

ELEMENTARY AGE

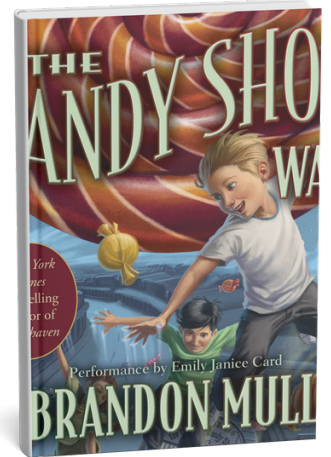
FICTION

1. The Candy Shop War

by Brandon Mull (2007)

Summary:

Four friends discover that the candy sold at a mysterious local shop has magical powers that allow them to perform incredible feats. The shop owner recruits them for unusual tasks around town in exchange for these enchanted treats. As the challenges become more complicated, the children must decide who they can trust and how to use their new abilities responsibly.



FICTION

2. Dragons in a Bag

by Zetta Elliott (2018)

Summary:

Jaxon expects to spend an ordinary day with his grandmother, but instead discovers she is secretly caring for several baby dragons. When the dragons must be safely returned to their magical world, Jaxon is unexpectedly chosen to help complete the mission. His journey through the city becomes an exciting adventure that tests his courage, creativity, and sense of responsibility.



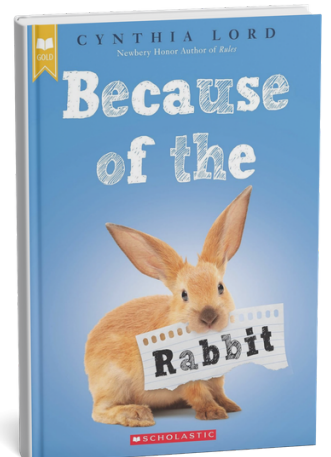
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3. Because of the Rabbit

by Cynthia Lord (2019)

Summary:

Emma is starting at a new school and hopes this year will be different, but making friends proves more difficult than she expected. When she rescues a small rabbit and befriends a quiet classmate who is often overlooked by others, Emma begins to see her new environment differently. Through these experiences, she learns how empathy and kindness can build meaningful friendships.



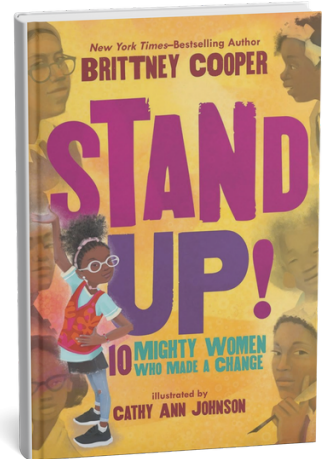
NON-FICTION

4. Stand Up! 10 Mighty Women Who Changed the World

by Brittney Cooper (2018)

Summary:

This book highlights the stories of ten influential women who used their voices and actions to bring about change. Through engaging biographies, readers learn about the challenges these women faced and the courage they showed in standing up for what they believed in. Their stories inspire young readers to recognize their own ability to make a difference.



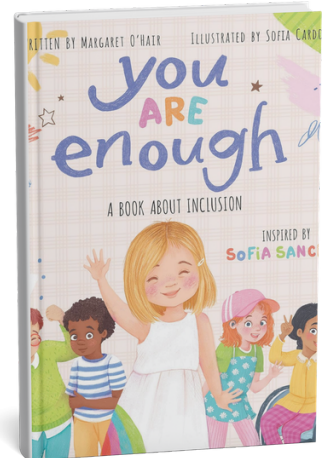
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5. You Are Enough

by Margaret O'Hair (2018)

Summary:

Through heartfelt messages and vibrant illustrations, this book reminds children that they are valuable exactly as they are. It celebrates diversity, kindness, and self-acceptance while encouraging readers to appreciate the differences in others. The story emphasizes that confidence and empathy grow when we learn to value both ourselves and the people around us.



HIDDEN GEM SELECTION

6. A Single Shard

by Linda Sue Park (2001)

Summary:

Tree-ear, an orphan living in a small Korean village, dreams of learning the art of pottery from a master craftsman. When he is given the chance to prove himself, he must travel on a long and challenging journey to deliver a piece of pottery to the royal court. Through patience, determination, and humility, Tree-ear learns what it truly means to pursue a dream.

