

# Editing Children's Books:



## Education & Inclusion



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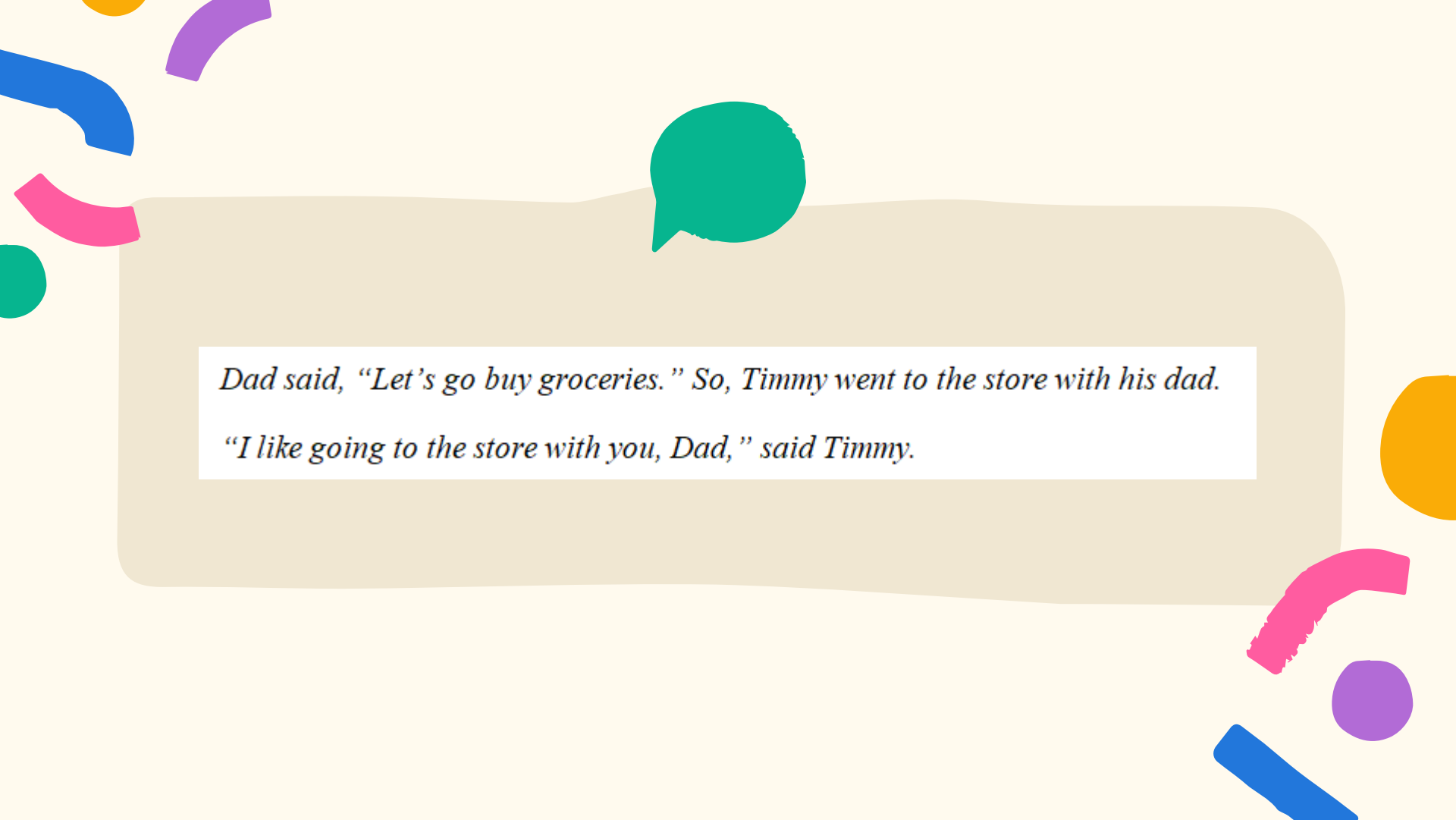
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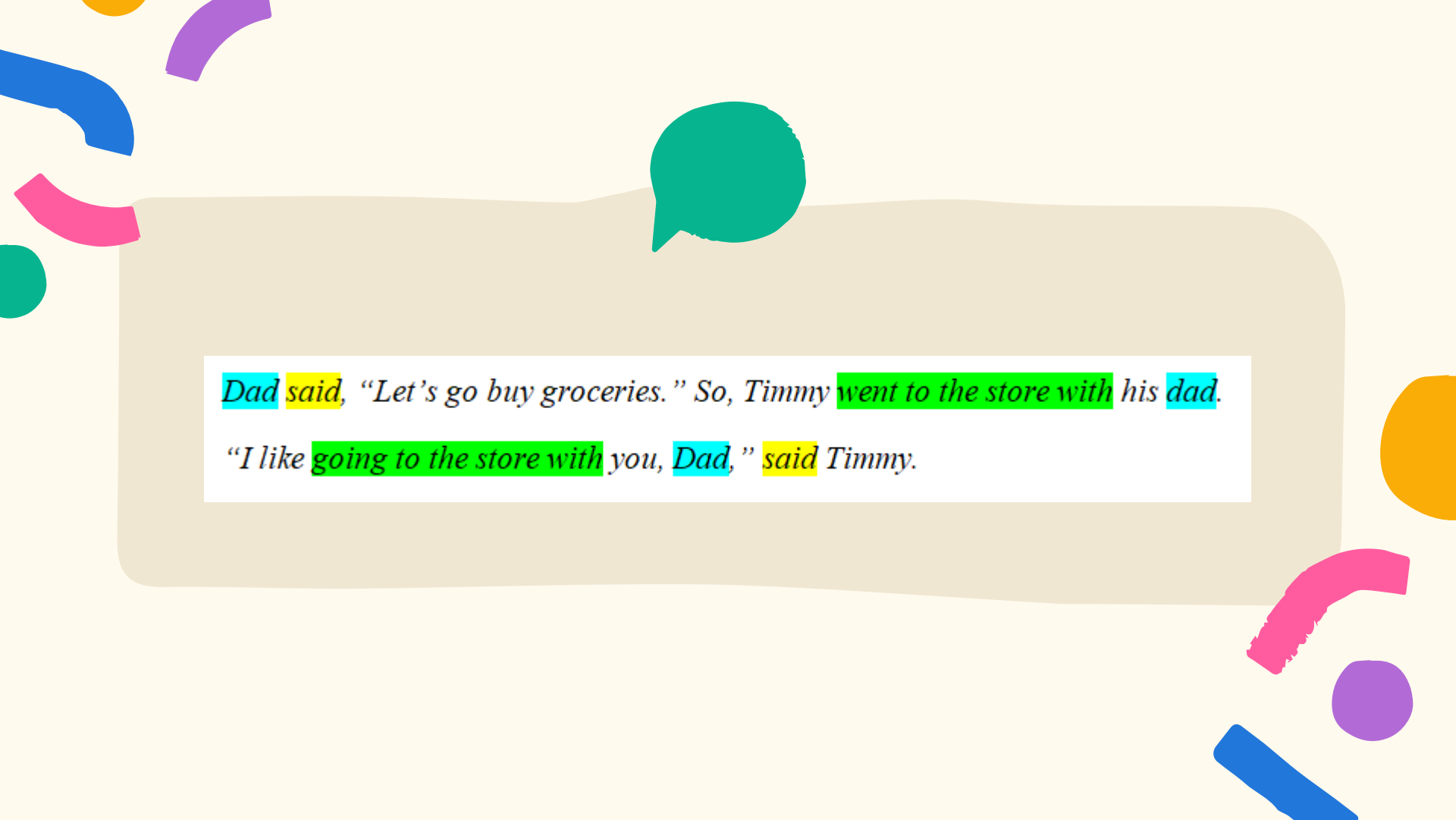


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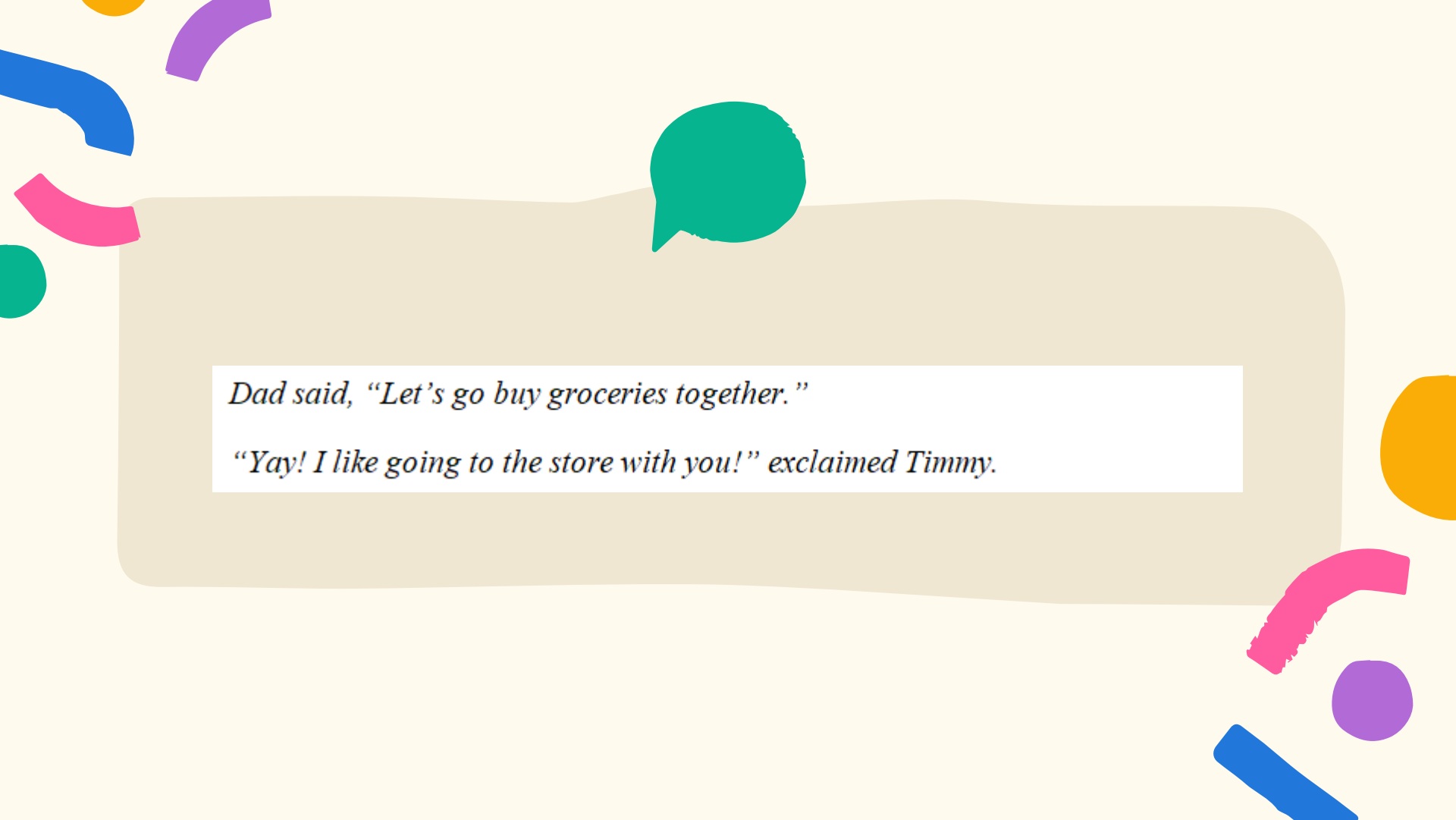
*Dad said, "Let's go buy groceries." So, Timmy went to the store with his dad.*

*"I like going to the store with you, Dad," said Timmy.*



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*"I like going to the store with you, Dad," said Timmy.*



*Dad said, "Let's go buy groceries together."*

*"Yay! I like going to the store with you!" exclaimed Timmy.*

**Word count?**

**Audience?**

**Prose or poetry?**

**One or many stories?**

**Pattern?**

**Illustrations?**

**Words per page?**

**Rhyme?**

**Number of pages?**

**Prose or poetry?**

**Spacing?**

**Fills a void?**

**Repetition?**

**Old or new topic?**

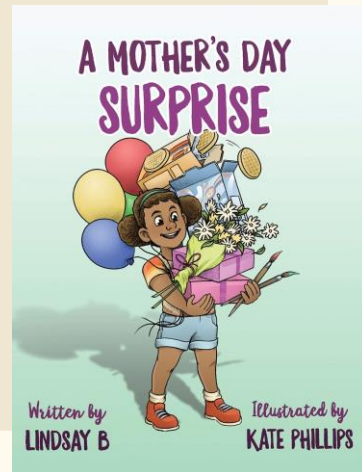
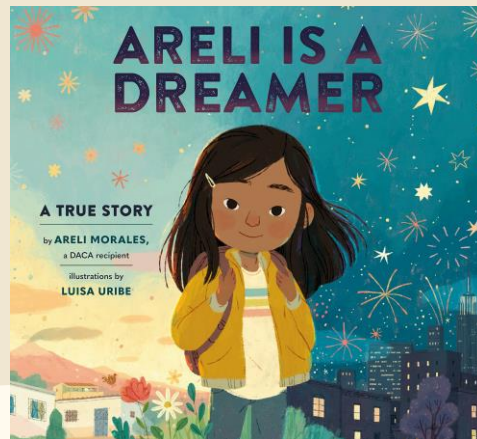
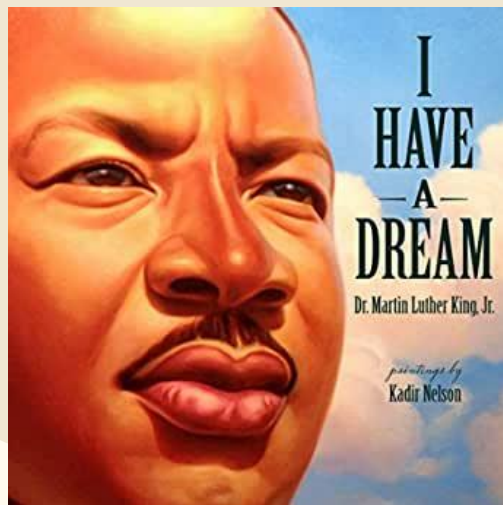
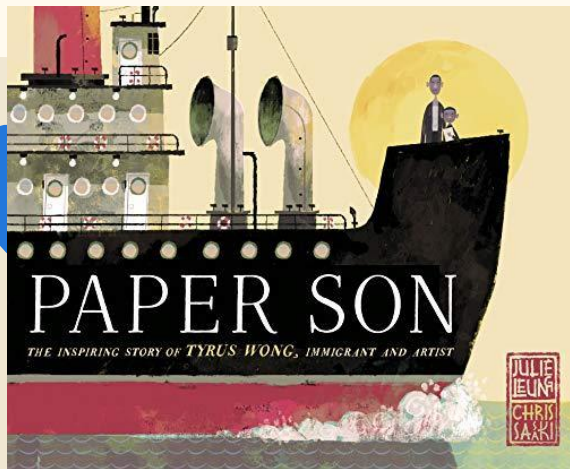
**Canada or abroad?**



# **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**







# DIVERSITY IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2018

Percentage of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds based on the 2018 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison:  
[ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp](http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp)



23  
BOOKS

1%

**American  
Indians/  
First Nations**

170  
BOOKS

5%

**Latinx**

218  
BOOKS

7%

**Asian Pacific  
Islander/Asian  
Pacific American**

301  
BOOKS

10%

**African/  
African  
American**

894  
BOOKS

27%

**Animals/Other**

1,558  
BOOKS

50%

**White**

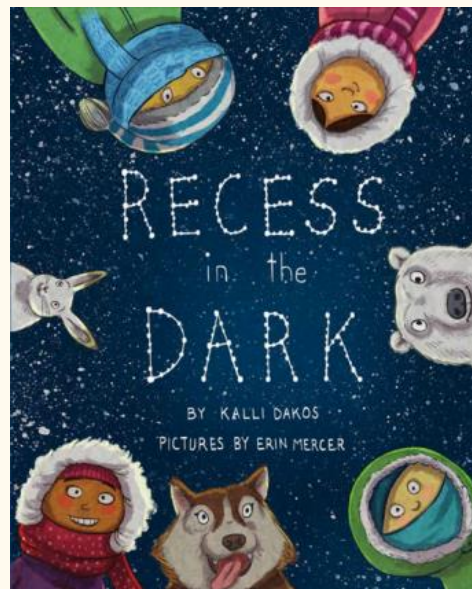
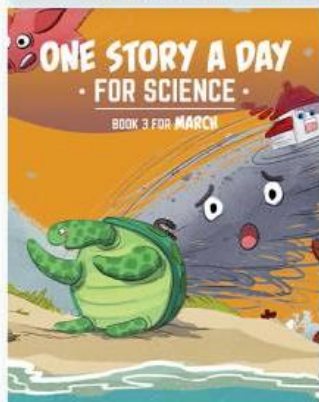
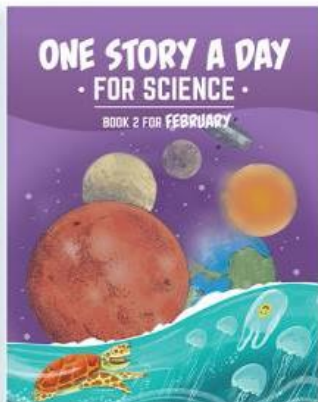
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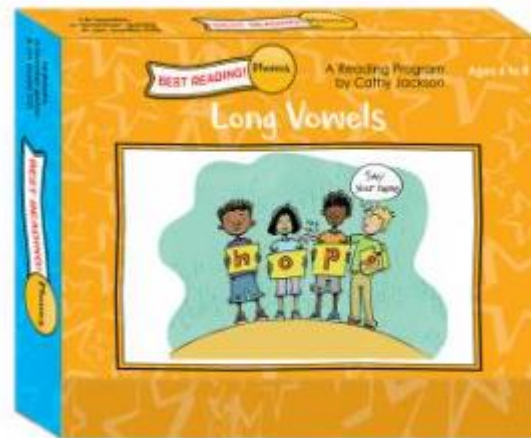
The CCBC inventory includes 3,134 books published in 2018. This graphic would not have been possible without the statistics compiled by the CCBC, and the review and feedback we received from Edith Campbell, Molly Beth Griffin, K. T. Horning, Debbie Reese, Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, and Madeline Tyner. Many thanks.

# EDUCATIONAL VALUE













# INERTIA

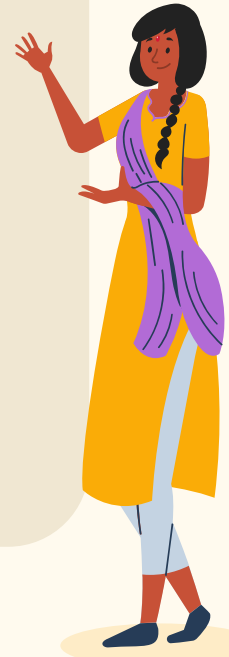
*Inertia: a property of matter by which it remains at rest or in uniform motion in the same straight line unless acted upon by some external force (Merriam-Webster)*

*Inertia: something that usually does not change or move (my definition for a five-year-old)*





- Reading and comprehension
- Writing and creativity
- Cultural exploration (discovering different traditions, religions, beliefs, etc.)



- Language learning
- Fostering curiosity
- Logic and critical thinking
- STEM skills and interest
- and so many more!



# RECOMMENDATIONS

**New from Here** – Kelly Yang

**A Mother's Day Surprise** – Lindsay B

**I Have a Dream. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** – Kadir Nelson

**Our Favourite Day of the Year** – A. E. Ali

**Recess in the Dark** – Kalli Dakos

**Prince and Knight: Tale of the Shadow King** – Daniel Haack

**Julian Is a Mermaid** – Jessica Love

**Race Cars. A children's book about white privilege** – Jenny Devenny

**One Story a Day for Science** – DC Canada Education Publishing

**Festival of Colours** – Kabir Sehgal & Surishtha Sehgal

**Paper Son. The inspiring story of Tyrus Wong, immigrant and artist**  
– Julie Leung

**Areli Is a Dreamer** – Areli Morales

...and so many more!





**THANK  
YOU!**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**

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