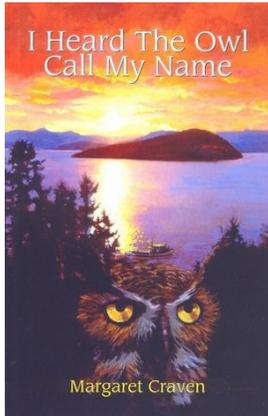


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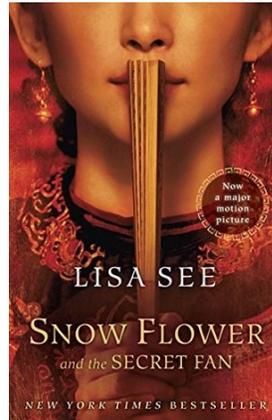
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**I Heard the Owl Call My Name** by Margaret Craven  
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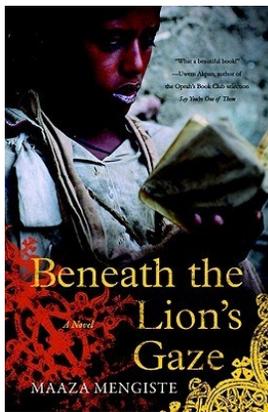
*The touching story of a young, mortally ill priest who spends his last days working among the Kwakiutl Indians of British Columbia.*



**Snow Flower and the Secret Fan** by Lisa See  
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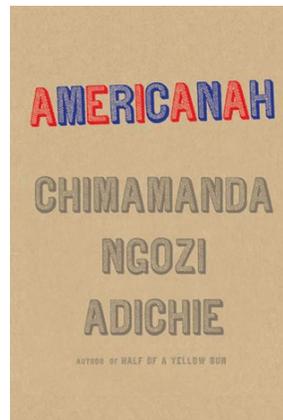
Also available on [Hoopla](#)

*A story of friendship set in nineteenth-century China follows an elderly woman and her companion as they communicate through a unique secret language.*



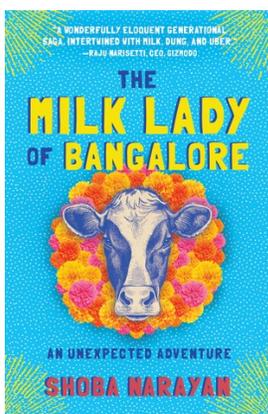
**Beneath the Lion's Gaze** by Maaza Mengiste  
Available on Hoopla.

*This memorable, heartbreaking story opens in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the eve of a revolution. It is a story about the lengths human beings will go in pursuit of freedom.*



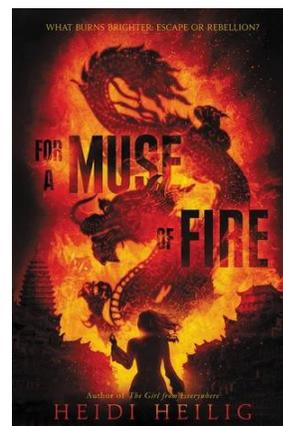
**Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
Fic Adichie

*A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected.*



**The Milk Lady of Bangalore** by Shoba Narayan  
Available on RB Digital

*In this charming true story about two women and the animal they share, readers are treated to an insider's view of India.*



**For a Muse of Fire** by Heidi Heilig  
Available on Hoopla

*A young woman with a dangerous power she barely understands. A smuggler with secrets of his own. Heidi Heilig creates a world inspired by Asian cultures and French colonialism.*

**Additional Reads:** [We Are Called to Rise](#) by Laura McBride, [American Dervish](#) by Ayad Akhtar, [Life of Pi](#) by Yann Martel, [Bee Season](#) by Myla Goldberg, [The Golem and the Jinni](#) by Helene Wecker, [White Teeth](#) by Zadie Smith

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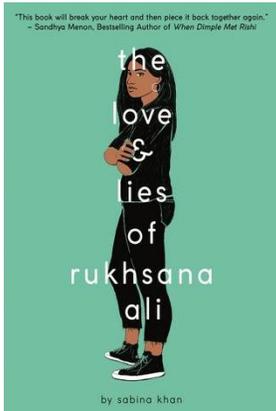
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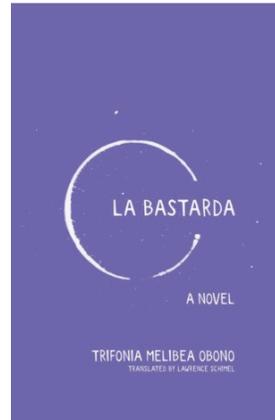
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### The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan

YA Khan  
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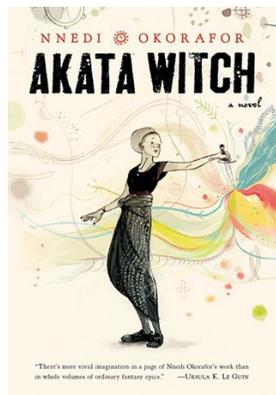
*Rukhsana Ali tries her hardest to live up to her Muslim parents' expectations, but lately she's finding that harder and harder to do.*



### La Bastarda by Trifonia Melibea Obono

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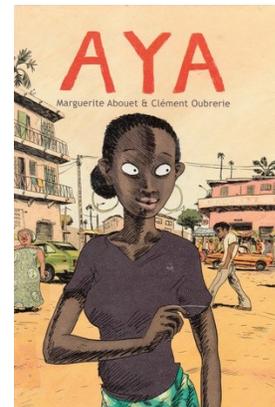
The first novel by an Equatorial Guinean woman to be translated into English, this is the story of the orphaned Okomo, who lives with her grandmother & dreams of finding her father.



### Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor

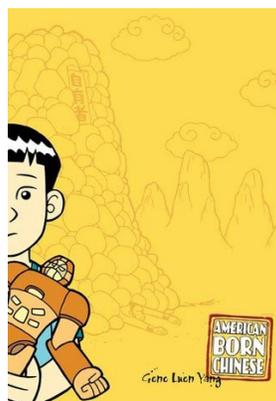
Juv Okorafor  
Also available on [Hoopla](#)

*Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical power.*



### Aya by Marguerite Abouet GN Abouet

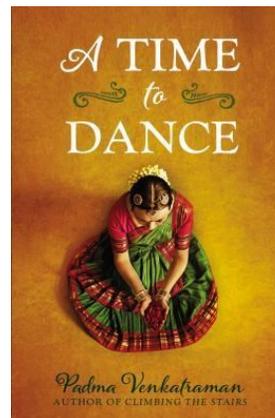
*Aya tells the story of its nineteen-year-old heroine, the studious and clear-sighted Aya, her easy-going friends Adjoua and Bintou, and their meddling relatives and neighbors.*



### American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

GN Yang

*Three apparently unrelated tales come together with an unexpected twist, in a modern fable that is hilarious, poignant and action-packed.*



### A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

YA Venkatraman

*Set in India, this novel in verse is about Veda, a teenager who has spent her life training to be classical Bharatanatyam dancer.*

**Additional Reads:** [Never Fall Down](#) by Patricia McCormick, [A Thousand Beginnings and Endings](#) by Ellen Oh, [If You Could Be Mine](#) by Sara Farizan, [The Weight of Our Sky](#) by Hanna Alkaf, [Written in the Stars](#) by Aisha Saeed

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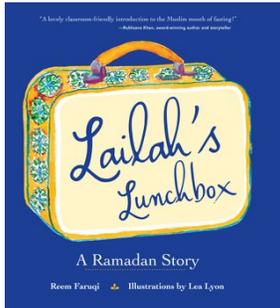
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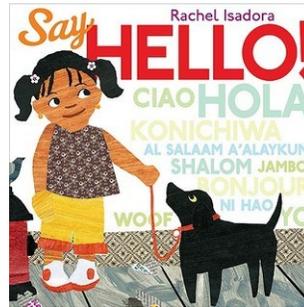
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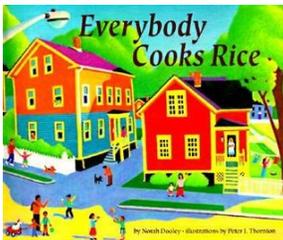
**Lailah's Lunchbox** by Reem Faruqi  
E FAR

*Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but explaining it to her classmates in Atlanta is a challenge.*



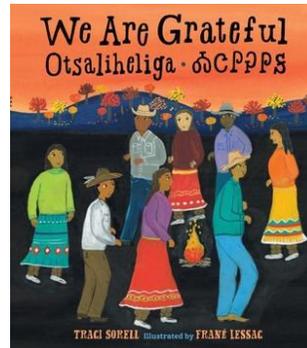
**Say Hello!** by Rachel Isadora  
E ISA

*Carmelita enjoys greeting everyone in her neighborhood while she walks her dog. She sees neighbors from varying races and cultures and learns to say hello in many different languages.*



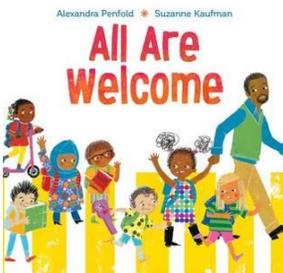
**Everybody Cooks Rice** by Norah Dooley  
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*Carrie discovers that her neighbors from different countries all make rice dishes for dinner. Simple recipes for each family's unique rice dish are included.*



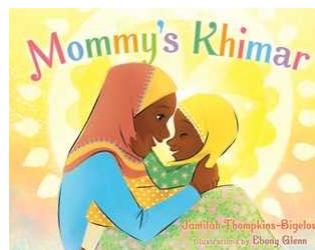
**We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** by Traci Sorrell  
Juv 975.00497 Sorrell  
Also available on [Hoopla](#)

*The word otsaliheliga is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.*



**All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold  
E Penfold Alexandra

*This New York Times best-seller celebrates various cultures and introduces little readers to hijabs, yarmulkes and patkas, as well as different family traditions.*



**Mommy's Khimar** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow  
E Thompkins-Bigelow

*A young Muslim girl puts on a head scarf and not only feels closer to her mother, she also imagines herself as a queen, the sun, a superhero, and more.*

**Additional Reads:** [Mango, Abuela, and Me](#) by Meg Medina, [Over the Hills and Far Away](#) by Elizabeth Hammill, [Bringing in the New Year](#) by Grace Lin, [Festival of Colors](#) by Kabir Sehgal, [Kevin's Kwanzaa](#) by Lisa Bullard

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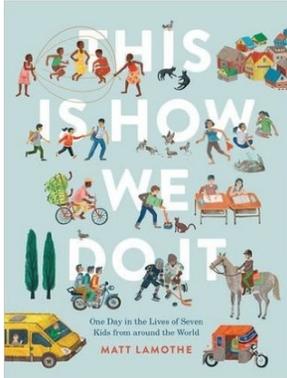
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### **This is How We Do It** by Matt Lamothe

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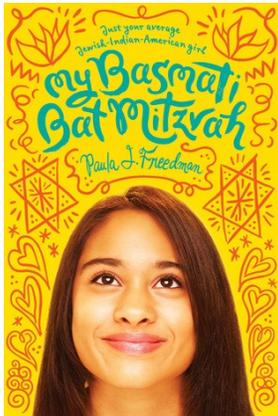
*Follow the real lives of seven kids from Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia for a single day!*



### **Front Desk** by Kelly Yang

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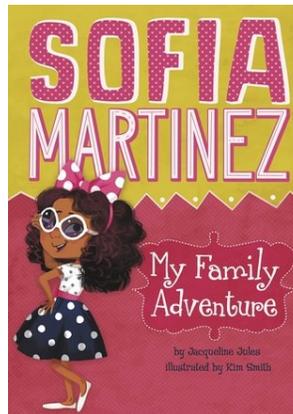
*Mia Tang lives in a motel where her immigrant parents are the managers for an exploitative owner. Mia wants to be a writer but worries about her English skills.*



### **My Basmati Bat Mitzvah** by Paula J. Freedman

Available on Hoopla

*Tara is getting ready for her Bat Mitzvah, but she is conflicted about her cultural identity and her faith. This book teaches about the diverse experiences of multicultural families.*



### **Sofia Martinez Series** by Jacqueline Jules

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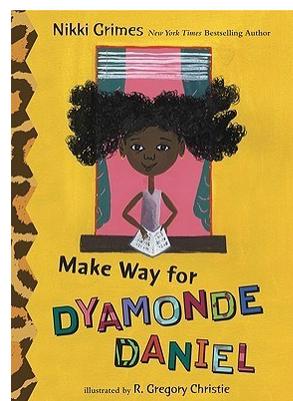
*This diverse early chapter book series is very easy to read with colorful illustrations. Some words are Spanish. Sophie is outgoing, confident, and a little mischievous.*



### **Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan

Juv Khan Hena

*A thoughtful story about a Pakistani-American middle schooler Amina, who must balance the love of her cultural identity with her anxieties about fitting in with her peers.*



### **Make Way For Dymonde Daniel** by Nikki Grimes

Juv Grimes

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*This is the first book in the series and as the new kid in school, Dymonde sets out to make friends with the other newbie, despite his grouchy attitude.*

**Additional Reads:** [Juana and Lucas](#) by Juana Medina, [Rickshaw Girl](#) by Mitali Perkins, [Book Uncle and Me](#) by Uma Krishnaswami, [The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#) by William Kamkwamba, [Kimchi & Calamari](#) by Rose Kent

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