

## Diverse Books: Race, Colour, Ethnic Origin

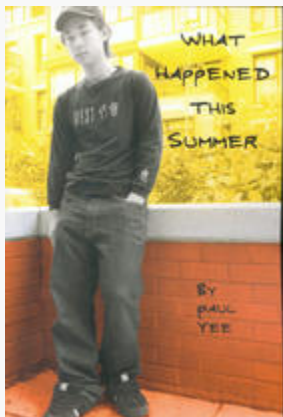
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A #wehavediversebooks selection for children and teens.



### **What Happened This Summer**

by Paul Yee

EDITION: Paperback

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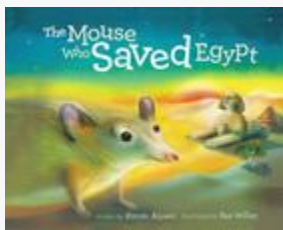
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These stories take us into the turbulent lives of Chinese-Canadian teenagers.

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# The Mouse Who Saved Egypt

by Karim Alrawi, illustrated by Bee Willey

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover

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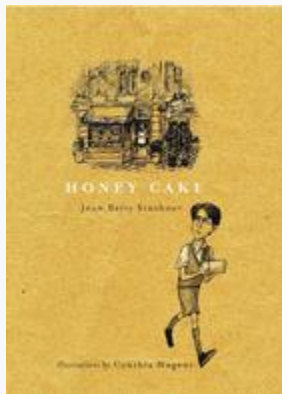
tagged : ancient civilizations, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.

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See how a small kindness can be repaid a thousand times over. In this retelling of an ancient Middle Eastern folk tale, Karim Alrawi follows up his best-selling *The Girl Who Lost Her Smile* with another classic fable.

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## Honey Cake

by Joan Betty Stuchner, illustrated by Cynthia Nugent

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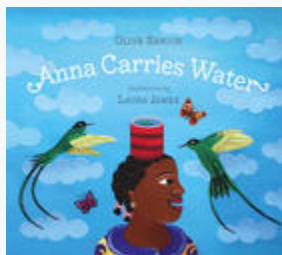
tagged : holocaust, survival stories

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Young David Nathan makes a special delivery that changes his life forever - a story of friendship, honour and bravery.

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## Anna Carries Water

by Olive Senior, illustrated by Laura James

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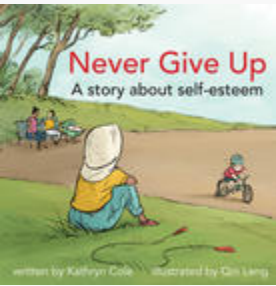
tagged : caribbean & latin america, self-esteem & self-reliance, values & virtues

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Anna fetches water from the spring every day, but she can't carry it on her head like her older brothers and sisters. In this charming and poetic family story set in Jamaica, Commonwealth Prize-winning author Olive Senior shows young readers the power of determination, as Anna achieves her goal and overcomes her fear.

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## Never Give Up

A story about self-esteem

by Kathryn Cole, illustrated by Qin Leng

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : self-esteem & self-reliance, emotions & feelings, friendship

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Shaun is strong enough to know that even things that don't come easily can be mastered through determination and hard work. Learning to ride his two-wheeler with the help of his friend Nadia, he overcomes his fear and the teasing of the other children in the park and manages to impress friends and bullies alike.

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## Give Me Wings

How a Choir of Slaves Took on the World

by Kathy Lowinger

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : civil war period (1850-1877), african american, music

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## The Nutmeg Princess

by (composer) Ricardo Keens-Douglas

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : canadian, theater

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## West to the Bay

by Joan Donaldson-Yarmey

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : historical, Canadian Studies, Language Arts, History, Race, Colour, Ethnic Origin

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In 1750, Thomas Gunn, along with three friends, join the Hudson's Bay Company and sail from Stromness on the Orkney Islands of northern Scotland to York Factory fort on Hudson's Bay. They believe they are starting a new and exciting life in what is called Rupert's Land, but tragedy follows them, striking for the first time on the ship.

At the fort Thomas finds his older brother, Edward, who had joined four years earlier. He also meets Little Bird, sister of Edward's wife, and her family. During ...

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CANADIAN INDIES



## The Comic Book War

by Jacqueline Guest

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : superheroes

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Can three comic-book superheroes, and a rock that falls from the sky, really protect Robert Tourond's brothers as they fight the enemy in Europe during World War II? It's 1943 and World War II is raging. 13-year-old Robert Tourond is safe at home in Calgary, but his three brothers are all overseas, fighting the Nazis. A dreamer, Robert closely follows the exploits of his three favourite comic book heroes - Captain Ice, Sedna of the Sea and the Maple Leaf Kid - who also battle the bad guys in the ...

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## The Stone Thrower

by Jael Ealey Richardson, illustrated by Matt James

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : african american, football, cultural heritage

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The African-American football player Chuck Ealey grew up in a segregated neighborhood of Portsmouth, Ohio. Against all odds, he became an incredible quarterback. But despite his unbeaten record in high school and university, he would never play professional football in the United States.

Chuck Ealey grew up poor in a racially segregated community that was divided from the rest of town by a set of train tracks, but his mother assured him that he wouldn't stay in Portsmouth forever. Education was ...

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## Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged

by Jody Nyasha Warner, illustrated by Richard Rudnicki

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : women, post-confederation (1867-), prejudice & racism

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### Finalist for the 2011 Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non-Fiction

"On behalf of the Nova Scotia government, I sincerely apologize to Mrs. Viola Desmond's family and to all African Nova Scotians for the racial discrimination she was subjected to by the justice system ... We recognize today that the act for which Viola Desmond was arrested, was an act of courage, not an offence." -- Darrell Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia, April 15, 2010

In Nova Scotia, in 1946, an usher in a movie theatr ...

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## Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin

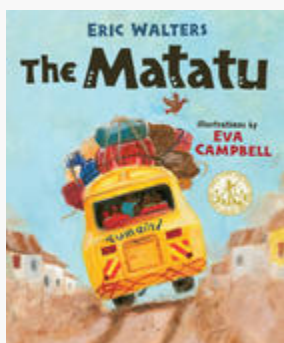
by Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Qin Leng

EDITION: [Hardcover](#)

tagged : music, multigenerational, asian american

In this beautifully written picture book, Hana Hashimoto has signed up to play her violin at her school's talent show. The trouble is, she's only a beginner, and she's had only three lessons. Her brothers insist she isn't good enough. "It's a talent show, Hana," they tell her. "You'll be a disaster!" Hana remembers how wonderfully her talented grandfather, or Ojichan, played his violin when she was visiting him in Japan. So, just like Ojichan, Hana practices every day. She is determine ...

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## The Matatu

by Eric Walters, illustrated by Eva Campbell

EDITION: [Hardcover](#)

ALSO AVAILABLE: [Paperback](#) [Audiobook](#) [eBook](#)

tagged : africa, country & ethnic, african

Kioko had been watching the matatus come and go for as long as he could remember. But today, for his fifth birthday, he climbs aboard one with his grandfather. As the matatu pulls away from the market, the village dogs chase after them. When Kioko asks his grandfather why the dogs always bark and chase after matatus, his grandfather tells him an entertaining tale about a dog, a goat and a sheep. Set in East Africa, *The Matatu* is a colorful story filled with many unexpected turns and twists along ...

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## Oscar Lives Next Door

A Story Inspired by Oscar Peterson's Childhood

by Bonnie Farmer, illustrated by Marie Lafrance

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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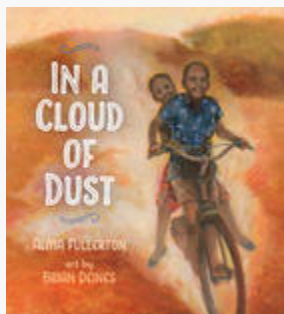
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Long before Oscar Peterson became a virtuoso jazz pianist, he was a boy who loved to play the trumpet. When childhood tuberculosis weakened his lungs, Oscar could no longer play his beloved instrument. He took up piano and the rest is history: Oscar went on to become an international jazz piano sensation. *Oscar Lives Next Door* is a fictional story inspired by these facts. The book imagines a next-door neighbor for Oscar named Millie, who gets into mischief with him but also appreciates his tale ...

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## In a Cloud of Dust

by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Brian Deines

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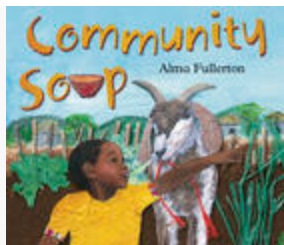
tagged : africa, friendship, values & virtues

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In a Tanzanian village school, Anna struggles to keep up. Her walk home takes so long that when she arrives, it is too dark to do her homework. Working through the lunch hour instead, she doesn't see the truck from the bicycle library pull into the schoolyard. By the time she gets out there, the bikes are all gone. Anna hides her disappointment, happy to help her friends learn to balance and steer. She doesn't know a compassionate friend will offer her a clever solution—and the chance to r ...

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## Community Soup

illustrated by Alma Fullerton

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : africa, humorous stories, homelessness & poverty

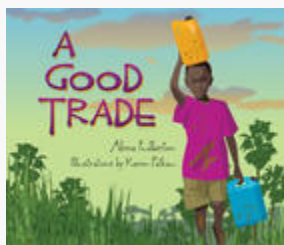
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**In a garden outside a Kenyan schoolhouse, teachers and students are gathering their vegetables for soup. But all Kioni brought today were her troublesome goats. How can they contribute?**

In a garden outside a Kenyan schoolhouse children are working together to harvest the vegetables they have grown and make them into a soup for everyone to share. But Kioni is having trouble: her herd of mischievous goats followed her to school today and they are trying to eat all the vegetables. The ensuing chaos ...

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## A Good Trade

by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Karen Patkau

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover Paperback

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tagged : africa, homelessness & poverty, values & virtues

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In a small Ugandan village, Kato wakes early to start the long, barefoot trek beyond his village and along fields dotted with cattle and guarded by soldiers. His destination is the village well, where he will pump a day's supply of water into two jerry cans. Like every day, Kato lets the water splash over his hot tired feet before carrying his heavy load back home, where his chores await him. But this is no ordinary day. The aid worker's truck has come to the village square, and in the back is a ...

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## Peach Girl

by Raymond Nakamura, illustrated by Rebecca Bender

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : country & ethnic, humorous stories, asia

**In this reimagining of a Japanese folk tale, Momoko is born from a peach to make the world a better place. Despite rumours of a terrible ogre that lives nearby and eats children, Momoko bravely sets out with a pocketful of dumplings and the timid Monkey, Dog, and Pheasant to find out the truth for herself.**

When the farmer and her husband find a giant peach at their door, they can't imagine how it got there. But they are even more surprised when the skin bursts open and out leaps...a girl. Momoko ...

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## Violet

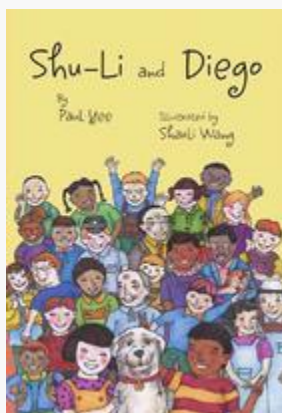
by Tania Duprey, illustrated by Vanja Vuleta Jovanovic

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : self-esteem & self-reliance, prejudice & racism

When Violet's father comes to pick her up at school, one of her classmates asks: "How come your Dad is blue and you're not?" Violet has never even thought about this before. Her mother is red, and her father is blue – so why is she violet?

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# Shu-Li and Diego

by Paul Yee, illustrated by Shaoli Wang

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

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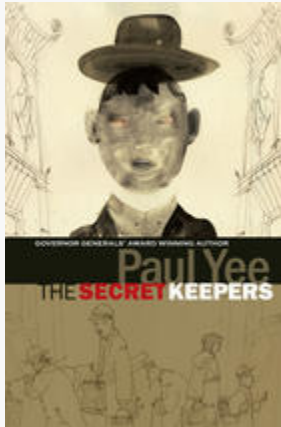
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In this sequel to the popular Shu-Li and Tamara, Paul Yee recounts the adventures of Shu-Li and her classmate Diego as they face the challenge of taking care of Baxter, a neighbour's dog. The two friends face disaster when Baxter runs away.

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# The Secret Keepers

by Paul Yee

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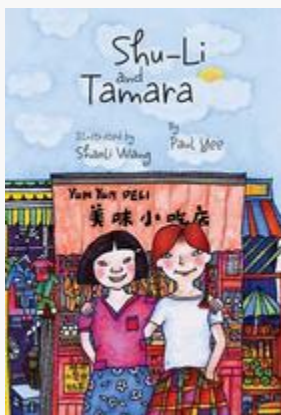
tagged : horror & ghost stories, asian american, emigration & immigration

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In this novel set in San Francisco's Chinatown before and after 1906, young Jackson Leong has to not only cope with the ghost of his brother who died in the earthquake, but also the mysterious ghost of a young woman who is haunting the family nickelodeon. A masterpiece of historical fiction that will take the reader on a roller coaster journey into the past.

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## Shu-Li and Tamara

by Paul Yee, illustrated by Shaoli Wang

EDITION: Paperback

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Shu-Li's family moved to Canada two years ago. They now run a Chinese deli in Vancouver's Commercial Drive area. Her classmate Tamara recently moved into the neighbourhood. The two girls become good friends, but an ugly rumour threatens their relationship.

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## The Bone Collector's Son

by Paul Yee

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : horror & ghost stories

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Thirteen-year-old Bing-wing Chan must conquer his fear of ghosts as his father's gambling debts force him to dig for human bones in a graveyard and then to work as a houseboy in a haunted house. Set in Vancouver's Chinatown The Bone Collector's Son is a moving study of the struggle of Chinese immigrants and racism at the turn of the century.

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