

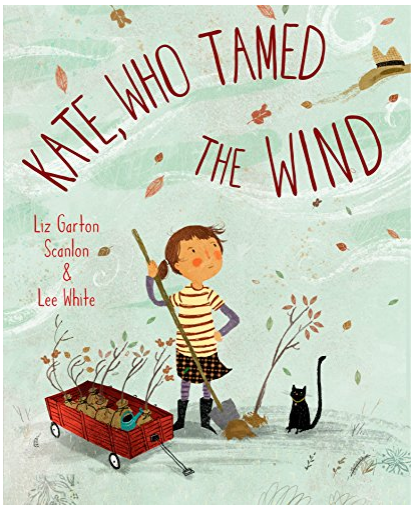
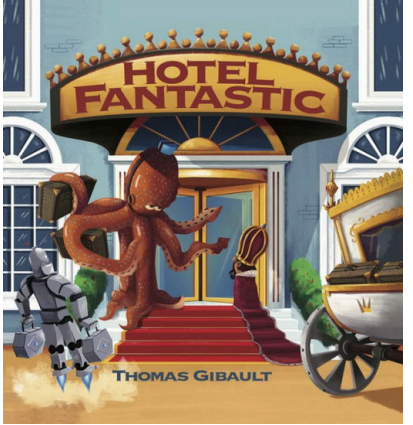


# Book Quest 2025

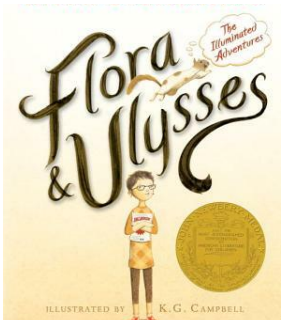
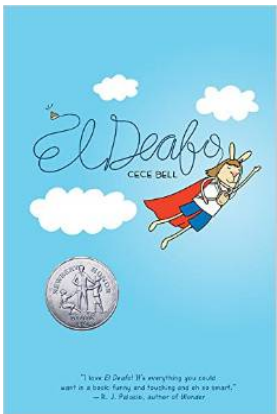

## Summer Reading Recommendations

Cover	Title	Author	Age *	Call #	Summary
<b>Week 1: Superheroes - Classic and Revisited Superheroes</b>					
	What's My Superpower?	Aviaq Johnston, Tim Mack	3-5	JP JOH 2017	Nalvana feels like all of her friends have some type of superpower. She has friends with super speed (who always beat her in races), friends with super strength (who can dangle from the monkey bars for hours), and friends who are better than she is at a million other things. Nalvana thinks she must be the only kid in town without a superpower. But then her mom shows Nalvana that she is unique and special—and that her superpower was right in front of her all along.

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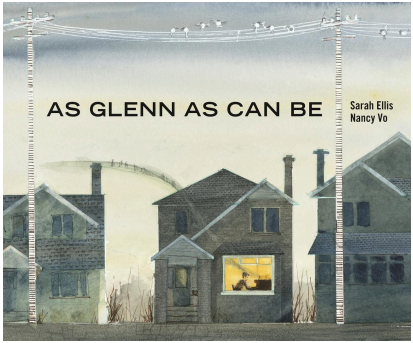
	<b>Kate, Who Tamed the Wind</b>	Elizabeth Garton Scanlon, Lee White	3-8	JP SCA 2018	A wild wind blows on the tippy-top of a steep hill, turning everything upside down for the man who lives there. Luckily, Kate comes up with a plan. With an old wheelbarrow full of young trees, she journeys up the steep hill to add a little green to the man's life, and to protect the house from the howling wind.
	<b>Hotel Fantastic</b>	Thomas Guibault	5-9	JP GIB 2018	<i>Hotel Fantastic</i> is a place like no other. Where superheros, robots and dragons mingle with mermaids, giants and aliens. Feeling hungry?. Need a work out? A fully equipped gym and rooftop swimming pool serve beings of all shapes and sizes. And while guests delight in <i>Hotel Fantastic's</i> many amenities and experience the wonders of its diverse clientele, they can rest assured that their safety and security is a top priority. An elite strike security team is always ready at a moment's notice. But... are these security specialists any defense against the evil Sorrow-Horribilis, who could be lurking around any corner?

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	<b>Flora &amp; Ulysses</b>	Kate DiCamillo, K.G. Campbell	8-12	JF DIC 2013	Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.
	<b>El Deafo</b>	Cece Bell	8-12	JB BEL 2014 GN	Starting at a new school is scary, even more so with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here she is different. Then Cece makes a startling discovery. With the Phonic Ear she can hear her teacher not just in the classroom, but anywhere her teacher is in school—in the hallway... in the teacher's lounge... in the bathroom! This is power. Maybe even superpower! Cece is on her way to becoming El Deafo, Listener for All. Can Cece channel her powers into finding the thing she wants most, a true friend?
	<b>The Comic Book War</b>	Jacqueline Guest	8-14	JF GUE 2014	15-year-old Robert gets a job delivering telegrams for Canadian Pacific in Calgary during WW2 in order to buy comic books that he believes will help superheroes protect the soldiers, including his own brothers, fighting in Europe. But when his colleague delivers one of the telegrams to his own house, can Robert and his heroes really protect his brothers?

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## Week 2: Real-life heroes - Inspiring Figures from our Past and Present

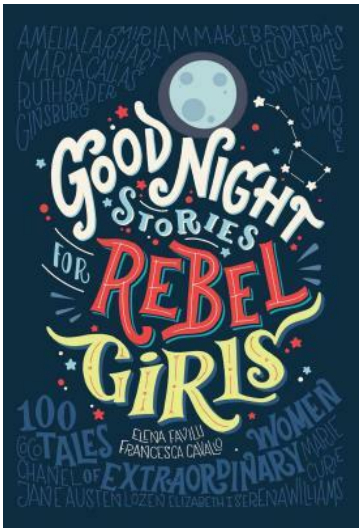
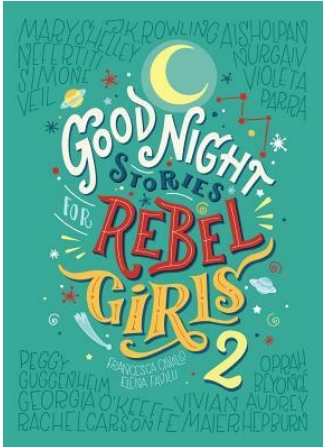
	<b>As Glenn as Can Be</b>	Sarah Ellis, Nancy Vo	3-6	JB GOU 2022	Glenn was a child who knew his own mind - he liked boats but did not like fishing; he enjoyed puns and pranks but did not like bullying; he loved learning but did not like school ... but more than anything else he loved to play the piano.
	<b>The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdős</b>	Deborah Heiligman, Le Uyen Pham	5-8	JB ERD 2013	Most people think of mathematicians as solitary, working away in isolation. And, it's true, many of them do. But Paul Erdős never followed the usual path. At the age of four, he could ask you when you were born and then calculate the number of seconds you had been alive in his head. But he didn't learn to butter his own bread until he turned twenty. With a simple, lyrical text and richly layered illustrations, this is a beautiful introduction to the world of math and a fascinating look at the unique character traits that made Uncle Paul a great man.

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	<b>Walking in the City with Jane: A Story of Jane Jacobs</b>	Susan Hughes, Valerie Boivin	6-9	JB JAC 2018	In <i>Walking in the City with Jane</i> , award-winning author Susan Hughes tells the fictionalized story of Jane Jacobs through a celebration of city life and grassroots activism. Even as a young girl, Jane was an independent thinker with an extraordinary imagination and sense of wonder. Always curious and engaged by her surroundings, Jane grew up to be an exceptional woman who cared deeply about her city. When urban planner Robert Moses proposed an expressway to cut across Manhattan, Jane rallied the local community to save the neighbourhood and even got arrested for standing up for her beliefs.
	<b>Our House is On Fire</b>	Jeanette Winter	6-9	JB THU 2019	Learn the story of <i>TIME</i> PERSON OF THE YEAR Greta Thunberg, the sixteen-year-old climate activist who has sparked a worldwide student movement and is demanding action from world leaders who refuse to address climate change—from acclaimed picture book creator Jeanette Winter.

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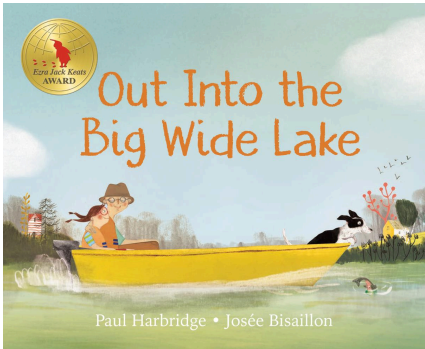
	<b>Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls</b>	Elena Favilli, Francesca Cavallo	8-14	JB VAR 2016	<p>The <i>New York Times</i> bestselling <i>Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls</i> is a children's book packed with 100 bedtime stories about the lives of extraordinary women from the past and the present, illustrated by 60 female artists from all over the world.</p> <p>This must-have volume brings readers on an empowering journey, introducing them to the real-life adventures of trailblazing women from Elizabeth I to Malala Yousafzai. The unique narrative style of <i>Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls</i> transforms each biography into a fairytale, filling readers with wonder and a burning curiosity to know more about each hero.</p>
	<b>Good night stories for Rebel Girls 2</b>	Elena Favilli, Francesca Cavallo	8-14	JB VAR 2017	<p>While still inspiring rebel girls of the world to dream bigger, aim higher, and fight harder, this sequel is bigger than each of us, bigger than our individual hopes, and certainly bigger than our fears.</p>

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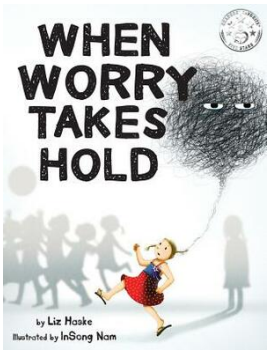
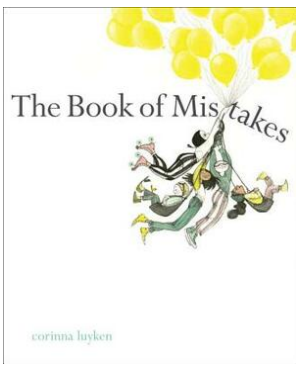
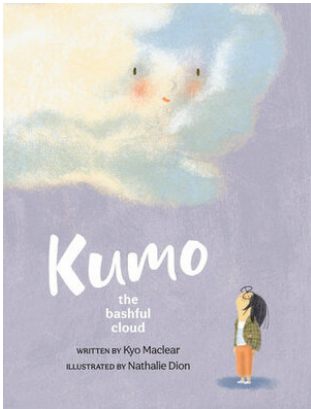
	<b>Muhammad Najem, War reporter</b>	Muhammad Najem, Nora Neus	8-14		<p>Muhammad Najem was only eight years old when the war in Syria began. He was thirteen when his beloved Baba, his father, was killed in a bombing while praying. By fifteen, Muhammad didn't want to hide anymore—he wanted to act. He was determined to reveal what families like his were enduring in Syria: bombings by their own government and days hiding in dark underground shelters.</p> <p>Armed with the camera on his phone and the support of his family, he started reporting on the war using social media. Despite unimaginable loss, Muhammad was always determined to document the humanity of the Syrian people. Eventually, the world took notice.</p>
	<b>Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change</b>	Robin Stevenson, Allison Steinfeld	8-12	JB VAR 2019	<p>Across history, activists have worked, marched, and spoken out for equality and justice—and many had moving, relatable childhood stories. Martin Luther King Jr. argued with his dad about whether dancing was a sin. Harvey Milk had a passion for opera. Dolores Huerta was wrongly accused of plagiarizing. Kid activists tell these stories and more through engaging biographies and full-color illustrations on nearly every page.</p>

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## Week 3: Brave Heroes - Facing your Fears

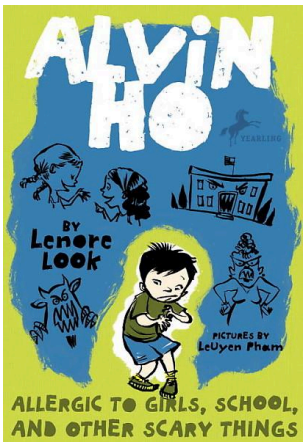
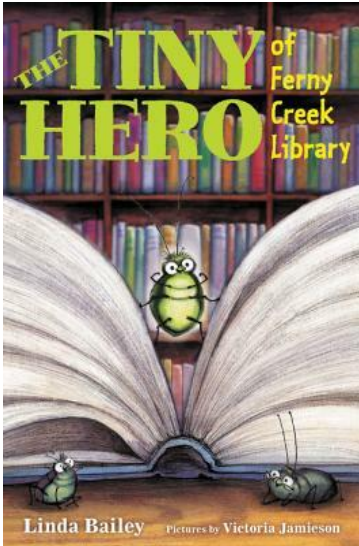
	<b>The Darkest Dark</b>	Chris Hadfield, the Fan Brothers	3-7	JP HAD 2016	<p>Chris loves rockets and planets and pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem—at night, Chris doesn't feel so brave. He's afraid of the dark.</p> <p>But when he watches the groundbreaking moon landing on TV, he realizes that space is the darkest dark there is—and the dark is beautiful and exciting, especially when you have big dreams to keep you company.</p>
	<b>Out Into the Big Wide Lake</b>	Paul Harbridge, Josée Bisailon	4-8	JP HAR 2021	<p>An empowering and necessary picture book about a young girl with Down syndrome who gains confidence and independence through a visit to her grandparents.</p> <p>It's Kate's first time visiting her grandparents on her own at their lakeside home. She's nervous but excited at the adventure ahead. She helps her grandfather with his grocery deliveries by boat, where she meets all the neighbors, including a very grumpy old man named Walter. Her grandmother even teaches her to pilot the boat all by herself! When her grandfather takes ill suddenly, it's up to Kate -- but can she really make all those deliveries, even to grumpy old Walter? She has to try!</p>

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	<b>When Worry Takes Hold</b>	Liz Haske, InSong Nam	4-8	JP HAS 2017	One night just before the lights went out, Worry snuck into Maya's mind. Worry grew bigger and bigger until there was no space left for anything else. Just darkness and fear. Join Maya as she finds Courage, through the form of a calming breath, and learns how to break free from Worry's hold.
	<b>The Book of Mistakes</b>	Corinna Luyken	4-8	JP LUY 2017	As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways, taking readers on a journey through her process. Told in minimal, playful text, this story shows readers that even the biggest "mistakes" can be the source of the brightest ideas—and that, at the end of the day, we are all works in progress, too.
	<b>Kumo: The Bashful Cloud</b>	Kyo Maclear, Nathalie Dion	4-8	JP MAC 2022	Kumo is a cloud whose only wish is to float unseen. When she's assigned cloud duty for the day, she feels overwhelmed by self-doubt and her fear of being noticed. But after learning that closing your eyes isn't a good solution to your troubles, Kumo pulls her fluff together and does her duties—drifting, releasing rain and providing shelter—meeting some new friends along the way and inspiring the imagination (and capturing the heart) of a small daydreamer like her.

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	<b>Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things</b>	Lenore Look, LeUyen Pham	6-9	JF LOO 2008	A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.
	<b>The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library</b>	Linda Bailey	7-10	JF BAI 2018	Eddie is a tiny green bug who loves to read and who lives behind the chalkboard in the fourth-grade classroom with his parents, his 53 brothers and sisters, and his aunt Min. But when Aunt Min goes to the school library to read a book and never returns, Eddie leaves the comfort of his home for the first time and makes the dangerous trek through Ferny Creek Elementary School to find her.

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	<b>Swim Team</b>	Johnnie Christmas	8-12	JF CHR 2022 GN	Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty Manatees—until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.
	<b>The Journey of Little Charlie</b>	Christopher Paul Curtis	8-12	JF CUR 2018	Twelve-year-old Charlie is down on his luck: His dad just died, the share crops are dry, and Cap'n Buck, the most fearsome man in Possum Moan, says Charlie's dad owes him money—a lot of money. Unable to pay back his father's debt, Charlie strikes a deal with Cap'n Buck and agrees to accompany him to Canada in pursuit of a group escaping slavery. Once the fugitives are returned, the debt will be repaid. It's not too bad of a bargain for Charlie... until he comes face-to-face with the runaways he's supposed to capture.

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## Week 4: Heroic Women

	<b>Shark Lady: The Daring Tale of how Eugenie Clark Dove into Hstory</b>	Jess Keating, Marta Alvarez Miguens	3-7	JB CLA 2017	<p>Eugenie Clark fell in love with sharks from the first moment she saw them at the aquarium. She couldn't imagine anything more exciting than studying these graceful creatures. But Eugenie quickly discovered that many people believed sharks to be ugly and scary—and they didn't think women should be scientists.</p>
	<b>Greta and the Giants</b>	Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico	4-8	JP TUC 2019	<p>Greta is a little girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by Giants. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Greta knows she has to help the animals who live in the forest, but how? Luckily, Greta has an idea...</p>

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	<b>Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer Elsa Schiaparelli</b>	Kyo Maclear, Julie Morstad	5-9	JB SCH 2018	By the 1930s Elsa Schiaparelli had captivated the fashion world in Paris, but before that, she was a little girl in Rome who didn't feel pretty at all. <i>Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer Elsa Schiaparelli</i> is the enchanting story for young readers of how a young girl used her imagination and emerged from plain to extraordinary.
	<b>Rise Up with a Song: The True Story of Ethel Smyth, Suffragette Composer</b>	Diane Worthey, Helena Pérez Garcia	6-9	JB SMY 2022	Ethel Smyth climbed fences, explored graveyards, and yearned to become a famous composer at a time when only men could publish their music. But become a composer she did, first signing her music as E. Smyth so people couldn't guess her gender, then eventually writing openly as a woman (but still sometimes not getting paid!). Ethel had had enough. She joined the suffragette movement, marching in the streets and fighting for the right to vote. She even composed the famous "March of the Women" battle cry—and directed it from her cell window with a toothbrush when she was put into prison.

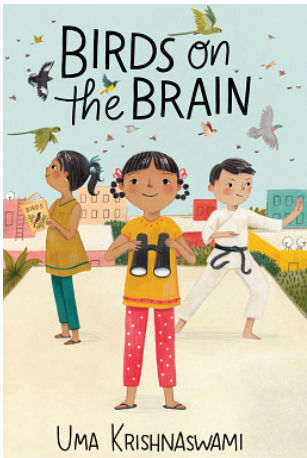
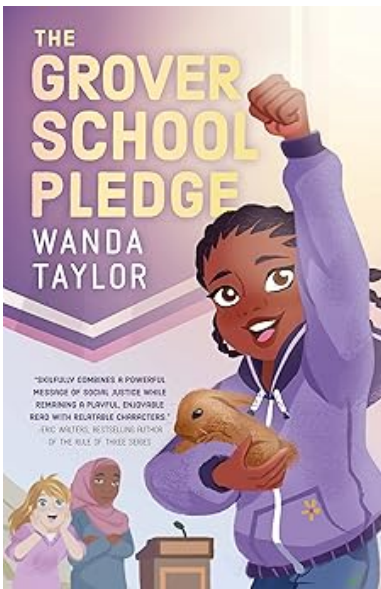
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	<b>Viola Desmond Won't be Budged</b>	Jody Nyasha Warner, Richard Rudicki	5-9	JB DES 2010	<p>In 1946, Viola Desmond bought a movie ticket at the Roseland Theatre in Nova Scotia. After settling into a main floor seat, an usher came by and told her to move, because her ticket was only good for the balcony. She offered to pay the difference in price but was refused: You people have to sit in the upstairs section. Viola refused to move. She was hauled off to jail, but her actions gave strength and inspiration to Canada's Black community.</p>
	<b>Meet Mary Ann Shadd</b>	Elizabeth MacLeod, Mike Deas	6-10	JB SHA 2022	<p>Meet Mary Ann Shadd: anti-slavery activist, newspaper publisher, and social justice pioneer! She was born free in 1823 in Delaware. Her parents were abolitionists, and their home was a station on the Underground Railroad. Her family moved to Canada in 1851 after the Fugitive Slave Act was enacted, and as a young woman, Shadd became a trailblazer in every realm she touched; opening a desegregated school in Chatham, Ontario; becoming the first Black female newspaper publisher in North America with The Provincial Freeman; becoming a suffrage activist; and at the age of 60 earning a law degree to become one of the first Black women to practice law!</p>


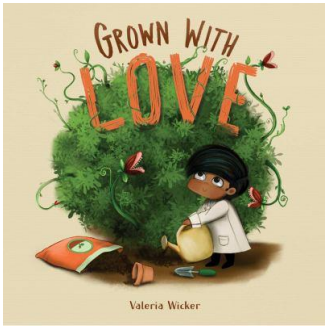
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	<b>Birds on the Brain</b>	Uma Krishnaswami	8-12	JF KRI 2024	Bird lover Reeni and her quest to save her city's bird count event when the mayor tries to shut it down. Reeni is wild about birds! So when she and her best friend, Yasmin, have to pick a survey topic for a school project, asking their neighbors what they know about birds is an obvious choice. They are shocked to learn that no one—not one single person!—has heard about Bird Count India and the major event it is about to launch all over the country.
	<b>The Grover School Pledge</b>	Wanda Taylor	8-12	JF TAY 2023	Arlaina Jefferson is eager to prove herself. She knows all that stands between her and the grown-up world of middle school is one year of staying out of trouble. Having faced thoughtless comments from fellow students, Arlaina is already struggling to explain the hurt she feels to her best friend, Tina. But when her teacher, Mr. Matthews, asks an ignorant question of Nadia's headscarf, Arlaina has the confirmation that she needs: Mr. Matthews is part of a larger problem that plagues Grover School. All those comments that several students once brushed off, suddenly smolder under the light of truth. Bolstered by her father, Arlaina teams up with no-nonsense Nadia and a host of other students to right a systemic wrong. After all, proving you're grown doesn't always mean staying out of trouble!

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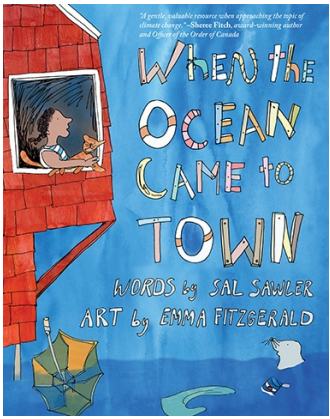

## Week 5: Heroes Together - Friends & Other Helpers

	<b>When we are Kind</b>	Monique Gray Smith, Nicole Neidhardt	3-7	JP GRA 2020	<i>When We Are Kind</i> celebrates simple acts of everyday kindness and encourages children to explore how they feel when they initiate and receive acts of kindness in their lives. Celebrated author Monique Gray Smith has written many books on the topics of resilience and reconciliation and communicates an important message through carefully chosen words for readers of all ages.
	<b>Grown with Love</b>	Valeria Wicker	3-7	JP WIC 2024	Oliver the plant scientist uses his botanical inventions to fix problems for his neighbors, but he soon discovers Mrs. Kroftombottom's conundrum cannot be solved with science alone.

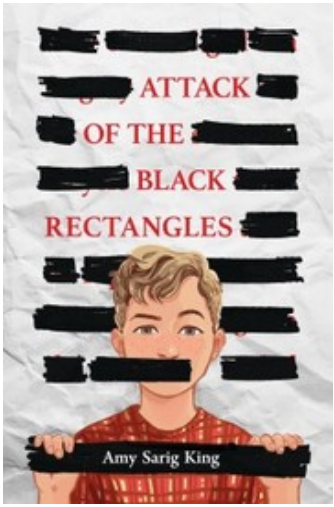
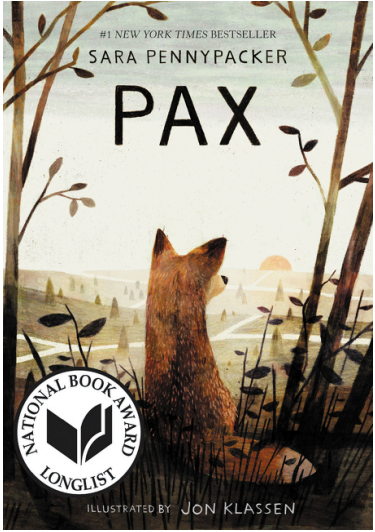
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	<b>The Care and Keeping of Grandmas</b>	Jennifer Mook-Sang, Yong Long Kang	4-7	JP MOO 2023	In a story filled with humor, confusion and moments of sweetness, Jennifer Mook-Sang introduces us to a delightful family dynamic and a grandma who doesn't really need the help settling in but appreciates it anyway. As Grandma goes about her days, her well-meaning granddaughter sees her caring for her plants, and makes sure that Grandma is getting the proper care too.
	<b>The Hundred Dresses</b>	Eleanor Estes, Louis Slobodkin	6-9	JF EST 1944	Wanda Petronski is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. She claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't. When Wanda is pulled out of school one day, the class feels terrible, and classmate Maddie decides that she is never going to stand by and say nothing again.

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	<b>When the Ocean Came to Town</b>	Sal Sawler, Emma Fitzgerald	4-7	JP SAW 2023	<p>A great storm is coming.</p> <p>Gretchen loves the ocean. She dreams of going to the beach on her own, with no one to make her leave before she's ready. But between whispers of oil, plastic, and a rising sea, her parents warn her not to underestimate the strength of the water. A great storm is coming and everyone, big and small, must prepare to meet it when it does.</p>
	<b>Hello Universe</b>	Erin Entrada Kelly	8-12	JF KEL 2017	<p>In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kind hearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball.</p>

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	<b>The Attack of the Black Rectangles</b>	A. S. King	9-12	JF KIN 2022	<p>When sixth-grader Mac discovers several words of his classroom copy of Jane Yolen's <i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i> are blacked out he is outraged, so he, his friends, and his eccentric family set out to do something about the censorship imposed by one teacher and the school board.</p>
	<b>Pax</b>	Sara Pennypacker	8-12	JF PEN 2016	<p>Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.</p> <p>At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox.</p> <p>Meanwhile Pax, steadfastly waiting for his boy, embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own. . .</p>


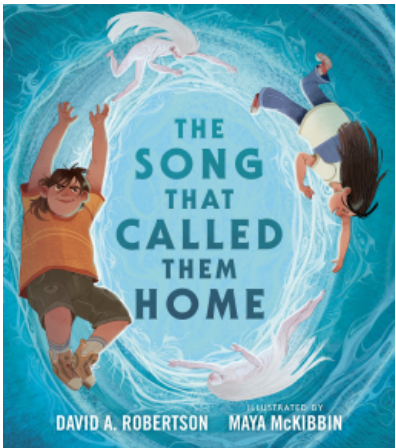
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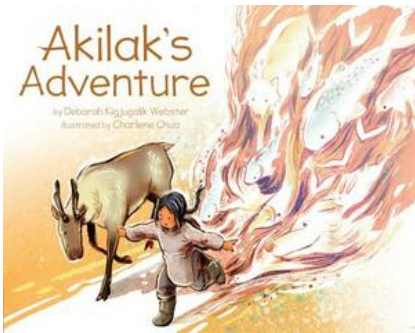
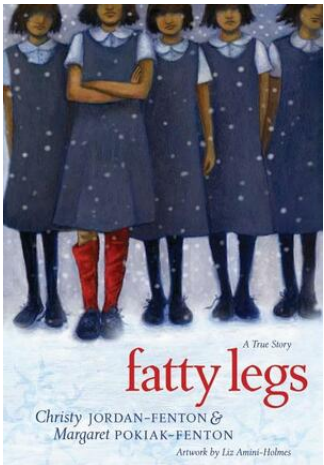
## Week 6 : Indigenous Heroes

	<b>We All Play: Kimetawanaw</b>	Julie Flett	2 and under	JP FLE 2021	Join celebrated artist Julie Flett on a joyful romp with animals. From chasing, chirping birds, to swimming, squirting whales, this book for young readers reminds them how animals play just like them. This picture book, with gorgeous images and sweet simple text, is a marvelous celebration of the interconnectedness of all creatures, and includes some Cree phrases. It is based on the Cree teaching of <i>wahkohtowin</i> , interconnectedness and play, and includes as well the English and Cree names of the animals in the book, all of whom are from Turtle Island.
	<b>Let's Go - haw êkwa!</b>	Julie Flett	3-7	JP FLE 2024	Every day, a little boy watches kids pass by on skateboards, and dreams of joining them. One day, his mother brings a surprise: her old skateboard, just for him! haw êkwa! Let's go! Together, they practice on the sidewalk, at the park, in Auntie's yard—everywhere. But when it comes time to try the skatepark, the skateboarders crash down like a waterfall. Can he find the confidence to join them?

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	<b>The Girl and the Wolf</b>	Katherena Vermette, Julie Flett	3-5	JP VER 2018	<p>A young girl becomes lost in the woods after wandering too far away from her mother. Scared because she is lost, she encounters a large wolf who reminds her of her own ability to survive and find her mother again.</p>
	<b>The Songs that Called Them Home</b>	David. A. Robertson, Maya McKibbin	3-7	JP ROB 2023	<p>One summer day, Lauren and her little brother, James, go on a trip to the land with their Moshom (grandfather). After they've arrived, the children decide to fish for dinner while Moshom naps. They are in their canoe in the middle of the lake when the water around them begins to swirl and crash. They are thrown overboard and when Lauren surfaces she sees her brother being pulled away by the Memekwesewak—creatures who live in and around water and like to interfere with humans.</p>

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 <p>The book cover for 'Akilak's Adventure' features a young girl in a light-colored dress running alongside a reindeer. A large, vibrant, flame-like trail of light follows them, suggesting a magical journey. The title 'Akilak's Adventure' is written in a stylized font at the top, with the authors' names below it.</p>	<b>Akilak's Adventure</b>	Deborah Kigjugalik Webster, Charlene Chua	6-8	JP WEB 2016	<p>When Akilak must travel a great distance to another camp to gather food, she's not sure she will be able to make it. But with a little help from her grandmother's spirit, and her own imagination to keep her entertained, Akilak manages to turn a long journey into an adventure!</p>
 <p>The book cover for 'Fatty Legs: A True Story' shows four young girls in blue school uniforms standing in a row. The girl in the center has her arms crossed and is wearing red boots, which are the focus of the story. The title 'fatty legs' is written in a large, red, cursive font at the bottom, with 'A True Story' above it. The authors' names are listed below the title.</p>	<b>Fatty Legs: A True Story</b>	Christy Jordan-Fenton with Liz Amini-Holmes	9-11	JB POK 2010	<p>The beloved story of an Inuvialuit girl standing up to the bullies of residential school, updated for a new generation of readers.</p> <p>Margaret Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton's powerful story of residential school in the far North has been reissued to commemorate the memoir's 10th anniversary with updates to the text, reflections on the book's impact, and a bonus chapter from the acclaimed follow-up, <i>A Stranger at Home</i>.</p>

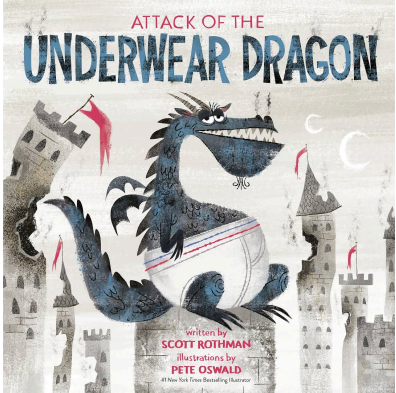
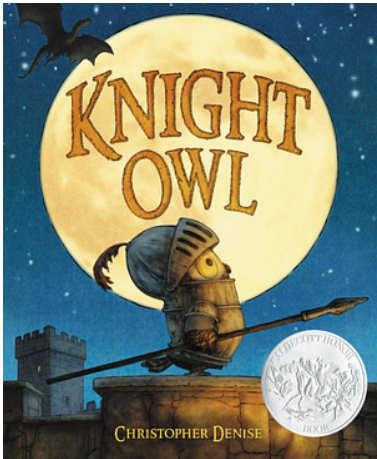
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	<p><b>The Barren Grounds: The Misewa Saga</b></p>	<p>David A. Robertson</p>	<p>10+</p>	<p>JF ROB 2020</p>	<p>Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home—until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal opens to another reality, Askí, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, where they meet Ochek (Fisher). The only hunter supporting his starving community, Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission.</p>
	<p><b>A Girl Called Echo: Pemmican Wars</b></p>	<p>Katherena Vermette</p>	<p>12-18</p>	<p>YA VER 2017 GN</p>	<p>Echo Desjardins, a 13-year-old Métis girl adjusting to a new home and school, is struggling with loneliness while separated from her mother. Then an ordinary day in Mr. Bee's history class turns extraordinary, and Echo's life will never be the same. During Mr. Bee's lecture, Echo finds herself transported to another time and place—a bison hunt on the Saskatchewan prairie—and back again to the present. In the following weeks, Echo slips back and forth in time. She visits a Métis camp, travels the old fur-trade routes, and experiences the perilous and bygone era of the Pemmican Wars.</p>

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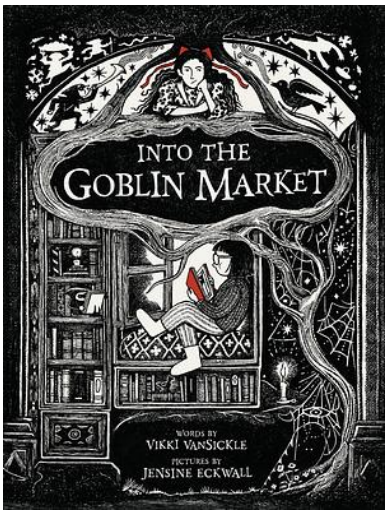


## Week 7: Storybook Heroes

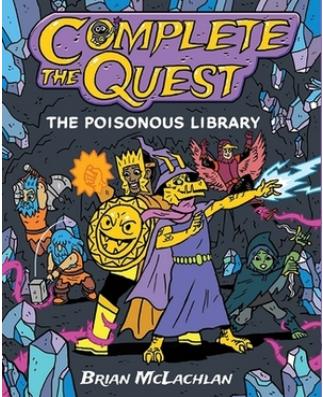
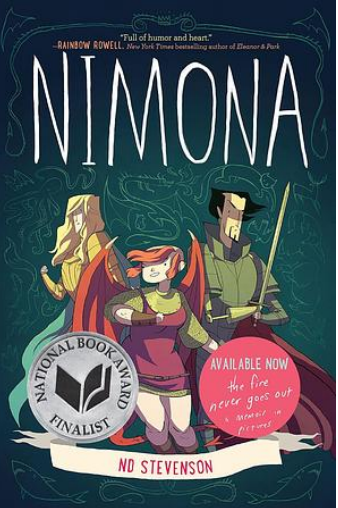
	<b>Attack of the Underwear Dragon</b>	Scott Rothman, Pete Oswald	3-7	JP ROT 2020	<p>Sir Percival is a great knight in every way, except for one thing: He is terrified that an Underwear Dragon will come and destroy the kingdom. But when the unthinkable happens, Cole is the only knight left standing (and just an assistant knight at that!) Cole must use all of his newly acquired skills to battle the fearsome dragon and avoid a catastrophe. Luckily, an unfortunate underwear mishap changes everything and Cole triumphs in this hilarious and triumphant tale!</p>
	<b>Knight Owl</b>	Christopher Denise	4-8	JP DEN 2022	<p>Since the day he hatched, Owl dreamed of becoming a real knight. He may not be the biggest or the strongest, but his sharp nocturnal instincts can help protect the castle, especially since many knights have recently gone missing. While holding guard during Knight Night Watch, Owl is faced with the ultimate trial—a frightening intruder. It's a daunting duel by any measure. But what Owl lacks in size, he makes up for in good ideas.</p>

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	<b>The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess</b>	Tom Gauld	4-8	JP GAU 2021	<p>For years, the king and queen have tried desperately to have a baby. Their wish was granted twice, when an engineer and a witch gave them a little wooden robot and an enchanted log princess. But there's just one catch: every night when the log princess sleeps, she transforms back into an ordinary log, and can only be woken up with magic words. The princess and her robot brother are inseparable, until the sleeping princess, mistaken for lumber, is accidentally carted off to parts unknown. Now it's up to her devoted brother to find her, and get them safely back home.</p>
	<b>Into the Goblin Market</b>	Vikki VanSickle, Jensine Eckwall	4-8	JP VAN 2024	<p>Millie loves her quiet life on the farm, but Mina longs for adventure.</p> <p>When the Goblin Market comes to town, Millie knows it's a bad idea. They've been told stories their whole lives about the dangers of the Goblin Market. But Mina just can't resist . . .</p> <p>When Mina doesn't come back, it's Millie's turn to brave the market to bring her home. She will use all her smarts and all her courage to try to outwit the goblins and save her sister . . . but will it be enough?</p>

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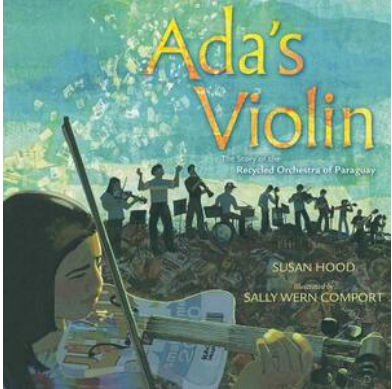
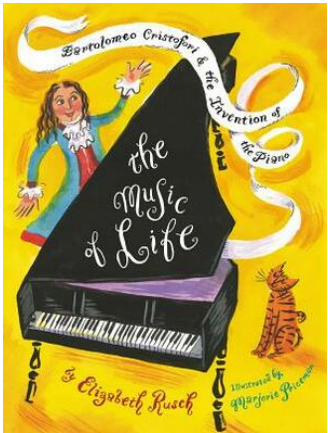
	<b>Complete the Quest: The Poisonous Library</b>	Brian McLachlan	8-12	JF MCL 2021 GN	<p>Queen Evergreen has been poisoned! To save her, you must pick a team of heroes to travel across a series of perilous fantasy landscapes, from a witch's desert tomb to a giant's palace in the sky. YOU get to choose how they win the day, using the greatest heroic power of all: your imagination. On your journey, you'll meet new heroes, battle a dungeon that's also a dragon, and discover that the poisoned book that attacked Queen Evergreen was just the first part of an evil plot that threatens the entire realm.</p>
	<b>Nimona</b>	N.D. Stevenson	13+	JF STE 2015 GN	<p>Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.</p>

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	<b>The Lightfall: The Girl &amp; the Galdurian</b>	Tim Probert	8-12	JF PRO 2020 GN	<p>Deep in the heart of the planet Irpa stands the Salty Pig's House of Tonics &amp; Tinctures, home of the wise Pig Wizard and his adopted granddaughter, Bea. As keepers of the Endless Flame, they live a quiet and peaceful life, crafting medicines and potions for the people of their once-prosperous world. All that changes one day when, while walking through the woods, Bea meets Cad, a member of the Galdurians, an ancient race thought to be long-extinct.</p>
	<b>Casper Tock and the Everdark Wings</b>	Abi Elphinstone	8-12	JF ELP 2019	<p>When Casper is transported to the strange world of Rumblestar, he must work with his first real friend, Utterly Thankless, to stop the monstrous creatures terrorizing the land. Casper Tock hates risks and is allergic to adventures. So it comes as a nasty shock to him one day when he hides from bullies in an ancient grandfather clock—and ends up finding an entire world inside. Casper discovers that this sky kingdom of Rumblestar is one of the four Unmapped Kingdoms in charge of controlling the weather in Casper's own world.</p>

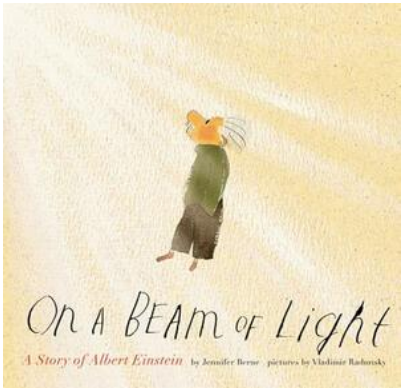
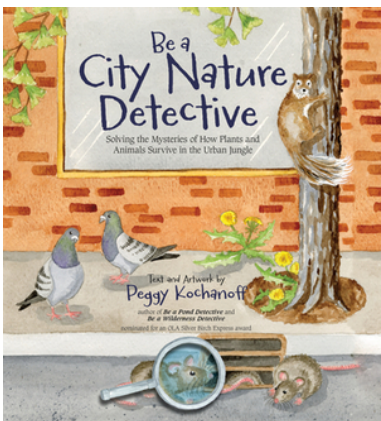
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## Week 8: Innovative Heroes

	<b>Ada's Violin : The Story Of The Recycled Orchestra Of Paraguay</b>	Susan Hood, Sally Wern Comport	3-7	JP HOO 2016	A town built on a landfill. A community in need of hope. A girl with a dream. A man with a vision. An ingenious idea.
	<b>The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori and the Invention of the Piano</b>	Elizabeth Rusch, Marjorie Priceman	4-8	JB CRI 2017	Award-winning biographer Elizabeth Rusch and two-time Caldecott Honor-recipient Marjorie Priceman team up to tell the inspiring story of the invention of the world's most popular instrument: the piano. Bartolomeo Cristofori coaxes just the right sounds from the musical instruments he makes. Some of his keyboards can play <i>piano</i> , light and soft; others make <i>forte</i> notes ring out, strong and loud, but Cristofori longs to create an instrument that can be played both soft and loud.

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	<b>On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein</b>	Jennifer Berne, Vladimir Radunsky	5-8	JB EIN 2017	Travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery. Parents and children alike will appreciate this moving story of the powerful difference imagination can make in any life.
	<b>Be a City Nature Detective : Solving The Mysteries Of How Plants And Animals Survive In The Urban Jungle</b>	Peggy Kochanoff	4-9	JP KOC 2018	Naturalist and artist Peggy Kochanoff answers these questions and more in this illustrated guide to solving nature mysteries in the city. From scuttling cockroaches to waves of starlings to burdock heads on your clothes, Kochanoff takes readers through city streets to show them the amazing nature growing there.

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	<p>Ruby Goldberg's Bright Idea</p>	<p>Anna Humphrey, Vanessa Newton</p>	<p>8-12</p>	<p>JF HUM 2014</p>	<p>Ruby is determined to win the gold with her fifth-grade science fair project, a Rube Goldberg machine to help her grandfather, but the real prize turns out to be something completely unexpected.</p>
	<p><b>The Boy who Harnessed the Wind</b></p>	<p>William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer</p>	<p>10+</p>	<p>JF KAM 2015</p>	<p>When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.</p>
	<p><b>Women in Science : 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World</b></p>	<p>Rachel Ignotofsky</p>	<p>10-17</p>	<p>JB GEN 2018</p>	<p>It's a scientific fact: Women rock. A charmingly illustrated and educational book, <i>New York Times</i> best seller <i>Women in Science</i> highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from the ancient to the modern world.</p>

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