

# Award Winners

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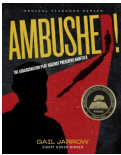


## Indigenous Peoples' Day

by Katrina M. Phillips | J 394.7 PHI E

The second Monday in October is a day to honor Native American people, their histories and cultures. People mark the day with food, dancing, and songs. Discover

how a shared holiday can have multiple traditions and be celebrated in all sorts of ways. **630 Lexile**

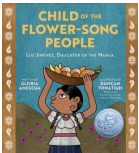


## Ambushed! : The Assassination Plot Against President Garfield

by Gail Jarrow | J 921 Garfield

James Abram Garfield, the 20th President of the United States, was assassinated when he was shot by Charles Guiteau in

July 1881, less than four months after he was elected president. The fascinating story of the relationship between Garfield and Guiteau, and relates the gruesome details of Garfield's slow and agonizing death. **1020 Lexile**

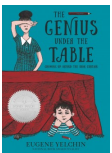


## Child of the Flower-Song People : Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua

by Gloria Amescua | J 921 Jimenez

This visually stunning biography tells the extraordinary story of how model and teacher Luz Jiménez became the soul of Mexico a living link between the indigenous Nahua and the rest of the world.

Illustrations. **1020 Lexile**

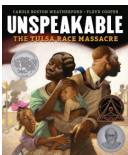


## The Genius Under the Table : Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

by Eugene Yelchin | J 921 Yelchin

A blend of comic timing and disarming poignancy, the award-winning author and artist recounts his childhood in Cold War

Russia as a young boy desperate to understand his place in his family. @



## Unspeakable : The Tulsa Race Massacre

by Carole Boston Weatherford | J 976.686 WEA

A powerful look at the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history.

**1100 Lexile** @

These books can be found in **OLDER FICTION**.

@ Electronic book or audiobook available



## Almost Flying

by Jake Maia Arlow

Future stepsisters, Dalia and Alexa, embark on a roadtrip and when Alexa reveals that her girlfriend will be joining, Dalia promises to keep her secret, but realizes she may have one of her own.

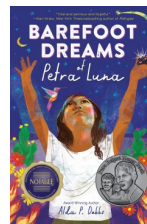
**760 Lexile** @



## The Sea in Winter

by Christine Day

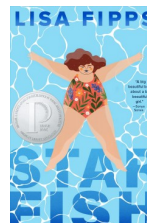
After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her blended family's midwinter road trip along the coast, near the Makah community where her mother grew up. @



## Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna

by Alda P. Dobbs

After her mother dies and her father is dragged away by soldiers in 1931 during the Mexican Revolution, 12-year-old Petra Luna will do anything to keep her family safe and lead them to a better life across the U.S. border. **730 Lexile** @



## Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

A debut novel-in-verse follows the experiences of a girl who tries to change her behavior when she is bullied for her weight, before a swimming hobby, a kind therapist and an accepting new neighbor help her embrace her true self. @



## The Last Cuentista

by Donna Barba Higuera

There lived a girl named Petra Peña, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children--

among them Petra and her family--have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. **730 Lexile** @

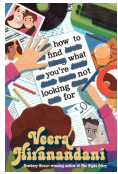


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## How to Find What You're Not Looking For

by Veera Hiranandani

Twelve-year-old Ariel's life changes when her big sister elopes following the 1967 Loving v. Virginia decision, and she is forced

to grapple with both her family's prejudice and the antisemitism she experiences, as she defines her own beliefs. **690 Lexile @**



## Temple Alley Summer

by Sachiko Kashiwaba

One rainy night, Kazu sees a strange figure in a white kimono sneak out of his house--was he dreaming? Was it a ghost? The next day at school, the same person is sitting in

his class--and his friends are convinced that the ghost-girl Akari has been their friend for years. **620 Lexile @**

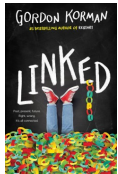


## Amina's Song

by Hena Khan

Feeling pulled between two cultures after a month with family in Pakistan, Amina shares her experiences with Wisconsin classmates through an assignment and a songwriting

project with new student Nico. **800 Lexile @**



## Linked

When swastikas begin appearing all over town, Link, Michael and Dana, the only Jewish girl in town, must face crimes both past and present to find the truth.

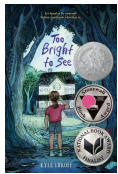
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## Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

Told in verse, Reha, already dealing with being the only Indian American student in middle school, must now take care of her mother diagnosed with leukemia. **@**



## Too Bright to See

by Kyle Lukoff

In the summer before middle school, eleven-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghost haunting; and

the truth about Bug's gender identity. **@**



## A Kind of Spark

by Elle McNicoll

When she discovers that her small Scottish town used to burn witches simply because they were different, a neurodivergent girl who sees and hears things others cannot

refuses to let them be forgotten. **580 Lexile @**



## A Bird Will Soar

by Alison Green Myers

After a tornado, Axel, who loves birds, finds an injured eaglet, and helps to rescue it--and also helps to resolve the problems in his broken family, and draw his father back

home. **720 Lexile @**



## Finding Junie Kim

Motivated by an act of racism at her school, Junie Kim learns about her ancestral heritage and her grandparent's experiences as lost children during the Korean War. **@**



## Stuntboy, In the Meantime

by Jason Reynolds

While leading a double life as Stuntboy, who secretly keeps all the other superheroes super safe, Portico Reeve tries to keep his parents marriage together, deal

with his anxiety and an enemy who vows to prove there is nothing super about him. **@**



## Front Desk

by Kelly Yang

Immigrants from China and desperate for work, Mia's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in the early 1990s. Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with

demanding customers and other recent immigrants.

**640 Lexile @**



## Healer of the Water Monster

by Brian Young

A debut novel inspired by Native-American culture follows the experiences of a boy whose summer at his grandmother's reservation home is shaped by his uncle's

addictions and an encounter with a sacred being from the Navajo Creation Story. **@**