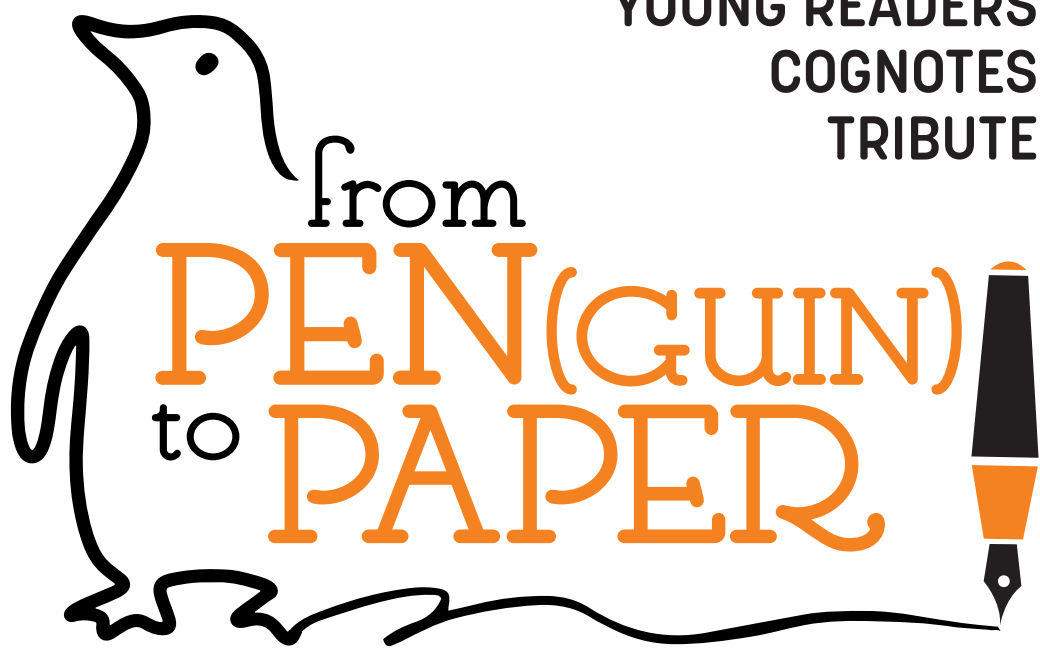


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So please take a read, and say hi to us in the booth. We love to hear from you!

May your feet not get too sore and you never wait in too long of a coffee line. Happy ALA Annual!

Sincerely,

Carmela Iaria  
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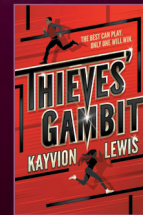


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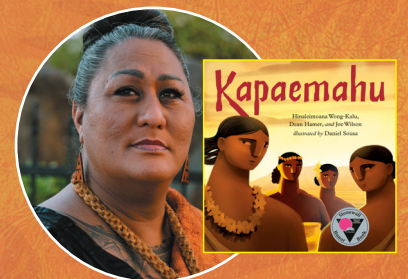
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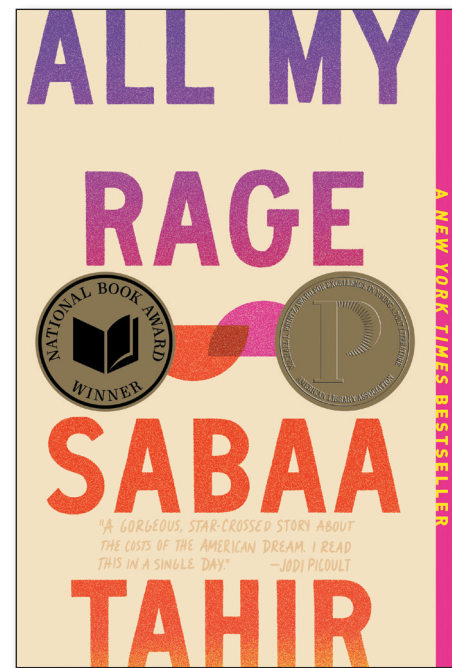
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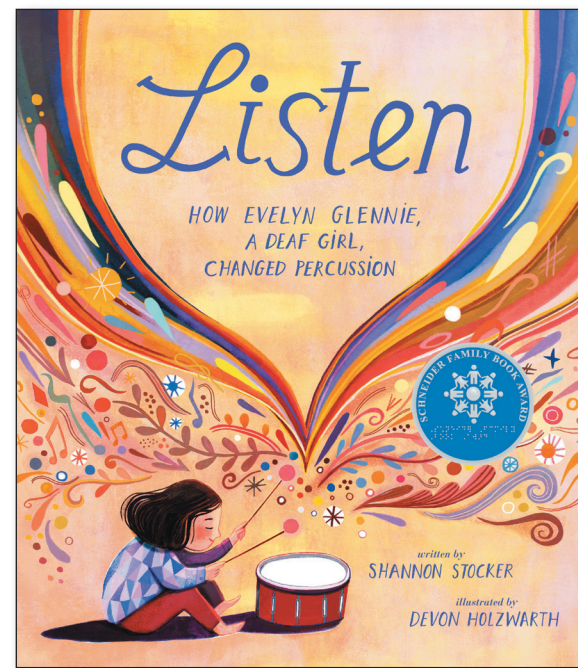
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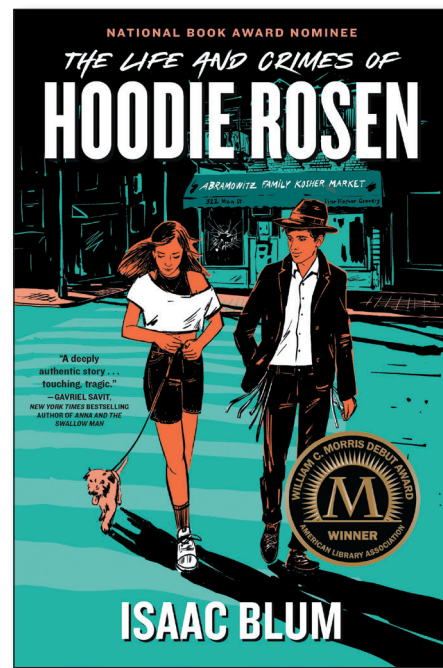
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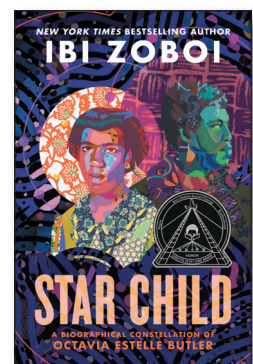
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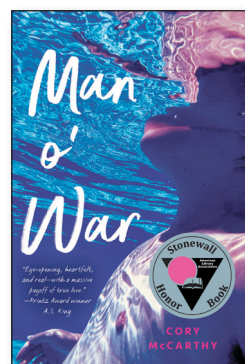


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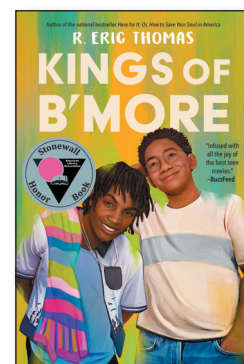


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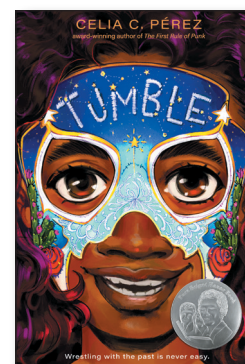
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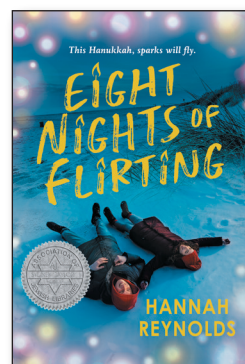
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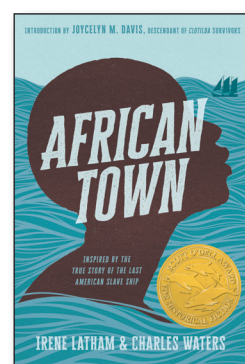
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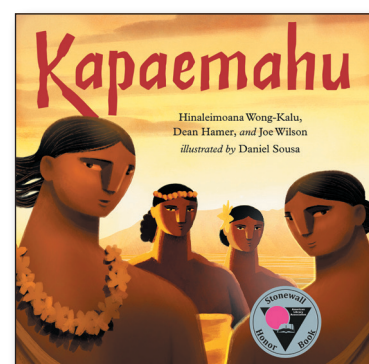
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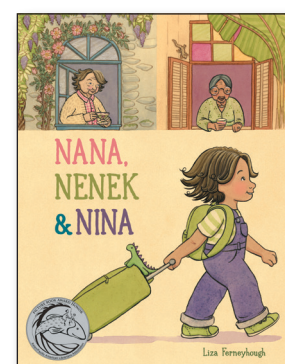
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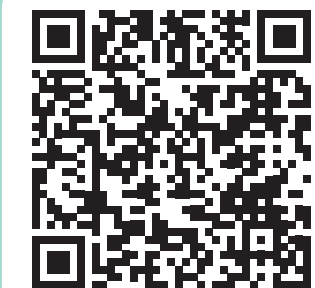


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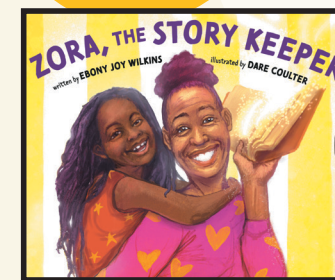
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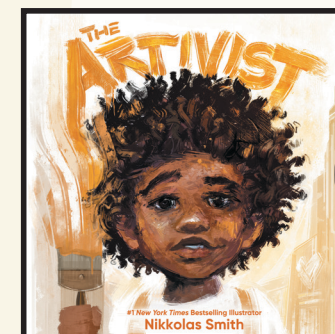
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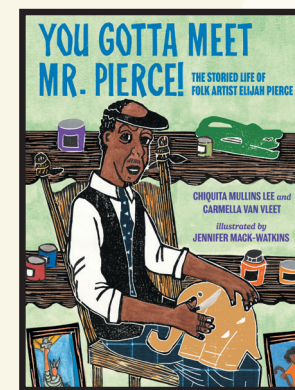
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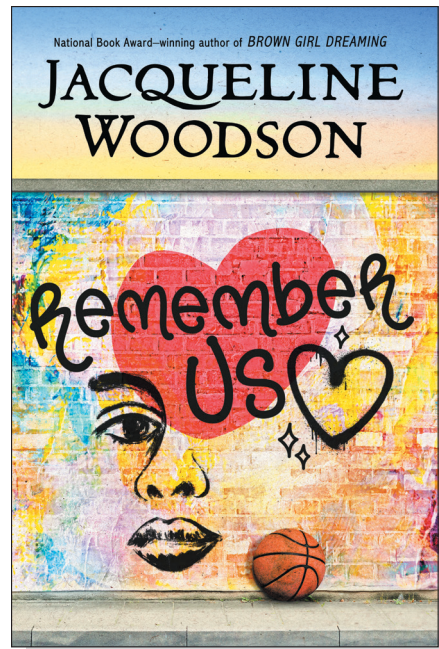
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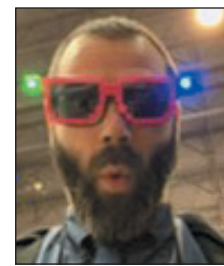
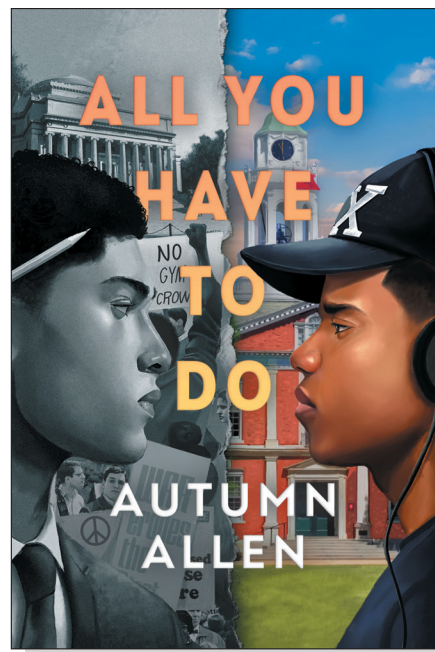
# STAFF PICKS



I've read just about all of Jacqueline Woodson's books. I remember the exact place I was when I read *Brown Girl Dreaming*. And now, her newest middle grade novel, *Remember Us*, is one that has taken hold of me and hasn't let me go since I turned the last page. With Jackie's evocative descriptions and heartachingly beautiful prose, I

was completely transported to Bushwick, Brooklyn, during a hot, sticky summer in 1970s. The story follows Sage, whose whole world is on fire the summer before she starts seventh grade. She's watching and grieving as house after house burns down in her neighborhood, referred to as "The Matchbox" in the local paper. Sage is also, in her own way, mourning the past and the ease of childhood when it feels like so much is left behind as time moves on. This is also the summer of Freddy, a new kid who gets Sage like no one else right now. *Remember Us* speaks to the power of both letting go . . . and holding on. Drop everything and read now!

—VENESSA CARSON



We have so many great books, but if you asked me for one galley in our booth, I'd not waste a second and pass you the MUST-READ debut of the year! An uncle and a nephew separated by decades—one in the '60s at a prestigious university and one in the '90s at a private high school—experience pivotal moments in civil rights

history. The assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Million Man March changed, and will change, the trajectory of civil rights for these characters and their pursuit of liberation—so why is it that this family of Black men are still having the same experiences and struggles, decades apart? This is a story of generational activism, systemic racism, the Civil Rights Movement, and the continued progression and regression of equality and liberation for Black people in America.

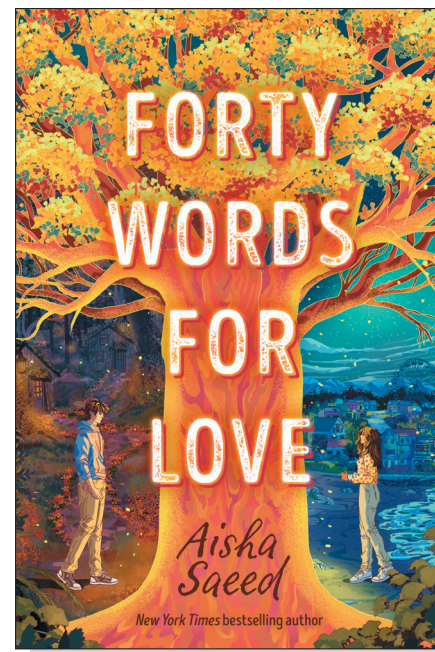
—TREVOR INGERSON



As someone who grew up dancing competitively, I knew I was going to relate to this new middle grade novel as soon as it was pitched to us, but *Barely Floating* by Lilliam Rivera absolutely blew me away. When we first meet Natalia, she's betting on herself at her local pool and making money racing against other kids, but then she sees the

local synchronized swimming team perform, and it's love at first sight. But Nat knows that her progressive mother would hate the sequins, and basically the entire idea of it—a sport that emphasizes being thin and white, so she joins secretly! Finding community in this unexpected place—Nat grows more and more comfortable being herself everywhere, whether that's sparkling in the water or while standing up for what's right.

—SUMMER OGATA



If there's one thing that you need to know about me, it's that I love romance. So, you can imagine how excited I was to read Aisha Saeed's new YA romance and how easily Aisha had me under her spell. *Forty Words for Love* is set in the magical coastal community of Moonlight Bay that loses its magic after a tragic death mars the town, and a once-

thriving community begins to blame all their problems on the community of immigrants who live in the nearby forest. At the heart of this story are two friends, Yas and Raf, who embark on a journey to bring back their town's magic to reunite their communities but fall in love along the way. This isn't just a story about star-crossed love. It's a story about identity, the refugee experience, and how love is the ultimate form of magic.

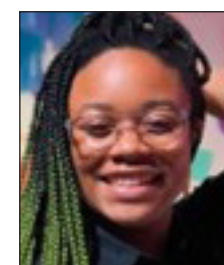
—JUDITH HUERTA



I have to say that friend break-ups can be harder to recover from than romantic ones. Jessica Kim captures that painful part of growing up so well in *Make a Move, Sunny Park!* This new middle grade novel from the author of *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* follows seventh grader Sunny Park. Sunny loves the K-pop band

Supreme Beat, her very cool grandma, dancing when she thinks no one is looking, and her bestie Bailey. But when Bailey pushes Sunny to audition for Ranchito Mesa Middle School's dance team (even though Sunny has stage fright), and only Sunny makes the team . . . their fallout is drawn out and maybe even epic in the worst way. It is so sweet and satisfying to see Sunny come into her own, on and off the stage!

—GABY PAEZ



When this book was first launched to us, I immediately fell in love with the art, followed the artist on all her social channels, and then purchased a print of these characters from her store. But it's not just the art that's great—the story and these characters really hold up.

—DANIELLE PRESLEY



I love everything Michelle Cuevas writes. *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles?* Stunning. *Confessions of an Imaginary Friend?* Absolutely lovely. *The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole?* Quirky, funny, and unforgettable. Her latest middle grade novel, *The Dreamatics*, does not disappoint. In true Cuevas style, it is utterly original, a little odd, and

a lot whimsical. It's the story of a fantastical dream theater and its troupe that performs a young girl's dreams . . . until nightmares take over. Each night when Luna goes to sleep, the theater's troupe produces her spectacular dreams: dreams of memories, family, and her beloved dog, Murph. Cool, right?! The book is full of magic, wonder, humor, and grace. And beneath the surface of going behind the scenes of your dreams lies an exploration of our waking lives—and the grief, trauma, joy and recovery that we experience there.

—CARMELA IARIA

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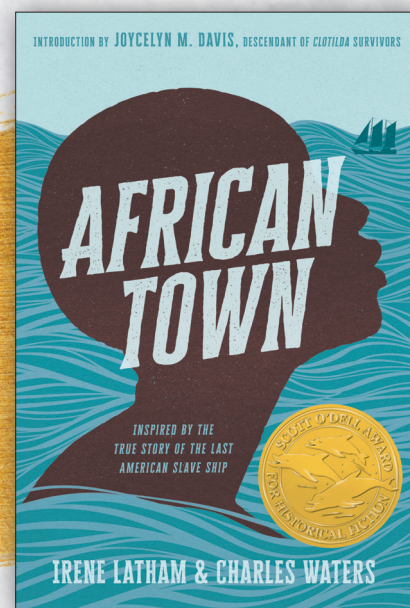


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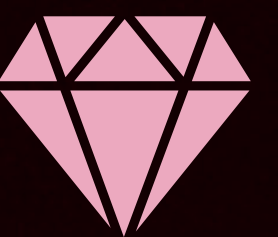
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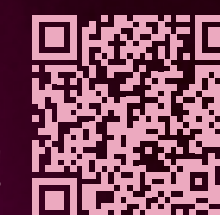
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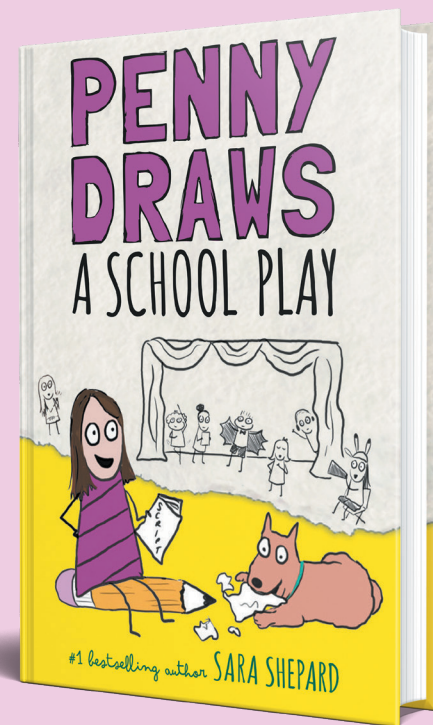
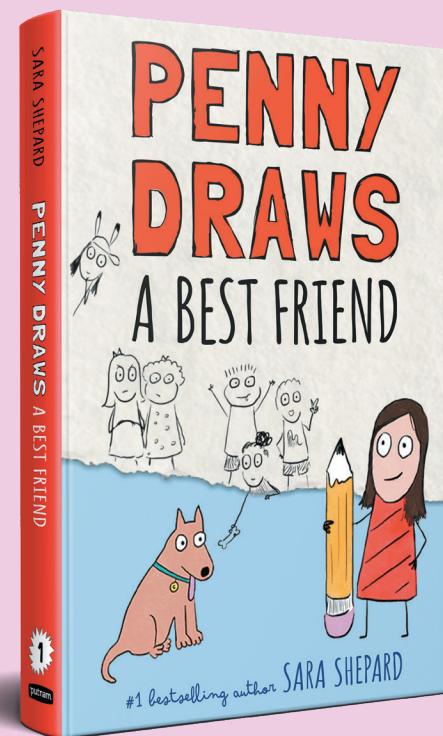
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# BOOK TALKING SPRING '23 PICTURE BOOKS

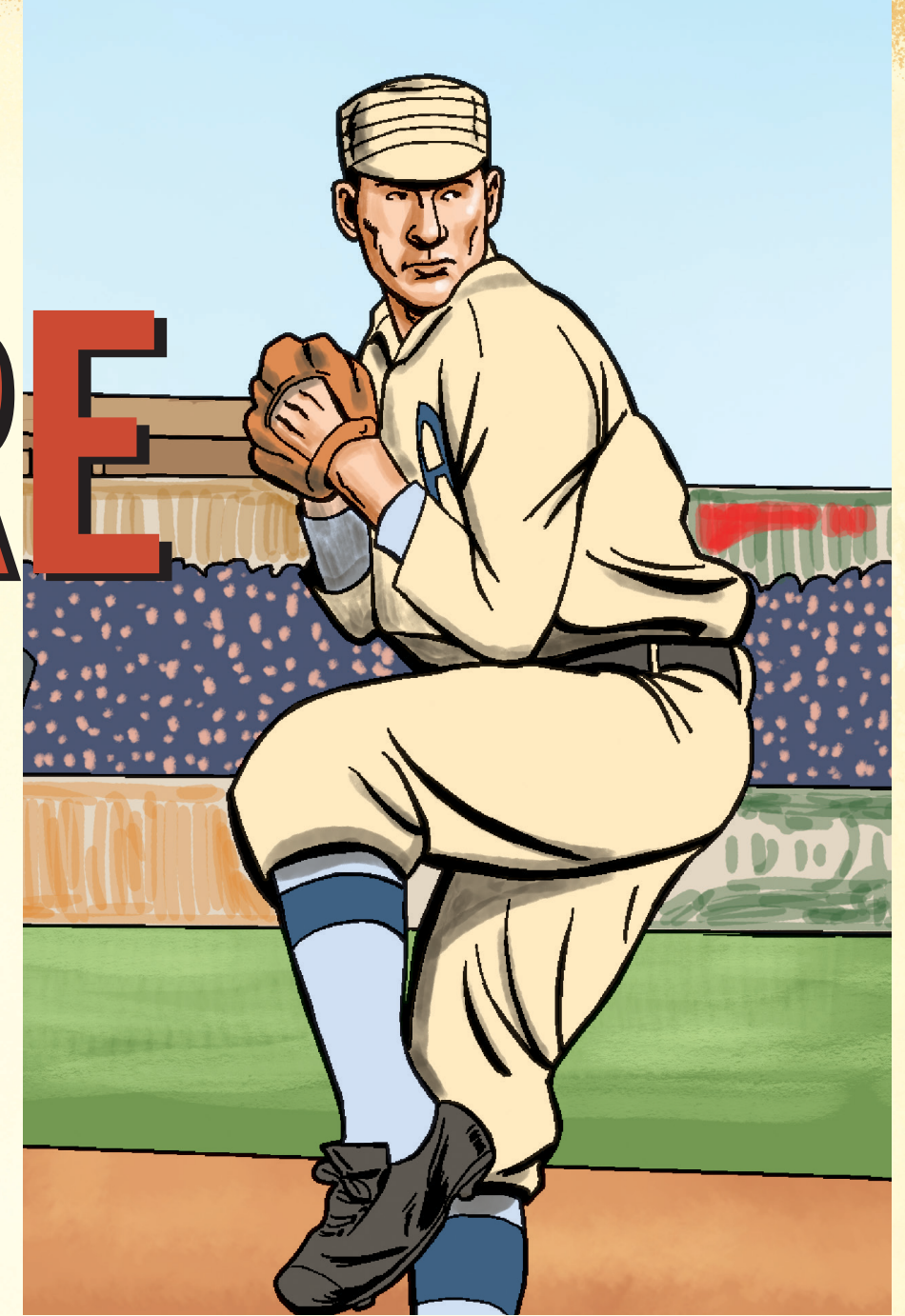
It may be June, but these picture books from Spring 2023 are not ones to miss. From lyrical poetry to gripping nonfiction about Antarctic explorers, folk artists, and Indigenous baseball players, there is something for every reader in these gorgeous picture books!

Based on the viral poem by Coretta Scott King honoree Junauda Petrus, *Can We Please Give the Police Department to the Grandmothers?* imagines a radically positive future where police aren't in charge of public safety and community well-being. With stunning art by Kristen Uroda, this picture book has struck a chord with reviewers and has been critically acclaimed with three starred reviews, with *Kirkus Reviews* raving that “Unconditional love and community-based care lay at the heart of this radical and linguistically delicious picture book.” When introducing the book to educators and librarians, author Junauda Petrus told us that “I believe we have yet to uncover so many magical and imaginative ways that could help us heal as humanity and as a planet. I believe in sweetness and healing, and that everyone deserves care, beautiful surroundings, delicious food, personal and consensual pleasure, compassion and safety—not just those who live with privilege.”

*You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce!: The Storied Life of Folk Artist Elijah Pierce* by Christopher Award-winning author Carmella Van Vleet and Chiquita Mullins Lee and illustrated with striking Japanese woodblock by Jennifer Mack-Watkins is a new addition to vital Black art history! Based on the true story of Elijah Pierce and his community barber shop in Columbus, Ohio, this picture book includes cleverly collaged, museum-sourced photos of his art and informative back matter about his life. *You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce!* has been praised as “intimate” and “thoughtful and enlightening,” receiving three starred reviews. Editor Sydnee Monday describes the book as a “perfect addition to lessons about undersung Black history, and it connects trade professions to conversations about what art is and can be.”

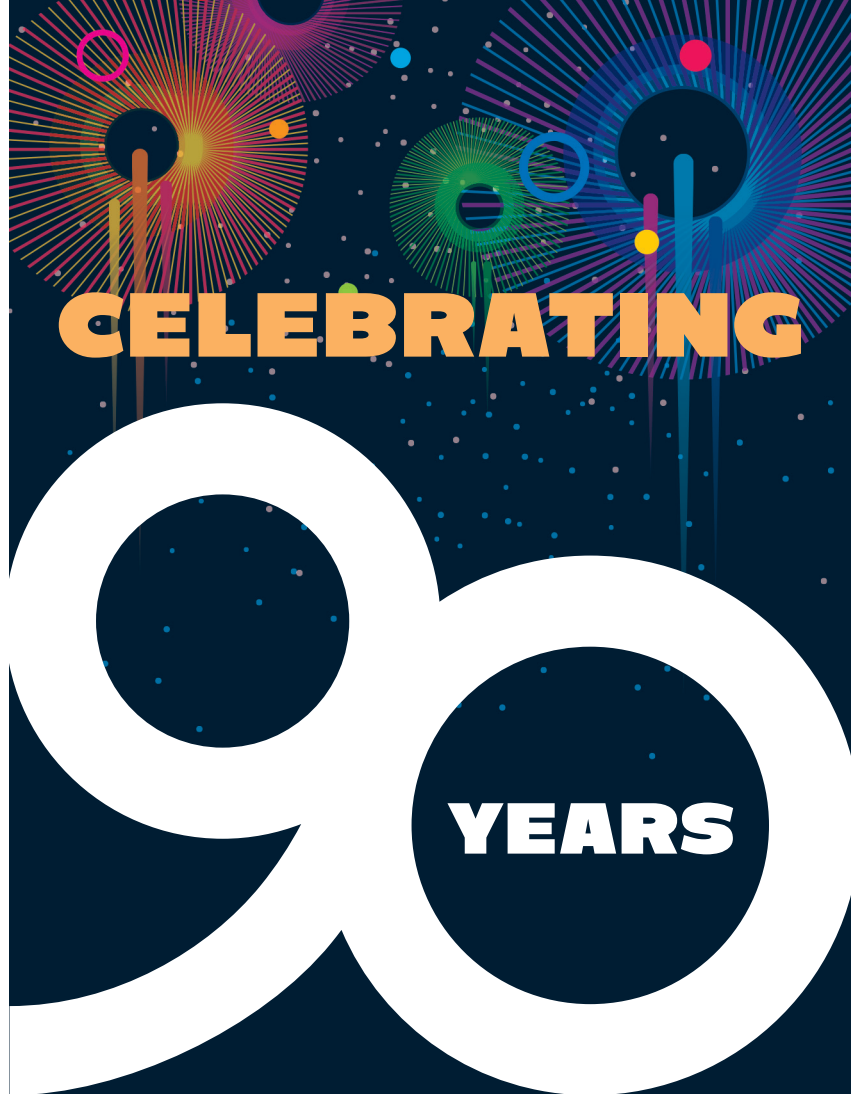
“Take Me Out to the Library, Take Me Out to the Books!” The true story of John Meyers and Charles Bender, who in 1911 became the first two Native pro baseball players to face off in a World Series, comes to life with Traci Sorell and Arigon Starr’s *Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series*. The book features Charles Bender, an Ojibwe player, who invented the slider pitch and debuted in the majors at nineteen, as well as John Meyers, a Cahuilla powerhouse batter and catcher for the New York Giants who didn't hit the big leagues until age twenty-eight. Traci Sorell said that she hopes that, “In reading and discussing this book, I hope young people have their curiosity piqued not only about whose contributions haven't been shared in baseball, but across so many professions.” This picture book teaches important lessons about resilience, doing what you love in the face of injustice, and the fight for Native American representation in sports.

Jennifer Thermes’s *The Indestructible Tom Crean: Heroic Explorer of the Antarctic* brings a formidable landscape and the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration to



life through dazzling mapwork and vivid illustrations. Teachers and librarians have loved this gripping tale, as have reviewers! *Kirkus Reviews* raved that it’s “a story of bitter cold infused with warmth and with the fighting spirit of its courageous subject,” and *Horn Book* and *Booklist* called it “enthraling” and “not to be missed.” When discussing the book, Jennifer’s editor, Tamar Brazis (Associate Publisher), was in awe of her art process for the book, sharing that “While Jen usually works traditionally with colored pencils, ink, and watercolor, for this book, she added a salt-and-watercolor technique to evoke the ice! She started by taping her watercolor paper to a board so that it wouldn't warp, and then applied a wash of color quickly across the surface with a brush. After experimenting with mixing multiple colors together and figuring out how much water to use, she sprinkled salt across the paint while it was still wet. After the paint dried completely, she brushed off the excess salt, excited to see what the piece would reveal. It was unpredictable every time!” It is a stunning result, and Brazis notes that “You will feel Crean’s solitude in the Antarctic and you will feel the frostbite on his toes.” Just what you need on a hot summer day at ALA. ■





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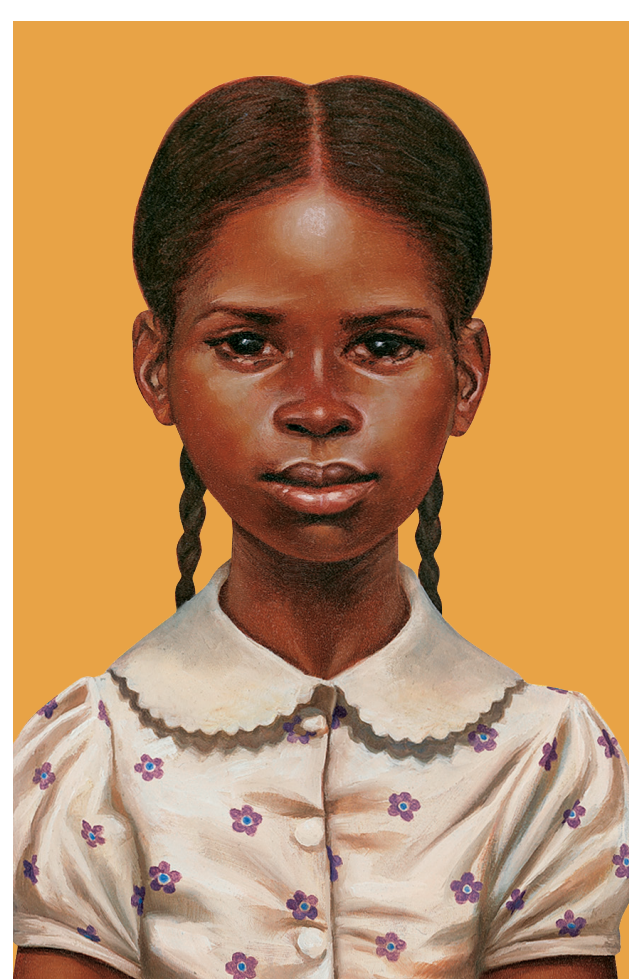
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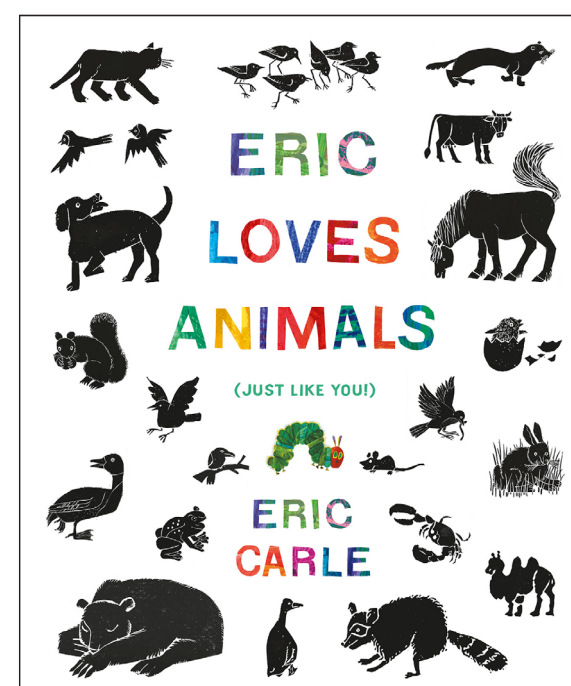
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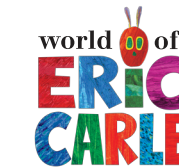
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*FORTY WORDS FOR LOVE*
- 9:00AM – 10:00AM **LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON**  
*SHOUT*
- 9:00AM – 10:00AM **SABAA TAHIR**  
*ALL MY RAGE*
- 9:30AM – 10:00AM **DERRICK BARNES**  
*LIKE LAVA IN MY VEINS*
- 10:00AM – 10:30AM **ALANA TYSON & LONDON LADD**  
*MY RED, WHITE, AND BLUE*
- 11:30AM – 12:00PM **KYLE LUKOFF**  
*DIFFERENT KINDS OF FRUIT*
- 12:00PM – 1:00PM **LIZA FERNEYHOUGH**  
*NANA, NENEK & NINA*
- 12:00PM – 1:00PM **KITT THOMAS**  
*MY FADE IS FRESH*
- 1:00PM – 1:30PM **TRACI SORELL**  
*CONTENDERS*
- 1:30PM – 2:30PM **JENNIFER MACK-WATKINS**  
*YOU GOTTA MEET MR. PIERCE!*
- 1:30PM – 2:30PM **NIKKOLAS SMITH**  
*BORN ON THE WATER*
- 2:30PM – 3:30PM **PEDRO MARTÍN**  
*MEXIKID*
- 3:30PM – 4:30PM **IRENE LATHAM & CHARLES WATERS**  
*AFRICAN TOWN*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- 9:00AM – 9:30AM **NIDHI CHANANI**  
*SHARK PARTY*
- 10:00AM – 11:00AM **SHANNON STOCKER & DEVON HOLZWARTH**  
*LISTEN: HOW EVELYN GLENNIE, A DEAF GIRL, CHANGED PERCUSSION*
- 11:00AM – 12:00PM **CELIA C. PÉREZ**  
*TUMBLE*
- 11:00AM – 12:00PM **IBI ZOBOI**  
*STAR CHILD*
- 1:00PM – 1:30PM **REKHA RAJAN**  
*THIS IS MUSIC: STRINGS*
- 1:00PM – 1:30PM **JESSICA RALLI**  
*EVERY BODY: A FIRST CONVERSATION ABOUT BODIES*
- 1:00PM – 2:00PM **ISAAC BLUM**  
*THE LIFE AND CRIMES OF HOODIE ROSEN*
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*KINGS OF B'MORE*
- 2:00PM – 2:30PM **DOUG CENKO**  
*VIKING STRONG*
- 2:00PM – 2:30PM **DARSHANA KHIANI**  
*I'M AN AMERICAN*
- 2:30PM – 3:00PM **GLORIA CHAO**  
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