

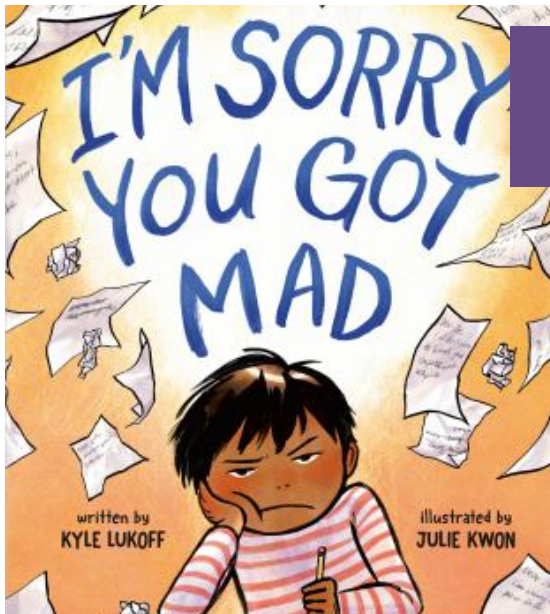
# SELECTIONS JR.

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Monthly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



## *I'm Sorry You Got Mad*

Kyle Lukoff

Learning how to say your sorry with sincerity is hard. Jack has upset a classmate. With gentle guidance from a teacher, Jack learns how to apologize. Text is presented in notes between Jack, his teacher and his classmate. A story we can all take something away from.

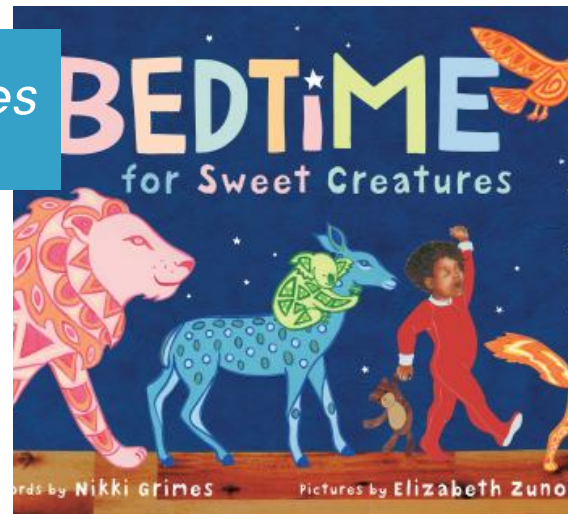
- Andrea L

## *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures*

Nikki Grimes

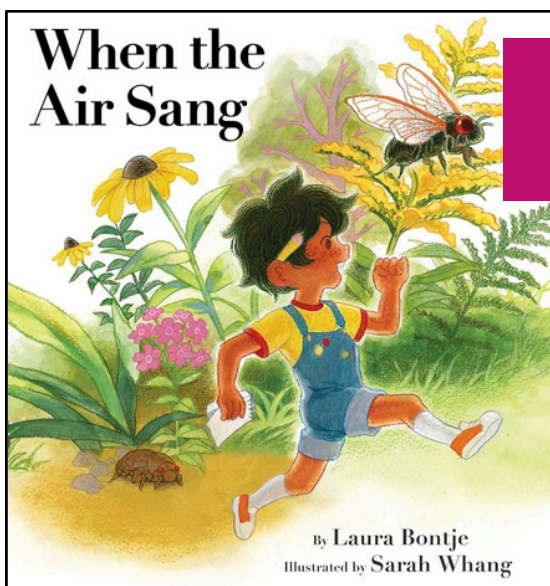
Animals star in this familiar tale of a little one who's not quite ready to go to bed! The child growls like a bear, hisses like a snake, and clings like a koala... finally climbing into their parents' bed to fall asleep. Colorful illustrations pair perfectly with humorous text.

- Kary H.



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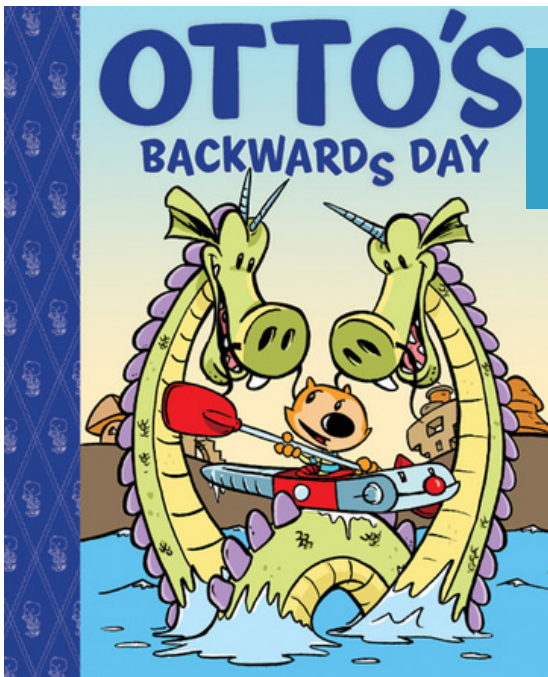


## *When the Air Sang*

Laura Bontje

With detailed colored pencil illustrations, this story connects 4 generations of a family through their experiences of the 17-year cicada broods. Backmatter goes into the biology of these cicadas for an added treat.

- Dylan G.  
(CW: bugs)



# Otto's Backwards Day

Frank Cammuso

When Otto and Toot follow a birthday thief into a backwards world, they learn about palindromes and the importance of family. Its dynamic, engaging illustrations and fast-paced comedic story can be easily understood, using the tips for kids reading comics at the book's end.

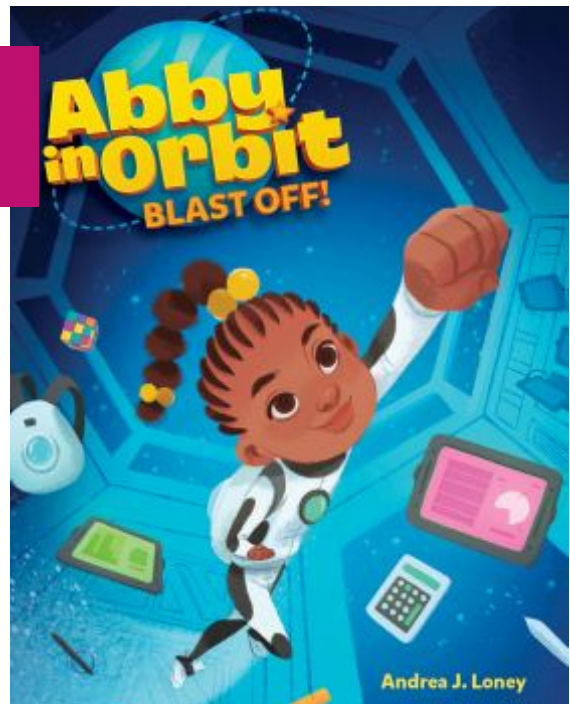
- Sean C.

# Abby in Orbit

Andrea J. Loney

Abby and her friends are a fun cast of characters! I appreciate this series because it takes your typical school story and puts it in a new setting: SPACE! I relate to Abby, and I like how she works together with her friends! The illustrations are great, too.

- Emily M.



# Weirdest Animals on the Planet

Jennifer Szymanski

Learn about some amazingly weird animals! See a fish that has legs, a moth that looks like a bird, and what animal's poop is cubed shape. Find out what other wild things you can learn.

- Megan S.



## A Seed in the Sun

Aida Salazar

This is a beautiful novel in verse about the 1965 labor strike. Lula, who is normally very quiet, must find her voice to stand up to her father, and convince him to let her help with the strike. Features real historical figures from that time, and focuses on a part of the Civil Rights Movement that no other juv fiction book does!

- Emily K.

(CW: racism, parental abuse, child labor)

## One Wrong Step

Jennifer A. Neilson

Another great book by Jennifer Nielsen! Can Atlas and Maddie save their parents from an avalanche on world's highest mountain?

Thrilling, suspenseful, and accurate in depicting what it's like to climb the world's highest mountain. Great choice for teens and adventure lovers!

- Kathy K.

(CW: Extreme physical danger inherent in climbing)



## The Legend of Zelda:

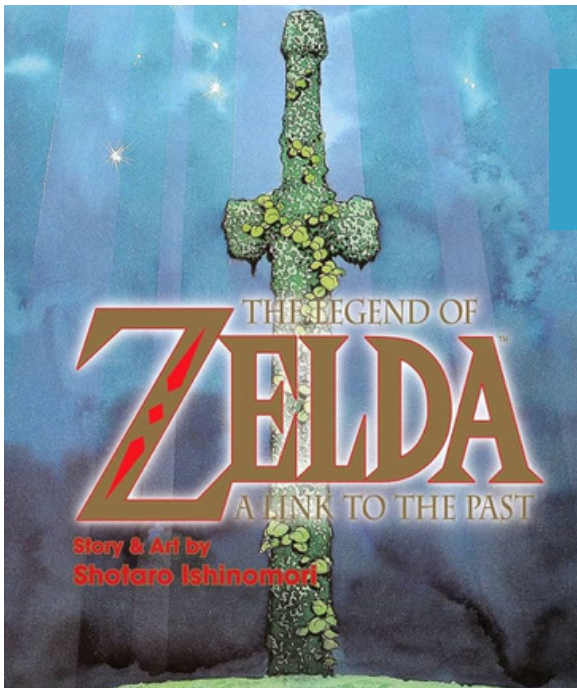
A Link to the Past

Shōtarō Ishinomori

This is fun adaptation of the classic game. The retro art style gives it a distinct personality. Its perfect for any fan of Legend of Zelda!

- Joseph G.

(CW: cartoon violence)





# Skip and Loafer

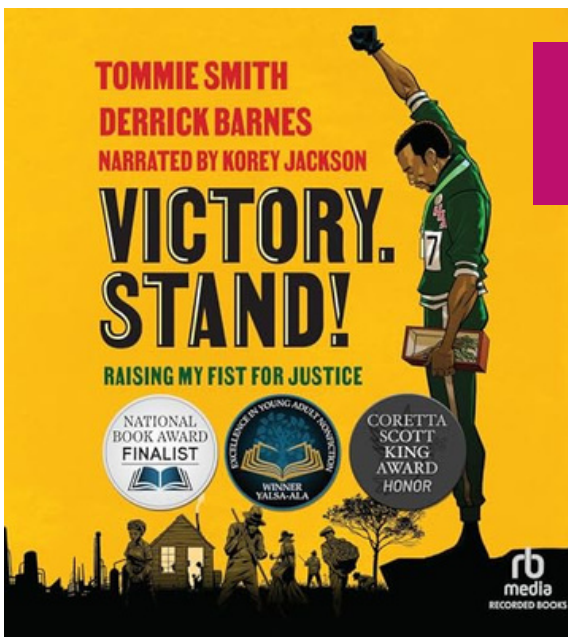
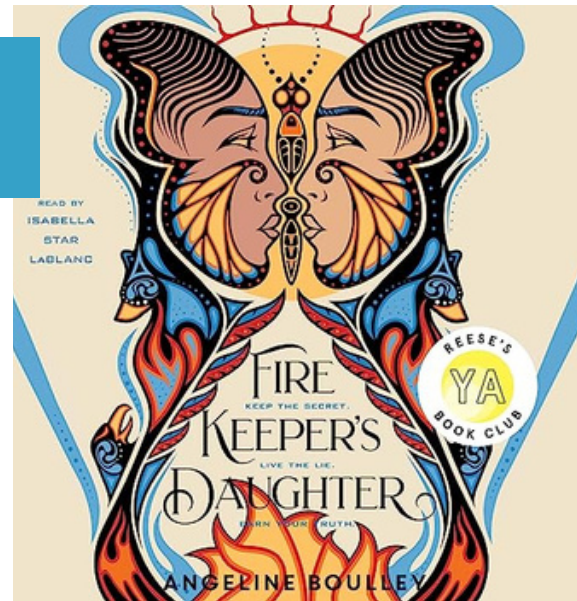
Misaki Takamatsu

Skip and Loafer is a fun and endearing story about a highschooler named Mitsumi who leaves her home in the countryside of Japan to go to school in Tokyo! She navigates friendship, city life, and even romance with the help of a mysterious boy named Shima.  
- Steph M.

# Firekeeper's Daughter

Angeline Boulley

When a dangerous form of meth begins causing deaths on the Ojibwe reservation and her best friend is murdered, Daunis uses her knowledge of science and native medicine to uncover the seller. Tribal culture and issues facing tribal communities weave into this page-turner.  
- Melissa S.  
(CW: rape, drugs, racism, and death)



# Victory, Stand! Raising my Fist for Justice

Tommie Smith

This is the story of Tommie Smith, Olympic Gold medalist who stood up to racism in the 1968 Summer Games. Though ostracized at the time, today he's applauded for standing up for his beliefs during extremely turbulent times.  
- Stuart O.  
(CW: racism)