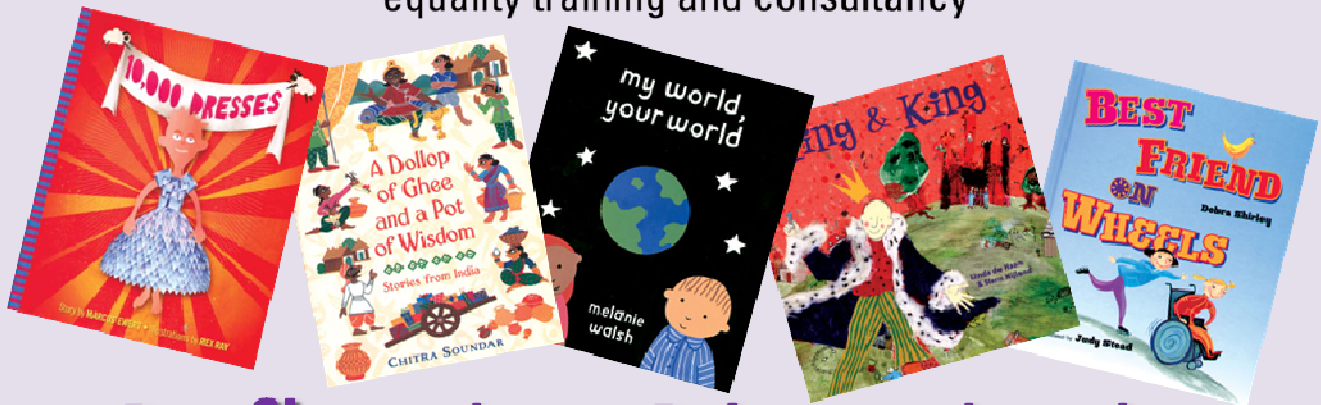


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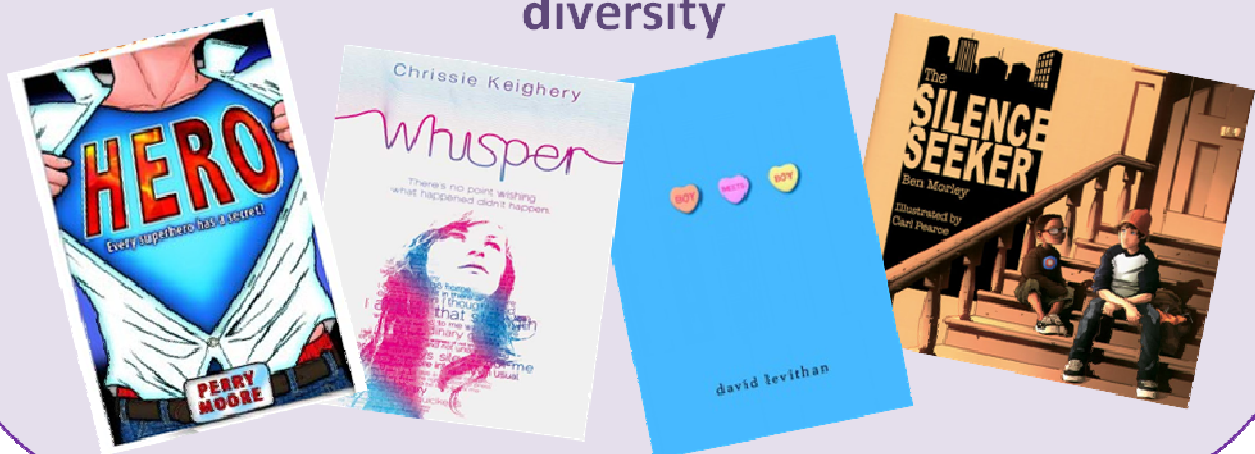
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## About EqualiTeach....

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We provide:

- CPD and INSET equality training for governors, teachers and support staff
- Interactive workshops with young people aged between 8 and 18
- Production and updating of policies, strategies and guidance documents
- Production of training and educational resources

We cover all areas of equality, including race and ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment and disability, enabling schools to foster good relations, advance equality of opportunity and eliminate discrimination, creating environments where young people feel safe and able to achieve.

If you would like more information about our services or would like to discuss your requirements, please contact Kate Hollinshead: 01234 816 914 or [kate@equaliteach.co.uk](mailto:kate@equaliteach.co.uk)

## About this resource...

This resource aims to provide educators with a list of some of the best books to use in order to begin embedding equality throughout their education provision. Some of these books focus specifically on an issue of equality and diversity whilst others incorporate these issues within a story on a different topic. Either way, these books allow young people to explore the idea of difference and ensure that they see themselves represented in literature, building their self esteem and sense of belonging. These books should become a part of the school's library or the collection of books used daily in the classroom.

The resource classifies the books firstly according to age and then area of equality. These classifications are meant only as a guide as the suitability of books will depend on the literacy and maturity of the young people in question. If you would like to purchase any of the books listed in this resource they can be found on the following websites:

Letterbox Library: [www.letterboxlibrary.com](http://www.letterboxlibrary.com)

Willesden Bookshop (multicultural books only): [www.willesdenbookshop.co.uk](http://www.willesdenbookshop.co.uk)

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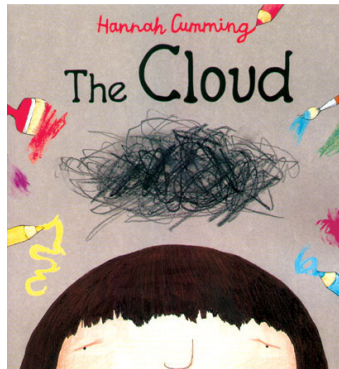
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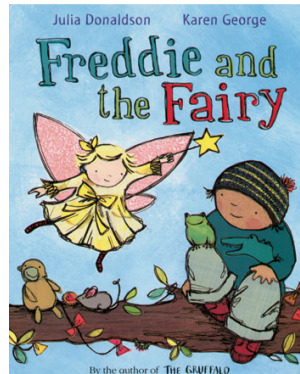
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# Early Years and Key Stage One

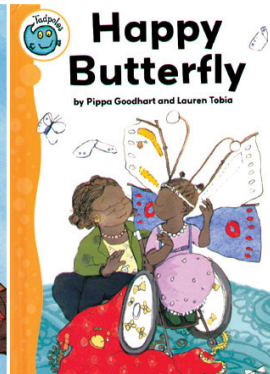
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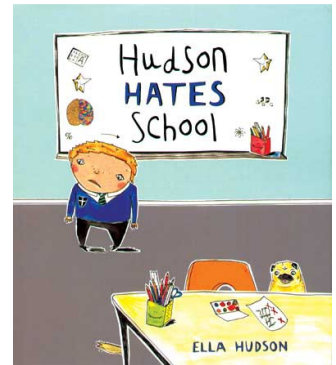
Everyone has bad days, and children are no exception. When a black cloud descends on a little girl at school, support from a classmate with a great deal of imagination helps to brighten up everyone's lives.  
By Hannah Cumming



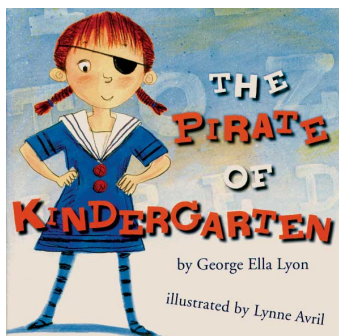
Freddie is desperate for a pet, so when he rescues Bessie-Belle and she offers to grant his wishes he knows just what to ask for. The only problem is that Bessie-Belle can't hear very well, and Freddie tends to mumble. Whatever can they do? Luckily the Fairy Queen is on hand to explain...  
By Julia Donaldson



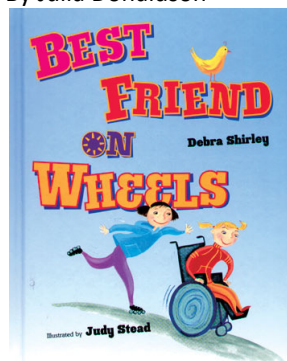
Happy wants to see the band at the Notting Hill Carnival but the crowds are too tall. Then Grandma has a fun idea!  
By Pippa Goodhart and Lauren Tobia



Hudson is good at a lot of things, but spelling isn't one of them. In fact, having to do spelling tests is one of the many things he HATES about school. After another horrible day Hudson declares he will never go back to school. But one final very different test helps Hudson understand why he is special... and how he can learn to learn!  
By Ella Hudson



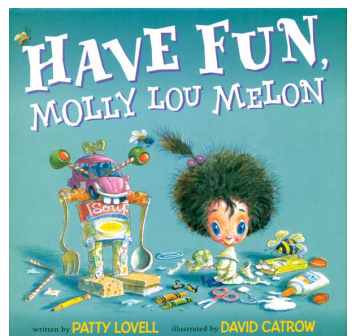
Doubles are good for lots of things—double scoops of ice cream, double features at the movies. But double vision is NOT a good kind of double. In fact, it can make kindergarten kind of hard. Ginny sees double chairs at reading circle and double words in her books. The solution to her problem is wondrously simple: an eye patch! Ginny becomes the pirate of kindergarten.  
By George Ella Lyon



Best friends like many of the same things and these two girls are no different...As their friendship grows she learns that, though the wheelchair clearly changes her friend's life, her personality still shines through.  
By Debra Shirley



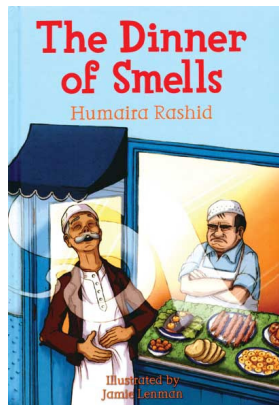
It's not fair! A school trip to Techniquet should be fun, thinks Cari. But in a wheelchair? With other people bossing her about? Cari is determined to be in charge for once - even if that means making a little bit of mischief!  
By Jenny Sullivan and Graham Howells



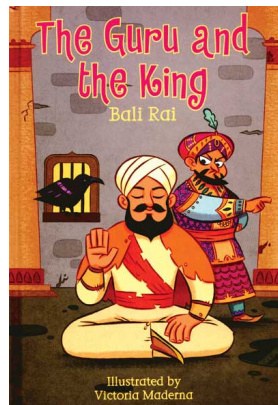
Molly Lou Melon's grandma taught her to be happy with herself no matter what, but that's not all she learned. Molly Lou heard all about how her grandma didn't have fancy store-bought toys when she was little. She made dolls out of twigs and flowers and created her own fun in her backyard. So Molly Lou does just that, proving that the best thing to play with is a huge imagination!  
By Patty Lovell



## Religion and Belief



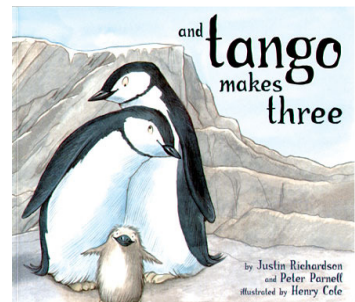
When a poor man stands enjoying the smells from a restaurant, its owner accuses him of stealing! Can Nasruddin, the wise man, save him from jail? Lively retelling of a Muslim folk tale. By Humaira Rashid



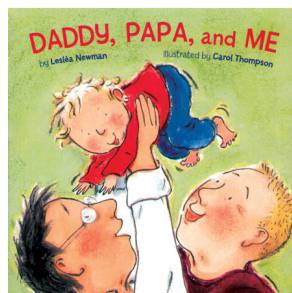
Guru Hargobind and 52 princes have been unjustly imprisoned by the cruel King. The King says he will release the Guru, but the Guru refuses to leave without the princes. The King tells him he can take as many princes as can hold onto his clothes. Can the Guru find a way to rescue all 52 princes? Lively retelling of the well-known Sikh tale. By Bali Rai



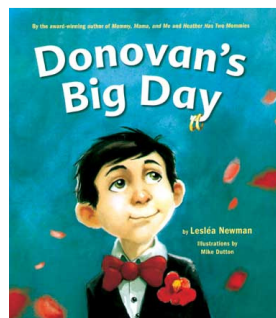
Little Hamda wants wear the veil, like her big sisters, but it's up to her to find her own special way and prove she's grown up, just like her sisters. By Mithaa alKhayyat and Vivian French



Roy and Silo are just like the other penguin couples at the zoo - they bow to each other, walk together and swim together. But Roy and Silo are a little bit different - they're both boys. Then, one day, when Mr Gramzay the zookeeper finds them trying to hatch a stone, he realises that it may be time for Roy and Silo to become parents for real. By Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell



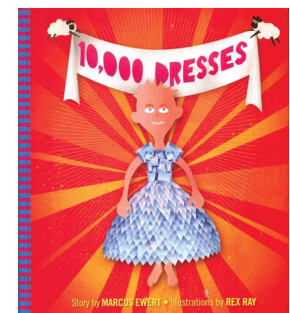
A toddler spends the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children. By Leslea Newman



Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ringbearer, he has a very important job to do. By Leslea Newman.



A merry and modern tale of living happily ever after. The queen is desperate for her son to marry. But what's a prince to do when princesses just don't turn his head? He could just marry a prince! By Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland

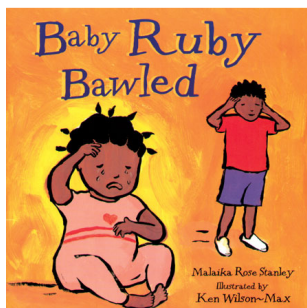


Every night, Bailey dreams about magical dresses: dresses made of crystals, rainbows and flowers. Unfortunately, when Bailey's awake, no one wants to hear about these beautiful dreams. "You're a BOY!" Mother and Father tell Bailey. "You shouldn't be thinking about dresses at all." Then Bailey meets Laurel and the two of them begin making dresses together. By Marcus Ewert

## LGBT

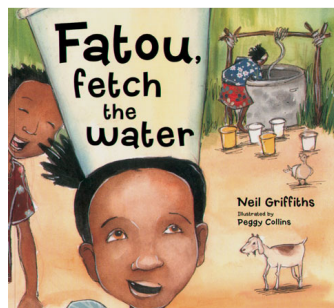


## Race and Ethnicity

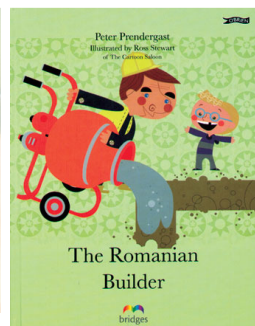


A warm family story about a baby that won't stop crying and an older brother who saves the day.

By Malaika Rose Stanley

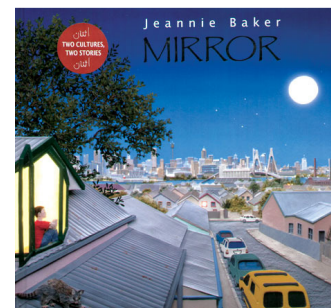


The water bucket is empty! So, follow in the footsteps of forgetful Fatou, as she fetches a fresh supply for a family feast. But will she return from her journey through the village with just water, or with much more than she expected? By Neil Griffiths



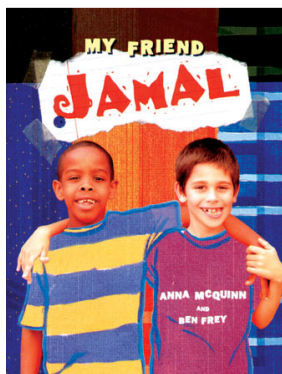
Joe had so many questions for the new builder: Which tool was the most important? What if you were afraid of heights? How do you put scaffolding together? He is really disappointed when he finds out that Radu doesn't speak any English. Now he will never find out about building – or will he?

By Peter Prendergast



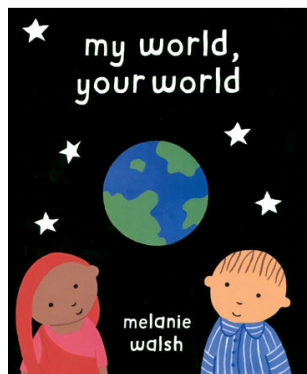
This innovative picture book comprises two stories designed to be read simultaneously – one from the left, the other from the right. Page by page, we experience the lives of two little boys – one from an urban family in Sydney, Australia, the other from Morocco.

By Jeannie Baker



Joseph tells us about all the things he and his friend Jamal like to do - growing up together, they have lots in common. However, when Joseph visits Jamal's home, he discovers that families that have come from other places do some things very differently!

By Anna McQuinn and Ben Frey.



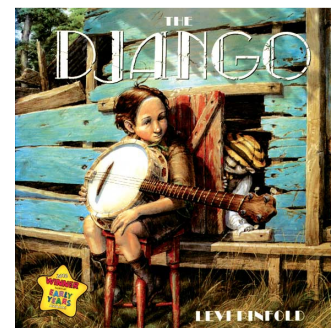
Pierre says 'bonjour'. George says 'hello'. But . . . they both say 'achoo!' when they sneeze. The world is full of all sorts of people, speaking different languages and living different kinds of lives, but deep down people are basically the same wherever they live.

By Michelle Walsh



Nine-year-old Michael is coming from London to Trinidad to visit his grandmother, who is recovering from a difficult operation, and his ten-year-old cousin, Shayla. Michael thinks that his hometown is much bigger and better, but Shayla thinks that's nonsense.

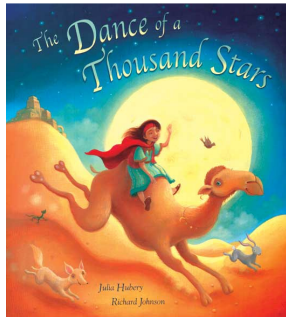
By Patrice Lawrence



A wonderfully moving story of a young Romany boy dogged by the attentions of his imaginary friend 'Django' who keeps getting him into trouble. Finally, the young boy has to banish his friend, but he misses him terribly. When his father gives Jean a banjo, he rediscovers the infectious enthusiasm for music that was the Django's special gift to him.

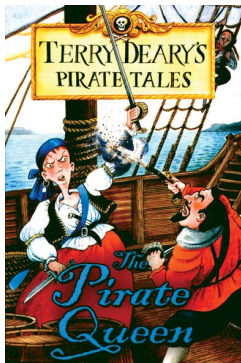
By Levi Pinfold.

## Gender Equality



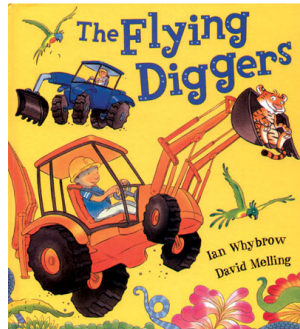
Asha and Lucinda are best friends. Every night they dance together in the twinkling starlight. But when Asha falls ill, the elders of the village decide that Lucinda has bewitched her, and banish the dancing camel into the deepest desert. Now, guided by the stars, Asha must cross the desert in search of her magical friend...

By Julia Hubery and Richard Johnson



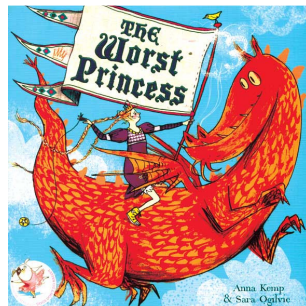
Grace O'Malley is the greatest pirate that ever lived, the terror of the Irish Sea. Her gang of cut-throats rule the waves ... until Grace is captured! But instead of being hanged, she is sent to London - by royal command. What will happen when the Queen of the Pirates meets the Queen of England?

By Terry Deary



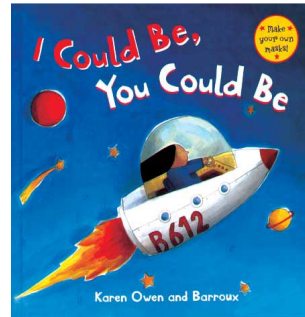
When Teddy's grandpa makes Teddy and his best friend Ruby some toy diggers they don't realise how special they are . . . until they start to play with them and the diggers transform into magic flying diggers and swoop the children off for a fantastic jungle adventure.

By Ian Whybrow and David Melling

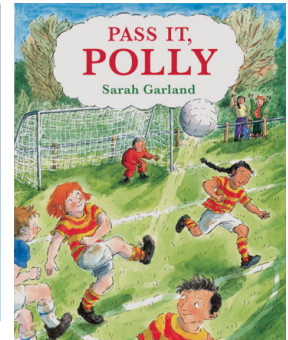


Forget about pretty dresses, fairytale wedding and grand balls, Princess Sue is all about adventure, mischief and making unusual friends. She really is the worst princess!

By Anna Kemp

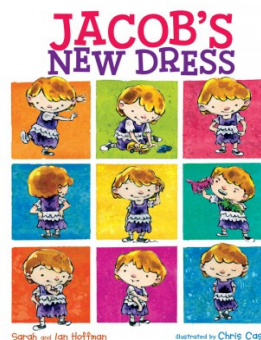


Join a young boy and girl on thrilling adventures as they imagine themselves as space travelling astronauts ferocious dragons jungled welling monkeys and more. By Karen Owen and Barroux



Polly and Nisha are the only girls who want to play in the school football match. But football is harder than it looks. However, with a bit of instruction and a lot of practice they are soon dribbling, tackling and scoring goals. But how will they perform on the day of the big match?

By Sarah Garland



Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? This heartwarming story speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don't identify with traditional gender roles.

By Sarah Hoffman and Ian Hoffman



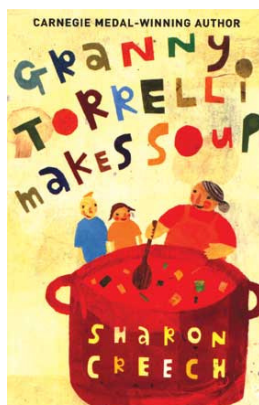
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### Disability



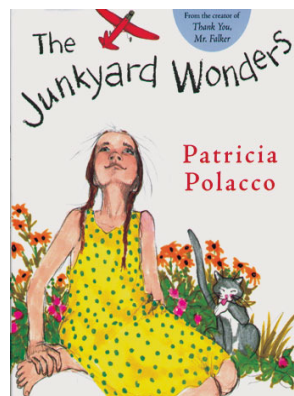
Oscar's mum moves the family to Planet Nine hoping for a quiet life. But it's not to be...Mum is soon called back to her very important job at the Cosmic Peace Police and needs to find a baby-sitter for Oscar and baby Ruby. They choose Ferris Fleet, the coolest, funkiest young magician ever seen, and his magical wheelchair, Wonderwheels.

By Annie Dalton



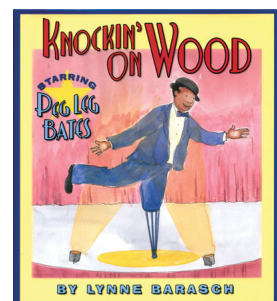
When Granny Torrelli visits her granddaughter to help her make soup she finds the little girl rather distracted. Things are not going well with her best friend. And as Granny Torrelli cooks, the little girl begins to tell her story. Funnily enough, the girl's story is very similar to Granny Torrelli's own story and, between them, they talk and cook their way to a better understanding of each other.

By Sharon Creech



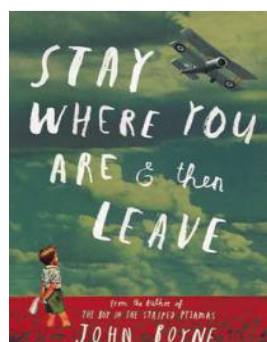
When young Trisha finds out her class at the new school is known as "The Junkyard," she is devastated. But then she meets her teacher, the quirky and invincible Mrs. Peterson, and her classmates, an oddly brilliant group of students each with his or her own unique talent. And it is here in The Junkyard that Trisha learns the true meaning of genius, and that this group of misfits are all wonders.

By Patricia Polacco



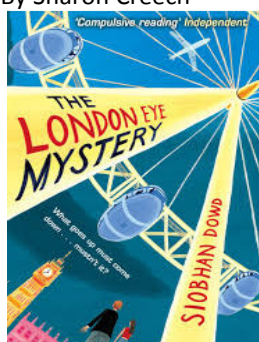
A biography of Clayton Peg Leg Bates, an African-American man who lost a leg at the age of twelve, yet went on to become a world-renowned tap dancer.

By Lynne Barasch



WWI breaks out on Alfie's fifth birthday and the very next day his dad is enlisted. When his dad's letters home stop coming he is told by his mother that his dad cannot write as he is on a secret mission. When further information about his dad falls into Alfie's lap, he goes on his own secret mission to save him.

By John Boyne

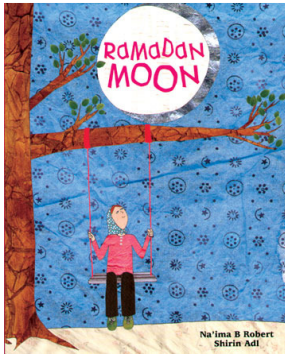


Ted and Kat's cousin Salim goes missing on a trip to the London Eye. Where could he have gone? It comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery.

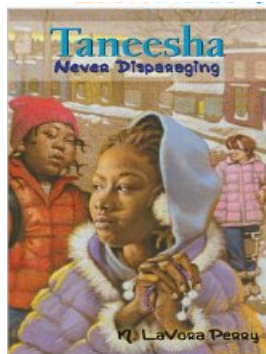
By Siobhan Dowd



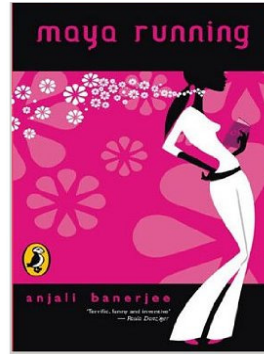
## Religion and Belief



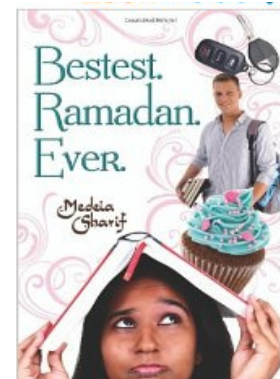
Muslims all over the world celebrate Ramadan and the joyful days of Eid-ul-Fitr at the end of the month of fasting as the most special time of year. This lyrical and inspiring picture book captures the wonder and joy of this great annual event, from the perspective of a child.  
By Na'ima B. Robert



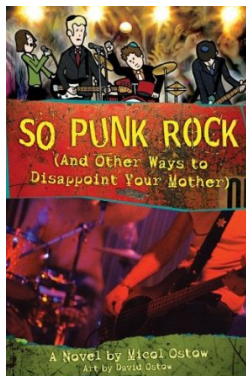
Fifth grade isn't exactly easy for eleven-year-old Taneesha. She's getting tired of being her best friend Carli's bodyguard. Carli wears a leg brace and she's white, and when Taneesha stands up for Carli against a local bully, she's told to expect revenge. In addition, Taneesha's love-hate interest Rayshaun has learned that she is a Buddhist, so now he's taunting her, saying that she's going to hell....  
By LaVora Perry



Maya doesn't fit in. She was born in India and her parents moved to Canada when she was a baby. When her gorgeous cousin Pinky comes from India for a visit, bringing a statue of the god Ganesh, the Remover of Obstacles. Maya asks Ganesh to remove all obstacles to her dreams. Like most wishes, it backfires in hilarious and painful ways.  
By Anjali Banerjee

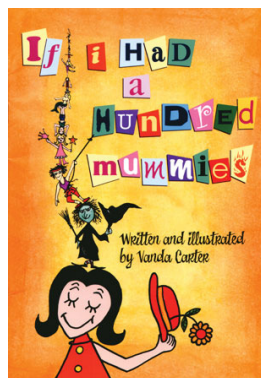


No pizza. No boyfriend. (No life.) Even worse, my oppressive parents forbid me to date. This is just cruel and wrong. Especially since Peter, a cute artist, might be my soul mate. To top it off, there's a new Muslim girl in school who struts around in super-short skirts, commanding every boy's attention, including Peter's. How can I get him to notice me? And will I ever figure out how to be Muslim *and* American?  
By Medeia Sharif

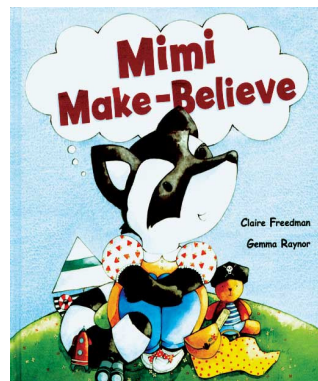


Despite his dreams of rock glory, Ari's first-ever band, the Tribe, is more white bread than indie-cred. Comprised of four teens from a Jewish day school, their Motley Crue is about as hardcore as scripture studies. But after a gig at a friend's Bar Mitzvah, the Tribe's popularity erupts overnight...  
By Micol Ostow

## LGBT



A young girl speculates on what life would be like with more than the usual allocation of mothers. *If I had a hundred mummies They would have to form a queue To give me goodnight kisses, Blow my nose and tie my shoes.*  
By Vanda Carter



Mimi loves to play make-believe. Sometimes Mimi's a fearless explorer, sometimes a knight in shining armour... and sometimes Mimi just wishes for a friend to share adventures with. Then one day Beaver moves in next door. He looks far too busy to play - but Mimi soon discovers that he has a BIG imagination of his own.  
By Claire Freedman



Ella, whose nickname is "Mini Mia" because her favorite soccer player is Mia Hamm, loves spending time with her eccentric uncle Tommy, but finds herself a bit put out when she has to share him with his new boyfriend Fergus.  
By Pija Lindenbaum



Funny, exciting novel about a teenage boy growing up with two secrets: one, that he has superpowers - two, that he's gay. And he gets to save the world . . .

By Perry Moore

*But,  
I'm Not A Boy*

Story by:  
Katie Leone

Illustrated by:  
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David has a big problem; she is really a girl named Sarah. But nobody knows and everyone assumes she is a boy. When her parents ask why she is so sad, is she brave enough to tell them the truth.

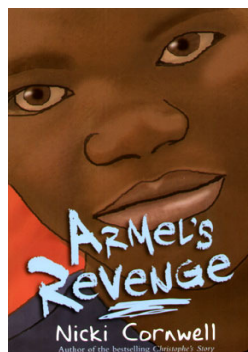
By Katie Leone

## Race and Ethnicity/Migration



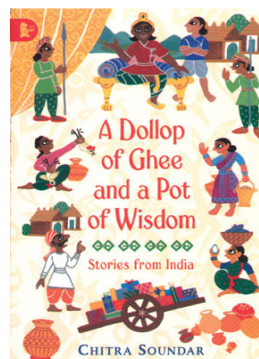
What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side...

By Gillian Cross



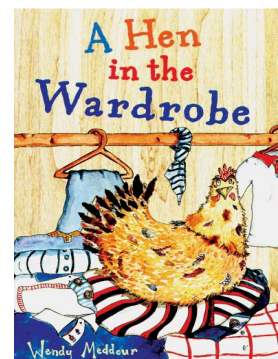
Christophe's been given the job of looking after the new boy in his class. But Armel's surly attitude makes him difficult to be friends with. And when he realises that there is more to Armel's hostility than meets the eye, Christophe is suddenly forced to make painful discoveries about the history of the country he once called home - Rwanda.

By Nick Cornwell



Four stories about young Prince Veera, who, along with his friend Suku, helps his father, the king, solve some of the problems he is having with his subjects. Based on traditional Indian folktales.

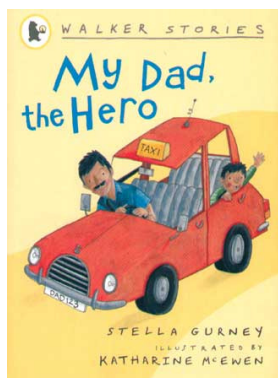
By Chitra Soundar



Ramzi's dad is acting very strangely. He climbs trees in the middle of the night, and even goes into Ramzi's wardrobe looking for a hen. The trouble is, he's sleepwalking because he's homesick for his native Algeria. So Ramzi, Dad and Mum go back to Dad's Berber village in the desert region of North Africa.

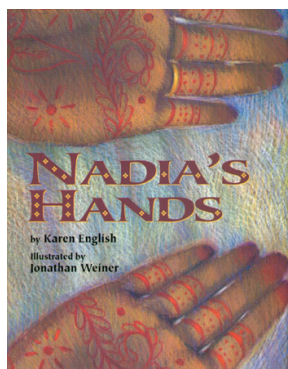
By Wendy Meddour





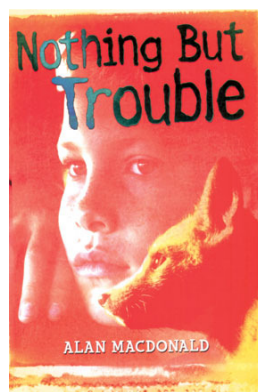
T is part of a happy family, and he loves everything about them, especially his clever dad, who drives a taxi and can make anything out of wood. When T's teacher arranges for his dad to come into school to talk about what he does for a job, T should be as proud as proud. But there's one problem: his dad doesn't speak English...

By Stella Gurney



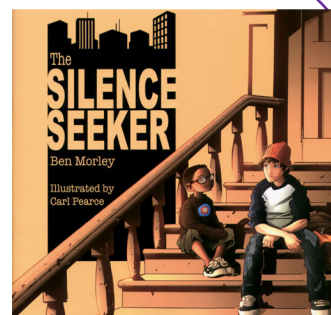
When Nadia is chosen to be a flower girl in Auntie Laila's traditional Pakistani wedding, her hands are decorated with beautiful designs made with mehndi, and she comes to understand the rich culture she has inherited.

By Karen English



When Jay arrives at Glenwood Primary, Paul is assigned to look after him and be his 'buddy', but looking after Jay proves harder than he expected. Jay's family are travellers and the new boy doesn't say much or seem interested in making friends. But Paul soon discovers Jay has a secret...

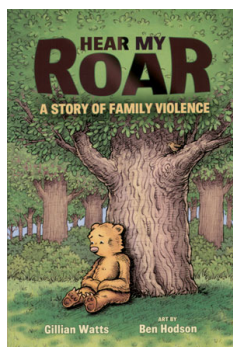
By Alan MacDonald



When a new family moves in next door, Joe's mum explains that they are asylum seekers. Joe hears that they are silence seekers, especially as Mum adds that they need peace and quiet. When he sees a young boy from the family sitting disconsolately on the steps, Joe decides to help him find a quiet place in the noisy and chaotic city.

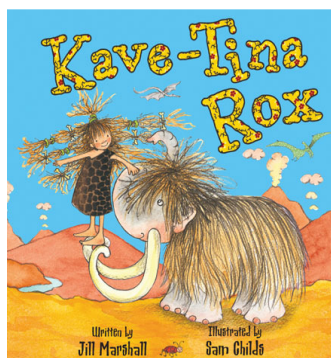
By Ben Morley

## Gender Equality



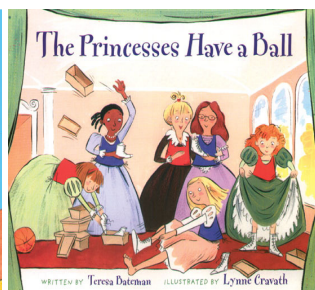
It seems to Orsa Bear that Papa is angry all the time - especially after he's had a lot of jack-berry wine. If Papa's not yelling at Mama about the weeds in their garden, he's roaring at Orsa for being clumsy at his chores. Orsa is scared and doesn't understand why his father acts this way. With the help of Dr. Owl, Mama and Orsa bravely take steps to break the cycle of violence.

By Gillian Watts



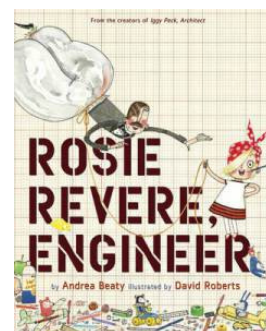
Kave-Tina Rox lives with her Mug, Pug and brother Dave-Kave in a cave. When the Caveman Games come to town, Dave-Kave doesn't let her join in with any of the games, because she's just a girl, but Kave-Tina's having none of it.

By Jill Marshall



Despite the king's concern that his daughters aren't spending enough time thinking about the princes they will one day wed, the little princesses aren't concerned as a helpful cobbler, pairs of perfect shoes, and a special ball begin to aim things in the right direction.

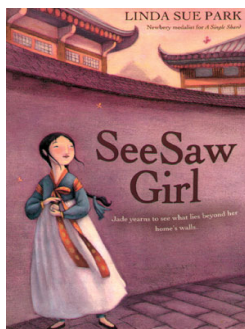
By Teresa Bateman



Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal—to fly—Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true.

By Andrea Beaty





Jade never ventures beyond the walls of her family's Inner Court; in 17th century Korea, a girl of good family does not leave home until she marries. Yet she is enthralled by her brother's stories about trips to the market and to the mountains, about his conversations with their father about politics and adventures only boys can have...

By Linda Sue Park

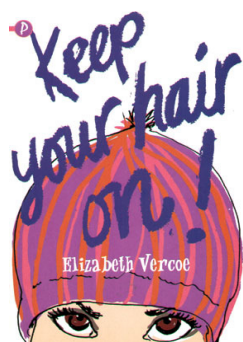


When M crash-lands at Lawless School, it is not what she was expecting. She's soon learning safe-breaking and computer-hacking. Not to mention how to jump off moving trains and steal priceless paintings. Surrounded by trainee criminals, she'll have to keep her wits about her (just as well they're razor-sharp). But will she be good – or bad – enough for Lawless?

By Jeffrey Salane

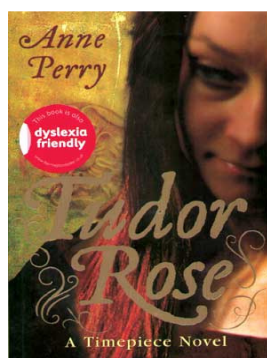
## Key Stage Three and Four

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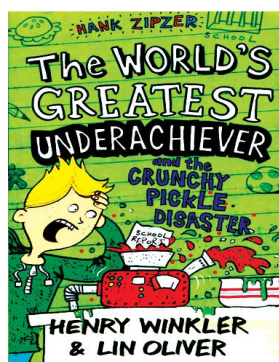
She is 16 years old. She's a good student. She's on the netball team. Her best friends are Sara and Charlotte. She has cancer. Last week she found herself thinking that she was in love with Dylan. Today her hair is going down the plughole. If Dylan finds out he'll probably drop her - or worse, feel sorry for her. Can she keep it a secret?

By Elizabeth Vercoe



Rosie hates her life, but everything changes when she is given a mysterious old watch and wakes up at Elizabeth I's court with the Spanish Armada approaching. When Rosie uncovers a spy she knows she must act and warn the Queen. Can she make it to the port before it is too late?

By Anne Perry



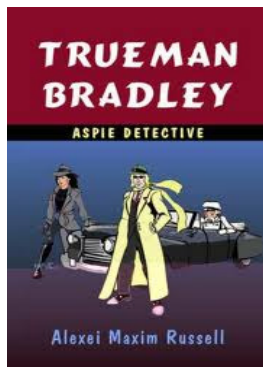
Hank Zipzer has been given the worst school report of his life. There are several things that he fears will happen to him because of this report: one, his sister and her pet lizard will laugh at him, two, he will be stuck at school for ever, and, three, the school bully will call him stupid. Hank needs to hide that school report now. And where better than the meat grinder at his mum's cafe, The Crunchy Pickle... What could possibly go wrong?!

By Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver



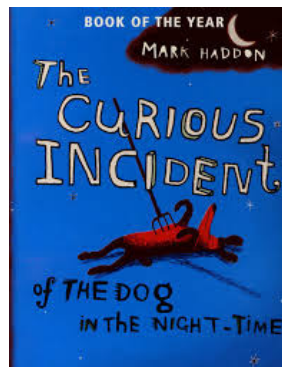
11-year-old Caitlin has Asperger's Syndrome, and has always had her older brother, Devon, to explain the confusing things around her. But when Devon is killed in a tragic school shooting, Caitlin has to try and make sense of the world without him. With her dad spending most of his time crying in the shower, and her life at school becoming increasingly difficult, it doesn't seem like things will get better again.

By Kathryn Erskine



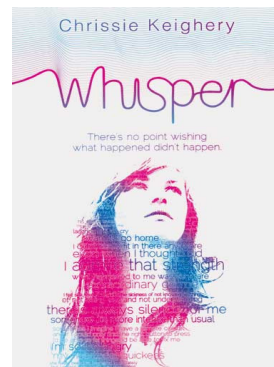
Trueman Bradley is a genius detective with a difference, he has Asperger's Syndrome (AS). Trueman leaves his hometown of Heartville, Illinois, and arrives in New York City, hoping to fulfill his dream of becoming a private detective, like his comic book heroes.

By Alexei Maxim Russell



Christopher is an intelligent youth who lives in the functional hinterland of autism—every day is an investigation for him because of all the aspects of human life that he does not quite get.

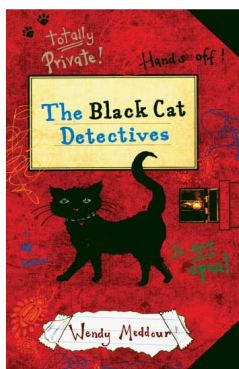
By Mark Haddon



Teenager Demi's world is shattered when she is left profoundly deaf by a sudden illness. Everything is different now, and Demi must learn to adapt to a new school, new friends and even learn a whole new language.

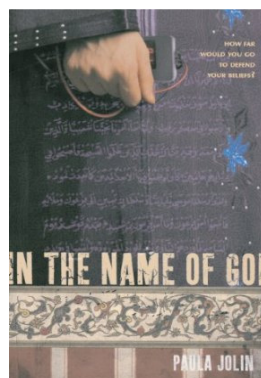
By Chrissie Keighery

## Religion and Belief



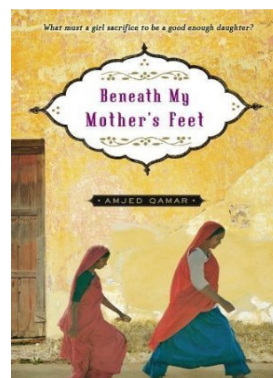
Something suspicious is going on in Cinnamon Grove...Auntie Urooj is lonely and Ramzi and his friend Shaima Stalk think they have the perfect solution - a suitor from Truly Deeply Muslims online marriage agency! But smooth-talking Rasheed is not all he seems. He cheats at Monopoly, for a start... It's time for the Black Cat Detectives to do some serious sleuthing!

By Wendy Meddour



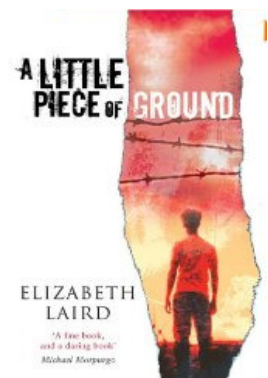
Seventeen year-old Nadia is an excellent student and daughter, and wants to be the best Muslim she can be. But she's conflicted about her Westernized peers, the political struggles of her country, and the war in Iraq. When her cousin is arrested by the authorities for speaking out, Nadia finds herself drawn into a world of Islamic fundamentalism, contemplating making a sacrifice for her people and her religion.

By Paula Jolin



Nazia doesn't mind when her friends call her a good beti, a dutiful daughter. Growing up in a working-class family in Karachi, Nazia knows that obedience is the least she can give to her mother, who has spent years saving for her dowry. But every daughter must grow up, and for fourteen-year-old Nazia that day arrives when her father has an accident at work, and her family are without money for rent or food.

By Amjed Qamar

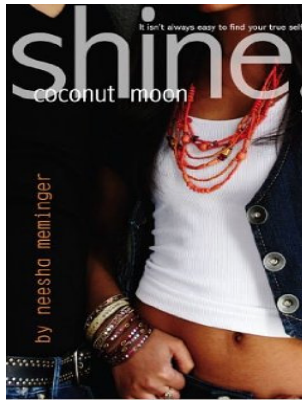


12-year-old Karim and his family are trapped in their Ramallah home by a strict curfew. Israeli tanks control the city in response to a Palestinian suicide bombing. Karim longs to play football with his mates. When the curfew ends, he and his friend discover an unused patch of ground that's the perfect site for a football pitch. But in this city there's constant danger: when Israeli soldiers find Karim outside during the next curfew it seems impossible he will survive..

By Elizabeth Laird

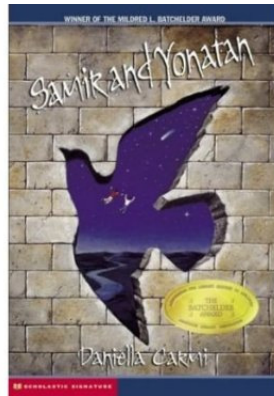


## LGBT



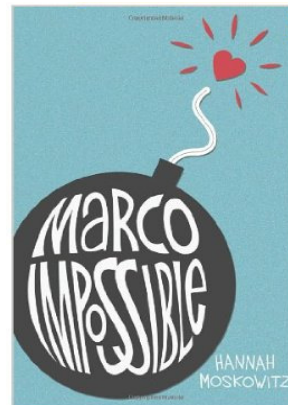
A 17-yearold girl explores the implications of her race and religion in the months following 9/11.

By Neesha Meminger



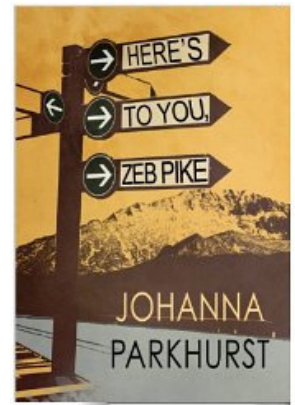
Nothing could be more frightening to Samir, a Palestinian boy, than to be where he is now: an Israeli hospital ward, trapped among the people he blames for his brother's death. Amid this explosive atmosphere, Samir begins to learn about the Israeli kids around him. He discovers their hurts and conflicts - and hesitantly shares his own.

By Danielle Carmi



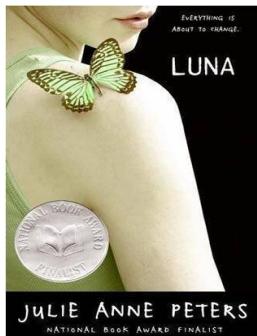
Two best friends and junior high students attempt to break into the high school prom so that one of them can confess his love for the adorable bass player of the prom band.

By Hannah Moskowitz



It isn't long before social services figures out that Dusty's parents are more myth than reality, and he and his siblings are shipped off to live in Vermont with an uncle and aunt they've never met. Dusty's new life is a struggle. His brother and sister don't seem to need him anymore, and he can't stand his aunt and uncle. At school, one hockey player, Emmitt, is making it hard for Dusty to keep pretending he's straight.

By Johanna Parkhurst.



Liam can't stand the person he is during the day. His true self, named Luna, only reveals herself at night. In the secrecy of his bedroom Liam transforms himself into the beautiful girl he longs to be, with help from his sister's clothes and makeup. Are Liam's family and friends ready to welcome Luna into their lives?

By Julie Anne Peters



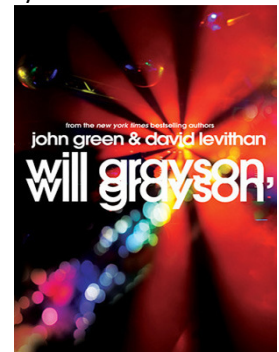
J was certain that eventually everyone would understand who he really was; a boy mistakenly born as a girl. But after being deserted by the best friend he thought would always be by his side, J decides to be who he really is. And he is determined not to give up, no matter the cost.

By Chris Beam



Ava has a secret. She is tired of her ultracool attitude, ultra-radical politics, and ultrablack clothing. She's ready to try something new—she's even ready to be someone new. Someone who fits in, someone with a gorgeous boyfriend, someone who wears pink...

By Lili Wilkinson

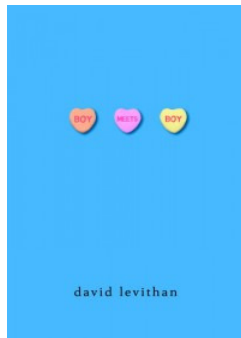


One night, in an unlikely corner of Chicago, two teens, both named Will Grayson, are about to cross paths. As their worlds collide and intertwine, the Will Graysons find their lives going in new and unexpected directions...

By John Green and David Levithan

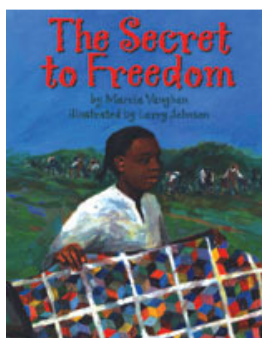


## Race & Ethnicity & Migration



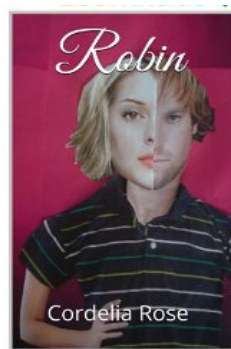
This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys, and the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene). When Paul meets Noah, he thinks he's found the one his heart is made for. Until he blows it. The school bookie says the odds are 12-to-1 against him getting Noah back, but Paul's not giving up...

By David Lethivan



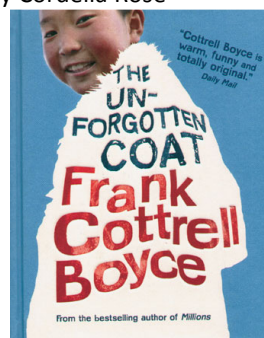
Lucy and Albert are left behind when their parents are sold off the plantation. One day Albert brings home a sack of old quilts, each with a pattern giving information to slaves planning to escape. Over the next several months, Albert leads the runaways to begin their journey to freedom. Lucy finally convinces Albert to escape, but she has to stay because of her lame leg...

By Marcia Vaughan



Robin was a girly girl. At least it appeared so on the outside. She wore designer clothing, and loved pink. But when she was in her room alone, she was entirely different. She was herself, the person that the world had never met. She had always loved to dress in drag, but it was never enough. There was something more deep beneath. In her room alone, Robin was not a girl at all. She had never been. She was always a boy in her mind.

By Cordelia Rose



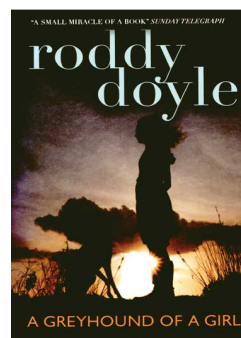
Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates, but bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy as she recollects a wonderful friendship that was abruptly ended when Chingis and his family were forced to return to Mongolia.

By Frank Cottrell Boyce



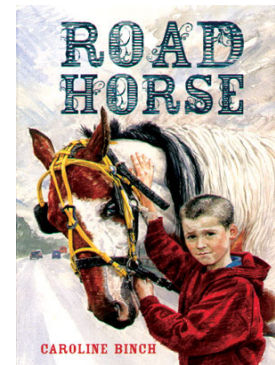
One Hen tells the story of Kojo, a young Ghanaian boy who uses a micro loan to buy a chicken, so he can sell the eggs to make money. Through hard work, Kojo soon earns enough to go back to school. He grows up to own his own farm, employing many people in his village, and contributing to Ghana's development.

By Katie Smith Milway



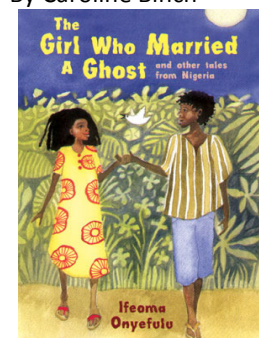
12 year old Mary O'Hara's beloved, joke-cracking grandmother is near the end of her life. Letting go is hard - until a mysterious young woman appears at Mary's door. She is the ghost of Granny's long-dead mammy and her mission is to help her dying daughter say goodbye to the ones she loves. But first she needs someone to drive them all to the old family farm for a visit to the past.

By Roddy Doyle



Sammy's dad races trotting horses and Sammy's dream is to have a horse of his own to race. So he can't believe his luck when Dad takes the family and his best friend Billy to famous Appleby Fair, the biggest horse sale of all. But Sammy and Billy make enemies at the Fair, and just when they think they've found the perfect horse, things get really rough...

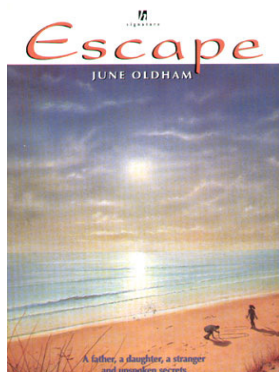
By Caroline Binch



As a child, Ifeoma Onyefulu was catapulted into a strange storytelling world where spirits ruled and animals talked, a world not so much about happy endings, more about learning a lesson or two. For this sparkling and funny collection she retells nine of the best Nigerian tales.

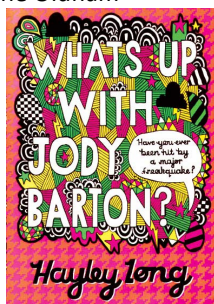
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## Gender Equality

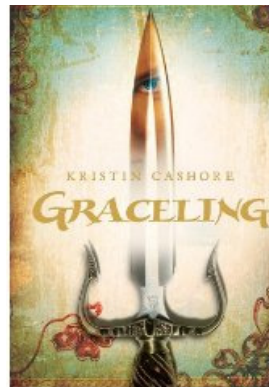


Magdalen has always lived in the shadow of her charming, wealthy father. Going to university, she thinks, will finally give her a life of her own. Then she realizes that her father is determined to maintain a grip on her life. Desperate to escape the terrible secret they share, she leaves home. With her goes Greg, whose gentle concern leaves Magdalen confused and irritated but as her trust in Greg grows, so, too does Magdalen's resolve to confront her father, and leave the past behind . . .

By June Oldham



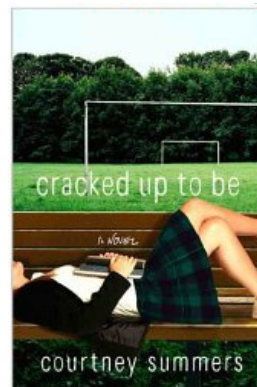
'Me and my sister are twins. She's Jolene and I'm Jody. We're a lot different. It's hard enough being one half of the world's least identical twins, without both of you falling for the same guy. Jolene's turned flirting into a fine art, but Jody? Not so much. And as if a love triangle wasn't messy enough...there's something nobody knows about Jody Barton. Something BIG'



17-year-old Katsa possesses supernatural fighting skills. Her ability to cut off evildoers' heads with a gigantic sword is the least of her strengths.

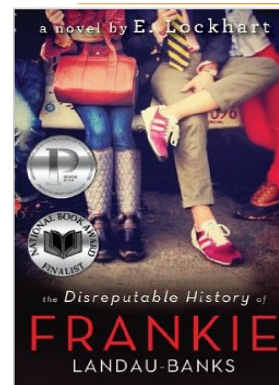
This thoughtful meditation on the use of power comes with a fantastic plot and some beautiful prose

By Kristin Cashmore



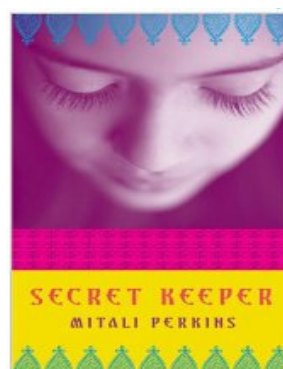
Perfect Parker Fadley isn't so perfect anymore. She's quit the cheerleading squad, she's dumped her perfect boyfriend, and she's failing school. Her parents are on a constant suicide watch and her counsellors think she's playing games...but what they don't know, the real reason for this whole mess, isn't something she can say out loud...

By Courtney Summers



Frankie is smarter than her boyfriend, and not terribly keen on hiding it. She infiltrates an exclusive boys-only club at her boarding school—and shows them how it's done.

By E. Lockhart



Sometimes, true courage lies not in waging war, but in making a quiet sacrifice. This beautifully plotted novel set in India shows the different forms feminism takes in different cultures.

By Mitali Perkins





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