## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

#### Stargazing by Jen Wang by - GRAPHIC J WAN

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness.

#### Rabbit Chase by Elizabeth LaPensée -GRAPHIC J LAP

Anishinaabe culture and storytelling meet Alice in Wonderland in this coming-of-age graphic novel that explores Indigenous and gender issues through a fresh yet familiar looking glass.

#### Chunky by Yehudi Mercado - GRAPHIC J MER

Yehudi Mercado draws inspiration from his childhood struggle with his weight while finding friendship with his imaginary mascot, Chunky, as he navigates growing up in a working class Mexican-Jewish family.

# The Real Riley Mayes by Rachel Elliot - GRAPHIC JELL

Fifth grade is just not Riley's vibe. Everyone else is squaded up--except Riley. One thing that makes her happy is her favorite comedian, Joy Powers. So when the class is assigned to write letters to people they admire, Riley's picking Joy Powers! But when mean girl Whitney spreads a rumor about her, things begin to click into place for Riley.

# Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte - GRAPHIC J LAM

Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, twelveyear-old Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.

# The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor - GRAPHIC J KHO

Aware of the racial tumult in the years after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Mei tries to remain blissfully focused on her job and telling stories about Paul Bunyan--reinvented as Po PanYin (Auntie Po), an elderly Chinese matriarch.

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## **BOOK LOCATIONS**

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**P:** picture book, 3rd floor **JF:** juvenile fiction, 3rd floor

**GRAPHIC J:** juvenile graphic novel, 3rd floor **SPECIAL NEEDS:** special needs, 3rd floor

## **PICTURE BOOKS**

#### My Bindi by Gita Varadarajan - P VAR

In this powerful story about embracing your heritage and believing in yourself, Divya discovers a new side of herself of strength and confidence when she puts on a bindi for the first time.

# A Synagogue Just Like Home by Alice B. McGinty - P MCG

A new rabbi's efforts to fix up his aging synagogue are a labor of love--and a comedy of errors--until his congregants fondly pool their talents in this lighthearted celebration of community.

## I Am Golden by Eva Chen - P CHE

This moving ode to the immigrant experience, as well as a manifesto of self-love for Chinese American children, is a jubilant celebration of accepting who you are.

# The Year We Learned To Fly by Jacqueline Woodson - P WOO

By heeding their wise grandmother's advice, a brother and sister discover the ability to lift themselves up and imagine a better world.

## My Rainbow by Trinity Neal - P NEA

A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter, based on the real-life experience of mother-daughter advocate duo Trinity and DeShanna Neal.

## PICTURE BOOKS CONT.

## A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey - SPECIAL NEEDS P BAI

Henry would like to find a friend at school, but for a boy on the autism spectrum, making friends can be difficult, as his efforts are sometimes misinterpreted, or things just go wrong--but Henry keeps trying, and in the end he finds a friend he can play with.

#### Halal Hot Dogs by Susannah Aziz - P AZI

Every Friday Musa's family takes turns picking out a Jummah treat which they use to try all different foods, but when it is Musa's turn he sticks to his favorite halal hot dogs to share.

## JUVENILE FICTION

#### Winnie Zeng Unleashes A Legend by Katie Zhao - JF ZHA

Armed with her fledgling powers, a magic cookbook, and the mentorship of a talking rabbit, sixth-grader Winnie Zeng must embrace her heritage and the powers of her ancestors to save her town from an evil spirit of Chinese legend.

# Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca - JF LAR

Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. But Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted-they only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. Reha feels disconnected from her mother, or Amma. Then Reha finds out that her Amma is sick. Really sick. Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again.

#### Stella Díaz (series) by Angela Dominguez - JF DOM

When her class is assigned a project where each student must speak on their favorite subject, Stella Diaz, who sometimes lapses into Spanish and pronounces words wrong, must overcome her fear of public speaking.

## JUVENILE FICTION CONT.

#### Zara's Rules For Record-Breaking Fun by Hena Khan - JF KHA

Ten-year-old Zara's nickname is "Queen of the Neighborhood" because she organizes the other children, sets the rules, and generally makes sure everyone has fun; but now another ten-year-old, Naomi, has moved in across the street and she has her own ideas about fun games, and suddenly the other kids are listening to Naomi--if she is going to retain her influence Zara needs to come up with something quick, and an old copy of the Guinness Book of World Records gives her an idea.

### This Is Our Rainbow: 16 Stories Of Her, Him, Them, And Us by Katherine Locke - JF THI

Featuring contributions from Eric Bell, Katherine Locke and A.J. Sass, this first LGBTQA+ anthology for middle-grade readers presents stories of queer fantasy, historical and contemporary stories for every letter of the acronym.

## Ellen Outside the Lines by A.J. Sass - JF SAS

Ellen, an autistic thirteen-year-old, navigates a new city, shifting friendships, a growing crush, and her queer and Jewish identities while on a class trip to Barcelona, Spain.

# We Could Be Heroes by Margaret Mary Finnegan - JF FIN

Fourth-graders Maisie and Hank, who has autism, become friends as they devise schemes to save a neighbor's dog, Booler, from being tied to a tree because of his epilepsy.



But we can learn from the way we hurt the ones we love, and try to do better.

Stargazing, Jen Wang