



HMH Into Reading Embraces Culturally Responsive Texts

HMH Into Reading™ was designed to be inclusive and culturally relevant. HMH® is dedicated to creating content that reflects our diverse world and provides learners with opportunities to see themselves as such content has the power to motivate learners and foster positive self-concept. Equally integral is our commitment to providing valuable opportunities for learners to acquire knowledge about experiences and cultures that are different from their own, and to do so through content that is free of bias or stereotypes.

Building a Diverse Collection of Literature

When choosing texts for inclusion in the program, HMH engaged in careful research to ensure that the literature was inclusive and authentic, incorporating input from internal specialists and the program authorship team. HMH also consulted a wide variety of third-party resources, including children's literature blogs, book reviews, and current book award lists, to build a literature collection that is balanced and of exceptional quality. Below is a sample of some of the diverse, award-winning texts from each grade level.

Kindergarten

- *A Bucket of Blessings* by Kabir Sehgal (Américas Book Award) 
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book, Caldecott Honor Book®, Newbery® Medal) 
- *I Am René, the Boy* (*Soy René el niño*) by René Colato Lainez (bilingual; International Latino Book Award winner) 
- *I Know the River Loves Me* (*Yo sé que el río me ama*) by Maya Christina Gonzalez (bilingual; International Latino Award – Best Picture Book, Américas Award Honorable Mention) 
- *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall (Charlotte Zolotow Award) 
- *Quinto's Neighborhood* (*El vecindario de Quinto*) by Ina Cumpiano (bilingual)



Award-winning book

Grade 1

- *Blackout* by John Rocco (Caldecott Honor Book) 🏆
- *The Grasshopper & the Ants* by Jerry Pinkney (Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement) 🏆
- *Handmade* by Guadalupe Rodríguez
- *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson (Coretta Scott King Award–winning author/illustrator) 🏆
- *Joaquín's Zoo* by Pablo Bernasconi
- *Pelé, King of Soccer (Pelé, El rey del fútbol)* by Monica Brown (bilingual)
- *Suki's Kimono* by Chieri Uegaki (Ezra Jack Keats Award–winning author) 🏆



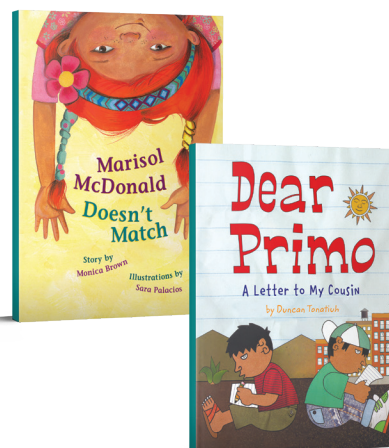
Grade 2

- *Big Red Lollipop* by Rukhsana Khan (Charlotte Zolotow Award) 🏆
- *Drum, Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music* by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López (Pura Belpré Illustrator award) 🏆
- *Pepita and the Bully* by Ofelia Dumas Lachtman
- *A Perfect Season for Dreaming (Un tiempo perfecto para soñar)* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (bilingual)
- *Trombone Shorty* by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Caldecott Honor Book, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award) 🏆
- *Water Rolls, Water Rises* by Pat Mora
- *The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game* by Nancy Churnin (2017 Storytelling World Resource Award Honor Book) 🏆






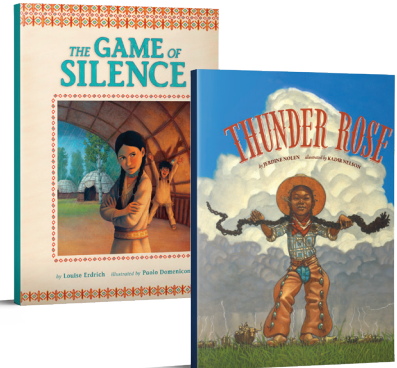
Grade 3

- *Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Pura Belpré Illustrator Award Honor Book) 🏆
- *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin (ALA Notable Children's Book) 🏆
- *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* by Monica Brown, illustrated by Sara Palacios (Tejas Star Book Award, International Latino Book Award, Pura Belpré Honor for Illustration) 🏆
- *One Plastic Bag* by Miranda Paul (Junior Library Guild selection, Eureka! Honor Award) 🏆
- *The Storyteller's Candle* by Lucía M. González
- *The Upside Down Boy* by Juan Felipe Herrera







Grade 4

- "In the Days of King Adobe" from *Watch Out for Clever Women!* by Joe Hayes
- *The Game of Silence* by Louise Erdrich (Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction) 
- *My Diary from Here to There* by Amada Irma Pérez Pura Belpré Honor 
- *Thunder Rose* by Jerdine Nolen (Coretta Scott King Honor Book) 
- *Yes! We Are Latinos: Poems and Prose About the Latino Experience* by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy



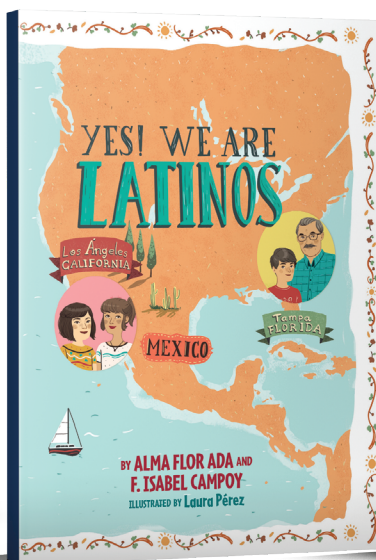
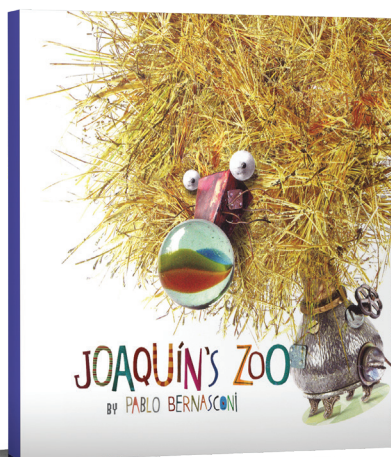
Grade 5

- *Elisa's Diary* by Doris Luisa Oronoz
- *The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough* by Katie Smith Milway (RA Notable Book for a Global Society, Bank Street CBC Best Children's Book of the Year, DeBary Children's Science Book Award) 
- *A Movie in My Pillow* by Jorge Argueta
- "Mr. Linden's Library" by Walter Dean Myers from *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: Fourteen Amazing Authors Tell the Tales* by Chris Van Allsburg (Coretta Scott King Award winning author) 
- *Parrots Over Puerto Rico* by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore (Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal) 
- *Play, Louis, Play!* by Muriel Harris Weinstein, illustrated by Frank Morrison (Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award) 



Ensuring Balanced Content

HMH used school enrollment data from both the United States Census Bureau® and from Simba Information's PreK–12 Enrollment & Demographics reports to ensure that the representation in *HMH Into Reading* reflects children's real-world experience. HMH also looked at future school enrollment predictions so that the products are representative of the classrooms and students they will serve for the life of the program. This data helped to inform choices in literature, imagery, and other instructional content.



A Vision for Student Growth

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