

## [The Bridge Home](#)

*By Padma Venkatraman*

*J Fic Venkatra*

Life is hard on the teeming streets of Chennai, India, so when runaways sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. They for a family of sorts with two homeless boys, but when illness strikes can they risk seeking help?

## [Genesis Begins Again](#)

*By Alicia Williams*

*J Fic Williams*

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as she is.

## [Dreamer](#)

*By Akim Aliu*

*J Graphic Aliu*

Akim Aliu is a Ukrainian-Nigerian-Canadian professional hockey player whose career took him all around the world and who experienced systemic racism and racial violence at every turn.

## [The Circuit](#)

*By Francisco Jiménez*

*J Graphic Jimenez*

An evocative account of a family's journey from Mexico to the fields of California—and to a life of backbreaking work and constant household moves—as seen through the eyes of a boy who longs for education and a place to call home.

## [Four Eyes](#)

*By Rex Ogle*

*J Graphic Ogle*

When Rex finds out he needs glasses, he's beyond miserable. Dealing with the bullies at school, his family being broke, and an embarrassing lack of friends, he as way too much on his plate already.

## [Parachute Kids](#)

*By Betty C. Tang*

*J Graphic Parachut*

After their two-week family tour of Los Angeles, 10-year-old Feng Li Lin and her old siblings learn they will remain in California while their parents return to Taiwan, forcing them to navigate a new school, a new language, bullies, racism, and the pressures of running a household.

## [Boundless](#)

*By Chaunté Lowe*

*J Biograph Lowe*

Growing up with a single mother, Chaunte Lowe experienced food insecurity, homelessness, and domestic abuse, and she couldn't imagine a different sort of life. When she was Flo Jo competing at the Olympics, Chaunte knew what she wanted to do and worked hard to change her life.

## [Stamped \(for Kids\)](#)

*By Sonja Cherry-Paul*

*J History US*

Learn about where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism.

## [A Young Activist's Dictionary of Social Justice](#)

*J Life*

This A-to-Z dictionary features subjects like racial justice, climate change, gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights, income disparity, voter engagement, and immigration with definitions and mini bios of social advocates.

## [Anti-Bullying Book for Girls](#)

*By Jessica Woody*

*J Life Issues*

Find your voice and put a stop to bullying, whether it's happening to you or to a friend. Find supportive advice that address the unique challenges of girl-on-girl bullying and learn how to boost your confidence, deal with bullying in the moment, and be more empathetic towards others.

## [A Smart Girl's Guide](#)

*J Life Issues*

A series of books that tackle lots of life issues, including worry, liking yourself, money, friendship, race, tough stuff, drama, body image, middle school and more.

LET'S TALK ABOUT...  
SOCIAL ISSUES



## [The Last Human](#)

*By Lee Bacon*

*J Fic Bacon*

After machines take control of Earth, following the extinction of humans, 12-year-old robot XR 935A confronts its prejudices about humans after discovering and befriending a 12-year-old human girl.

## [Flight of the Puffin](#)

*By Ann Braden*

*J Fic Braden*

Told in multiple voices, seventh-grader Libby sets off a chain of events that brings hope and encouragement to four different individuals across the country who are dealing with bullies, acceptance, homelessness, and grief.

## [Rain Rising](#)

*By Courtne Comrie*

*J Fic Comrie*

Thirteen-year-old Rain, who struggles with low self-esteem, must overcome sadness after her brother Xander is severely beaten up, but through the help of an after-school group, she finds the courage to help herself and her family.

## [The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle](#)

*By Leslie Connor*

*J Fic Connor*

As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.

## [I Can Make This Promise](#)

*By Christine Day*

*J Fic Day*

When Edie finds letters and photographs that change everything she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history.

## [Carry Me Home](#)

*By Janet S. Fox*

*J Fic Fox*

Twelve-year-old Lulu must care for her little sister when they are left homeless and alone. They have been living in a run-down SUV since their mother died, but when their father disappears, things start to quickly fall apart.

## [You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!](#)

*By Alex Gino*

*J Fic Gino*

When her baby sister is born deaf, Jilly makes an online connection with a fellow fantasy fan, who happens to be black and deaf, and begins to learn about the many obstacles that exist in the world for people who are different from her.

## [A Duet for Home](#)

*By Karina Yan Glaser*

*J Fic Glaser*

Two children living in a homeless shelter whose friendship grows over a shared love of classical music, June and Tyree join forces to confront a new housing policy that puts homeless families in danger.

## [The Liberation of Gabriel King](#)

*By K. L. Going*

*J Fic Going*

In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade.

## [Amina's Voice](#)

*By Hena Khan*

*J Fic Khan*

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.

## [Jennifer Chan is Not Alone](#)

*By Tae Keller*

*J Fic Keller*

Mallory knows that to survive middle school, you have to fit, but that rules doesn't seem to apply to Jennifer. When Jennifer goes missing, Mallory uses clues from her journals to go searching, but the closer Mallory gets, the more she has to confront why Jennifer might have run and face the truth within herself.

## [Okay for Now](#)

*By Gary D. Schmidt*

*J Fic Schmidt*

Fourteen-year-old Doug has all the stats stacked against him, with an abusive father, a bully for a brother, a bad reputation, and shameful secrets to keep. Until he finds an ally in Lil and they find a safe haven in the local library.

## [Wonderstruck](#)

*By Brian Selznick*

*J Fic Selznick*

Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, 12-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets there Rose, who is also longing for something missing.

## [The Secret Battle of Evan Pao](#)

*By Wendy Wan Long Shang*

*J Fic Shang*

Evan and his family move to Virginia in hopes of keeping his father's notoriety a secret, but a small southern town is not an easy place for a Chinese-American boy, and one kid, Brady, seems determined to make things difficult.

## [A Wish in the Dark](#)

*By Christina Soontornvat*

*J Fic Soontorn*

All light in Chattana is created by one man who appears to bring peace and order. For Pong, born in Namwon Prison, the magical lights represent freedom. But when Pong escapes the prison, he realizes that the world outside is no fairer than the one behind bars.

## [The Best Liars in Riverview](#)

*By Lin Thompson*

*J Fic Thompson*

While searching the woods that used to be their personal sanctuary, 12-year-old Aubrey recalls the events and bullying incidents preceding their best friend's disappearance.

## [Three Times Lucky](#)

*By Sheila Turnage*

*J Fic Turnage*

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and coparent of Mo seems implicated in a murder.

## [Born Behind Bars](#)

*By Padma Venkatraman*

*J Fic Venkatra*

In Chennai, India, after spending his whole life in jail with his mother, nine-year-old Kabir is suddenly released and has to figure out how to survive on his own in the outside world.