

## Multicultural Reads!



**Deedy, Carmen Agra** *Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale* A cockroach named Martina is looking for a suitor to marry. Her Abuela tells her she must spill coffee on each of their shoes to see how their temper is; it is an old Cuban tradition. The final test is hilarious! **j 398.2097291 DEE**



**Diakite, Penda** *I Lost My Tooth in Africa* This fictional narrative takes you on an adventure as the main character, Amina, loses her tooth while visiting her family in Mali. She is pleasantly surprised to learn how the tradition of the tooth fairy is different there from how it is in her home of Portland, Oregon. **JP DIA**



**Dooley, Norah** *Everybody Cooks Rice* follows a young girl, Carrie, through the neighborhood in search for her younger brother. As Carrie visits each house in her ethnically diverse neighborhood she discovers each family sitting down eating a different rice meal. Carrie discovers that there are many ways to prepare rice and sees the diversity of her neighborhood reflected in each meal. While visiting her neighbors, Carrie sees and samples examples of rice meals from Barbados, Puerto Rico, Vietnam, India, China, Haiti, and Italy. **JP PB DOO**



**Fox, Mem** *Whoever You Are* There are children all over the world who may look different, live in different homes and different climates, go to different schools, and speak in different tongues but all children love, smile, laugh, and cry. **JP FOX**



**Ichikawa, Satomi** *My Father's Shop* Mustafa's father has a shop in Morocco where he sells beautiful carpets. His father gave him a beautiful carpet, which attracted a rooster. This attracts tourists and visitors who teach him "rooster" in five different languages **JP ICH**



**Lazo Gilmore, Dorina** *Cora Cooks Pancit* Cora comes from a Filipino family and loves being in the kitchen to help her mama make a dish called Pancit while all of her brothers and sisters are out. She learns about her family history as she dons a red apron of her mama's while she makes this traditional dish. **JP LAZ**



**Makhijani, Pooja** *Mama's Saris* This is the story of an East Indian American young girl and her mother's clothing. The curious young girl pleads with her mother to explore her "fancy clothes," or saris, in honor of her seventh birthday. She explores the different types of saris (Baluchari, Banarasi, and Kalamkari) that come in a variety of colors, and tries to emulate everything she sees her mother doing. **JP MAK**



**Medina, Meg** *Tia Isa Wants a Car* Tia Isa wants a car but she does not have enough money. Her niece finds many ways to make money and give it to her aunt. Together the two have enough to buy an old, big car, a car big enough to hold the entire family when they are all reunited again in the United States. **JP MED**



**Morales, Yuji** *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale* A skeleton named Senor Calavera arrives at the door of Grandma Beete, thinking her to be an easy target. Using her wits and clever thinking she manages to escape his invitation and solicit his help in completing the tasks for her birthday party. **j 398.20972 MOR**



**Muller, Brite** *Felipa and the Day of the Dead* A little girl misses her grandma because she passed away. She is told that her grandma's soul is eternal and still around so the little Bolivian girl sets out to look for her and gets lost, then found. Finally on the day of the dead she meets her grandma's soul and celebrates her visit with the whole town in the cemetery, and is more at peace. **JP MULL**



**Munoz, Pam Ryan** *The Dreamer* Neftali looks up to his father and is eager to please him, but everything he does just seems to disappoint him. Neftali's father disapproves of the little treasures that he stops to pick up wherever he goes: a pinecone, an old boot, a shell. The most common reprimand Neftali hears from his father is "Stop that incessant daydreaming!" Neftali wants to please his father, but how can he stop contemplating the world when it is full of such wonders? **JP MUN**



**Park, Linda Sue** *Bee Bim Bop* Delicious rhyme and rhythm will have you yelling for more, in this palatable, playful book about a little girl helping to make her favorite Korean food. **JP PAR**



**Soto, Gary** *If the Shoe Fits* Rigo, the baby boy of two older brothers, is sad that he always has to wear hand-me-downs from his brothers because they do not look new. He is excited when he gets a brand-new pair of shoes for his birthday. He later realizes that hand-me-downs aren't so bad after all. **JP SOT**



**Tyler, Michael** *The Skin You Live In* This is a bubbly book about celebrating skin and all it is and is not. Tyler urges young minds to understand that "your ginger snapped, cinnamon spice skin" and "your butterscotch gold skin, your lemon tart bold skin" cannot be dumb or smart, better or lesser, rich or poor, or she or he skin. **JP TYL**



**Williams, Karen** *Four Feet, Two Sandals* When relief workers bring used clothing to the refugee camp, everyone scrambles to grab whatever they can. Lina finds one sandal that fits her perfectly and wears such. The next day, to her dismay, she notices another girl wearing the matching sandal. Feroza sees this and gives Lina the other sandal. It is that day is new friendship is forged, when they alternate who wears the sandals each day. **JP WIL**



**Winter, Jeanette** *The Librarian of Basra* Alia Muhammad Baker, a librarian from Basra, Iraq. During the U.S. led war the city of Basra was bombed which led to the destruction of the city including the library. Baker, without any help from the government, worked to save the books of the library. She hid them in her home, her friends' homes, and in a nearby restaurant. **JP WIN**



**Whelan, Gloria** *Yatandou* To get enough millet meal for one day's food, eight year old Yatandou and the women in her family must pound kernels for three hours. This book is the story of Yatandou's small part in bringing a grinding machine to the Mali village where she lives, and is also a beautiful glimpse into another culture. **JP WHE**