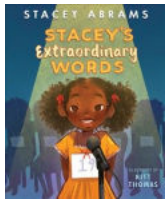




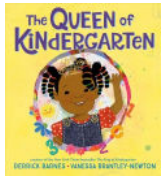
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Picture Books



Stacey's Extraordinary Words

by Stacey Abrams
When she is chosen to compete in the local spelling bee, Stacey learns that, win or lose, her words are powerful, and sometimes perseverance is the most important word of all.



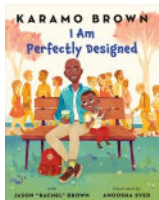
The Queen of Kindergarten

by Derrick Barnes
MJ is more than ready for her first day of kindergarten! With her hair freshly braided and her mom's special tiara on her head, she knows she's going to rock kindergarten.



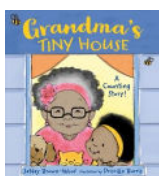
Together We Ride

by Valerie Bolling
A brave little girl, with a guiding hand from her dad and an enthusiastic bark from her pup, discovers the freedom that comes from riding a bike.



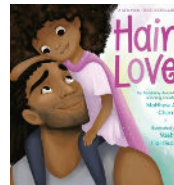
I am Perfectly Designed

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.



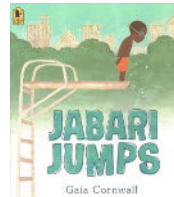
Grandma's Tiny House

by JaNay Brown-Wood
A rhyming concept book reinforces early counting skills in a story of a loving grandmother whose neighbors, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and grandkids crowd into her tiny house and pile the table with foods for a yummy feast.



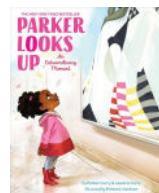
Hair Love

by Matthew A. Cherry
An ode to the love between fathers and daughters, this story 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.



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
A young girl visits Washington, D.C.'s National Portrait Gallery and finds her life transformed by the historical examples of its subjects.



Show the World!

by Angela Dalton
The young narrator journeys through her neighborhood, showing young readers all the many ways they can show the world exactly who they are.



Magnificent Homespun Brown

by Samara Cole Doyon
Told by a succession of exuberant young narrators, this book is a song, a poem and a celebration about feeling at home in one's own beloved skin.

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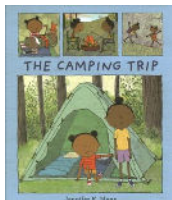


Kicks

by Van G. Garrett

Celebrating only the flyest, floatiest, you-est kicks you can get, this playful tribute to sneakers has something to offer anyone who

prizes a great pair of shoes!

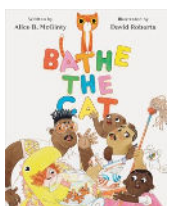


The Camping Trip

by Jennifer K. Mann

Accompanying her aunt and cousin on an exciting weekend camping trip, Ernestine finds the activities of setting up a tent and fishing more challenging than anticipated and struggles to feel comfortable while

sleeping under the stars.



Bathe the Cat

by Alice McGinty

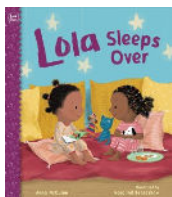
To avoid getting a bath, the family cat keeps scrambling the list of chores with hilarious results, in this purr-fectly entertaining read-aloud story.



Most Perfect You

by Jazmyn Simon

A little girl learns to love each part of herself, from her spectacular hair to her big heart.



Lola Sleeps Over

by Anna McQuinn

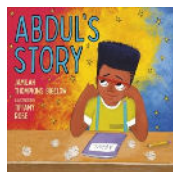
Lola is excited for her first-ever sleepover at her cousin Hani's house where together they play, learn, and try new thing.



Sulwe

by Lupita Nyong'o

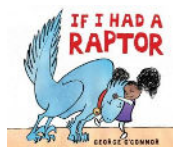
The story of a little girl with beautiful, midnight-colored skin that makes her feel different from everyone, until a magical journey in the night sky transforms her perspective.



Abdul's Story

by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

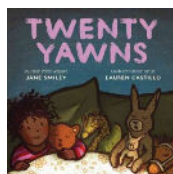
Having a hard time writing down all the stories he loves to tell on paper, Abdul gets some help from a special visitor to his class who shows him that even the best writers – and superheroes – make mistakes.



If I Had a Raptor

by George O'Connor

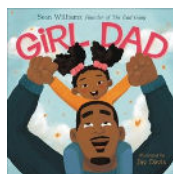
A spunky little girl imagines how wonderful it would be to have a pet baby raptor with whom she could cuddle, stalk dust bunnies and play all kinds of games.



Twenty Yawns

by Jane Smiley

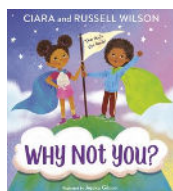
A lyrical bedtime tale by the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and the Caldecott Honor-winning artist evokes the splashy fun of the beach and the quietude of a moonlit night through the story of a little girl who wakes up in the dark and wonders how she will get back to sleep.



Girl Dad

by Sean Williams

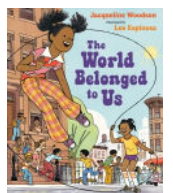
Told in upbeat rhyming verse, this empowering picture book from the CEO of The Dad Gang celebrates the strong men who raise, love and uplift strong girls.



Why Not You?

by Ciara Wilson

Superstars Ciara and Russell Wilson inspire young readers to go after their biggest dreams, in this debut picture book celebrating self-esteem, perseverance and daring to shoot for the stars.



The World Belonged to Us

by Jacqueline Woodson

A group of kids celebrate the joy and freedom of summer on their Brooklyn block.



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