BEST MULTICULTURAL BOOKS OF 2013

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BOXERS & SAINTS [two-volume set], written and illustrated by Gene Luen Yang, [volume one, 328 pages; volume two, 170 pages], published by First Second, ©2013 (High school/Middle school, graphic novel, historical fiction)

COUNTING BY 7s, by Holly Goldberg Sloan, 380 pages, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, ©2013 (Middle school, fiction)

COURAGE HAS NO COLOR: THE TRUE STORY OF THE TRIPLE NICKLES, AMERICA’S FIRST BLACK PARATROOPERS, by Tanya Lee Stone, photographs by various photographers, foreword by Ashley Bryan, 147 pages, published by Candlewick Press, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, nonfiction)


DARIUS & TWIG, by Walter Dean Myers, 201 pages, published by Amistad, ©2013 (High school, fiction)

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ELEANOR & PARK, by Rainbow Rowell, 475 pages, published by St. Martin’s Griffin, ©2013 (High school, fiction)

HOW I BECAME A GHOST: A CHOCTAW TRAIL OF TEARS STORY, by Tim Tingle, 141 pages, published by RoadRunner Press, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, historical fiction)


LOOKS LIKE DAYLIGHT: VOICES OF INDIGENOUS KIDS, edited by Deborah Ellis, photographs by various photographers, foreword by Loriene Roy, 252 pages, illustrations, published by Groundwood Books, ©2013 (High school, non-fiction)

MARCH, BOOK ONE, written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell, 121 pages, published by Top Shelf Productions, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school/High school, graphic novel-memoir)


P.S. BE ELEVEN, by Rita Williams-Garcia, 274 pages, published by Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers (Upper elementary/Middle school, fiction)


TITO PUENTE, MAMBO KING / TITO PUENTE, REY DEL MAMBO, by Monica Brown, illustrated by Rafael Lopez, 32 pages, published by Rayo, ©2013 (Elementary school, biography, picture book)


THING ABOUT LUCK, THE, by Cynthia Kadohata, illustrated by Julia Kuo, 269 pages, published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ©2013 (Upper elementary school/Middle school, fiction)


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