



BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

Grade 5

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FICTION

Cho, John. **TROUBLEMAKER**

Korean-American Jordan navigates the rioting streets of Los Angeles in search of his father.



Christmas, Johnnie. **SWIM TEAM**

Bree learns to conquer her fear with help from her elderly neighbor, a former swim team captain. GN

Connor, Leslie. **ANYBODY HERE SEEN FRENCHIE?**

When Aurora's nonvocal friend Frenchie goes missing, she must deal with her guilt of then drifting apart and use her voice to aid the town's search for him.

Costner, Arianne. **CONFESSIONS OF A CLASS CLOWN**

Jack Reynolds needs to make new friends who will help him with his comedy videos.

Faruqi, Saadia. **YUSUF AZEEM IS NOT A HERO**

Yusuf Azeem must find a way to stand up to prejudice and racism during the twentieth anniversary of September 11.

Galligan, Gale. **FREESTYLE**

Breakdancer Cory feels the pressure when he tries to balance school, his dance crew, and new friends. GN



Griffith, Evan. **MANATEE SUMMER**

Two friends discover a hurt manatee during their summer vacation.

Lamotte, Lily. **MEASURING UP**

A Taiwanese immigrant enters a cooking competition in order to win money for her grandmother's plane ticket to Seattle. GN

Lerner, Jarrett. **A WORK IN PROGRESS**

Ever since a bully cruelly called him fat, Will's negative self-image threatens to take over his life but meeting Markus helps boost his self-esteem and helps him heal.

Lincoln, Beth.

THE SWIFTS: A DICTIONARY OF SCOUNDRELS

Little sister "Shenanigan Swift," labeled a troublemaker, defies expectations by pursuing her own identity and solving a murder mystery at the family reunion.



Luqman-Dawson, Amina. **FREEWATER**

Two slave children run away from the Southerland Plantation and discover refuge in the secretive community of Freewater, where they help protect its community.

Lukoff, Kyle. **TOO BRIGHT TO SEE**

While trying to solve the mystery surrounding their haunted house, Bug learns about their own gender identity.

Mandanna, Sangu.

KIKI KALLIRA BREAKS A KINGDOM*

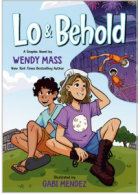
Kiki Kallira, a chronic worrier, finds solace in drawing until her sketches bring mythological beings to life, leading her into a dangerous adventure.



*Title is one in a series

GN—Graphic Novel





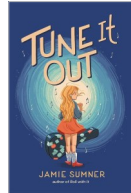
Mass, Wendy. **LO AND BEHOLD**
When her father's summer job takes her across the county, Addie gets caught up in an exciting project involving a virtual reality headset that allows her to see the world in a new way. GN

Ortega, Claribel A. **FRIZZY**
Marlene learns to embrace her naturally curly hair. GN

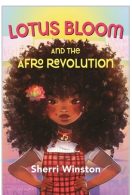
Randall, Julian.
PILAR RAMIREZ AND THE ESCAPE FROM ZAF*
A young girl is transported to an island occupied by characters and creatures from Dominican myths.

Sax, Sarah. **PICTURE DAY***
When 7th grader Viv cuts off her braid and changes her style she becomes a social media influencer overnight. GN

Sumner, Jamie. **TUNE IT OUT**
Lou Montgomery, who is diagnosed with sensory processing disorder, uses music to find her own voice.



Tang, Betty C. **PARACHUTE KIDS**
Taiwanese siblings must adjust to their new lives in Los Angeles when their parents leave them and go back to their home country. GN



Winston, Sherri.
LOTUS BLOOM AND THE AFRO REVOLUTION
Talented violinist Lotus Bloom fights back against her middle school's racist dress code.

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Bybee, Veeda.
SHINING A LIGHT: CELEBRATING 40 ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD
A collective biography celebrating the many accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have changed the world in many ways.

Grandin, Temple. **THE OUTDOOR SCIENTIST: THE WONDER OF OBSERVING THE NATURAL WORLD**
Scientist and autism spokesperson Temple Grandin encourages young scientists to ask questions about their natural world and how to find the answers.

Levi, Lia.
JUST A GIRL: A TRUE STORY OF WORLD WAR II
A young Italian girl grows up hidden away in a convent during World War II.



Lin, Grace. **CHINESE MENU**
Discover the stories and myths surrounding popular Chinese dishes.

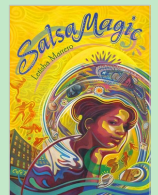
CHALLENGING READS

Barone, Rebecca E.F. **UNBREAKABLE: THE SPIES WHO CRACKED THE NAZIS' SECRET CODE**
Codebreaker and spies come together to decipher cryptic messages from German forces during World War II.

Cherry-Paul, Sonja.
STAMPED (FOR KIDS): RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU
Learn about racism, its impact on America today, and how to combat it.

Grimes, Nikki.
LEGACY: WOMEN POETS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE
A celebration of lesser-known women poets of the Harlem Renaissance, paired with one-of-a-kind art by female African-American illustrators.

Marrero, Letisha. **SALSA MAGIC**
After Maya's estranged aunt comes to visit, she discovers that she feels connected to her and the magic she may possess.



Marsh, Katherine. **THE LOST YEAR**
When a young boy and his mother join his Ukrainian great-grandmother to isolate from the COVID-19 pandemic, he discovers a previously unknown past.

Valenti, Karla Arenas. **LOTERÍA**
Clara must learn to choose her own path after learning that Life and Death are dealing out Lotería cards with her name on them.