

in a border town. His nickname is a reference to being a Latino with pale skin. Güero write poems about life in a border town, being mixed race, his family and their traditions, his friends (Los Bobbys and Joanna), and being a nerd.

This Was Our Pact
by Ryan Andrews

First Second / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2019

On the night of the Autumn Equinox Festival, Ben and his friends make a pact to follow the paper lanterns as they float down the river. Legend says they eventually

drift into the Milky Way and turn into stars. Friendships change as the journey takes them farther than they've ever been before. *Graphic Novel, Ebook.*

***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**

by Kwame Mbalia

Rick Riordan Presents / Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2019

Legends new and old come to life in this gripping adventure. Tristan Strong awakens an ancient evil and tumbles headfirst into the very stories he had always thought were just

fantasy. *Ebook, Audio.*

Us, in Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos

by Lulu Delacre

HarperCollins Children's, 2017

Short stories that tell of the diverse experiences of Latinx youth living in America. These stories celebrate triumphs, show heartbreak, and the nuances of what it means to be a Latinx youth in the United States. *Ebook.*

Building a Home Library

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Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened a City

by Phillip Hoose

Farrar, Straus and Giroux
BYR / Macmillan Children's
Publishing Group, 2018

The true story of the Crispus Attucks High School basketball team and their journey to becoming the first all-black team to play and win a racially open basketball tournament. *Ebook, Audio.*

Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights That Changed America

by Russell Freedman

Holiday House, 2014

The true story of the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama as part of the Civil Rights Movement and the struggle to get voting rights for African Americans. *Audio.*

Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America

by Steve Sheinkin. *Illus*
by Bijou Karman

Roaring Brook Press /
Macmillan Children's
Publishing, 2019

The true story of the daring women pilots who competed in the 1929 Air Derby, the first women's air race across the U.S. *Ebook, Audio.*

***The Crossover (Graphic Novel)**

by Kwame Alexander.

Illus by Dawud Anyabwile

HMH Books for Young
Readers, 2019

Josh and his twin brother Jordan are great basketball players. But growing up brings new challenges for them, both on and off the court. Told in verse, Josh tells the story of growing up, family, and the love of basketball. *Graphic Novel, Prose, Ebook.*

***Darius the Great Is Not Okay**

by Adib Khorram

Dial Books / Penguin Young
Readers, 2018

When Darius, a tea obsessed high school boy with depression, goes to Iran with his family to visit his grandparents, he learns about Iranian culture, makes new a friend, tries to cope with the impending death of his grandfather. *Ebook, Audio.*

***The Flight of Swans**

by Sarah McGuire

Carolrhoda Books / Lerner
Publishing, 2018

After her wicked stepmother turns her brothers into swans, Princess Ryn must be silent for six years to save them in this tale based on the Brothers Grimm's *Six Swans*. *Ebook.*

Genesis Begins Again

by Alicia D. Williams

Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
/ Atheneum / Simon &
Schuster Children's, 2019

In a story that confronts colorism, thirteen-year-

old Genesis seeks out acceptance, eventually finding it within herself. *Ebook, Audio.*

Ghost Boys

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Little, Brown and Company
BYR, 2019

After being shot and killed by a police officer, ghostly narrator Jerome learns about the tragic effects of his death and how his story fits into a pattern of racial injustice in the U.S. *Ebook, Audio.*

House of Salt and Sorrows

by Erin A. Craig

Ember / Random House
Children's Books, 2020

Annaleigh and her eleven sisters are cursed. Annaleigh suspects the tragic deaths of her four older sisters weren't accidents. While trying to stop her remaining sisters from sneaking out to an enchanted ball, Annaleigh must unravel the mystery surrounding her family before the curse get her too. *Ebook, Audio.*

I Can Make This Promise

by Christine Day

Quill Tree Books /
HarperCollins Children's, 2019

After uncovering a hidden box, a young girl searches for answers about her Native American heritage. *Ebook, Audio.*

Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks

by Jason Reynolds

Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
/ Atheneum / Simon &
Schuster Children's, 2019

A collection of ten stories about walking home after school, a different story for each block. *Ebook, Audio.*

***Maker Comics: Bake like a Pro!**

by Falyynn Koch

First Second / Macmillan
Children's Publishing Group,
2019

Graphic novel that teaches the science and art behind baking through a magical lens! *Graphic Novel, Ebook.*

Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science behind Your Favorite Monsters

by Carlyn Beccia

Carolrhoda Books / Lerner
Publishing, 2019

Learn about the history, myths, and science behind your favorite monsters, including vampires, zombies, werewolves, and more! *Ebook.*

The Moon Within

by Aida Salazar

Arthur A. Levine Books /
Scholastic, 2020

Growing up is awkward and Celi has many questions. There are first crushes, body changes, and her best friend is exploring what it means to be genderfluid. And then there's the moon ceremony her mom wants to throw to celebrate her first period that she refuses to participate in. *Ebook, Spanish.*

The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranandani

Kokila / Penguin Young
Readers, 2018

Set in 1947 during the division of Pakistan and India, Nisha writes to her mother in her diary about her life and her journey as a refugee to when her family is forced to flee Pakistan. *Ebook, Audio.*

Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

Balzer + Bay / HarperCollins
Children's, 2019

Written in free verse, this story follows Jude from her Syrian hometown to her new home in the United States where she navigates new friendships and her Muslim identity. *Ebook, Audio.*

***Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword**

by Henry Lien

Henry Holt & Co BYR
/ Macmillan Children's
Publishing, 2018

In a world where figure skating and martial arts are combined in the form of Wu Liu, Peasprout Chen is determined to become a legend. She must survive the intense competition and scrutiny of her classmates and teachers if she is to become a champion. *Ebook, Audio.*

The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger & Fraud in Our Food & Drugs

by Gail Jarro

Calkins Creek / Boyds Mills &
Kane, 2019

The fascinating true story of how the Food and Drug Administration came to be. *Ebook.*

The Prince and the Dressmaker

by Jen Wang

First Second / Macmillan
Children's Publishing Group,
2018

Prince Sebastian's parents are searching for a bride for him, but they don't know his secret. Only the dressmaker knows that Prince Sebastian sometimes dons dresses and becomes Lady Crystallia, a Parisian fashion icon. *Graphic Novel, Ebook.*

***Sal and Gabi Break the Universe**

by Carlos Hernandez

Rick Riordan Presents / Disney
Publishing Worldwide, 2020

Sal deals with bullies, makes new friends, and creates tears in the universe that enable him to bring objects and people from other realms into this world in this sci-fi adventure with Cuban influence. *Ebook, Audio.*

Shouting at the Rain

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Puffin Books / Penguin Young
Readers Group, 2020

Set amongst a backdrop of townies vs. vacationers, *Shouting at the Rain* is a coming of age tale that highlights the preteen years when life seems futile and friends become enemies. *Ebook, Audio.*

They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems

by David Bowles

Cinco Puntos Press, 2018
Güero is a twelve-year-old
Mexican American living