



READING LIST FOR GLOBAL STUDENTS 2025

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 3

I am Cherished

 By Onome Ako & illustrated by Ken Daley

This affirming story will resonate with every child who needs to stand up for their big, beautiful name, and encourage people from all backgrounds to think about their own unique connections to their names.



Come and Join Us!

 By Liz Kleinrock & illustrated by Chaaya Prabhat

Who says the holidays only happen in the winter? Every day's a holiday when you live in a world as diverse as ours! From Juneteenth to Vesak, and Yom Kippur to Día de Muertos, the festivities never end. Perfect for discussions about de-centering winter holidays!

Salma the Syrian Chef

 By Danny Ramadan & illustrated by Anna Bron

Salma wants to make a homemade Syrian meal, but she doesn't know the recipe, or what to call the vegetables in English, or where to find the right spices! Luckily, the Welcome Center is happy to lend a hand—and a sprinkle of sumac.

The Hockey Skates

 By Karl Subban & illustrated by Maggie Zeng

Inspired by Karl Subban's son, NHL star P.K. Subban, *The Hockey Skates* is a story about maintaining perseverance and optimism through a series of comical misfortunes—all of which are brought to life by Maggie Zeng's charming illustrations.

GRADES 4-6

Hurricane Child

 By Kacen Callender

Being born during a hurricane is unlucky, and twelve-year-old Caroline has had her share of bad luck lately. She's hated and bullied by everyone in her small school until a new student named Kalinda arrives, and Caroline's luck begins to turn around.

Chasing Bats and Tracking Rats

 By Dr Cylita Guy & illustrated by Cornelia Li

What can city bees tell us about climate change? How are we changing coyote behavior? And what the heck is a science bike? Dr. Cylita Guy shows how studying urban wildlife can help us make cities around the world healthier for all of their inhabitants.

Sail Me Away Home

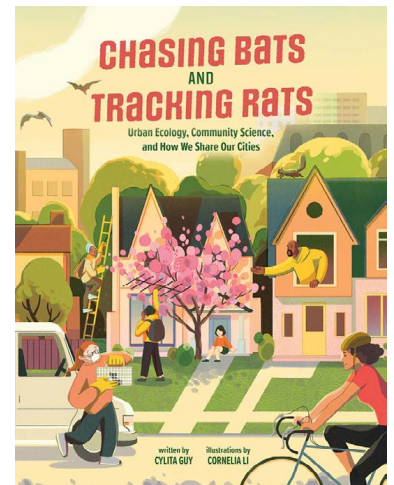
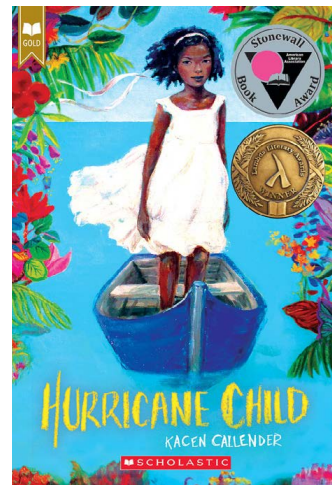
 By Ann Clare LeZotte

As the third book in the "Show Me a Sign" trilogy, *Sail Me Away Home* shines a light on the origins of formal deaf education and celebrates the fullness of the deaf experience.

Movers, Shakers, History Makers: The Canadian Black History Book of Rhymes

 By Akiyah Newton & illustrated by Danielle Murrell Cox

Meet 26 inspiring politicians, artists, trailblazers and athletes, one for each letter of the alphabet. This celebration of black heroes has rhythm and rhymes to keep your young audience engaged.



 Canadian author



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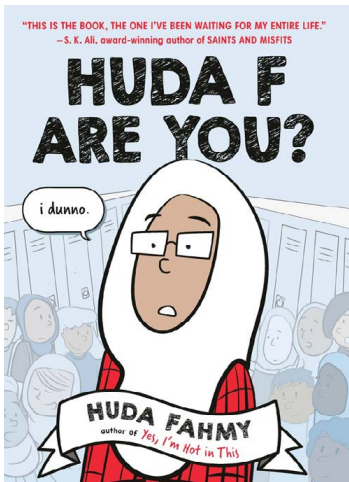
GRADES 7-9



Huda F Are You?

By Huda Fahmy & illustrated by Huda Fahmy

Huda and her family just moved to Dearborn, Michigan, a small town with a big Muslim population. In her old town, Huda knew exactly who she was: She was the hijabi girl. But in Dearborn, everyone is the hijabi girl. So now who is she?



How to Change Everything



By Naomi Klein & Rebecca Steffof

Using examples of change and protest from around the world, including profiles of young activists from a wide range of backgrounds, Klein shows that young people are not just part of the climate change movement, they are leading the way.



Mani Semilla Finds Her Quetzal Voice

By Anna Lapera

Uncovered family secrets and a growing feminist consciousness propel a seventh grader to cause good trouble and start a school-wide revolution. Twelve-year-old Mani feels stuck in the liminal space between childhood and adulthood.



Amal Unbound

By Aisha Saeed

Twelve-year-old Amal's dream of becoming a teacher is dashed in an instant when she accidentally insults a member of her Pakistani village's ruling family. As punishment for her behavior, she is forced to leave her heartbroken family behind and go work at their estate.

GRADES 10-12



Those Pink Mountain Nights



By Jen Ferguson

This YA novel set in Alberta follows three teenagers who are brought together by working at Pink Mountain Pizza. Those Pink Mountain Nights explores topics such as missing and murdered Indigenous women, mental health and sexuality.



Something More



By Jackie Khalilieh

A contemporary teen romance novel featuring a Palestinian-Canadian girl trying to hide her autism diagnosis while navigating her first year of high school.



Love Letters for Joy

By Melissa See

17-year-old Joy is too busy overachieving for relationships. She's determined to be Caldwell Prep's first disabled valedictorian. But it's senior year and everyone seems to be pairing up. She is asexual, but that's no reason she can't experience first love, right?

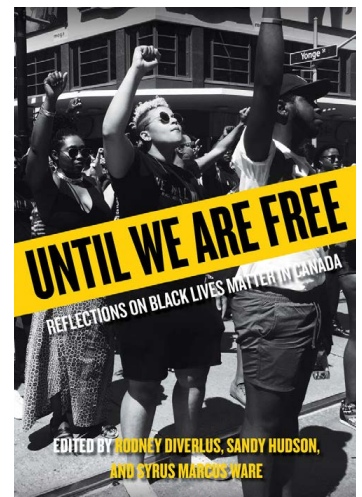
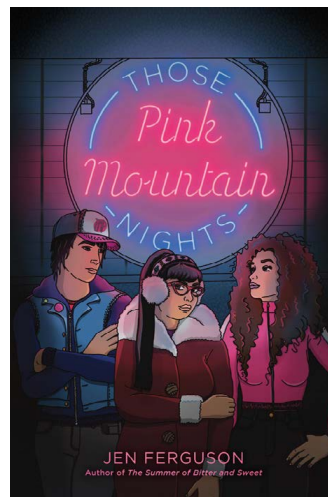


Until We Are Free



Edited by Rodney Diverlus, Sandy Hudson, and Syrus Marcus Ware

Until We Are Free contains some of the very best writing on the hottest issues facing the Black community in Canada including Canadian Black activism, organizing efforts through the use of social media, Black-Indigenous alliances, and more.



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