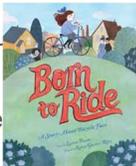


Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

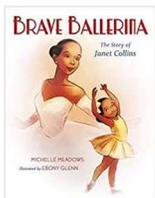
What's in a name: How did Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela end up with such a long name? As daddy tells the story of her many names, Alma can almost feel herself growing into them!

Born to Ride: A Story About Bicycle Face by Larissa Theule



Louise Belinda strikes out to discover the truth about this so-called "bicycle face." Born to Ride is the story of one girl's courageous quest to prove that she can do everything the boys can do.

Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins by Michelle Meadows

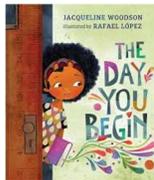


Janet Collins was the first African American prima ballerina in the Metropolitan Opera House. She danced in the 1930s and 1940s. The story is told in rhyming couplets, with only a few lines of text on each page.

Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings



Arfy, an optimistic mutt who sleeps in a cardboard box in the alley, writes a series of amusing letters aimed at finding himself a new home.



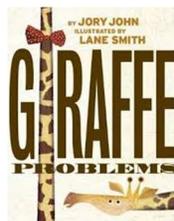
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.

Friends Stick Together by Hannah E. Harrison



Rupert is sensible, Levi is not. Rupert prefers things his way but when Levi leaves, Rupert figures out that real friends stick together.



Giraffe Problems by Jory John

Edward the Giraffe feels funny about his neck. He even thinks other animals are staring at his neck. Fortunately a friendly turtle named Cyrus finds Edward and asks the giraffe for help. Edward saves the day... Edward's neck can have its advantages.

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly



This story tells about the contributions of Christine Darden, Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson, and Mary Jackson to the United States Space program.

2020-2021 SCASL SC Picture Book Award Nominees



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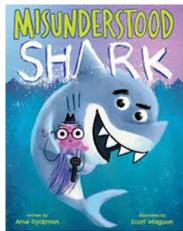
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Love, Z by Jessie Sima A little robot named Z finds a message in a bottle signed, "Love, Beatrice" and, unable to learn what love is from other robots, sets out on a quest to find the answer.

The Magician's Hat by Malcolm Mitchell

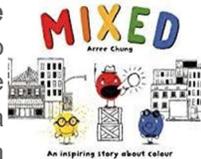
This is not your typical afternoon at the library -- a magician invites kids to reach into his hat to pull out whatever they find when they dig down deep. Soon -- poof! -- each child comes away with something better than they could've imagined -- a book.



Misunderstood Shark by Ame Dyckman Shark interrupts the filming of Underwater World With Bob, scattering the other creatures (and the audience), but he claims that it is all a terrible misunderstanding--that he would never think of eating the fish, squid, the audience . . . or Bob.

Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung

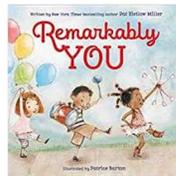
The colors decide to separate to different parts of the city until, one day, a Yellow and a Blue get together and create a never-before-seen color-- Green! What ensues is a uniting of different colors to make new ones.



Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs by Melissa Stewart A lighthearted look at the surprising traits that help some animals survive - including behaviors of a variety of animals, such as shrews, armadillos, naked mole rats, and okapi.



Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika Aldamuy Denise Pura Belpré moved to New York City from Puerto Rico and found comfort in the library in her neighborhood.



Remarkably You by Pat Zietlow Miller Remarkably You is an inspirational manifesto about all of the things--little or small, loud or quiet--that make us who we are.

The Remember Balloons by Jessie Oliveros Grandpa's balloons begin to float away as his memory fades.

Grandpa eventually loses all his balloons. James realizes he has to be the balloon carrier for the both of them and helps bring his grandpa back with the help of some balloons.



Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

The book follows two struggles: that of Rescue, a lab in training as a service dog, and of Jessica, a girl hospitalized by an injury, who must learn to cope with prosthetics, a wheelchair, and a whole new world of challenges.



Shaking Things Up by Susan Hood

14 young women are introduced in this book. This poetry collection was written, illustrated, edited, and designed by women and includes an author's note, a timeline, and additional resources.



Sleepy, the Good Night Buddy by Drew Daywalt



Roderick hates going to bed, and he asks for everything he can think of to try and stay up. His parents present him with a goodnight buddy to help him sleep. Bad idea!

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins

Penelope eats all her classmates. She spits them out, but it's a little hard to make friends after that. Her dad tries to explain why people don't like being eaten, but it's not until Penelope makes a lonely attempt to befriend the classroom goldfish that she truly understands.

