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### BEST MULTICULTURAL BOOKS OF 2014

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**BECAUSE THEY MARCHED: THE PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN FOR VOTING RIGHTS THAT CHANGED AMERICA**, by Russell Freedman, 83 pages, published by Holiday House, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction)

**BLOSSOMING UNIVERSE OF VIOLET DIAMOND: THE**, by Brenda Woods, 222 pages, published by Nancy Paulson Books, an imprint of Penguin Group, ©2014 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**BROWN GIRL DREAMING**, by Jacqueline Woodson, 336 pages, published by Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Group, ©2014 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction/autobiography)

**CROSSOVER, THE**, by Kwame Alexander, 237 pages, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, fiction/novel in verse)

**DREAMING IN INDIAN: CONTEMPORARY NATIVE AMERICAN VOICES**, edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale, 128 pages, published by Annick Press, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction/autobiography)

**FREEDOM SUMMER MURDERS, THE**, by Don Mitchell, 250 pages, published by Scholastic Press, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction)

**FRIDA & DIEGO: ART, LOVE, LIFE**, by Catherine Reef, 168 pages, published by Clarion Books/ Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction/collective biography)

**GABI: A GIRL IN PIECES**, by Isabel Quintero, 284 pages, published by Cinco Puntos Press, ©2014 (High school, fiction)

**GREAT GREENE HEIST, THE**, by Varian Johnson, 226 pages, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc., ©2014 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**GREEN IS A CHILE PEPPER: A BOOK OF COLORS**, by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra, 32 pages, published by Chronicle Books, ©2014 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**HIDDEN LIKE ANNE FRANK: 14 TRUE STORIES OF SURVIVAL**, by Marcel Prins & Peter Henk Steenhuis, translated by Laura Watkins, 211 pages, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction)

**HOUSE OF PURPLE CEDAR**, by Tim Tingle, 326 pages, published by Cinco Punto Press, ©2014 (High school, fiction)

**JOSEPHINE: THE DAZZLING LIFE OF JOSEPHINE BAKER**, by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Christian Robinson, unpagged, published by Chronicle Books, ©2014 (Elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction/biography)

**KING FOR A DAY**, by Rukhsana Khan, illustrated by Christiane Kromer, 32 pages, published by Lee &Low Books, Inc., ©2014 (Preschool/Elementary school, fiction, picture book)

**LITTLE MELBA AND HER BIG TROMBONE**, by Katherine Russell-Brown, illustrated by Frank Morrison, 34 pages, published by Lee &Low Books, Inc., ©2014 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography, picture book)

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**MADMAN OF PINEY WOODS, THE**, by Christopher Paul Curtis, 363 pages, published by Scholastic Press, ©2014 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)

**MALALA: A BRAVE GIRL FROM PAKISTAN & IQBAL: A BRAVE BOY FROM PAKISTAN, (Two stories in one book)** by Jeanette Winter, 20 pages each, published by Beach Lane Books, ©2014 (Elementary school, nonfiction/biography)

**NOT MY GIRL**, by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, art by Gabrielle Grimard, 34 pages, published by Annick Press, ©2014 (Elementary school, nonfiction/autobiography)

**PORT CHICAGO 50, THE,: DISASTER, MUTINY, AND THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**, by Steve Sheinkin, 200 pages, published by Roaring Book Press, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, nonfiction)

**RED PENCIL, THE**, by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Shane W. Evans, 308 pages, published by Little, Brown and Company, ©2014 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction)

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**SEARCHING FOR SARA RECTOR**, by Tonya Bolden, 76 pages, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2014 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, nonfiction/biography)

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**TIME TO DANCE, A**, by Padma Venkatraman, 307 pages, published by Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Group, ©2014 (Middle school/High school, fiction/novel in verse)

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