



Children's Booklist 2023: Black Joy

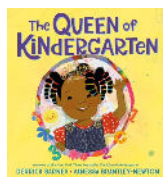
Picture Books



Stacey's Extraordinary Words

by Stacey Abrams

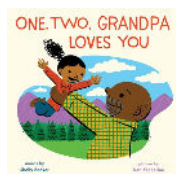
When she is chosen to compete in the local spelling bee, Stacey learns that, win or lose, her words are powerful, and sometimes perseverance is the most important word of all.



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.



One, Two, Grandpa Loves You

by Shelly Becker

In this heartwarming picture book that captures the special bond between grandfathers and their grandchildren, a girl and her grandfather set out together on an

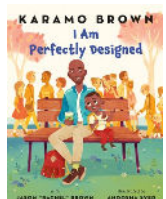
outdoor adventure.



Together We Ride

by Valerie Bolling

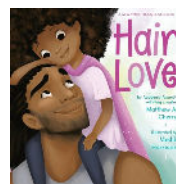
A brave little girl, with a guiding hand from her dad and an enthusiastic bark from her pup, discovers the freedom that comes from riding a bike.



I Am Perfectly Designed

by Karamo Brown

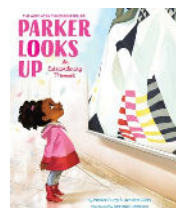
Told in two voices, as a father and son share a nostalgic day, the father reminds his son he has all that it takes to explore and succeed in the world.



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.



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

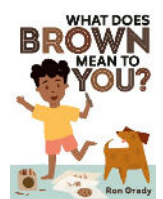
The young narrator journeys through her neighborhood, showing young readers all the many ways they can show the world exactly who they are.



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!



What Does Brown Mean to You?

by Ron Grady

This joyously affirming picture book encourages children to explore and see the beauty of their skin reflected in their families, communities and the world around them.

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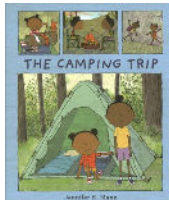
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Playtime for Restless Rascals

by Nikki Grimes

A mother wakes up her child whose job is to play, as there is so much to do in a fun-filled day, from dancing in puddles to jumping in leaves.

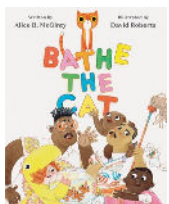


The Camping Trip

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

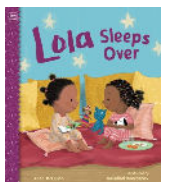
sleeping under the stars.



Bathe the Cat

by Alice McGinty

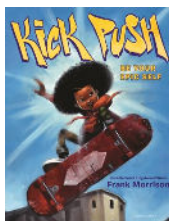
To avoid getting a bath, the family cat keeps scrambling the list of chores with hilarious results, in this purr-fectly entertaining read-aloud story.



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 things.



Kick Push

by Frank Morrison

When Epic's family moves to a new neighborhood, he has a hard time making friends and fitting in with his skateboard; but the trick is to be yourself!



Sulwe

by Lupita Nyong'o

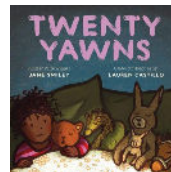
The story of a little girl with beautiful, midnight-colored skin that makes her feel different from everyone, until a magical journey in the night sky transforms her perspective.



Most Perfect You

by Jazmyn Simon

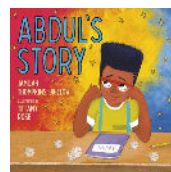
When Irie tells her mama that she feels something is wrong with her, her mama tells Irie, through a magical story, that she is perfect just the way she is, in this moving picture book about self-acceptance and self-love.



Twenty Yawns

by Jane Smiley

A lyrical bedtime tale by the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and the Caldecott Honor-winning artist Lauren Castillo 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.



Abdul's Story

by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

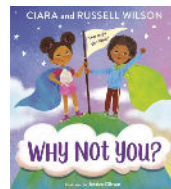
Having a hard time writing down all the stories he loves to tell on paper, Abdul gets some help from a special visitor to his class who shows him that even the best writers - and superheroes - make mistakes.



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 Year We Learned to Fly

by Jacqueline Woodson

By heeding their wise grandmother's advice, a brother and sister discover the ability to lift themselves up and imagine a better world.



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