<u>Different Kinds of Fruit</u> <u>By Kyle Lukoff</u> J LUK 2022

Newbery Medal--winning author Lukoff brings a middle grade novel to warm the hearts of every rainbow family and ally. Annabelle enters sixth grade ready to make her final year at her small



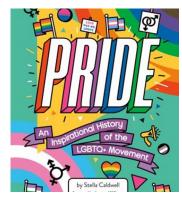
private school a great one--and the year starts auspiciously with a young teacher and a new friend, Bailey, who is nonbinary. All this good feeling begins to dwindle when Annabelle's father is inexplicably rude to Bailey, and the school principal allows an entitled mom to disrupt the class' plans to learn social studies by doing self-directed projects. Lukoff masterfully portrays the personalities, both child and adult, that Annabelle comes to know, believes she knows, and those whom Annabelle guestions can ever know her. When she must handle the revelation that her own parents are queer and her transgender father gave birth to her, events could have become too big for the story. Yet Lukoff keeps them emotionally and narratively real, inviting empathy.

Speak up. speak out! : the extraordinary life of "fighting Shirley Chisholm" By Tonya Bolden J 921 CHISHOLM 2022

Chisolm was the first black woman to seek presidential nomination

from a major party when she announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination in 1972. Back in 1968, she had become the first black woman elected to the US House of Representatives.





Pride : an inspirational history of the LGBTQ+ movement By S.A. Caldwell J 306.7609 CAL 2022

Take pride in who you are! This inspiring history of the LGBTQ+ community enlightens young readers on the true timeline of LGBTQ+ history around the world, the lives of important figures like Harvey Milk, and iconic events like Stonewall.

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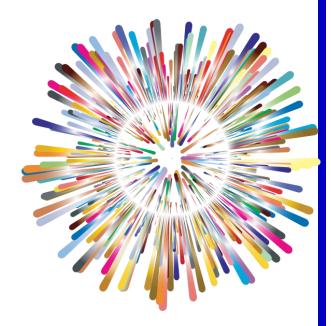
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Isaiah Dunn Saves the Day by Kelly | Baptist J BAP 2022

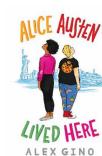
Starting middle school is no joke! Isaiah Dunn has more to say in the sequel to the award-winning novel Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero. Friendship, community, and a love of poetry blend in this comingof-age tale.



Things are looking up for super kid Isaiah Dunn. He and his sister, Charlie, are getting used to staying with Miz Rita, and Mama's feeling better. Isaiah's poetry business with Angel is taking off. Plus, Isaiah has his dad's journals if he needs advice....

Alice Austen Lived Here By Alex Gino J GIN 2022

Sam, a proud nonbinary seventh grader, has to research a figure of local significance for history class, and they are determined not to write about another DSCWM ("Dead Straight_



Cisgender White Man"). They choose Alice Austen: prolific photographer, lifelong fellow Staten Islander, and lesbian. Along with best friend TJ, Sam dives into research, delighting at the love between women that Austen showcased in her photographs. Their teacher plans to enter the best report in a borough-wide competition, with a chance to have the subject made into a statue. Sam and TJ think it should be Alice -- but with centuries of queer erasure against them, it might take a whole community to bring her story to light.

Unseelie By Ivelisse Housman TEEN HOU 2023

Seventeen-year-old twin sisters search for truth and treasure in Housman's beguiling debut, a fae-inspired fantasy series opener. Autistic changeling Iselia "Seelie" Graygrove and her identical twin sister Isolde, who both have olive skin, have survived on the streets by

grifting and stealing ever since they were forced to leave home for their parents' safety ("They aren't safe when I'm around," Seelie says). While robbing Wildline Manor, home to a family of powerful enchanters, Seelie finds a magical compass that seeps into her skin as a tattoo, pointing the way to a mysterious treasure.

Tiger Honor by Yoon Ha Lee J LEE 2022

This companion novel to Lee's Dragon Pearl (2012) follows a nonbinary tiger spirit named Sebin whose dream is to join the Space Forces and become the captain of a ship like their uncle. When Sebin's acceptance letter finally arrives, so, too, does the news

that Uncle Hwan has been stripped of his title as a captain after being declared a traitor in his pursuit of the legendary Dragon Pearl. Sebin quickly realizes that this obvious misunderstanding will greatly hinder their chance to achieve their dream as their family comes under scrutiny. Determined to make a good impression and clear their family name, Sebin climbs aboard the Haetae battle cruiser on their first day as a space cadet, but their plans very quickly go awry. With a delightful mix of Korean mythology and science fiction, Lee expands on the intriguing world of his previous novel to create another exhilarating adventure with a new precocious protagonist. Fans of Dragon Pearl will enjoy this dive back into the Thousand Worlds universe.



<u>Undercover Latina</u> <u>By Aya De León</u> J DEL 2022

The Hernández-Baldoquín parents have been working for the Factory--"an international intelligence organization that serves people of color"--as



spies for 20 years: now the whole family is involved. At 14, daughter Andréa is assigned her first major mission: to stop a white supremacist attack by getting close to the suspected perpetrator's estranged son Kyle. To do so, she must sublimate her Mexican/Puerto Rican identity and become ANN-drea Burke, a white high school student in Phoenix, AZ. An unexpected complication arises when Kyle's Latinx best friend proves to be irresistible. De León's impressive middle grade debut gets marvelously paired with Mexican American actor Villarreal whose characterizations effortlessly range from sublime to rollicking. De León reads her ending author's note, vulnerably sharing her own identity journey.

