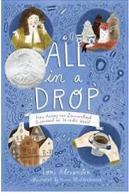
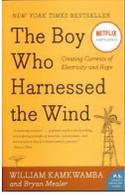
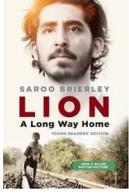
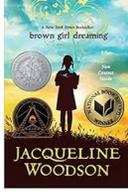
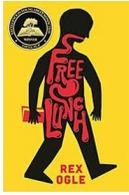
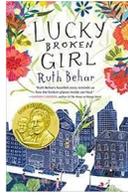
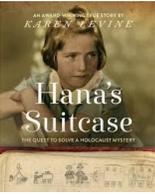
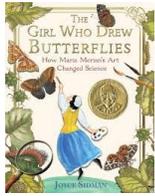
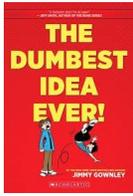


**BIOGRAPHY**

 <p><b><u><a href="#">All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World</a></u></b> (2019) <b>Lori Alexander</b></p> <p>This biography shares how a self-taught scientist was the first to observe the microbial life in and around us. By building his own microscope, Antony van Leeuwenhoek advanced humanity's understanding of our world.</p> <p>Lexile 890 , Reading Level 5.8</p>	 <p><b><u><a href="#">The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</a></u></b> (2009) <b>William Kamkwamba &amp; Bryan Mealer</b></p> <p>When William, a Malawian teen, began building a windmill from scraps and claimed the machine would generate electricity, everyone in his village thought he was crazy.</p> <p>Lexile 860, Reading Level 5.8</p>
 <p><b><u><a href="#">Lion: A Long Way Home</a></u></b> (2013) <b>Saroo Brierly</b></p> <p>In this memoir, the author describes being separated from his family and home in India as a child, how he survived as an orphan in Kolkata, his adoption by an Australian family, and his search for his biological family. The coauthor is Larry Buttrose.</p> <p>Lexile 1040, Reading Level 6.5</p>	 <p><b><u><a href="#">Brown Girl Dreaming</a></u></b> (2014) <b>Jacqueline Woodson</b></p> <p>Raised in South Carolina and New York, author Jacqueline Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. Through vivid free verse, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s.</p> <p>Lexile 990, Reading Level 5.3</p>
 <p><b><u><a href="#">Free Lunch</a></u></b> (2019) <b>Rex Ogle</b></p> <p>The author recalls his life as a poor kid on the free lunch program in a wealthy school district. His story is a realistic account of hardship, threaded with hope and moments of grace.</p> <p>Lexile 540, Reading Level 3.7</p>	 <p><b><u><a href="#">Lucky Broken Girl</a></u></b> (2017) <b>Ruth Behar</b></p> <p>In 1960s New York, fifth-grader Ruthie, a Cuban Jewish immigrant, must rely on books, art, her family, and friends in her multicultural neighborhood when an accident puts her in a body cast.</p> <p>Lexile 670, Reading Level 4.2</p>
 <p><b><u><a href="#">Hana's Suitcase: The Quest to Solve a Holocaust Mystery</a></u></b> (2002) <b>Karen Levine</b></p> <p>This is the true story of young Hana Brady, her parents, and her older brother, George, and how their happy life in a small town was turned upside down by the invasion of the Nazis.</p> <p>Lexile 730, Reading Level 5.0</p>	 <p><b><u><a href="#">Marooned: The Strange but True Adventures of Alexander Selkirk</a></u></b> (2005) <b>Robert Kraske</b></p> <p>In 1704, after arguing with the captain of the ship on which he was sailing, Alexander Selkirk was put ashore on an uninhabited island in the middle of the South Pacific with little more than a musket and his wits.</p> <p>Lexile 960, Reading Level 6.6</p>
 <p><b><u><a href="#">The Girl Who Drew Butterflies</a></u></b> (2018) <b>Joyce Sidman</b></p> <p>During the 17th century, it was not considered respectable for women to be interested in or involved in science. Maria Merian dared to break the rules by studying and drawing butterflies.</p> <p>Lexile 1110, Reading Level 7.7</p>	 <p><b><u><a href="#">The Dumbest Idea Ever</a></u></b> (2014) <b>Jimmy Gownly</b></p> <p>Renowned comics creator Jimmy Gownly shares his adventures as he grows from an eager-to-please boy into a teenage comic book artist. This is the real-life story of how the DUMBEST idea ever became the BEST thing that ever happened to him.</p> <p>Lexile GN330 (Graphic novel), Reading Level 2.5</p>