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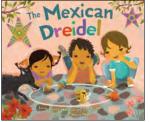


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illus. Lucia Masciullo

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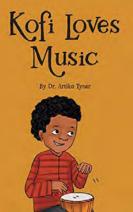


# The Mexican Dreidel

Linda Elovitz Marshall, Ilan Stavans illus. Maria Mola

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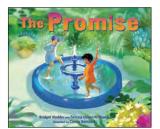
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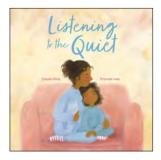


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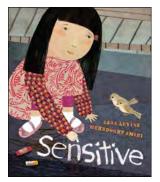
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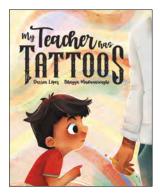
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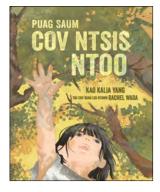
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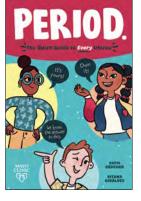


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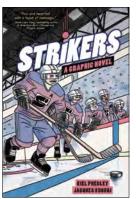
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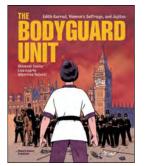


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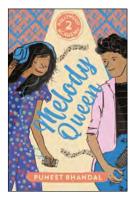


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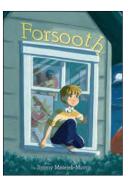
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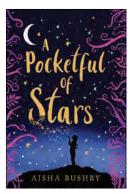
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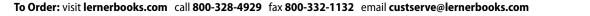


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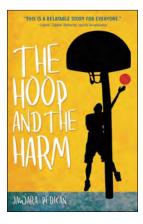
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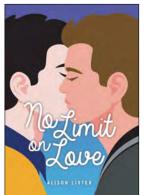
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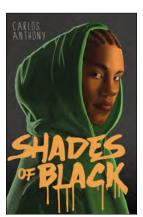
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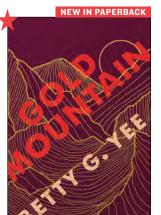




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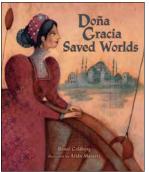
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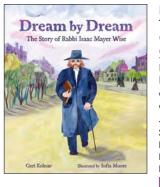
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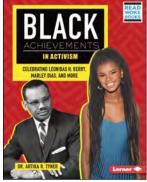
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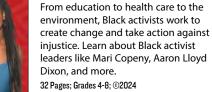
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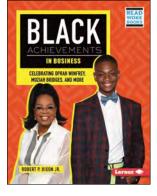
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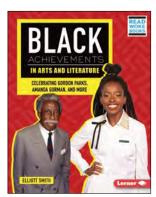
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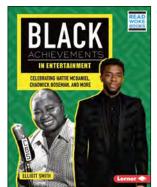
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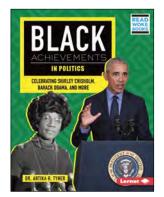
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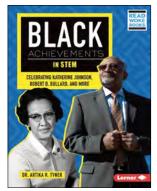
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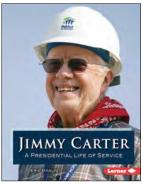
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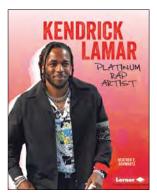
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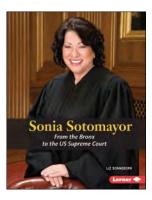
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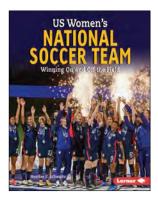


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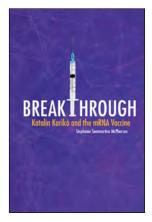
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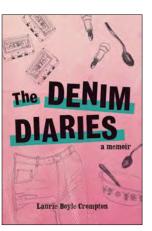
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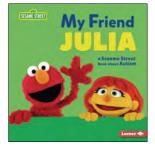


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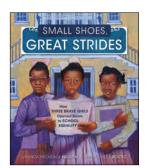
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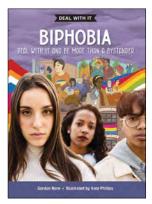


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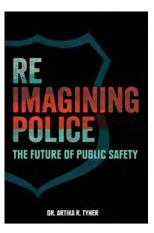
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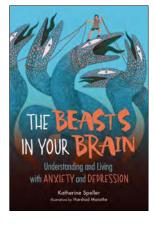


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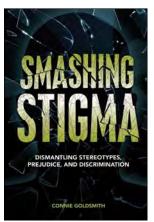
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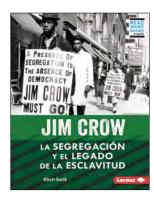
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