

BOOK FRENZY 2021:  
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## PICTURE BOOKS

***The Imaginaries: Little Scraps of Larger Stories* by Emily Winfield Martin.** PICTURE BOOK. Random House, 2020. \$19. 9780553511031  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Invisible Alphabet* by Joshua David Stein, illustrated by Ron Barrett.** Penguin, 2020. \$18. 9780593222775  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

## NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOKS

***All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything* by Annette Bay Pimentel, pictures by Nabi H. Ali** NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK Sourcebooks, 2020. \$18. 9781492688976  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Cat Man of Aleppo* by Irene Latham and Karim Shamsi-Basha, illustrated by Yuko Shimizu.** NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Putnam (Penguin), 2020. \$18. 9781984813787  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL -ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Grow: Secrets of Our DNA* by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton.** NON FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Candlewick Press, 2020. \$18. 9781536212723  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Nature's Light Spectacular* by Katy Flint, illustrated by Cornelia Li.** NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Wide Eyes Editions (Quarto), 2020. 9780711251977  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Rescuing the Declaration of Independence: How we almost lost the words that built America* by Anna Crowley Redding, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham.** NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Harper, 2020. \$19. 9780062740328  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***This is a Book to Read With a Worm* by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen, illustrated by Margaret McCartney.** NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Charlesbridge, 2020. \$17. 9781580898973  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3), EL – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

## NON-FICTION

***Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile,** BIOGRAPHY 320 pages, jimmy patterson (Little, Brown and Company). 2020. \$17  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Big Book of Monsters* by Hal Johnson,** 172 pages. Workman Publishing, 2019. \$17.  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Blood and Germs: The Civil War Battle Against Wounds and Disease* by Gail Jarrow** 176 pages. NON-FICTION Calkins Creek, 2020. \$19  
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Photographs of Civil War injuries, hospitals and amputations that some may find disturbing)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang** 446 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL First Second, 2020 \$25  
Language: PG (6 swears 0 'f') Representative swears b\*\*\*\*); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG. (Basketball fighting and injuries)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***FREIHEIT! The White Rose Graphic Novel* by Andrea Grosso Ciponte,** 112 pages. NON-FICTION. Plough Publishing House, 2021. \$24  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: PG  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Noisemakers* by Kazoo,** 219 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Alfred A. Knopf (Random House Children's Books), 2020. \$26.  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL, HS – ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Obsessed : A Memoir of My Life With OCD Allison Britz*** 368 pages. Simon Pulse Simon and Schuster, 2017 \$19.00  
Language: PG (5 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG.  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Other Side: Stories of Central American Teen Refugees Who Dream of Crossing the Border*** by **Juan Pablo Villalobos**, 147 pages. NON-FICTION. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers (Macmillan), 2019. \$18.  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***So You Want to Talk About Race*** by **Ijeoma Oluo**, 238 pages. Seal Press, 2019. \$17  
Language: R (16 swears, 8 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***This Book is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on how to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work*** by **Tiffany Jewell**, illustrated by **Aurelia Durand**, 160 pages. NON-FICTION, ACTIVITY BOOK Quarto. 2020. \$15  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS, ADULT - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

## NOVELS

***Alone*** by **Megan E. Freeman**, 416 pages. Aladdin (Simon). 2021. \$18.  
Content: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Ashlords*** by **Scott Reintgen**, 368 pages. Crown Books (Random), 2020. \$18  
Language: PG (26 swears, 0“f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (fighting)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH  
ALSO: ***Blood Sworn (#2)***

***The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*** by **Suzanne Collins**, 528 pages. Scholastic, 2020. \$28  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (deaths same as other Hunger Games novels)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***City Spies*** by **James Ponti**, 378 pages. Aladdin (Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing Division), 2020. \$18.  
Content G  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Clap When You Land*** by **Elizabeth Acevedo** 432 page. Quill Tree Books (Harper Collins), 2020. \$19  
Language: R (17 swears 8 'f'); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG 13 (sexual assault)  
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Closer to Nowhere*** by **Ellen Hopkins**, 416 pages. Putnam’s (Penguin), OCT 2020. \$18  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG (abuse mentioned); Violence: PG (school lockdown)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Connect the Dots*** by **Keith Calabrese**, 240 pages. Scholastic, 2020. \$17.  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Dear Justyce*** by **Nic Stone**, 288 pages. Crown (Random), 2020. \$19  
Language: R (100+ swears, 2 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (abuse mentioned, shooting mentioned)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH  
ALSO: ***Dear Martin***

***Don’t Judge Me!*** By **Lisa Schroeder**, 256 pages. Scholastic, NOV 2020. \$18  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Ever Cursed*** by **Corey Ann Haydu** 296 pages. Simon and Schuster, 2020 \$19  
Language: R (6 swears 7 'f'); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13 (sexual assault content, not graphic)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Everything Sad is Untrue (a true story)* by Daniel Nayeri**, 368 pages. Levine Querido, 2020. \$18  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f') Mature Content: PG (references to "sexing") Violence: PG13 (War talk, abuse, injuries)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Fighting Words* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley** 256 pages Dial Book for Young Readers Penguin Random House, 2020. \$18  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG Violence: PG13 (attempted sexual assault)  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL - ADVISABLE, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Give and Take* by Elly Swartz**, 301 pages. Farrar, Straus, Giroux (Macmillan), 2019. \$17  
Content: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Ground Zero: a novel of 9/11* by Alan Gatz**, 336 pages. Scholastic, FEB 2021. \$18  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (deaths; describes true events of 9/11)  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***A High Five for Glenn Burke* by Phil Bildner**, 274 pages. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers (Macmillan), 2020. \$17.  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***House of Salt and Sorrows* by Erin A. Craig**, 416 pages. Delacorte (Random), 2019. \$19.  
Language: PG (9 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: PG-13 (affairs mentioned, birthing); Violence: PG-13 (murders, deaths)  
BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**, 384 pages. Little Brown, SEPT 2020. \$18  
Language: PG-13 (43 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (some danger)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Internment* by Samira Ahmed**, 400 pages. Little Brown, 2019. \$18.  
Language: R (95 swears, 22"F"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (beating)  
BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***It's the End of the World As I Know It* by Matthew Landis**, 307 pages. Dial (Penguin), 2020. \$19 9780735228016  
Content: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Library of Lost Things* by Laura Taylor Namey**, 352 pages. Inkyard Press, 2019. \$18.  
Language: PG-13 (46 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: ; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***More Than Maybe* by Erin Hahn**, 336 pages. Wednesday Books, 2020. \$18.  
Language: R (149 swears, 83 "F" + British swears); Mature Content: PG13, Violence: PG  
BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***My Eyes Are Up Here* by Laura Zimmermann**, 352 pages. Dutton (Penguin), 2020.  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***My Life as a Potato* by Arianne Costner**, 257 pages. Random House, 2020. \$17.  
Content: G (mild fighting and threats)  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Princess Will Save You* by Sarah Henning**, 386 pages, Tor Teen. 2020. \$18.  
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG 13 (sword fights, deaths, battles, torture)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Scars Like Wings* by Erin Stewart**, 384 pages. Delacorte (Random), 2019. \$19.  
Language: G (5 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: PG (some teen drinking); Violence: G (some bullying)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Superman Smashes the Klan* by Gene Luen Yang, art by Gurihiru**, 239 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL DC Comics, 2020. \$17  
Language: PG (3 swears 0 'f') some racist phrases Mature Content: G; Violence: PG  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Together, Apart* by Erin A. Craig and Co.**, 288 pages. SHORT STORIES. Random House (Delacorte Press), 2020. \$10.  
Language: R (48 swears, 2 "f"); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Tornado Brain* by Cat Patrick**, 286 pages. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2020. \$18. Content: G.  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Under the Broken Sky* by Mariko Nagai**, 293 pages. Christy Ottavai Books (Henry Holt), 2019. \$17.  
Content: Language: G; Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG-13.  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Way You Make Me Feel* by Maurene Goo**, 352 pages. Square Fish, 2019. \$10.  
Language: PG-13 (50+ swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***When You Know What I Know* by Sonja K. Solter**, 204 pages. Little, Brown and Company, 2020. \$17.  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: PG; Violence: G;  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

***All-American Muslim Girl* by Nadine Jolie Courtney**, 415 pages. Farrar Straus Giroux (Macmillan), 2019. \$18.

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (teen dating) Violence: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Beetle and the Hollowbones* by Aliza Layne**, 256 pages, GRAPHIC NOVEL Atheneum Books (Simon & Schuster), 2020. \$22.

Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel**, 312 pages. Alfred A. Knopf (Penguin Random House), 2020. \$17

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f') Mature Content: G; Violence: PG

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling**, 307 pages. Little, Brown and Company, 2020. \$17

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG.

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother)* by David Levithan** 224 pages. Alfred A. Knopf (Penguin Random House), 2021. \$17

Content: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yousef Salaam**, 400 pages. Balzer + Bray (Harper Collins), 2020. \$20.

Language: R (53 swears 53 'f'); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG13 (prison violence)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner**, 250 pages. Atheneum (Simon and Schuster), 2019. \$18

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***War Girls* by Tochi Onyebuchi**, 464 pages. Razorbill (Penguin), 2019. \$19.

Language: G (0 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (war and fighting)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH