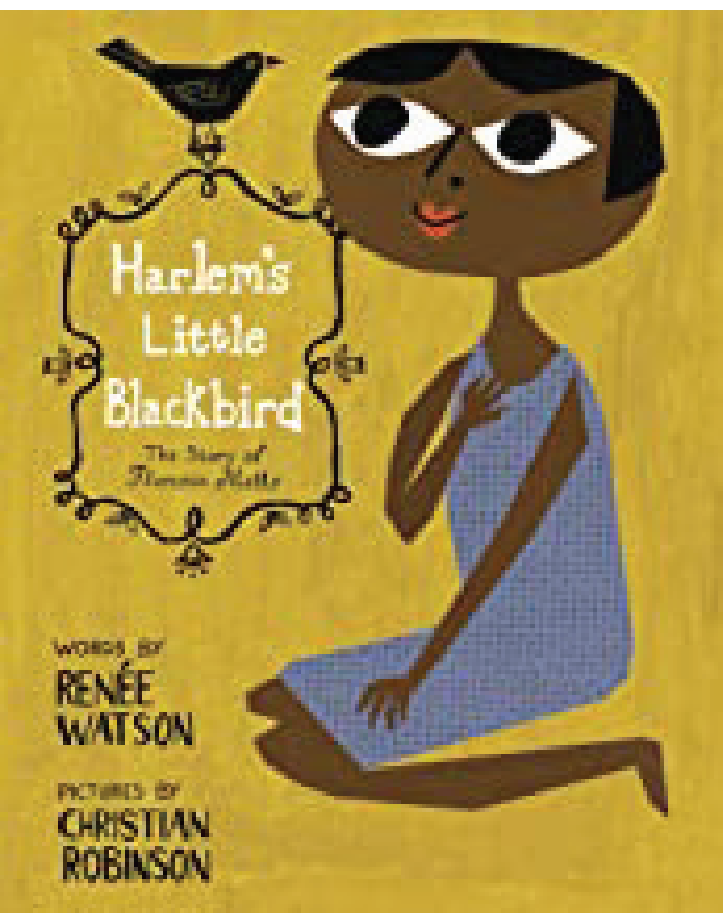
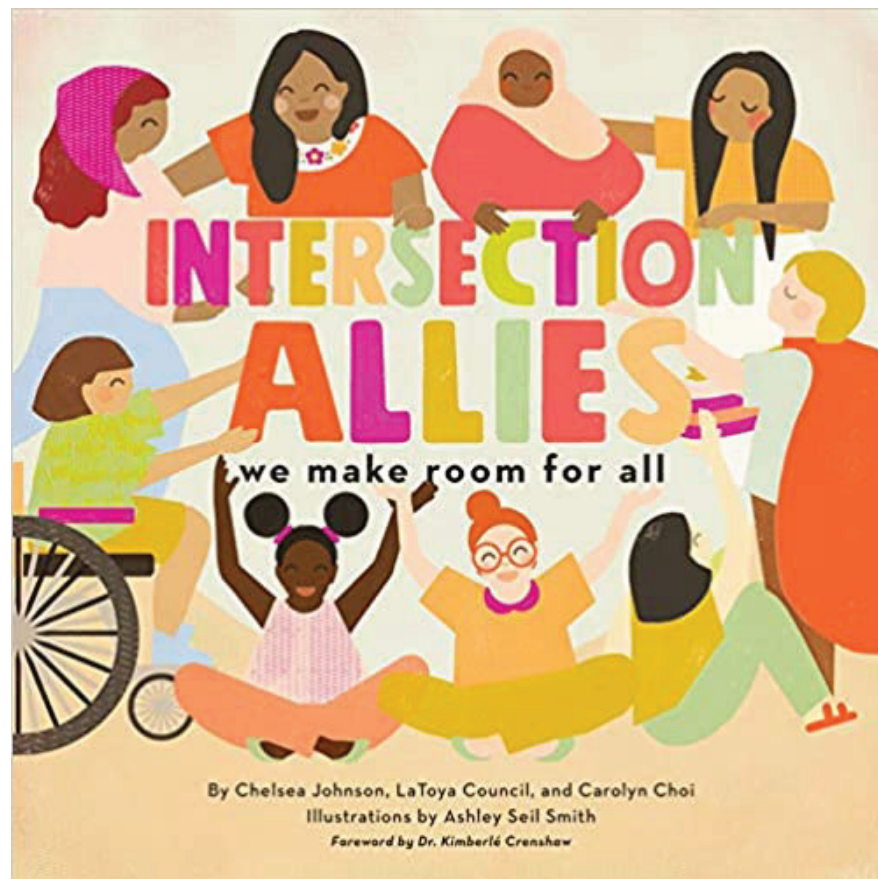
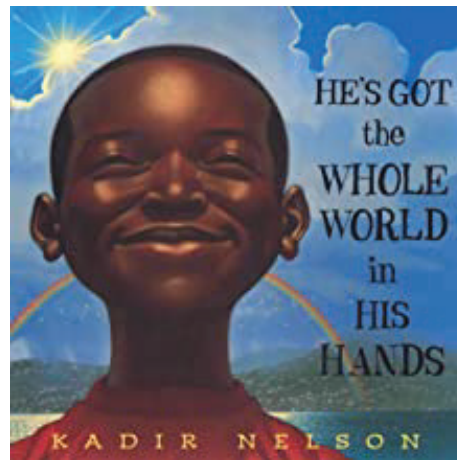
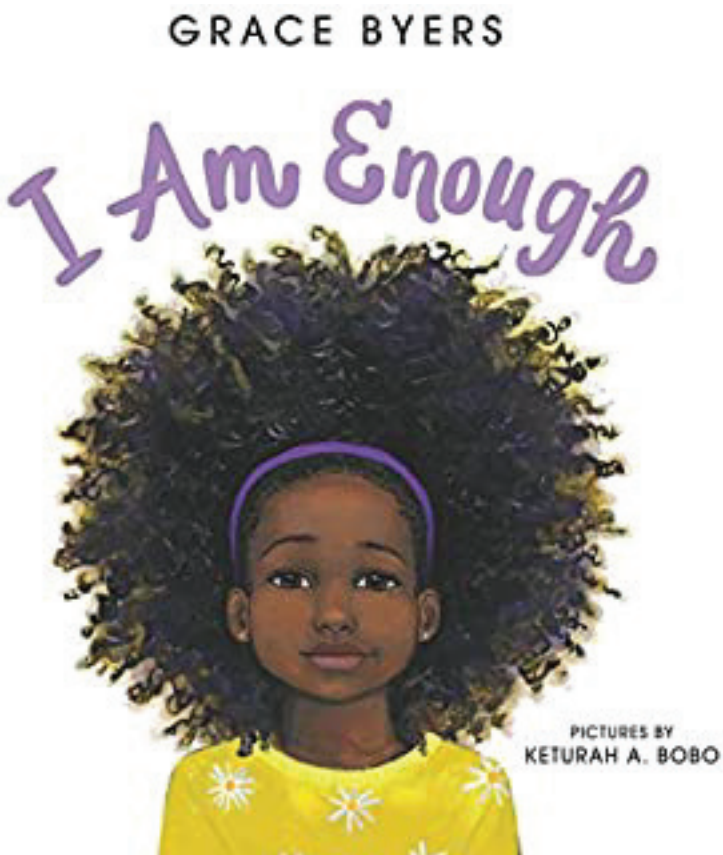




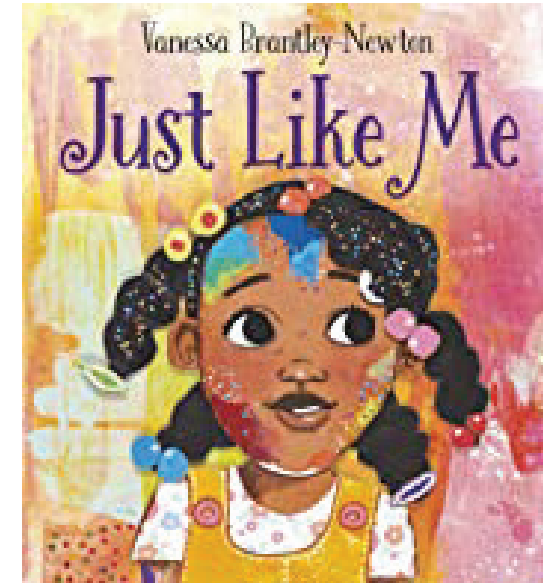
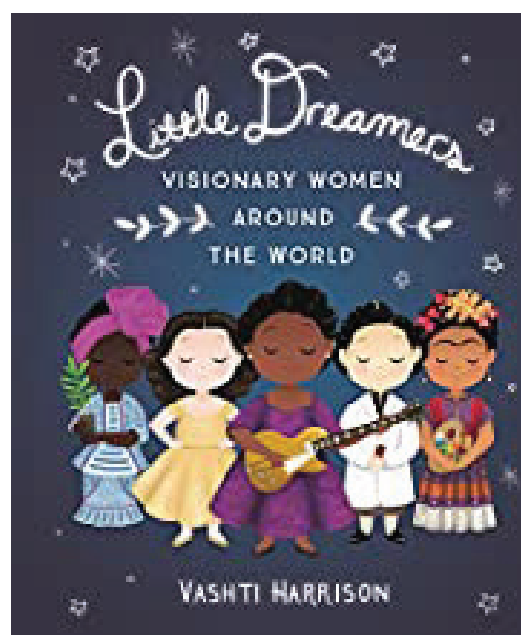
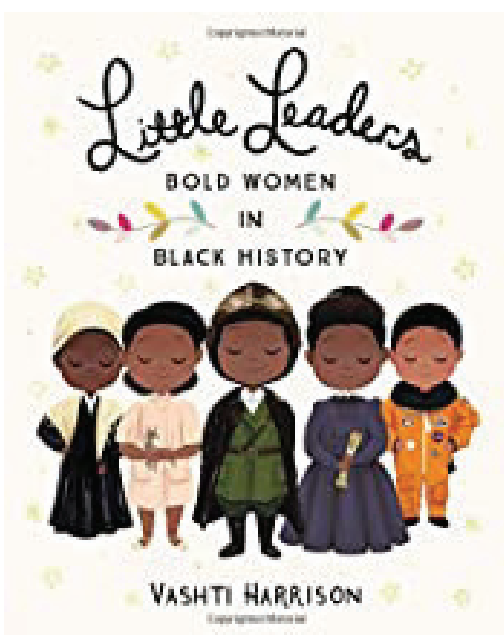
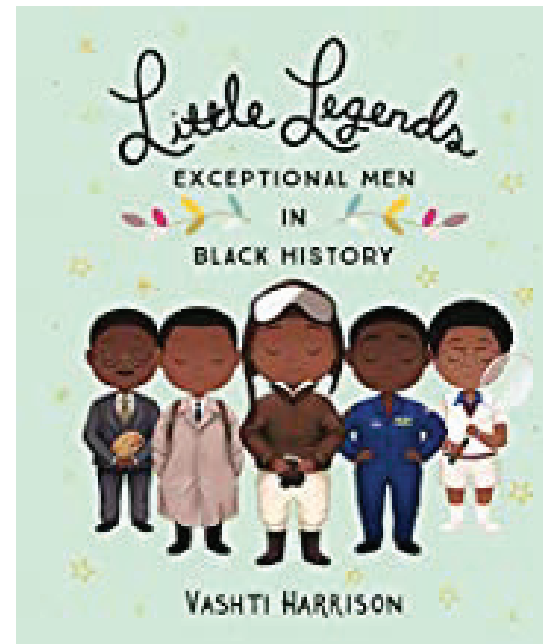
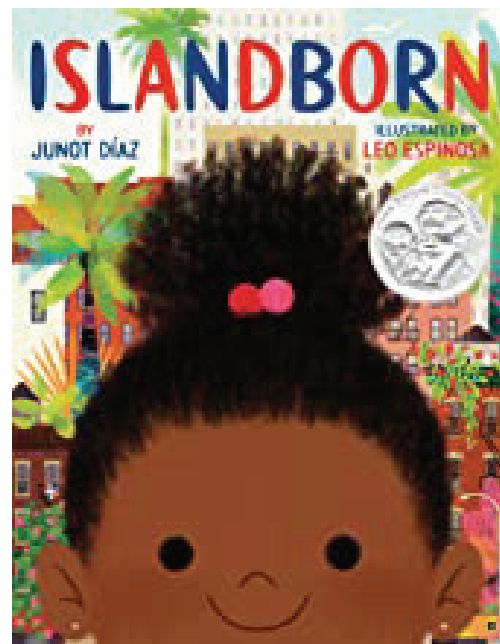
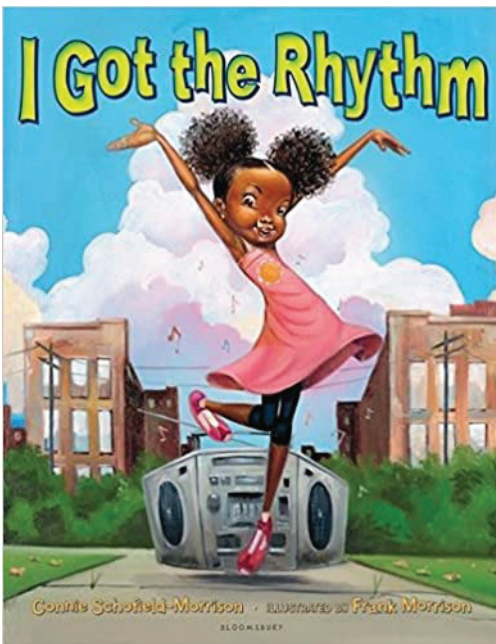








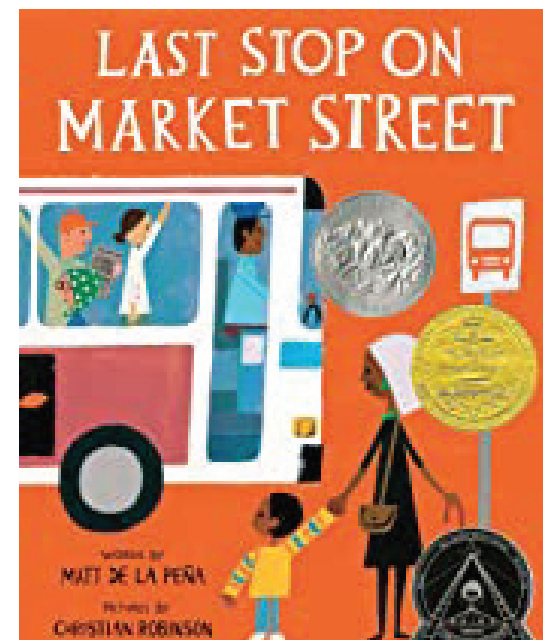
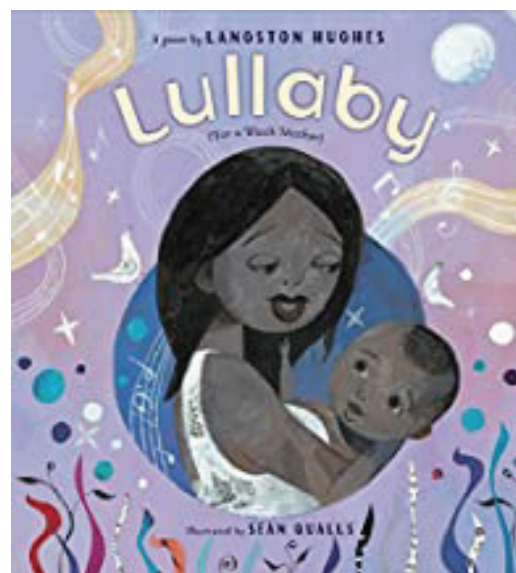


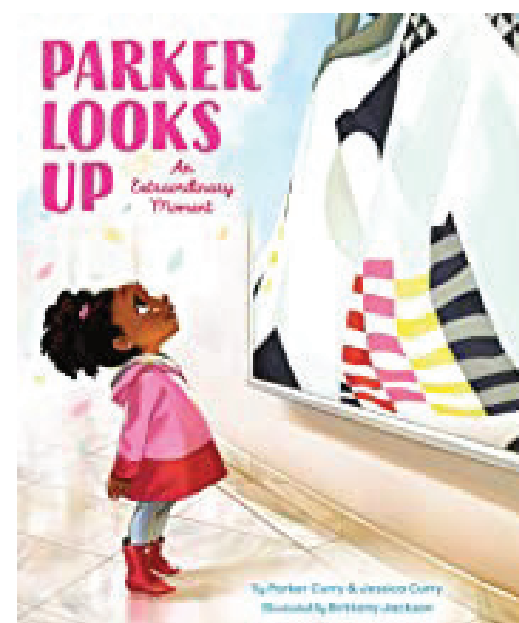
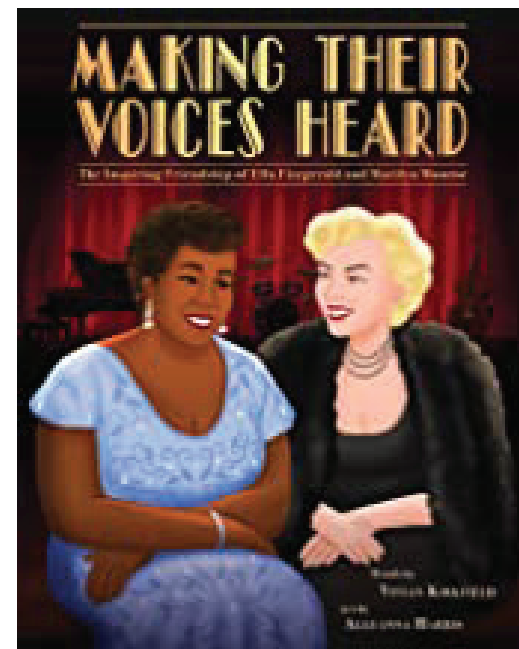
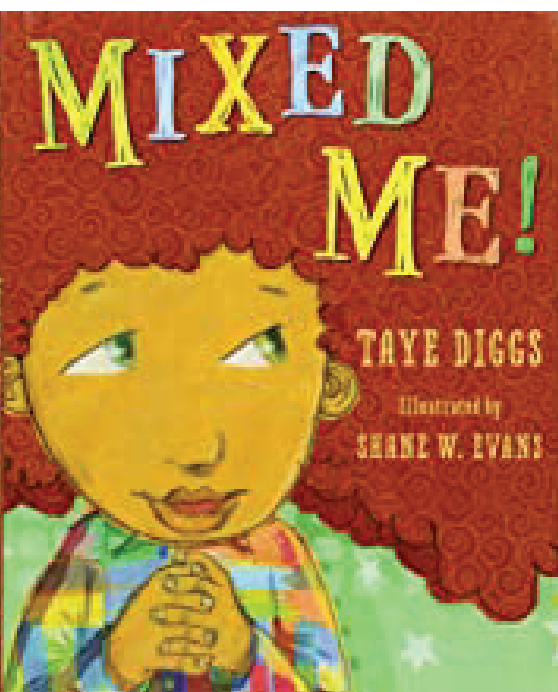
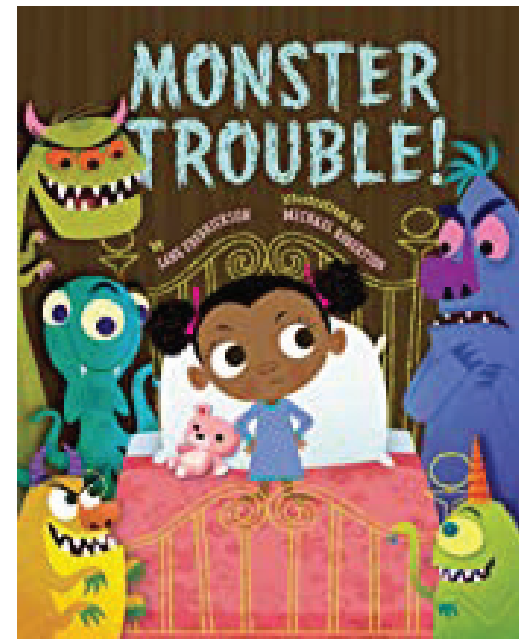


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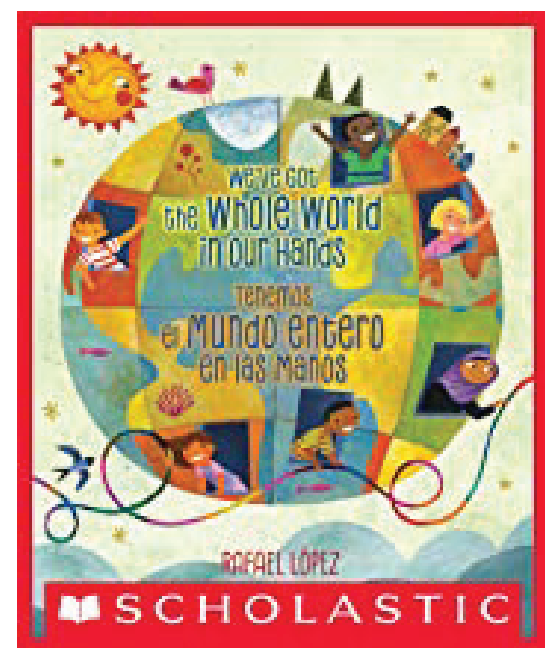
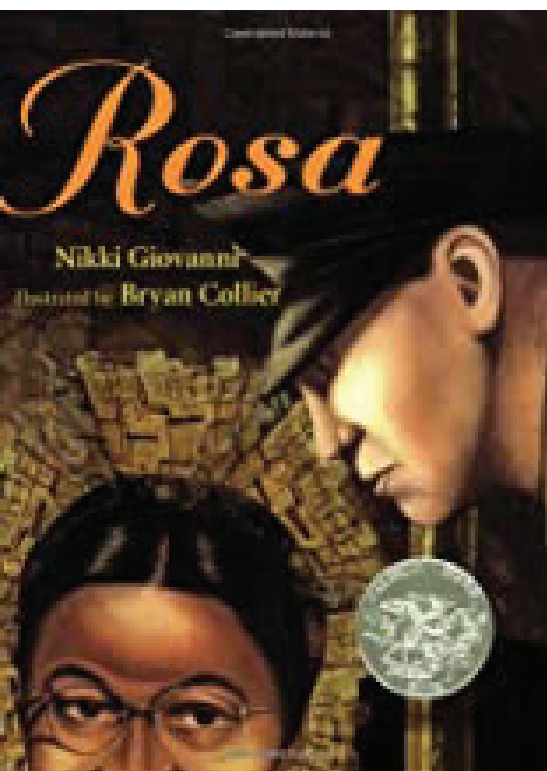
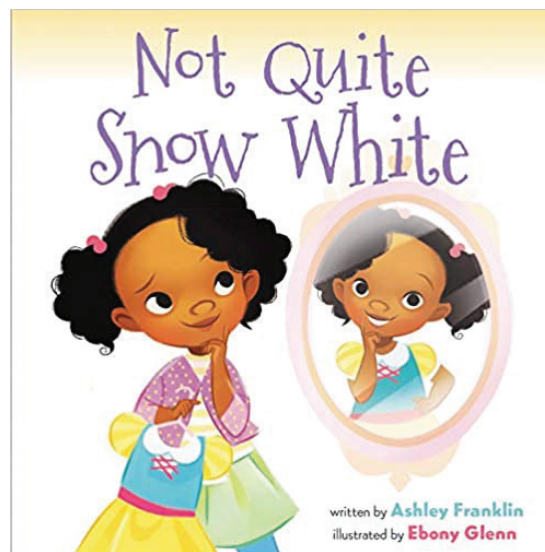
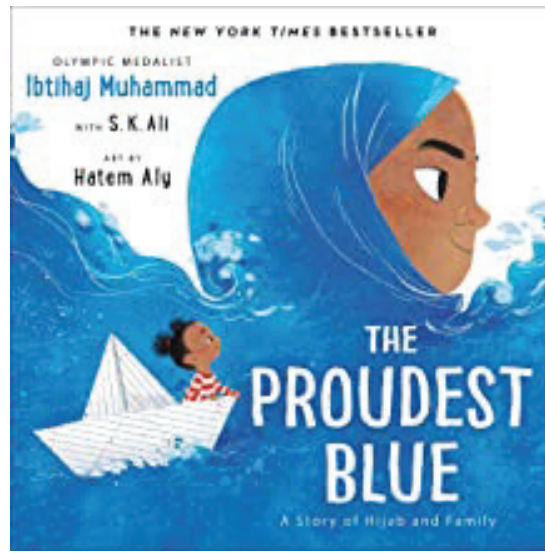


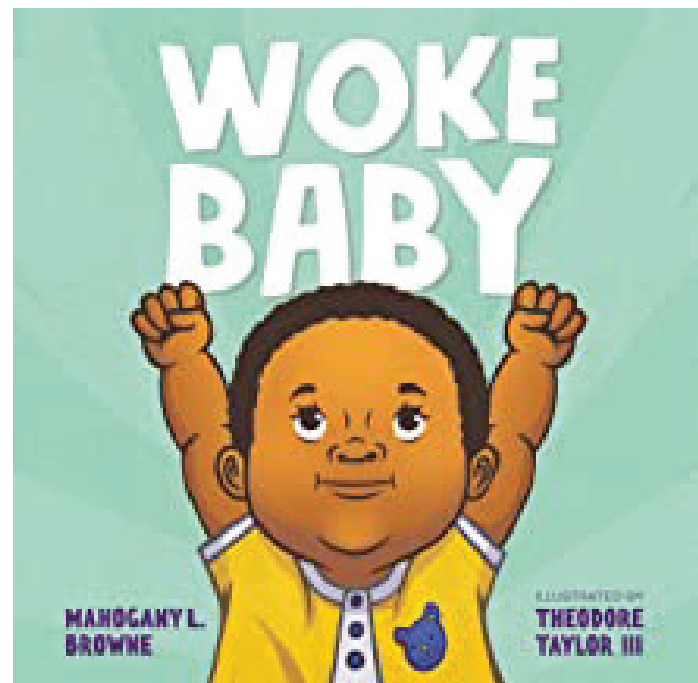
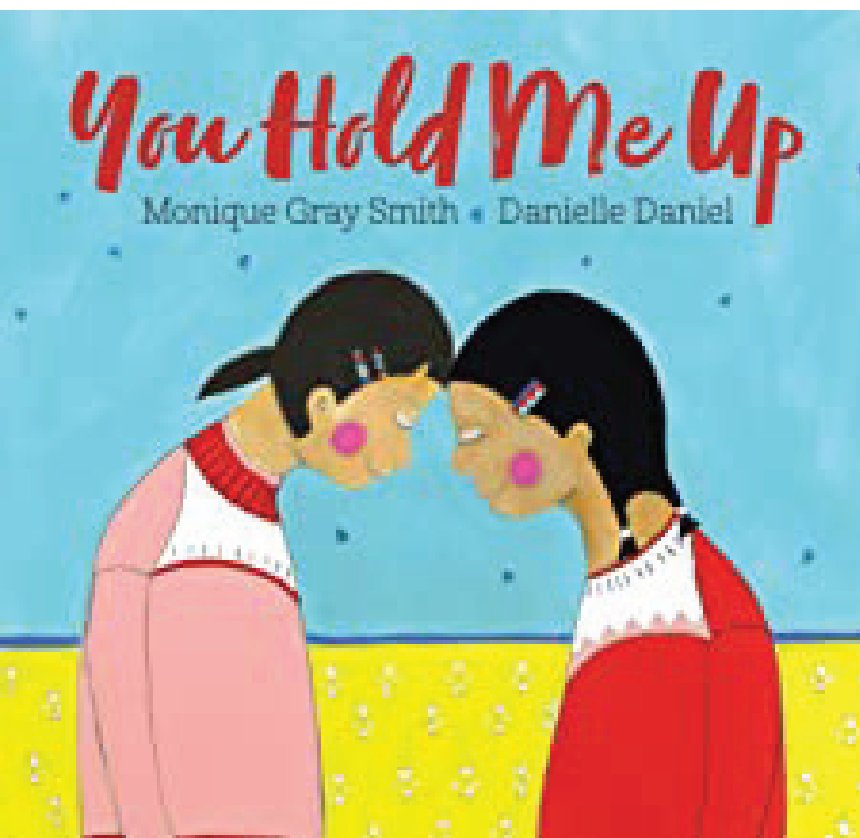
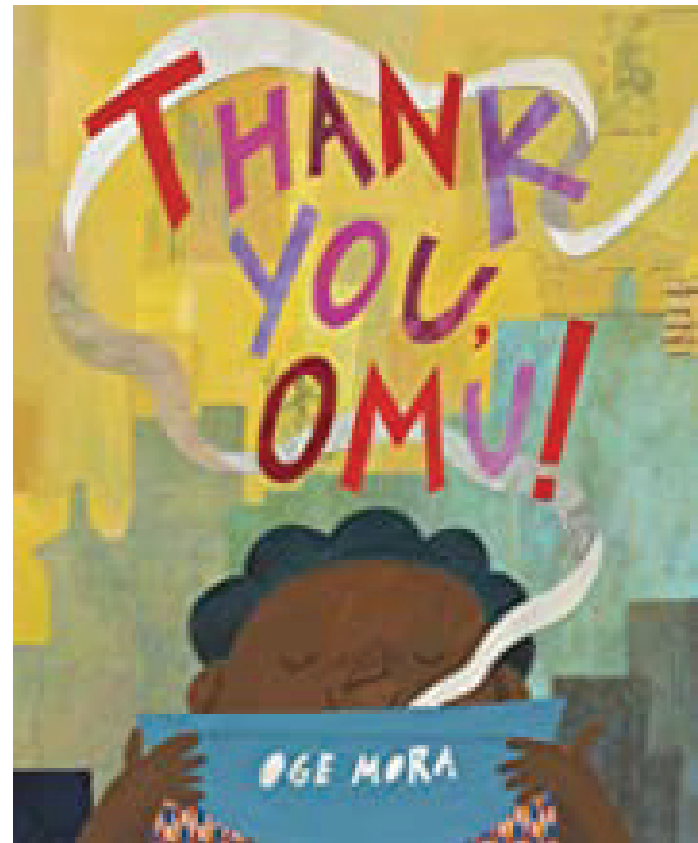
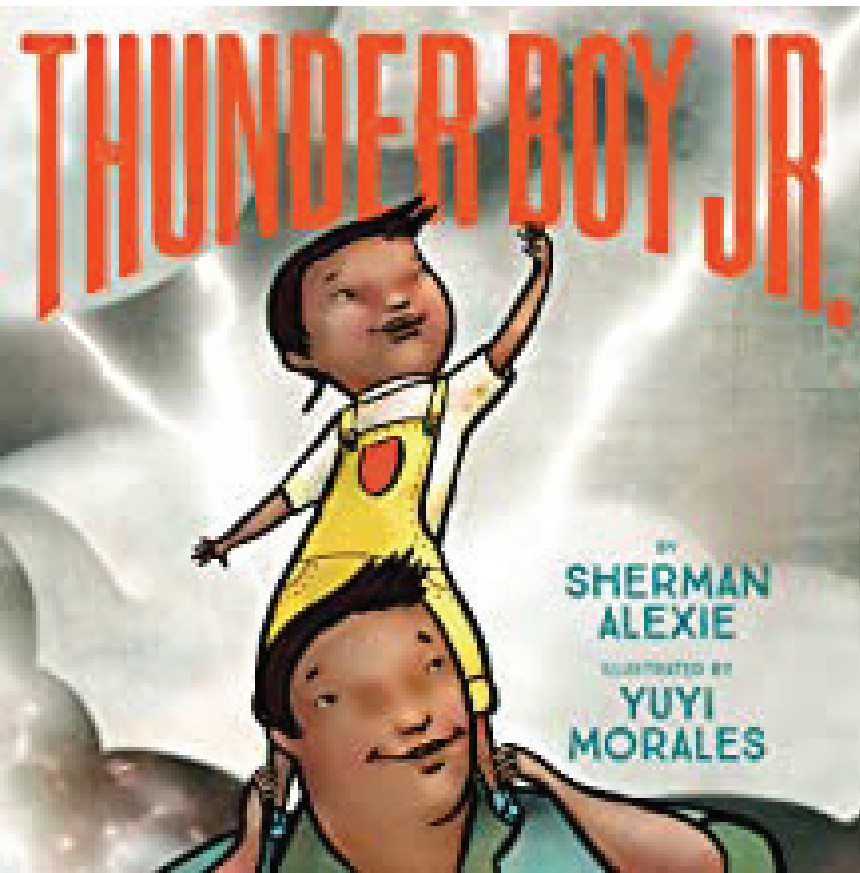
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***A Kids Book About Racism*** written and illustrated by Jelani Memory

***All Around Us / Por todo nuestro alrededor*** written by Xelena González and illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia

***Alma and How She Got Her Name / Alma y cómo obtuvo su nombre*** written and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

***Baby Dance*** written by Ann Taylor and illustrated Marjorie van Heerden

***Baby Loves Aerospace Engineering!*** written by Ruth Sprio and illustrated by Irene Chan

***Benny Doesn't Like to Be Hugged*** written by Zetta Elliot and illustrated by Purple Wong

***Carmin Cares*** written and illustrated by Karen Kilpatrick

***Chocolate Me!*** written by Taye Diggs and illustrated by Shane W. Evans

***Coretta Scott*** written by Ntozake Shange and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

***Counting on Community*** written and illustrated Innosanto Nagara

***¿De Dónde Eres? / Where Are You From?*** by Yamile Méndez Saied

***Don't Touch My Hair!*** written and illustrated by Sharee Miller

***Dream Big, Little One*** written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison

***Dreamers/Soñadores*** written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales

***Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music*** written by Margarita Engle and illustrated by Rafael López

***El día en que descubres quién eres/The Day You Begin*** written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López

***Follow Your Dreams, Little One*** written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison

***Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*** written by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

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***I Got the Rhythm*** written by Connie Schofield-Morrison and illustrated by Frank Morrison



**Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All** written by Carolyn Choi and Chelsea Johnson and illustrated by Ashley Seil Smith

**Islandborn/Lola** written by Junot Diaz and illustrated by Leo Espinosa

**Just Like Me** written and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

**Justo como yo / Just Like Me** written by Hani du Toit and illustrated by Mary-Anne Hampton

**Last Stop on Market Street** written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson

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**Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World** written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison

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**Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History** written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison with Kwesi Johnson

**Lovely** written and illustrated by Jess Hong

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**Making Their Voices Heard: The Inspiring Friendship of Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe** written by Vivian Kirkfield and illustrated by Alleanna Harris

**Maybe Something Beautiful/Quizás algo hermoso** written by Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and illustrated by Rafael López

**Mixed Me!** written by Taye Diggs and illustrated by Shane W. Evans

**Monster Trouble!** written by Lane Fredrickson and illustrated by Michael Robertson

**My Hair is a Garden** written and illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera

**My Heart Fills With Happiness/Mi corazón se llena de alegría** written by Monique Gray Smith and illustrated by Julie Flett

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