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## our mission

- Instill a love of reading and learning in children of all ages and reading levels
- Encourage children to practice empathy and build lasting relationships
- Share diverse perspectives and characters, both real and imagined, that children see themselves reflected in
- Continue evolving, so that the stories we tell always help children understand the constantly-changing world around them



Art from *The Right to Play*  
illustrated by Olga Lee  
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# Dearest Reader,

For over 105 years, we've believed in the power of stories to educate and inspire young people. As an independent publisher, we've been with our readers through so many changes, and we've seen how a good story can be a needed boost in a world of unknowns. This year, our books are all about finding strength in the face of adversity and celebrating the joy of being who you are.

The season is full of incredible stories of courage. You'll meet people who've changed their world through personal resilience, advocacy, or by simply staying true to themselves. From picture books that help kids navigate tough emotions to chapter books that let them be detectives, these titles show that every voice has the power to make a difference.

We can't wait to share these stories of resilience, advocacy, and cultural celebration with you. We hope they'll help young readers find their own inner strength and connect with the vibrant, diverse world around them.

We invite you to join us on this journey.

Sincerely,

Tom MacDonald  
Publisher

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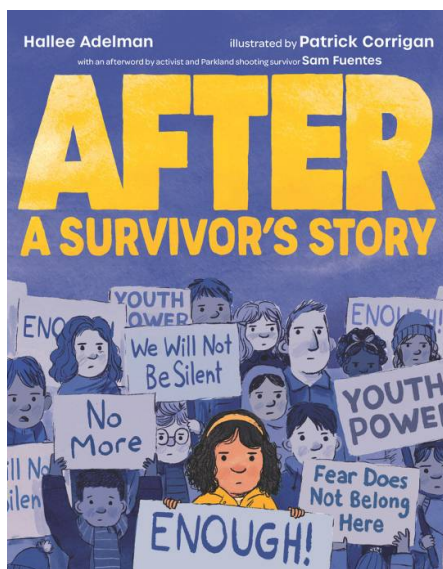
### A Survivor's Story

by **HALLEE ADELMAN**

illustrated by **PATRICK CORRIGAN**

Moving forward after a traumatic event isn't easy, but finding community can help.

A young girl struggles with survivor's guilt after a traumatic event takes her friend's life. Feeling misunderstood by adults, she finds the strength to heal by connecting with other survivors. This book by Hallee Adelman confronts the difficult subject of gun violence through the eyes of a child whose life has been forever changed.



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After The Horrible Day,  
people showed up with teddy bears.  
But it wasn't my birthday.  
I didn't want a new bear.

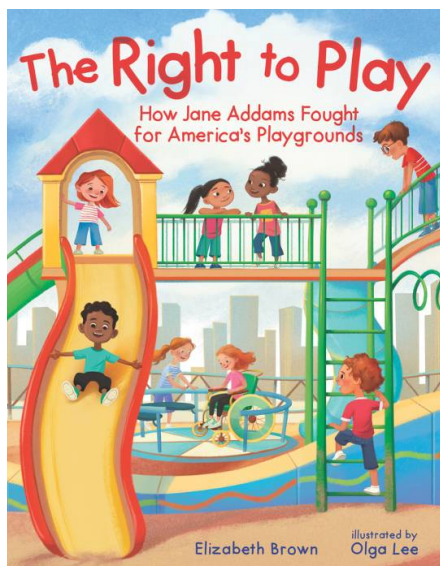
## The Right to Play

How Jane Addams Fought for America's Playgrounds

by **ELIZABETH BROWN**  
illustrated by **OLGA LEE**

She didn't just build a playground; she built a movement.

When Jane Addams was a girl, a limp prevented her from running and playing with the other children in her neighborhood. Eventually, her condition improved, but she never forgot what it felt like to be left out. Jane grew up and moved to Chicago to cofound Hull House, a settlement home for immigrant families. There, children from different countries spent time together while their parents worked. Jane wanted to give the boys and girls in her care a place outside where they could run and play, just as she used to. So she commissioned the first model playground in the US, sparking a nationwide movement to build safe, dedicated spaces for children of all abilities to play.



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a place to play!

This was one of the first model playgrounds in America—one with equipment for play—the design from which all others would be built.

People around the country heard about this playground.

Newspapers praised Jane. Her playground brought progress.

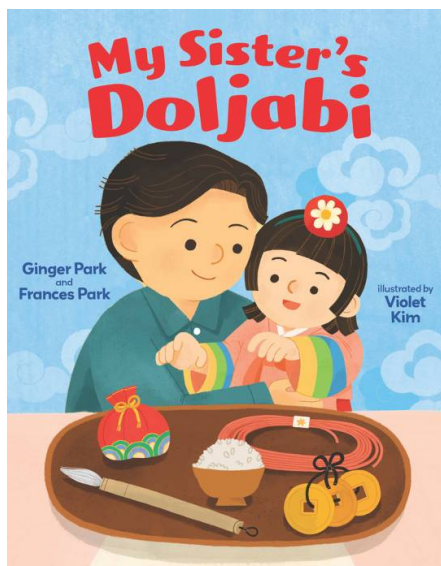
*You go first! I'll go next because you haven't swung yet.*

*Remember to share.*

*Everyone will get a turn.*

Children (and their imaginations) ran free, making up games, stories, and worlds to explore. They learned how to work out problems and differences at the playground.





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## My Sister's Doljabi

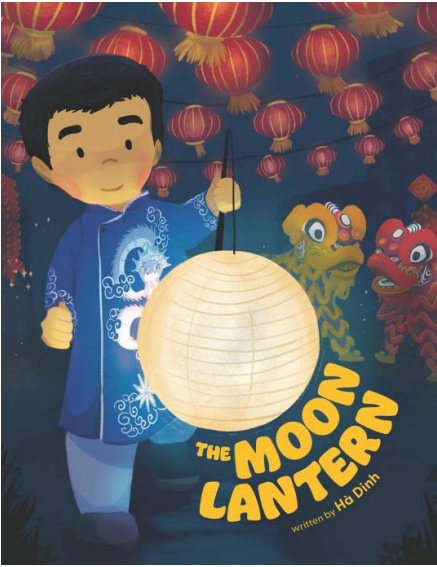
by **GINGER PARK & FRANCES PARK**  
 illustrated by **VIOLET KIM**

A Korean birthday tradition brings together the past, present, and future.

Hoon's baby sister Binna is about to turn one year old, which means it's time to celebrate her doljabi—the Korean first birthday tradition where a child chooses an object that will determine their future. Each member of the family hopes for Binna to pick a different object. Hoon desperately wants Binna to choose the thread, which is said to guarantee her a long life, but she seems to have other plans. Can he influence her to pick the right item? And what will happen if she chooses a different one instead?

The big day was finally here.  
 Like a long train, cars filled with friends and family caused a  
 traffic jam on their way to...  
 "Binna's birthday party!" Hoon sang.





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## The Moon Lantern

by **HÀ DINH**

A modern celebration of a centuries-old Vietnamese tradition

Tết Trung Thu, or the Moon Festival, is one of the most popular holidays in Việt Nam. To continue the traditions of this special holiday in America, Huy and his family celebrate with mooncakes, lion dances, and homemade lanterns. This year, Huy wants to enter the lantern-making contest, but instead of crafting a lantern in the traditional star shape, Huy plans to honor the moon.

Together with his Ba, Huy creates a special lantern showing that a new twist can help old traditions shine even more brightly.

It is time for delicious mooncakes, for lion dancers who jump and prance, for mythical tales of the man on the moon, and for lanterns setting the streets aglow.

Huy has been waiting for Tết Trung Thu, the Moon Festival, all year.

Finally, it's here!

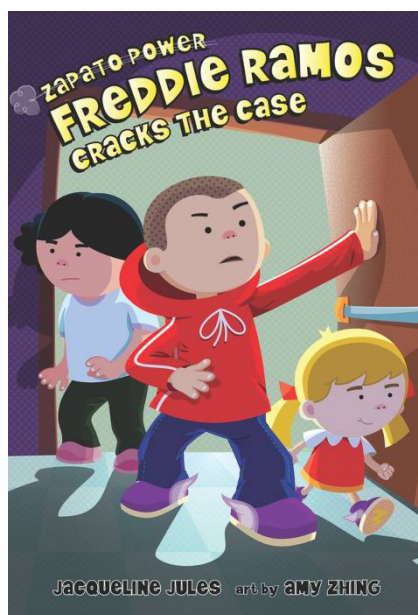
# Freddie Ramos Cracks the Case

Zapato Power 15

by **JACQUILINE JULES**  
illustrated by **AMY ZHING**

Can Freddie's Zapato Power help him prove his innocence in a crime he didn't commit?

When Freddie is falsely accused of taking Vice Principal Hadley's notebook, he has only a few days to prove he didn't do it. If he fails, he won't be allowed to go on a field trip to the skating rink. School bully Erika seems like a prime suspect, but the deeper Freddie and his friends investigate, the more complicated the case gets. To clear his name, Freddie will need to put his newfound detective skills to the test and change the way he thinks about his classmates.



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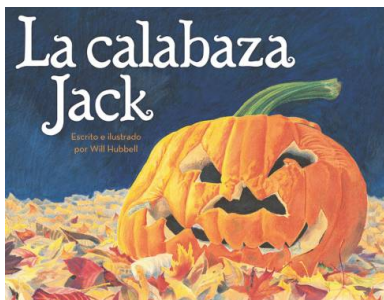
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La primera calabaza que talló Tim fue feroz y graciosa. Tim la llamó Jack. Luego de Halloween, la puso en el jardín y vio cómo se fue transformando con el correr de las semanas. Luego de la nieve invernal, solo quedó un tallo, algunas semillas y una cáscara de calabaza arrugada. Pero la primavera trajo otro cambio: comenzó a crecer una planta...

## Muy, pero muy ansioso

escrito por HALLEE ADELMAN  
ilustrado por SANDRA DE LA PRADA

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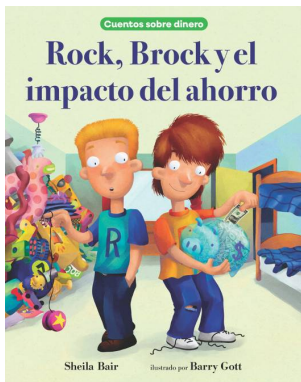
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Brock está ansioso. Muy, pero muy ansioso. El corazón le late fuerte, y no puede dejar de pensar mil cosas a la vez. Hoy es la fiesta de superhéroes de su amigo Juan, y Brock irá solo. ¿Y si nadie juega con él? ¿Y si todos se ríen de él? Brock no se siente como un superhéroe, pero... ¿qué ocurriría si lograra superar la ansiedad sin ayuda?

## MUY, PERO MUY ANSIOSO



Hallee Adelman ilustrada por Sandra de la Prada



## Rock, Brock y el impacto del ahorro

escrito por SHEILA BAIR  
ilustrado por BARRY GOTT

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Puede que Rock y Brock sean hermanos mellizos, pero no podrían ser más diferentes. Este verano, el abuelo les ofrece darle un dólar a cada uno todos los sábados. El Abue igualará cada dólar que ellos ahorren. Rock está emocionado por todas las cosas que puede conseguir por un dólar, pero Brock prefiere guardar el dinero hasta que finalice el desafío. ¿Quién saldrá ganando en esta historia que nos enseña el valor del ahorro?

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## The Festival of Lights

16 Hanukkah Stories

compiled by **HENRY HERZ**

This collection of stories and poems by sixteen Jewish writers portrays the magic of Hanukkah for each person who celebrates it, as well as what it means to be Jewish.

Celebrate Hanukkah with a diverse collection of poems and stories filled with history, humor, and hope. Cheer on a young baker as he tries to make sufganiyot from a family recipe. Learn about code breakers in England during World War II. Imagine hosting a refugee cousin or finding long-lost relatives. In this anthology, characters make discoveries, connect with family and friends, and mourn loved ones.

Encompassing a range of genres and experiences, there's something for readers of all faiths in the illuminating pages of *The Festival of Lights*.



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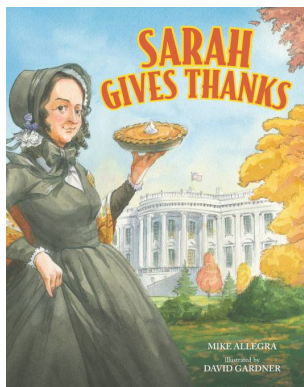
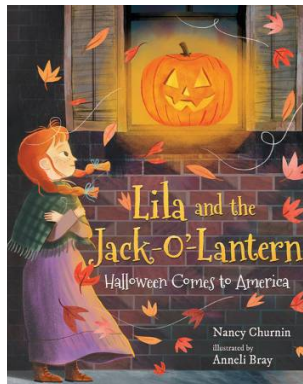
**Lila and the Jack-o'-Lantern**

*Halloween Comes to America*

by NANCY CHURNIN  
illustrated by ANNELI BRAY

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When Lila and her family leave Ireland for the United States, Lila misses many things, but especially Halloween. Each year, she and her siblings look forward to tricking a sly spirit named Jack by carving turnips into jack-o'-lanterns and walking the streets of their small town in ghostly costumes. Now, with no turnips in sight, can she bring the spirit of the holiday to the crowded city streets of her new home?



**Sarah Gives Thanks**

*How Thanksgiving Became a National Holiday*

written by MIKE ALLEGRA  
illustrated by DAVID C. GARDNER

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During the nineteenth century, Sarah Josepha Hale dedicated her life to making Thanksgiving a national holiday, all while raising a family and becoming a groundbreaking writer and women's magazine editor. Sarah Hale's inspiring story, accompanied by luscious watercolor illustrations, tells the tale of one woman who wouldn't take no for an answer.

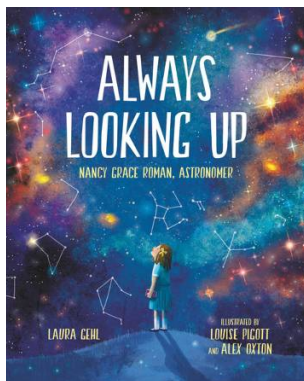
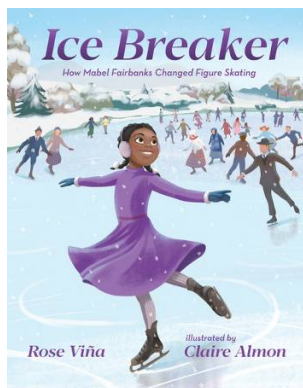
**Ice Breaker**

*How Mabel Fairbanks Changed Figure Skating*

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illustrated by CLAIRE ALMON

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In the 1930s, only white figure skaters were allowed in public ice rinks and to compete for gold medals, but Mabel Fairbanks wouldn't let that stop her. With skates two sizes too big and a heart full of dreams, Mabel beat the odds and broke down color barriers through sheer determination and athletic skill. Mabel became the first African-American woman to be inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame.



**Always Looking Up**

*Nancy Grace Roman, Astronomer*

written by LAURA GEHL  
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This empowering picture book biography tells the story of Nancy Grace Roman, the astronomer who overcame obstacles like weak eyesight and teachers who discouraged women from pursuing astronomy to lead the NASA team that built the Hubble Space Telescope. A testament to women in scientific careers and a record of an important NASA milestone.

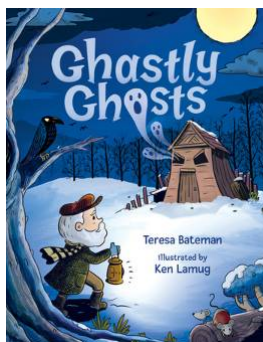
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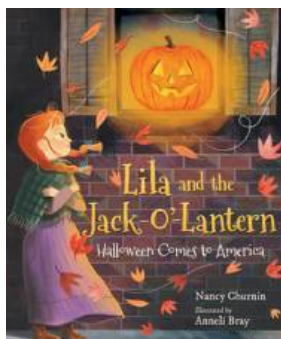
A trio of ghosts-in-training comes across a family that doesn't scare easily.

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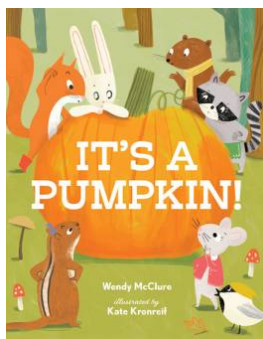
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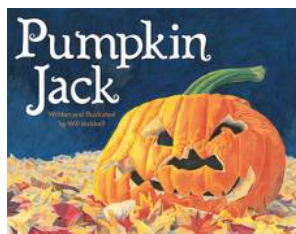
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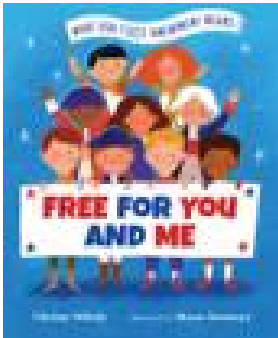
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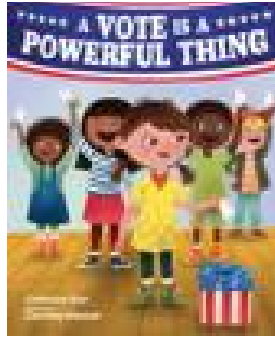
citizenship & civics

Prepare kids to become active and informed participants in democracy with these picture books on US government.



"Timely, valuable as a gateway to further study."  
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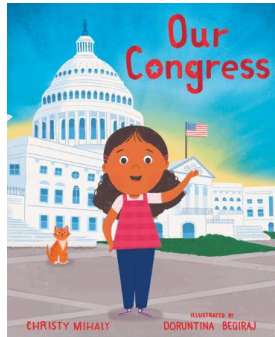


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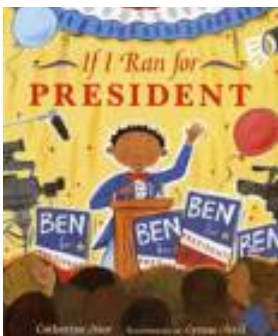
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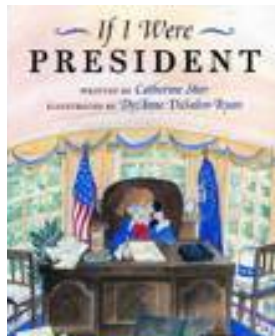
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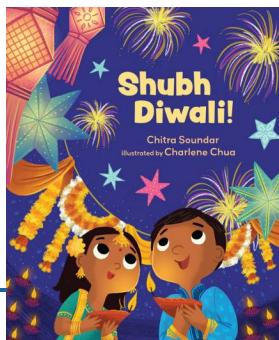
holidays and traditions



Introduce kids to the many ways in which people celebrate and find meaning in their traditions.

"A necessary addition to any corpus of books about celebrations."

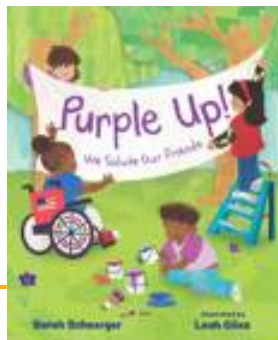
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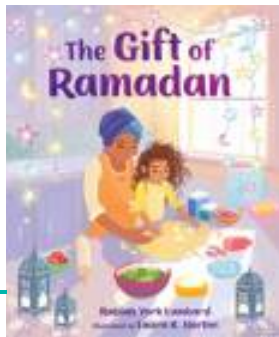
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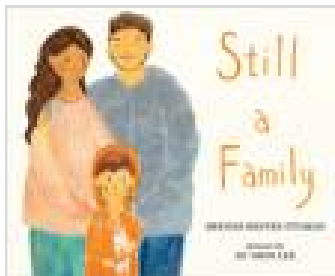
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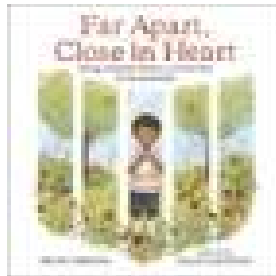
"A Japanese American girl responds to prejudice in this sensitive debut drawn from Ward's childhood"  
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"This discussion starter offers a child's perspective on homelessness and a positive message of hope."  
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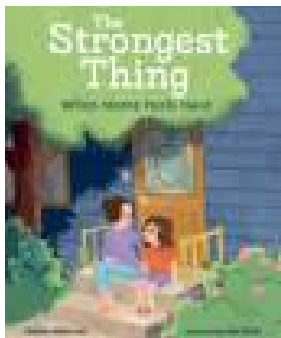
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"Having a parent in prison is a complicated matter...Drawing on her own experience, Birtha gilds the text with tenderness and affirmations."  
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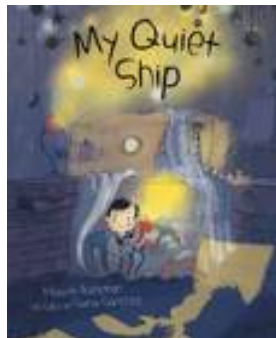


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