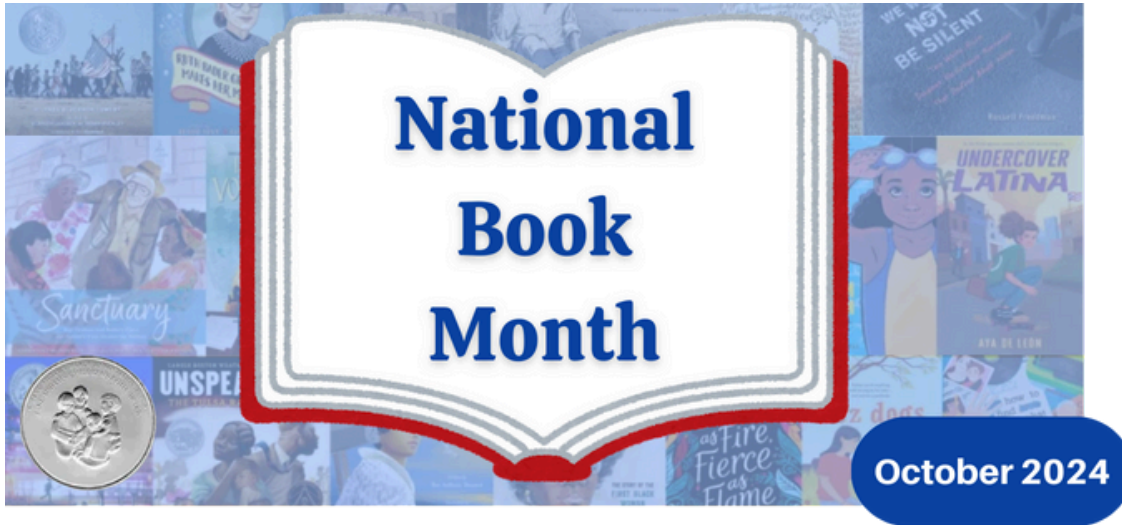


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Every year, National Book Month is celebrated in October to highlight the importance of reading for young generations.

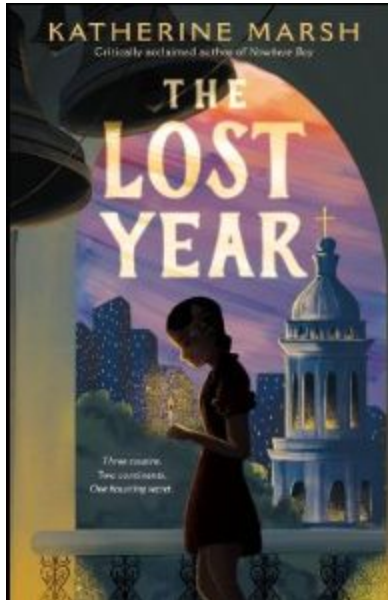
How do I celebrate National Book Month?

- Attend an event at your local library
- Join a book club
- Read (or read aloud) a book in a different genre than what you typically read
- [Fight against book bans](#)
- Support organizations working to uplift diverse narratives in books

[Learn More About National Book Month](#)

National Book Award

Every October, the winners of the National Book Award are announced. This is a list of Jane Addams-awarded books that have also been awarded by the National Book Foundation.



2023 National Book Award Finalist

2024 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Winner

Matthew's dad is overseas and he has a new addition to his family: his one-hundred-year-old great-grandmother. Matthew finds a black-and-white photo that belongs to his great-grandmother and discovers the truth about his past which will lead to the uncovering of a shocking secret.

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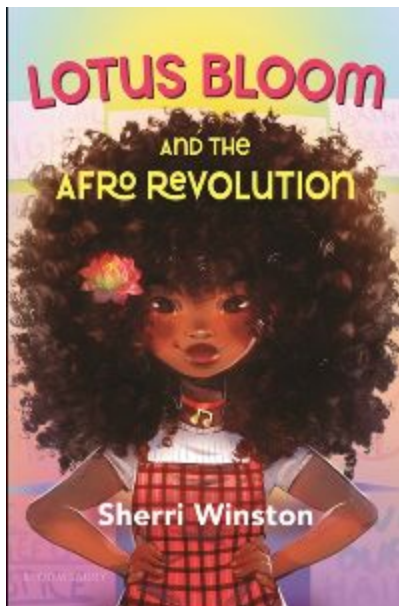
2022 National Book Award Longlist

2023 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Honoree

This graphic novel follows a middle schooler named Bree who reluctantly joins a highly competitive swim team at her school. Does Bree have what it takes to lead her school to victory?



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**2022 National Book Award
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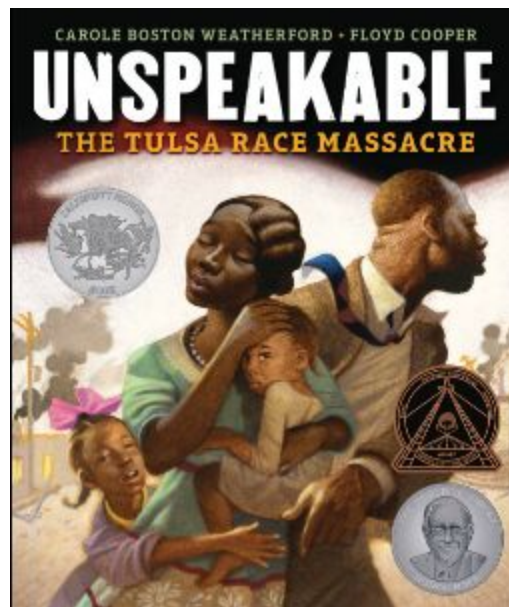
Lotus is a middle schooler who is unapologetically herself. When she finds herself in trouble because a discriminatory dress code, she has to decide if she should fight back.

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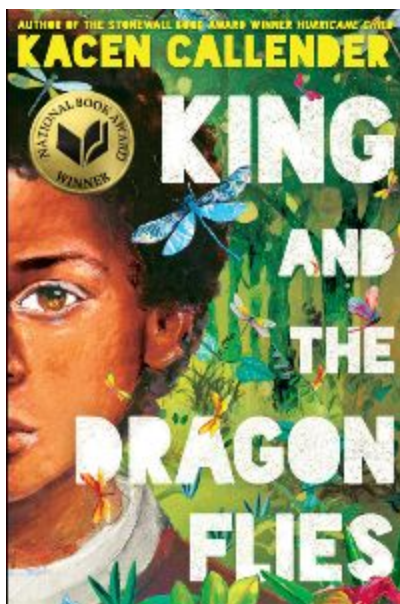
**2021 National Book Award
Longlist**

**2022 Jane Addams Children's
Book Award Honoree**

This moving book depicts one of the worst instances of racial violence in U.S. history, when a white mob attacks a Black community in Tulsa's Greenwood district.



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2020 National Book Award Winner

**2020 Jane Addams Children's
Book Award Finalist**

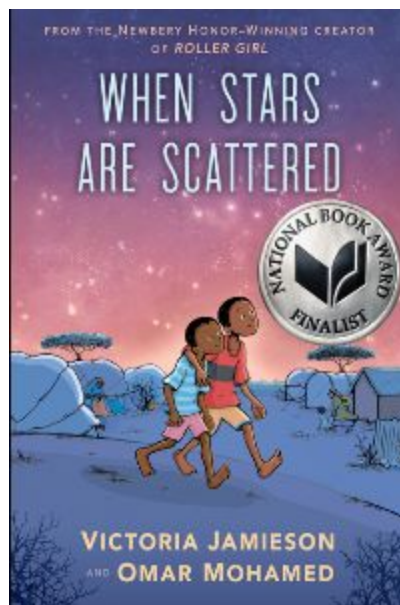
A young boy named King has to grapple with his brother's unexpected death when his best friend disappears as well. When he finds his friend hiding in a tent in his backyard, Sandy reveals that he needs King's help to escape from his abusive father.

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2020 National Book Award Finalist

**2022 Jane Addams Children's
Book Award Finalist**

Omar and his younger brother live in a refugee camp in Kenya with little access to food and medical care. One day, Omar gets the chance to go to school and he knows that this might be the chance he needs to change the future for him and his brother, who is nonverbal.



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National Coming Out Day



October 11th

National Coming Out Day is celebrated annually on October 11th, because "Sharing our authentic selves with others is not always safe or easy, and it is not a one-day event - but when possible, it can be an extraordinarily powerful key to breaking down the barriers we face as LGBTQ+ people" ([HRC](#)). See the link below for a list of Jane Addams-awarded books centering LGBTQIA+ characters.

[See Booklist](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 14

This holiday honors the Indigenous peoples who inhabited the land prior to European colonization. See the link below for a list of Jane Addams-award winning books that center Indigenous narratives and characters.



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Community Highlight

Red Salmon Arts/Casa de Resistencia Books



2000 Thrasher Ln, Austin, TX 78741

Red Salmon Arts is an organization that is dedicated to "the promotion of Chicana/o/x/Latina/o/x/Native American literature, providing outlets and mechanisms for cultural exchange, and sharing in the retrieval of a people's cultural heritage with a commitment to social justice." They have worked with indigenous neighborhoods in Austin for over thirty years, giving them support and resources to preserve the cultural and artistic practices of their ancestors.

Check Out Their Website!

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