

# Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature

## BEST MULTICULTURAL BOOKS OF 2015

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**BAYOU MAGIC**, by Jewell Parker Rhodes, 239 pages, published by Little Brown and Company, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**BLACKBIRD FLY**, by Erin Entrada Kelly, 296 pages, published by Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**CASE FOR LOVING: THE: THE FIGHT FOR INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE**, by Selina Alko, illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko, 34 pages, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc., ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction, picture book)

**DRAW WHAT YOU SEE: THE LIFE AND ART OF BENNY ANDREWS**, by Kathleen Bensons, 32 pages, illustrated with paintings by Benny Andrews, published by Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2015 (Elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**DROWNED CITY: HURRICANE KATRINA & NEW ORLEANS**, written and illustrated by Don Brown, 96 pages, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, graphic novel, nonfiction)

**DRUM DREAM GIRL: HOW ONE GIRL'S COURAGE CHANGED MUSIC**, by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López, 40 pages, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2015 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**ECHO: A NOVEL**, by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova, 585 pages, published by Scholastic Press, ©2015 (Upper elementary/Middle school, fiction)

**EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING**, by Nicola Yoon, illustrations by David Yoon, 310 pages, published by Delacorte Press, ©2015 (Middle school/High school, fiction)

**FULL CICADA MOON**, by Marilyn Hilton, 389 pages, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) LLC, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction/novel in verse)

**FUNNY BONES: POSADA AND HIS DAY OF THE DEAD CALAVERAS**, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh, 40 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2015 (Elementary school, nonfiction, picture book)

**GONE CRAZY IN ALABAMA**, by Rita Williams-Garcia, 293 pages, published by Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers., ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CRAZY HORSE**, by Joseph Marshall III, illustrated by Jim Yellowhawk, 165 pages, published by Amulet Books, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**INKER'S SHADOW, THE**, written and illustrated by Allen Say, 79 pages, published by Scholastic Press, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction/autobiography, graphic novel-memoir)

**JUNA'S JAR**, by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino, 32 pages, published by Lee & Low Books, Inc., ©2015 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET**, by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson, 34 pages, published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), ©2015 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**LILLIAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE: A CELEBRATION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1968**, by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Shane W. Evans, 34 pages, published by Schwartz & Wade Books, ©2015 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**LISTEN, SLOWLY**, by Thanh Hà Lại, 260 pages, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**MAMA'S NIGHTINGALE: A STORY OF IMMIGRATION AND SEPARATION**, by Edwidge Danticat, illustrated by Leslie Straub, 32 pages each, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, ©2015 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**MARCH: BOOK TWO**, written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell, 187 pages, published by Top Shelf Productions, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, graphic novel-memoir)

**MIRACLE ON 133<sup>RD</sup> STREET**, by Sonia Manzano, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman, 32 pages, published by Antheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2015 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**MY SENECA VILLAGE**, by Marilyn Nelson, 87 pages, published by Namelos, ©2015 (Middle school/High school, historical fiction, poetry)

**NEW SHOES**, by Susan Lynn Meyer illustrated by Eric Velasquez, 32 pages, published by Holiday House, ©2015 (Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**POET: THE REMARKABLE STORY OF GEORGE MOSES HORTON**, written and illustrated by Don Tate, 36 pages, published by Peachtree Publishers, ©2015 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography)

**POOL**, by JiHyeon Lee, 56 pages, published by Chronicle Books, ©2015 (All ages, fiction, wordless picture book)

**RHYTHM RIDE: A ROAD TRIP THROUGH THE MOTOWN SOUND**, by Andrea Davis Pinkney, 166 pages, published by Roaring Brook Press, ©2015 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction)

**SHADOWSHAPER, THE**, by Daniel José Older, 297 pages, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., ©2015 (Middle school, fiction)

**SITTING BULL: LAKOTA WARRIOR AND DEFENDER OF HIS PEOPLE**, by S.D. Nelson, 55 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2015 (Elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction)

**STELLA BY STARLIGHT**, by Sharon M. Draper, 320 pages, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**UNDER A PAINTED SKY**, by Stacey Lee, 307 pages, published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), ©2015 (Middle school/High school, fiction)

**VOICE OF FREEDOM, FANNIE LOU HAMER: SPIRIT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**, by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ekua Holmes, 34 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2015 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography, free-verse poetry, picture book)

**WANGARI MAATHAI: THE WOMAN WHO PLANTED MILLIONS OF TREES**, by Franck Prévot, illustrations by Aurélia Fronty, 45 pages, published by Charlesbridge, ©2015 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

**X: A NOVEL**, by Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon, 348 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2015 (Middle school/High school, fiction/biography,)

