



A DOZEN DIVERSE CHAPTER BOOKS WITH ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES



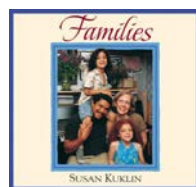
Almost Home. Joan Bauer. (4 – 7) When Sugar and her mother lose their home, they head to Chicago, only to discover that fresh starts aren't so easy to come by for the homeless. But, Sugar shows resilience, with the help of a puppy and a warm foster family.

Also Known as Elvis. James Howe. (4 – 7) Skeezie's got the leather jacket of a tough guy, but a heart of gold. While stuck at home for the summer helping out his mom, he navigates first crushes and tough choices about family and friends. Final book in **The Misfits** series.



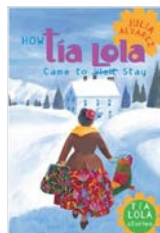
Brown Girl Dreaming. Jacqueline Woodson. (4 – 12) Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s.

Dancing Home / Nacer bailando. Alma Flor Ada. (4 – 6) Margie has been making efforts to distance herself from her heritage when her cousin from Mexico comes to live with her. Slowly the girls learn from each other and learn the importance of family and friendship.



Families. Susan Kuklin. (4 – 5) Combining interviews and engaging color photos, this book shows the diversity of families in America. Includes mixed-race, immigrant, two-dad, two-mom and single-parent families and families for whom religion is a focal point.

The Great Wall of Lucy Wu. Wendy Wan Long Shang. (3 – 6) A humorous and heartwarming story about split cultural identities, and the way life doesn't go as planned for sixth-grader Lucy Wu – especially when her great-aunt comes for an extended visit from China.



How Tia Lola Came to Visit Stay. Julia Alvarez. (3 – 7) Miguel and his sister have just moved to Vermont with their mother. Tia Lola comes from the Dominican Republic to help out, creating a whirlwind from her flamboyant appearance to her lively music, and vivid storytelling.

Inside Out and Back Again, Thanhha Lai. (4 – 7). Hà who has only known Saigon is forced to flee with her family as the Vietnam War ends. She ends up in Alabama. Follow one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next. Short free-verse poems.

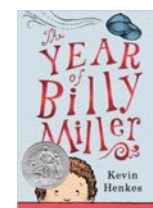


The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher. Dana Alison Levy (3 – 5) The Fletchers' school year is anything but boring with four brothers, two dads – from camping trips to scary tales told in the dark, from new schools to old friends, from imaginary cheetahs to very real skunks.

My Louisiana Sky. Kimberly Willis Holt. (4 – 6) Tiger Ann wants nothing more than to get out of her rural town—away from her mentally disabled mother, her “slow” father, and her classmates who tease her. But when she has a chance, she has to make hard decisions about her life and family.



Star in the Forest. Laura Resau. (3 – 6) Zitlally's family is undocumented, and her father has just been arrested for speeding and deported back to Mexico. Meanwhile, Zitlally and a new friend find a dog in the forest near their trailer park. Will her Dad make it back home? Will the dog be OK?



The Year of Billy Miller. Kevin Henkes. (1 – 2) Follow along as Billy learns to navigate 2nd grade with his stay-at-home dad, his busy working mom and his cute (but annoying) little sister. From the complications of a diorama to a poetry slam on family. A classmate has two moms.