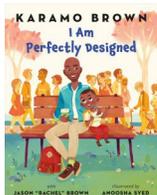




Children's Booklist 2021: Black Joy

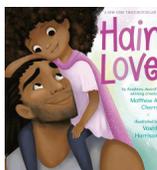
Picture Books



I am perfectly designed

by Karamo Brown

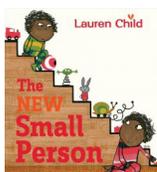
Told in two voices, as a father and son share a nostalgic day, the father reminds his son he has all that it takes to explore and succeed in the world.



Hair love : a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere

by Matthew A. Cherry

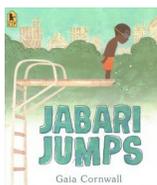
An ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters by the former NFL wide receiver depicts an exuberant little girl whose dad helps her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self. Illustrated by the award-winning artist of *Little Leaders*.



The new small person

by Lauren Child

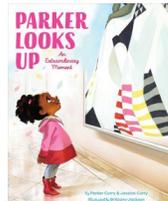
Feeling jealous when a new sibling arrives, little Elmore Green becomes frustrated when the "small person" knocks over his things and licks his jelly bean collection until a special night when their relationship changes.



Jabari jumps

by Gaia Cornwall

After he passes his swimming test, little Jabari decides he is ready to try jumping off the diving board, but when the big moment arrives, Jabari needs to work up the courage to jump.

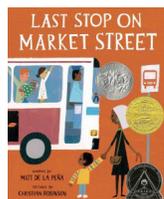


Parker looks up : an extraordinary moment

by Parker Curry

In a story inspired by the young author's viral photo of her awestruck response to First Lady Michelle Obama's portrait, a young girl visits Washington, D.C.'s National Portrait

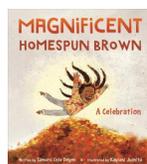
Gallery and finds her life transformed by the historical examples of its subjects.



Last Stop on Market Street

by Matt de la Peña

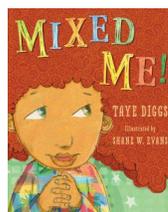
A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. By the author of the celebrated picture book *A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis*.



Magnificent homespun brown : a celebration

by Samara Cole Doyon

Told by a succession of exuberant young narrators, *Magnificent Homespun Brown* is a song, a poem and a celebration about feeling at home in one's own beloved skin.



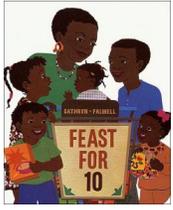
Mixed me!

by Taye Diggs

Rhyming text shares a day in the life of a mixed-race child named Mike as he answers questions about being mixed.

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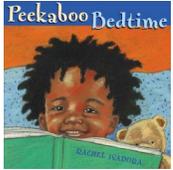


Feast for 10

by Cathryn Falwell

Various members of the family help Mama shop for the ingredients and prepare a wonderful chicken dinner for ten people, in a counting book that also shows how a homemade dinner gets from the

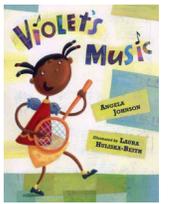
supermarket to the table.



Peekaboo bedtime

by Rachel Isadora

A fun-loving toddler delights in entertaining his family, friends, and puppy with his special game throughout the day, in a charming companion to *Peekaboo Morning*.

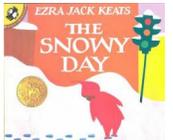


Violet's music

by Angela Johnson

Obsessed with music, Violet is desperate to find a friend with whom she can share her passion and, after a long search, finds the perfect friend one summer evening, in a bright picture book with lyrical text by the

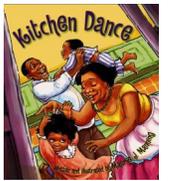
author of *When I Am Old With You*.



The snowy day

by Ezra Jack Keats

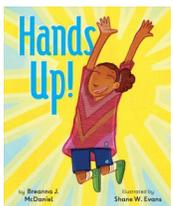
The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.



Kitchen dance

by Maurie Manning

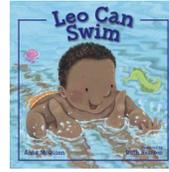
Two sleepy children sneak out of their beds to watch as their parents, who love each other very much, break into a dance while washing the dishes.



Hands up!

by Breanna J. McDaniel

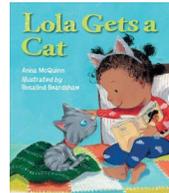
A young girl lifts her hands up in a series of everyday moments before finally raising her hands in resistance at a protest march.



Leo can swim

by Anna McQuinn

Lola's little brother from *Leo Loves Baby Time* accompanies Daddy, other babies and caretakers in a fun-filled swim class where they kick, bounce and dive like little fish.



Lola gets a cat

by Anna McQuinn

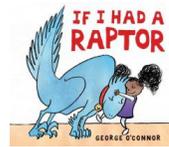
More than anything Lola would like a cat, but first she must learn how to care for it.



Sulwe

by Lupita Nyong'o

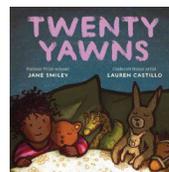
The Academy Award-winning actress presents the story of a little girl with beautiful, midnight-colored skin that makes her feel different from everyone, until a magical journey in the night sky transforms her perspective.



If I had a raptor

by George O'Connor

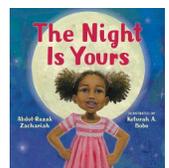
A spunky little girl imagines how wonderful it would be to have a pet baby raptor with whom she could cuddle, stalk dust bunnies and play all kinds of games. By the best-selling creator of the *Olympians* series.



Twenty yawns

by Jane Smiley

A lyrical bedtime tale by the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and the Caldecott Honor-winning artist evokes the splashy fun of the beach and the quietude of a moonlit night through the story of a little girl who wakes up in the dark and wonders how she will get back to sleep.



The night is yours

by Abdul-Razak Zachariah

From a vantage point high in their apartment, a parent narrates as Amani plays hide-and-seek at night with her friends in the neighborhood.



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