

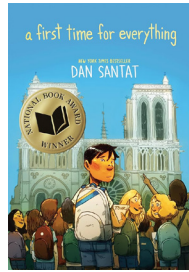
Books for Grades 6-8

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A First Time For Everything

By Dan Santat

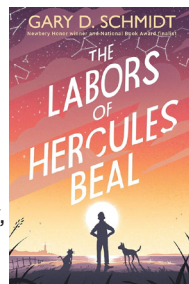
From discovering punk music and Fanta to sneaking into Wimbledon, this graphic memoir is the story of how one class trip to Europe changed a middle schooler's life forever.



The Labors Of Hercules Beal

By Gary D. Schmidt

Hercules knows he's no hero—even though he's named after one. Assigned a Herculean task by his teacher, Herc, over the course of a year, helps out in the family nursery, and learns to accept the death of his parents and to trust and bond with those around him.



The Lost Year

By Katherine Marsh

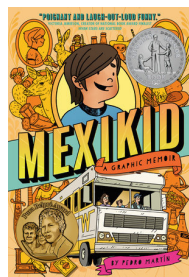
During the COVID pandemic, thirteen year-old Matthew discovers a photo of his great-grandmother and a family secret that is connected to the Holodomor—a famine that killed millions of Ukrainians in 1930s Soviet Union.



Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir

By Pedro Martín

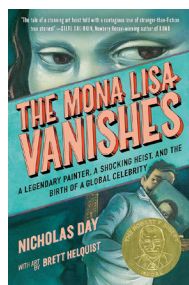
Pedro and his large family take an epic road trip to Mexico to bring his abuelito back to America. This hilarious graphic novel memoir has a lot of heart and will keep kids laughing.



The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, A Shocking Heist, And The Birth Of A Global Celebrity

By Nicholas Day, Illustrated By Brett Helquist

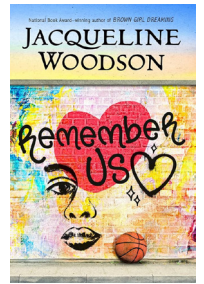
A rollicking true tale of the improbable theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre in 1911, set alongside the equally improbable story of its creation and the life of its painter, Leonardo da Vinci.



Remember Us

By Jacqueline Woodson

Twelve-year-old Sage experiences a summer of self-discovery as she spends her days playing basketball and watching fires overtake the beloved Bushwick neighborhood where she lives in this novel set in the 1970s.



Shakti

By S. J. Sindu,

Illustrated By Nabi H. Ali

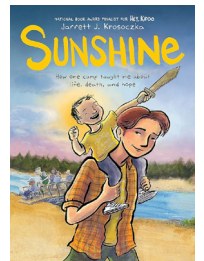
When the three meanest girls in school start casting spells, 12-year-old Shakti draws on ancient Indian magic to stop them but instead curses the entire town and must harness her own strength, power and empathy to save those she loves and end the hate.



Sunshine

By Jarrett J. Krosoczka

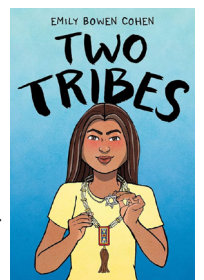
This graphic novel tells the story of a summer camp for seriously ill children and their families. Sixteen-year-old Jarrett is worried that working with sick kids will be too depressing, but he quickly learns how to connect and empathize with the kids and their families.



Two Tribes

By Emily Bowen Cohen

Raised by her Jewish mother and stepfather, Mia yearns to know more about her father, a member of the Muscogee Nation, so she runs away to Oklahoma to discover more about her family—and her own identity.

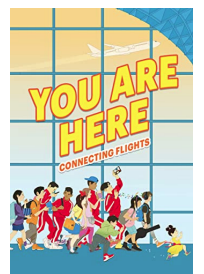


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Connecting Flights

Edited By Ellen Oh

Interconnected short stories told by twelve authors feature East and Southeast Asian American characters stuck together at a Chicago airport.



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