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LIBRARY UPDATE

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As always, library programs are **FREE**. For details, please check out the library's website at vencolibrary.org or contact Youth Services Manager, Molly Krill at molly.krill@ventura.org.

Libraries are a great place to read, learn, and be inspired! Come to your nearest library and sign up for summer reading, check out some great books, and enjoy the many activities we have planned.



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HIGH SCHOOL

BETTER THAN EVER!



The road of life can be bumpy. Sometimes there are obstacles or detours that divert us from accomplishing our goals. For those adults whose circumstances prevented them from completing high school, the Ventura County Library's fully accredited Career Online High School (COHS) program offers a second chance to achieve the dream of earning a high school diploma. It is specifically designed for adults to succeed in a flexible, accessible format entirely online. Even better, the program allows students to focus on a career path and earn a career certificate while achieving a diploma.

Can it get any better? Yes! It just did! COHS has made new improvements that expand opportunities for students. First, a new career pathway in manufacturing has been added to the curriculum. This new series provides an overview of the manufacturing field and describes manufacturing management tools, supply chain concepts, workplace team dynamics, product quality, and the basics of electricity, hydraulic systems, and pneumatic systems. It adds a new option to the certificates already available in office management, child care and education, home health care professional, security professional, food and hospitality, commercial driving, hospitality and leisure, retail customer service, and general career preparation.

But that's not all! COHS is now also accepting the HiSET exams for transfer credit in addition to the GED. Both HiSET and GED are high school equivalency certificate exams that are comprised of tests that demonstrate proficiency in high school subjects such as language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Both tests are equally demanding and are accepted as valid nationwide. Whereas the GED is a completely computer-based series of tests, the HiSET is offered as both computer-based and pencil-and-paper. This gives a comfortable alternative to individuals who are less computer-savvy. Students who have passed any portion of the exams may apply for credit and complete their graduation requirements more quickly. What could be better than that?

It's NEVER too late to graduate! Anyone over the age of 18 can start today by visiting www.vencolibrary.com/cohs or emailing mydiploma@ventura.org.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I have learned so much about myself during this whole experience, there are really no words. I was a young mother that needed to work two jobs to keep afloat. I FELT STUCK! I am just very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful program. This has changed my life."

"What I learned from the program is that it's never too late – even in your 50s – to continue your education. All you need is self-determination and the support of amazing organizations like your local library."

"I wanted to prove that it wasn't too late and to show my kids that with applied effort you can reach your goals even if they seem impossible. I gained the sense of accomplishment -- something I've never experienced before, and it feels great!"

"I wanted to finish before my own daughter graduates. She's 16, and I wanted to show how much harder it is to do as an adult than sticking with it now. I learned so much, but mostly I learned about myself. I learned how to manage me! I don't know what's next, but I know I have more open doors than I did before."



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Happy Summer Reading!



SPRING EVENTS

Ventura County Library

MINECRAFT

Servers for kids and teens

On-Site at these libraries:

- E.P. Foster
- Hill Road
- Ray D. Prueter

Check our calendar for dates, times, and sign-up info!



FREE STEAM KITS

Pick up three of them this Spring season!

Every month a new kit will be available at your local branch.

FREE TUTORING

Math Tutoring is available for students grades K-12 at Soliz Library Tuesdays 4-5pm

Outdoor & Virtual Storytime

Check our website for dates and times

Past episodes available on

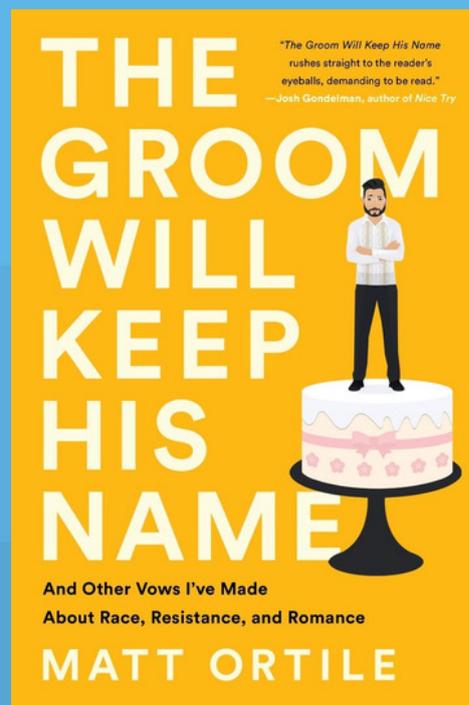
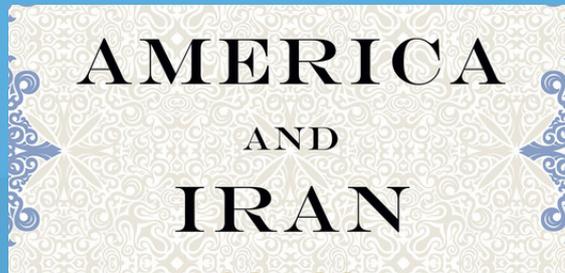
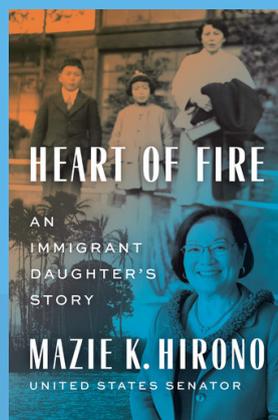
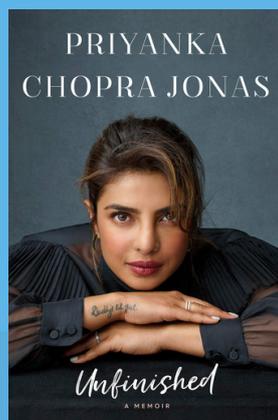
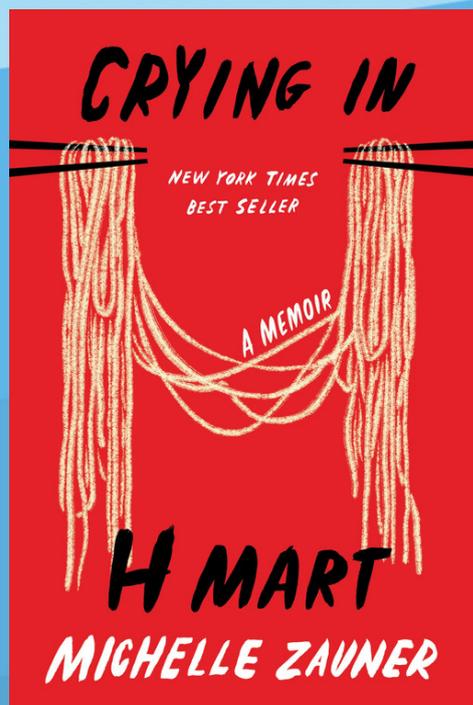
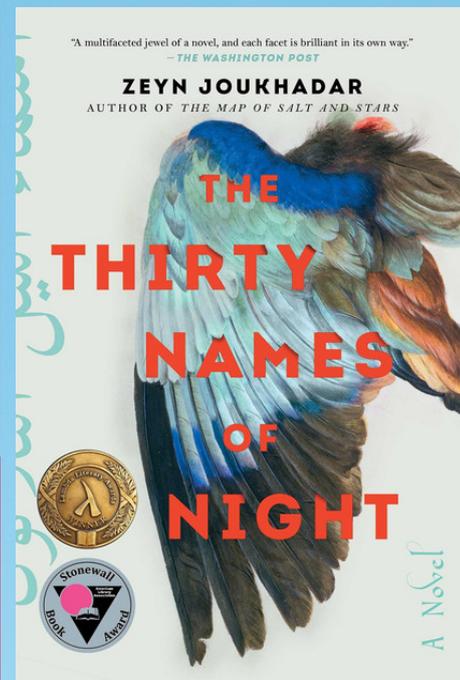
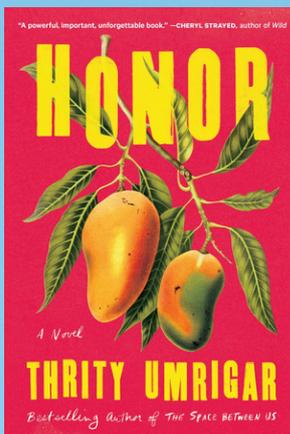
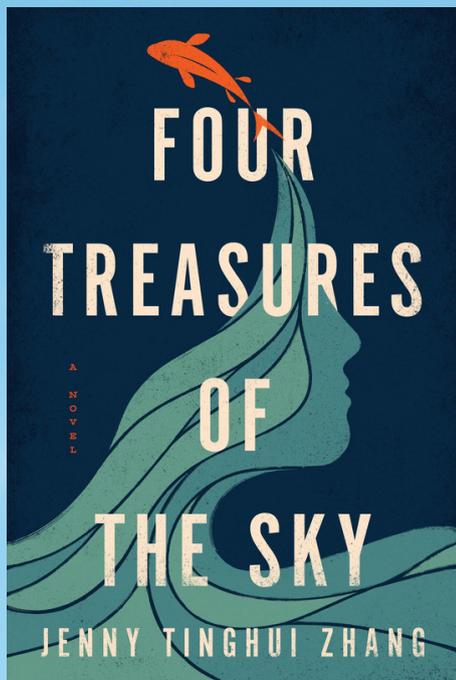


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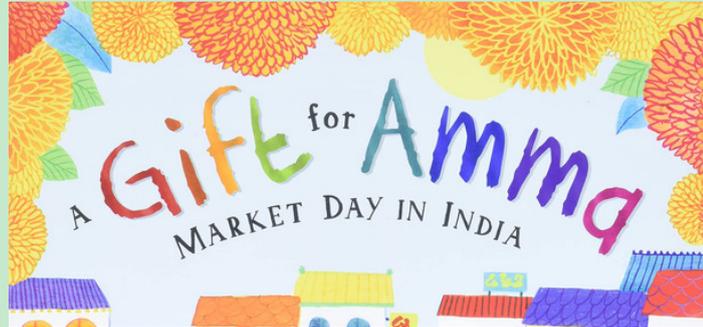
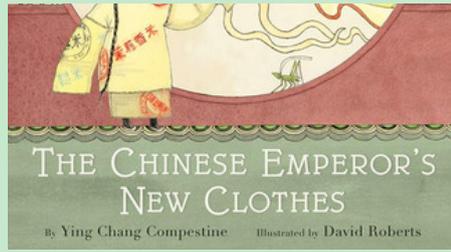
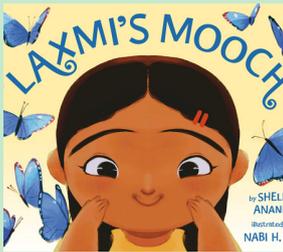
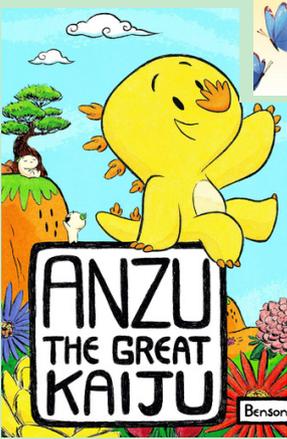
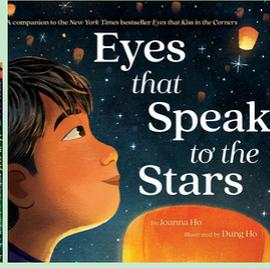
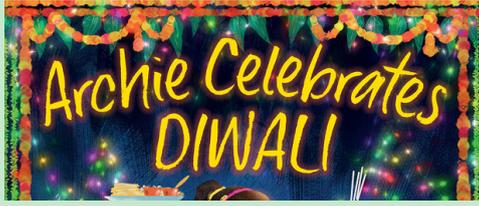
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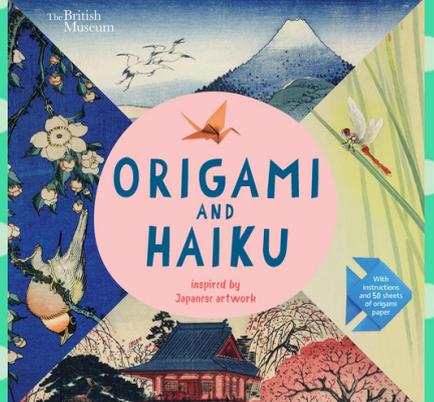
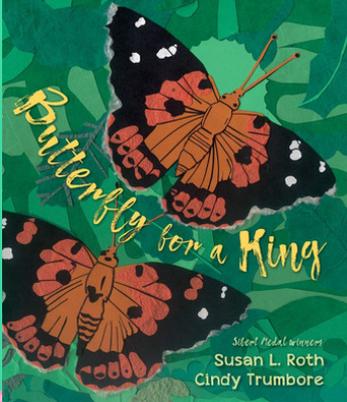
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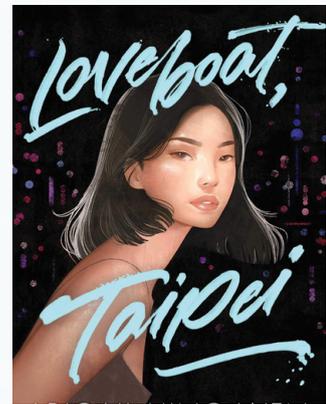
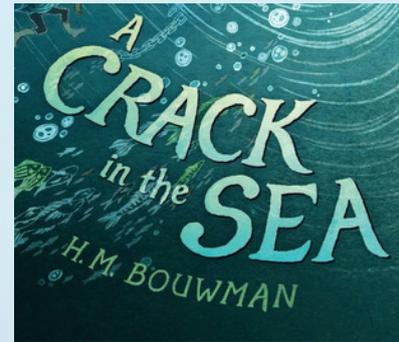
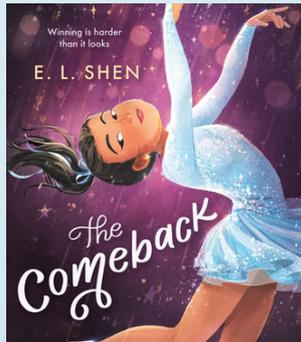
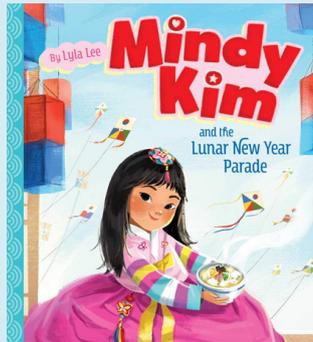
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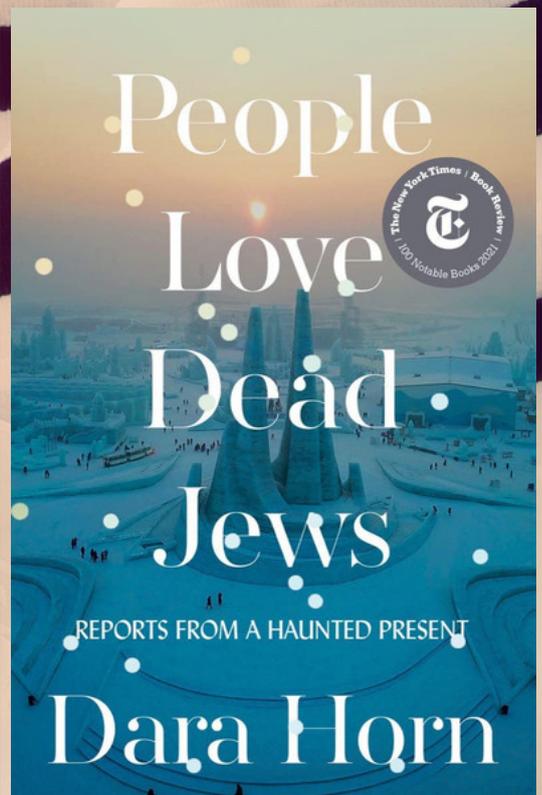
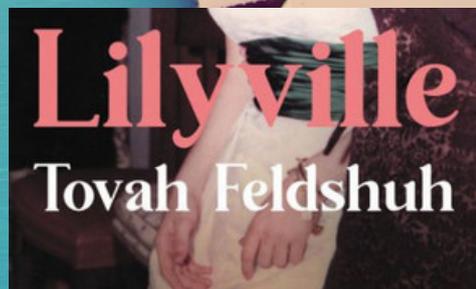
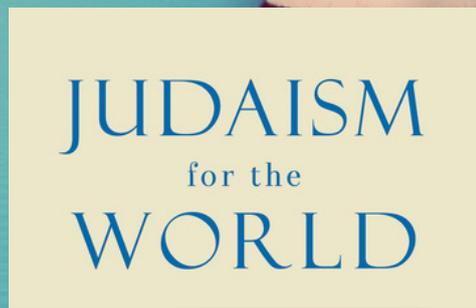
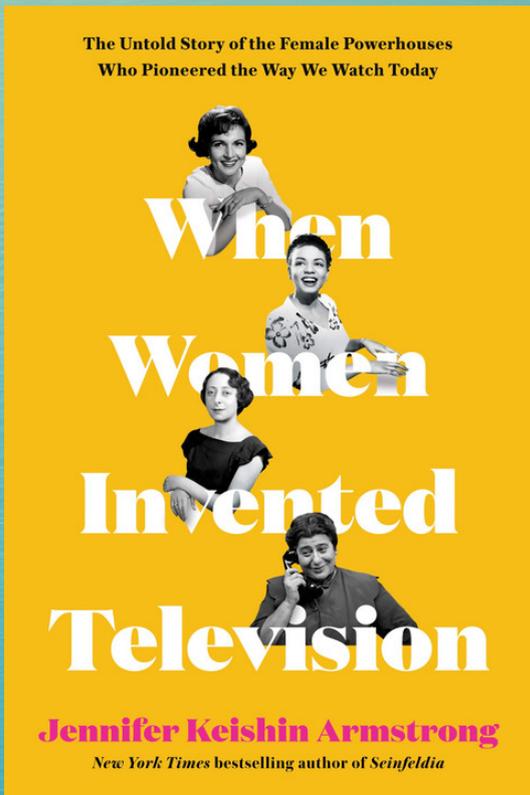
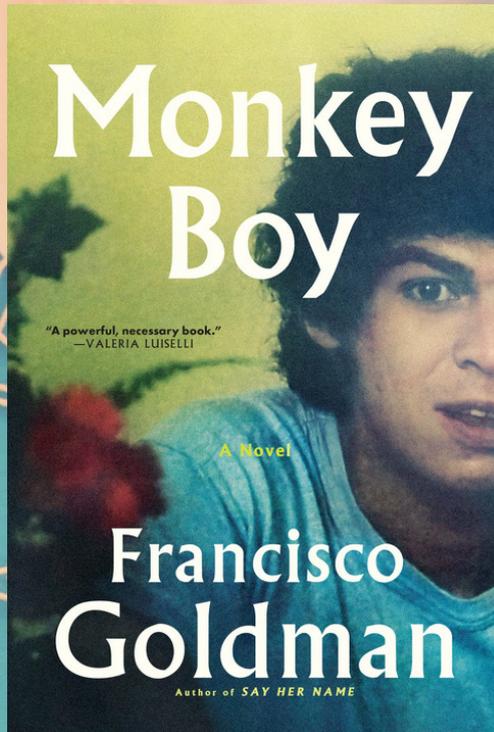
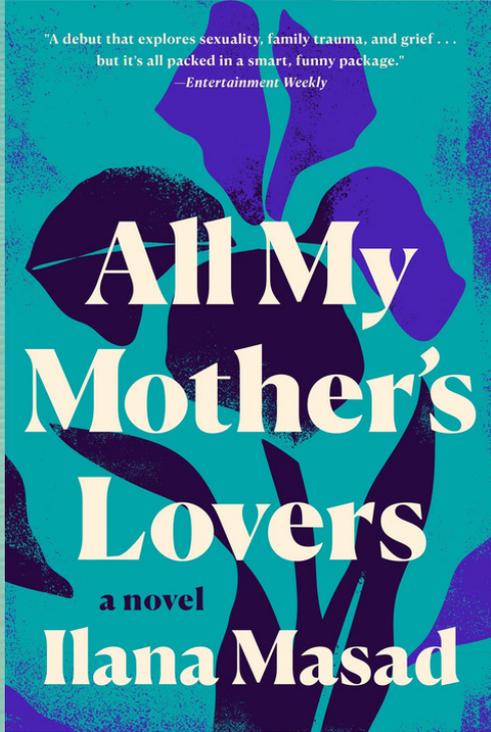
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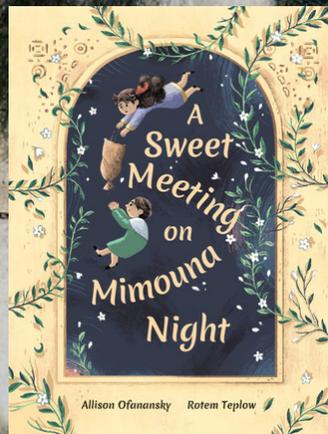
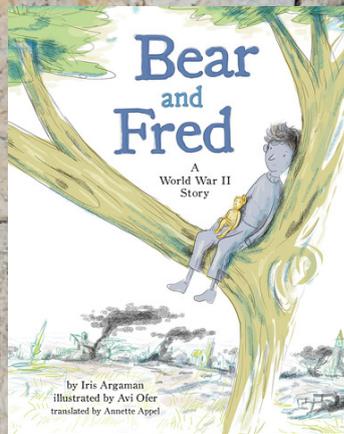
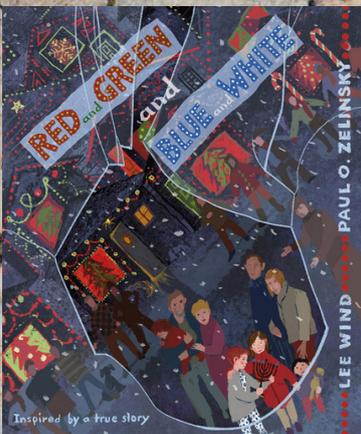
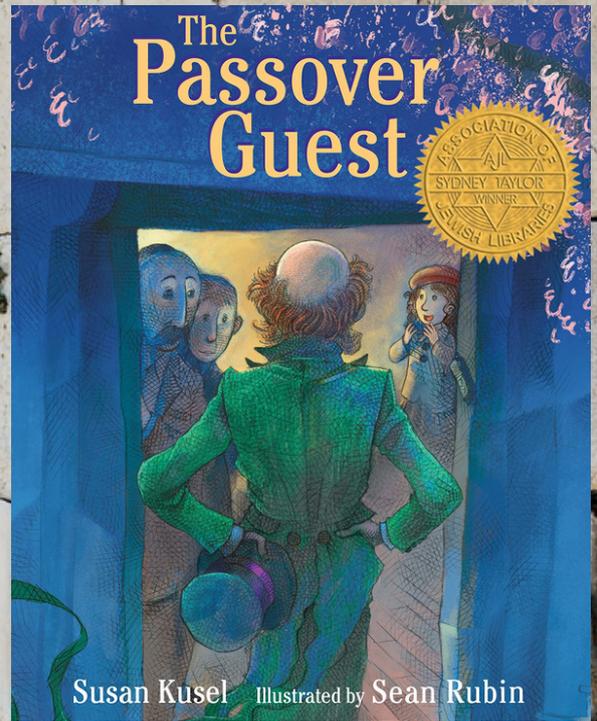
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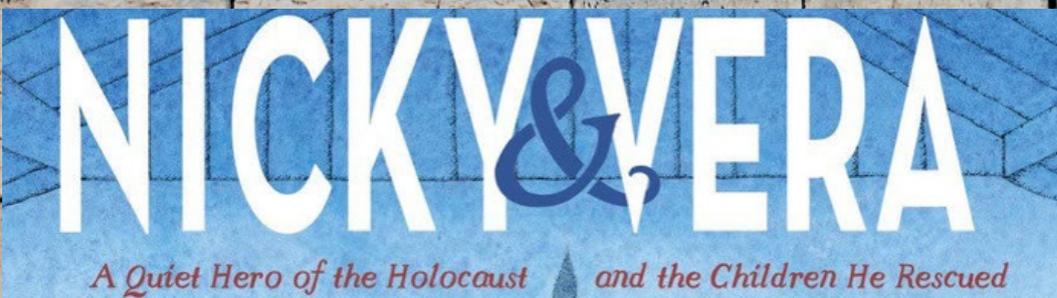
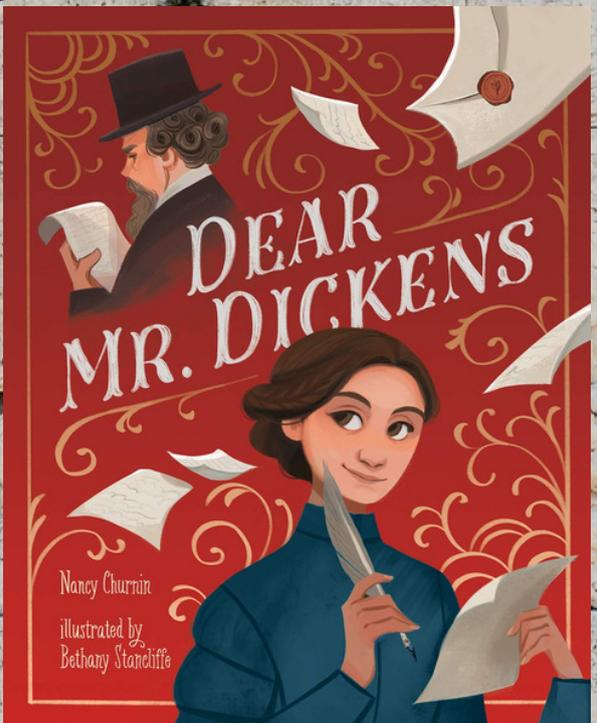
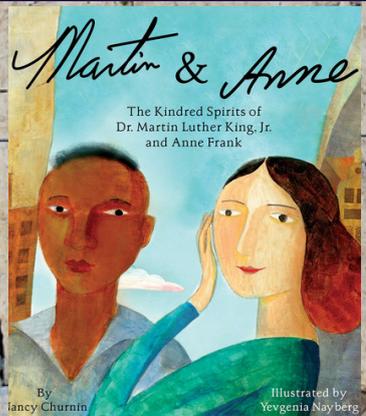
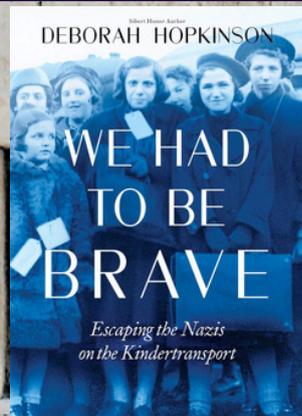
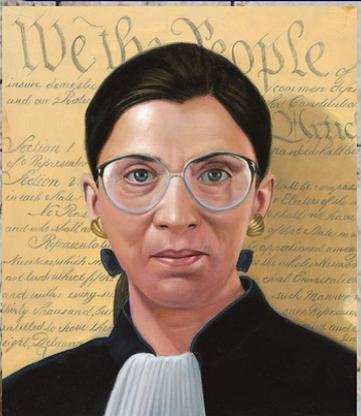
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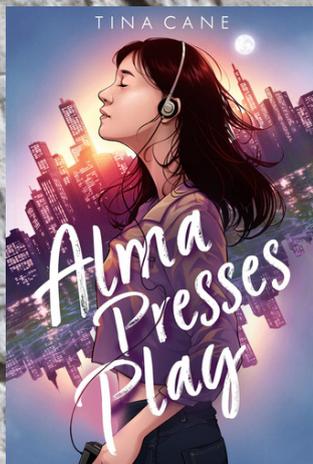
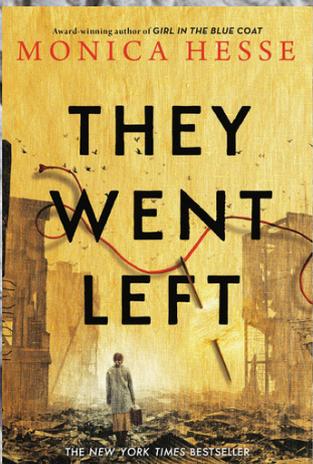
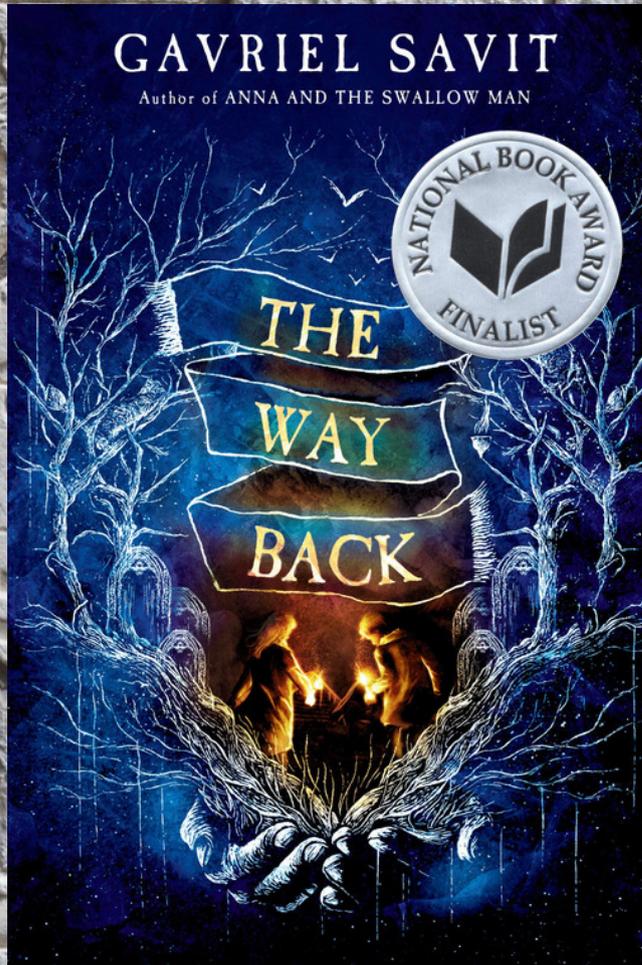
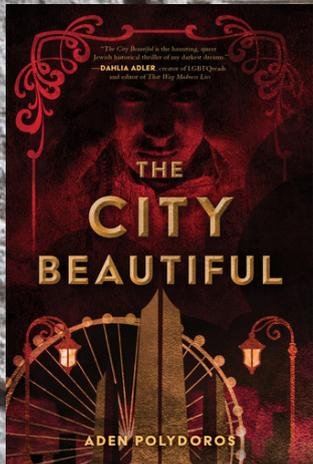
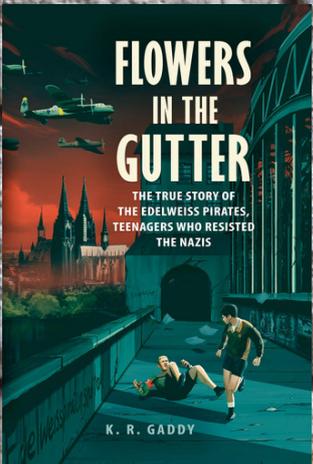
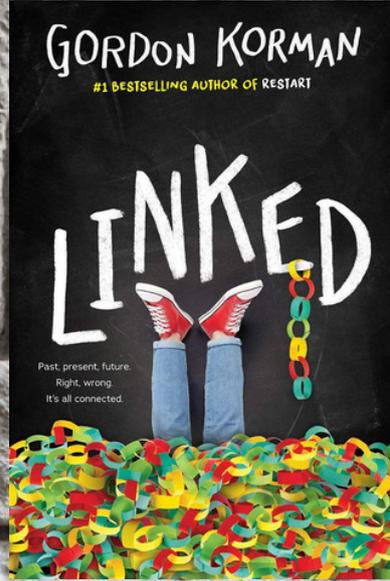
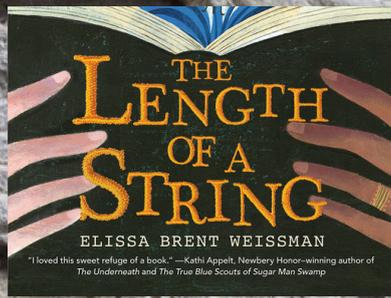
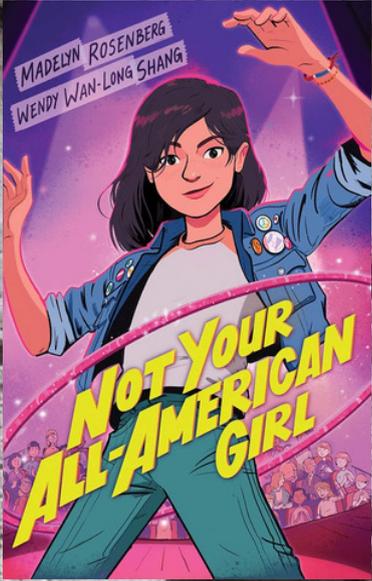
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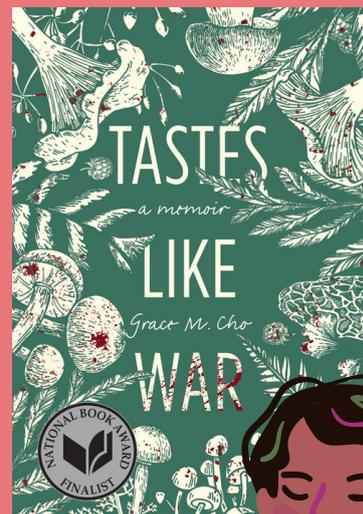
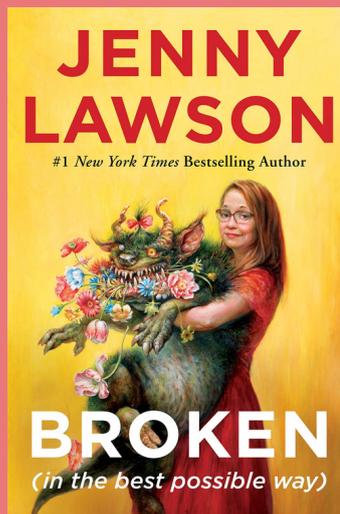
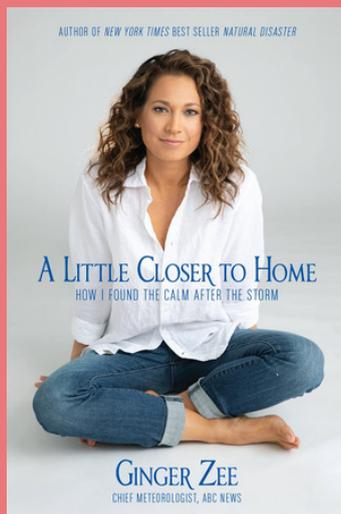
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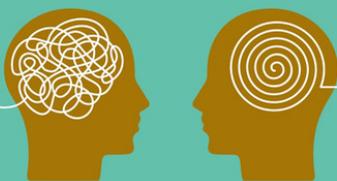
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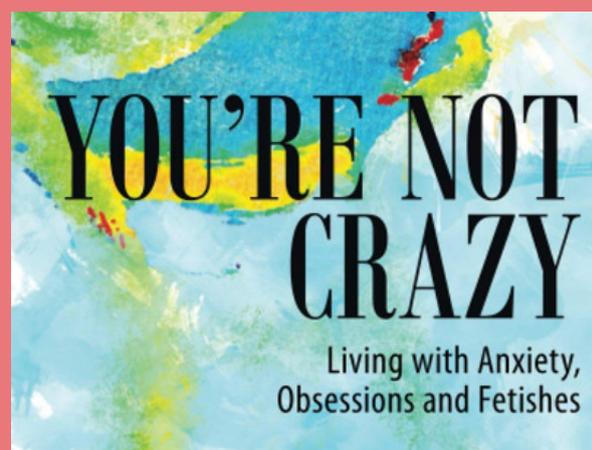
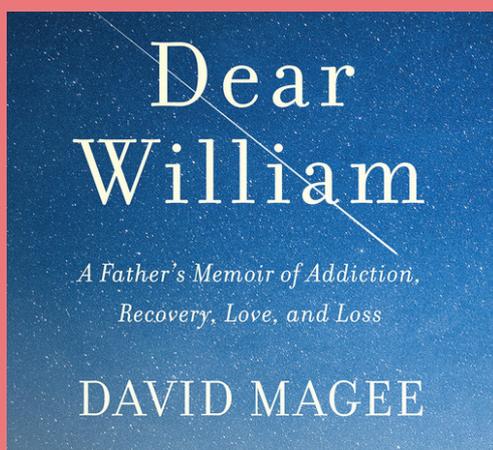
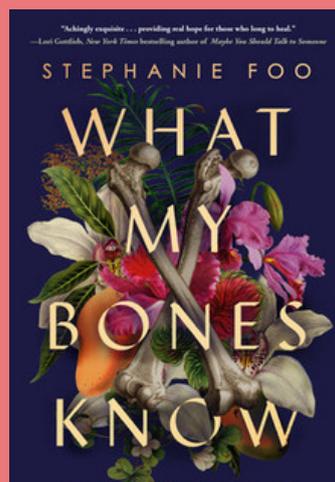
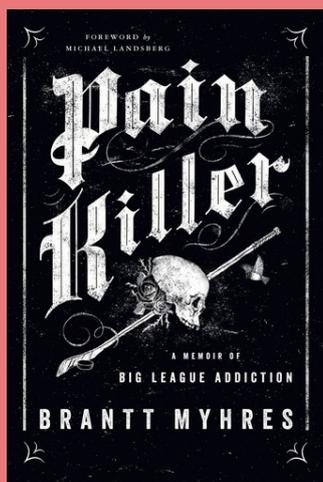


Everyday Trauma



Remapping *the* Brain's Response to Stress, Anxiety and Painful Memories for a Better Life

Tracey Shors, PhD



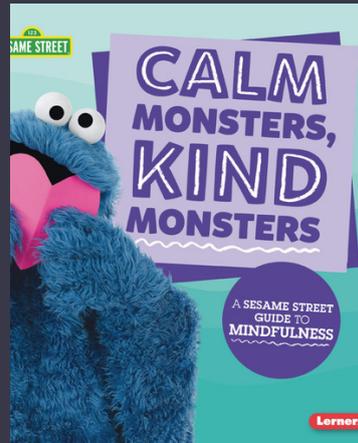
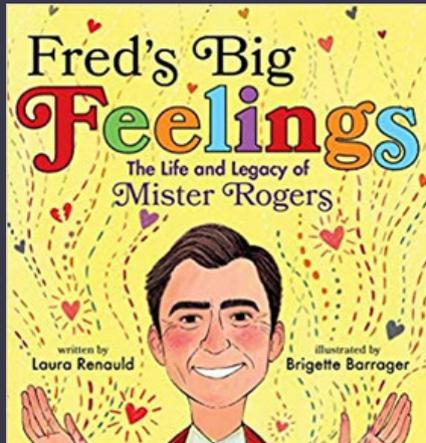
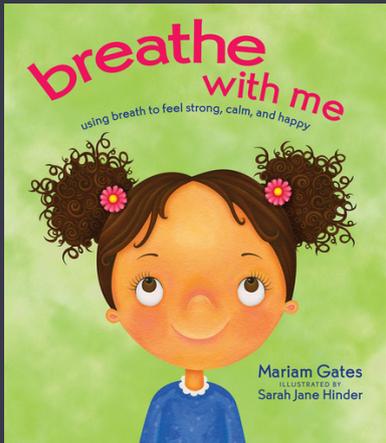
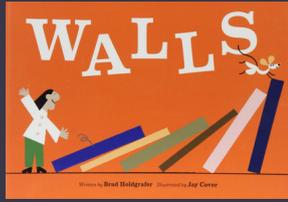
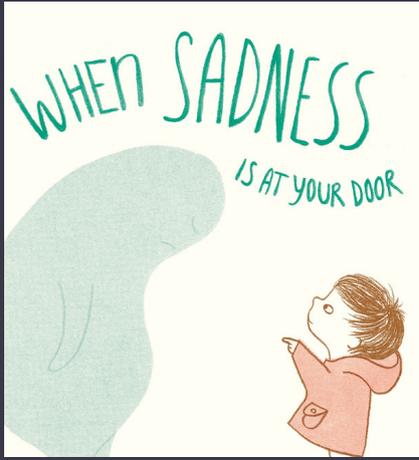
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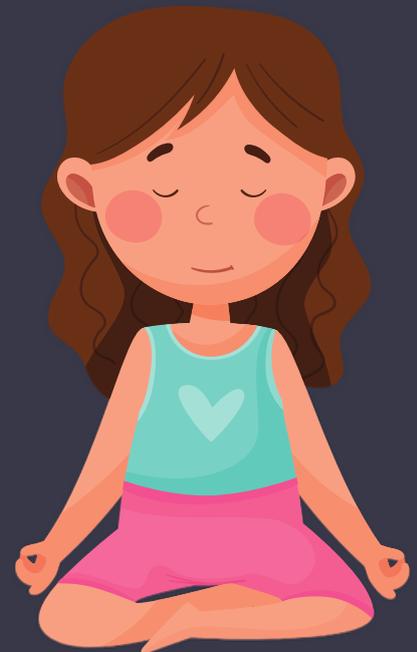
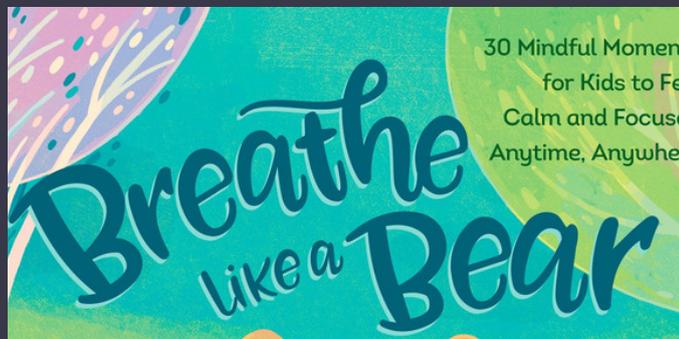
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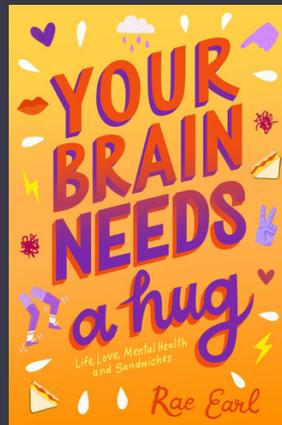
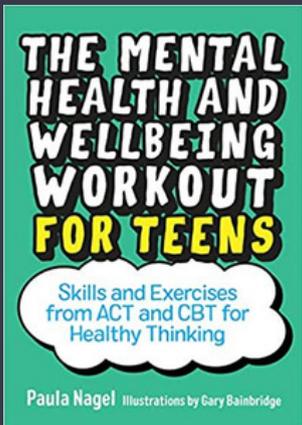
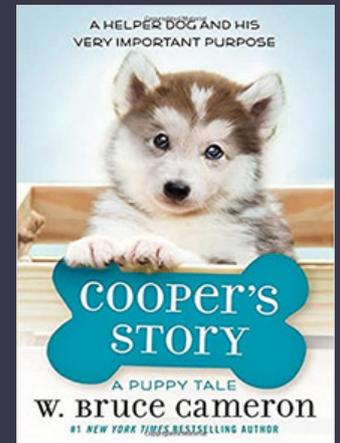
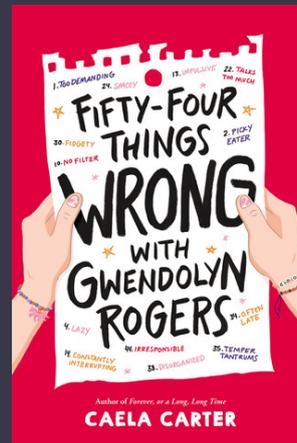
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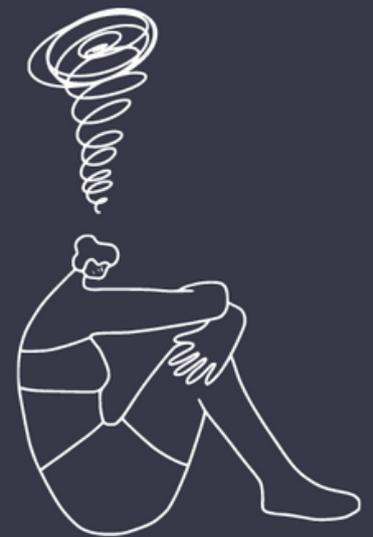
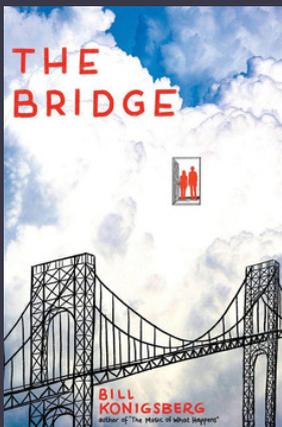
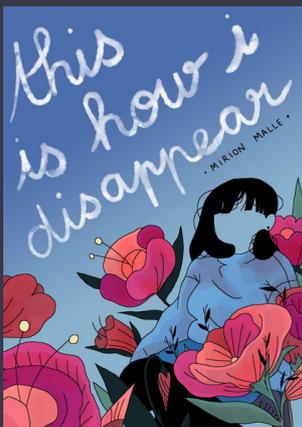
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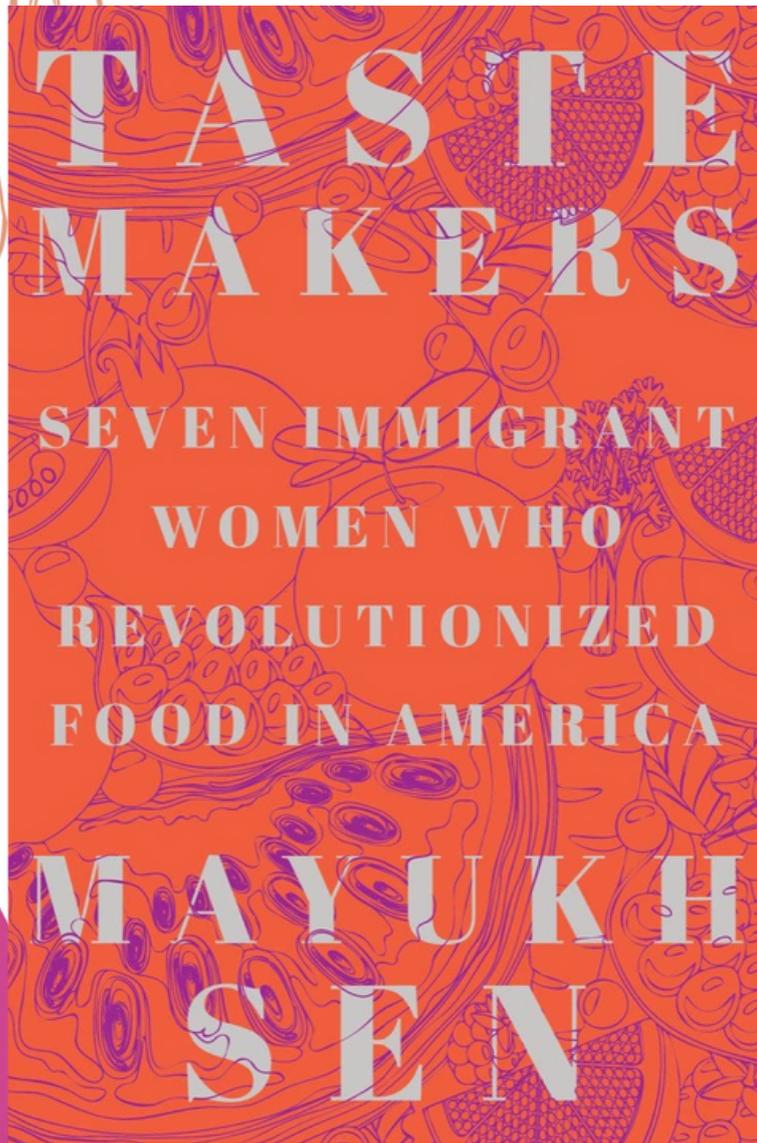
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THE VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY'S FIFTH ANNUAL

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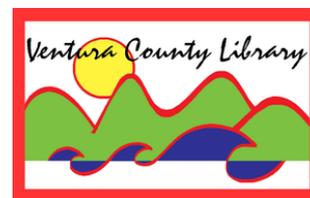
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Throughout October, Ventura County libraries will feature discussions, speakers, and other special events relating to *Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America* by Mayukh Sen.

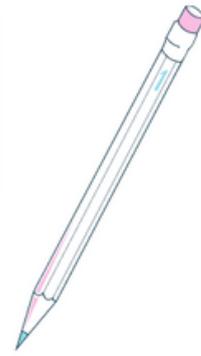
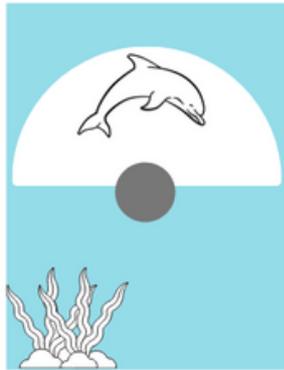
One County, One Book will conclude with a special author event with Mayukh Sen, which will take place at 2pm on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

For more information, please visit:
www.vencolibrary.org/ocob.



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MAKE JUMPING DOLPHINS



Bottlenose dolphins are one of the most recognizable and well-known species of the cetacean family. In the Ventura area it is not unusual to spot forays by the bottlenose into Ventura Harbor. This species is also seen along the entire Southern California Bight by countless beach goers.

Quick and Cool Facts

- There appear to be two main varieties; a smaller, inshore form and a larger, more robust form that lives mainly offshore.
- A social species, the bottlenose dolphin may live in groups of 100s of individuals.
- They employ a feeding strategy called "fish whacking," where they strike a fish with their flukes and knock it clear out of the water.
- Dolphins can rest one side of their brain at a time, allowing them to sleep whilst remaining conscious enough to surface and breathe.
- Bottlenose dolphins are born with a few hairs on their "rostrum" or beak that they lose shortly after birth.
- The bottlenose has more flexibility in its neck than other oceanic dolphin owing to the fact that 5 of its 7 neck vertebrae are not fused together.
- This species can live as long as 60 years.





- 1: Color dolphins and cut out circle on this page.
- 2: Cut out the half-circle on the ocean scene.
- 3: Line up the gray circles and poke a hole through them both with a pencil or pen. Keep the pencil in the holes. You will use the pencil as a handle to turn the dolphins.
- 4: Turn the circle with the dolphins to make them jump through the waves.

