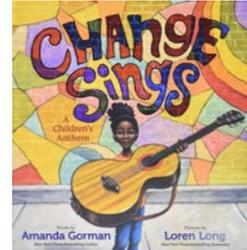


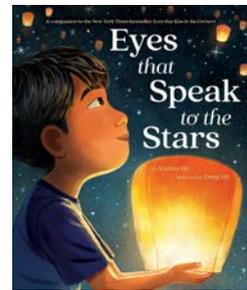
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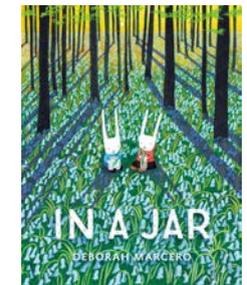
**Areli is a Dreamer**  
 Areli Morales  
**Available in Spanish**  
 Areli's family moves to New York City from Mexico where life is very different.



**Change Sings**  
 Amanda Gorman  
 A young girl leads a group of children on a musical journey to show them their power to make big or small changes.



**Eyes that Speak to the Stars**  
 Joanna Ho  
 When a classmate makes a hurtful drawing, a young boy looks to his family and his heritage for comfort.



**In a Jar**  
 Deborah Marcero  
 Llewellyn and Evelyn are two rabbit friends who love to collect real and magical things. Near or far, their collections keep them close.



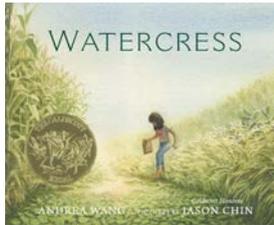
**Kamala is Speaking: Vice President for the People**  
 Shata Clinch  
 The story of Kamala Harris, a biracial child of immigrant parents who grew up to be the first Black, South Asian, female Vice President!



**Just Ask!\***  
 Sonia Sotomayor  
**Available in Spanish**  
 Children with challenges have special powers as well! A group of children learn about each other while making a community garden.



**Stella's Stellar Hair**  
 Yesenia Moises  
 Stella's aunts live across the universe on different planets. They help her find the perfect style for her beautiful hair!



**Watercress**  
 Andrea Wang  
 A young girl learns to appreciate her culture when her family stops to pick watercress on the side of the road for a meal.



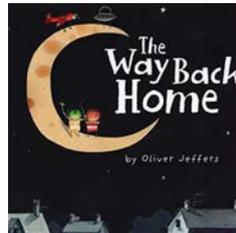
**Mae Among the Stars**  
 Roda Ahmed  
 As a child, Mae dreamed of becoming an astronaut. She worked towards her dream and became the first African American woman to travel in space!



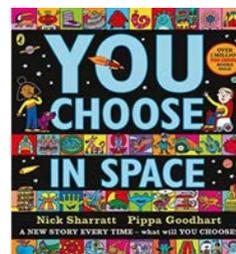
**Sulwe\***  
 Lupita Nyong'o  
 Sulwe has skin the color of midnight and learns to appreciate her unique beauty after a magical journey in the night sky!



**Astronaut Handbook\*\***  
 Meghan McCarthy  
 Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut? Learn all about how it feels to be in space and what you should bring!



**The Way Back Home\*\***  
 Oliver Jeffers  
 A boy travels to space in his toy airplane and looks for a way back when his plane runs out of fuel.



**You Choose In Space\*\***  
 Pippa Goodhart  
 Zoom off into space for an adventure where YOU CHOOSE what happens next!

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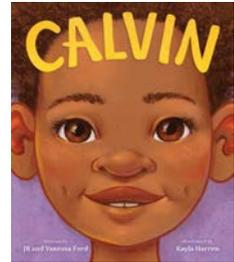
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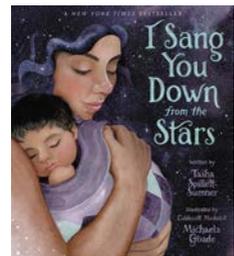
## The Year We Learned to Fly\*

Jacqueline Woodson  
Available in Spanish  
A brother and sister learn an important lesson from their grandma about using their imaginations to face challenging emotions.



## Calvin

JR Ford  
A transgender boy prepares for the first day of school as a boy and his family helps him feel loved for who he is.



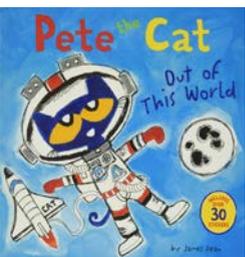
## I Sang You Down From the Stars

Tasha Spillet-Sumner  
A Native American mother prepares for the arrival of her child by creating a sacred bundle of items important to her culture.



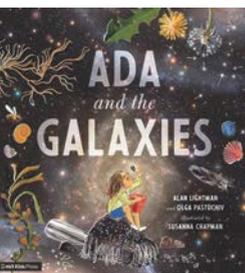
## Fly Guy Presents: Space

Tedd Arnold  
Fly Guy and Buzz visit a space museum and learn all about planets, space crafts, space suits and more!



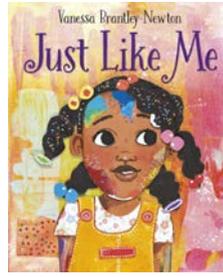
## Pete the Cat Out of This World

James Dean  
Pete attends space camp where he goes on an interstellar mission, floats in zero gravity and builds rockets!



## Ada and the Galaxies

Alan Lightman  
A celebration of the interconnectedness of the natural world with images from the Hubble Telescope and a story through the eyes of a young stargazer, Ada.



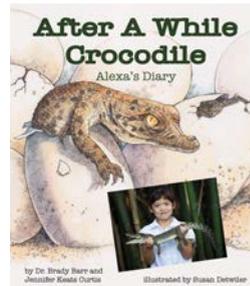
## Just Like Me\*

Vanessa Brantley-Newton  
A collection of poems all about girls! Find yourself or a girl you know in the pages.



## Hello, Star

Stephanie Lucianovic  
A young girl befriends a dying star and promises to keep it company until its light goes out. As she grows up she is inspired to learn all she can about planets, space and the universe!



## After a While Crocodile: Alexa's Diary

Brady Barr  
Available in Spanish and Portuguese  
Alexa and her classmates are raising American Crocodiles. She keeps a diary of caring for her favorite crocodile.



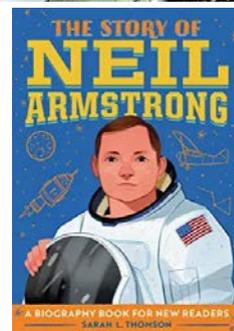
## Mars! Earthlings Welcome

Stacy McAnulty  
Learn fun facts all about Mars in this humorous "autobiography" of Mars and its place in the universe.



## Toys in Space\*\*

Mini Grey  
One summer night the toys are left outside. A spaceship picks them up and brings them on an adventure in the night sky!



## The Story of Neil Armstrong\*\*

Sarah L. Thomson  
Neil Armstrong loved to build model airplanes as a child and grew up to be the first person to step foot on the moon!

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