

# **Refresh Your Bookshelf January 2024 Recommendations Children & YA Books, Professional Resources and Personal Reading Suggestions**

## **Children's and YA Books**

*I Taste*, written and illustrated by Patrick George

*The Do More Club* by Dana Kramaroff

*The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson

*In Aunt Giraffe's Green Garden* by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Petra Mathers

*Alma and How She Got her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal

*We are Family* by LeBron James and Andrea Williams

*New Kid* series by Jerry Craft

*A Teacher Like You* (and others) by Frank Murphy

*My Selma* by Willie Mae Brown

*Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee

*Impossible Escape* by Steve Sheinkin

*The Misfits #1: A Royal Conundrum* by Lisa Yee

*Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang

*Front Desk* series Kelly Yang

*Glitter Everywhere* by Chris Barton, non fiction picture book

*Butt or Face?* by Kari Lavelle, non fiction picture book

## **Professional Resources**

*Welcome to Reading Workshop* by Brenda J. Krupp and Lynne R. Dorfman

American Library Association ([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))

School Library Journal ([www.slj.com](http://www.slj.com))

Pen America ([pen.org](http://pen.org))

Colby Sharp YouTube videos ([www.youtube.com/@Colby Sharp](http://www.youtube.com/@ColbySharp))

Reading Universe <https://readinguniverse.org/>

Pennsylvania Evidence Resource Center <https://www.evidenceforpa.org>

Rooted Books

<https://www.brandywine.org/museum/exhibitions/rooted-family-and-nature-contemporary-childrens-book-illustration#:~:text=This%20exhibition%20explores%20the%20enduring,from%20eight%20illustrated%20children's%20books>

Literacy Resources for Practitioners

<https://www.pattan.net/Multi-Tiered-System-of-Support/Literacy/Literacy-Resources-for-Practitioners>

ALA Youth Media Awards <https://bookriot.com/2024-ala-youth-media-awards/>

Bookopolis <https://bookopolis.com/#/>

Lee and Low <https://www.leeandlow.com>

We Need Diverse Books site <https://diversebooks.org>

## **Personal Reading Suggestions**

*The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

*Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult

*The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

*Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

*The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

*Alfie and Me* by Carl Safina. (about an orphan owl)

*Life in 5 Senses* by Gretchen Rubin

*On Looking: A Walkers Guide to Observation* by Alexandra Horowitz

*Art of Noticing* by Rob Walker- activities one can do at any age

*Awe: The new science of everyday wonder and how it can transform your life* by Dacher Keltner