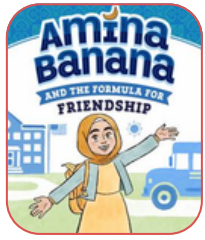
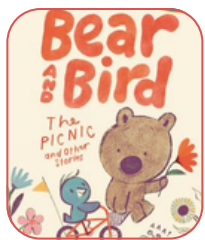




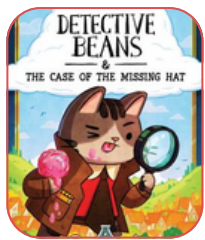
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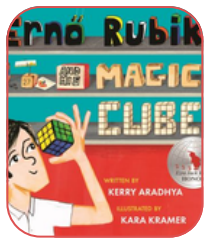
**AMINA BANANA AND THE FORMULA FOR FRIENDSHIP**  
by Shifa Saltagi Safadi, art by Aaliya Jaleel  
Meet Amina, a third grader who just moved to the U.S. from Syria and can't wait to make friends. The teacher mispronounces her name, English is hard to learn, and the food tastes different, but Amina keeps trying. Will she succeed?



**BEAR AND BIRD: THE PICNIC AND OTHER STORIES**  
by Jarvis  
Join best friends, Bear and Bird, in this series of gentle adventures. From picnics to talking flowers to the coziest of blankets, these two friends always find ways to cheer one another on.



**DETECTIVE BEANS & THE CASE OF THE MISSING HAT**  
by Li Chen  
Detective Beans is on the case! His hat is missing, and he's ready to search all of Cat Town to find it. Who took it — and what bigger mystery will Beans uncover along the way?

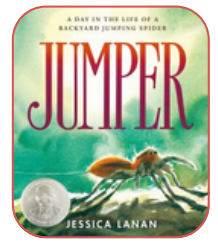


**ERNÖ RUBIK AND HIS MAGIC CUBE**  
by Kerry Aradhya, art by Kara Kramer  
Have you ever wondered how your favorite toys get invented? Ernő Rubik was always curious about the objects around him and how they fit together. Read about how his curiosity and persistence helped him create the Rubik's Cube.

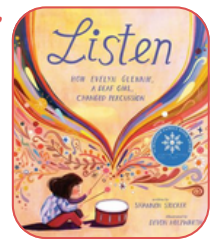


**HOW THIS BOOK GOT RED**  
by Margaret Chiu Greanias, art by Melissa Iwai  
How can a book about pandas not even mention red pandas? Red decides to fix that by writing her own book that includes all pandas. But writing is hard. Can Red summon the courage to write the book after all? Maybe Red's book is exactly what every panda needs.

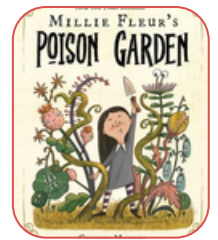
**JUMPER: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BACKYARD JUMPING SPIDER**  
by Jessica Lanan  
See the world from the viewpoint of a jumping spider as she explores a suburban backyard! Learn about the special features and talents spiders have as you navigate obstacles, dodge danger, and catch prey. You've never experienced the world like this before!



**LISTEN: HOW EVELYN GLENNIE, A DEAF GIRL, CHANGED PERCUSSION**  
by Shannon Stocker, art by Devon Holzwarth  
Rat-a-latta-latta-Lat! Explore the life of Evelyn Glennie, a passionate and hardworking percussionist who also happens to be Deaf. This inspiring biography shows how hearing loss made Evelyn a better listener and a very special musician. Think you can only hear music with your ears? Think again!



**MILLIE FLEUR'S POISON GARDEN**  
by Christy Mandin  
Every house in Garden Glen was the same. Every house except Millie Fleur's house, that is. Millie Fleur plants her own garden, which is very different from everyone else's. The neighbors don't like it, but after Millie shows off her garden to her classmates, they realize that differences can be amazing.



**PERFECT**  
by Waka T. Brown, art by Yuko Jones  
Miki Amelia Masuda likes perfection, but when her favorite teacup breaks, her Japanese grandmother, Obaachan, repairs the teacup with the art of kintsugi. Kintsugi joins the broken pieces together and fills in the cracks with gold. The teacup is different now, but still beautiful. Can Miki learn to love imperfections after all?



**THIS IS HOW WE TALK: A CELEBRATION OF DISABILITY AND CONNECTION**  
by Jessica Slice and Caroline Cupp, art by Kayla Harren  
No matter who we are or how our abilities differ, we all communicate! Learn about the different ways people talk and connect with one another in this empowering and thoughtful book.

