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# READER

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Fall 2024



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Photo: New Meiners Oaks Library



# LIBRARY UPDATE

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Have you ever read a book so good that you couldn't wait to pass it along to your friend to read? Or a book so compelling that you couldn't wait to get to your next book club meeting to discuss it? That is the idea behind the annual communitywide reading program at the Ventura County Library called One County, One Book. It is an opportunity for community members to read a selected title and participate in library programs and book discussions related to themes in the selected book. The monthlong reading program is held annually, and community members can pick up a copy of the selected book at any Ventura County Library.

This year's selection, *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder, is a NY Times Bestseller that tells the true story of Dr. Jim O'Connell and some of the many unhoused individuals he has worked with in his long career.

Dr. O'Connell currently serves as the President of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. In 1985, he began full-time work with people experiencing homelessness as the founding physician of the program. He established the nation's first medical respite program in 1985 and worked with the MGH Laboratory of Computer Science to design and implement the nation's first computerized medical record for a homeless program. He served as the National Program Director of the Homeless Families Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As part of the 2024 One County, One Book program, Dr. O'Connell will speak on October 12 at 2PM at CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) at the second annual Ventura County Celebration of Books. Prior to Dr. O'Connell's program, a panel of local professionals will present "The State of Homelessness in Ventura County" from 11AM to Noon in the Grand Salon on the CSUCI campus. The panel will be moderated by Amy Johnson, KCLA News Anchor. The 2024 Ventura County Celebration of Books is presented by the Ventura County Library, Ventura County Library Foundation, and CSUCI. This event is free and open to the public with no cost parking.

For more information about the Ventura County Celebration of Books including these programs, please visit [Ventura County Celebration of Books | Ventura County Library Foundation \(vclibraryfoundation.org\)](https://venturacountycelebrationofbooks.org). We hope to see you there. Because sharing stories binds communities.

# FALL EVENTS



## Crafty Little Fox Club

Wednesdays at 3:30 to 5pm | E.P. Foster Library

Join us every Wednesday afternoon for self-guided arts, crafts and coloring. A special, structured craft will be provided every 4th Wednesday of the month.

## Maker Lab - Owl Pellets

Thursday, October 10 | 3:30-4:30pm | Hill Road Library

Join us to dissect owl pellets. Pellets are the undigested parts of a bird's food, such as hair or bones, which are regurgitated (cast up through the beak). All owls produce pellets and dissecting them is a great way to find out what different owls eat!

Don't worry, owl pellets are not droppings (feces/poo) - and they do not smell!



**NEW**



## Storytime at Meiners Oaks Library

Tuesdays at 10:30am | 400 S. Lomita Ave

A drop-in early literacy storytime for ages birth - 5 yrs.

Features stories, movement, rhymes and songs.

Stay for the Play to Learn group which meets directly after storytime, from 11:00-11:30 am.



# *In-Person & Virtual* Storytime

Check our website for dates and times.

Past episodes available on



Ventura  
County

# CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

**October 12, 2024**  
**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

CSUCI Campus | One University Drive, Camarillo CA 93012  
**Free and open to the public! Parking is free**



Full event schedule  
and more information available at  
[www.vclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org)

## The State of Homelessness in Ventura County

A Conversation with the Professionals

11:00 AM to Noon | Grand Salon: CSUCI Campus

**PANELISTS**

**Doug Menges**  
Executive Director,  
Many Mansions

**Jeffrey Lambert**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Housing Authority of  
the City of San  
Buenaventura

**Kay Wilson-Bolton**  
Executive Director,  
SPIRIT of Santa Paula

**PANELISTS**

**Alicia  
Morales-McKinney**  
Program Director,  
Ventura County  
Continuum of Care

**Jazmin Clark**  
Foster Youth Initiatives  
Coordinator, CSUCI

**Bryan Tomlin**  
Associate Professor of  
Economics, CSUCI

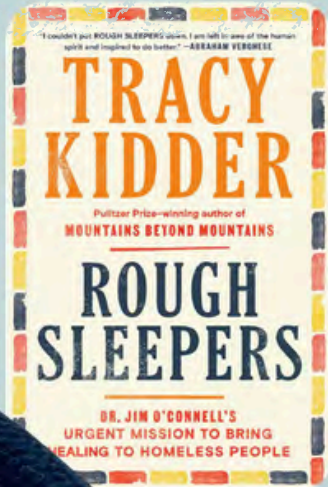
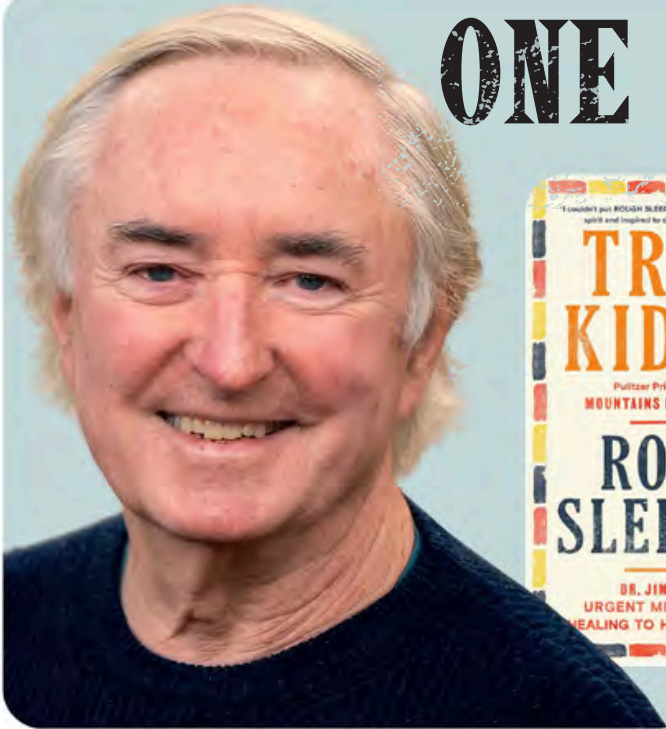
**MODERATOR**



**Amy Johnson,**  
KCAL News Anchor

# Ventura County CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

## ONE COUNTY, ONE BOOK<sup>2024</sup>



### SPEAKER EVENT

with Dr. Jim O'Connell

Inspiring advocate of the unhoused and subject of *Rough Sleepers*. NPR's "A Best Book of the Year" & New York Times Bestseller

2:00 to 3:00 PM

Grand Salon: CSUCI Campus

**3 Food Trucks** - First 150 Servings Complimentary at Each

#### Children's Activities

Presented by CSUCI Early Childhood Studies & Ventura County Library



Featuring local organizations, non-profits, and Friends of the Library groups from all over Ventura County.

#### Discover Exhibitors

#### Have a Picnic



Bring a blanket and share a family picnic on the lawn! Bring your own lunch or enjoy food from a local food truck.

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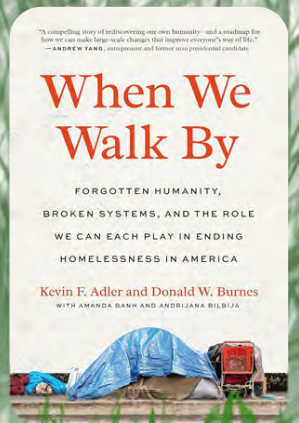
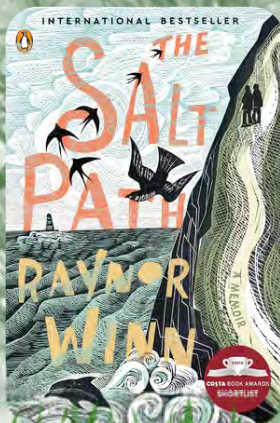
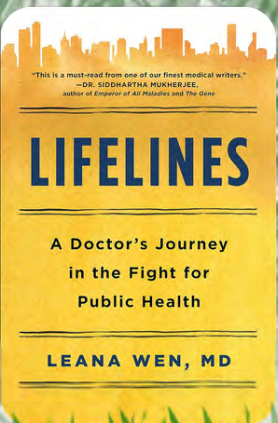
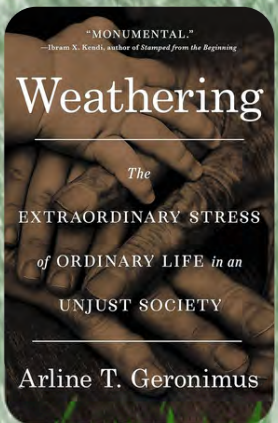
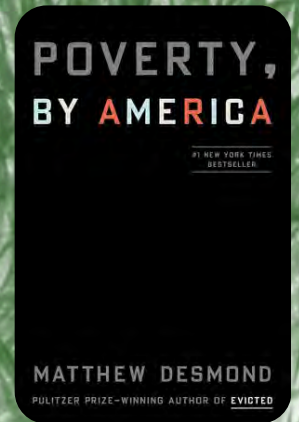
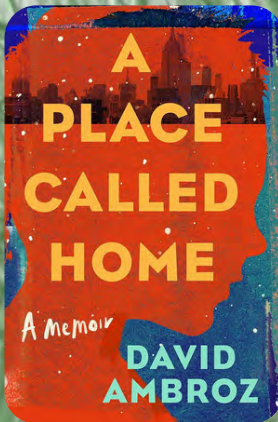
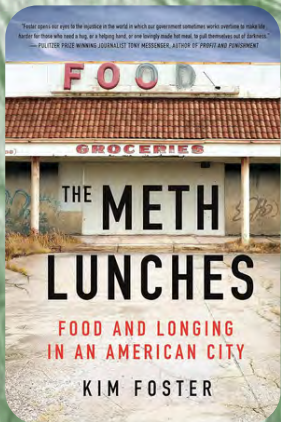
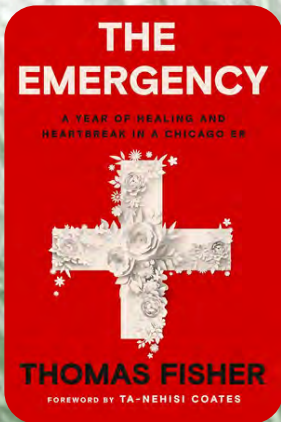
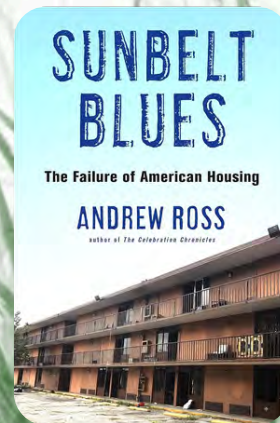
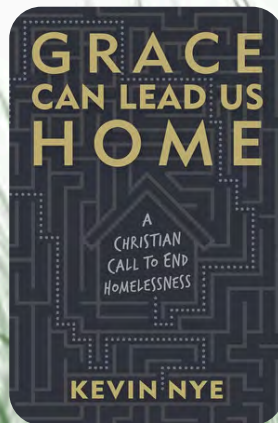
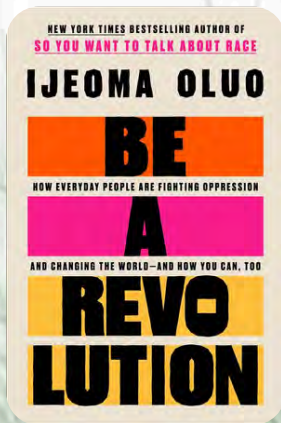
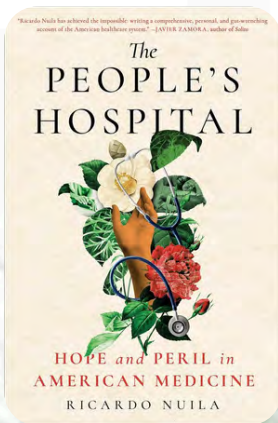


# ONE COUNTY, ONE BOOK<sup>2024</sup>

ADULT READ-A-LIKES

Matters of the unhoused, health, and social justice make Tracy Kidder's *Rough Sleepers* a compelling read about life in the cities of the 21st century. The books here, from a memoir by a woman who lost her home and went on a long hike with her sick husband, to a description of what it's like to be a physician in an inner-city emergency room, to a look at the issue of unhoused young people, also make for great nonfiction reads. Pick one up today.

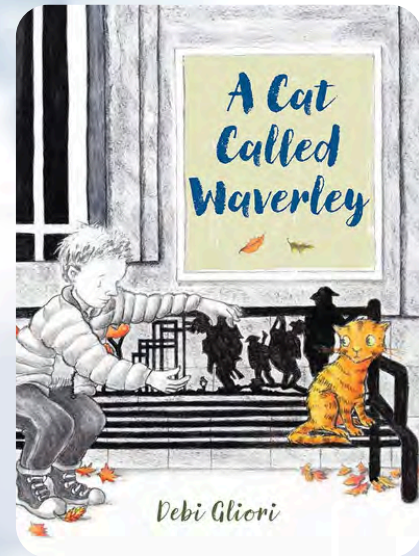
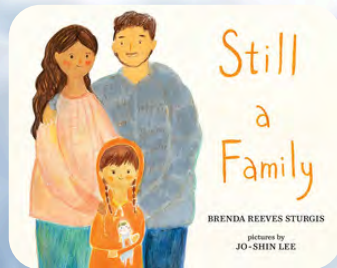
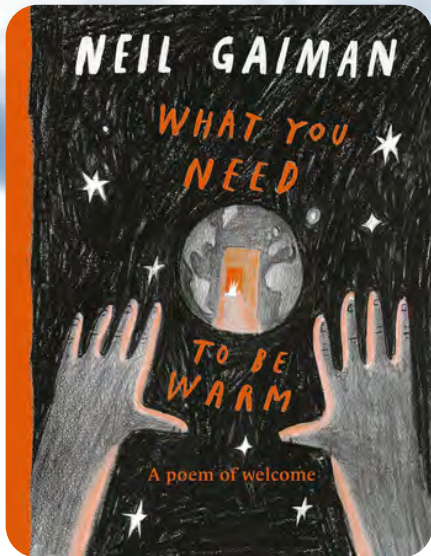
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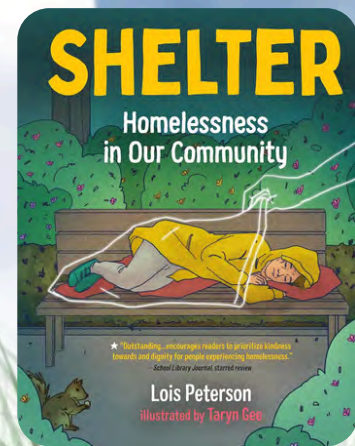
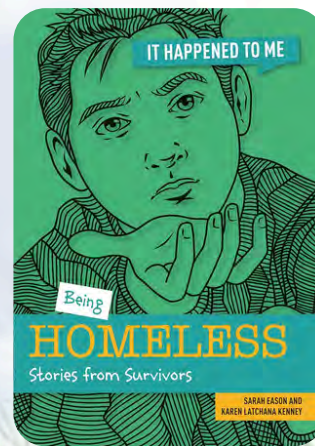
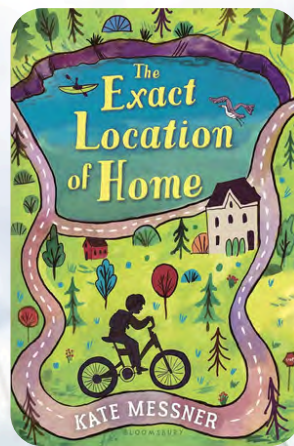
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YOUTH READ-A-LIKES

## Picturebooks



## Middle Grade



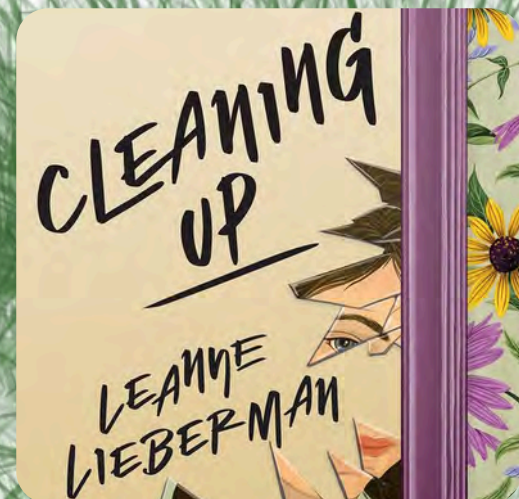
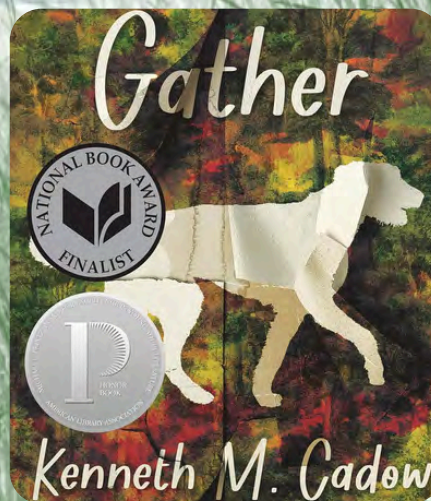
## Young Adult



GARY D. SCHMIDT

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★ "A powerful story about second chances."  
—Publisher Weekly, starred review



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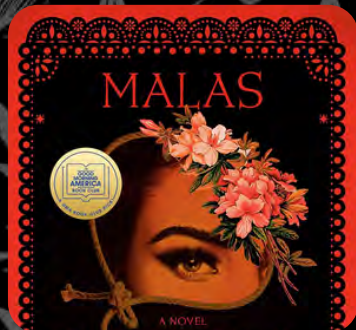
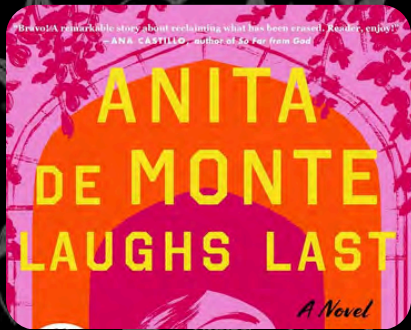
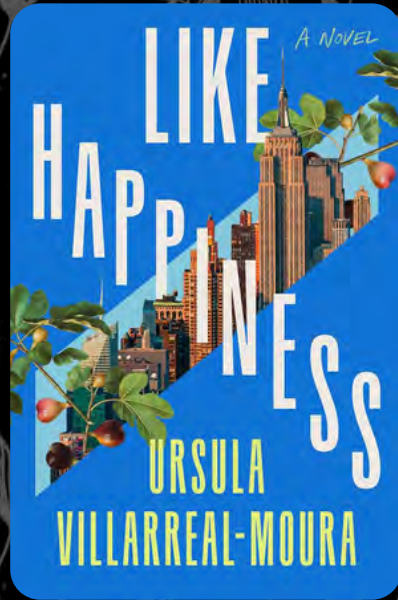
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# Latiné Heritage Month

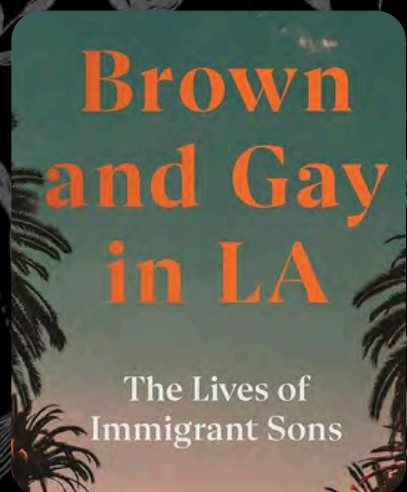
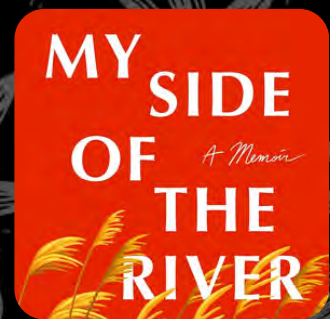
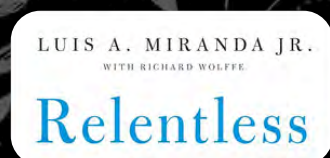
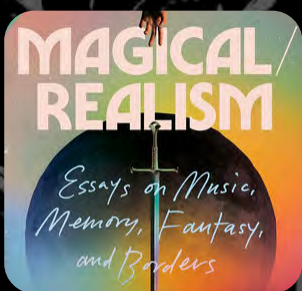
## Mes de la herencia Latiné

Latiné Heritage Month celebrates the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Americans with roots in Latin America and Spain. It also coincides with the independence days of Mexico, Chile, and Belize, and the commemoration of Día de la Raza, a day of cultural pride in some Latin American countries. The month-long event showcases the achievements and stories of this diverse group of people in various fields, such as arts, sciences, politics, sports, and more.

### Fiction



### Nonfiction



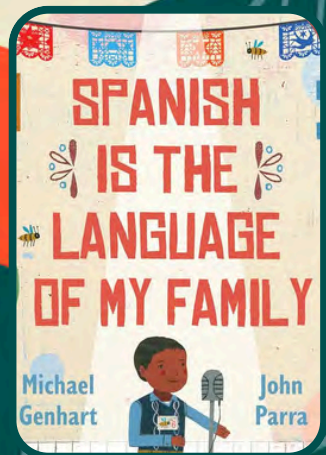
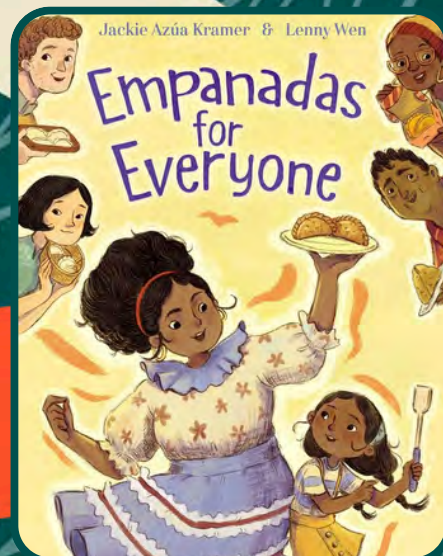
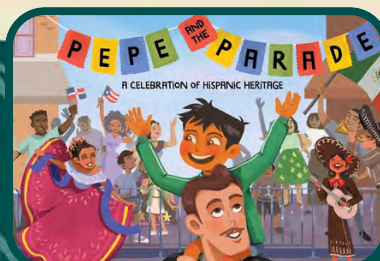
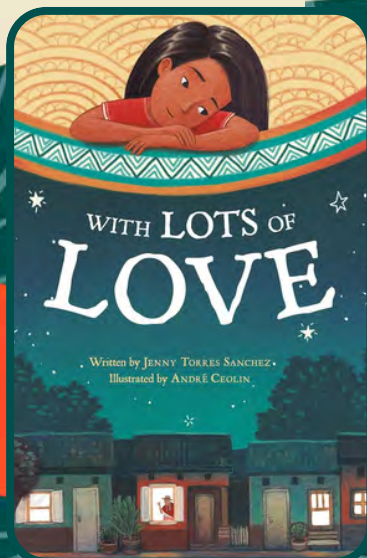


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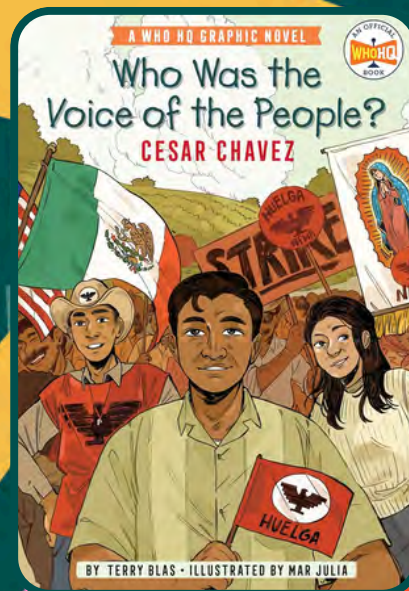
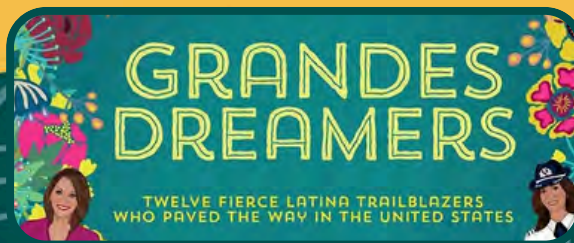
# MES DE LA HERENCIA LATINA

# LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

## Picturebooks



## Middle Grade



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## LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

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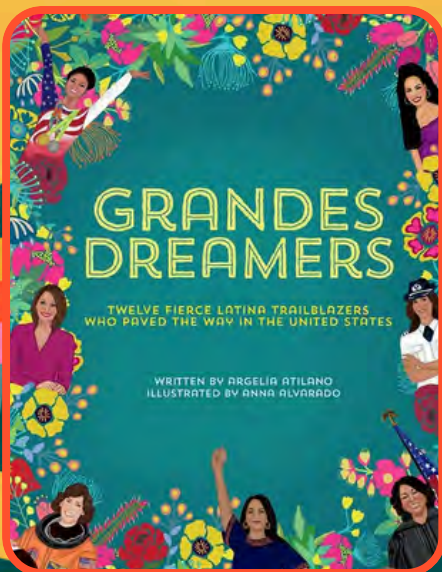
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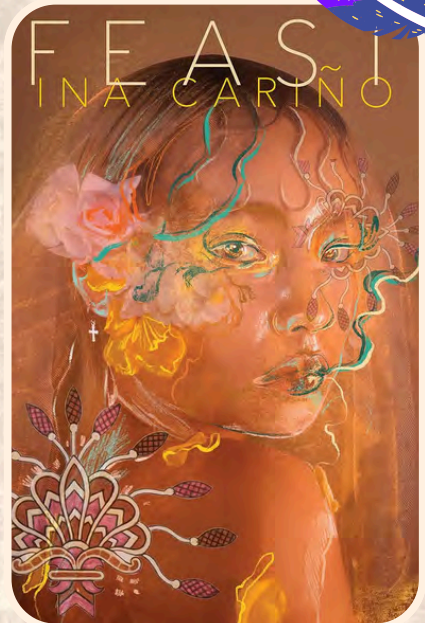
# FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

MAGDIWANG

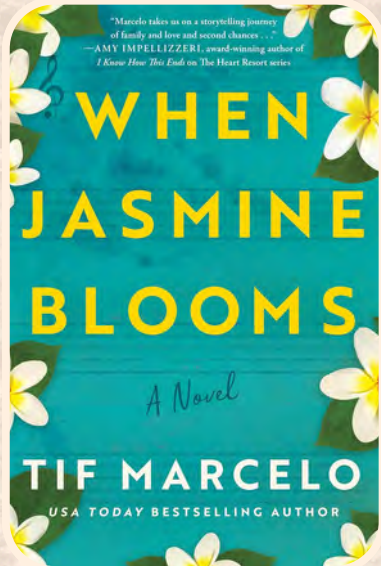
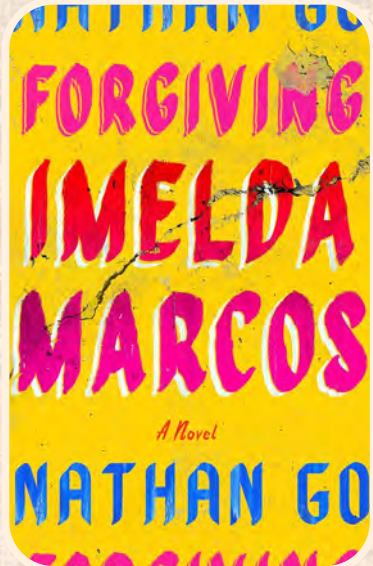


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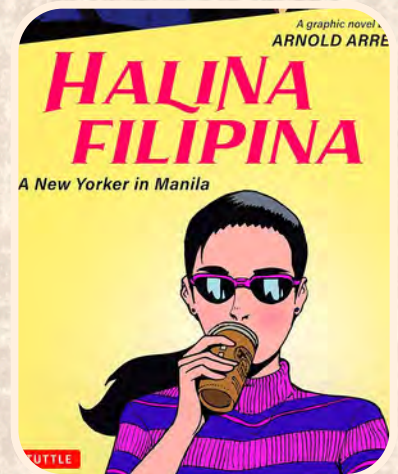
Filipino American History Month is a month-long celebration that highlights the vibrant heritage of the Filipino American community, acknowledges their impact on American society, and illuminates their historical experiences. The islands comprising the Philippines are the ancestral home of many California residents. The highlighted book choices feature Filipino culture, history, and accomplishments, offering a valuable opportunity to promote deeper understanding and appreciation of the varied stories within the Filipino American community.



## Adult Fiction



## Graphic Novel



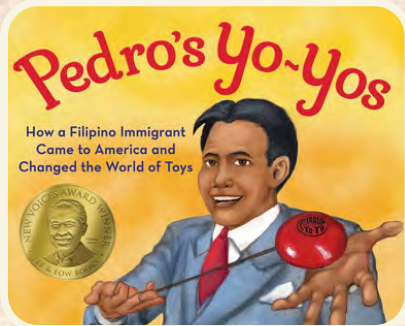
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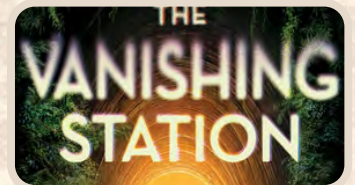
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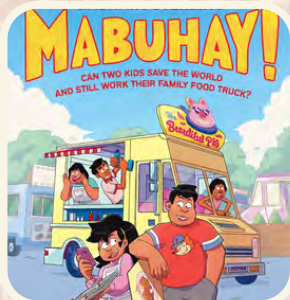
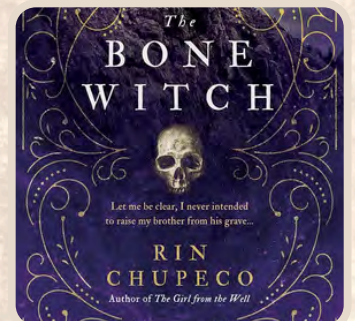
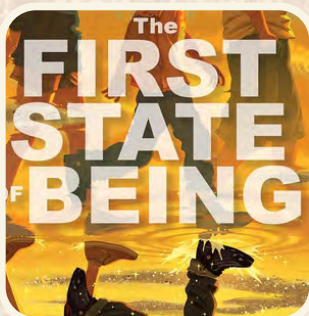
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## Teen



## Middle Grade

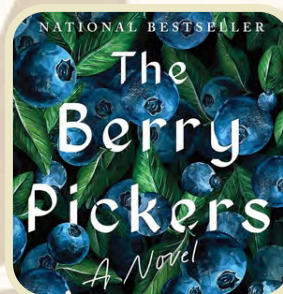
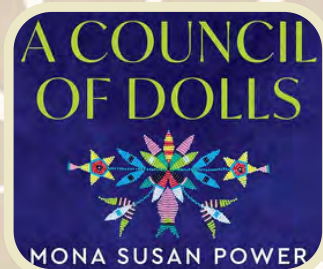
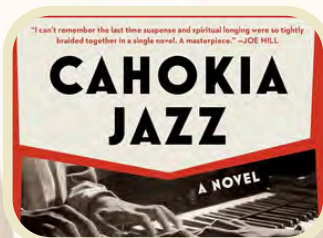
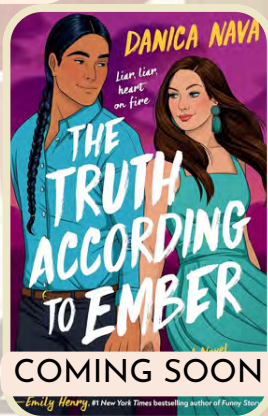
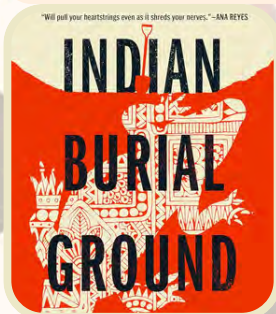


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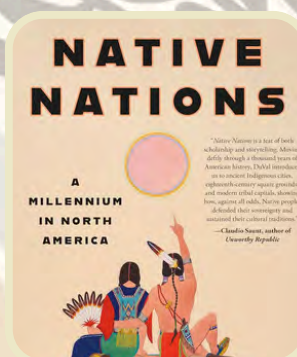
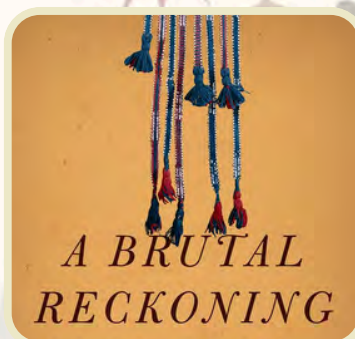
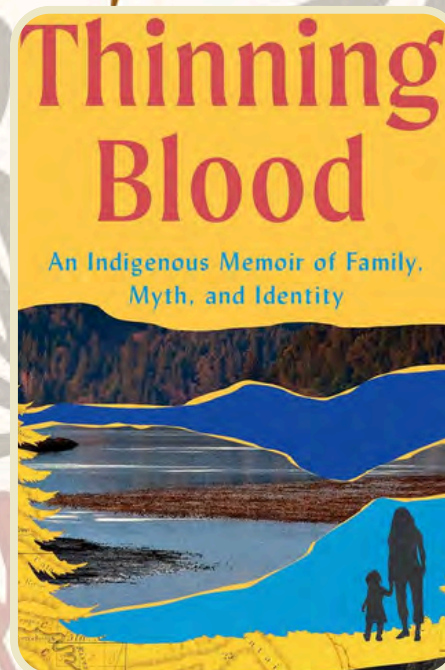
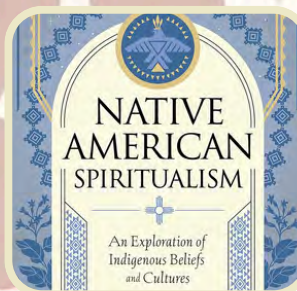
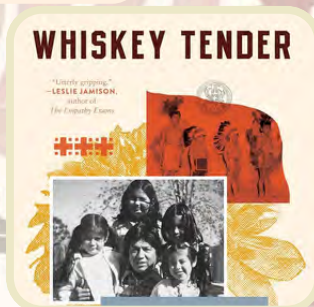
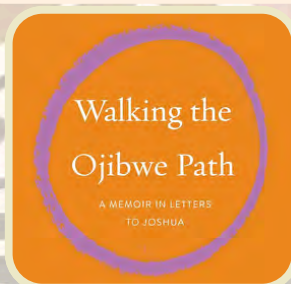
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November is National Native American Heritage Month. This is a time when we celebrate the stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities. The book selections provided offer a glimpse into the rich histories and contributions of Native cultures and people.

## fiction



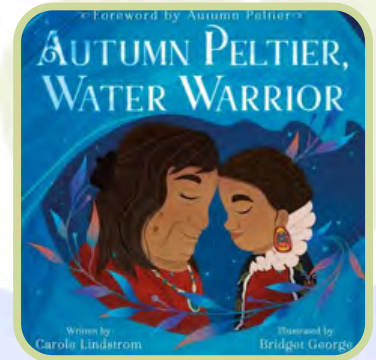
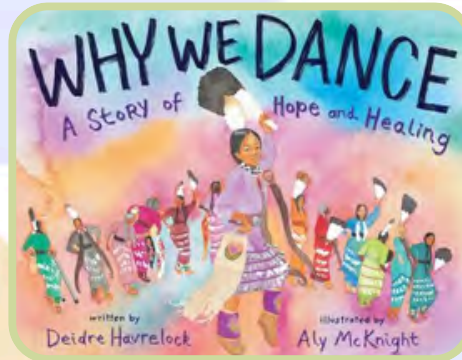
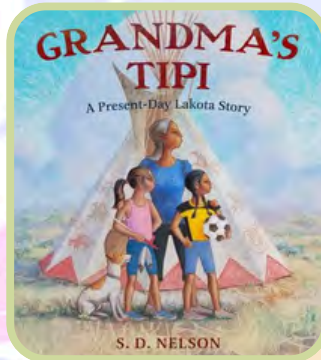
## nonfiction



# Celebrating NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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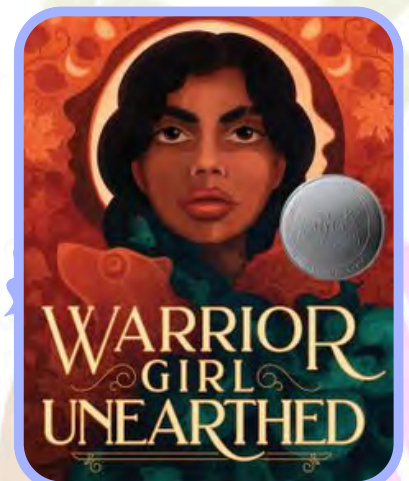
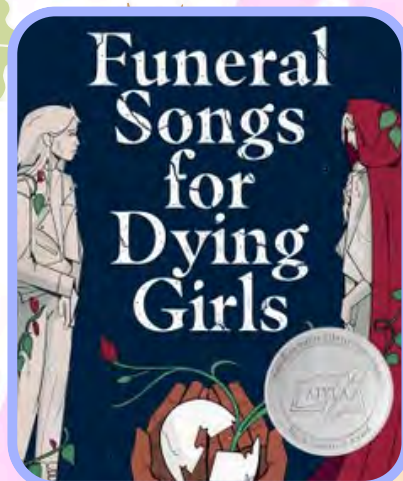
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## Middle Grade



## YA Books



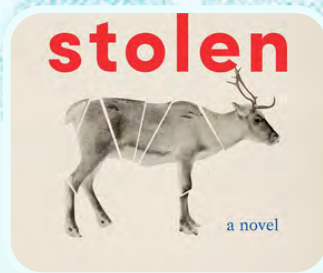
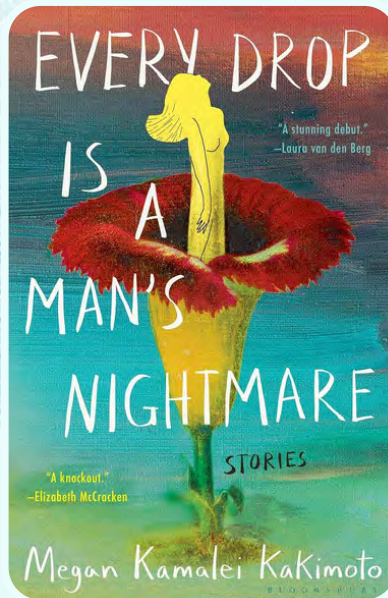
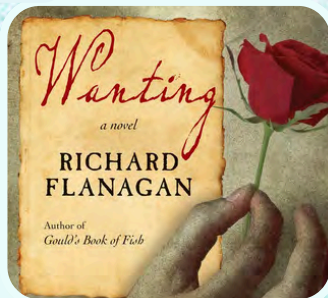
# Celebrating

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

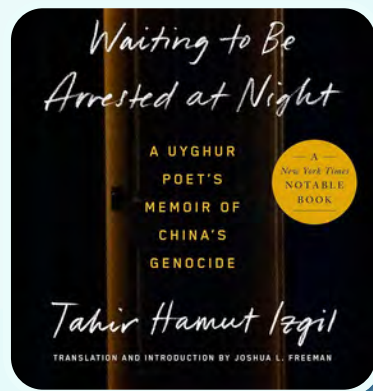
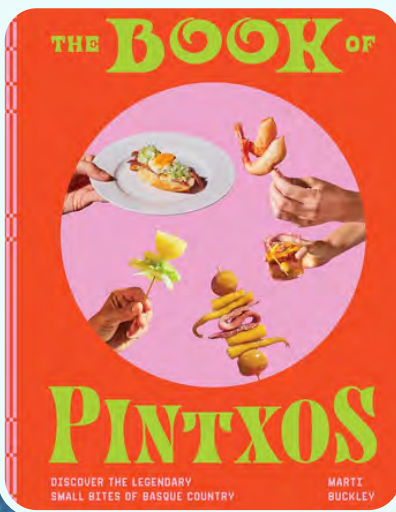
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On Indigenous Peoples' Day the contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples are celebrated. Learn more about the immeasurable positive impact of Native communities as you read these fiction and nonfiction picks.

## Fiction



## Nonfiction



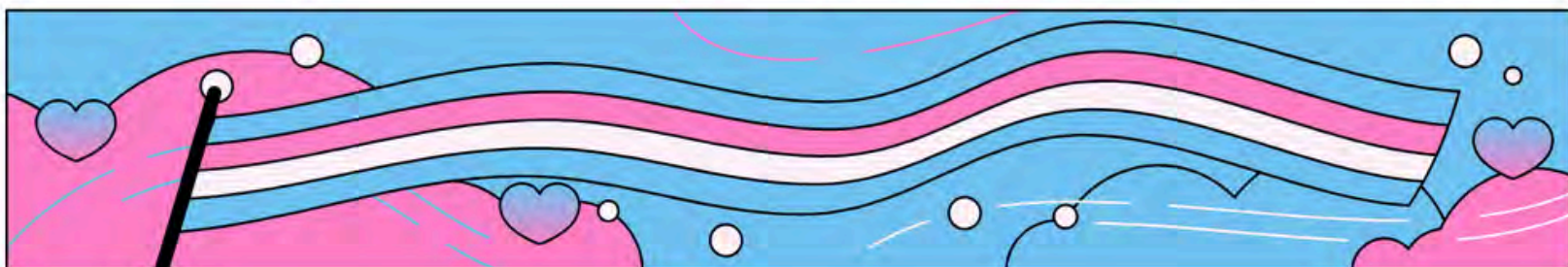
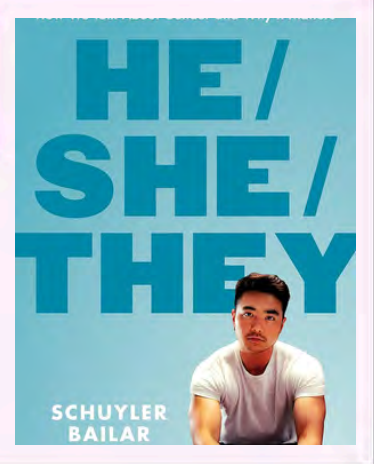
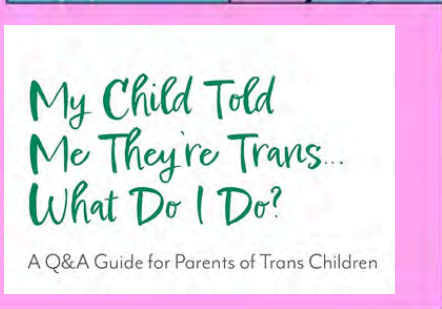
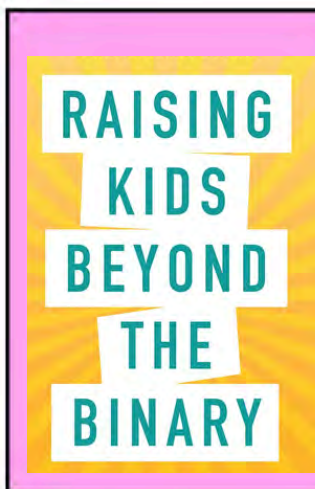
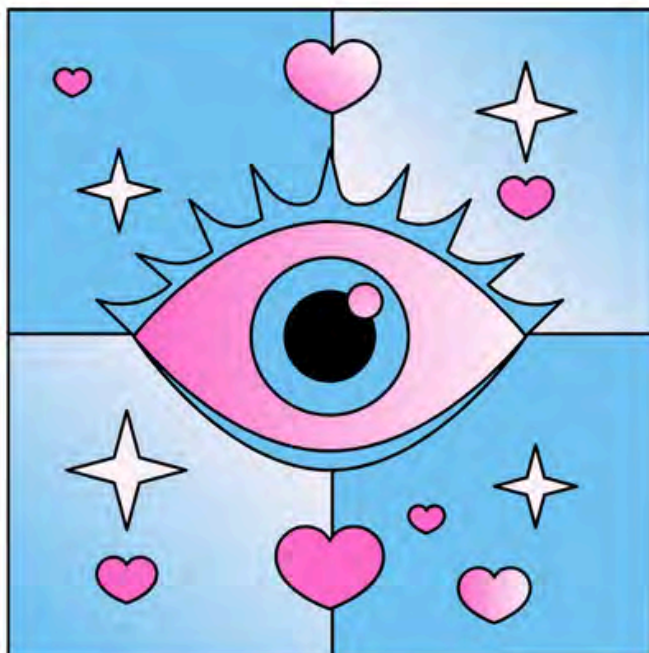
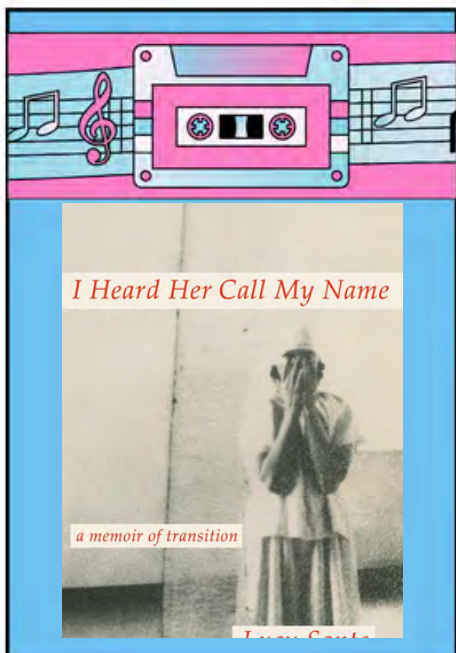
# Transgender

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# REMEMBRANCE

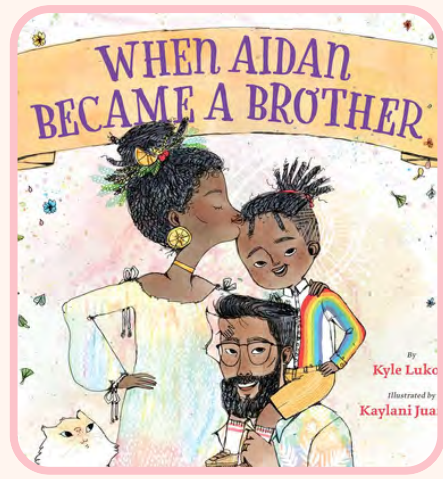
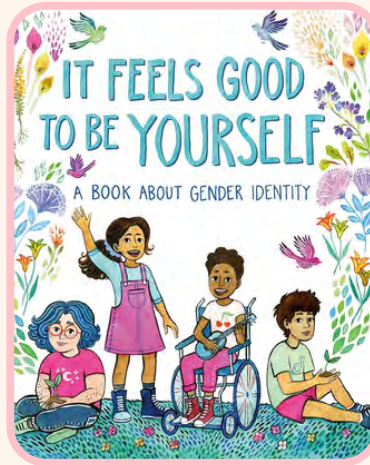
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The transgender community continues to face struggles and gain acceptance. This day serves as a reminder of the need for continued efforts to achieve equality and justice. These books are good ways to start conversations.

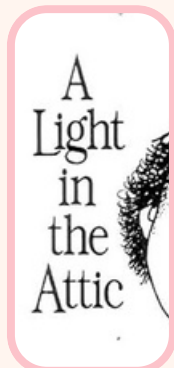




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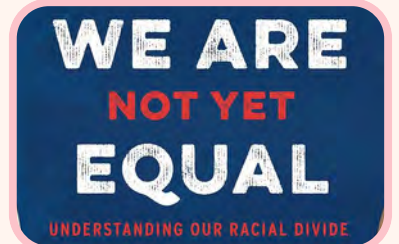


# MIDDLE GRADE



Sept. 22-29

# YOUNG ADULT

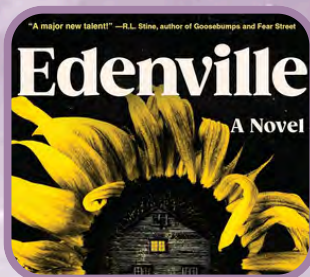
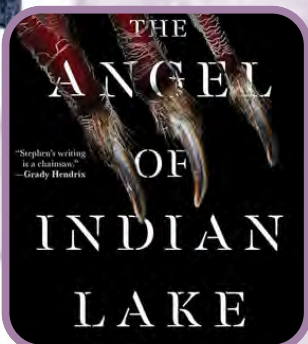
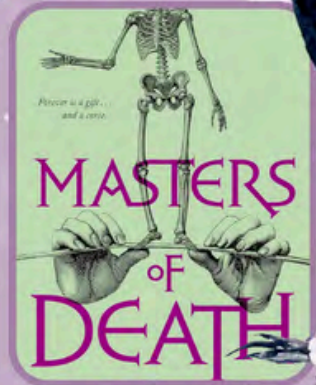
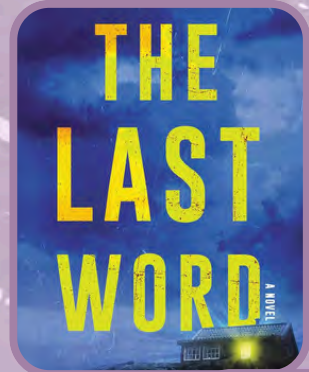
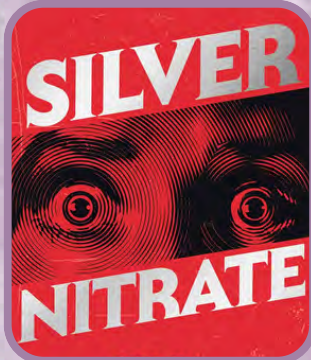
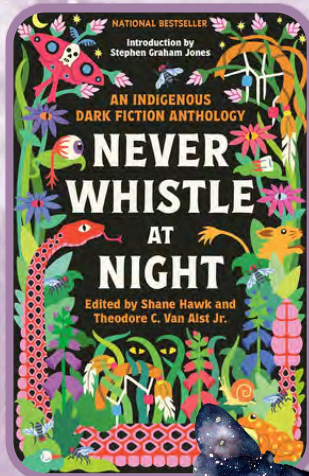
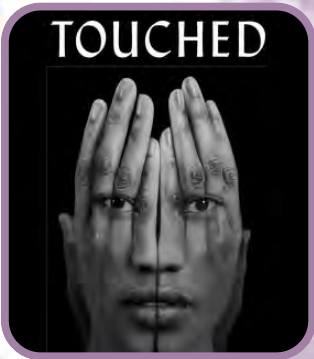


Banned Books Week was established in 1982 in response to an increase in the number of books that were being challenged in libraries, bookstores, and schools. Banned Books Week serves to draw attention to the efforts to remove or restrict access to books and the harms of censorship. It is also a way for the book community to join together in support the freedom to read and the freedom to seek and to express ideas. The theme for Banned Books Week 2024 (September 22-28) is "Freed Between the Lines." The selections below are ways to share the love of the right to read and to be Freed Between the Lines!



# Oh the HORROR

Scary reads are pretty much an October tradition for many. Here are some new books you might want to read with all the lights on!

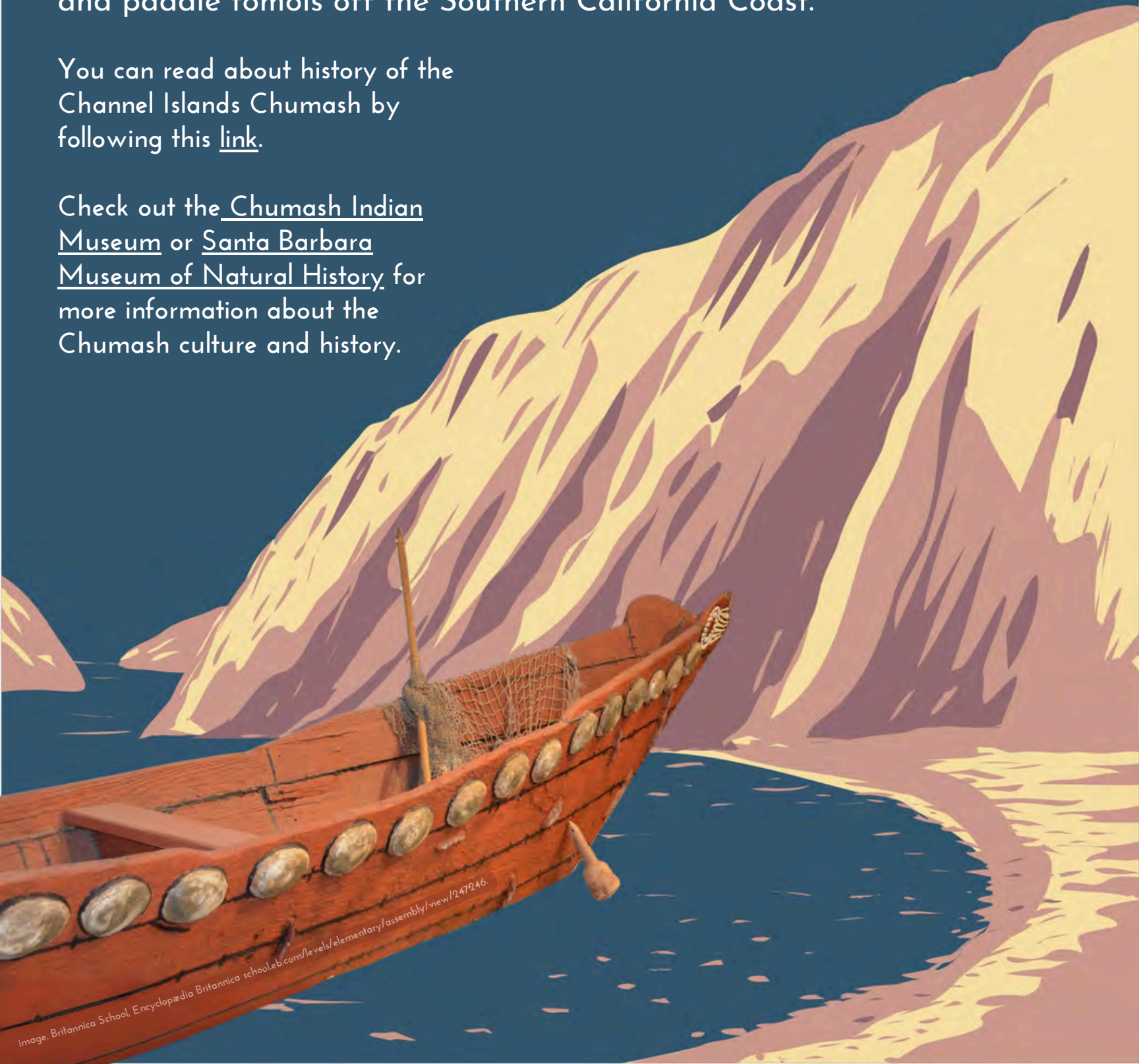


# Chumash Tomols

The Chumash plank canoe, known as a tomol is an integral part of the culture. Today tomol paddlers continue to build and paddle tomols off the Southern California Coast.

You can read about history of the Channel Islands Chumash by following this [link](#).

Check out the [Chumash Indian Museum](#) or [Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History](#) for more information about the Chumash culture and history.



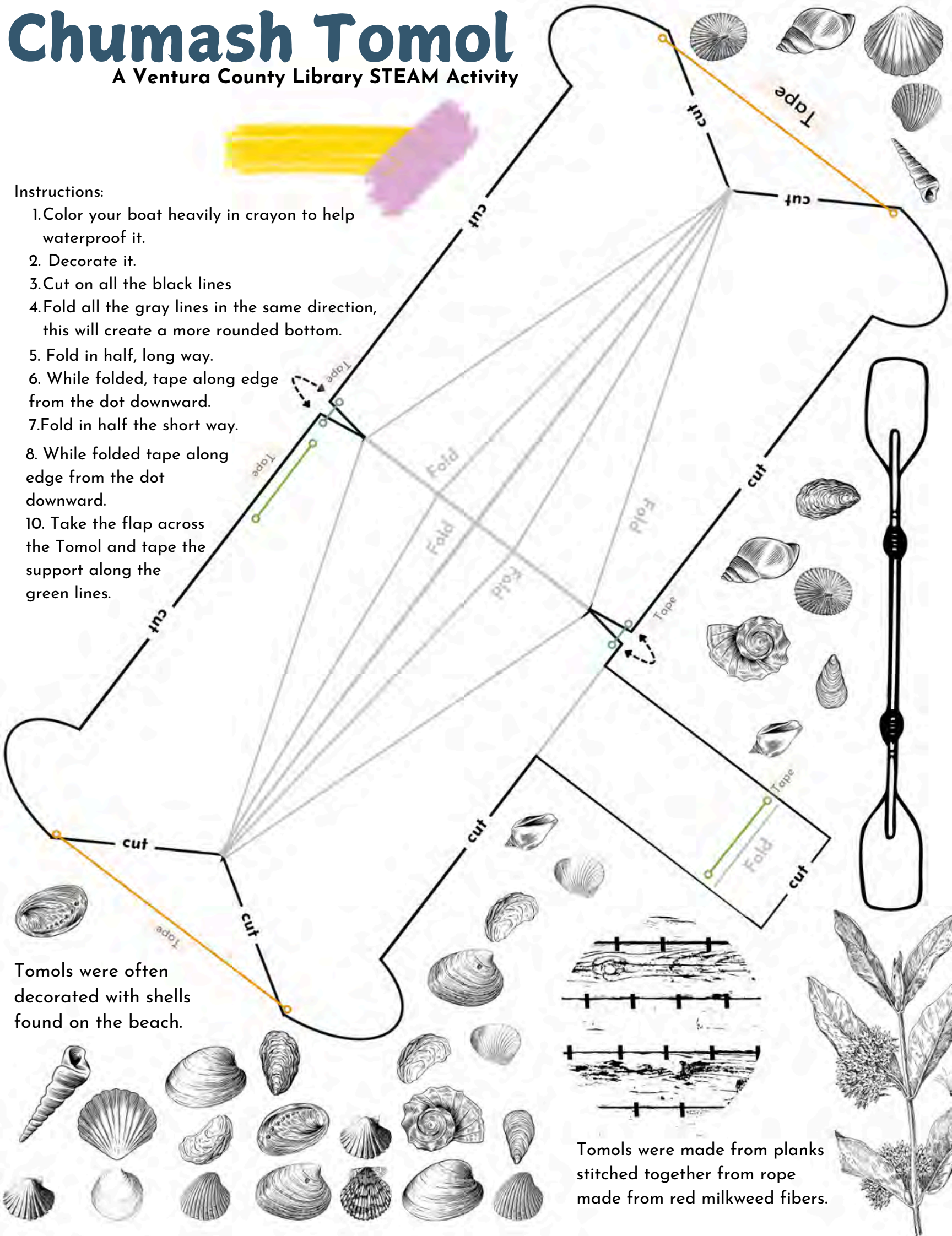
This replica sits in the Chumash Indian Museum in Thousand Oaks, California.

# Chumash Tomol

A Ventura County Library STEAM Activity

## Instructions:

1. Color your boat heavily in crayon to help waterproof it.
2. Decorate it.
3. Cut on all the black lines
4. Fold all the gray lines in the same direction, this will create a more rounded bottom.
5. Fold in half, long way.
6. While folded, tape along edge from the dot downward.
7. Fold in half the short way.
8. While folded tape along edge from the dot downward.
10. Take the flap across the Tomol and tape the support along the green lines.



Tomols were often decorated with shells found on the beach.

Tomols were made from planks stitched together from rope made from red milkweed fibers.