

Arab American History



BOOK
CELEBRATIONS



Learning and growing together

Welcome to another installment of Book Celebrations! For April we are giving words and space to Arab American Heritage. Also this month we include books uplifting Autism awareness, fair housing, the importance of financial literacy, and volunteerism.

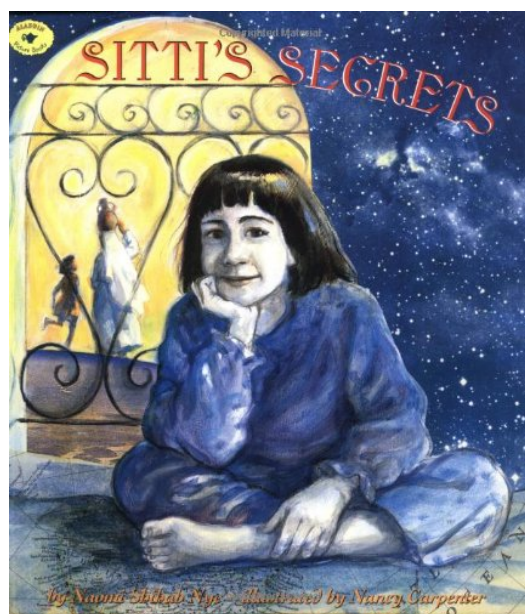
Have book recommendations? [Reach out and let us know!](#)

If you buy any of these **books on Amazon**, make sure you have signed up for **AmazonSmile** and selected Atlantic Street Center as your charity of choice. This means **Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price** of eligible purchases to our organization.

MAKE US YOUR AMAZONSMILE CHARITY



BOOKS FOR KIDS



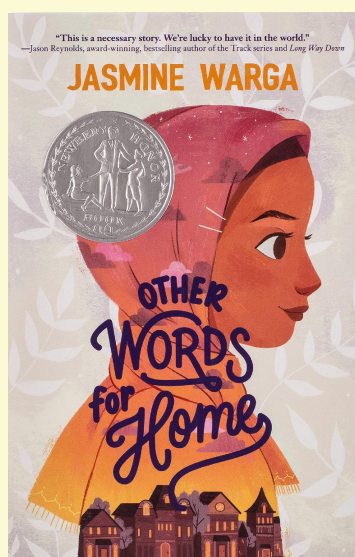
Fiction

Sitti's Secrets

by Naomi Shihab Nye | Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

When Mona goes to visit her grandmother Sitti in her Palestinian village, she realizes neither of them speaks the same language. During their visit, Mona and Sitti create their own language to learn about one another and the culture they share.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)



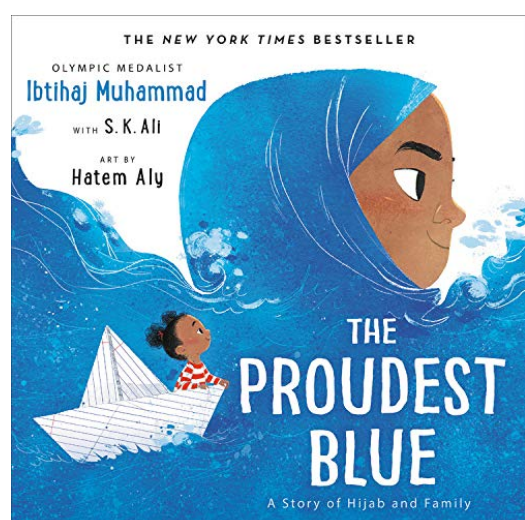
Fiction

Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

Amazon reviews call this book 'amazing' and 'important.' Jude and her mother move from war-torn Syria to Cincinnati, Ohio leaving behind Jude's father and brother. The reader follows Jude as she embarks on a new life to discover herself in America.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)



Picture Book

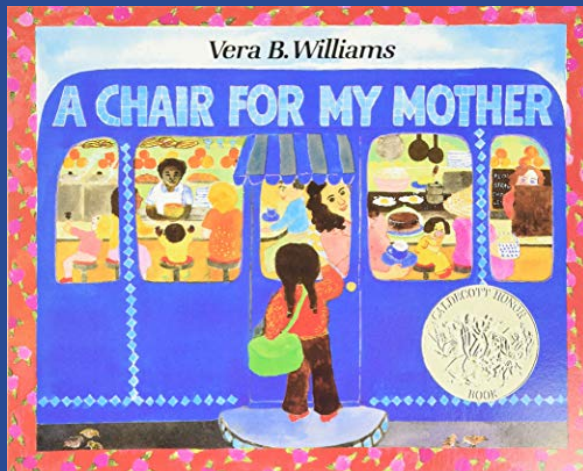
The Proudest Blue

by S. K. Ali with Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad | Illustrated by Hatem Aly

This story is all about the admiration many of us have for an older sibling. Faizah watches as her older sister Asiya sports a blue hijab on the first day of school while not letting bullies get to her.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Celebrating Financial Literacy Month



Picture Book

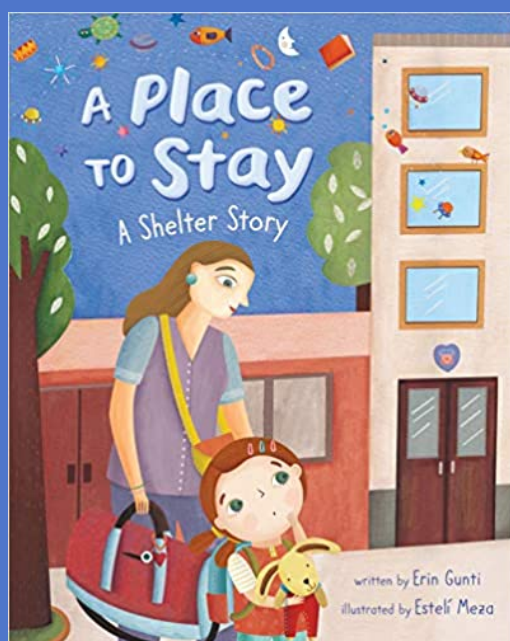
A Chair for My Mother

written and illustrated by Vera Williams

First published in 1982, this beautifully illustrated children's book follows one small family's routine of saving up for a new chair after a fire destroys their previous home.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Acknowledging National Fair Housing Month



Picture Book

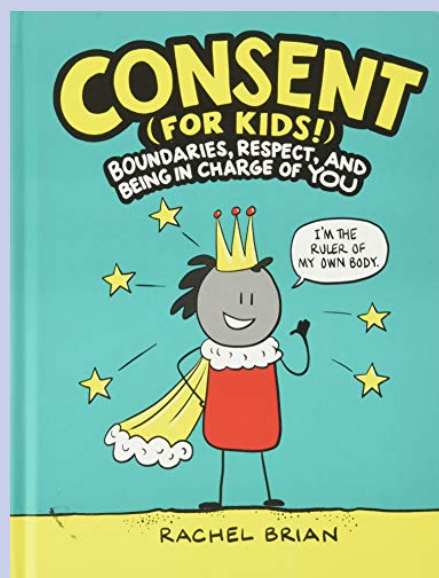
A Place to Stay

by Erin Gunti | Illustrated by Esteli Meza

More people experience homelessness than we think, including children. This book, written by a social worker, depicts a mother and daughter's night in a women's shelter. With the help of her mother, we see the night play out through the imagination of the girl.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Education in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Picture Book

Consent for Kids

by Rachel Brian

This book brings in guides and fun illustrations to remind children about establishing and respecting boundaries when it comes to our bodies. A great introduction about consent, respect for others and ourselves, *Consent* is great for kids and adults alike.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Thankful for National Volunteer Month



Picture Book

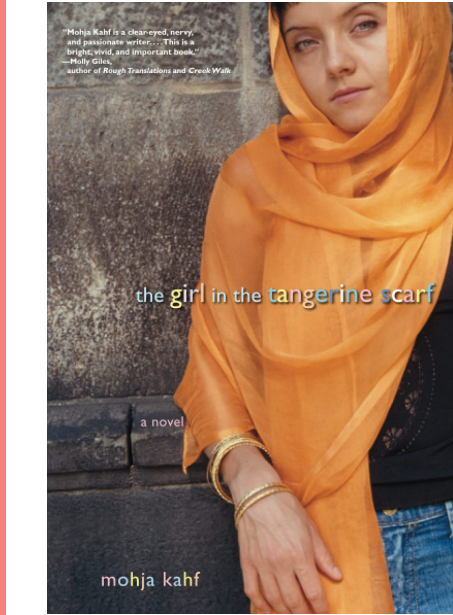
The One Day House

by Julia Durango | Illustrated by Bianca Diaz

This book is perfect to introduce children to the power of volunteering in one's community. Young Wilson has a close friendship with Gigi, the older woman in his neighborhood who has a house that needs some tending to. Wilson inspires his neighbors to volunteer their time to help make Gigi's house warm, safe, and comfortable.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

BOOKS FOR ALL



Fiction

The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf

by Mohja Kahf

Syrian immigrant Khadra Shamy and her brother Eyad live in Indiana in the 1970s with their devout Muslim family. The reader watches Khadra grow up, get married, and then leave the US for Syria to find herself. She eventually returns to the States where she must emotionally reconcile with her past to better frame her future.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)



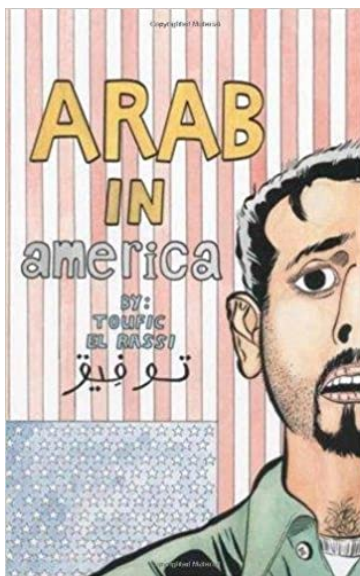
Collection of Essays

Never in a Hurry

by Naomi Shihab Nye

Raised in a Mexican-American neighborhood, Palestinian-American Naomi Nye encapsulates the stories of different people and their cultures from around the world, including eccentric neighbors, Filipina faith healers, and more.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)



Graphic Novel

Arab in America

by Toufic El Rassi

Lebanon-born Toufic El Rassi chronicles his experiences growing up Arab in America. Like many other Americans, he is overwhelmed with the events of 9/11 but also knows it will leave him open to scrutiny in the very place he calls home. Through exquisite art and historical calls to American media, the Gulf wars, and modern telling of the Middle East, El Rassi takes the reader on a very honest and necessary journey of what it is like being Arab in America.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Acknowledging Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Fiction

The Monster in My Room

by Rosa Nicole Booker



This novel follows the emotional journey of Olivia, who - at first glance - seems to have it all. Despite having a wonderful family, Olivia finds herself consumed by a darker past. The reader goes along with Olivia as she seeks professional help to eventually try and heal herself.

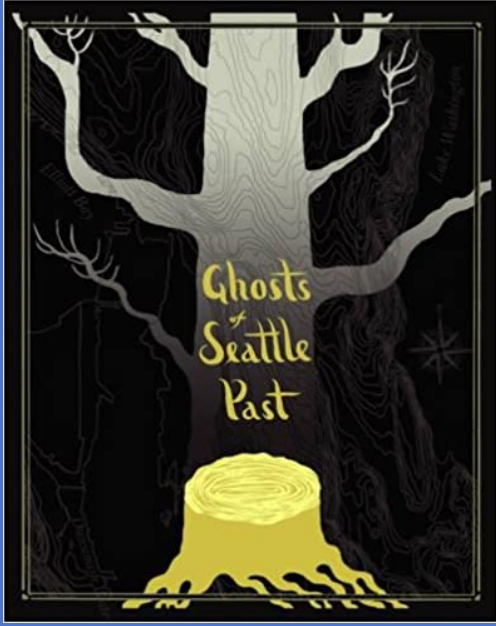
[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Acknowledging National Fair Housing Month

Historical

Ghosts of Seattle Past

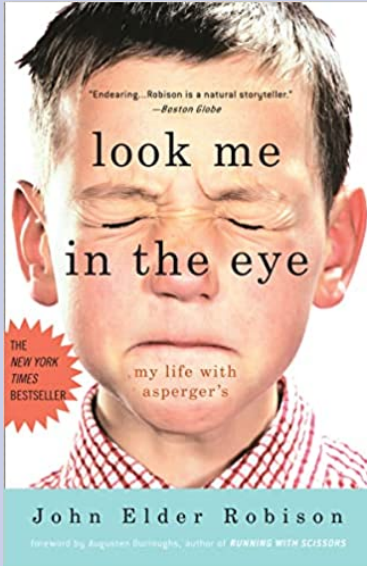
by Jaimee Garbacik, Josh Powell, and Jon Horn



Self-dubbed a 'funeral parade,' *Ghosts of Seattle Past* explores how the city has changed geographically over time, specifically communities that have been lost to commercial growth. Filled with maps and stories chronicling the demise of Native American lands, towns built on grunge, and hubs bolstered up by African American councils, every reader is given a deeper look into the streets of Seattle.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Celebrating Autism Awareness Month



Memoir

Look Me in the Eye

by John Elder Robison

Author John Robison recalls the difficulty to connect with others throughout his childhood, including blurting out non sequiturs and avoiding eye contact. It wasn't until he turned 40 that he was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome. Robison lets the reader relive his adventures with him, like building exploding guitars for KISS and then going on to have his own family.

[Buy It On Amazon](#)

Do you have gently used or new books you want to donate to Atlantic Street Center? Let us know here!



Atlantic Street Center | 2103 S. Atlantic St., Seattle, WA 98144

Unsubscribe.ascinfo@atlanticstreet.org

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by ascinfo@atlanticstreet.org in collaboration with



Try email marketing for free today!