



NECBA Windows & Mirrors Project 2018

Why do we need Windows & Mirrors?

The concept of children's books as "windows and mirrors"* is simple: that children's literature should contain diverse characters and experiences such that all children can find representations of their own experiences and identities ("mirrors"), and be exposed to many experiences and identities of people unlike themselves ("windows").

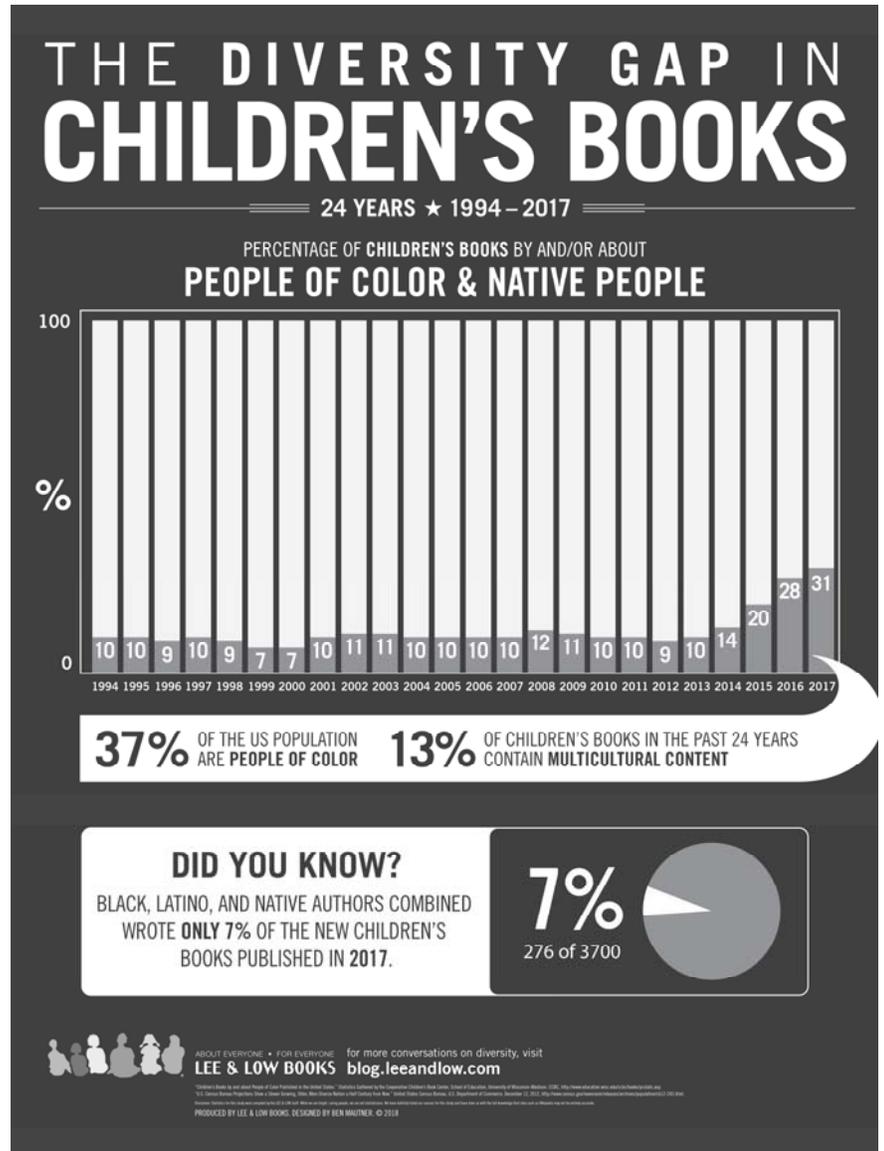
What is the Windows & Mirrors Project?

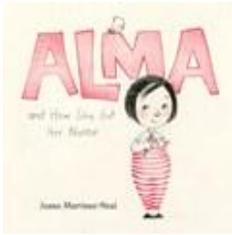
The NECBA Windows & Mirrors committee, taking a broad view of diversity, seeks to draw on the expertise of the New England bookselling community in curating a yearly list of diverse titles that demonstrate strong representation of marginalized identities as well as great literary merit.

The NECBA Windows & Mirrors list aims to highlight diverse titles that might otherwise be overlooked, and provide bookstores throughout the region with a resource that will help them easily reach for titles that showcase a breadth of human experience beyond our societal "defaults." In this way, we hope to serve all the young readers who visit our stores, providing windows and mirrors through books that will expand and enrich their worlds.

For more information, visit <http://www.newenglandbooks.org/our-community/necba/>

*The concept of windows and mirrors was first popularized by Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop <http://readingwhilewhite.blogspot.com/2017/01/have-you-ever-used-phrase-mirrors-and.html>





Alma and How She Got Her Name

Juana Martinez-Neal

What's in a name? For one little girl, her very long name tells the vibrant story of where she came from — and who she may one day be.

If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-g...

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Candlewick
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\$15.99
32 pages • Hardcover



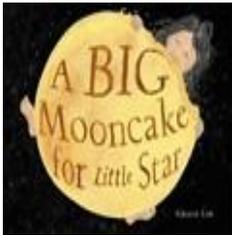
American Panda

Gloria Chao

At seventeen, Mei should be in high school, but skipping fourth grade was part of her parents' master plan. Now a freshman at MIT, she is on track to fulfill the rest of this predetermined future: become a doctor, marry a preapproved Taiwanese Ivy Leaguer, produce a litter of babies.

With everything her parents have sacrificed to make her cushy life a reality, Mei can't bring herself to tell them ...

9781481499101
Simon Pulse
Pub Date: 2/6/18
\$17.99
320 pages • Hardcover



A Big Mooncake for Little Star

Grace Lin

A gorgeous picture book that tells a whimsical origin story of the phases of the moon, from award-winning, bestselling author-illustrator Grace Lin

Pat, pat, pat...

Little Star's soft feet tiptoed to the Big Mooncake.

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?

9780316404488
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Pub Date: 8/28/18
\$17.99
40 pages • Hardcover
Picture Book



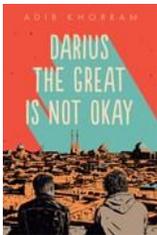
Blanca & Roja

Anna-Marie McLemore

The del Cisne girls have never just been sisters; they're also rivals. They know that one day, they'll find themselves drawn into a dangerous game to determine which sister will stay a girl and which will be cursed to live as a swan.

But when two of their childhood friends become drawn into the game, the curse threatens to decide the fate not just of the sisters, but of all four of them. *Blanca &...*

9781250162717
Feiwel & Friends
Pub Date: 10/9/18
\$17.99
384 pages • Hardcover
with dust jacket



Darius the Great Is Not Okay

Adib Khorram

Darius doesn't think he'll ever be enough, in America or in Iran. Hilarious and heartbreaking, this unforgettable debut introduces a brilliant new voice in contemporary YA.

Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's a Fractional Persian—half, his mom's side—and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life.

Darius has...

9780525552963
Dial Books
Pub Date: 8/28/18
\$17.99
320 pages • Hardcover



Drum Roll, Please

Lisa Jenn Bigelow

Melly only joined the school band because her best friend, Olivia, begged her to. But to her surprise, quiet Melly loves playing the drums. It's the only time in her life she doesn't feel like a mouse.

Now she and Olivia are about to spend the next two weeks at Camp Rockaway, jamming under the stars in the Michigan woods.

But this summer brings big changes for Melly: her parents split up, her best f...

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HarperCollins
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\$16.99
320 pages • Hardcover



Front Desk

Kelly Yang

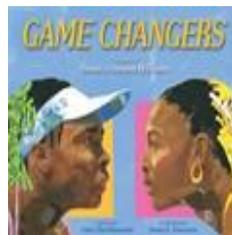
Four starred reviews!

*** "Many readers will recognize themselves or their neighbors in these pages." — Kirkus Reviews, starred review**

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets.

Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests.

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Arthur A. Levine Books
Pub Date: 5/29/18
\$16.99
304 pages • Hardcover
with dust jacket



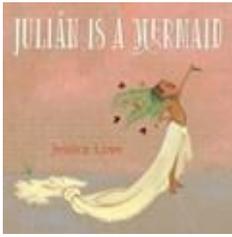
Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams

Lesa Cline-Ransome, James E. Ransome

Venus and Serena Williams. Two peas in a pod. Best friends. Sisters.

Six days a week they awoke before the sun came up to practice their serves and returns, to learn to run faster and hit harder. They were unstoppable. At age fourteen, Venus played her first professional match. Three years later, it was Serena's turn. It wasn't easy. Some tennis fans cheered for these two fresh faces, while those...

9781481476843
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books
Pub Date: 7/3/18
\$17.99
48 pages • Hardcover



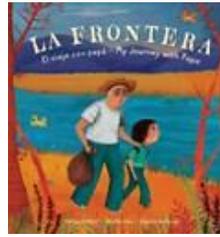
Julián Is a Mermaid

Jessica Love

In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world.

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic ...

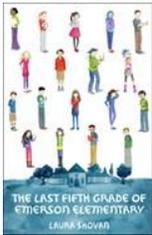
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Candlewick
Pub Date: 4/23/18
\$16.99
40 pages • Hardcover



La Frontera: El viaje con papá - My Journey with Papa

Join a young boy and his father on an arduous journey from Mexico to the United States to find a new life. They'll need all the resilience and courage they can muster to safely cross the border - *la frontera* - and to make a home for themselves in a new land.

9781782853886
Pub Date: 5/1/18
\$17.99
48 pages • Hardcover



The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary

Laura Shovan

An award-winning, big-hearted time capsule of one class's poems during a transformative school year. A great pick for fans of Margarita Engle and Eileen Spinelli.

Eighteen kids, one year of poems, one school set to close. Two yellow bulldozers crouched outside, ready to eat the building in one greedy gulp.

9780553521405
Yearling
Pub Date: 4/10/18
\$6.99
272 pages • Paperback



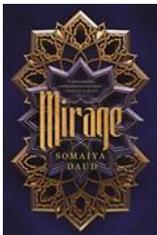
Merci Suárez Changes Gears

Meg Medina

Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between in a resonant new novel from Meg Medina.

Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are schol...

9780763690496
Candlewick
Pub Date: 9/11/18
\$16.99
368 pages • Hardcover



Mirage: A Novel

Somaiya Daud

In a world dominated by the brutal Vathek empire, eighteen-year-old Amani is a dreamer. She dreams of what life was like before the occupation; she dreams of writing poetry like the old-world poems she adores; she dreams of receiving a sign from Dihya that one day, she, too, will have adventure, and travel beyond her isolated home.

But when adventure comes for Amani, it is not what she expects: she...

9781250126429
Flatiron Books
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\$18.99
320 pages • Hardcover with dust jacket



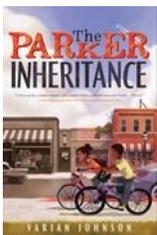
The Night Diary

Veera Hiranandani

In the vein of *Inside Out and Back Again* and *The War That Saved My Life* comes a poignant, personal, and hopeful tale of India's partition, and of one girl's journey to find a new home in a divided country

It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims, and hundreds of ...

9780735228511
Dial Books
Pub Date: 3/6/18
\$16.99
272 pages • Hardcover



The Parker Inheritance

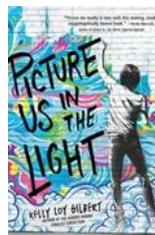
Varian Johnson

Four starred reviews!

"Powerful.... Johnson writes about the long shadows of the past with such ambition that any reader with a taste for mystery will appreciate the puzzle Candice and Brandon must solve." -- *The New York Times Book Review*

When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in...

9780545946179
Arthur A. Levine Books
Pub Date: 3/27/18
\$16.99
352 pages • Hardcover with dust jacket



Picture Us In The Light

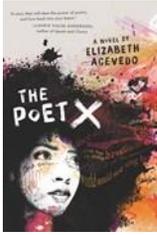
Kelly Loy Gilbert

Catalog Copy:
"Picture me madly in love with this moving, tender, unapologetically honest book."
—Becky Albertalli, #1 best-selling author of *Simon Vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

Six starred reviews! Read the critically acclaimed novel that everyone is raving about.

Danny Cheng has always known his parents have secrets. But when he discovers a taped-up box in his father's closet filled with old letter...

9781484726020
Disney-Hyperion
Pub Date: 4/10/18
\$17.99
368 pages • Hardcover



The Poet X

Elizabeth Acevedo

"A story that will slam the power of poetry and love back into your heart." —Laurie Halse Anderson, author of *Speak* and *Chains*

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.

But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto ...

9780062662804
HarperTeen
Pub Date: 3/6/18
\$17.99
368 pages • Hardcover



A Quiet Kind of Thunder

Sara Barnard

Steffi doesn't talk, but she has so much to say. Rhys can't hear, but he can listen.

Steffi has been a selective mute for most of her life. The condition's name has always felt ironic to her, because she certainly does not "select" not to speak. In fact, she would give anything to be able to speak as easily and often as everyone around her can. She suffers from crippling anxiety, and uncontrollabl...

9781534402416
Simon Pulse
Pub Date: 1/9/18
\$18.99
400 pages • Hardcover



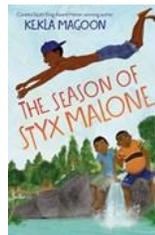
Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship

Jessica Kensky, Patrick Downes, Scott Magoon

Based on a real-life partnership, the heartening story of the love and teamwork between a girl and her service dog will illuminate and inspire.

Rescue thought he'd grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog — it's the family business, after all. When he gets the news that he's better suited to being a service dog, he's worried that he's not up to the task. Then he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning ou...

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Candlewick
Pub Date: 4/3/18
\$16.99
32 pages • Hardcover



The Season of Styx Malone

Kekla Magoon

This lively and diverse middle-grade story from the award-winning author of *How It Went Down* has the warmth of a modern-day *The Watsons go to Birmingham—1963*.

Caleb Franklin and his big brother Bobby Gene have the whole summer for adventures in the woods behind their house in Sutton, Indiana. Caleb dreams of venturing beyond their ordinary small town, but his dad likes the family to stay close to h...

9781524715977
Wendy Lamb Books
Pub Date: 10/16/18
304 pages • E-Book



Thank You, Omu!

Oge Mora

In this remarkable author-illustrator debut that's perfect for fans of *Last Stop on Market Street* and *Extra Yarn* as well as for the Thanksgiving season, a generous woman is rewarded by her community.

Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot ...

9780316431248
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
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Picture Book

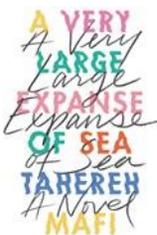


Things We Haven't Said: Sexual Violence Survivors Speak Out

Erin Moulton

Things We Haven't Said is a powerful collection of poems, essays, letters, vignettes and interviews written by a diverse group of impressive adults who survived sexual violence as children and adolescents. Structured to incorporate creative writing to engage the reader and informative interviews to dig for context, this anthology is a valuable resource of hope, grit and honest conversation that wi...

9781942186342
Zest Books
Pub Date: 3/13/18
\$16.99
224 pages • Paperback



A Very Large Expanse of Sea

Tahereh Mafi

It's 2002, a year after 9/11, and Shirin has just started at yet another school. It's an extremely turbulent time for the world, but especially for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped.

Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. But she's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments—even the physical violence—she endures as a result ...

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HarperCollins
Pub Date: 10/16/18
\$18.99
320 pages • Hardcover



What the Wind Can Tell You

Sarah Marie Jette

Isabelle is fascinated by wind. And this year, she's determined to win the middle school science fair with her wind machine. She's just as determined to have her brother, Julian, who has a severe form of epilepsy and uses a wheelchair, serve as her assistant. But after Julian has a grand seizure, everything changes. Isabelle is suddenly granted entry into Las Brisas, a magical world where Julian's...

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