

## Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature

### BEST MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF 2019

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**ANOTHER**, written and illustrated by Christian Robinson, unpagged, published by Anthenum Books for Young Readers, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-5344-2167-7 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**BABYMOON**, by Hayley Barrett, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal, unpagged, published by Candlewick Press, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-7636-8852-3 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**BELL RANG, THE**, written and illustrated by James Ransome, unpagged, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-4424-2113-4 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**BETWEEN US AND ABUELA: A FAMILY STORY FROM THE BORDER**, by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Sara Palacios, unpagged, published by Farrar Straus Giroux, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-374-30373-0 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**BIG BED FOR LITTLE SNOW, A**, written and illustrated by Grace Lin, unpagged, published by Little Brown and Company, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-316-478316-6 (Preschool/Elementary school, picture book)

**BIRTH OF THE COOL: HOW JAZZ GREAT MILES DAVIS FOUND HIS SOUND**, by Kathleen Cornell Berman, illustrated by Keith Henry Brown, unpagged, published by Page Street Kids, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-62414-690-9 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**BRIDGE HOME, THE**, by Padma Venkatraman, 194 pages, published by Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-5247-3811-2, (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**BUTTERFLY YELLOW**, by Thanhà Lại, 284 pages, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-06-222921-2, (Middle school/High school, fiction)



**DANCING HANDS: HOW TERESA CARREÑO PLAYED PIANO FOR PRESIDENT LINCOLN**, by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López, unpagged, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-4814-8740-5, (Preschool/Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**DREAMS FROM MANY RIVERS: A HISPANIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TOLD IN POEMS**, by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez, 199 pages, published by Godwin Books, Henry Holt and Company. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-62779-531-9, (Middle school/High school, nonfiction, poetry)

**ENCOUNTER**, by Brittany Luby, illustrated by Michaela Goade, unpagged, published by Little, Brown and Company, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-316-44918-2 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**FEED YOUR MIND: A STORY OF AUGUST WILSON**, by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Cannaday Chapman, unpagged, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Abrams, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-4197-3653-7 (Elementary school, nonfiction, picture book)

**FRY BREAD: A NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY STORY**, by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal, unpagged, published by Roaring Book Press, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-62672-746-5 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**GIRL AND THE WOLF, THE**, by Katherena Vermette, pictures by Julie Flett, unpagged, published by Theytus Books, Schchechmala Children's Series, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-926886-54-1 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**HECTOR: A BOY, A PROTEST, AND THE PHOTOGRAPH THAT CHANGED APARTHEID**, written and illustrated by Adrienne Wright, unpagged, published by Page Street Kids, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-62414-691-6, (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction)

**I AM FARMER: GROWING AN ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT IN CAMEROON**, by Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon, unpagged, published by Millbrook Press, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-5124-4914-3, (Elementary school, nonfiction picture book)

**I CAN MAKE THIS PROMISE**, by Christine Day, 266 pages, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-06-287199-2, (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)



**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AN**, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese, 270 pages, published by Beacon Press. ©2019, ISBN 978-0-80704939-6, (Middle school/High School, nonfiction)

**INFINITE HOPE; A BLACK ARTIST’S JOURNEY FROM WORLD WAR II TO PEACE**, written and illustrated by Ashley Bryan, 107 pages, published by A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book, an imprint of Atheneum Books for Young Readers. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-5344-0490-8, (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/autobiography, picture book)

**IT RAINED WARM BREAD: MOISHE MOSKOWITZ’S STORY OF HOPE**, story by Gloria Moskowitz, poems by Hope Anita Smith, illustrated by Lea Lyon, 148 pages, published by Christy Ottaviano Books, Henry Holt and Company, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-25016-572-5, (Upper elementary school/Middle school, novel in verse)

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**LOOK BOTH WAYS: A TALE TOLD IN TEN BLOCKS**, by Jason Reynolds, 188 pages, published by A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book, Atheneum Books for Young Readers. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-62014-281-3, (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE: STORIES, TIME LINES, MAPS, AND MORE**, by Cynthia O'Brien, 303 pages, published by National Geographic Kids, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-4263-3453-5, (Upper elementary school, Middle school, nonfiction)

**NEW KID**, by Jerry Craft, with color by Jim Callahan, 249 pages, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins*Publishers*, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-06-269120-0, (Upper elementary school, Middle school, fiction, graphic novel)

**NIGHT IS YOURS, THE**, by Abdul-Razak Zachariah, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo, unpagged, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-525-55271-0, (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**OJIICHAN'S GIFT**, by Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Genevieve Simms, unpagged, published by Kids Can Press. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-77138-963-1, (Preschool, Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

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**OTHER WORDS FOR HOME**, by Jasmine Warga, 342 pages, published by Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins*Publishers*, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-06-274780-8, (Upper elementary school, Middle school, fiction)

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**PLACE TO LAND, A: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND THE SPEECH THAT INSPIRED A NATION**, by Barry Wittenstein, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, unpagged, published by Neal Porter Books, Holiday House. ©2019, ISBN 978-0-8234-4331-4, (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)



**PLANTING STORIES: THE LIFE OF LIBRARIAN AND STORYTELLER PURA BELPRÉ**, by Anika Aldamuy Denise, illustrated by Paola Escobar, unpagged, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins *Publishers*, ©2019, ISBN 978-0-06-274868-3, (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

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**SULWE**, by Lupita Nyong'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison, unpagged, published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. ©2019, ISBN 978-1-5344-2536-1, (Pre-school, Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

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**UNSTOPPABLE GARRETT MORGAN, THE: INVENTOR, ENTREPRENEUR, HERO**, by Joan DiCicco, illustrated by Ebony Glenn, unpagged, published by Lee and Low Books Inc, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-62014-5647, (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**VAMOS!**, written and illustrated by Raúl the Third, colors by Elaine Bay, unpagged, published by Versify, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2019, ISBN 978-1-328-55726-1, (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

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