

# Diversity- Grades 1 & 2

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**Adler, David**

***Don't Throw it to Mo!***

**+ ER Adler, David**

Mo is the youngest kid on the Robins football team. The kids on the rival team tease him for being a 'butterfingers' who's too tiny to catch the ball. But Mo's coach has a plan up his sleeve to turn Mo's little size into a big win for the Robins.

**Alexie, Sherman**

***Thunder Boy Jr.***

**++ Alexie, Sherman**

Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name ... one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.

**Argueta, Jorge**

***Salsa: Una Poema Para Cocinar/A Cooking Poem***

**+ WL 811 Arg**

In this cooking poem, Jorge Argueta brings us a fun and easy recipe for a yummy salsa. A young boy and his sister gather the ingredients and grind them up in a molcajete, just like their ancestors used to do, singing and dancing all the while.

**Austrain, J.J.**

***Worm Loves Worm***

**++ Austrain, J.J.**

When a worm meets a special worm and they fall in love, you know what happens next: They get married! But their friends want to know--who will wear the dress? And who will wear the tux?

**Barnes, Derrick**

***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut***

**++ Barnes, Derrick**

Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.

**Barnett, Mac**

***Leo***

**++ Barnett, Mac  
+ CD-Set Bar**

Leo is a friendly house ghost--but when a family moves into his house, and tries to get rid of him, he leaves and roams the city looking for a friend.

**Beaty, Andrea**

***Ada Twist, Scientist***

**++ Beaty, Andrea**

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

**Bildner, Phil**

***Marvelous Cornelius***

**++ Bildner, Phil**

A man known as the "Trashcan Wizard" sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina's devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.

**Blake, Quentin**

***The Five of Us***

**++ Blake, Quentin**

Angie, Ollie, Simona, Mario, and Eric are five fantastic friends, each of whom has an unusual ability. Disaster strikes on a day in the countryside, but by working together and combining their individual powers, the Fantastic Five save the day.

**Buitrago, Jairo**

***Two White Rabbits***

**++ Buitrago, Jairo**

A young child describes what it is like to be a migrant as she and her father travel north toward the U.S. border. They travel mostly on the roof of a train known as The Beast, but the little girl doesn't know where they are going. She counts the animals by the road, the clouds in the sky, the stars. Sometimes she sees soldiers. She sleeps, dreaming that she is always on the move, although sometimes they are forced to stop and her father has to earn more money before they can continue their journey.

**Burcaw, Shane**

***Not So Different***

**+ 362.43 Bur**

A picture book answering the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.

**Citro, Asia**

***Dragons and Marshmallows***

**++ ER Citro**

*Zoey and Sassafras #1*

A girl, Zoey, and her cat, Sassafras, use science experiments to help a dragon with a problem.

- Danticat, Edwidge** *Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation* ++ **Danticat, Edwidge**  
When Saya's mother is sent to jail as an illegal immigrant, she sends her daughter a cassette tape with a song and a bedtime story, which inspires Saya to write a story of her own--one that just might bring her mother home.
- De Kinder, Jan** *Red* ++ **De Kinder, Jan**  
Torn between her fear of the bully on the school playground and her sympathy for her classmate, a girl must make a difficult choice.
- de la Pena, Matt** *Last Stop on Market Street* ++ **de la Pena, Matt\***  
A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things
- Elya, Susan Middleton** *La Princesa and the Pea* ++ **Elya, Susan\***  
A rhyming twist on a classic fairy tale in which a queen places a pea under a young lady's mattress to see if she is truly a princess.
- Engle, Margarita** *All the Way to Havana* ++ **Engle, Margarita**  
A boy helps his father keep their very old car running as they make a trip to Havana for his newborn cousin's zero-year birthday.
- Engle, Margarita** *Drum Dream Girl* ++ **Engle, Margarita**  
Follows a young Cuban girl in the 1930s as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums, and that there's never been a female drummer in Cuba.
- Fang, Suzhen** *Grandma Lives in a Perfume Village* ++ **Fang, Suzhen**  
Xiao Le's grandmother lives in a faraway village. A visit with Grandma is always a special event, but this time she is frail. With encouragement from his mom, Xiao Le plays with and helps Grandma.
- Faruqi, Saadia** *Meet Yasmin* ++ **ER Faruqi**  
*Yasmin #1*  
Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems. Taking inspiration from her surroundings and her big imagination, she boldly faces any situation, assuming her imagination doesn't get too big, of course!
- Fredrickson, Lane** *Monster Trouble!* ++ **Fredrickson, Lane**  
Although Winifred thinks the monsters who creep into her bedroom each night are cute, she cannot get any sleep and tries to scare them away.
- Gillingham, Sara** *How to Grow a Friend* ++ **Gillingham, Sara**  
Making a friend takes patience, care, and room to bloom--just like growing a flower.
- Golio, Gary** *Bird & Diz* + **921 Par\***  
When sax player Charlie "Bird" Parker and trumpeter John "Dizzy" Gillespie make music together, they toss notes back and forth like a game of tag and chase each other with sounds. As Dizzy's cheeks puff out like a frog with glasses, the two friends beep and bop and push each other to create a new kind of music--a thrilling fast jazz full of surprises.
- Haack, Daniel** *Prince & Knight* ++ **Haack, Daniel**  
A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together.
- Hughes, Langston** *Sail Away* + **811 Hug**  
A celebration of mermaids, wildernesses of waves, and the creatures of the deep through poems
- Jules, Jacqueline** *Picture Perfect* ++ **ER Jules**  
*Sofia Martinez #1*  
Sofia is sick of looking exactly like her sisters. She wants to stand out! And when school picture day comes around, Sofia thinks of the perfect way to make that happen.

**Katz, Karen**

***Rosie Goes to Preschool***

**++ Katz, Karen**

It's the first day of preschool, and the narrator, Rosie, knows everything a new preschooler needs to know. Rosie introduces the reader to her cubby, her teacher, her reading circle, her music class, her lunch table, and more.

**Kelley, Marty**

***The Best Friend Bandit***

**++ ER Kelley**

*Molly Mac #1*

Initially worried that the new girl in class, Tori, might steal her cookies, Molly is soon faced with a bigger problem--it seems that Tori is stealing Molly's best friend, Kayley.

**Kheiriyeh, Rashin**

***Saffron Ice Cream***

**++ Kheiriyeh, Rashin**

Rashin is an Iranian immigrant girl living in New York, excited by her first trip to Coney Island, and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs between her native Iran and her new home--but she misses the saffron flavored ice cream that she used to eat.

**Kobold, Irena**

***My Two Blankets***

**++ Kobold, Irena**

A homesick little girl who has recently moved to an unfamiliar country comforts herself by clinging to an old blanket, but when she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture.

**Lin, Grace**

***A Big Mooncake for Little Star***

**++ Lin, Grace**

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?

**Love, Jessica**

***Julian is a Mermaid***

**++ Love, Jessica**

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume

**Lyons, Kelly Starling**

***Rock Star***

**+ Lyons, Kelly Starling**

*Jada Jones #1*

Jada's best friend moved away but a class project on rocks and minerals, her favorite topic, could mean new friends, if only one of her teammates would stop being mean.

**McCully, Emily Arnold**

***3, 2, 1, Go!***

**++ ER McCully, Emily Arnold**

Told she cannot step over the line to play school with the older girls, Min builds a catapult and flies over it, instead.

**McPike, Elizabeth**

***Little Sleepyhead***

**++ McPike, Elizabeth**

After a busy day filled with loved ones, adventure, and fun, baby is tired from head to toe

**Medina, Meg**

***Mango, Abuela, and Me***

**++ Medina, Meg**

Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words inside.

**Mechin, Scott**

***Grandma in Blue with a Red Hat***

**++ Menchin, Scott**

After his teacher says that anything can be in an art exhibition, and his fellow students give myriad reasons why something might belong in a museum, a child offers his special grandmother as an exhibit but when the curator cites a rule against accepting grandmas, the child has a better idea.

**Myers, Christopher**

***My Pen***

**++ Myers, Christopher\***

An artist celebrates the many things he can do with a simple pen, and encourages the reader to do the same.

**Newman, Leslea**

***Ketzel the Cat Who Composed***

**+ 636.8 New**

A kitten's stroll down a keyboard leads to a celebrated one-minute composition in this charming portrait of a remarkable true friendship.

**O'Brien, Anne Sibley*****I'm New Here*****++ O'Brien, Anne Sibley**

Three children from other countries (Somalia, Guatemala, and Korea) struggle to adjust to their new home and school in the United States.

**Palacio, R.J.*****We're All Wonders*****++ Palacio, R.J.**

Augie enjoys the company of his dog, Daisy, and using his imagination, but painfully endures the taunts of his peers because of his facial deformity.

**Paul, Baptiste*****The Field*****++ Paul, Baptiste**

"Vini! Come! The field calls!" cries a girl as she and her younger brother rouse their community--family, friends, and the local fruit vendor--for a pickup soccer (futbol) game. Boys and girls, young and old, players and spectators come running--bearing balls, shoes, goals, and a love of the sport.

**Petričić, Dušan*****My Family Tree and Me*****++ Petričić, Dušan\***

Uses two stories in one to explore a small boy's family tree: the boy tells the family story of his father's side starting from the front of the book, and that of his mother's side starting from the back of the book. Four previous generations are introduced for each, from his great-great-grandparents to his parents. The grand finale in the center of the book reveals the boy's entire extended family, shown in one drawing with all the members from both sides identified by their relationship to him.

**Pett, Mark*****Lizard from the Park*****++ Pett, Mark**

When a lizard hatches from the egg Leonard finds in the park, he names it Buster and takes it all around the city, but Buster grows bigger and bigger until Leonard realizes he must devise a way to return his pet to the deepest, darkest part of the park and set him free

**Ringgold, Faith*****Harlem Renaissance Party*****++ Ringgold, Faith**

Lonnie and his uncle journey back in time to the Harlem Renaissance.

**Rosenberg, Liz*****What James Said*****++ Rosenberg, Liz**

A little girl ignores her best friend James after she hears rumors that he has been talking about her, but soon realizes that she misses his friendship.

**Rotner, Shelley*****Families*****+ 306.85 Rot**

Big or small, similar or different-looking, there are all kinds of families. Some have one parent, some have two, and many include extended family. This inclusive look at many varieties of families will help young readers see beyond their own immediate experiences

**Sarcone-Roach, Julia*****The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*****++ Sarcone-Roach, Julia**

When a sandwich goes missing, it seems that a bear is the unlikely culprit

**Scotto, Thomas*****Jerome by Heart*****++ Scotto, Thomas**

A young boy expresses his love for his friend Jerome.

**Shannon, George*****One Family*****++ Shannon, George**

A family can be many things, in this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten.