



# Shelf Awareness

(Newer, popular additions to our collection)

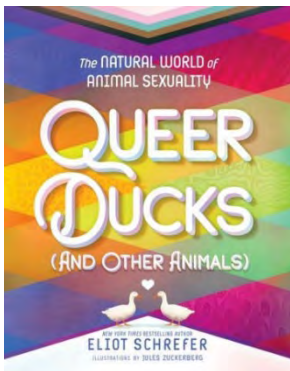


## SWIM TEAM

Johnnie Christmas

A must for graphic novel fans, *SWIM TEAM* tells the story of a young girl confronting her fear of swimming, while at the same time confronting the long-standing barriers of systemic racism set within the public pool system.

*Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book*



## QUEER DUCKS (AND OTHER ANIMALS)

Eliot Schrefer

This groundbreaking illustrated YA nonfiction title from two-time National Book Award finalist and Stonewall Honoree Eliot Schrefer is a well-researched and teen-friendly exploration of the gamut of queer behaviors observed in animals.

*Michael L. Printz Honor*



## THE SUMMER OF BITTER AND SWEET

Jen Ferguson

In this complex and emotionally resonant novel about a Métis girl living on the Canadian prairies, debut author Jen Ferguson serves up a powerful story about rage, secrets, and all the spectrums that make up a person—and the sweetness that can still live alongside the bitterest truth.

*William C. Morris Award Finalist*  
*Stonewall Book Award Honor*

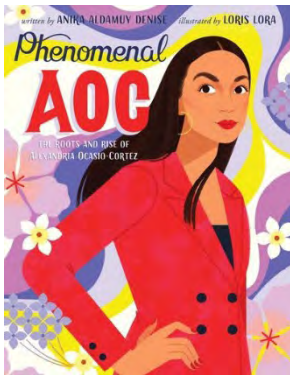


## **BREATHE AND COUNT BACK FROM TEN**

Natalia Sylvester

A poignant and authentic novel about a Peruvian-American teen with hip dysplasia who auditions to become a mermaid at a theme park in the summer before her senior year, all while figuring out how to feel safe in her own body.

*Pura Belpré Young Adult Author Honor  
A Schneider Family Book Award Honor Book for Teens*



## **PHENOMENAL AOC:**

### **The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Loris Lora

An inspiring picture book biography of the trailblazing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez by an award-winning creative team.

*Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor*

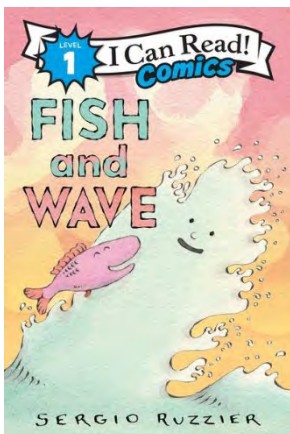


## **GIGI AND OJJI**

Melissa Iwai

Gigi, a biracial six-year-old girl, learns about her Japanese culture from her grandfather when he comes to visit in this enchanting early reader.

*Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor*

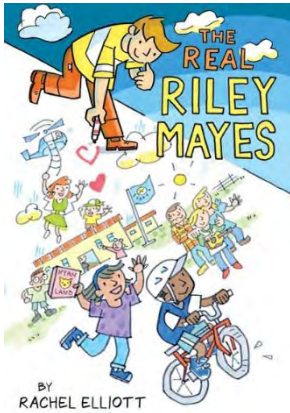


## **FISH AND WAVE**

Sergio Ruzzier

When a tiny wave grows bigger and bigger, what's a fish to do? Fish and Wave by award-winning creator Sergio Ruzzier is a playful exploration of what it really means to go with the flow.

*Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor*

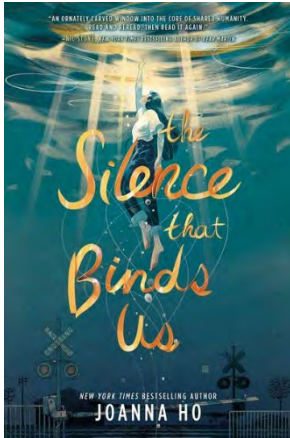


## **THE REAL RILEY MAYES**

Rachel Elliott

Funny and full of heart, this debut graphic novel is a story about friendship, identity, and embracing all the parts of yourself that make you special.

*Stonewall Book Award Honor*

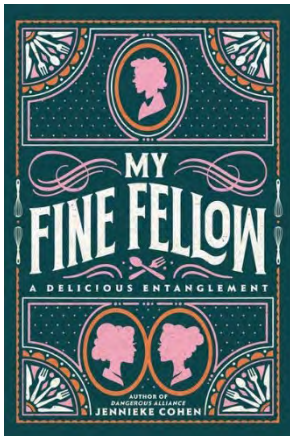


## **THE SILENCE THAT BINDS US**

Joanna Ho

Award-winning author Joanna Ho's debut YA novel about finding one's voice through the darkest grief will inspire all to speak truth to power.

*Asian/Pacific American Award for Youth Literature Honor*

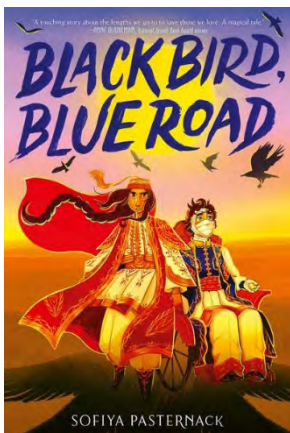


## **MY FINE FELLOW**

Jennieke Cohen

Culinary delights abound, romance lingers in the air, and plans go terribly, wonderfully astray in this punchy and clever gender-bent take on My Fair Lady.

*Sydney Taylor Honor for Young Adult*

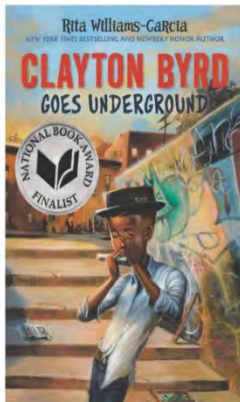
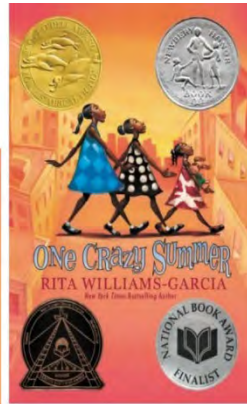
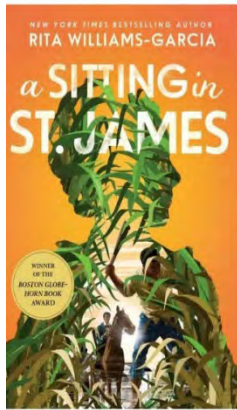


## **BLACK BIRD, BLUE ROAD**

Sofiya Pasternack

In this historical fantasy novel from celebrated author Sofiya Pasternack, Ziva will do anything to save her twin brother from his illness—even facing the Angel of Death himself.

*Sydney Taylor Honor for Middle Grade*



### 2024 Children's Literature Lecture Award

Author of the award-winning novels *One Crazy Summer*, *P.S. Be Eleven*, *Gone Crazy in Alabama*, *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground*, *Jumped* and *A Sitting in St. James*, Rita Williams Garcia is one of the premier voices of children's literature writing today. We can't wait to hear her lecture next year!