

BEST MULTICULTURAL BOOKS OF 2013

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AFRICA IS MY HOME: A CHILD OF THE AMISTAD, by Monica Edinger, illustrated by Robert Byrd, 55 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, historical fiction)

BOXERS & SAINTS [two-volume set], written and illustrated by Gene Luen Yang, [volume one, 328 pages; volume two, 170 pages], published by First Second, ©2013 (High school/Middle school, graphic novel, historical fiction)

COUNTING BY 7s, by Holly Goldberg Sloan, 380 pages, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, ©2013 (Middle school, fiction)

COURAGE HAS NO COLOR: THE TRUE STORY OF THE TRIPLE NICKLES, AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK PARATROOPERS, by Tanya Lee Stone, photographs by various photographers, foreword by Ashley Bryan, 147 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction)

CREATOR'S GAME, THE: A STORY OF BAAGA'ADOWE/LACROSSE, by Art Coulson, illustrated by Robert Desjarlait, 48 pages, published by Minnesota Historical Society Press, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

DARIUS & TWIG, by Walter Dean Myers, 201 pages, published by Amistad, ©2013 (High school, fiction)

DIEGO RIVERA: AN ARTIST FOR THE PEOPLE, by Susan Rubin Goldman, photographs by various photographers, 56 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction/biography)

ELEANOR & PARK, by Rainbow Rowell, 475 pages, published by St. Martin's Griffin, ©2013 (High school, fiction)

HOW I BECAME A GHOST: A CHOCTAW TRAIL OF TEARS STORY, by Tim Tingle, 141 pages, published by RoadRunner Press, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, historical fiction)

IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE, by Eric L. Gansworth, 359 pages, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, ©2013 (Middle school, fiction)

KENTA AND THE BIG WAVE, written and illustrated by Ruth Ohi, 32 pages, published by Annick Press, ©2013 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

KILLER OF ENEMIES, by Joseph Bruchac, 361 pages, published by Tu Books, an imprint of Lee & Low Books, Inc., ©2013 (High school, science fiction)

KNOCK, KNOCK: MY DAD'S DREAM FOR ME, by Daniel Beaty, illustrated by Bryan Collier, 40 pages, published by Little, Brown, and Company, ©2013 (Upper elementary, fiction, picture book)

LIGHTNING DREAMER, THE: CUBA'S GREATEST ABOLITIONIST, by Margarita Engle, 182 pages, published by Harcourt, ©2013 (Middle school/High school, historical fiction)

LITTLE YOU, by Richard Van Camp, illustrated by Julie Flett, 24 pages, published by Orca, ©2013 (Preschool, fiction, board book)

LOOKS LIKE DAYLIGHT: VOICES OF INDIGENOUS KIDS, edited by Deborah Ellis, photographs by various photographers, foreword by Loriene Roy, 252 pages, illustrations, published by Groundwood Books, ©2013 (High school, non-fiction)

MARCH, BOOK ONE, written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell, 121 pages, published by Top Shelf Productions, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, graphic novel-memoir)

MARISOL MCDONALD AND THE CLASH / MARISOL MCDONALD Y LA FIESTA SIN IGUAL, by Monica Brown, illustrated by Sara Palacios, 33 pages, published by Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee & Low Books, Inc., ©2013 (Preschool/Elementary School, picture book)

MARTIN & MAHALIA: HIS WORDS, HER SONG, written by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney, 40 pages, published by Little, Brown and Company, ©2013 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

NELSON MANDELA, written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson, 40 pages, published by Katherin Tegen Books, ©2013 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

NIÑO WRESTLES THE WORLD, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales, 32 pages, published Roaring Brook Press, ©2013 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

PANCHO RABBIT AND THE COYOTE: A MIGRANT'S TALE, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatich, 32 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2013 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

PARROTS OVER PUERTO RICO, by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore, illustrated by Susan L. Roth, 42 pages, Lee & Low Books, Inc., ©2013 (Elementary school, nonfiction, picture book)

P.S. BE ELEVEN, by Rita Williams-Garcia, 274 pages, published by Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers (Upper elementary/Middle school, fiction)

SPLASH OF RED, A: THE LIFE AND ART OF HORACE PIPPIN, by Jennifer Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet, 34 pages, published by Alfred A. Knopf, c2013 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

THIS IS THE ROPE: A STORY FROM THE GREAT MIGRATION, by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by James Ransome, 32 pages, published by Nancy Paulson Books, ©2013 (Elementary school, historical fiction, picture book)

TITO PUENTE, MAMBO KING / TITO PUENTE, REY DEL MAMBO, by Monica Brown, illustrated by Rafael Lopez, 32 pages, published by Rayo, ©2013 (Elementary school, biography, picture book)

TORTOISE & THE HARE, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, 33 pages, published by Little, Brown and Company, ©2013 (Elementary school, folklore, picture book)

THING ABOUT LUCK, THE, by Cynthia Kadohata, illustrated by Julia Kuo, 269 pages, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

UP IN THE HAWAIIAN SKY, by Lavonne Leong, Illustrated by Jing Jing Tsong, 18 pages, published by Beach House Publishing, ©2013 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, board book)

WHEN I WAS EIGHT, by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard, 32 pages, published by Annick Press, ©2013 (Elementary school, biography, picture book)

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YES, WE ARE LATINOS, by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy, illustrated by David Diaz, 96 pages, published by Charlesbridge, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, short stories, fiction)