



Diverse Books: Religion, Culture

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A #wehavediversebooks selection for children and teens.



The End of the Line

by Sharon E. McKay

EDITION: eBook

tagged : holocaust

Ordinary citizens risk everything to save a young Jewish girl in wartime Holland.

Five-year-old Beatrix looks on in horror as the soldier forces her mother off the tram. It is 1942 in Amsterdam, and everyone knows what happens to Jews who are taken away by the Nazis. The soldier turns his attention to Beatrix, when suddenly, the ticket-taker, Lars Gorter, blurts out that she is his niece. With his brother Hans, the tram conductor, they manage to rescue the child from the same fate as her mother.

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Playing With Matches

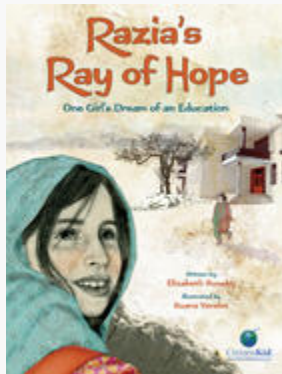
by Suri Rosen

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : love & romance

When 16-year-old Raina Resnick is expelled from her Manhattan private school, she's sent to live with her strict aunt — but Raina feels like she's persona non grata no matter where she goes. Her sister, Leah, blames her for her broken engagement, and she's a social pariah at her new school. In the tight-knit Jewish community, Raina finds she is good at one thing: matchmaking! As the anonymous “Match- Maven,” Raina sets up hopeless singles desperate to find the One. A cross between Ja ...



Razia's Ray of Hope

One Girl's Dream of an Education

by Liz Suneby, illustrated by Suana Verelst

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : school & education, middle east, girls & women

Razia is excited when her grandfather tells her there's a school for girls being built in their Afghan village. At last, girls will have the same opportunity to be educated as boys. “Every night I fell asleep dreaming about going to school like my brothers,” she says. Her grandfather wants Razia to enroll in the school. He remembers a time, before the wars and the Taliban, when educated women in Afghanistan became doctors, government workers and journalists, and how this made families and th ...

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Zoe's Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

by Christina Minaki

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : special needs

Zoe is in a wheelchair and it bugs her that some kids think she's not smart because her body doesn't always do what she wants. Then, Zoe learns about the diverse cultures of her friends at school, and realizes she's not the only different one.

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Aziz the Storyteller

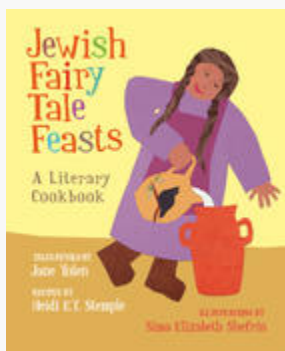
by Vi Hughes, illustrated by Stefan Czernecki

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged :

In this enchanting tale set in the Middle East, all the stories are woven into a magic carpet waiting to be told. When young Aziz learns that he is to become the new storyteller, he is forced to make a decision that will change his life forever.

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The Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts

A Literary Cookbook

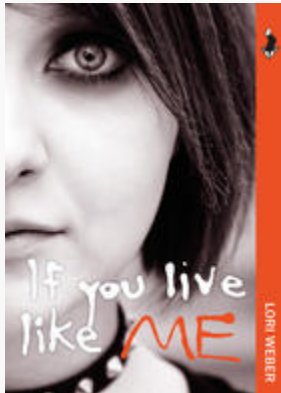
by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Sima Elizabeth Shefrin, with Heidi E. Y. Stemple

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : cooking & food, jewish

Following in the kitchen footsteps of their earlier Fairy Tale Feasts for young readers and eaters, authors Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple, offer Jewish folktales that concern food and accompanying Jewish recipes to try while reading the tales. Plus there are sidebar notes about the stories and the dishes. Yolen is the storyteller, Stemple the chef, but as mother and daughter, they enjoy and share both the food and the tales. As will readers whatever their ages.

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If You Live Like Me

by Lori Weber

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : adolescence, new experience

“Weber writes with a light touch and a keen ear for teen dialogue and concerns.” —*CM Magazine*

Before her plane even touches down in Newfoundland, Cheryl is already plotting her escape. She knows life on this rock will be no better than it was in the other places she’s been forced to live ever since her parents launched their cross-Canada tour. The unwilling spectator of her father’s morbid fascination with “dying cultures,” Cheryl has seen more than her fair share of towns so depre ...

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Passover

Festival of Freedom

by Monique Polak

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : passover, judaism

During Passover, Jews are reminded of how, more than three thousand years ago, their ancestors emerged from slavery to become free men and women. Bestselling author Monique Polak explores her own Jewish roots as she tells the Passover story, which reminds us that the freedom to be who we are and practice our religion, whatever it may be, is a great gift. It also teaches us that if we summon our courage and look out for each other, we can endure and overcome the most challenging circumstances. E ...

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The Flute

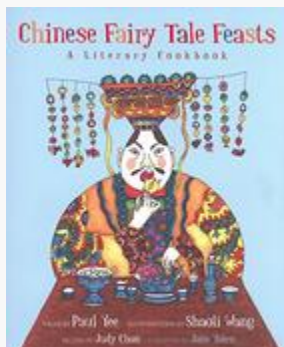
by Gilmore Rachna, illustrated by Pulak Biswas

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : middle east

Her parents swept away by a catastrophic flood, Chandra finds solace in her mother's magic flute. Set in India, The Flute is an enchanting tale of the power of hope and the resilience of the human spirit.

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Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts

A Literary Cookbook

by Paul Yee, contributions by Judy Chan, illustrated by Shaoli

Wang, introduction by Jane Yolen

EDITION: **Hardcover**

tagged : non-classifiable, cooking & food

The fairy tales and folklore of China, like stories told throughout the ages everywhere, bring the fantastic world of ghosts and demons into our everyday lives. So it is not surprising that food makes an appearance here—each story is followed by a simple recipe.

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