

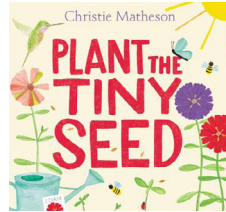
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READS, MOVIES & MORE!

- Hello - Spring

10 Captivating Picture Books
to March into Spring



... and so much more!



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FOR KIDS

10 Captivating Picture Books to March into Spring



Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring

by Kenard Pak

In this beautifully illustrated read, a young child and his dog go for a walk in the countryside to say goodbye to cold winter and observe the first signs of spring.



Finding Spring

by Carin Berger

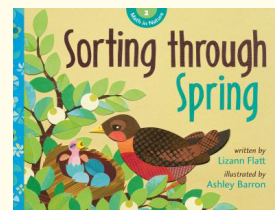
Tender and sweet, the story follows a little bear who goes in search of his first spring. Where is it hiding? Will he ever be able to find it?



When Spring Comes

by Kevin Henkes

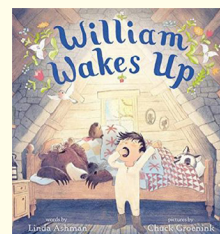
From stunning blossoms to bees and chirping birds, this entertaining book portrays the awakening of nature and celebrates the joy of new beginnings.



Sorting Through Spring

by Lizann Flatt

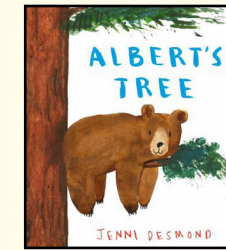
This interactive book inspires our young readers to learn about patterning and probability while exploring the wonders of the natural world in spring. A great introduction to math concepts.



William Wakes up

by Linda Ashman

William and his animal friends wake up from their wintry nap and get ready to celebrate the arrival of a special guest. A delightful read with charming characters and fun rhymes.



Albert's Tree

by Jenni Desmond

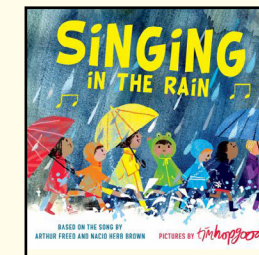
As soon as Albert wakes up from hibernation, he rushes to greet his favourite tree. Will the tree be excited to see him too? A super hilarious story not to be missed.



Shake a Leg, Egg!

by Kurt Cyrus

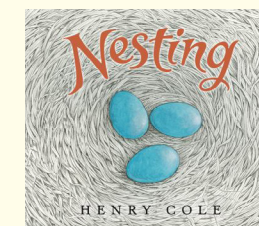
Spring has arrived, and the whole world is waiting for the last egg to hatch. Supported by the mother goose, the baby finally pokes on through and joins its wonderful family.



Singing in the Rain

by Arthur Freed

Singing has the power to bring joy and happiness. Grab your umbrella and join your friends to brighten up your rainy day in springtime.



Nesting

by Henry Cole

The robin's cheerful song announces the arrival of spring. Informative and heartwarming, the story follows a pair of robins as they build their little nest and navigate various challenges to raise their babies.



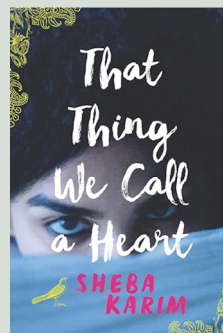
Plant the Tiny Seed

by Christie Matheson

Spring is the perfect time to start your garden. Through simple text and appealing artwork, the book explains how to plant and take care of a seed.

FOR TEENS

8 Books with Muslim Characters for Ramadan



That Thing We Call a Heart

by Sheba Karim

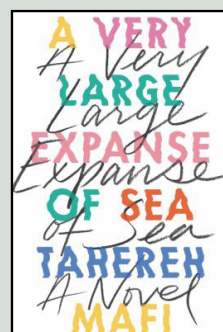
Pakistani-American Shabnam used to be best friends with Farah. The latter's decision to wear hijab has caused some distance between them, but they might be ready to reconcile, if Shabnam's new relationship with Jamie doesn't get in the way.



Love From Mecca to Medina

by S. K. Ali

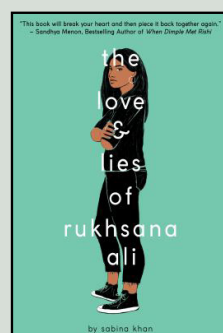
The second in a romance series following teens Adam and Zayneb, who share a mutual devotion to their Muslim faith while navigating their burgeoning relationship.



A Very Large Expanse of Sea

by Tahereh Mafi

In 2002, in the aftermath of 9/11, music-loving Shirin spends her days breakdancing. Refusing to be defined by stereotypes, she retreats from others until the day she meets basketball player Ocean.



The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali

by Sabina Khan

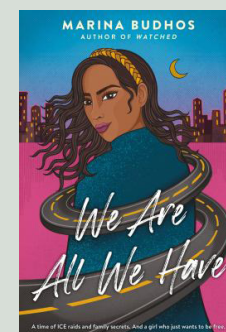
17-year-old Rukhsana will marry a man and go to a nearby university, or at least that's what her parents want. In reality, she must keep her relationship with girlfriend Ariana and dream of going to Caltech a secret.



All-American Muslim Girl

by Nadine Jolie Courtney

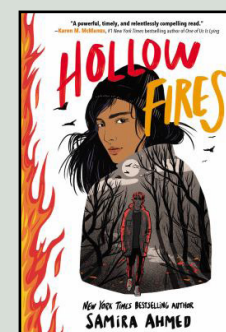
This somewhat autobiographical book explores the concept of passing for white in a Southern US context, as 16-year-old Allie embraces her Muslim faith while falling for the son of a conservative radio host.



We Are All We Have

by Marina Tamar Budhos

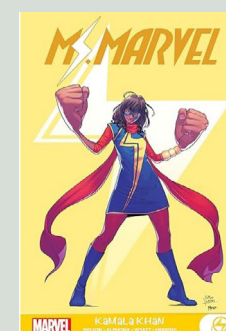
Teen romance is coupled with social commentary on immigration policies in the US in this story about 17-year-old Rania.



Hollow Fires

by Samira Ahmed

Aspiring journalist Safiya Mirza confronts racism and white supremacy while investigating the murder of Jawad Ali.



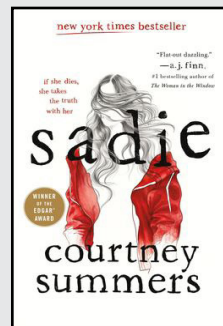
Ms. Marvel

by G. Willow Wilson

Fans of Marvel will appreciate this collection of the first eleven issues of Ms. Marvel, the Pakistani-American Muslim teen superhero with magical powers.

FOR TEENS

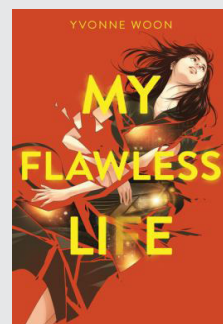
10 Hair-Raising Mysteries



Sadie

by Courtney Summers

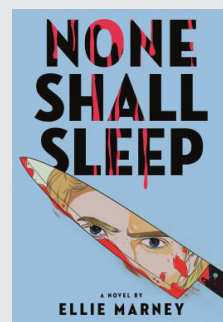
Fans of true crime podcasts will enjoy this riveting mystery about a teen girl on the hunt for her sister's killer, mixed with transcripts from a podcast tracking her own disappearance.



My Flawless Life

by Yvonne Woon

After 17-year-old "fixer" Hana Yang Lerner's life falls apart, she has the chance to fix it by investigating her former BFF's shady activity for an unknown client in this high society mystery.



None Shall Sleep

by Ellie Marney

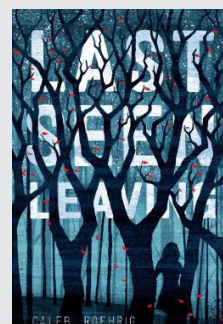
Like a teenage Silence of the Lambs, this thrilling mystery sees two teens recruited by the FBI to track down a serial killer—with the help of another serial killer!



This is My America

by Kim Johnson

Tracy Beaumont works with the Innocence X project to free Black men with wrongful convictions, including her brother and her father, in this exploration of race in the justice system.



Last Seen Leaving

by Caleb Roehrig

Flynn is struggling with his sexuality when his girlfriend goes missing and he ends up at the centre of suspicion. Can he save the girl he cares about while discovering the truth about himself?



How to Survive Your Murder

by Danielle Valentine

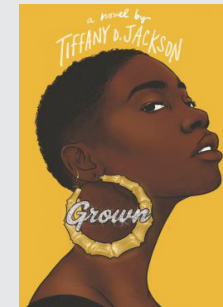
In this fun and twisty slasher, Alice gets sent back to the night of her sister's murder, and she has until midnight to find the murderer and put a stop to it.



Queen of the Tiles

by Hanna Alkaf

When Najwa Bakri's late best friend Trina's Instagram account suddenly becomes active again, it's up to Najwa to investigate the cryptic posts and uncover the truth of Trina's death.



Grown

by Tiffany D. Jackson

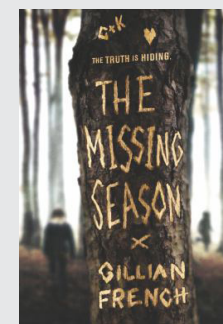
Aspiring musician Enchanted Jones winds up at the centre of a murder investigation when the legendary R&B artist Korey Fields is killed in this YA mystery with heavy themes.



In the Hall With the Knife

by Diana Peterfreund

Based on the iconic board game Clue, this YA novel follows a cast of characters at an elite prep school. When their headmaster's body is found in the conservatory, each one of them is a suspect!



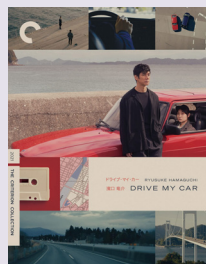
The Missing Season

by Gillian French

In the barren New England town of Pender, kids are snatched every October by a madman called the Mumbler. Is this mythical figure real? New girl in town Clara investigates!

FOR ADULTS

10 Diverse Oscar Winners to Explore



Drive My Car

A quiet, meditative film from Japan, this exploration of love, art, and grief took home the Oscar for Best International Feature Film.



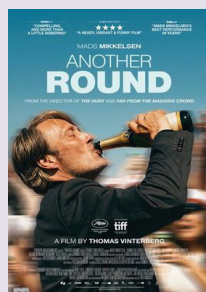
Summer of Soul

This winner of Best Documentary Feature uncovers footage from the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, with performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, and other African American music legends.



Women Talking

Based on the book by Canadian author Miriam Toews, this film about a reckoning in a Mennonite community won a Best Adapted Screenplay Award for Canadian screenwriter Sarah Polley.



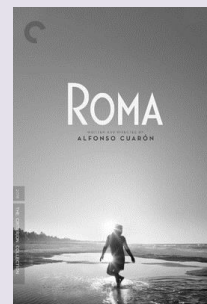
Another Round

This Danish film won the Best International Feature Film Award and follows four high school teachers who embark on a quest of maintaining a 0.5 blood alcohol content. Mayhem ensues!



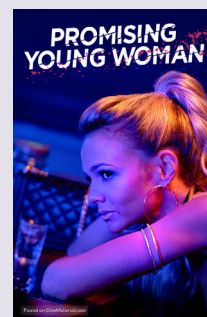
Free Solo

This adrenaline-filled film charts the journey of a free solo climber (someone who climbs without ropes or safety gear) and won the Oscar for Best Documentary Feature.



Roma

Winner of both the Foreign Language Film and Best Director Oscars, this black and white film follows a middle-class Mexican family in the 1970s as seen through the eyes of their Indigenous housekeeper.



Promising Young Woman

Controversial director Emerald Fennell (of recent Saltburn fame) debuted with this polarizing film about a woman's quest for revenge and took home the Best Original Screenplay Award.



Minari

This heartwarming story of a Korean family that moves to Arkansas in the 1980s to start a farm won a Best Supporting Actress Award for Youn Yuh-jung.



A Fantastic Woman

This Chilean film follows a trans waitress and nightclub singer contending with the death of her older boyfriend, and took home the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

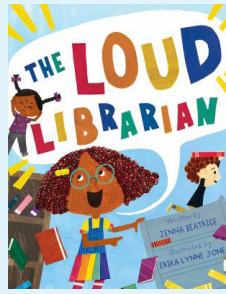


Fences

Viola Davis won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for this film set in 1950s Pittsburgh, in which a retired Black baseball player deals with his family and the changing social landscape.

FOR ALL AGES

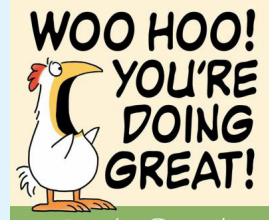
8 Exciting New Titles on our Radar



The Loud Librarian

by Jenna Beatrice

A picture book that's close to our hearts as library workers. Follow Penelope, aspiring librarian, as she discovers we need all types of people in the role.



Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great!

by Sandra Boynton

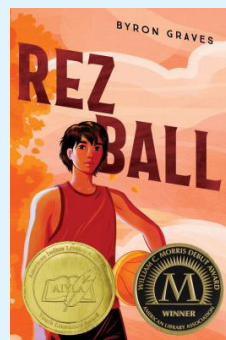
Who would ever expect to receive moral support from a well-meaning chicken? Pick up this picture book for a surprising boost of enthusiasm.



A Kid's Guide to Tabletop RPGs

by Gabriel Hicks

Perhaps parents with an interest in tabletop "Role Playing Games" like Dungeons and Dragons will want to pour over the information and graphics in this junior non-fiction book with their kids.



Rez Ball

by Byron Graves

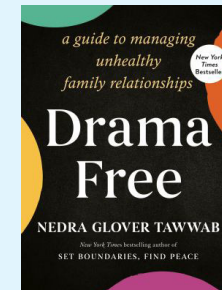
Debut Ojibwe author Byron Graves combines elements of sport fiction with a true-to-life portrait of reservation life in Minnesota.



All These Sunken Souls

A Black Horror Anthology

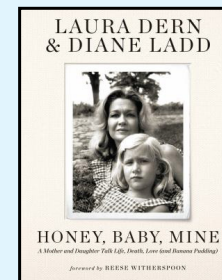
For fans of horror with a dose of representation and social commentary mixed in, there is this anthology featuring black teens.



Drama Free

by Nedra Glover Tawwab

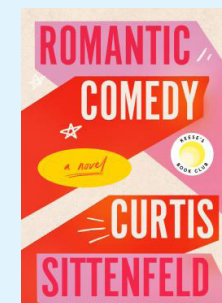
Instagram creator Nedra Glover Tawwab has built a significant following doling out no nonsense, thoughtful advice for dealing with complicated relationships.



Honey, Baby, Mine

by Laura Dern

Well-known actresses Laura Dern and Diane Ladd have collaborated on this unique memoir. Written in the form of conversations between the mother and daughter, the two cover a vast terrain of personal subjects.



Romantic Comedy

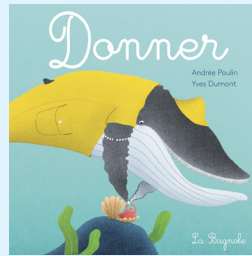
by Curtis Sittenfeld

In a literary ode to the classic sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live, Sittenfeld has crafted an intriguing narrative about comedy writer Sally and the pop star host of the show she falls for.

FRENCH BOOKS - FOR ALL AGES

8 Livres pour célébrer la Francophonie

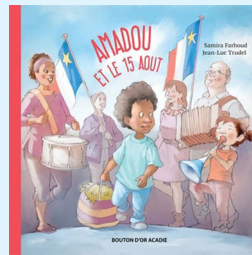
8 Books to Celebrate the Francophonie



Donner

par Andrée Poulin

Écrit par une auteure franco-ontarienne, cet album magnifiquement illustré explore des thèmes tels que le don, le partage, le bonheur et l'ouverture aux autres. Pour les tout-petits. / *Written by a Franco-Ontarian author, this beautifully illustrated picture book explores themes such as giving, sharing, happiness and opening up to others. For young children.*



Amadou et le 15 août

par Samira Farhoud

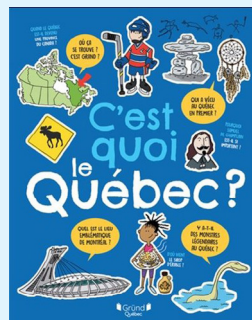
En ce 15 août, fête nationale de l'Acadie, Amadou explore le marché avec sa mère et découvre des gens et des mets de plusieurs pays. Pour les tout-petits. / *On August 15, Amadou celebrates National Acadian Day by going to the market with his mother to discover people and dishes from around the world. For young children.*



Le bonnet magique

par Mireille Messier

La bien-aimée auteure franco-ontarienne Mireille Messier raconte l'histoire d'Isaura et Arlo qui partent à la recherche de gnomes aux pouvoirs magiques afin de faire guérir leur hérisson, Capucin. Pour les tout-petits. / *Well beloved Franco-Ontarian author Mireille Messier tells the story of Isaura and Arlo who go looking for magical gnomes that could heal their hedgehog Capucin. For young children.*



C'est quoi le Québec

par Patrick Couture

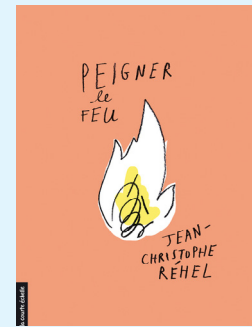
Un livre documentaire illustré pour tout savoir sur le Québec à travers plus de 100 questions. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *In this illustrated nonfiction book, children get to learn about the province of Quebec through more than 100 questions. For school-aged kids.*



À la découverte de la nature du Québec

par Mathieu Fortin

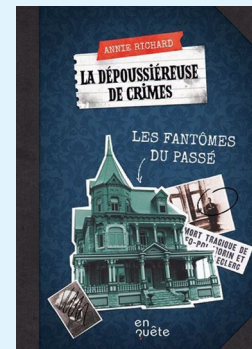
Un livre passionnant et bien illustré pour faire découvrir aux jeunes la merveilleuse nature du Québec. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *A beautifully illustrated book that helps children discover the province of Quebec's wonderful nature. For school-aged kids.*



Peigner le feu

par Jean-Cristophe Réhel

Découvrez les poèmes du talentueux poète Québécois Jean-Cristophe Réhel, qui décrit de façon réaliste et lyrique les années de secondaire. Pour les adolescents. / *Discover the relatable school-themed poems by talented Quebecois artist Jean-Cristophe Réhel. For teens.*



Les fantômes du passé : les lieux les plus hantés du Québec

par Annie Richard

La dépoussiéreuse de crimes enquête dans les archives pour mettre à jour les secrets des fantômes du passé pour découvrir à quel point le Québec est hanté. Pour adultes. / *A deep dive into the archives to discover how haunted Quebec truly is. For adults.*



Poutine nation

par Sylvain Charlebois

Un compte rendu détaillé de l'accession à la gloire de la poutine, ce met canadien-français, qui est devenu une sensation internationale. Pour adultes. / *The story of the rise to fame of the poutine, a staple of French-Canadian cuisine, which has now become an international sensation. For adults.*



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