BOOKLIST **K-Grade 2**

SCHLAIKJER, ERICA LEE Wild Greens, Beautiful Girl

Illus. by Cinyee Chiu SLEEPING BEAR, 2024 9781534113152

This beautifully illustrated picture book about a girl and her mother harvesting greens from their garden features English, Chinese, and Pinyin text. The back matter includes more information about the Indigenous Amis people of Taiwan. (Bilingual)

SCOTT-MILLER, VICTORIA

Miss Edmonia's Class of Wildfires

Illus. by Francisco Santoya PAW PRINTS, 2024 9781223186849

Teacher Miss Edmonia leads her class on a field trip to the art museum and encourages her students to not just look at the art but get inspired and

figure out their individual character traits.

My Daddy Is a Cowbou

Illus. by C. G. Esperanza ABRAMS, 2024

A Panamanian American father and daughter spend an exuberant day together exploring their city streets on horseback; euphoric full-bleed illustrations showcase the lyrical text and highlight both the child's enthusiasm about the equine urban adventure and the mutual adoration of their parent-child bond.

SYLVESTER, NATALIA

A Maleta Full of Treasures

Illus. by Juana Medina DIAL, 2024 9780593462423

When Abuela arrives for her visit from Peru, she

brings several maletas (suitcases) filled with treasures that will connect her granddaughter to their Peruvian roots. Illustrations and text work together to create a cultural introduction while also showcasing the importance of family relationships and what it means to be "home." Also available in Spanish.

WEINSTEIN, ELLEN

Five Stories

Illus. by the author HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2024 9780823451678

Five stories of five children from different cultures and eras who grow up in the same building in New York City.

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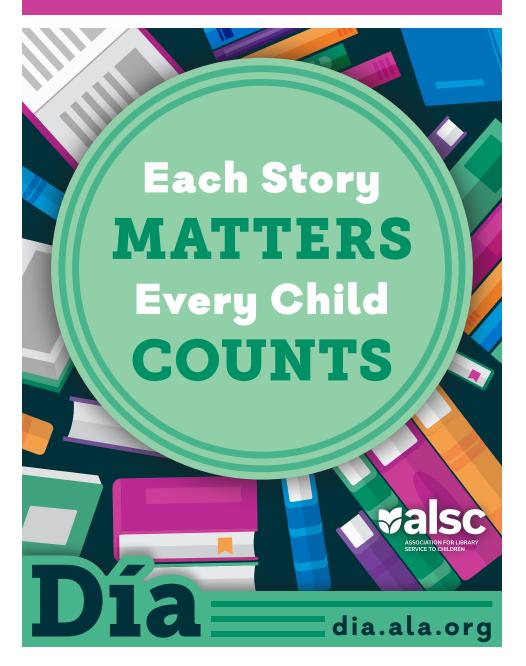
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ABBAS, MARZIEH

Awe-samosas!

Illus. by Bhagya Madanasinghe

CLARION, 2024 9780063257276

Noor wants to make samosas like she does with her grandmother when she visits from Pakistan. Doing the best she can with what she has, Noor makes samosas with different ingredients for each of her friends. Includes a recipe for traditional samosas and a glossary of Urdu terms.

ALONSO, NATHALIE Old Clothes

for Dinner?!

Illus. by Natalia Rojas Castro

BAREFOOT, 2024 9798888590683

A misunderstanding leads a young girl to believe that her abuela is cooking clothes for dinner.

DWIVEDI, AVANI My Bollywood Dream

Illus. by the author

CANDLEWICK, 2023 9781536228427

From the dance sequences and famous actors to the busy streets of Mumbai, this is a joyful celebration of Bollywood films.

GONZÁLEZ, XELENA Remembering

Illus. by Adriana M. Garcia SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2023

9781534499638
A child finds a whistle, a walk, and more ways to remember their family's dog. The back matter includes an author's note, illustrator's note, and instructions for building your own ofrenda.

HAVRELOCK, DEIDRE

Also available in Spanish.

The Heartbeat Drum: The Story of Carol Powder, Cree Drummer and Activist

Illus. by Aphelandra ABRAMS, 2024 9781419756689

With beautiful images throughout, this picture book biography shows the importance of Indigenous traditions, while celebrating activism.

HO, JOANNA

On the Tip of a Wave: How Ai Weiwei's Art Is Changing the Tide

Illus. by Cátia Chien

ORCHARD, 2023 9781338715941

Artist Ai Weiwei uses his powerful, thoughtprovoking art to challenge injustice and inspire change. Paired with stunning illustrations that capture the essence of his works through their bold use of color, the story immerses readers in the ways art can make waves in society and culture.

JAESUN, AHN

The Tailor Shop at the Intersection

Illus. by the author TRANSIT CHILDREN'S

EDITIONS, 2023 9781945492761

Follow this Korean family business's evolution across three generations as they build a reputation for excellence by helping customers look their best in bespoke suits.

KANE, KAREN, AND JONAZ MCMILLAN

Monster Hands Illus. by Dion MBD

NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2024 9780593532294

Milo and his best friend,
Mel, use ASL to scare the
monster under Milo's bed.
Each of their attempts is
a sign that begins with the
sign for monster, introducing
readers to the ideas of
visual rhyme and wordplay.
Illustrations capture the
use of facial expressions
within ASL communication.

KEMP, LAEKAN ZEA

Desert Song

Illus. by Beatriz Gutiérrez Hernández NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2024 9780823453924

Watch a family play a variety of musical

instruments on their porch as the sun sets. Their song connects them with animals and ancestors as the stars and moon come out, and then rain is their applause.

Also available in Spanish.

LEWIS, AURA, AND FARAI SIMOYI

Dazzling Zelda: The Story of Fashion Designer Zelda Wynn Valdes

Illus. by Aura Lewis BEACH LANE, 2024 9781665918299

The story of Black fashion designer and icon Zelda Wunn Valdes.

When We Had to Leave Home

Illus. by Anna Aronson ALBERT WHITMAN, 2023 9780807574812

A girl, her mother, and her grandmother escape the war in Ukraine and begin again in a new home.

MENON, UMA

My Mother's Tongues: A Weaving of Languages

Illus. by Rahele Jomepour Bell CANDLEWICK, 2024 9781536222517

Sumi, a young Indian American girl, celebrates her mother's multilingualism. The theme of weaving appears first in the illustrations as a tapestry of her mother's speech and later as a superhero's cape as Sumi declares she will have "a tapestry of tongues" as her superpower.

мо, снепку Home in a Lunchbox

Illus. by the author
PENGUIN WORKSHOP, 2024
9780593661345

Jun starts at her school in a new country knowing only three words. She loves her familiar foods from home, which become the wau to make new friends.

The Ghost of the Blanes Museum

Illus. by the author PAW PRINTS, 2024 9781223188119

A lonely man makes a connection with a lonely ghost when she plays the piano in the museum he guards. Back matter tells about the real museum and its story. Also available in Spanish.

Joyful Song: A Naming Story

Illus. by Susan Gal LEVINE QUERIDO, 2024 9781646143702

Zachary and his moms are on their way to a special

Jewish ceremony where his little sister will receive her name. As they walk to the temple, curious neighbors join their little parade, inquiring about the baby's name. But all must wait, insist Zachary's moms, until they reach the temple, where the celebration will surely be a joyous one.

OSAKA, NAOMI The Way

Champs Play Illus. by Kamala Nair HARPERCOLLINS, 2022 9780063283688

A celebration of what it means to be an athlete and what it means to play and have fun.

PLATT, CHRISTINE Family Reunion

Illus. by Anuki López CALICO KID, 2021 9781532139666

Ana and Andrew's family celebrate family and traditions as they make the most of a road trip from Washington, DC, to Great Uncle Isaac's farm in Savannah, Georgia, for the seventy-fifth Lewis family reunion.

