

I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Tobin Montessori Summer Reading 2019

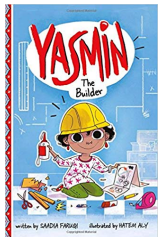
Each of us, no matter who or where we are, has the ability to make a difference in the world!
In this selection of books, we celebrate acts of bravery and motivation and change.
Dive into some great books this summer and get ready to be inspired!

Fiction & Nonfiction Picture Books and Early Chapter Books (alphabetical by author):



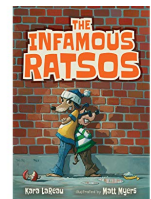
Polar Bear Rescue by Nancy Castaldo

For any young person who loves animals and wants to make a difference, this informative book about Polar Bears and how to save them is a must read! The gorgeous photography and fascinating facts will keep you reading!



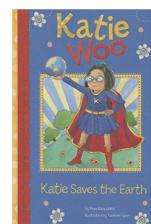
Yasmin the Builder by Saadi Faruqi

Yasmin is feeling stuck – everyone in her class knows what project they want to do in the Makerspace, except her. But don't worry – read this fun book to see how inspiration strikes and Yasmin's project makes a difference for everyone!



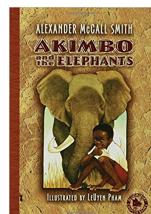
The Infamous Ratsos by Kara LeReau

Louie and Ralphie Ratso want to be tough just like their dad! But somehow, instead of being tough, they end up doing good deeds all over town. What will their dad think when he finds out? A clever, funny and warm-hearted read!



Katie Saves the Earth (Katie Woo) by Fran Manushkin

Meet the irrepressible Katie Woo! It is almost Earth Day and Katie and her friends want to help the planet. Follow along as Katie comes up with a plan! And if you don't know Katie Woo, check out the other books in this fun series!



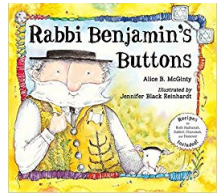
Akimbo and the Elephants by Alexander McCall Smith

Akimbo loves to help his dad, a head ranger on an African game preserve. When he realizes how much danger the elephants are in from illegal ivory poaching, he develops a daring plan to save them!



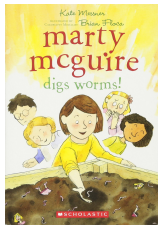
Me, Jane by Patrick McDonnell

Many people know Jane Goodall, the famous anthropologist and activist, but this beautiful, heartwarming picture book tells the story of Jane's childhood and how she knew she wanted to make a difference from the very beginning!



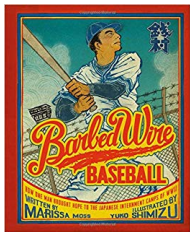
Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons by Alice McGinty

Beloved Rabbi Benjamin is treated to many sweet treats and yummy foods by the people in his congregation, so much so that his buttons pop off! But then he discovers that doing good deeds in the community have unexpected benefits!



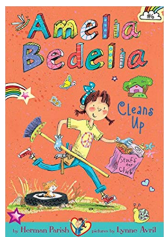
Marty McGuire Digs Worms by Kate Messner

Marty's third grade class has an assignment – "Save the Earth!" – and the best project will win an award. Marty thinks her idea, involving worms and the school garbage, is sure to win, but things don't work out quite as she plans!



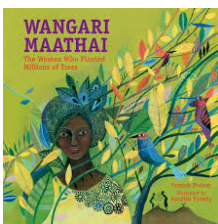
Barbed Wire Baseball by Marissa Moss

Kenichi Zenimura always knew he wanted to be a baseball player, but when his family was interned in a camp for Japanese Americans during WWII, his dreams were dashed. But Zeni found a way to play, and bring hope to his community!



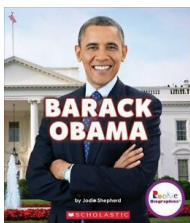
Amelia Bedelia Cleans Up by Herman Parish

In this new updated series, Amelia Bedelia charms the next generation with her adventures. Read to find out how Amelia and her friends transform a vacant lot into a special clubhouse for explorers!



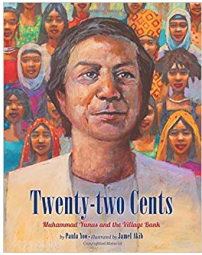
Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees by Franck Prevot

As a girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was just expected to stay home and help her mother, but instead, she got an education and became a world famous leader and environmental activist. Her courage and determination are inspirational!



Barack Obama by Jodie Shephard

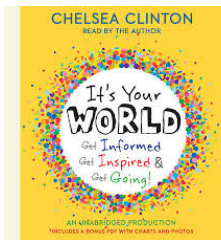
Barack Obama was the first African American to serve as president of the United States. This easy chapter book teaches young readers about his road to office and how he made a difference in the world.



Twenty Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank by Paula Yoo

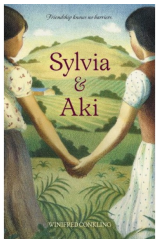
From a young age, Muhammad knew he wanted to make a difference! And he grew up to win the Nobel Peace Prize for his work helping transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world! An inspiring read!

Chapter Books, Graphic Novels and Advanced Nonfiction (alphabetical by author):



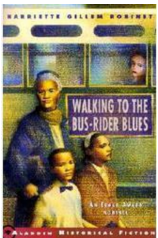
It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired and Get Going! by Chelsea Clinton

This informative and engaging book teaches kids about some of the biggest issues facing our world today! Read to learn about what people – especially kids and teens – are doing about them and how you can help!



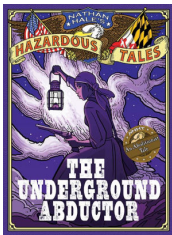
Sylvia and Aki by Winifred Conkling

This amazing book tells the true story behind a famous court case and how two girls from different cultures, Sylvia Medez and Aki Munemitsu, ended up changing history and making a difference for the next generations of young people.



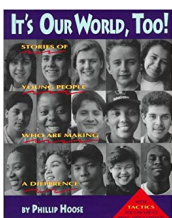
Walking to the Bus Rider Blues by Harriette Gillem Robinet

Alfa's community is boycotting the bus company that arrested Rosa Parks. But walking brings problems too. Soon, Alfa and his family face a serious challenge! As he navigates the world around him, Alfa learns some powerful lessons.



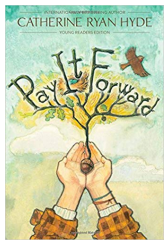
The Underground Abductor by Nathan Hale

Kids love Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series! Read this exciting true life story of the young slave, Araminta Ross, who escaped persecution, transformed the lives of countless others and became known to the world as Harriet Tubman.



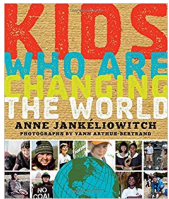
It's Our World Too! Young People Who Are Making A Difference: How They Do It and You Can Too by Philip Hoose

This book is the perfect read for any young person who wants to make a difference in the world but isn't quite sure how. It's sure to inspire and motivate!



Pay it Forward (Young Readers Edition) by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Trevor McKinney's teacher gives the class a challenge – do something to change the world. Trevor's idea shows how simple acts of kindness can have a ripple effect larger than you might ever imagine!



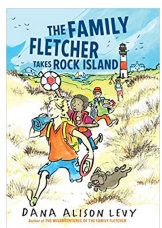
Kids Who Are Changing the World by Anne Jankeliowitch

Another great choice for readers who want to find out about real kids all over the world who are making a difference and transforming the world! Enjoy these forty five inspiring true stories!



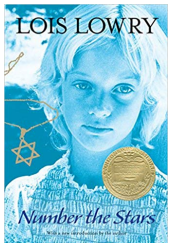
Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami

Yasmin prefers to keep her nose in her book, but when the mayor threatens to shut down the book lending stand by her apartment building, she realizes she needs to take action! A warm, fun and engaging story!



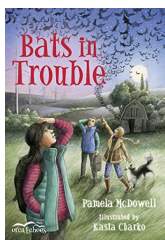
The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island by Dana Alison Levy

This heartwarming and thought provoking book tells the story of the unique Family Fletcher – two dads, four adopted, mixed race kids, two cats and one pug – and their unforgettable summer adventures.



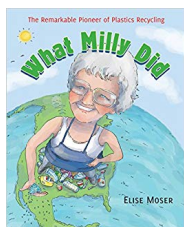
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Annemarie's best friend has to go into hiding when the Germans invade Denmark. Annemarie and her family engage in heroic acts of bravery and daring to stand up for their neighbors and friends. A classic for everyone!



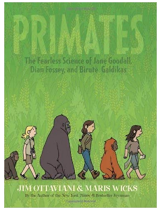
Bats in Trouble by Pamela McDowell

Cricket and her best friend Shilo are enjoying their vacation at Grandpa McKay's farm, until they realize something is killing the bats in the area. Are the new wind turbines a part of the problem? These daring friends are determined to help!



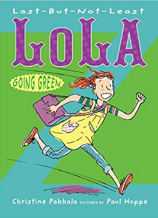
What Milly Did: The Remarkable Pioneer of Plastics Recycling by Elise Moser

Many of us are used to recycling our plastic products – but that wasn't always the case! Read how one remarkable woman saw a problem in her community and ended up changing the world!



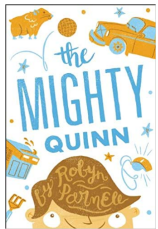
Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey and Birute Galdikas by Jim Ottaviani

This action packed graphic novel tells the story of three ground breaking women scientists who changed the way we see the world and ourselves.



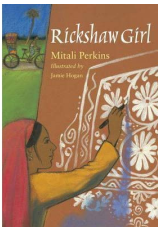
Last But Not Least Lola Going Green by Christine Pakkala

Lola Zuckerman is always last – but now she is determined to win first place in her class's Going Green competition! Read this hysterical book to see how she tries to prove herself and make a difference at the same time!



The Mighty Quinn by Robyn Parnell

Everything is going wrong in Quinn's life and he is feeling discouraged and less than mighty. But with the help of a new, free-spirited friend, he solves a mystery and finds his own way to shine!



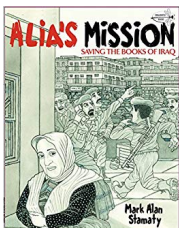
Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins

Growing up in Bangladesh, Naima is not allowed to work because she is a girl. But when her father's rickshaw is destroyed, she develops a daring plan to disguise herself as a boy and get a job to help her family!



The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Amira loses nearly everything when her peaceful Sudanese village is attacked and destroyed. The challenges of refugee life almost cause her to lose hope, until the simple gift of a red pencil opens her mind and transforms her life!



Alia's Mission by Mark Alan Stamaty

This powerful graphic novel tells the amazing true story of Alia, an Iraqi librarian developed a daring and dangerous plan to save the books of the Basra Central Library before it was destroyed during the war.