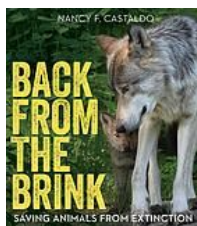


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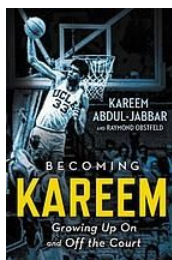
***Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card* by Sara Saedi
9781524717797**

The author describes how, in San Jose, California, in the 1990s, her life as an Iranian American teen was upended by her discovery that she and her family entered as undocumented immigrants.



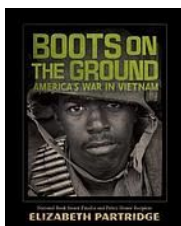
***Back From the Brink: Saving Animals from Extinction* by Nancy Castaldo
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Back from the Brink delves into the threats to seven species, and the scientific and political efforts to coax them back from the brink of extinction. This rich, informational look at the problem of extinction has a hopeful tone: all of these animals' numbers are now on the rise.



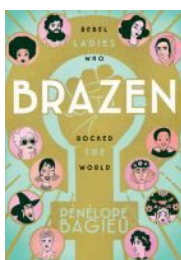
***Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court*
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
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An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming the basketball star he's known to be, and getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.



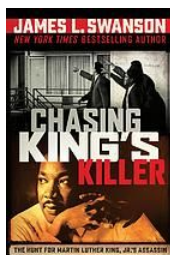
***Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam* by Elizabeth Partridge
9780670785063**

An exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including an American soldier, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee.



***Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World* by Pénélope Bagieu
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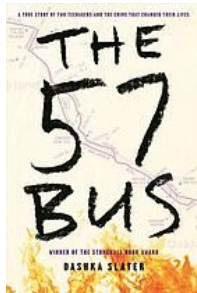
Profiles the lives of feisty female role models, some world famous, some little known. From Nellie Bly to Mae Jemison or Josephine Baker to Naziq al-Abid, the stories in this comic biography are sure to inspire the next generation of rebel ladies.



***Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin*
by James L. Swanson
9780545723336**

James Earl Ray and Martin Luther King, Jr. had two very different life journeys -- but their paths fatally collide when Ray assassinates the world-renown civil rights leader. This book provides an inside look into both of their lives, the history of the time, and a blow-by-blow examination of the assassination and its aftermath.

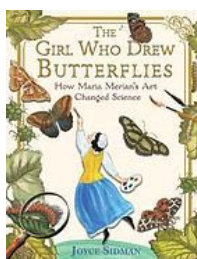
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***The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives* by Dashka Slater**

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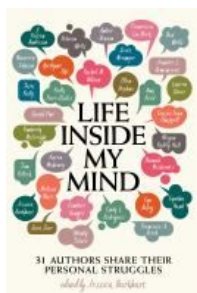
This riveting nonfiction book about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment tells the true story of a non-binary teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, but they inhabited different worlds. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment.



***The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman**

9780544717138

Newbery-Honor winning author Joyce Sidman explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself.



***Life Inside My Mind* Edited by Jessica Burkhart**

9781481494649

Thirty-one young adult authors share their own struggles with mental illness, ranging from such topics as neurodiversity and addiction to OCD and PTSD.



***The Magicians and the Spirits: Harry Houdini and the Curious Pastime of Communicating with the Dead* by Deborah Noyes**

9780803740181

Famed illusionist Harry Houdini embarks on a quest to investigate spiritual phenomena and the possibility of communication with those on the "other side".



***Mary's Monster: Love, Madness, and How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein* by Lita Judge**

9781626725003

A biography in free verse chronicles the life of the teenaged author who used her grief, pain, and passion to create the iconic book *Frankenstein*.

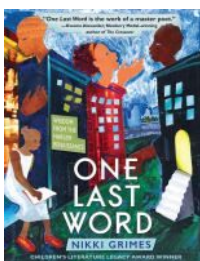
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***#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women* Edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale**

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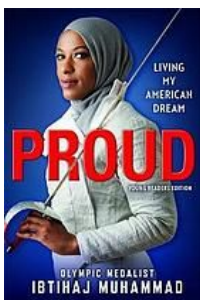
Presents an eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that combine to express the experience of being a Native woman. Stories of abuse, humiliation, and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women making themselves heard and demanding change. Sometimes angry, often reflective, but always strong, the women in this book will give teen readers insight into the lives of women who, for so long, have been virtually invisible.



***One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes**

9781619635548

In this collection of poetry, Nikki Grimes looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance -- including voices like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, and many more writers of importance and resonance from this era -- by combining their work with her own original poetry.



***Proud: Living My American Dream--Young Reader's Edition* by Ibtihaj Muhammad**

9780316477000

Shares the life story of the Olympic fencer, including how she overcame feeling out of place in her sport and how she became the first American woman to compete in the Olympics wearing a hijab.



***Sandwiches!: More Than You've Ever Wanted to Know about Making and Eating America's Favorite Food* by Alison Deering and Bob Lentz**

9781623708160

From a classic PB&J to a triple-decker club, discover everything you've ever wanted to know (and more) about America's favorite food: sandwiches. In this cookbook-meets-guidebook, kids and adults will learn to assemble and enjoy a variety of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert sandwiches. With fun factoids and trivia, plus an array of vegetarian sandwiches and regional specialties, this is a guide to what takes place between the bread.

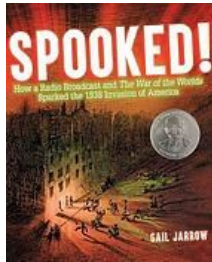


***Spinning* by Tillie Walden**

9781626727724

A graphic memoir recounts the years Walden spent competitively figure skating, before her developing love of art and first girlfriend causes her to question the insular world of figure skating.

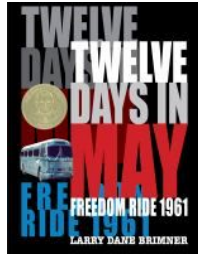
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***Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America* by Gail Jarrow**

9781629797762

Describes the panic induced when listeners believed Orson Welles' radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" to be news of an alien invasion, discussing the context in which the broadcast was aired and why it was so convincing.



***Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961* by Larry Dane Brimner**

9781629795867

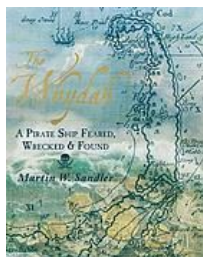
For twelve history-making days in May 1961, thirteen black and white civil rights activists, also known as the "Freedom Riders," traveled by bus into the South to draw attention to the unconstitutional segregation still taking place. Despite their peaceful protests, the Freedom Riders were met with increasing violence the further south they traveled.



***Votes for Women!: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot* by Winifred Conkling**

9781616207342

Relates the story of the 19th Amendment and the nearly eighty-year fight for voting rights for women, covering not only the suffragists' achievements and politics, but also the private journeys that led them to become women's champions.



***The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found* by Martin W. Sandler**

9780763680336

Describes what happened when a slave ship packed with plunder was captured by pirates in 1717 then sunk by a brutal storm. Tells the story of the 1984 expedition to locate the wreck and what was uncovered.

*Annotations from title entries on www.worldcat.org, www.goodreads.com, or Novelist.