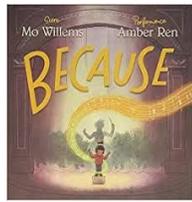
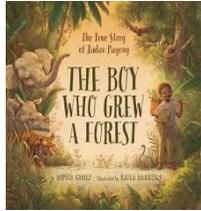


**Because**, by Mo Willems

A series of events, some seemingly very insignificant, lead to a young girl attending a life-changing concert.



**The Boy Who Grew A Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng**, by Sophia M. Gholz

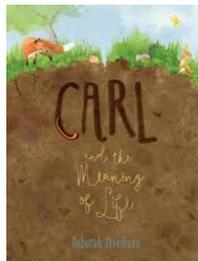


A biography of Jadav Payeng who planted bamboo after being distressed by the destruction, deforestation, and erosion in India's Brahmaputra River region.

**Carl and the Meaning of Life**, by

Deborah Freedman

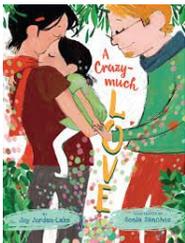
Happily tunneling in the soil until his activities are questioned by a field mouse, Carl the earthworm embarks on a quest to meet his fellow forest creatures and discover their noble purposes before realizing that he is making a difference just by being himself.



**A Crazy-Much Love**, by Joy

Jordan-Lake

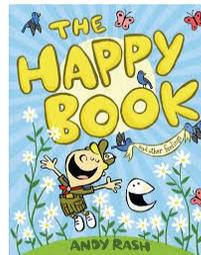
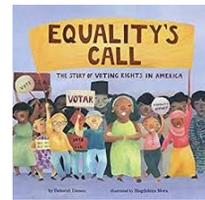
"How MUCH is the crazy-much love?" This simple question is answered as a parent recounts the journey of adopting her daughter and the many milestone moments that follow.



**Equality's Call: The Story of Voting Rights in America**, by

Deborah Diesen

This unflinching and inspiring history of voting rights looks back at the activists who answered equality's call, working tirelessly to secure the right for all to vote, and it also looks forward to the future and the work that still needs to be done. (Titlewave)



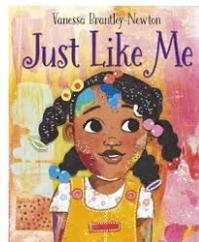
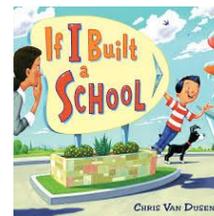
**The Happy Book**, by Andy Rash

A young camper who is as happy as a clam and his best friend, a clam who is a happy camper, enjoy a sadness-free world of daisies, sunshine and best friendship, until one of them eats an entire cake and forgets to share.

**If I Built a School**, by Chris Van

Dusen

Imaginative Jack describes the kind of school he would build--one full of animals, with tubes to transport students directly to their classrooms, and library books that come alive.



**Just Like Me**, by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

A collection of poetry filled with engaging mini-stories about girls of all kinds. (Titlewave)

## 2021 - 2022 South Carolina Picture Book Award Nominees



Students: To be eligible to vote for your favorite book, you must read at least five of the nominee titles. Voting takes place in February.

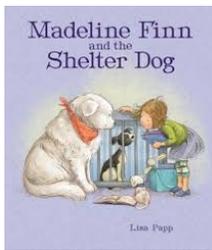
All media specialists should review all titles and add them to their collection only if the titles meet the criteria established by District Board Policy and Library Media Center Policy & Procedure guidelines.

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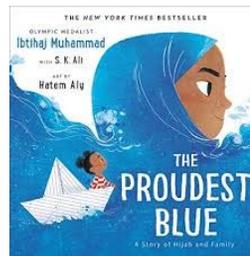
**Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog**, by Lisa Papp

After a visit to her local animal shelter, Madeline Finn comes up with an idea to help the animals there and requests the aid of some friends and a few good books.



**The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family**, by Ibtihaj Muhammed & S.K. Ali

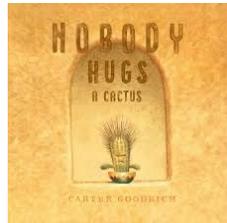
It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful.



**This Book is Gray**, by Lindsay Ward



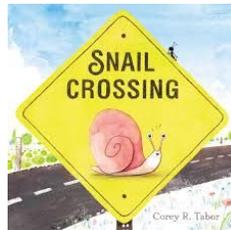
Deciding to create a book of his own when the Primary and Secondary colors keep leaving him out, Gray draws pictures of imaginative characters in neutral hues.



**Nobody Hugs a Cactus**, by

Carter Goodrich

Hank, a cactus who is as prickly on the inside as he is on the outside, decides he wants a hug.



**Snail Crossing**, by Corey R.

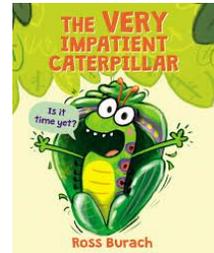
Tabor

When Snail spies a plump, crisp cabbage across the road, nothing will stop him—not a speeding car or even a hungry crow. But then kindhearted Snail stops to help a crew of antsy ants in a rainstorm, and he loses his way. It looks like he will never get his treat.

**The Very Impatient Caterpillar**,

by Ross Burach

A caterpillar learns to be patient while trying to metamorphose.

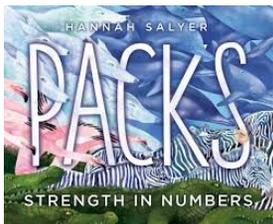


**Packs: Strength in Numbers**, by Hannah

Salyer

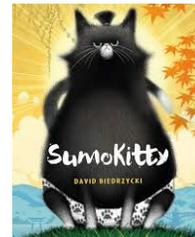
A full color, exquisitely illustrated celebration of animals who live in packs, herds, pods, and more.

Packs shows how togetherness and teamwork help many creatures thrive.



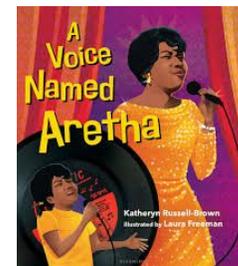
**SumoKitty**, by David Bierdrzycki

A hungry cat gets a job hunting mice at a sumo training center, but once the mice are gone he continues to stuff himself until he is too fat to chase the mice that have returned--so he decides to train with the sumo wrestlers.



**A Voice Named Aretha**, by

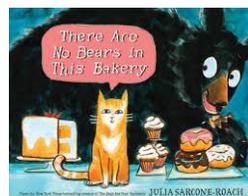
Katheryn Russell-Brown



An introduction to the life of Aretha Franklin covers major moments in her life, her childhood in Detroit, her music career, and her support of civil rights.

**The Paper Kingdom**, by Helena Ku Rhee

Accompanying his parents to their night-shift jobs as office cleaners, young Daniel reluctantly joins in as they use their imaginations to transform the deserted building into a magnificent paper kingdom where he might one day rule.



**There Are No Bears In This Bakery**, by Julia

Sarcone-Roach

A tough gumshoe of a cat protects his territory: The Little Bear Bakery. But there are no bears here. Not on Muffin's watch.

**When a Kid Like Me Fights Cancer**, by Catherine Stier

When Ben finds out he has cancer, he learns a lot right away. He learns that cancer is something you fight, and that cancer isn't anyone's fault--especially not his. Everyone around him wants to help him fight.

