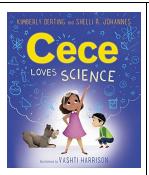
Dorsey's 2020 Booktalk Selections and More

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Cece Loves Science by Kimberly Derting (2018)

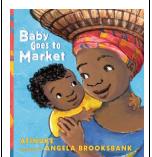


Science / STEM

The Loves Science series is a fabulous PreK-2 series for the younger set. My favorite so far is the original Cece Loves Science. Cece and her friend Isaac research, collect data, analyze results to investigate and answer the self-chosen question "Do dogs eat vegetables?". They use her dog Einstein as the subject matter. Spoiler alert, their research results show that Einstein will only eat vegetables **if** blended in a smoothie.

Libby Loves Science is the 2020 book. Cece Loves Science AND Adventure was published in 2019.

Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke (2019)



Math / Counting / Sharing

Baby Goes to Market takes place in a Nigerian marketplace, where a darling baby, on the back of her mother, visit many different food sellers. Unbeknownst to Mom, each seller gives treats to the adorable baby who samples them and then adds to the basket on her Mom's head. How many delicious goodies are in the basket when it's time to go home? Count and see.

The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar (2019)



Social Emotional Learning / Moving / Friendship

Harpreet loves to wear many colored patkas or turbans based on how he is feeling, red for courage and pink for dancing, but when his family relocates to a cold, snowy new town, Harpreet wears only his white patka to help him feel invisible in his new town. He ends up making a friend who likes his hat and he likes hers and ultimately resumes wearing the many color patka of Harpreet Singh.

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beatty (2019)



Social Science / Community Activism

On a walk with her grandpa, Sofia's grandfather falls and hurts his ankle on trash from Mount Trashmore, an area in their neighborhood! Sofia decides Mount Trashmore must be replaced by a beautiful park and rallies her neighbors and the Mayor to get it built. The team signs petitions, designs, plans and builds the new park for all to enjoy. Someone alludes to the fact that with her skills at community organizing, identifying and solving neighborhood problems, Sofia Valdez would make a great Future "Prez".

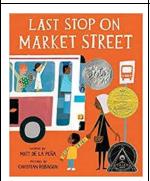
Little Libraries, Big Heroes by Miranda Paul (2019)



Informational Text / Community / Ordinary Heroes

Tod Bol is the creator of the Little Free Library Movement. His mom was a librarian and after she died, he put up the first little free library in her honor, to spread the joy and love of reading. The idea spread quickly, engaging children and adults to build and maintain the libraries to share books. From Chicago to New Orleans to El Paso to a refugee camp in Uganda, a Wisconsin prison, Brazil, South Korea, Sudan and more. There are now 75,000 little free libraries around the world to share books with people who may not otherwise have access to books.

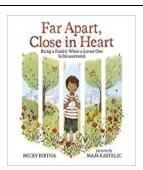
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña (2017)



Urban Neighborhood / Poverty/ Sharing

CJ and his Grandmother leave church and travel on a bus through their neighborhood to a soup kitchen. Grandma helps CJ understand the importance of individuals in their neighborhood, of giving back to the community and of appreciating beauty that is all around you.

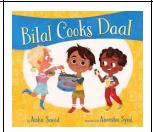
Far Apart, Close in Heart by Becky Birtha



Incarcerated Family Member / Feelings

Being a Family when a loved one is incarcerated can be very difficult. Rashid is angry with his mom. Juana feels torn apart when her siblings are split up because her Mami is arrested. Yen has questions. Atian starts acting up in class. Jermaine talks to his Grandpa about bullying from the boys on his team. The variety of situations and characters helps provide options for students in stressful situations.

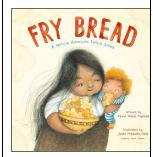
Bilal Cooks Daal by Aisha Saeed



Cultural Acceptance / Friendship / Cooking

Bilal is delighted to introduce and share his favorite food, Daal, to his friends. Bilal and his Dad prepare Channa Daal with the help of Bilal's enthusiastic friends who have a hard time waiting for the Daal that takes so long, so much patience to be just right. There is a recipe at the end of the book for Daal.

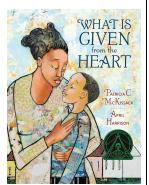
Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard



First Nation Culture and Pride / Poetry

This new Native American family story shares the significance of Fry Bread to a Native American nation. Fry bread is color, deep like coffee, siena or earth. Fry bread is art: sculpture, landscape, portrait, our daily craft, a cycle of heritage and fortune. Fry bread is history; the long walk, the stolen land, strangers in our own world with unknown food, we made new recipes from what we had.

What Is Given
from the Heart by
Patricia McKissack



Poverty / Sharina

Nine year old James Otis and his Mom live in tremendous poverty, suffering the death of James father, a flood and more. Their church is preparing a love box to share with Sarah and her mother who lost everything in a fire. James thinks long and hard about what he can give Sarah despite his circumstances. He makes her a book about a girl named Sarah which she treasures.

A New Home by Tania de Regil (2019)



Moving / Fears / Universality of Emotions

A girl in Mexico City and a boy in New York City are both moving. Every page explains their similar worries about moving. Will there be museums, theater and will I make friends? As their two families pass one another in the airport, the reader is excited and confident about each of their journeys.

Saturday by Oge Mora



Family / Expectations / Love

Ava's mother worked Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Saturdays were the days they both cherished. They visited the library, the beauty parlor and the park on Saturday, but this Saturday, nothing seemed to work out right. That's when Ava realized it is just the time they spend together that is most important.

Our Favorite Day by Joowon Oh



Grandparents / Culture / Love

Thursday is Papa's favorite day! Every day he wakes up, drinks tea, and heads to the diner for dumplings, but on Thursdays, he makes an extra stop at the craft store to get materials to make projects with his beloved grand-daughter, who visits on Thursdays. It seems her favorite days are Thursdays as well.

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o



Skin Color Self-Acceptance

Sulwe addresses colorism in the African-American community. Sulwe was born with skin the color of midnight. She longed to be the same shade as her lighter skinned family members. She used an eraser, makeup, prayer and even eating light colored foods to have lighter skin. A story about how day and night need one another to exist, helps Sulwe appreciate her dark complexion.

When Aiden Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff	WHEN AIDAN BECAME A BROTHER Note that if Keysten bronze	Siblings/ Gender Identity Aiden was born a girl but never felt comfortable in his room or in his clothes. He explains to his parents that he is actually a boy. His parents embrace his identity and let him choose his new name Aiden. When his parents tell him he will soon be a big brother, Aiden wants to make sure the new baby feels understood and comfortable.
How Will I Talk to Abuela? / ¿Cómo voy a hablar con Abuela? por María de la Luz Reyes	How will TALK to ABULLA? By Maria de la Lux Reyes By Maria de la Lux Reyes By Maria de la Lux Reyes Budery Budery la	Language Learning / Communication Barriers A semi-autobiographical story about five year old David who is nervous about his Grandma's visit. She primarily speaks Spanish and he speaks English. Watching Abuelita and his Mama cooking in a comal, playing Loteria together and more, helps both Abuela and David learn a new language. Available in Spanish and English.
My Footprints by Bao Phi	MY FOOTPRINTS After by the file of linderly by bane the	Family Structure / Bullying Thuy (Twee) is coping with teasing from young boys. Thuy (Twee) has two moms, She doesn't want to talk about it but wants to drag her feet through the snow making different prints to try to worry the boys, but finds her own strength instead.
Mama's Work Shoes by Caron Levis	Mama's Work Shoes	Separation Anxiety Perry knows the sounds of mom's different shoes and the clues they give to where they are headed. The flip flop shoes for the beach, pat-put shoes for puddles, but the new click-clack shoes meant mama was leaving Perry with Grandma while Mama was at work. Perry hides all of mom's shoes to keep this from happening again!
The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Mohammad	Ditting Muhammed Butting Muhammed Buttin	Respecting Differences / Bullying Faizah is very excited and happy for her older sister Asiya who will be wearing her beautiful new blue hijab to school for the first time this school year! Faizah is shocked and hurt when she hears people bully her sister and takes pride in her sister's ability to ignore the bullies.