

# STORIES DEALING WITH DISCRIMINATION & PREJUDICE



## SYLVIA & AKI

#### by Winifred Conkling

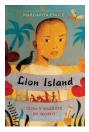
At the start of World War II, Japanese-American Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation



#### UGLY

## by Robert Hoge

Born with a large facial tumor and stunted legs, Robert Hoge shares how he refused to let what made him different stand in the way of leading a happy, successful life



## LION ISLAND: CUBA'S WARRIOR OF WORDS

#### by Margarita Engle

A biographical novel about Antonio Chuffat, a Chinese-African-Cuban messenger boy in 1870s Cuba who became a translator and documented the freedom struggle of indentured Chinese laborers in his country



#### AMINA'S VOICE

## by Hena Khan

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school in the wake of a community tragedy. By the awardwinning author of Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns.



## MAKING FRIENDS WITH BILLY WONG

#### by Augusta Scattergood

Sent to help care for her ailing grandmother in small-town 1950s Arkansas, Azalea forges precarious ties with a troubled kid and a young gossip before bonding with a Chinese-American boy whose immigrant family is targeted by racism.



## TROUBLE THE WATER

## by Frances O'Roark Dowell

In the segregated south of Kentucky, Callie, who is black, and Wendell, who is white, are brought together by a dog that is seeking something or someone, but they not only face prejudice, they find trouble at a haunted cabin



## THE OTHER BOY

## by M. G. Hennessey

Hiding his transgender identity behind a veneer of an everyday student who loves baseball and working on his graphic novel, 12-year-old Shane is threatened with exposure by a classmate and begins a painful journey toward acceptance and empathy.



## INTO WHITE

#### by Randi Pink

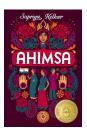
Attending a mostly white high school where she is so unpopular that even the other black kids treat her with disrespect, LaToya is astonished when the morning after praying to be "anything but black" she awakens with blond hair, blue eyes and pale skin, a transformation that triggers a haphazard journey of self-discovery.



## MY BROTHER'S SECRET

#### by Dan Smith

Playing war games to train for the Hitler Youth in Germany, 12-year-old Karl finds his loyalties changing in the wake of his father's murder and his brother's membership in a shadow rebel group.



#### AHIMSA

## by Supriya Kelkar

Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when ten-year-old Anjali's mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work

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## IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS

by Karen English

Wanting to participate in community activities but feeling marginalized in her new, all-white 1965 Los Angeles neighborhood, 12-year-old Sophie struggles with household dynamics until the riots in nearby Watts and the unfair arrest of a friend make her realize that her life is more complicated than she

realized.



#### WISHTREE

by Katherine Applegate

A wise old oak tree that stands as the neighborhood's "wishtree," where people write wishes on cloth and tie them to her branches, shares her days with her crow friend and helps the community embrace differences when new neighbors move in and are not warmly welcomed.



#### REFUGEI

by Alan Gratz

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in

search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.



## THE EVOLUTION OF CALPURNIA TATE

by Jacqueline Kelly

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather.



## A BOY NAMED QUEEN

by Sara Cassidy

Evelyn befriends Queen, the new boy in town, who does not seem to get fazed by bullies and lives by his own rules, and soon begins to learn new things about the world and herself



#### SAVE ME A SEAT

by Sarah Weeks

Two boys, one white, one Indian-American, gain strength from each other from afar as they struggle to navigate middle school, family relationships and friendships.



#### IT AIN'T SO AWFUL, FALAFEL

by Firoozeh Dumas

Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s



WORD NERD

by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund

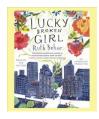
When some bullies at his new school almost kill him by slipping a peanut into his sandwich, nerd Ambrose coerces his neighbor Cosmo into taking him to the West Side Scrabble Club, where people accept him for who he is



**JUST A DROP OF WATER** 

by Kerry O'Malley Cerra

"Jake and Sam are best friends, but after the attacks on September 11, their friendship is in danger of crumbling as Sam and his family succumb to hatred for being Muslim American"



LUCKY BROKEN GIRL

by Ruth Behar

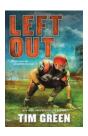
A semi-autobiographical story about a multicultural girl's coming-of-age in the 1960s describes how Cuban-Jewish Ruthie Mizrahi emigrates with her family from Castro's Cuba to New York, where a devastating accident challenges her perceptions about mortality and strength.



THE LIONS OF LITTLE ROCK

by Kristin Levine

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism



LEET OUT

by Tim Green

Struggling to overcome his hearing impairment and the way people look at him, Landon joins the football team in order to prove himself with little initial success, until Brett Bell and his family befriend him



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