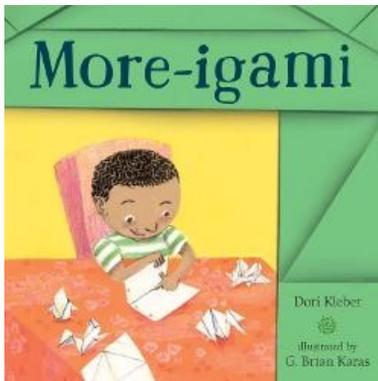


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More-igami by Dori Kleber

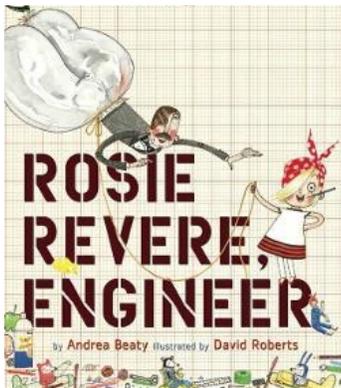
"Joey loves things that fold: maps, beds, accordions, you name it. When a visiting mother of a classmate turns a plain piece of paper into a beautiful origami crane, his eyes pop. Maybe he can learn origami, too. It's going to take practice — on his homework, the newspaper, the thirty-eight dollars in his mother's purse . . . Enough! No more folding! But how can Joey become an origami master if he's not allowed to practice? Is there anywhere that he can hone the skill that makes him happy — and maybe even make a new friend while he's at it?" From Publisher



The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

(Overcoming frustration)

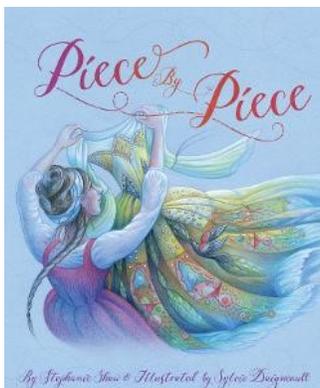
"A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks." — From Follett



Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty

(Overcoming embarrassment, frustration)

"Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal--to fly--Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. But when..." - From Publisher



Piece by Piece by Stephanie Shaw

(Overcoming rejection)

"Drawing inspiration from the natural world around her, a weaver woman with a magical touch crafts exquisite fabrics. And from the fabric she fashions a wondrous dress, with a bodice that sparkles of starlight and lace like the foam of an ocean wave. The weaver envisions the food and clothing she will be able to buy..." - From Publisher

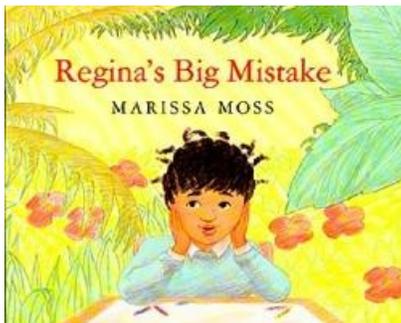
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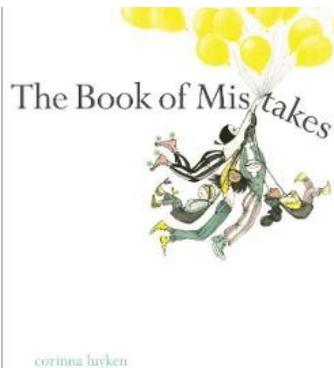
Accident! by Andrea Tsurumi
(Overcoming Mistakes)

"When a clumsy armadillo named Lola knocks over a glass pitcher, she sets off a silly chain of events, encountering chaos wherever she goes. But accidents happen--just ask the goat snarled in spaghetti, the airborne sheep, and the bull who has broken a whole shop's worth of china..." - From Publisher



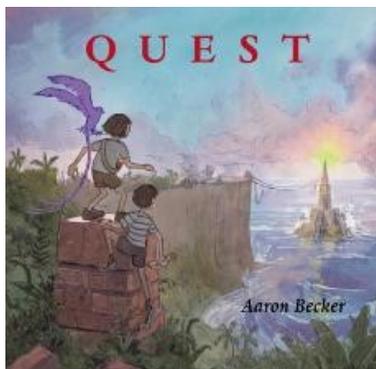
Regina's Big Mistake by Marissa Moss
(Overcoming Mistakes / Frustration)

"When told to draw a jungle in art class, Regina experiences feelings of failure and creative insecurity, but manages to create a beautiful picture that's all her own." — From Follett



The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken

"One eye was bigger than the other. That was a mistake. The weird frog-cat-cow thing? It made an excellent bush. And the inky smudges... they look as if they were always meant to be leaves floating gently across the sky. As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways..." - From Publisher

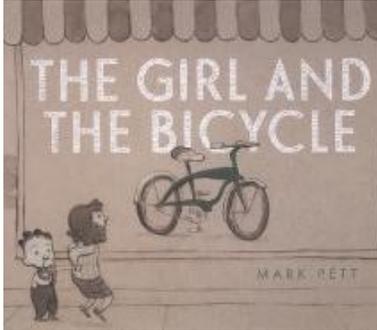


Quest by Aaron Becker (Wordless Trilogy— Book 2)
Series: 3 titles

"A king emerges from a hidden door in a city park, startling two children sheltering from the rain. No sooner does he push a map and some strange objects into their hands than he is captured by hostile forces that whisk him back through the enchanted door. Just like that, the children are caught up in a quest to..." - From Publisher

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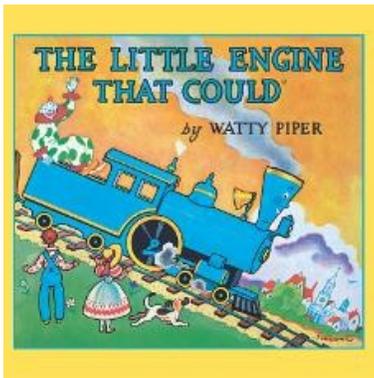
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The Girl and the Bicycle by Mark Pett

(Persevering to help others)

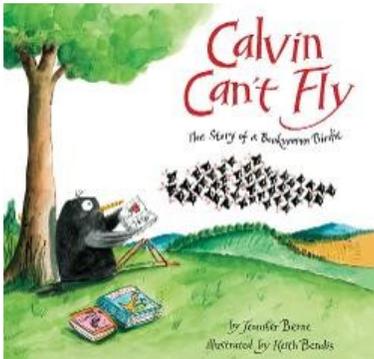
"A little girl sees a shiny new bicycle in the shop window. She hurries home to see if she has enough money in her piggy bank, but when she comes up short, she knocks on the doors of her neighbors, hoping to do their yard work. They all turn her away except for a kindly old woman." — From Publisher



The Little Engine That Could retold by Watty Piper

(Persevering to help others)

"When the other engines refuse, the Little Blue Engine tries to pull a stranded train full of toys and good food over the mountain." — From Follett

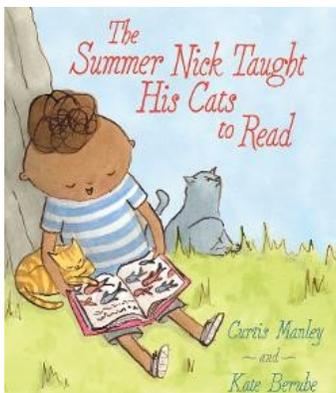


Calvin Can't Fly: The Story of a Bookworm Birdie

by Jennifer Berne

(Persevering in being oneself)

"Calvin is one unusual starling! While his siblings and cousins learn to fly, this rare bird lets his imagination soar while reading about pirates, dinosaurs, and other fascinating things. The other birds call him "geeky beaky," but Calvin just ruffles his feathers and..." - Pub..



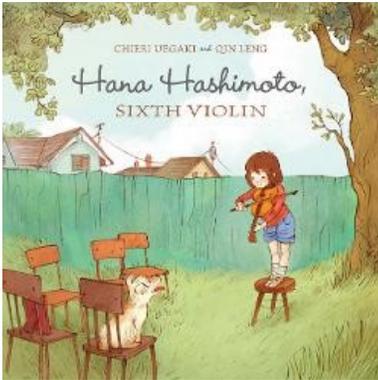
The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read by Curtis Manley and Kate Berube

(Persevering in teaching and learning)

"When Nick decides to teach his cats to read, Verne is very much interested, especially in books about mice and fish, but Stevenson wants nothing to do with the project --or does he?" — From Follett

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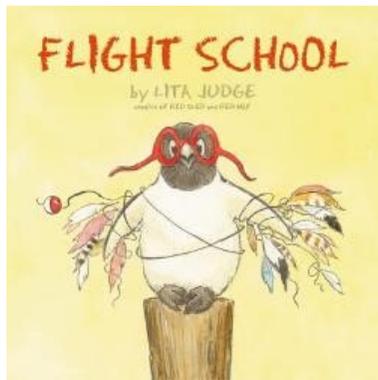
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Hana Hashimoto, sixth Violin by Chieri Uegaki and Qin Leng

(Persevering in learning)

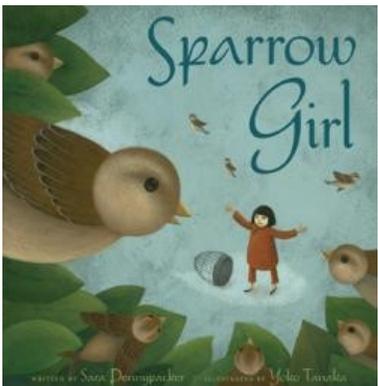
"Hana Hashimoto has signed up to play her violin at her school's talent show. The trouble is, she's only had only three lessons. Hana's brothers insist she isn't good enough. 'It's a talent show, Hana,' they tell her. 'You'll be a disaster!' Hana remembers how wonderfully her talented grandfather, or Ojiichan, played his violin when she was visiting him in Japan. So, just like Ojiichan, Hana begins to practice every day." — From Publisher



Flight School by Lita Judge

(Helping others overcome obstacles)

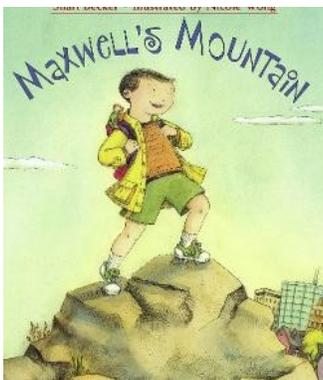
"Although little Penguin has the soul of an eagle, his body wasn't built to soar. But Penguin has an irrepressible spirit, and he adamantly follows his dreams to flip, flap, fly! Even if he needs a little help with the technical parts, this penguin is ready to live on the wind." — From Publisher



Sparrow Girl by Sara Pennypacker

(Persevering in helping others/animals)

"Ming-Li looked up and tried to imagine the sky silent, empty of birds. It was a terrible thought. Her country's leader had called sparrows the enemy of the farmers--they were eating too much grain, he said. He announced a great "Sparrow War" to banish them from China, but Ming-Li did not want to chase the birds away." — From Publisher

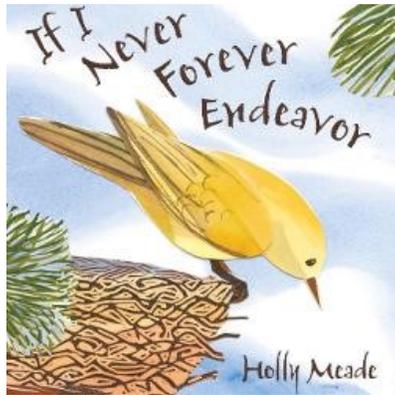


Maxwell's Mountain by Shari Becker

"Spotting a large, tempting hill behind the playground near his new house, Maxwell employs systematic preparation to dispel his parents' conviction that he's too little to tackle the hill. After training on the stairs, gathering first-aid and food supplies, mapping his course, and listening to parental advice ("if he gets into trouble, a true outdoorsman uses his head"), Maxwell takes on the rocky slope--accompanied by an intrepid-looking toy soldier named Harry." — From Booklist

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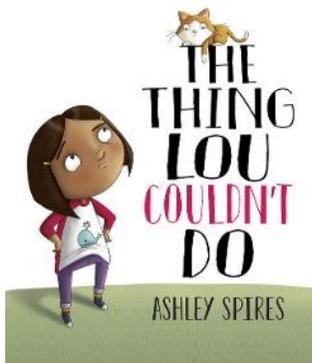
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If I Never Forever Endeavor by Holly Meade
(Overcoming fear)

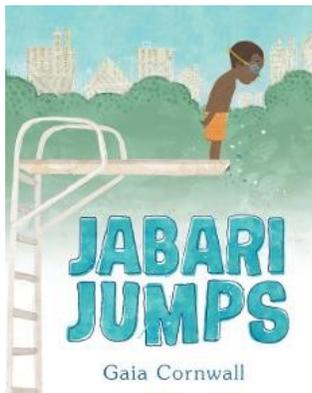
"Safe inside his cozy nest, a young bird considers whether or not to give his new wings a try. What if he tries and the wings don't work, and he flails, plummets, and looks foolish? Then again, what if his wings take him swooping and gliding, sailing and flying through a great big wonderful world? He'll never know if he never endeavors."

— From Publisher



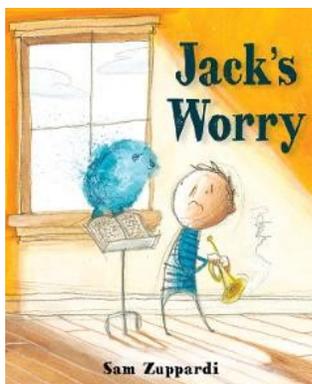
The Thing Lou Couldn't Do by Ashley Spires
(Overcoming fear)

"One day Lou and her friends are looking for a ship to play pirates in when someone makes a suggestion to play up in the tree. Lou has never climbed a tree and isn't sure that she wants to. What will she do?" — From Follett



Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
(Overcoming fear)

"Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons. He's passed his swim test. It's just... maybe he should do some stretches first. 'Looks easy,' says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back." — From Publisher

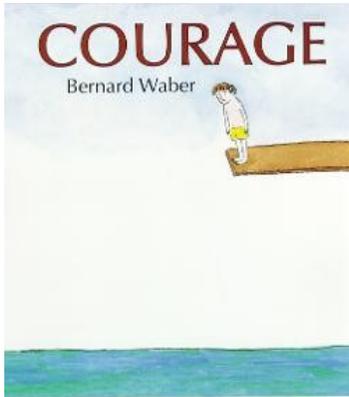


Jack's Worry by Sam Zuppardi
(Overcoming fear)

"Jack loves playing the trumpet, and for weeks he's been looking forward to taking part in his first concert. But on the morning of the big day, Jack finds he has a Worry. And his Worry starts to grow. Even when Jack's mother calls him for a special breakfast, even when he hides under the bed or runs around the yard, his Worry follows him." — From Publisher

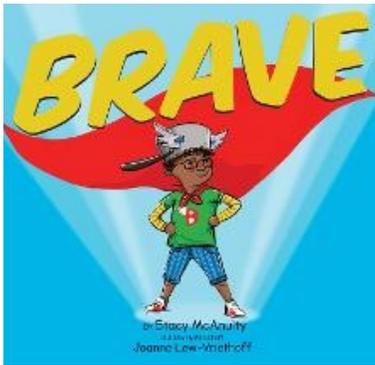
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Courage by Bernard Waber
(Overcoming fear)

"What is courage? Certainly it takes courage for a firefighter to rescue someone trapped in a burning building, but there are many other kinds of courage too. Everyday kinds that normal, ordinary people exhibit all the time, like "being the first to make up after an argument," or "going to bed without a nightlight." Bernard Waber explores the many varied kinds of courage and celebrates the moments, big and small, that bring out the hero in each of us." — From Publisher



Brave by Stacy McAnulty
(Having the courage to act)

"Kids are brave every day. When they are told they are too little, but accomplish something big. When they check for monsters under the bed, just in case. When they face something uncertain, whether a thunderstorm or a hospital visit. When they stand up for what's right, even when it means facing consequences." — From Publisher

THE SMALLEST GIRL IN THE SMALLEST GRADE



Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade

by Justin Roberts (Having the courage to act)
"Hardly anyone noticed young Sally McCabe. She was the smallest girl in the smallest grade. But Sally notices everything - from the twenty-seven keys on the janitor's ring to the bullying happening on the playground. One day, Sally has had enough and decides to make herself heard. And when she takes a chance and stands up to the bullies, she finds that one small girl can make a big difference." — From Publisher

Howard B. Wigglebottom
Learns About Courage

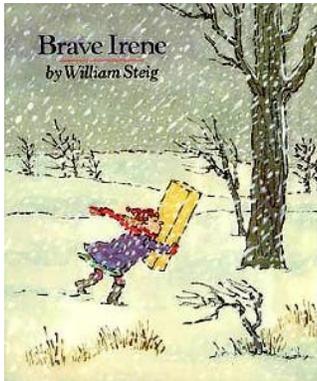


Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns About Courage by
Reverend Ana and Howard Binkow
(Overcoming fear)

"Rabbit Howard B. Wigglebottom learns about fears and courage." — From Follett

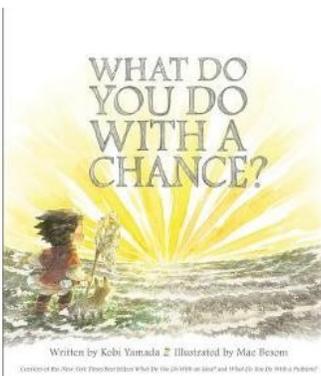
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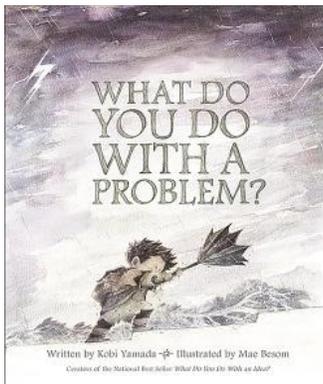
Brave Irene by William Steig
(Overcoming obstacles)

"*Brave Irene* is Irene Bobbin, the dressmaker's daughter. Her mother, Mrs. Bobbin, isn't feeling so well and can't possibly deliver the beautiful ball gown she's made for the duchess to wear that very evening. So plucky Irene volunteers to get the gown to the palace on time, in spite of the fierce snowstorm that's brewing-- quite an errand for a little girl." — From Publisher



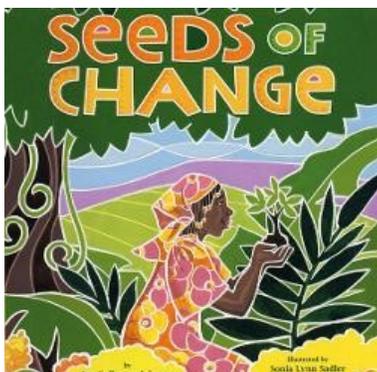
What Do You Do With a Chance by Kobi Yamada
(Overcoming fear)

"What do you do with a chance? Especially one that seems too big or too wild or just out of reach? Do you hold back? Do you act like you don't care? Do you let it slip away? This is the story of some remarkable chances and the child who doesn't know quite what to do with them. But the more chances come around, the more the child's fascination grows. And then, one day, a little courage makes all the difference in the world" — From Publisher



What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada
(Overcoming obstacles)

"This is the story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer he avoids the problem, the bigger it seems to get. But when the child finally musters up the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different indeed." — From Publisher

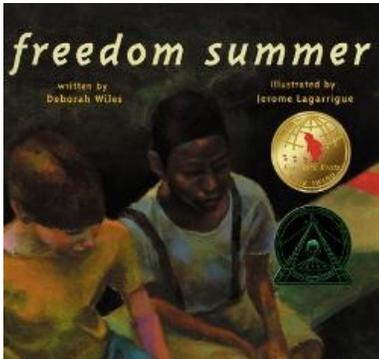


Seeds of Change by Jen Cullerton Johnson
(overcoming poverty, social injustice)

"A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman - and first environmentalist - to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for planting trees in her native Kenya. Detailed narrative and vibrant images paint a robust portrait of this inspiring champion of women's rights and the environment and engagingly capture the people, clothing and landscape of Kenya." — From Publisher

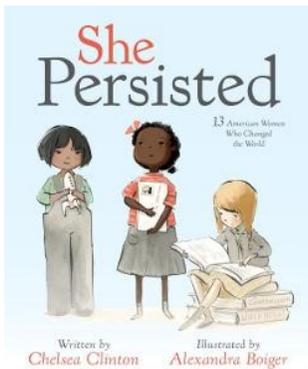
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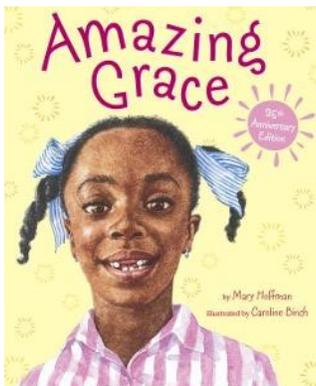
Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles

"In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henry, who is African-American, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists."
— From Follett



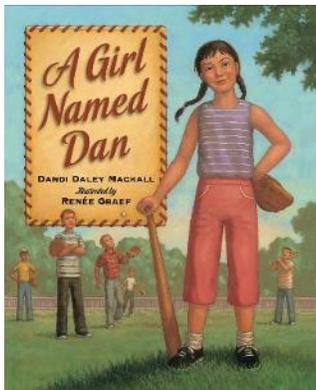
She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton

"*She Persisted* is for everyone who has ever wanted to speak up but has been told to quiet down, for everyone who has ever tried to reach for the stars but was told to sit down, and for everyone who has ever been made to feel unworthy or unimportant or small." — From Publisher



Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

"Grace loves stories, whether they're from books, movies, or the kind her grandmother tells. So when she gets a chance to play a part in Peter Pan, she knows exactly who she wants to be. Remarkable watercolor illustrations give full expression to Grace's high-flying imagination." — From Publisher

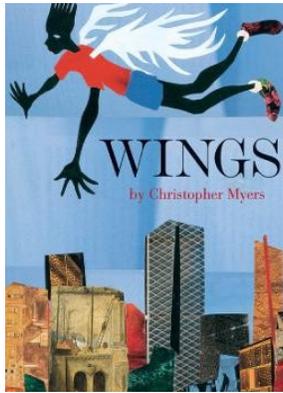


A Girl Named Dan by Dandi Daley Mackall

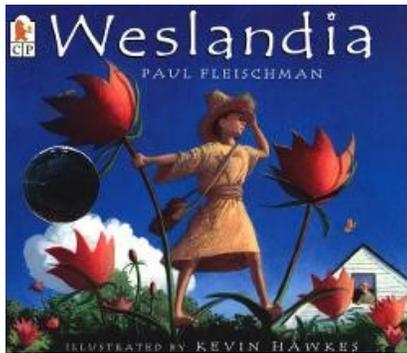
"Dandi enjoys nothing more than baseball, and so after the boys at school tell her their lunchtime game is now boys only, she enters an essay contest hoping to become a bat boy for the Kansas City A's, not realizing the contest is for boys only." — From Follett

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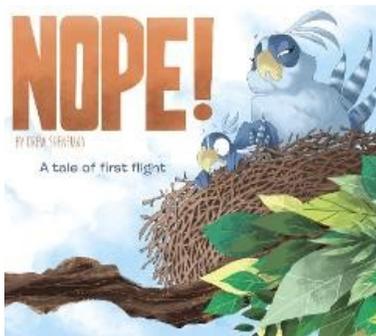
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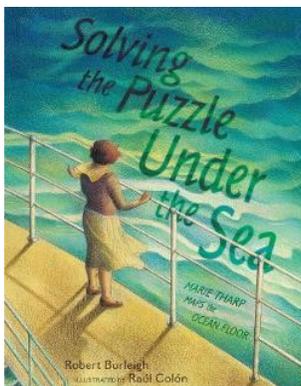
Wings by Christopher Myers
"Myers retells the myth of Icarus through the story of Ikarus Jackson, the new boy on the block, who can fly above the rooftops and over the crowd. In this contemporary version, the winged kid nearly falls from the sky, not because he flies too high and dares to go too near the sun, but because jeering kids in the schoolyard and repressive adults don't like his being different and try to break his soaring spirit." — From Booklist



Weslandia by Paul Fleischman
"Enter the witty, intriguing world of Weslandia! Now that school is over, Wesley needs a summer project. He's learned that each civilization needs a staple food crop, so he decides to sow a garden and start his own - civilization, that is. He turns over a plot of earth, and plants begin to grow. They soon tower above him and bear a curious-looking fruit. As Wesley experiments, he finds that the plant will provide food, clothing, shelter, and even recreation." — From Publisher



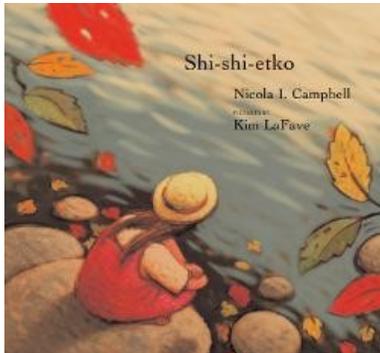
Nope! A Tale of First Flight by Drew Sheneman
"Does Little Bird want to leave the nest and learn to fly? NOPE!" — From Publisher



Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor by Robert Burleigh
"Marie Tharp was always fascinated by the ocean. Taught to think big by her father who was a mapmaker, Marie wanted to do something no one had ever done before: map the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. Was it even possible? Not sure if she would succeed, Marie decided to give it a try." — From Publisher

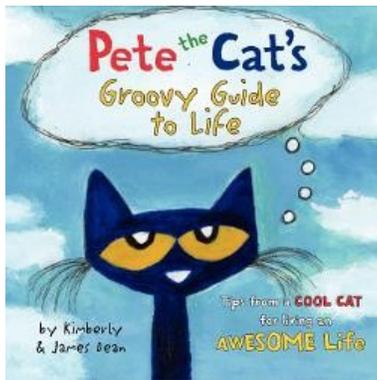
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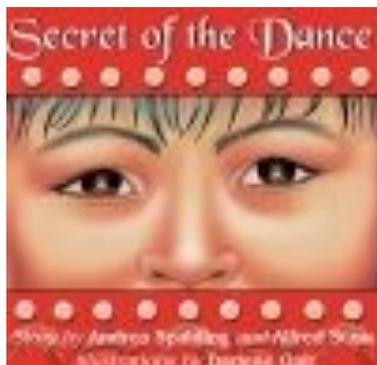
Shi-shi-etko by Nicola Campbell

"Shi-shi-etko just has four days until she will have to leave her family and everything she knows to attend residential school. She spends her last precious days at home treasuring and appreciating the beauty of her world -- the dancing sunlight, the tall grass, each shiny rock, the tadpoles in the creek, her grandfather's paddle song. Her mother, father, and grandmother, each in turn, share valuable teachings that they want her to remember." — From Publisher



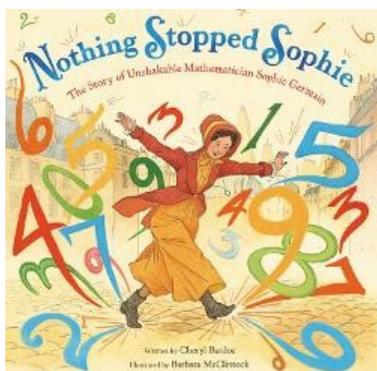
Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Life by Kimberly and James Dean

"Everyone's favorite cat shares a collection of his favorite inspirational and feel-good quotes in *Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Life*. Pete's glass-half-full outlook on life shines through as he adds his fun take on well-known classics attributed to luminaries from Albert Einstein to Confucius to Abraham Lincoln to Shakespeare and more!" — From Publisher



Secret of the Dance by Andrea Spalding and Alfred Scow

"In 1935, a nine-year-old boy's family held a forbidden Potlatch in faraway Kingcome Inlet. Watl'kina slipped from his bed to bear witness. In the Big House masked figures danced by firelight to the beat of the drum. And there, he saw a figure he knew." — From Publisher



Nothing Stopped Sophie: The Story of Unshakable Mathematician Sophie Germain

by Cheryl Bardoe

"A biography of Sophie Germain, who grew up during the French Revolution and followed her dream of studying mathematics, becoming the first woman to win a grand prize from the Royal Academy of Sciences and changing the world with her discoveries."- Publisher

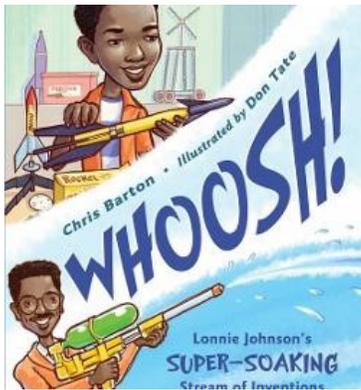
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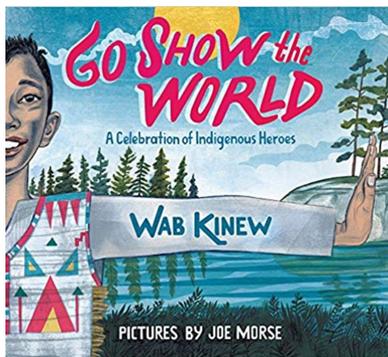
The Girl Who Ran: Bobbi Gibb, the First Woman to Run the Boston Marathan by Frances Poletti & Kristina Yee

On fold-out pages. "In 1966, the world believed it was impossible for a woman to run the Boston Marathon. Bobbi Gibb was determined to prove them wrong" - *Publisher*



Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton

"A childhood favorite and summer staple, the Super Soaker was invented entirely by accident. Trying to create a new cooling system for rockets, inventor Lonnie Johnson instead created the mechanics for an iconic toy. Lonnie Johnson's life began alongside a whole mess of brothers and sisters and grew to include a love for rockets, robots, inventions, and creativity. With persistence and a passion for problem solving, he became an engineer and worked for NASA." - *Publisher*



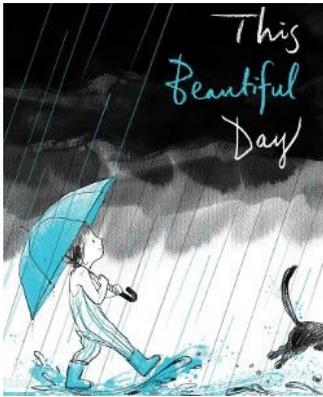
Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes by Wab Kinew

"Celebrating the stories of Indigenous people throughout time, Wab Kinew has created a powerful rap song, the lyrics of which are the basis for the text in this beautiful picture book, illustrated by the acclaimed Joe Morse. Including figures such as Crazy Horse, Net-no-kwa, former NASA astronaut John Herrington and Canadian NHL goalie Carey Price." - *amazon.ca*

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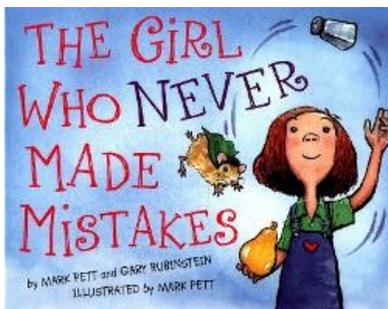
This Beautiful Day by Richard Jackson
(positive mindset)

"Why spend a rainy day inside? As three children embrace a grey day, they seem to beckon the bright as they jump, splash, and dance outside, chasing the rain away. The day's palette shifts from greys to a hint of blue, then more blue. Then green! Then yellow! Until the day is a technicolor extravaganza that would make Mary Poppins proud. A joyous homage to the power of a positive attitude." — From Publisher



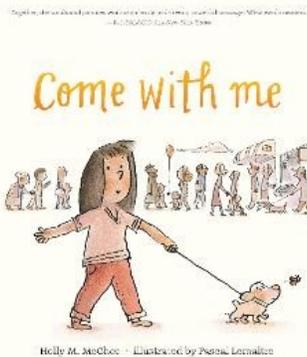
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

"A spider, blown by the wind to a fence post near a farm yard, begins to build her web and cannot be distracted from the task at hand--not by the horse, cow, sheep, goat, or dog. But when the rooster asks if she wants to catch a pesky fly, the busy spider is able to catch it in her web immediately!" — From Publisher



The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Pett & Gary Rubinstein

"Meet Beatrice Bottomwell: a nine-year-old girl who has never (not once!) made a mistake. She never forgets her math homework, she never wears mismatched socks, and she ALWAYS wins the yearly talent show at school. In fact, Beatrice holds the record of perfection in her hometown, where she is known as The Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes. Life for Beatrice is sailing along pretty smoothly until she does the unthinkable." — From Publisher

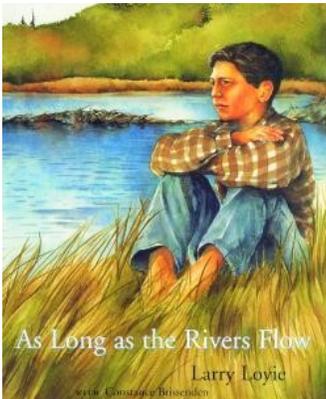


Come With Me by Holly M. McGhee

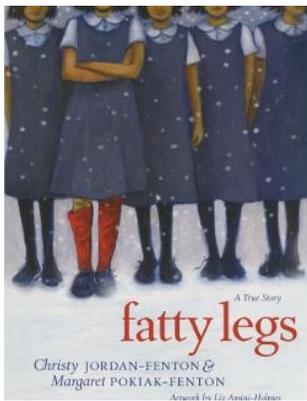
"Frightened by news of angry people around the world, a young girl gets her parents' help in learning to be compassionate and brave a little at a time." — From Follett

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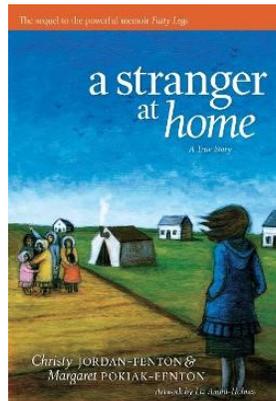
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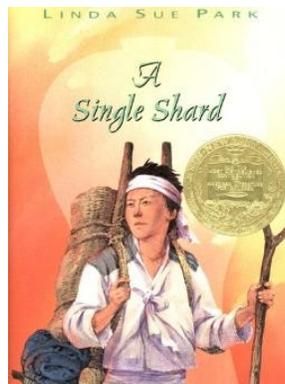
As Long as the Rivers Flow by Larry Loyie
"Starting in the 1800s and continuing into the 20th century, First Nations children were forcibly taken to government-sponsored residential schools to erase their traditional languages and cultures. This moving book tells of one such child, author Larry Loyie, and his last summer with his Cree tribe. It is a time of learning and adventure. He cares for an abandoned baby owl, watches his grandmother make winter moccasins, and sees her kill a huge grizzly with one shot." — From Publisher



Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fenton
"Margaret Pokiak-Fenton tells the story of her experiences as an eight-year-old Inuit girl in a church-run school in Aklavik, Canada, where her strong will made her the target of a mean-spirited nun." — From Follett



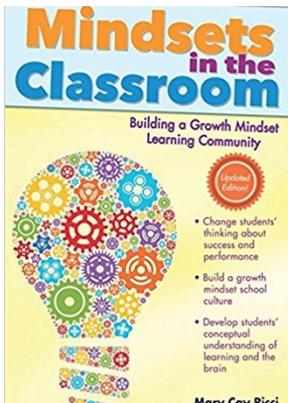
A Stranger at Home: A True Story by Christy Jordan-Fenton
"A memoir in which the author recalls her experiences as a ten-year-old girl returning home to her family in the Arctic after two years at a residential school, discussing her struggles to relearn the language, stories, and ways of her Inuvialuit people." — From Follett



A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
"In this Newbery Medal-winning book set in 12th century Korea, Tree-ear, a 13-year-old orphan, lives under a bridge in Ch'ulp'o, a potters' village famed for delicate celadon ware. He has become fascinated with the potter's craft; he wants nothing more than to watch master potter Min at work, and he dreams of making a pot of his own someday." — From Publisher

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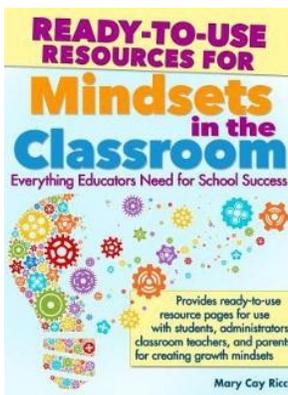
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Mindsets in the Classroom: Building a Growth Mindset Learning Community by Mary Cay Ricci

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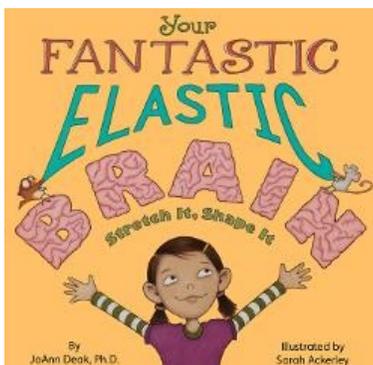
"Provides educators with ideas for building a growth mindset school culture, wherein students are challenged to change their thinking about their abilities and potential. With the book's step-by-step guidance on adopting a differentiated, responsive instruction model, teachers can immediately use growth mindset culture in their classrooms." — From Amazon



Ready-to-Use Resources for Mindsets in the Classroom by Mary Cay Ricci

(Teacher guide/activities— "Prufrock Press grants the individual purchasing this book permission to photocopy original activity pages for classroom use." Read the rest of the copyright permissions.)

"The book features ready-to-use, interactive tools for students, teachers, parents, administrators, and professional development educators." — From Publisher



Your Fantastic Elastic Brain Stretch It, Shape It by JoAnn Deak, Phd

"Provides information about the human brain, discussing what it is, its different parts, how it grows, and its role in controlling various parts and functions of the body." — From Follett



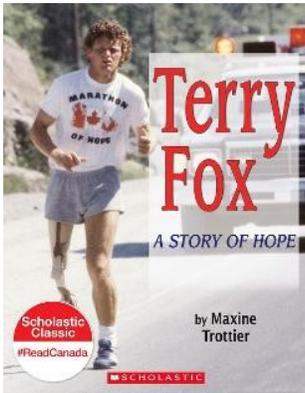
Showing Perseverance by Rebecca Pettiford

(Series: Building Character—Bullfrog Books, early primary)

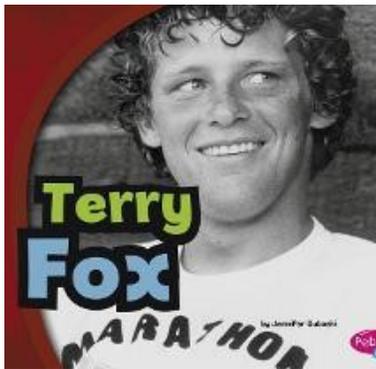
"Simple text and illustrations introduce the character trait of perseverance. Carefully leveled text and vibrant, full-color photos support beginning readers and make reading informational text easy and fun. Includes an activity, picture glossary, and an index." — From Publisher

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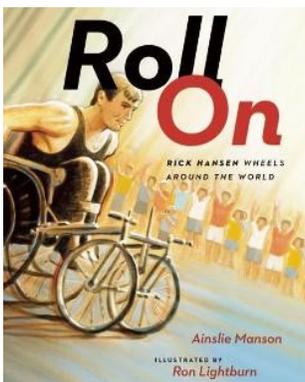
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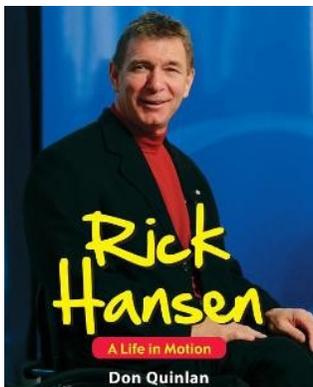
Terry Fox: A Story of Hope by Maxine Trottier
(Overcoming physical disabilities)
"Photographs and text tell the story of Terry Fox, a young man who lost his leg to cancer in 1976 and who then decided to raise money to find a cure for the disease by running across Canada. Includes information on the Terry Fox Run established in 1981 after Fox's death." — From Follett



Terry Fox by Jennifer Sutoski
(Series: Pebble Plus: Canadian Bibliographies)
"In this book, simple text and full-color photographs describe the amazing life of Terry Fox! In 1980 Terry ran across Canada to raise money for cancer research - despite having lost a leg to the disease several years earlier!" - From Titlewave



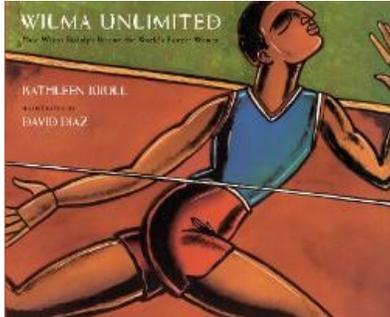
Roll On: Rick Hansen Wheels Around the World by Ainslie Manson
(Overcoming disabilities—picture book format)
"As Rick Hansen wheels around the globe on his incredible Man in Motion World Tour, the children he meets are encouraged to dream their own dreams and work to make them come true. Readers also discover little-known facts about the great journey. They learn that Rick wheeled the equivalent of three marathons a day and went through 94 pairs of gloves." — From Publisher



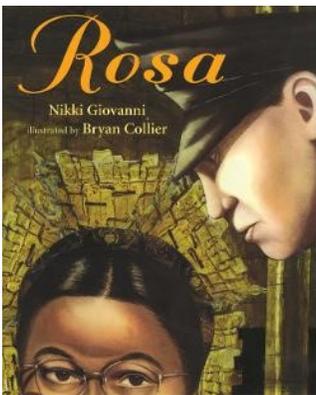
Rick Hansen: A Life in Motion by Don Quinlan
(Overcoming disabilities)
"Rick Hansen suffered a spinal cord injury at the age of 15 after a car accident. But it didn't stop him - during the 1980s he was active in the Paralympics as a wheelchair basketball player. He became inspired by Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and when Terry Fox was forced to end his run across Canada prematurely, Rick Hansen made a vow to carry on." — From Publisher

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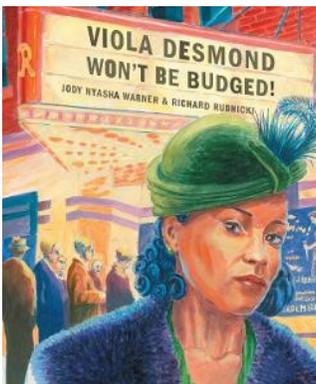
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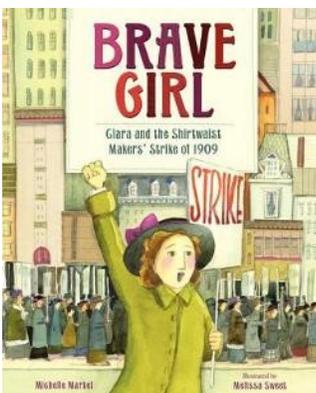
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull
(Overcoming disabilities & social injustice—picture book format)
"A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics." — From Follett



Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
(Overcoming social injustice—picture book format)
"She had not sought this moment but she was ready for it. When the policeman bent down to ask "Auntie, are you going to move?" all the strength of all the people through all those many years joined in her. She said, "No."
An inspiring account of an event that shaped American history." — From Publisher



Viola Desmond Won't be Budged! by Jody Nyasha Warner
(Overcoming social injustice—picture book format)
In 1946, Viola Desmond bought a movie ticket at the Roseland Theatre in Nova Scotia. After settling into a main floor seat, an usher came by and told her to move, because her ticket was only good for the balcony. "You people have to sit in the upstairs section." Viola refused to move. She was hauled off to jail, but her actions gave strength and inspiration to Canada's black community." — From Publisher



Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909 by Michelle Markel
(Overcoming social injustice- picture book format)
"The true story of the young immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history. This picture book biography about Ukrainian immigrant Clara Lemlich tackles topics like activism and the U.S. garment industry. The art, by Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet, beautifully incorporates stitching and fabric. A bibliography and an author's note on the garment industry are included." — From Publisher

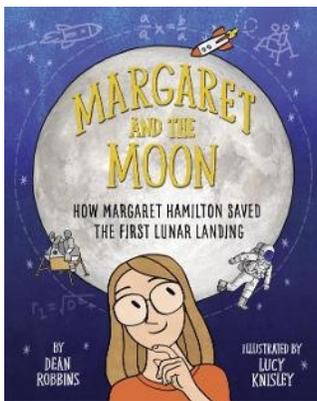
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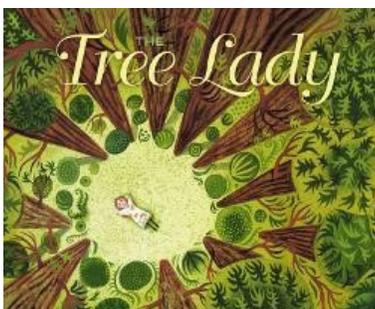
The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid by Jeanette Winter

(Overcoming conformity—picture book format)
“Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, and dreamed of designing her own cities. After studying architecture in London, she opened her own studio and started designing buildings. But as a Muslim woman, Hadid faced many obstacles. Determined to succeed, she worked hard for many years, and achieved her goals--and now you can see the buildings Hadid has designed all over the world.” — From Publisher



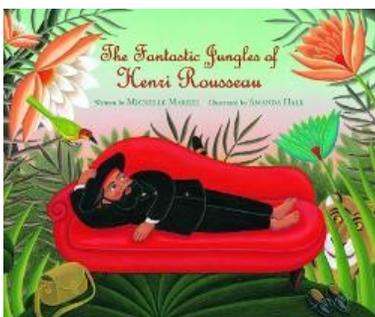
Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing by Dean Robbins

(Overcoming conformity—picture book format)
“Margaret Hamilton loved numbers as a young girl. She knew how many miles it was to the moon (and how many back). She loved studying algebra and geometry and calculus and using math to solve problems in the outside world. Soon math led her to MIT and then to helping NASA put a man on the moon! She handwrote code that would allow the spacecraft's computer to solve any problems it might encounter.” — From Publisher



The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever by H. Joseph Hopkins

(Overcoming conformity—picture book format)
“Katherine Olivia Sessions never thought she'd live in a place without trees. After all, Kate grew up among the towering pines and redwoods of Northern California. But after becoming the first woman to graduate from the University of California with a degree in science, she took a job as a teacher far south in the dry desert town of San Diego. Where there were almost no trees.” — From Publisher

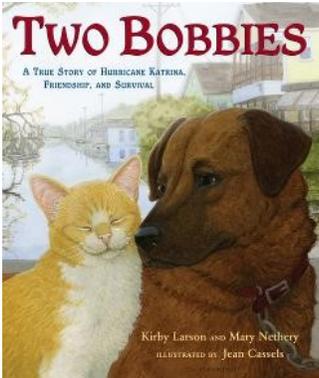


The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau by Michelle Markel

(Overcoming conformity—picture book format)
“Henri Rousseau wanted to be an artist. But he had no formal training. Instead, he taught himself to paint. He painted until the jungles and animals and distant lands in his head came alive on the space of his canvases.” — From Publisher

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Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival by Kirby Larson

(Overcoming the odds, picture book format)

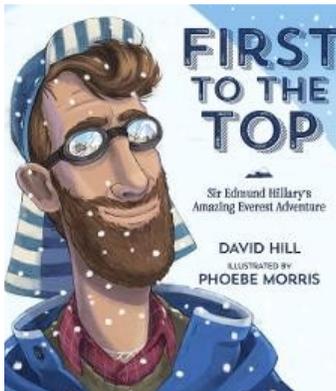
"During Hurricane Katrina, evacuating New Orleans residents were forced to leave their pets behind. Bobbi the dog was initially chained to keep her safe, but after her owners failed to return, she had to break free. For months, Bobbi wandered the city's ravaged streets—dragging her chain behind her—followed by her feline companion, Bob Cat." — From Publisher



Lighter Than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot by Matthew Clark Smith

(Overcoming conformity)

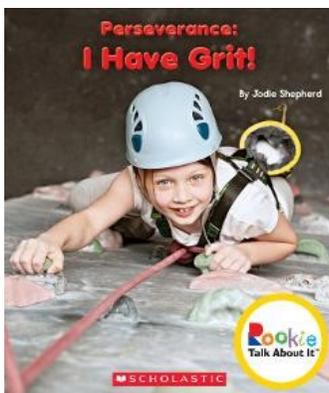
"Behold the story of Sophie Blanchard, an extraordinary woman who is largely forgotten despite her claim to being the very first female pilot in history. In eighteenth-century France, "balloonomania" has fiercely gripped the nation . . . but all of the pioneering aeronauts are men. The job of shattering that myth falls to a most unlikely figure: a shy girl from a seaside village, entirely devoted to her dream of flight." — From Publisher



First to the Top: Sir Edmund Hillary's Amazing Everest Adventure by David Hill

"Up on the world's highest mountain, the sky is tinged the black colour of space and the air is almost too thin to breathe.

How did Ed, a small, shy boy from the tiny town of Tuakau in New Zealand, grow up to become the world's most famous mountaineer and adventurer? How did he climb Everest and do so many other astonishing things?" — From Publisher

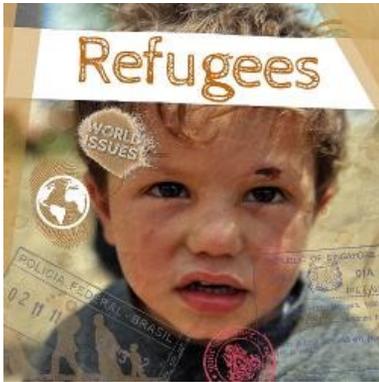


Perseverance: I Have Grit! by Jodie Shepherd

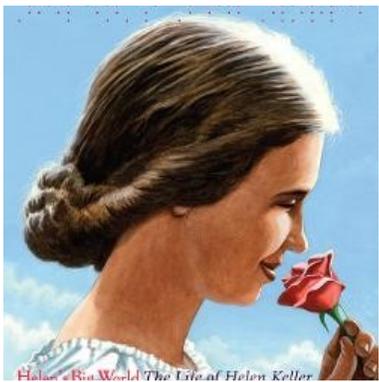
"How do you teach a child to have grit? How do you encourage youngsters to show empathy to their peers? The books in the Rookie Talk About It series are a great way to introduce character education. Engaging text introduces each topic to the readers, while anecdotes provide real-life examples of how they can build these character strengths themselves." — From Publisher

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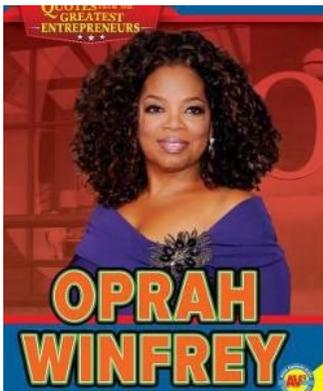
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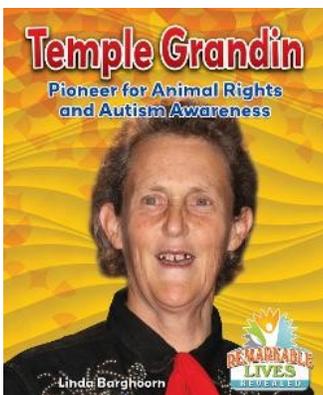
Refugees by Harriet Brundle
(Series: World Issues)
"What is a refugee? Why do people become refugees, and how do they migrate? What is it like to migrate on foot, by boat, or by vehicle? What are refugee camps? How does it feel to be a refugee? Includes a case study of Syrian refugees." — From Publisher



Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller
by Doreen Rappaport
"This picture book biography is an excellent and accessible introduction for young readers to learn about one of the world's most influential luminaries. With her signature style of prose laced with stirring quotes, Doreen Rappaport brings to life Helen Keller's poignant narrative." — From Publisher



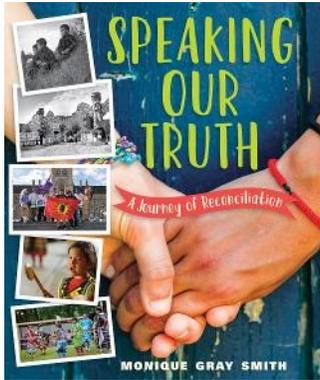
Oprah Winfrey by Oprah Winfrey
(Series: Quotes from the Greatest Entrepreneurs)
"Pairs words of encouragement with stunning photography to create a truly unique reading experience. Readers are sure to understand the power of hard work and perseverance through this exciting series." — From Publisher



Series: Remarkable Lives Revealed
pub. By Crabtree. Titles:
Mae Jemison: Trailblazing Astronaut, Doctor, and Teacher
Malala Yousafzai: Defender of Education for Girls
Rick Hansen: Improving Live for People with Disabilities
Temple Grandin: Pioneer for Animal rights and Autism Awareness
William Kamkwamba: Powering his village
Wilma Rudolph: Track and field Champion

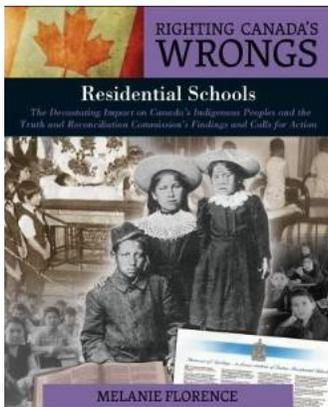
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Speaking Our Truth by Monique Gray Smith
(aboriginal)

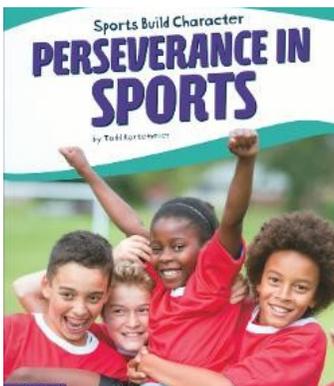
"Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people has suffered as a result of both the residential school system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. Healing and repairing that relationship requires education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and the impacts still being felt by Survivors and their families."
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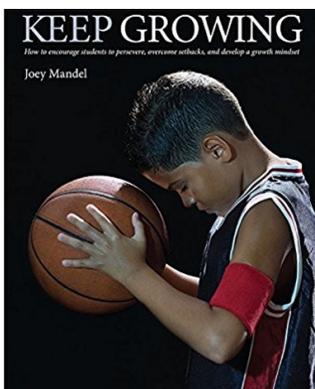
by Melanie Florence (Series: Righting Canada's Wrongs)

"Explores the history of Canada's residential school system for aboriginal young people where 150,000 First Nations, Metis, and Inuit were taken from their families and were forced to abandon their native culture; and includes the full text of the government's apology issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission." — From Follett



Perseverance in Sports by Todd Kortemeier
(Series: Sports Build Character)

"Demonstrates the game-changing power of perseverance. Through action-filled stories and a character-building quiz, readers will consider their own character and be encouraged to take it to the next level." — O.C.L.C.



Keep Growing: How to encourage Students to Persevere, Overcome Setbacks, and Develop a Growth Mindset by Joey Mandel

"Growth mindset, grit, and self-regulation are terms that teachers and parents have been hearing a lot lately. These terms recognize that children can develop traits that will make them better able to face challenges and recover from setbacks. How do we bring these principles directly into the classroom to assist students, day in and day out? *Keep Growing* shows how teachers can provide opportunities for children to change their mindsets and foster their ownership of their behavior, their desire to tackle difficult tasks, their ability to push through..." - From amazon.ca