



**READING OWLS INTERNATIONAL**

Creating Readers... for Life

# BOOK DONATION POLICY







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**Reading Owls International (ROI) appreciates your generous donation of books to our organization. With your help, we can imagine a world in which every child has the educational resources to help him or her succeed.**

**This primer is intended to provide guidance re the types of books that best serves our children. Examples are provided throughout the policy to underscore the type and condition of books we seek. We also include visuals on unacceptable books for our program. This is not an exhaustive list, so please do contact us if there are residual questions.**

**Thank you so much for partnering with us to *create readers for life!***





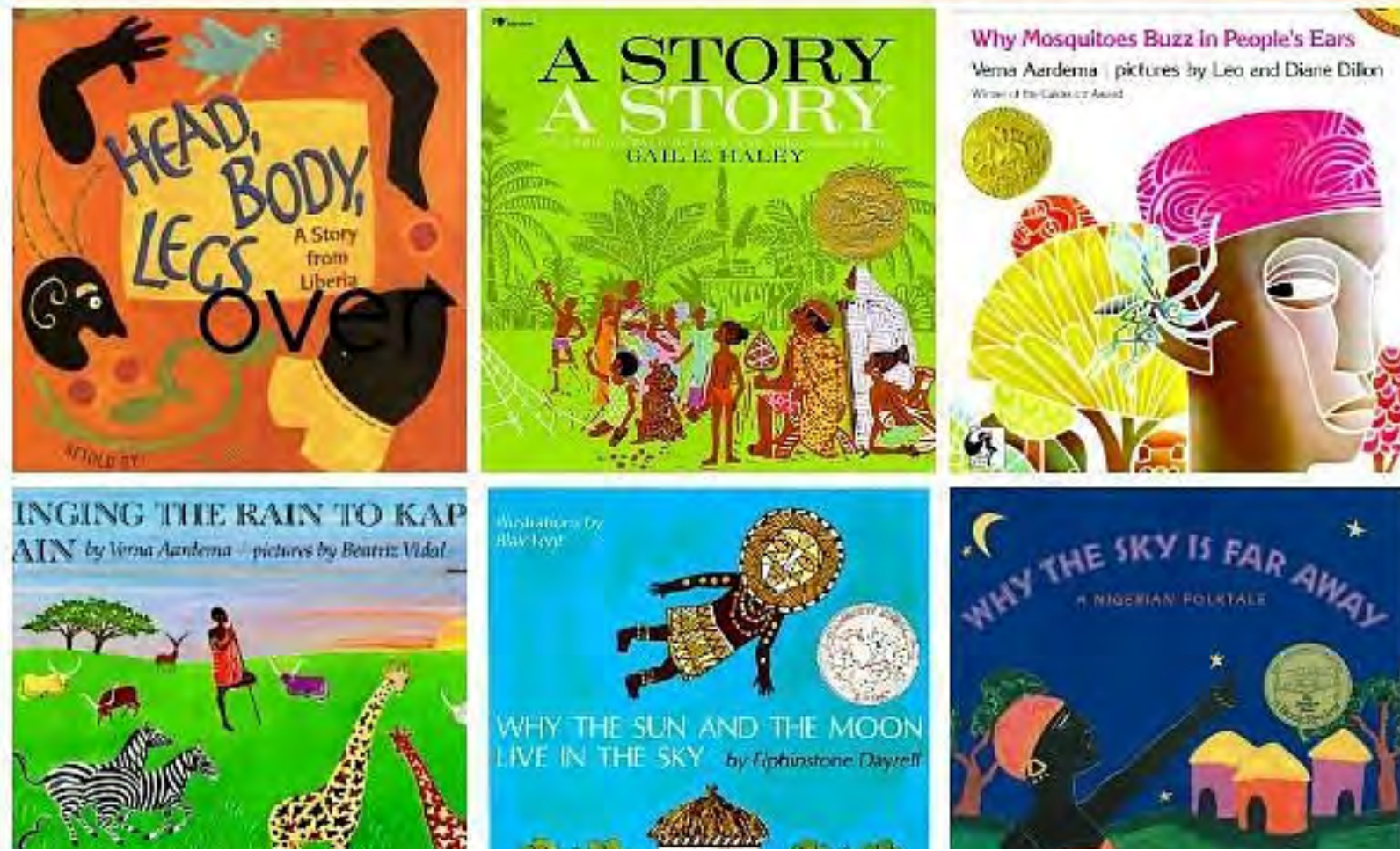
## Guidelines for Choosing Books:

- All books donated to ROI should be age-appropriate for school-aged children between ages 3-17.
- We accept **new or like new children's book**, in soft or hardcover only. Hardcover picture books tend to be more durable, and are especially treasured by many of the children we serve.
- Choose books that are well illustrated, colorful, have strong and interesting plots.
- Books that are 10 years old or newer in popular fiction and nonfiction (exception classics).
- Books that will develop concepts, convey accurate information, introduce a variety of strong characters, as well as familiar objects, ideas, and predictable plots. Many kids enjoy being able to tell part of the story. Having repetitive texts, colorful illustrations, and familiar ideas can help in this process.
- Choose books that celebrate strong and independent thinking among minority characters. Often a child's first view of him or herself is through reading. Having strong role models will leave a lasting impression.
- Look for books with historically accurate stories, and culturally relevant themes.





# 20+ African folktales for kids



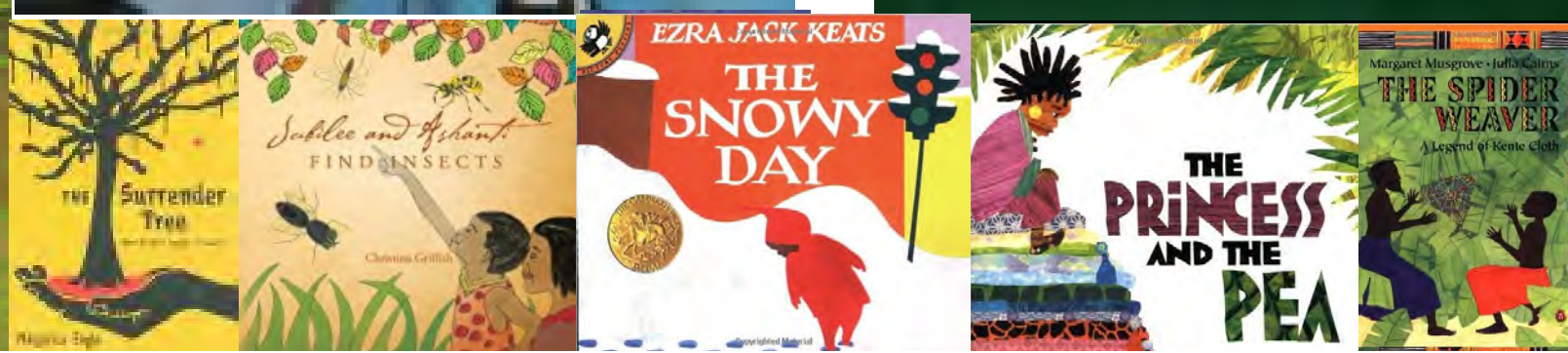
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**CHOOSE CULTURALLY RELEVANT BOOKS THAT PROMINENTLY AND POSITIVELY FEATURE MINORITY CHARACTERS**

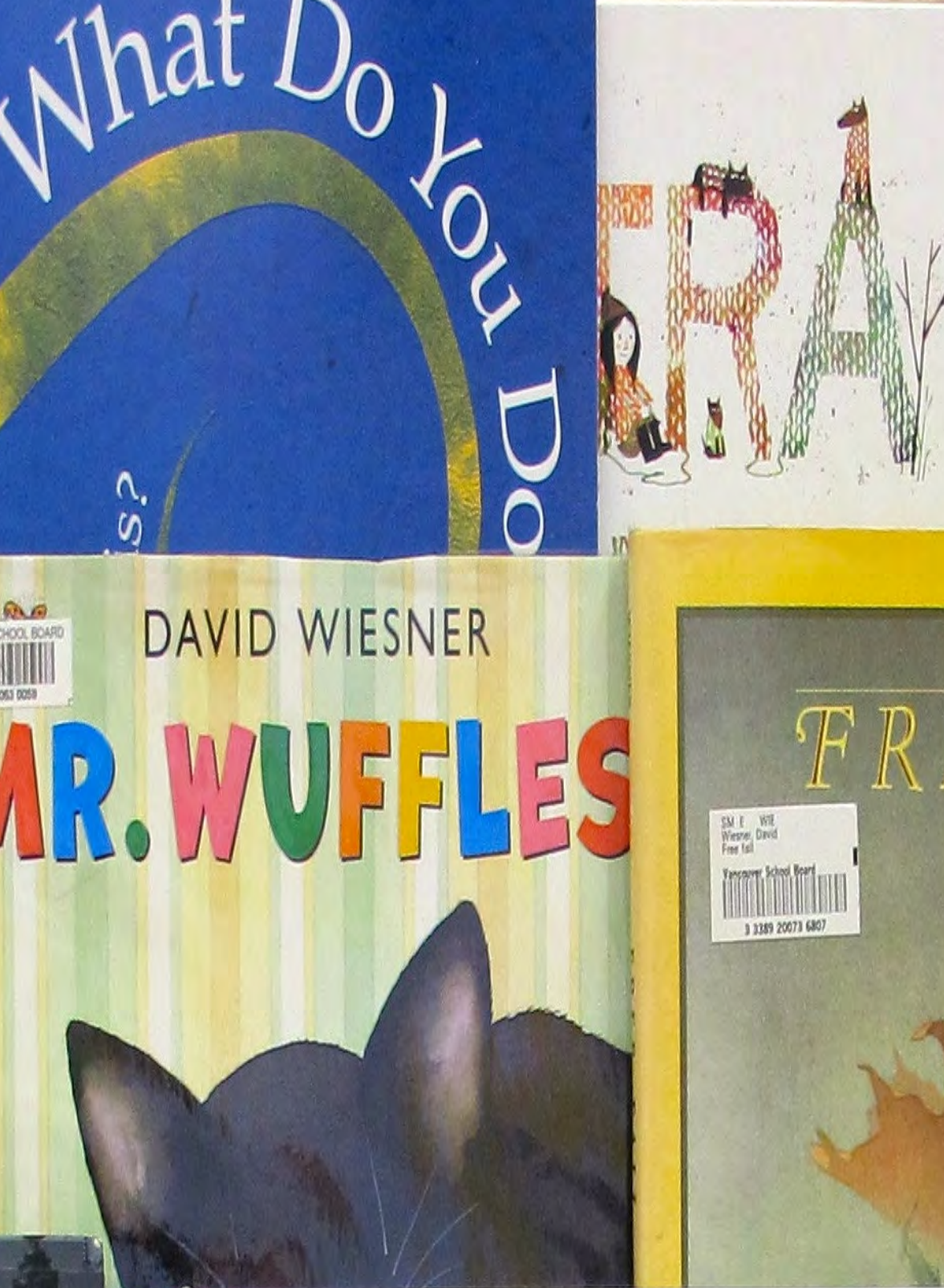


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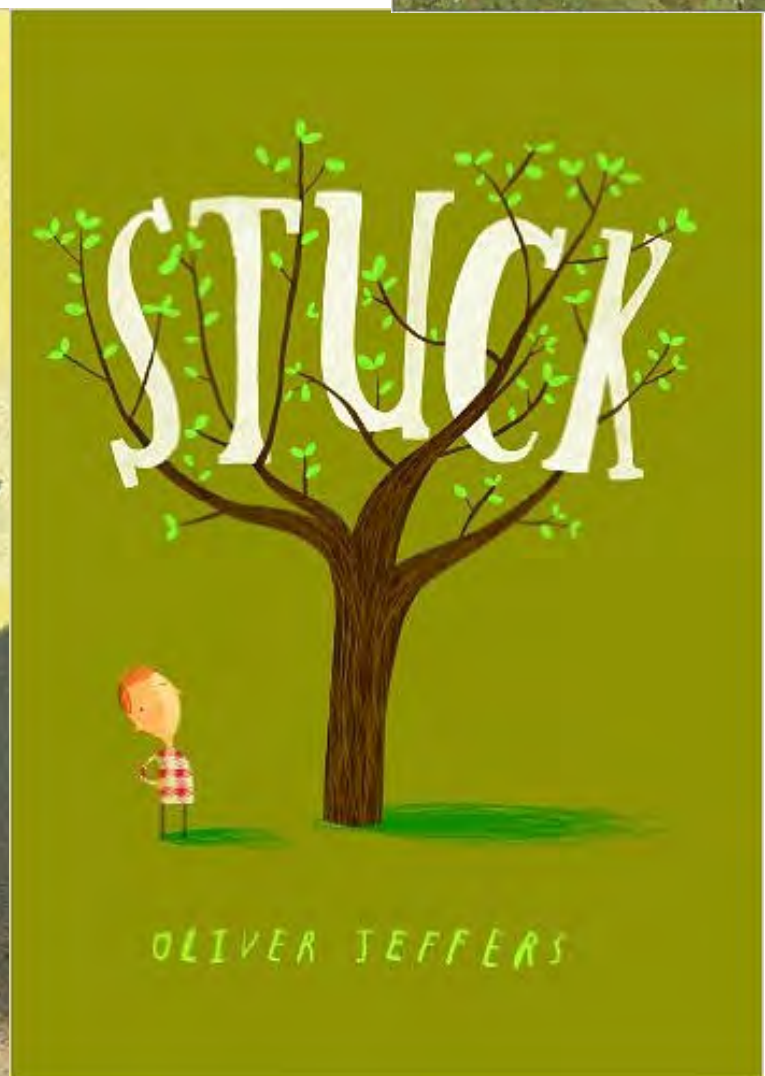
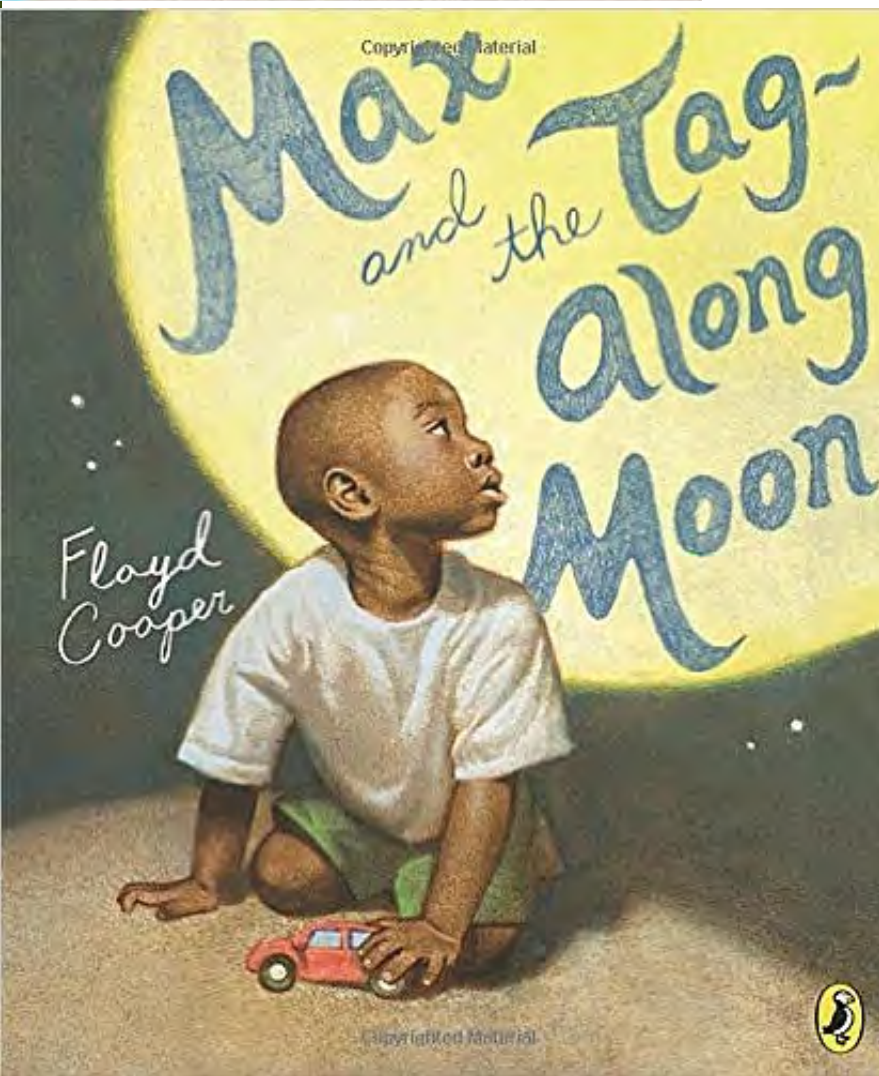
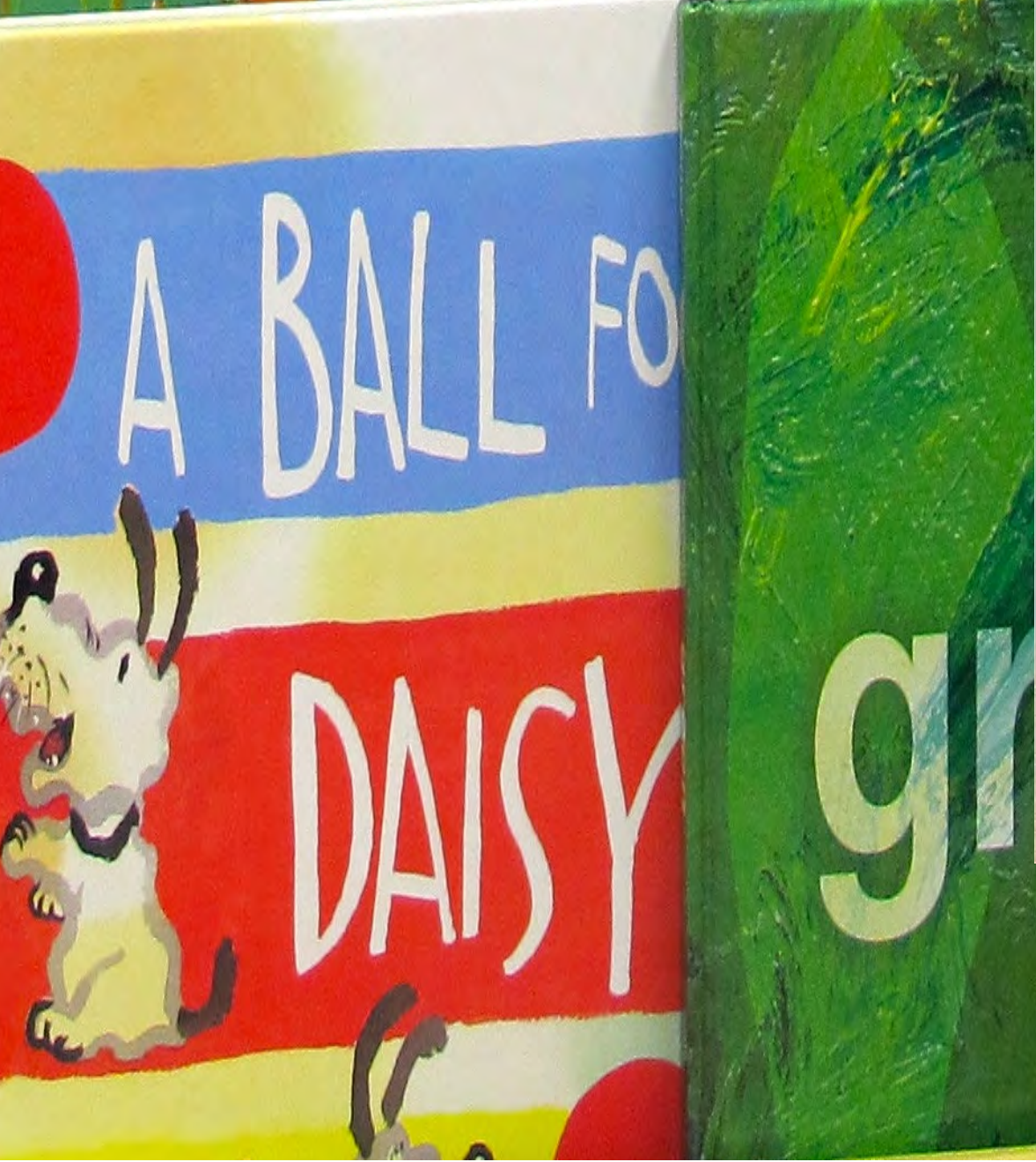
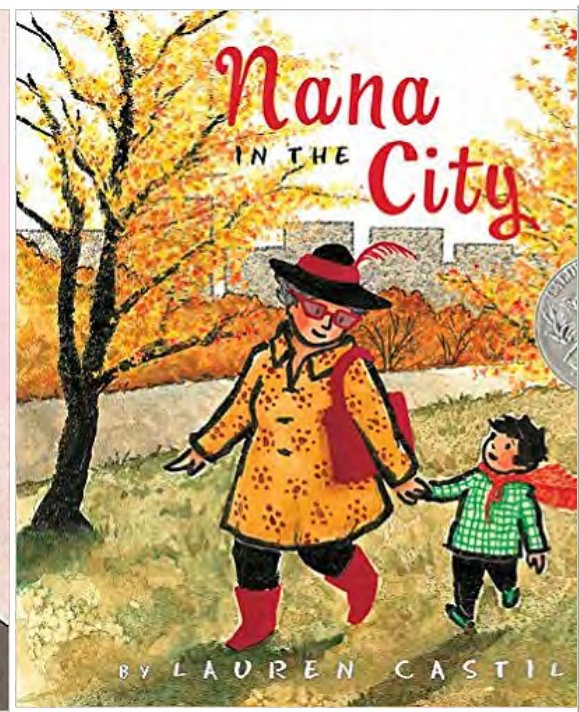
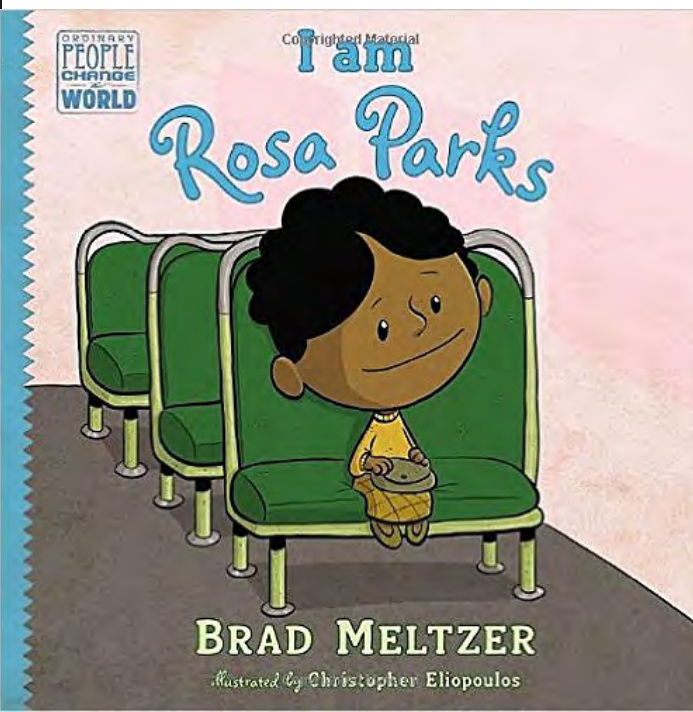
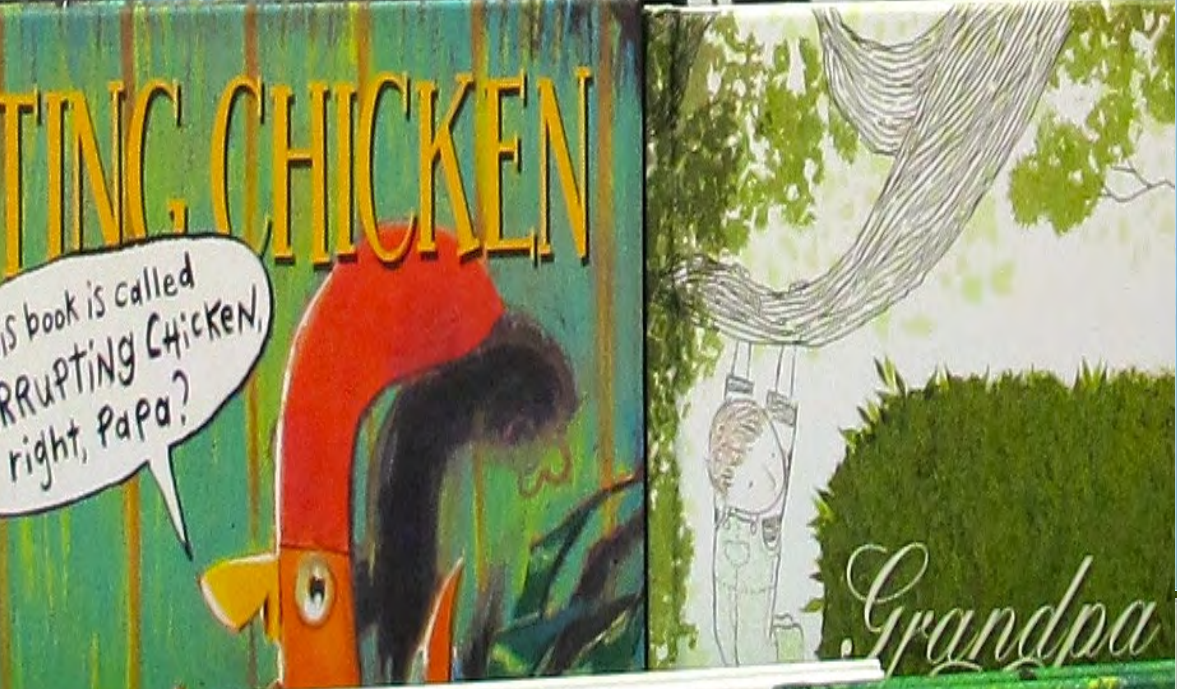
**Select well Illustrated & Colorful Books**







INCLUDE NEWER FICTION AND NON-FICTION. ALSO, AWARD WINNING, VISUALLY APPEALING BOOKS IN GREAT CONDITION



Please refer to the suggested book lists section at our website for additional help



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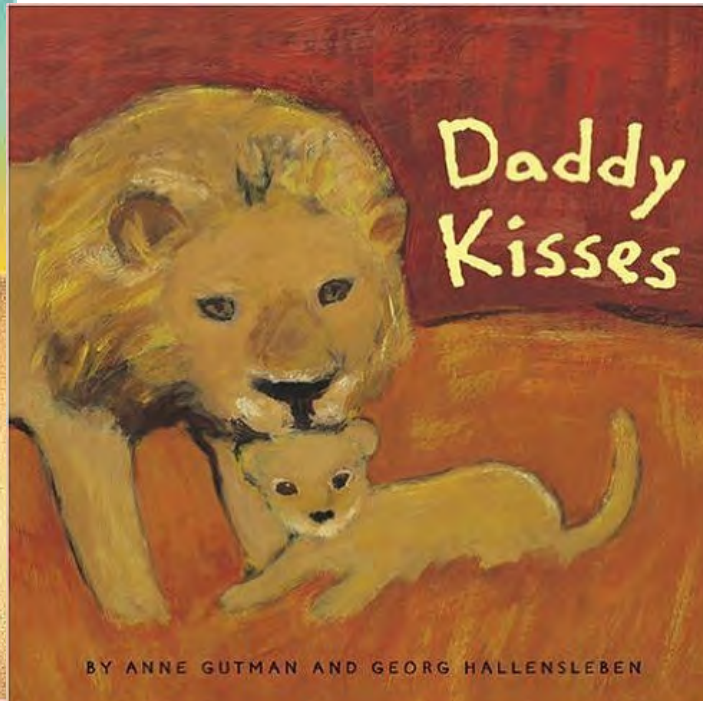
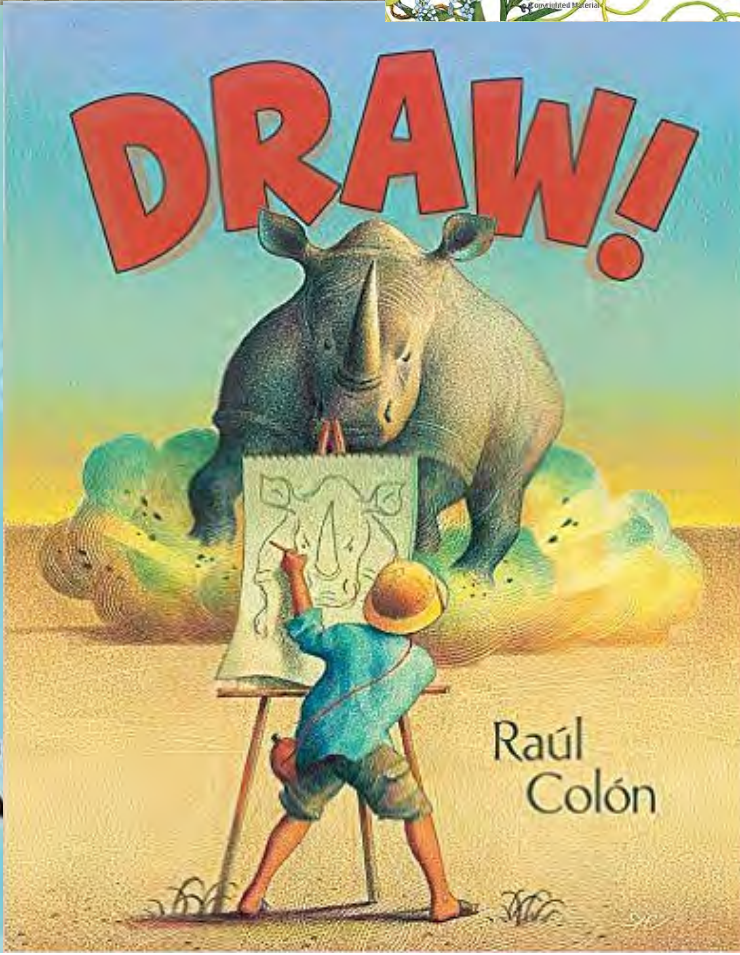
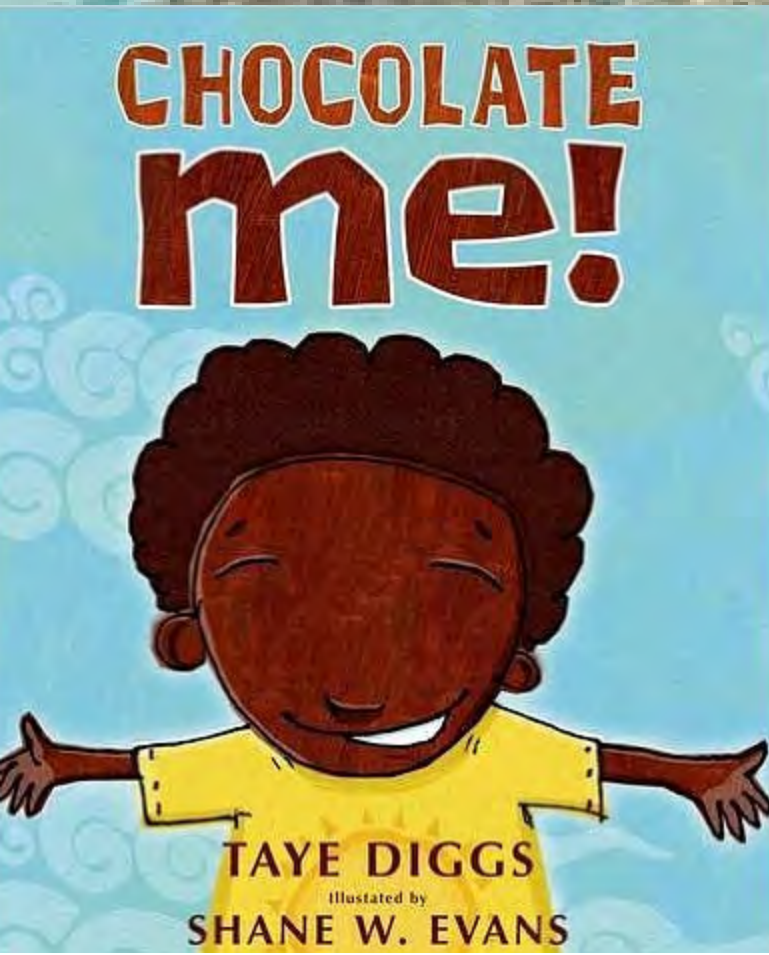
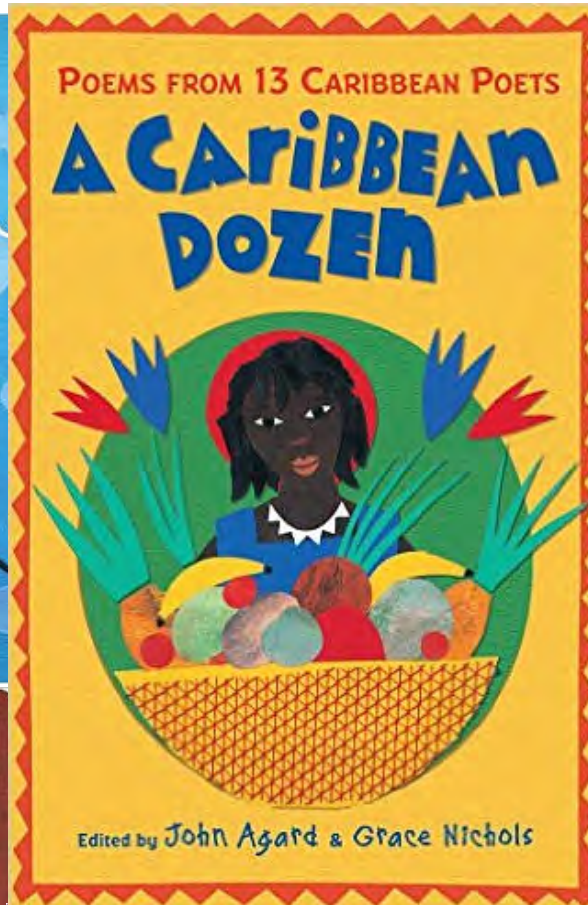
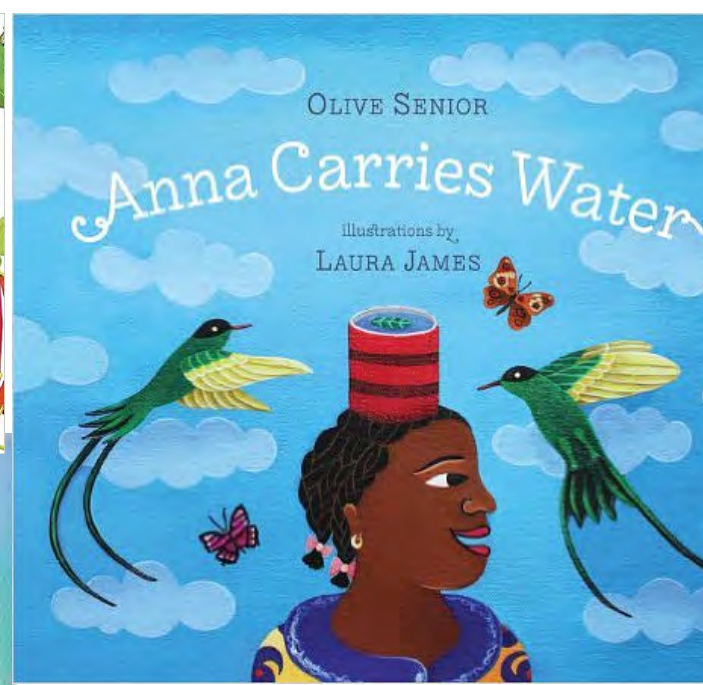
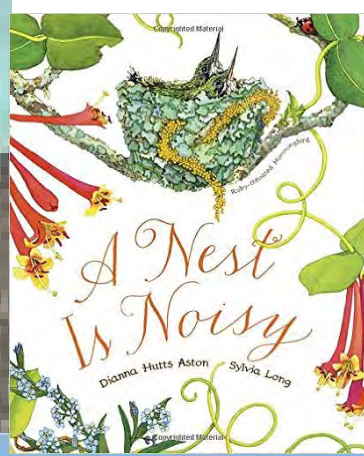


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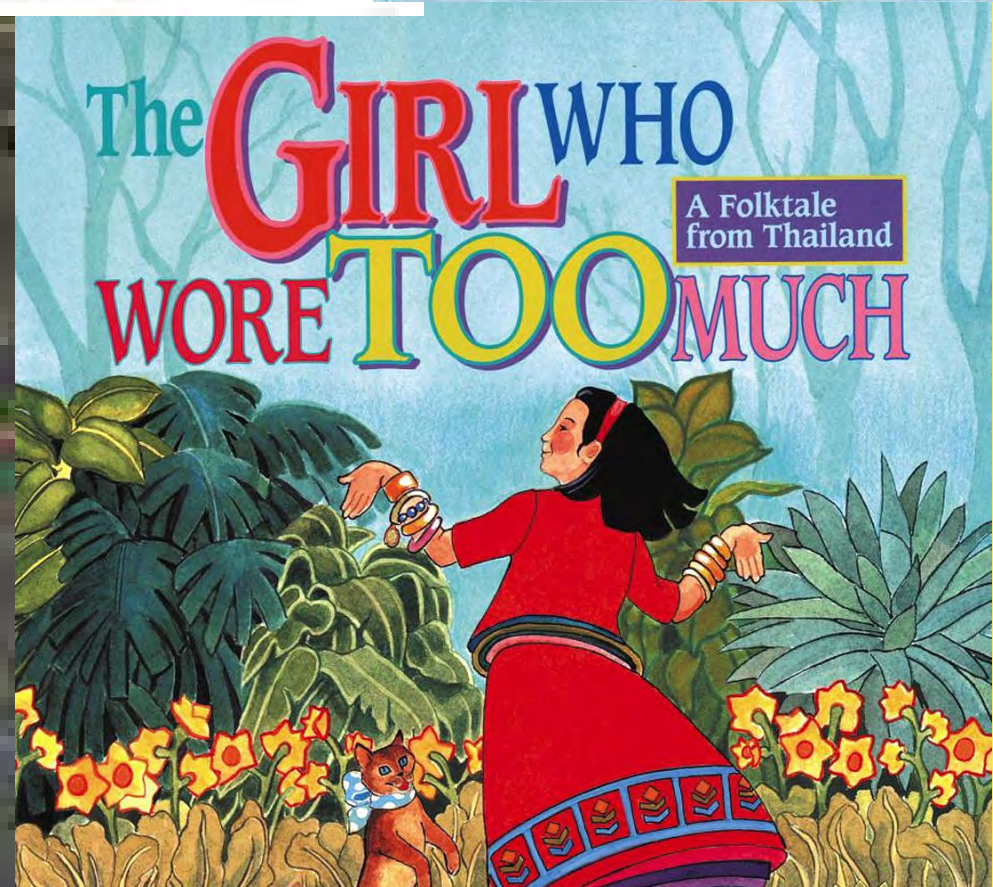
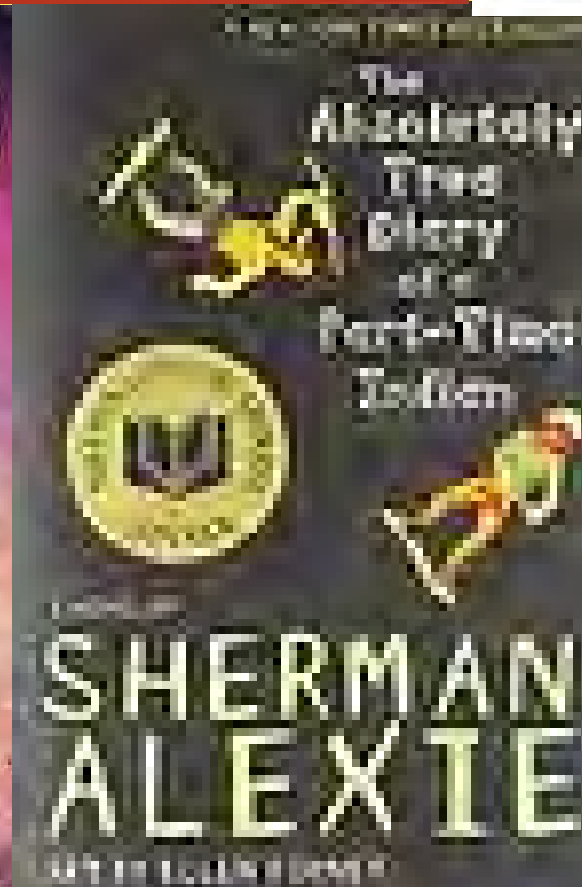
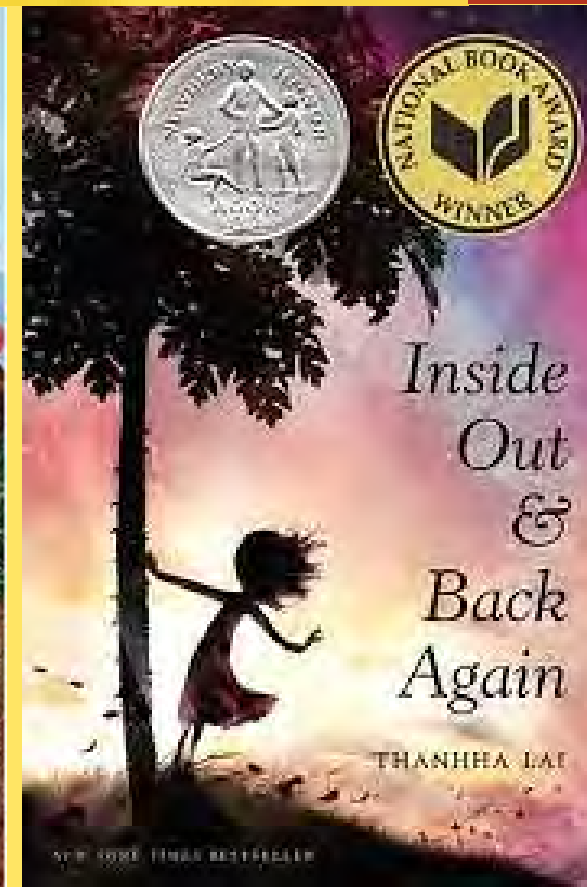
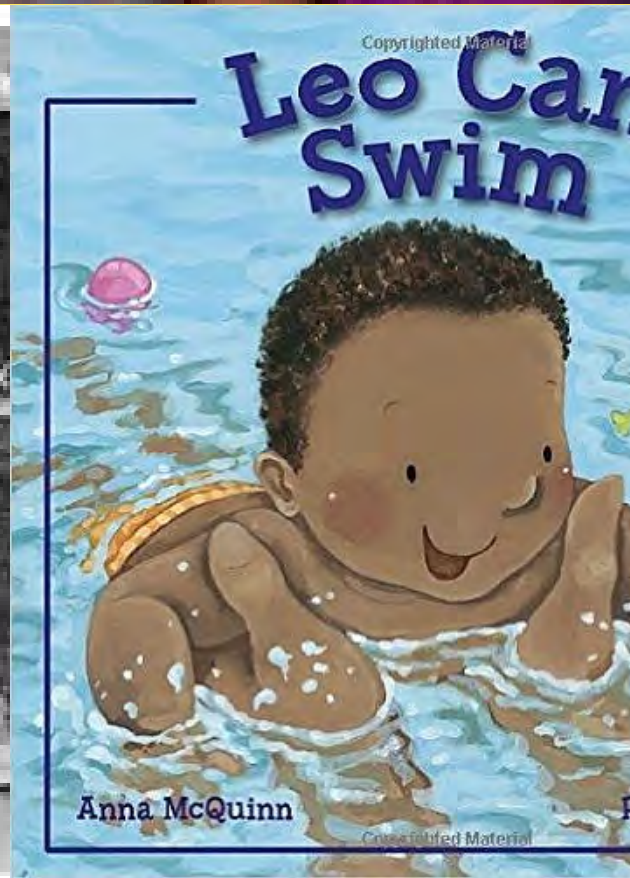
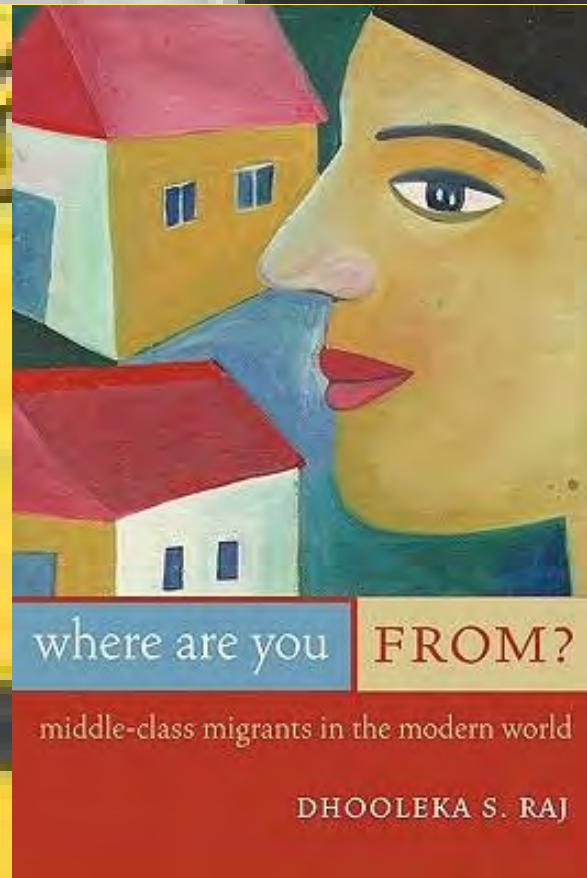
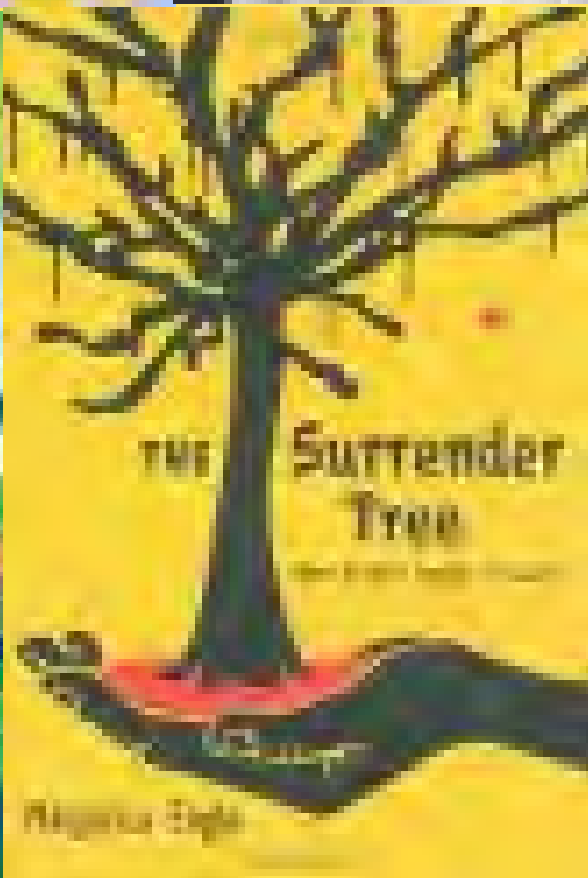
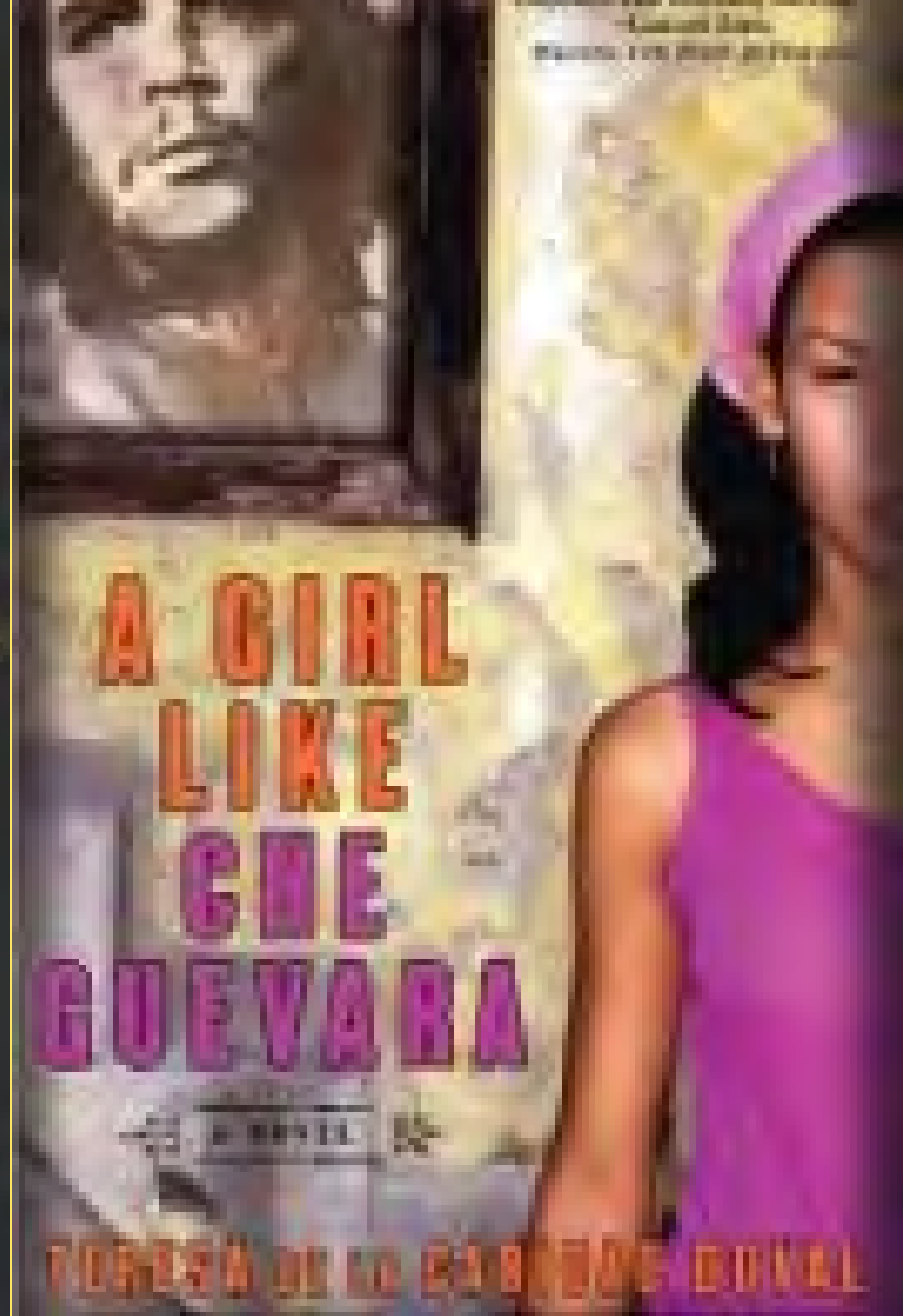


**INCLUDE BOOKS THAT DEVELOP CONCEPTS, CONVEY IMPORTANT AND ACCURATE INFORMATION AS WELL AS SHOWCASE FAMILIAR IDEAS, SUBJECTS AND OBJECTS**

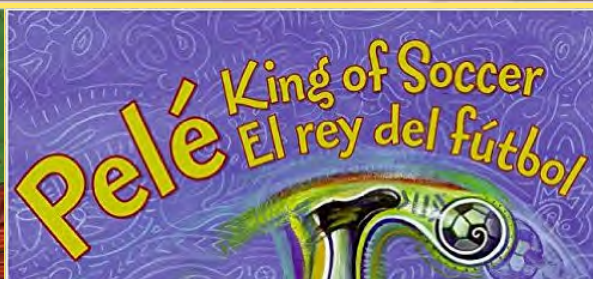
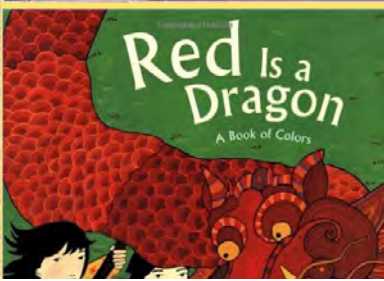
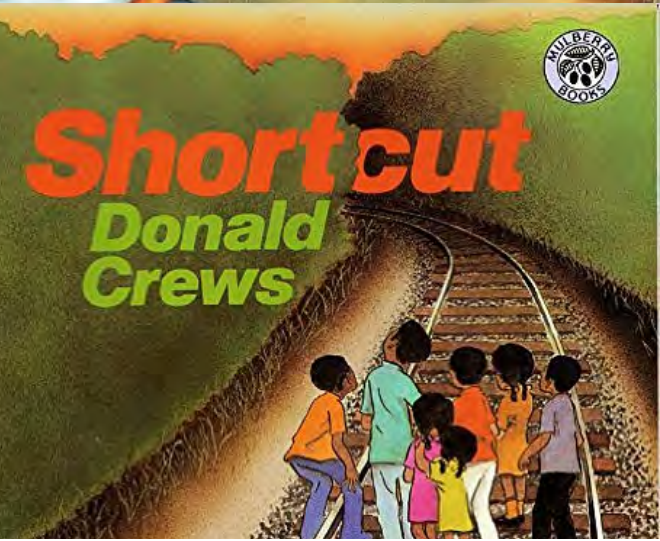
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✓ Sold by Margaret Read MacDonald with Thai text by Supaporn Vathanaprida Illustrated by Yvonne Lebrun Davis



**WE CRAVE WORLD AND MULTICULTURAL LITERATURE AND BOOKS OF ALL GENRES**

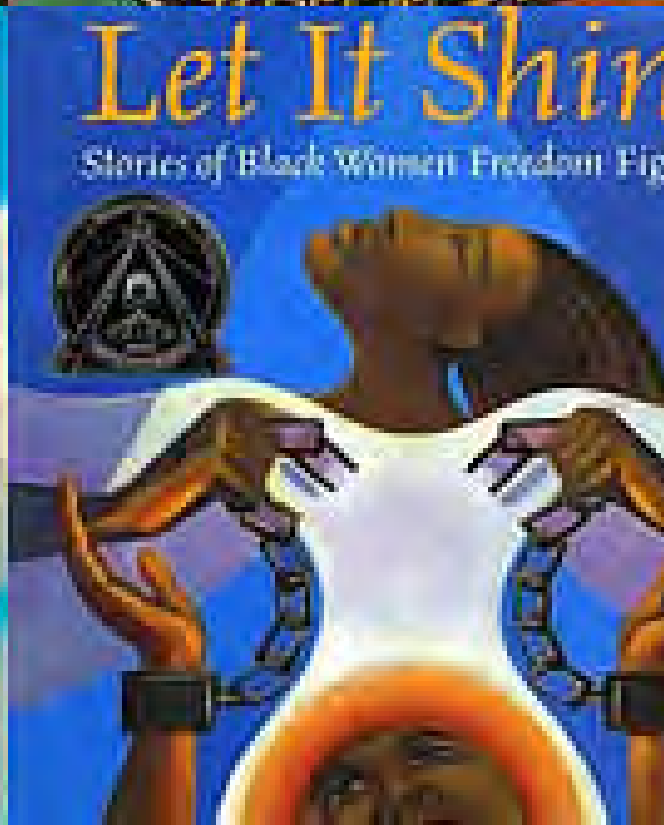
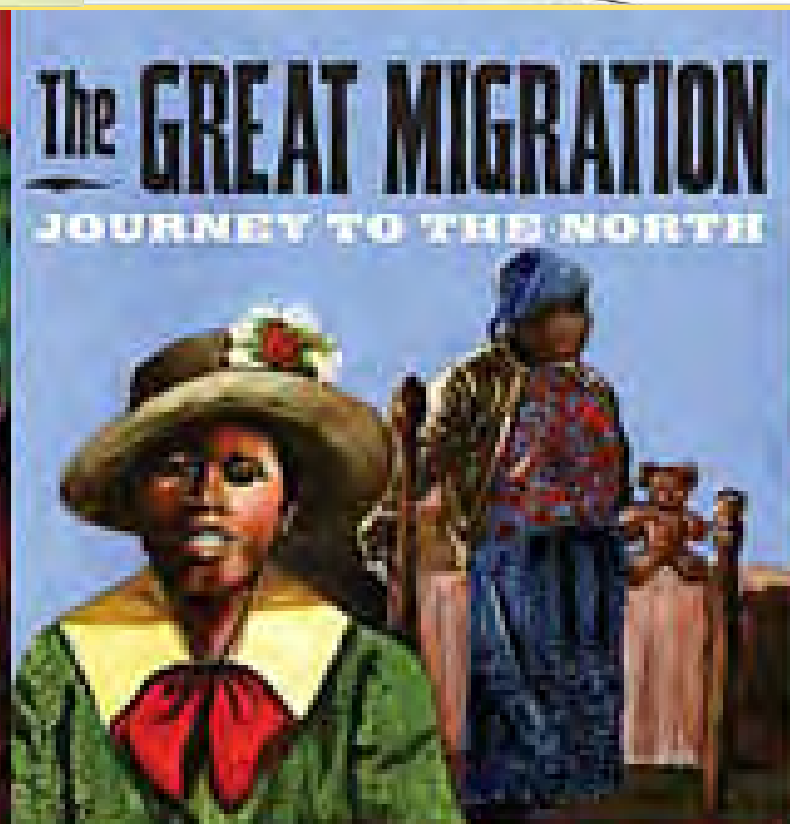
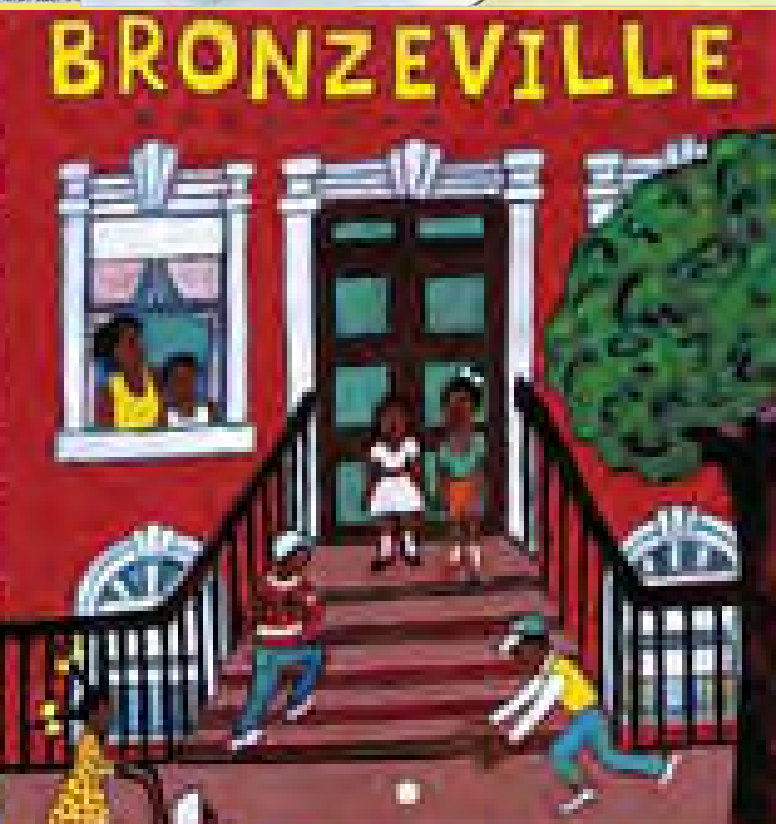
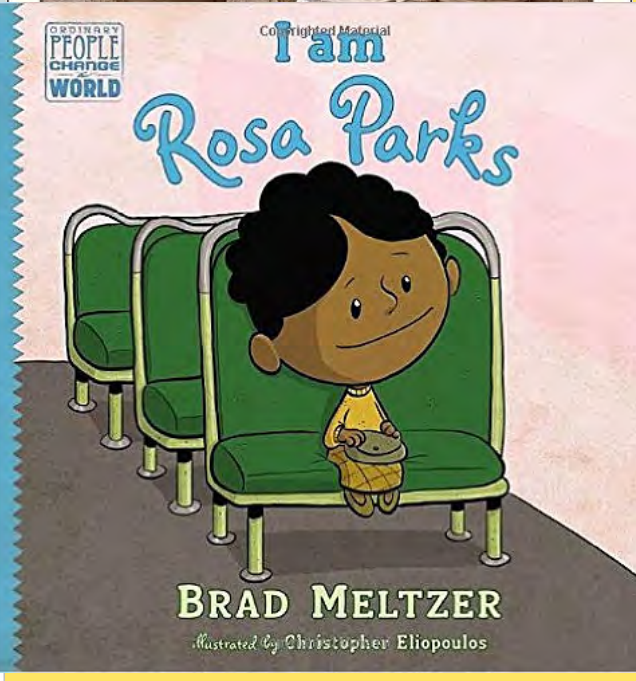
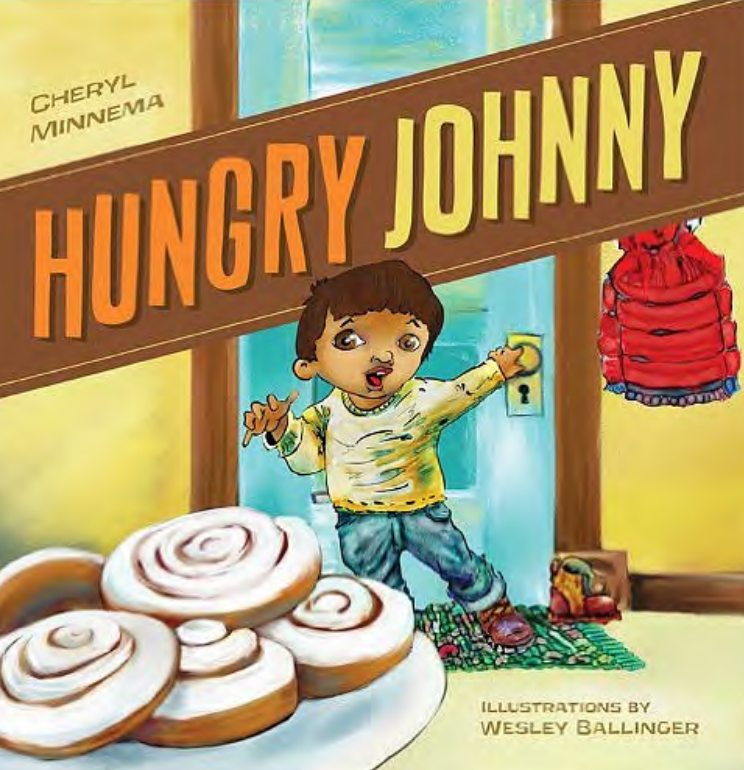
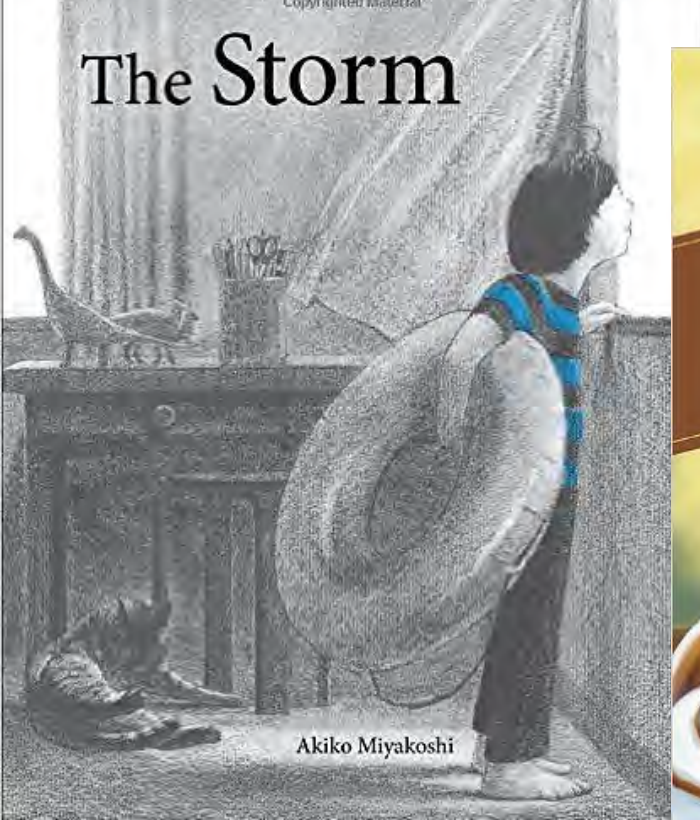
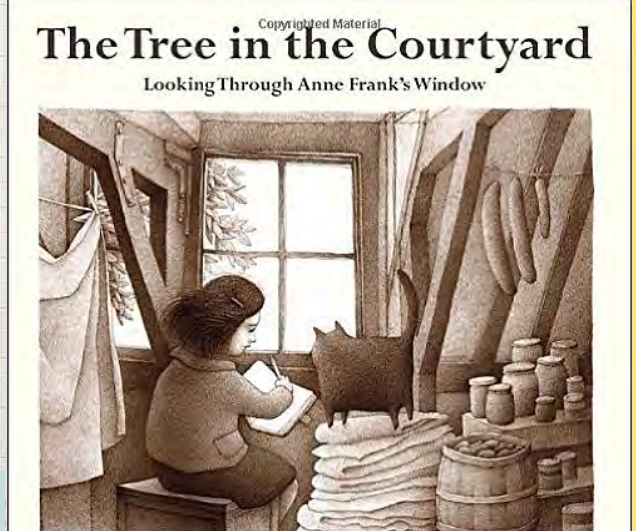
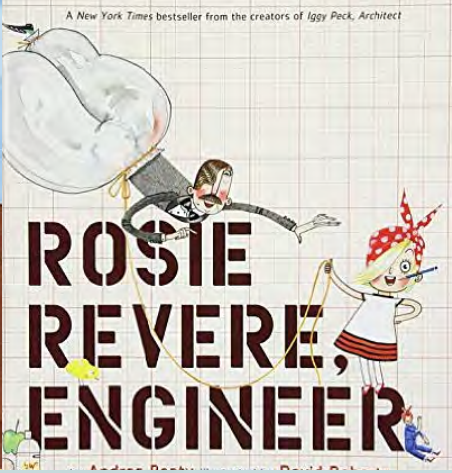
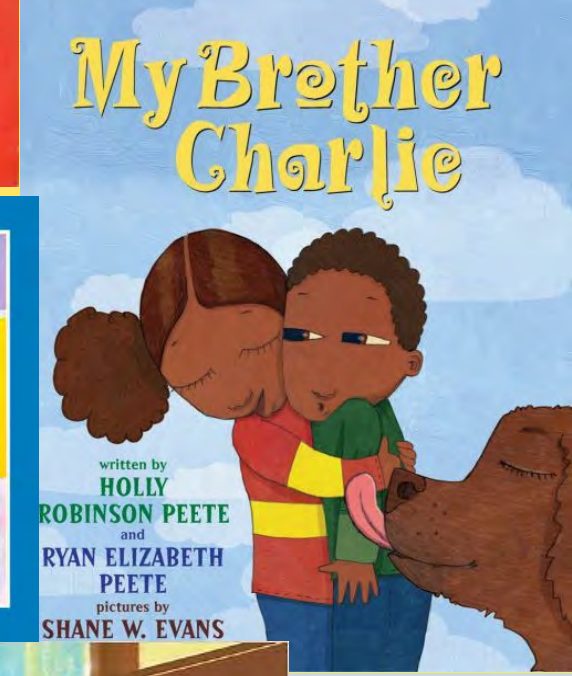
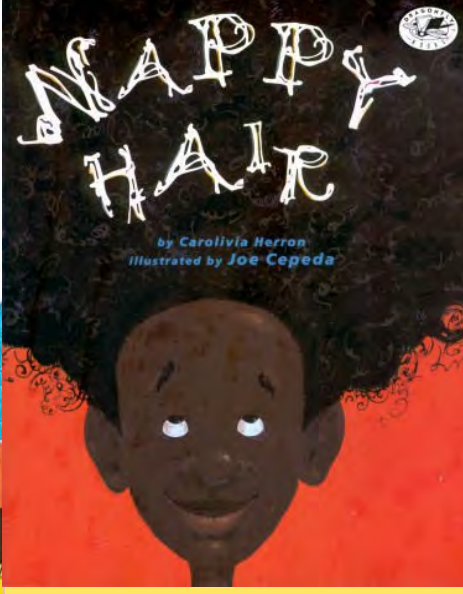
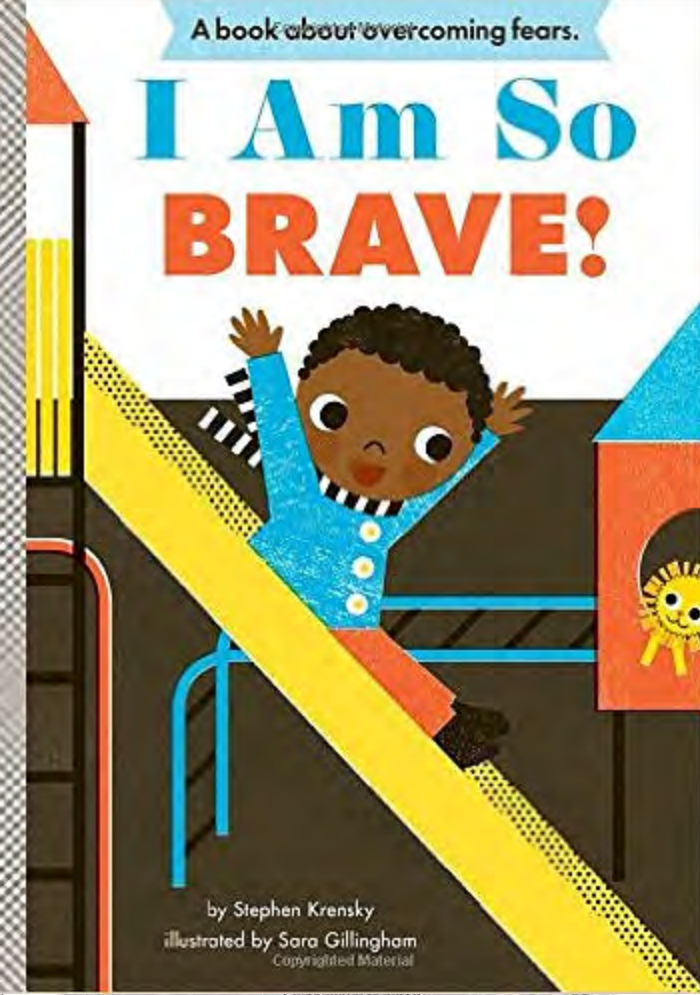
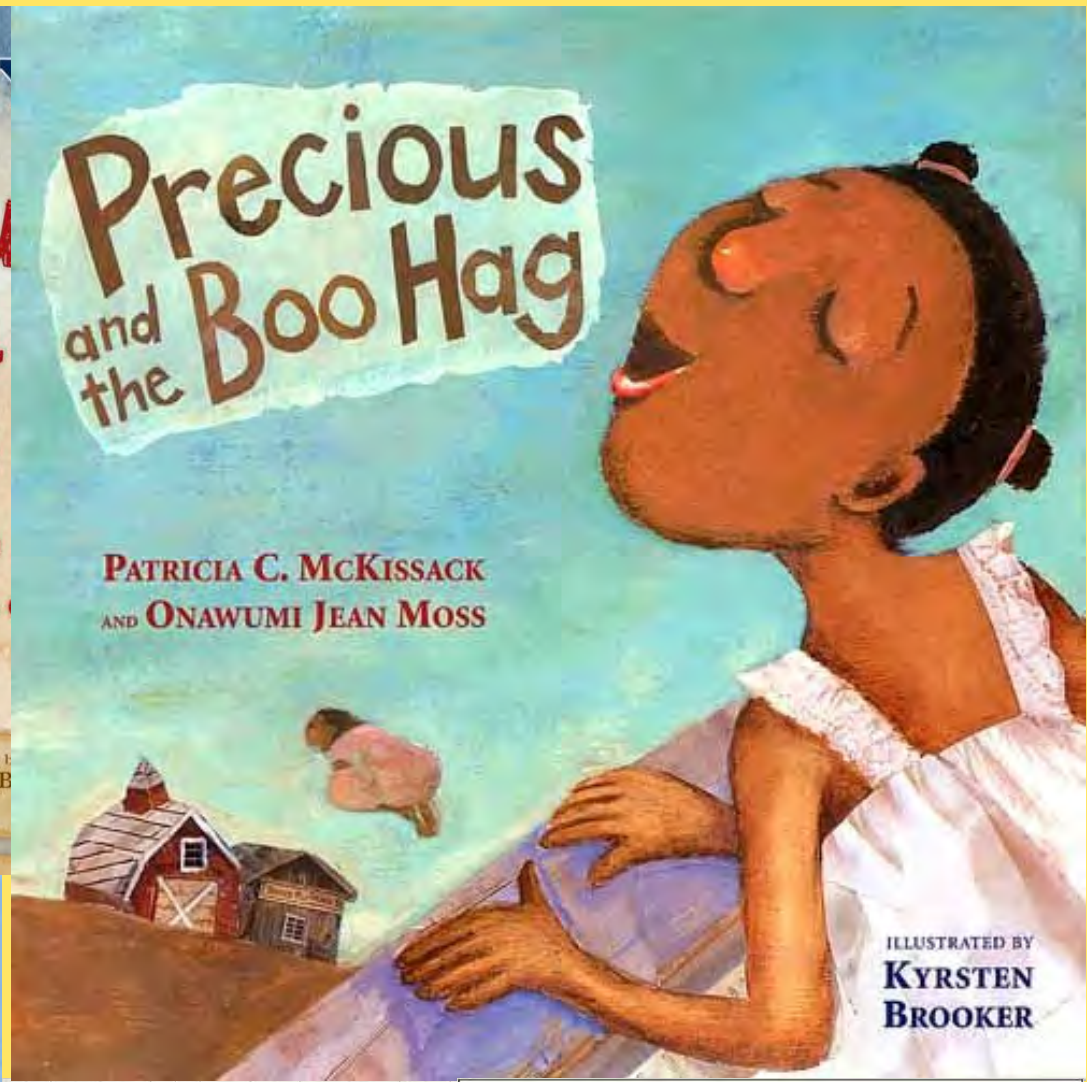
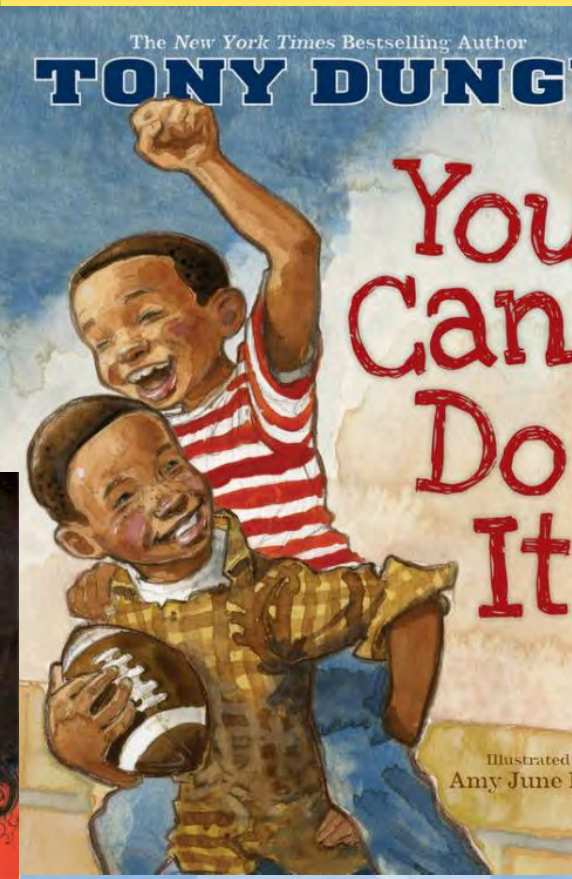
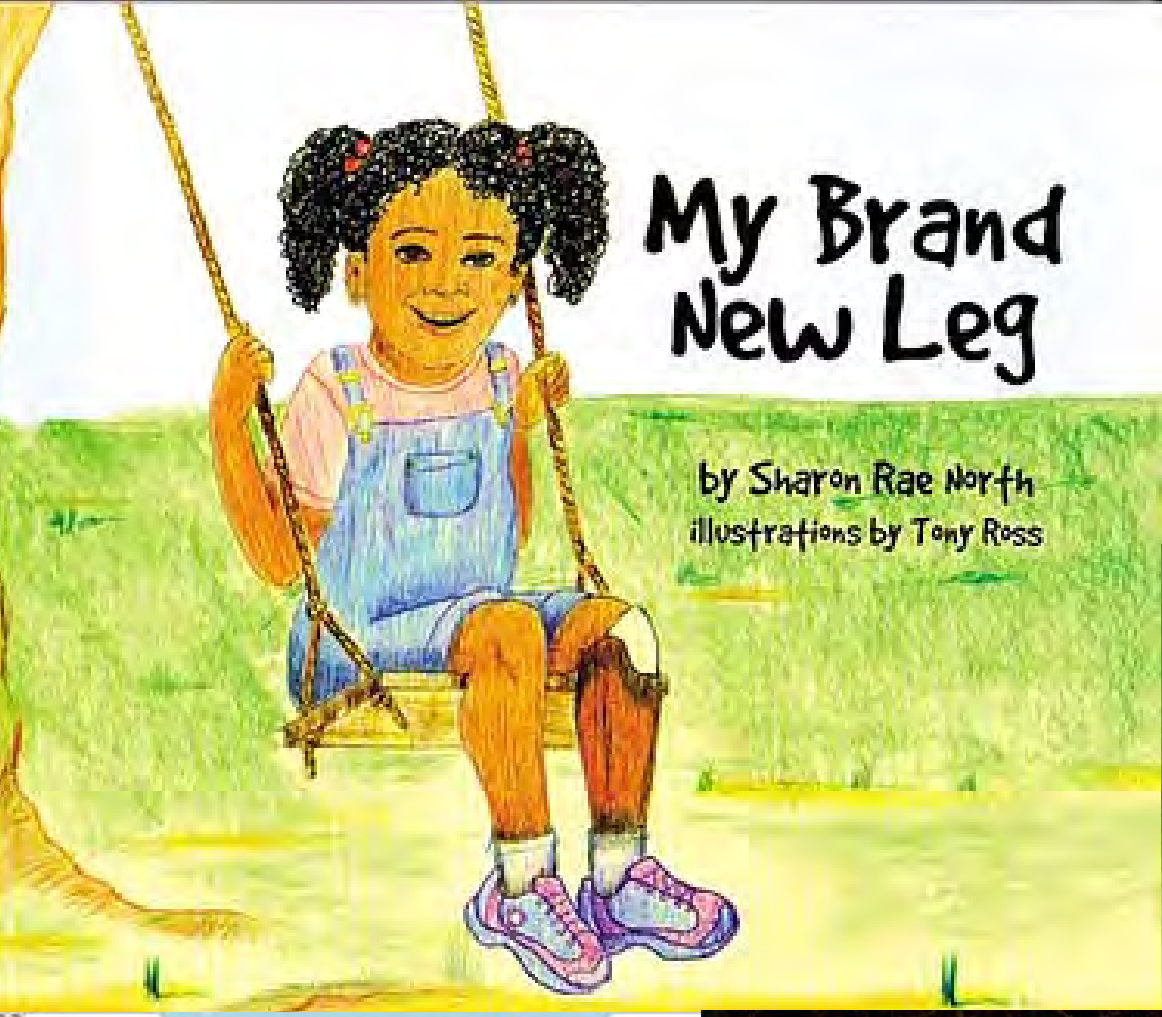




**WE WANT  
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FEEL  
SPECIAL. IF  
YOU CAN  
TELL THE  
BOOK DOES  
NOT MEET  
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CRITERIA,  
PLEASE DO  
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Choose books that celebrate strong protagonists as well as independent thinking among minority characters.





# Reading Owls International does not accept:

- Books with marks, wear and tear or writing of any kind.
- Political, religious, ethnocentric, or culturally insensitive books.
- Books written in a language other than English.
- Textbooks, magazines or journals of any kind.
- Home decorating, cookbooks, or wedding books.
- Adult theme books - murder mysteries, spy thrillers, romance or anything with clearly offensive language in the title or book.

# We the Kids

The Preamble to  
the Constitution of the United States

of the United States, in order to form  
a more perfect Union, establish Justice,  
insure domestic Tranquility, promote the  
general Welfare, and secure the Blessings  
of Liberty to ourselves and our  
Posterity, do ordain and establish this  
Constitution for the United States of  
America.

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein  
granted shall be vested in a Congress  
of the United States, which shall consist  
of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives  
shall be composed of Members chosen  
every second Year by the People of the  
several States, and the Electors in  
each State shall have the Qualifications  
 requisite for Electors in that State.  
No Representative shall be a Senator  
or a Representative of another State,  
and no Representative shall be under  
twenty one Years of Age, seven Years  
resident in that State when elected,  
and seven Years in the United States  
before he is elected. The Electors in  
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The House of Representatives shall  
choose their Speaker and other  
Officers, and shall have the sole  
Power of Impeachment.

This book is too  
US specific







e, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the  
hand, is math-smart—but not especially good at  
standing people. She knows that feelings are her  
st subject. So when their lemonade war begins, there  
elling who will win—or if their fight will ever end.

es] does a good job of showing the siblings' strengths, flaws,  
d points of view in this engaging chapter book." —*Booklist*

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o make a suspenseful, subtly educational plot that goes down  
as easily as a cool glass of lemonade in August."

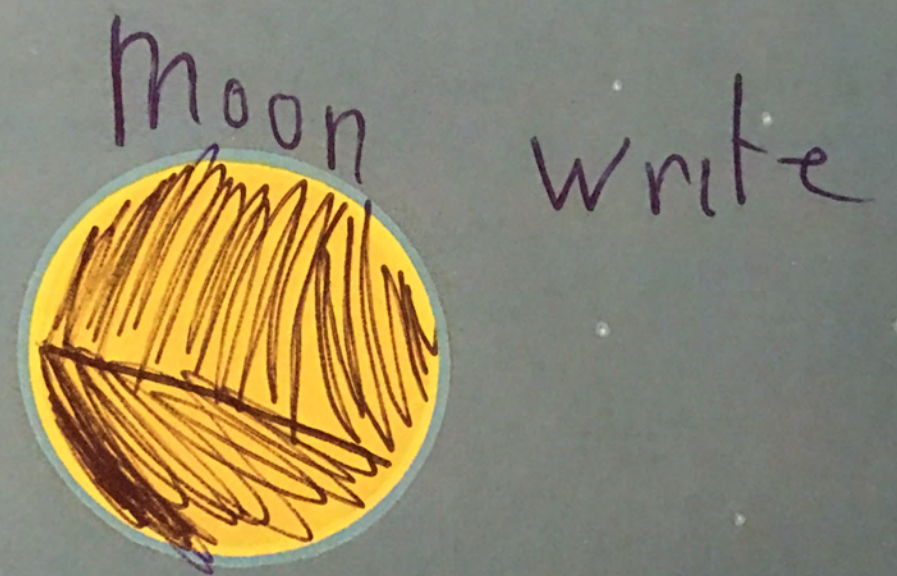
—*Children's Literature*

side for tips on how to run your own lemonade stand!

ain teasers, business ideas, lemony good recipes, and more,  
go to [www.lemonadewar.com](http://www.lemonadewar.com).

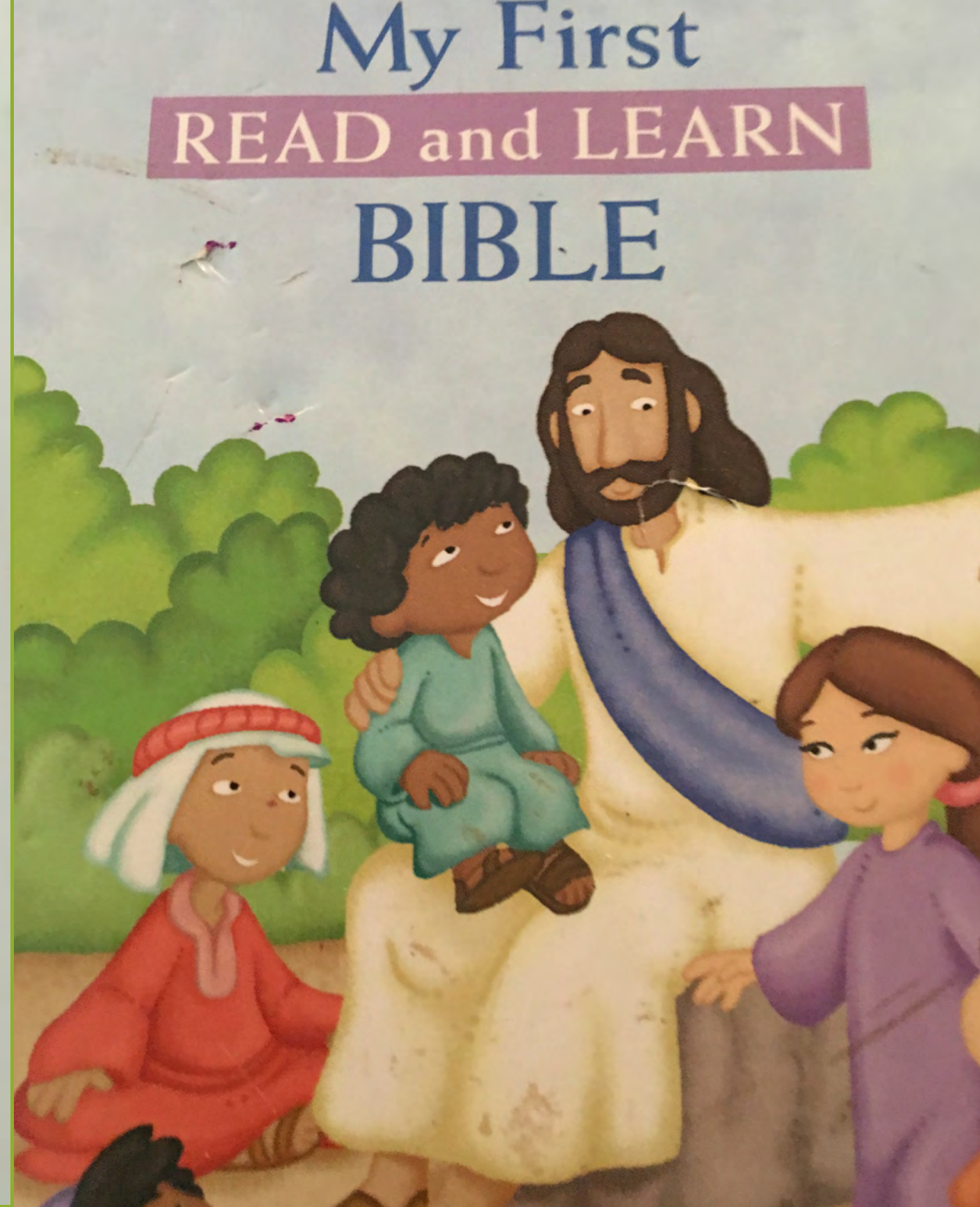
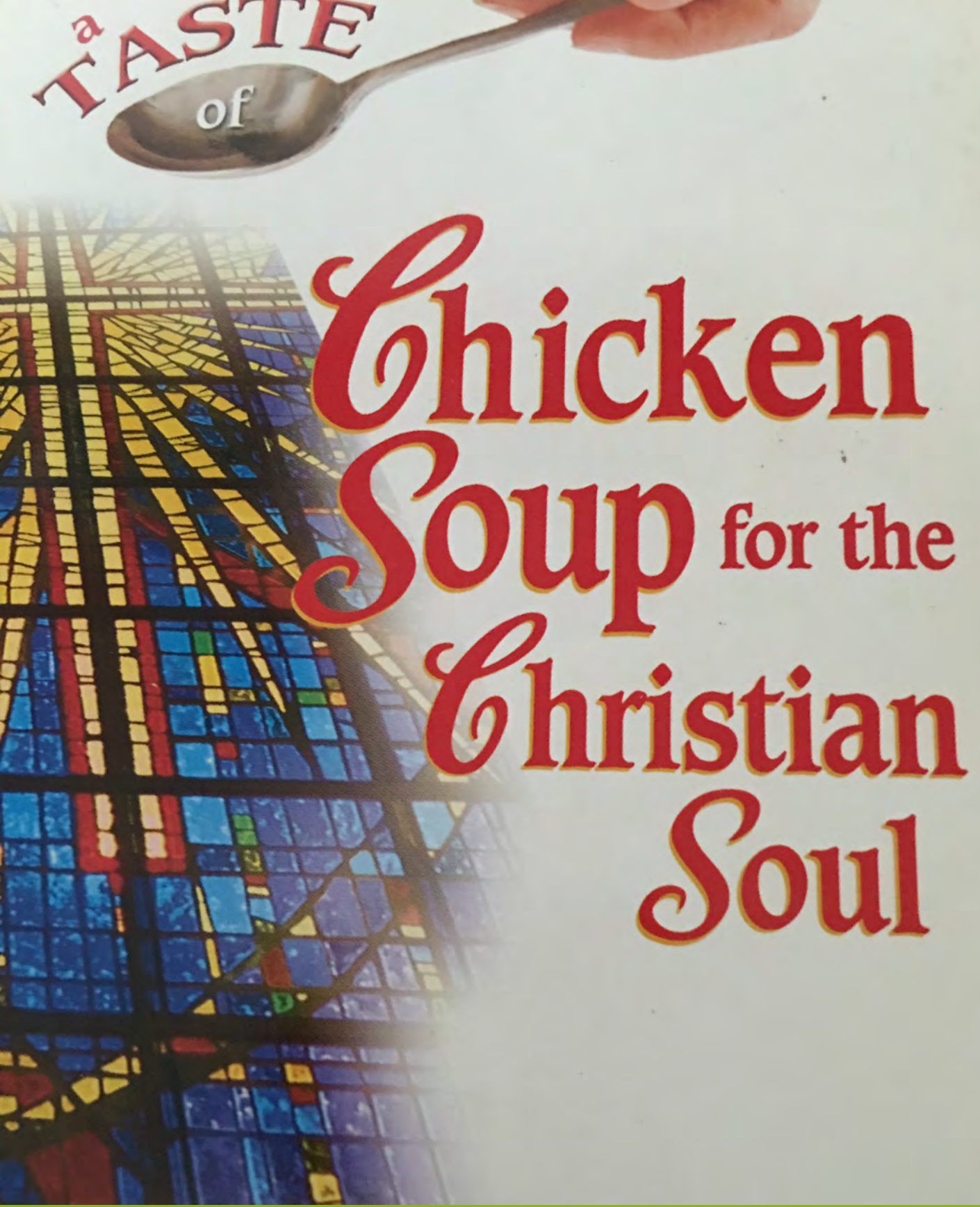
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## WE DO NOT ACCEPT BOOKS WITH MARKS AND SPILLS



No writing or marks of any kind



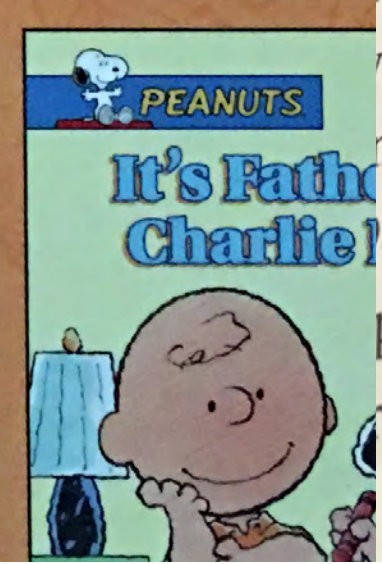
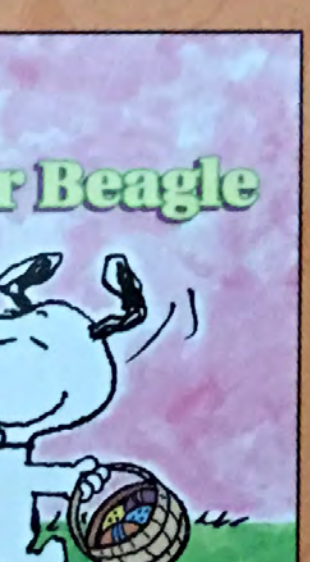


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**We do not accept religious material of any kind**

thrilled by the thought of going to school, Charlie Brown tells her that kindergarten is only two weeks away. She's worried that she'll be a finger painter. As her nervousness grows, Charlie Brown starts to talk about the Peanuts gang as they head back to school. Charlie Brown helps his little sister realize that school is a fun place to go.

Other PEANUTS books at your favorite bookstore.







## **Good sources for books:**

- **Amazon Books, Scholastic, Barnes & Noble, Random House, DK Publishing, Penguin**
- **Friends of the Library sales**
- **Children's Bookstores**
- **Caribbean bookstores – McMillan Caribbean, Carlong Publishers, Sangster's Bookstore, Anansesem (website)**
- **School book fairs**
- **Discount Book Stores**
- **Virtual bookstore at our website**



# **Packing & Mailing Instructions:**

**You can usually find sturdy book boxes at bookstores and other retailers if you ask and arrive at the right time. Barnes & Noble book boxes are a good size. Pack the book boxes tightly so that the box is well supported on all sides. The boxes will be packed one on top of the other in six-high stacks inside a shipping container. If the boxes are not packed tightly with rigid sides, they will collapse, ruining the book bindings. Please call or email us prior to shipping large parcels.**

**Small parcels may be mailed to:**

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