

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

### BEST MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF 2017

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**ALL THE WAY TO HAVANA**, by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Mike Curato, 40 pages, published by Godwin Books/Henry Holt and Company., ©2017 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**AMINA'S VOICE**, by Hena Khan, 197 pages, published by Salaam Reads, ©2017 (Upper elementary school, fiction)

**BEFORE SHE WAS HARRIET**, by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome, 32 pages, published by Holiday House, ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**BRONZE AND SUNFLOWER**, by Cao Wenxuan, translated from the Chinese by Helen Wang, illustrated by Meilo So, 386 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2017 (Upper elementary school, fiction)

**CLAYTON BYRD GOES UNDERGROUND**, by Rita Williams-Garcia, illustrated by Frank Morrison, 166 pages, published by Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**CRANE GIRL, THE: BASED ON JAPANESE FOLKTALES**, by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Lin Wang, 40 pages, published by Shen's Books, an imprint of Lee & Low Books Inc., ©2017 (Elementary school, folklore, picture book)

**CROSSING EBENEZER CREEK**, by Tonya Bolden, 230 pages, published by Bloomsbury, ©2017 (Middle school/High school, historical fiction)

**CROWN: AN ODE TO THE FRESH CUT**, by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James, 32 pages, published by Bolden, An Agate Imprint [A Denene Millner Book], ©2017 (Elementary school/Middle school, fiction, picture book)

**DANZA! AMALIA HERNÁNDEZ AND EL BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO**, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh, 32 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)



**DIFFERENT POND, A**, written by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui, 32 pages, published by Capstone Young Readers, ©2017 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**EPIC FAIL OF ARTURO ZAMORA, THE**, by Pablo Cartaya, 236 pages, published by Viking (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**FATIMA AND THE CLEMENTINE THIEVES**, story and translated by Mireille Messier, illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard, 32 pages, published by Red Dear Press, ©2017 (Elementary, fiction, picture book)

**FIRST RULE OF PUNK, THE**, written and illustrated by Celia C. Pérez, 310 pages, published by Viking, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS: THE LION WHO WROTE HISTORY**, by Walter Dean Myers, 40 pages, published by Harper, an imprint of Harper/Collins Publishers, ©2017 (Upper elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**FRIDA KAHLO AND HER ANIMALITOS**, by Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra, 40 pages, published by North South, ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**GRAND CANYON**, written and illustrated by Jason Chin, 56 pages, published by Roaring Brook Press., ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction, picture book)

**GRANDMA'S TINY HOUSE: A COUNTING STORY!** By JaNay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Priscilla Burris, 32 pages, published by Charlesbridge, ©2017 (Preschool/Kindergarten, fiction, picture book)

**HELLO, UNIVERSE**, written by Erin Entrada Kelly, 313 pages, published by Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**LEGENDARY MISS LENA HORNE, THE**, by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon, 48 pages, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2017 (Upper elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**LET'S CLAP, JUMP, SING & SHOUT; DANCE, SPIN & TURN IT OUT!: GAMES, SONGS & STORIES FROM AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDHOOD**, collected by Patricia C. McKissack, illustrated by Brian Pinkney, 173 pages, published by Schwartz & Wade Books, ©2017 (Preschool/Elementary school, nonfiction & fiction [multiple genres])



**LONG WAY DOWN**, by Jason Reynolds, 320 pages, published by Bloomsbury, ©2017 (Middle school/High school, fiction/novel in verse)

**MAMA AFRICA! HOW MIRIAM MAKEBA SPREAD HOPE WITH HER SONG**, by Kathryn Erskine, illustrated by Charly Palmer, 48 pages, published by Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group, LLC, ©2017 (Upper elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**MAYA LIN: THINKING WITH HER HANDS**, by Susan Goldman Rubin, 112 pages, published by Chronicle Books, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction/biography)

**MIGUEL'S BRAVE KNIGHT: YOUNG CERVANTES AND HIS DREAM OF DON QUIXOTE**, by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Raúl Colón, 32 pages, published by Peachtree, ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, poetry, picture book)

**MUDDY: THE STORY OF BLUES LEGEND MUDDY WATERS**, by Michael Mahin, illustrated by Evan Turk, 48 pages, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**ONE LAST WORD: WISDOM FROM THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE**, by Nikki Grimes, artwork by Cozbi A. Cabrera, R. Gregory Christie, Pat Cummings, et. al., 120 pages, published by Bloomsbury, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, poetry)

**OUT OF WONDER: POEMS CELEBRATING POETS**, by Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth, illustrated by Ekua Holmes, 40 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction, poetry, picture book)

**PATHFINDERS: THE JOURNEYS OF 16 EXTRAORDINARY BLACK SOULS**, by Tonya Bolden, 124 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography)

**PIECING ME TOGETHER**, by Renée Watson, 264 pages, published by Bloomsbury, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, fiction)

**RED CLOUD: A LAKOTA STORY OF WAR AND SURRENDER**, by S.D. Nelson, 56 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2017 (Elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**REFUGEE**, by Alan Gratz, 338 pages, published by Scholastic Press, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)



**ROOSTER WHO WOULD NOT BE QUIET!, THE**, by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin, 48 pages, published by Scholastic Press, ©2017 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**SCHOMBURG: THE MAN WHO BUILT A LIBRARY**, by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Eric Velasquez, 48 pages, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**SPARKLE BOY**, by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Maria Mola, 32 pages, published by Lee & Low Books Inc., ©2017 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**STARS BENEATH OUR FEET, THE**, by David Barclay Moore, 294 pages, published by Alfred A. Knopf, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**STEF SOTO, TACO QUEEN**, by Jennifer Torres, 166 pages, published by Little, Brown and Company, ©2017 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**WORLD IS NOT A RECTANGLE, THE: A PORTRAIT OF ARCHITECT ZAHA HADID**, written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter, 56 pages, published by Beach Lane Books, ©2017 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL**, written and illustrated by Roger Mello, translated by Daniel Hahn, 36 pages, published by Elsewhere Editions, ©2017 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

