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9 Books to Celebrate
Asian Cultures



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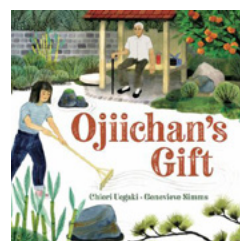
FOR KIDS

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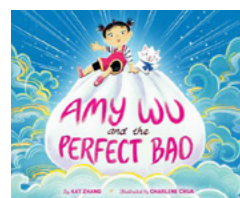
A Spoonful of Time

by Flora Ahn
Food is the key to time travel—and intergenerational bonding—in this middle grade novel about a young Korean girl exploring her family history.



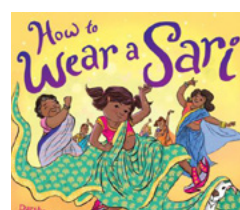
Ojiichan's Gift

by Chieri Uegaki
In this moving tale, Mayumi's grandfather is slowing down and can no longer tend to his traditional Japanese garden, so she makes him a mini one in a bento box.



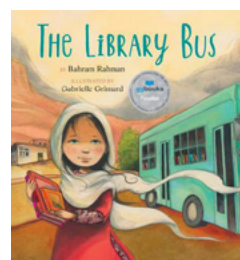
Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao

by Kat Zhang
Amy's family is great at making bao, so why isn't she? In this spunky picture book, Amy learns to make her own not-so-perfect bao.



How to Wear a Sari

by Darshana Khiani
Tired of being treated like a kid, a young Indian-American girl insists on putting together her own sari—with comedic and unexpected results.



The Library Bus

by Bahram Rahman
In Afghanistan, Pari's mother drives a special bus full of library supplies, and Pari helps her hand them out to young girls in refugee camps and villages.



My Fate According to the Butterfly

by Gail D. Villanueva
In modern day Manila, a superstitious Filipina girl attempts to mend the rift between her father and sister while learning her darker family history.



The Boy & the Bindi

by Vivek Shraya
A boy learns about the significance of his mother's bindi and gets a chance to try one for himself, connecting to his culture in unconventional ways.



Eyes that Kiss in the Corners

by Joanna Ho
After feeling self-conscious about her eyes, a young girl looks to her mother and grandmother for empowerment and finds beauty in her differences.



Hair Twins

by Raakhee Mirchandani
A young girl goes through a haircare routine with her long-haired Sikh father in this sweet and playful picture book about a father-daughter bond.

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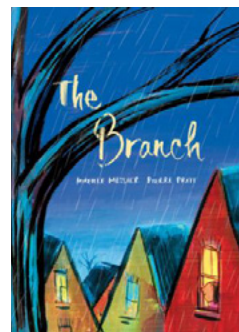
8 Charming Books by Canadian Authors



Are You a Cheeseburger?

by Monica Arnaldo

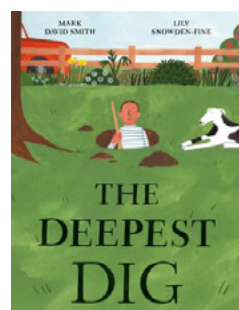
Could Seed grow into a cheeseburger? To find the answer, Grub will need to plant it in the ground and wait patiently. Engaging and insightful, this is a story about friendship and acceptance.



The Branch

by Mireille Messier

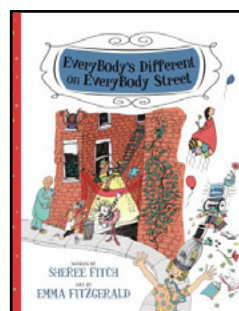
When the icy storm breaks her favourite branch, the young girl decides to keep it. With the help of her thoughtful neighbour and some imagination, she manages to transform the branch into something wonderful.



The Deepest Dig

by Mark David Smith

This entertaining book follows a curious young boy as he discovers a weird object in his backyard. Could it be some buried treasure? Let's dig deeper and uncover the mystery behind this story.



Everybody's Different on Everybody Street

by Sheree Fitch

Embark on this exciting journey to explore Everybody Street where everyone is different. Beautifully illustrated, the book encourages young readers to celebrate diversity and inclusion.



Sakura's Cherry Blossoms

by Robert Paul Weston

In this delightful story, Sakura misses her grandmother and the cherry blossom trees in Japan. She will need to find a way to adjust to her new life in the United States and feel at home again.



The Only Astronaut

by Mahak Jain

As the sole astronaut in her amazing station, Avni enjoys exploring the secrets of the universe. Will she be able to find a friend who shares her passion?



Granny Left Me a Rocket Ship

by Heather Smith

When Granny passes away, she leaves behind cherished items for her family members. Through simple text and vivid artwork, this is a heartfelt guide for conversations about grief.



My Ocean is Blue

by Darren Lebeuf

How would you describe the ocean? Captivating and informative, the book invites children to observe the wonders of the ocean and appreciate its beauty.

KIDS FRENCH BOOKS

8 Nouveaux livres pour enfants

New Kids' Titles to Discover



Congé pour papa

par Nicole Poirier
Sophie s'occupe de tout pour permettre à son papa de prendre un congé bien-mérité. Pour les tout-petits. / *Sophie takes care of everything to allow her dad to take a well-deserved break. For young children.*



L'oiseau rouge

par Élodie Duhameau
Un chat déguisé demande à un oiseau de lui montrer comment voler. Pour les tout-petits. / *A cat in disguise asks a bird to show him how to fly. For young children.*



Papa est une princesse

par Dana Blue
Une réécriture du conte de Cendrillon remplie de magie et de paillettes pour introduire les enfants au monde du drag. Pour les tout-petits. / *A retelling of the Cinderella tale filled with glitter and magic, to introduce kids to the world of drag. Four young children.*



Le gros problème de Noah

par Anthony Antoniou
Noah essaie de jouer avec son frère Gabriel, mais ce n'est pas toujours facile car Gabriel voit le monde un peu différemment de Noah. Pour les tout-petits. / *Noah tries to play with his brother Gabriel, but that's not always easy because Gabriel sees the world a little different than Noah. For school-aged kids.*



Je ne m'appelle pas Coco!

par Pierrette Dubé
Un perroquet est volé par des bandits qui font de l'importation illégale d'animaux exotiques. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *A parrot is stolen by bandits involved in illegal smuggling of exotic animals. For school-aged kids.*



Morane adooooore parler!

par Emilie Ouelette
Morane aime parler et ça lui cause souvent des problèmes. Mais une nouvelle enseignante lui fait une proposition qui changera sa vie. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Morane loves to talk and usually that gets her in trouble. But a new teacher has a proposition that will change her life. For school-aged kids.*



Le jeu qui voulait ma peau

par Magali Laurent
Jackson est pris au milieu d'un jeu de réalité augmentée qui est un peu trop réel. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Jackson is caught in the middle of an augmented reality game that seems a little too real. For school-aged kids.*



Opération mange-gardiens: non au gaspillage alimentaire!

par Joan Sénéchal
Un documentaire qui incite les jeunes lecteurs à réfléchir sur le gaspillage alimentaire. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *A non-fiction book that encourages young readers to think critically about food waste. For school-aged kids.*

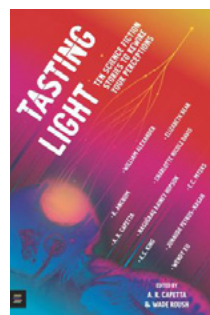
FOR TEENS

8 Short Story Collections for Teens On-The-Go



Unbroken

The representation in this genre-defying collection is wonderful. Each story is not only told from the perspective of a person with a disability, but also written by one too!



Tasting Light

As the title alludes, the concept of synesthesia (experiencing one sense through another) is apt to describe these ten science fiction narratives. Several of them explore the senses in examining the potential impact of cutting-edge technologies on the future.



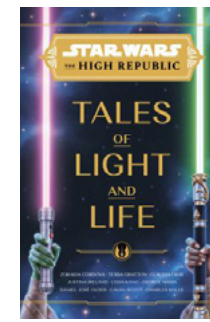
Alone in Space

by Tillie Walden
This collection of Walden's sketches and short comics captures her progression as a skilled artist. Influenced by Hayao Miyazaki's style of animation, there are fantastical worlds to explore here amongst themes of coming-of-age and queerness.



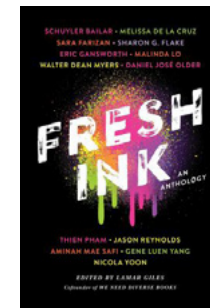
Cool. Awkward. Black.

Focusing on black characters crafted by black authors, these stories illuminate and explore the nuances of geekiness using a variety of genres.



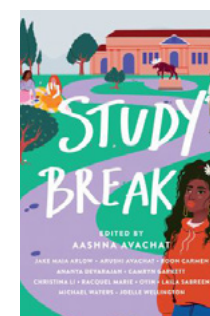
Tales of Light and Life

Part of the High Republic Star Wars novels, these 'tales' take place throughout the three chronological 'Phases' of the series. There is so much complexity and intricate detail to explore in the Star Wars fictional universe, this might be a good place to start!



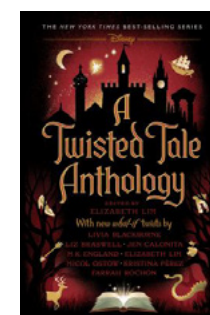
Fresh Ink

Diversity is at the forefront of this anthology that includes a short graphic novel and a one-act play.



Study Break

11 stories about college life straight from Gen Z writers. The same fictional college serves as the backdrop to these interconnected 'tales' of figuring out who you are and what direction your life will take.

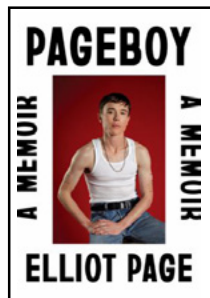


A Twisted Tale Anthology

A little something for Disney fans, this collection is part of the Twisted Tales series of adapted Disney classics. The Little Mermaid, Mulan, and The Princess and the Frog are all given fresh twists.

FOR ADULTS

9 Chronicles of Fascinating Lives



Pageboy

by Elliot Page

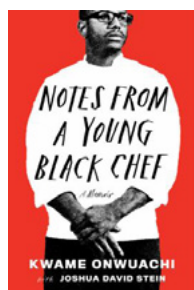
Elliot Page's coming-out as a trans man made headlines in 2020. Pick up his memoir for a glimpse into the Canadian actor and producer's career, turbulent upbringing, and romances.



What Have We Here?

by Billy Dee Williams

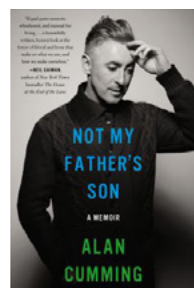
This book is not a trap! And if you get that reference, you'll probably enjoy this autobiography from the actor who played Lando Calrissian in multiple Star Wars films.



Notes From A Young Black Chef

by Kwame Onwuachi

Follow the ascent of a young, black apprentice chef fighting his way to the top of the culinary ladder. Fans of Top Chef may recognize the author from season 13 of the show.



Not My Father's Son

by Alan Cumming

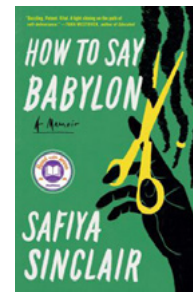
This memoir from acclaimed actor Alan Cumming (The Good Wife) moves between the formative experiences in his past and the revelations brought forward by his involvement in the television program Who Do You Think You Are?



I Survived Capitalism and All I Got Was This Lousy T-shirt

by Madeline Pendleton

After starting a radically different kind of business where the employees share the profits with the CEO, work four days a week, and have as much time off as they need, Madeline Pendleton sat down to write this memoir/personal finance guide to share everything she's learned.



How to Say Babylon

by Safiya Sinclair

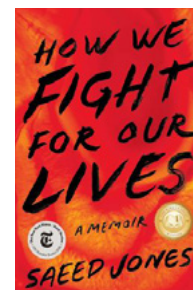
With an oppressive father who had strict rules for her and her sisters, Safiya Sinclair took up poetry as a medium of expressing her emotions. Such feelings were made only more complex after her move (against her father's wishes) to America.



Easy Beauty

by Chloé Cooper Jones

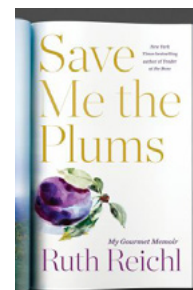
Pulitzer Prize finalist for journalism Chloé Cooper Jones shares her experience of living with a 'congenital spine condition' called sacral agenesis, which causes her considerable pain. Amongst observations about the marginalization of people with disabilities, she examines the philosophy of "easy beauty" and proposes the notion of "difficult beauty" instead.



How We Fight for Our Lives

by Saeed Jones

Poet and author Saeed Jones paints a portrait of growing up queer and black in a Southern US family where it was taboo to say the word "gay."



Save Me the Plums

by Ruth Reichl

Over ten years as editor-in-chief of Gourmet magazine, Ruth Reichl navigated a high-brow world of culinary media. In her latest memoir, her years of running the magazine are explored in depth by an accomplished voice in the North American food world.

FOR ALL AGES

9 Compelling New Titles to Discover



You're Going to Love This Book!

by Jory John
Attention, friends! You are going to enjoy every single minute of this hilarious picture book. Are you wondering what it has got in store for you? Let's check it out!



Listen to This

by Jennifer Blecher
Geared towards grades 4-6, the novel follows Lily and Will as they try to navigate the challenges of their middle school life. An engaging story about the complexities of friendship.



Save Our Seeds

by Sheryl Normandeau
Perfect for middle-grade children, the book explains the importance of seeds for our planet and what measures we must take to preserve them. An informative read not to be missed.



The Lightning Circle

by Vikki VanSickle
After a painful experience, seventeen-year-old Nora decides to become a counsellor at an all-girls' camp where she finds comfort and support. An emotional depiction of the healing power of friendship.



A Whole Song and Dance

by Sarvenaz Tash
This uplifting YA novel follows Nasrin whose great passion for theatre is not what her parents would like for her. Will she be able to find balance between her lifetime dream and family expectations?



The Getaway List

by Emma Lord
After several years of separation, two friends reunite to finally complete the activities they planned together. This getaway list will become the key to their self-discovery.



Falling for Alaska

by Belle Calhoun
When Xavier moves to Moose Falls to help his grandmother with their family business, his world takes an unexpected turn. A heartwarming romance novel that will make you fall for Alaska.



The Wind Knows My Name

by Isabel Allende
This historical fiction portrays two children from different parts of the world whose lives are affected by the horrors of war and immigration. A thought-provoking story about family bonds.



The 5 Resets

by Aditi Nerurkar
Stress management is crucial for our physical and mental well-being. In this informative guide, Dr. Aditi Nerurkar suggests five practical strategies to help shift our mindset and become more resilient.



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