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She Persisted: Sonia Sotomayor Simon and Schuster

This New York Times Best Illustrated Book is a mostly true and completely stinky story that is sure to make you say, "Pee-yew!" Teaching environmental awareness has become a national priority, and this hilarious book (subtly) drives home the message that we can't produce unlimited trash without consequences. Before everyone recycled . . . There was a town that had 3,168 tons of garbage and nowhere to put it. What did they do? Enter

the Garbage Barge! Amazing art built out of junk, toys, and found objects by Red Nose Studio makes this the perfect book for Earth Day or any day, and photos on the back side of the jacket show how the art was created. Here Comes the Garbage Barge was a New York Times Best Illustrated book of 2010, a Huffington Post Best Picture Book of the Year, and a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year. The Washington Post said, "Cautionary? Yes. Hilarious? You betcha!" and the New York Times Book Review raved, "[A] glorious visual treat."

**My Beloved World** Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Bruce the bear likes to keep to himself. That, and eat eggs. But when his hard-

boiled goose eggs turn out to be real, live goslings, he starts to lose his appetite. And even worse, the goslings are convinced he's their mother. Bruce tries to get the geese to go south, but he can't seem to rid himself of his new companions. What's a bear to do?

Lemons Kingfisher

A new biography series, complete with full color illustrations, that celebrates amazing women, from acclaimed author Kathleen Krull.

*Sonia Sotomayor* DIANE Publishing  
The companion to Chelsea Clinton & Alexandra Boiger's #1 New York Times bestseller, *She Persisted*. Perfect for tiny activists, mini feminists and little kids who are ready to take on the world. Now

abridged as a board book for our youngest feminists and activists! Women around the world have long dreamed big, even when they've been told their dreams didn't matter. They've spoken out, risen up and fought for what's right, even when they've been told to be quiet. Whether in science, the arts, sports or activism, women and girls throughout history have been determined to break barriers and change the status quo. They haven't let anyone get in their way and have helped us better understand our world and what's possible. In this companion book to *She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World*, Chelsea Clinton introduces readers to a group of thirteen incredible women who have shaped history all across the globe. Now abridged as a board book for the earliest of readers, *She Persisted Around the World* is a book for everyone who has ever aimed high and been told to step down, for everyone who has ever raised their voice and been told to quiet down, and for everyone who has ever felt small, unimportant or unworthy. Alexandra Boiger's vibrant artwork accompanies this inspiring text that shows readers of all ages that, no matter what obstacles come

their way, they have the power to persist and succeed. This book features: Marie Curie, Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, Viola Desmond, Sissi Lima do Amor, Leymah Gbowee, Caroline Herschel, Wangari Maathai, Aisha Rateb, J.K. Rowling, Kate Sheppard, Yuan Yuan Tan, Mary Verghese and Malala Yousafzai. Praise for *She Persisted Around the World*: "Clinton again writes in a measured tone that is at once celebratory and defiant. Boiger's watercolor and ink artwork exudes warmth and subtle power." --Publishers Weekly  
 Praise for *She Persisted*: \* "[A] lovely, moving work of children's literature [and a] polished introduction to a diverse and accomplished group of women." -- Publishers Weekly, starred review "[*She Persisted*] will remind little girls that they can achieve their goals if they don't let obstacles get in the way." --Family Circle  
 "We can't wait to grab a copy for some of the awesome kids in our lives . . . and maybe some of the grown-ups, too." --Bustle  
 "The fearlessness that characterizes the thirteen women in the book is what has emboldened us to constantly strive for progress and justice." --Amy Poehler's *Smart Girls*

### My Beloved World Penguin

A fresh, fun, and "thought-provoking" New York Times bestseller about the American electoral college and why every vote counts from bestselling and award-winning duo Kelly DiPucchio and LeUyen Pham.

"Where are the girls?" When Grace's teacher reveals that the United States has never had a female president, Grace decides she wants to be the nation's first and immediately jumpstarts her political career by running in her school's mock election! The race is tougher than she expected: her popular opponent declares that he's the "best man for the job" and seems to have captured the votes of all of the class's boys. But Grace is more determined than ever. Even if she can't be the best man for the job, she can certainly try to be the best person! This timely story not only gives readers a fun introduction to the American electoral system but also teaches the value of hard work, courage, independent thought -- and offers an inspiring example of how to choose our leaders.

### Sonia Sotomayor Schwartz & Wade

Explore one of the most recognized names in modern America with this biography of

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Kids will learn about her rise to be the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice and the trials she faced along the way. The level 3 text provides accessible, yet wide-ranging, information for independent readers.

*Breaking In* Penguin

The Testimony of Children A moving picture book for older children and families that introduces a difficult topic, amplifying the voices and experiences of immigrant children detained at the border between Mexico and the US. The children's actual words (from publicly available court documents) are assembled to tell one heartbreaking story, in both English and Spanish (back to back). Each spread is illustrated in striking full-color by a different Latinx artist. A portion of sales will be donated to human rights organizations that work with children on the border.

Lillian's Right to Vote Simon and Schuster

After her mother dies in 1975, ten-year-old Lemonade must live with her grandfather in a small town famous for Bigfoot sightings and soon becomes friends with Tobin, a quirky Bigfoot investigator.

Sonia Sotomayor Little, Brown Books for

Young Readers

She couldn't go to college. She couldn't become a politician. She couldn't even vote. But Elizabeth Cady Stanton didn't let that stop her. She called on women across the nation to stand together and demand to be treated as equal to men-and that included the right to vote. It took nearly seventy-five years and generations of women fighting for their rights through words, through action, and through pure determination . . . for things to slowly begin to change. With the help of these trailblazers' own words, Doreen Rappaport's engaging text, brought to life by Matt Faulkner's vibrant illustrations, shows readers just how far this revolution has come, and inspires them to keep it going! Select praise for Doreen Rappaport: Martin's Big Words \* 2002 Caldecott Honor Book \* 2002 Coretta Scott King Honor Book \* Child Magazine Best Book of 2001 \* New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Children's Book of 2001 \* "A stunning, reverent tribute." -School Library Journal, starred review Abe's Honest Words \* "Exceptional art, along with Rappaport's and Lincoln's words, makes this a fine celebration of a man who needs

little introduction." -Booklist, starred review Eleanor, Quiet No More \* "Once again Rappaport celebrates a noble, heroic life in powerful, succinct prose, with prominent, well-chosen, and judiciously placed quotes that both instruct and inspire...Celebrate women in history and in politics with this picture-book life." -School Library Journal, starred review Helen's Big World \* "Stirring and awe-inspiring." -The Horn Book, starred review To Dare Mighty Things \* "[T]his lavish picture-book biography deftly captures the legendary man's bold, exuberant nature. . . . A truly inspiring tribute to a seemingly larger-than-life U.S. president." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review \* "Theodore Roosevelt's big ideas and big personality come together in this splendid picture-book biography." -Booklist, starred review \* "Concisely written and yet poetic, this is a first purchase for every library." -School Library Journal, starred review

**A Story of Courage** Novels

A biography of U.S. Supreme Court judge, Sonia Sotomayor.

**Turning Pages** Anne Schwartz Books

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme

Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. Here is the story of a precarious childhood, with an alcoholic father (who would die when she was nine) and a devoted but overburdened mother, and of the refuge a little girl took from the turmoil at home with her passionately spirited paternal grandmother. But it was when she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes that the precocious Sonia recognized she must ultimately depend on herself. She would learn to give herself the insulin shots she needed to survive and soon imagined a path to a different life. With only television characters for her professional role models, and little understanding of what was involved, she determined to become a lawyer, a dream that would sustain her on an unlikely course, from valedictorian of her high school class to the highest honors at Princeton, Yale Law School, the New York

County District Attorney's office, private practice, and appointment to the Federal District Court before the age of forty. Along the way we see how she was shaped by her invaluable mentors, a failed marriage, and the modern version of extended family she has created from cherished friends and their children. Through her still-astonished eyes, America's infinite possibilities are envisioned anew in this warm and honest book, destined to become a classic of self-invention and self-discovery. Amazon.com Review Amazon Best Books of the Month, January 2013: Happily, it is becoming a familiar story: The young, smart, and very hardworking son or daughter of immigrants rises to the top of American professional life. But already knowing the arc of Sonia Sotomayor's biography doesn't adequately prepare you for the sound of her voice in this winning memoir that ends, interestingly, before the Yale Law School grad was sworn in as the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. Hers is a voice that lands squarely between self-deprecating and proud, grateful and defiant; a voice lilted with bits of Puerto Rican poetry; a voice full of anger,

sadness, ambition, and love. My Beloved World is one resonant, glorious tale of struggle and triumph. --Sara Nelson Review "A compelling and powerfully written memoir about identity and coming of age...If the outlines of Justice Sotomayor's life are well known by now, her searching and emotionally intimate memoir, My Beloved World, nonetheless has the power to surprise and move the reader...This account of her life is revealing, keenly observed and deeply felt...This insightful memoir underscores just how well Justice Sotomayor mastered the art of narrative. It's an eloquent and affecting testament to the triumph of brains and hard work over circumstance, of a childhood dream realized through extraordinary will and dedication." —Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times "The book delivers on its promise of intimacy in its depictions of Sotomayor's family, the corner of Puerto Rican immigrant New York where she was raised and the link she feels to the island where she spent childhood summers ...This is a woman who knows where she comes from and has the force to bring you there. Sotomayor does this by being clear-eyed

about the flaws of the adults who raised her—she lets them be complicated... 'I've spent my whole life learning how to do things that were hard for me,' Sotomayor tells an acquaintance when he asks whether becoming a judge will be difficult for her. Yes, she has. And by the time you close *My Beloved World*, you understand how she has mastered judging, too."

—Emily Bazelon, *The New York Times* Book Review "With buoyant humor and thoughtful candor, she recounts her rise from a crime-infested neighborhood in the South Bronx to the nation's highest court. 'I will be judged as a human being by what readers find here,' Sotomayor writes. We, the jury in this case, find her irresistible."

—John Wilwol, *Washingtonian* "Sotomayor turns out to be a writer of depth and literary flair... *My Beloved World* is steeped in vivid memories of New York City, and it is an exceptionally frank account of the challenges that she faced during her ascent from a public housing project to the court's marble palace on First Street."

—Adam Liptak, *The New York Times* "You'll see in Sotomayor a surprising wealth of candor, wit, and affection. No topic is off limits, not her diabetes, her father's death,

her divorce, or her cousin's death from AIDS. Put the kettle on, reader, it's time for some real talk with Titi Sonia... The author shines in her passages on childhood, family, and self-discovery. Her magical portraits of loved ones bring to mind Sandra Cisneros's *The House on Mango Street*; both authors bring a sense of childlike wonder and empathy to a world rarely seen in books, a Latin-American and womancentric world." —Grace Bello, *Christian Science Monitor* "This is a page-turner, beautifully written and novelistic in its tale of family, love and triumph. It hums with hope and exhilaration. This is a story of human triumph." —Nina Totenberg, NPR "Big-hearted... A powerful defense of empathy... She has spent her life imagining her way into the hearts of everyone around her... Anyone wondering how a child raised in public housing, without speaking English, by an alcoholic father and a largely absent mother could become the first Latina on the Supreme Court will find the answer in these pages. It didn't take just a village: It took a country." —Dahlia Lithwick, *The Washington Post* "*My Beloved World*" is filled with inspiring, and surprisingly

candid, stories about how the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice overcame a troubled childhood to attend Princeton and Yale Law School, eventually earning a seat on the nation's highest court." —Carla Main, *Wall Street Journal* "Remarkable... A portrait of a genuinely interesting person." —Michael Tomasky, *Daily Beast* "In a refreshing conversational style, Sotomayor tells her fascinating life story with the hope of providing "comfort, perhaps even inspiration" to others, particularly children, who face hard times. "People who live in difficult circumstances," Sotomayor writes in her preface, "need to know that happy endings are possible." —Jay Wexler, *Boston Globe* "Classic Sotomayor: intelligent, gregarious and at times disarmingly personal... A portrait of an underprivileged but brilliant young woman who makes her way into the American elite and does her best to reform it from the inside... I certainly hope *My Beloved World* inspires readers to chase their dreams." —Jason Farago, NPR "Vital, loving, and incisive... In this revealing memoir, Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor candidly and gracefully recounts her formative years. Her memoir shows both

her continued self-reliance and her passion for community.” —Library Journal (Starred review) “Justice Sotomayor recounts numerous obstacles and remarkable achievements in this personal and inspiring autobiography...Readers across the board will be moved by this intimate look at the life of a justice.”

—Publisher’s Weekly “Amazingly candid... an intimate and honest look at her extraordinary life and the support and blessings that propelled her forward.” —Booklist (Starred review) “Graceful, authoritative memoir...Mature, life-affirming musings from a venerable life shaped by tenacity and pride.” —Kirkus Reviews

*Sonia Sotomayor* Disney Electronic Content

A lemonade stand in winter? Yes, that's exactly what Pauline and John-John intend to have, selling lemonade and limeade-- and also lemon-limeade. With a catchy refrain (Lemon lemon LIME, Lemon LIMEADE! Lemon lemon LIME, Lemon LEMONADE!), plus simple math concepts throughout, here is a read-aloud that's great for storytime and classroom use, and is sure to be a hit among the legions

of Jenkins and Karas fans. "A beautifully restrained tribute to trust and tenderness shared by siblings; an entrepreneurship how-to that celebrates the thrill of the marketplace without shying away from its cold realities; and a parable about persistence." —Publishers Weekly, Starred *Sonia Sotomayor* Vintage

Dreams can come true. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Maria Sotomayor's story is one of vision, courage, and dreams. As a Supreme Court Justice, she is one of nine Justices, who decide cases by interpreting the laws based on the Constitution of the United States of America. Her job makes her a very powerful person because the nine Justices rule on cases that can affect many people for a very long time. The story began when Sonia was a child, and she first dreamed about who she would become when she grew up. As a young girl, Sonia dreamed of becoming a lawyer and a judge. She worked hard in school, and throughout her career as a lawyer and a judge, she always did her very best. In spite of the obstacles that stood in her way, Sonia persevered with courage and determination and fulfilled her dreams. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's

life serves as an example to every girl and boy that dreams can be achieved, and with courage and bravery, every life can be a dream come true.

*The Woman All Spies Fear* Crown Books For Young Readers

V Is for Voting is an ABC book that introduces progressive families to concepts like social justice and civil rights and reminds readers that every vote counts! A is for active participation. B is for building a more equal nation. C is for citizens' rights and our duty. D is for difference, our strength and our beauty. An engaging introduction to the tenets of democracy, V Is for Voting is a playful, poetic, and powerful primer about the importance of voting and activism. Featuring Kate Farrell's rhyming text and Caitlin Kuhwald's bold art, plus thoughtful back matter, the book is a gorgeous, and crucial, addition to every young reader's library. It makes the perfect gift for fans of A Is for Activist, Woke Baby, and Feminist Baby.

**Mother Bruce** Penguin

Sonya Sotomayor's career as a judge has been anything but dry and boring - she once hopped on a motorcycle to chase

down counterfeiters. Readers will be inspired by the story of the first Hispanic woman to become a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Day You Begin Zest Books™

Introducing Cilla Lee-Jenkins: 50% Chinese, 50% Caucasian, and 100% destined to become a future author extraordinaire!

Hear My Voice/Escucha mi voz Schwartz & Wade

"I knew she'd be trouble." So quipped Antonin Scalia about Sonia Sotomayor at the Supreme Court's annual end-of-term party in 2010. It's usually the sort of event one would expect from such a grand institution, with gentle parodies of the justices performed by their law clerks, but this year Sotomayor decided to shake it up—flooding the room with salsa music and coaxing her fellow justices to dance. It was little surprise in 2009 that President Barack Obama nominated a Hispanic judge to replace the retiring justice David Souter. The fact that there had never been a nominee to the nation's highest court from the nation's fastest growing minority had long been apparent. So the time was ripe—but how did it come to be Sonia

Sotomayor? In *Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice*, the veteran journalist Joan Biskupic answers that question. This is the story of how two forces providentially merged—the large ambitions of a talented Puerto Rican girl raised in the projects in the Bronx and the increasing political presence of Hispanics, from California to Texas, from Florida to the Northeast—resulting in a historical appointment. And this is not just a tale about breaking barriers as a Puerto Rican. It's about breaking barriers as a justice. Biskupic, the author of highly praised judicial biographies of Justice Antonin Scalia and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, now pulls back the curtain on the Supreme Court nomination process, revealing the networks Sotomayor built and the skills she cultivated to go where no Hispanic has gone before. We see other potential candidates edged out along the way. And we see how, in challenging tradition and expanding our idea of a justice (as well as expanding her public persona), Sotomayor has created tension within and without the court's marble halls. As a Supreme Court justice, Sotomayor has shared her personal story

to an unprecedented degree. And that story—of a Latina who emerged from tough times in the projects not only to prevail but also to rise to the top—has even become fabric for some of her most passionate comments on matters before the Court. But there is yet more to know about the rise of Sonia Sotomayor. *Breaking In* offers the larger, untold story of the woman who has been called "the people's justice."

**Grace for President** Penguin

In a powerful, poetic missive, award-winning author-illustrator Maxine Beneba Clarke celebrates the meaning behind the words Black Lives Matter. Little one, when we say Black Lives Matter, we're saying Black people are wonderful-strong. That we deserve to be treated with basic respect, and that history's done us wrong. . . . Darling, when we sing that Black Lives Matter, and we're dancing through the streets, we're saying: fear will not destroy our joy, defiance in our feet. In this joyful exploration of the Black Lives Matter motto, a loving narrator relays to a young Black child the strength and resonance behind the words. In family life, through school and beyond, the refrains echo and



gain in power, among vignettes of protests and scenes of ancestors creating music on djembe drums. With deeply saturated illustrations rendered in jewel tones, Maxine Beneba Clarke offers a gorgeous, moving, and essential picture book.

*V Is for Voting* Penguin

An elderly African American woman, en route to vote, remembers her family's tumultuous voting history in this picture book publishing in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As Lillian, a one-hundred-year-old African American woman, makes a "long haul up a steep hill" to her polling place, she sees more than trees and sky—she sees her family's history. She sees the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment and her great-grandfather voting for the first time. She sees her parents trying to

register to vote. And she sees herself marching in a protest from Selma to Montgomery. Veteran bestselling picture-book author Jonah Winter and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Shane W. Evans vividly recall America's battle for civil rights in this lyrical, poignant account of one woman's fierce determination to make it up the hill and make her voice heard. "Moving.... Stirs up a potent mixture of grief, anger, and pride at the history of black people's fight for access to the ballot box." —The New York Times "A much-needed picture book that will enlighten a new generation about battles won and a timely call to uphold these victories in the present." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred "A valuable introduction to and overview of the civil rights movement." —Publishers Weekly, Starred "An important book that will give you goose

bumps." —Booklist, Starred [Here Comes the Garbage Barge!](#) Penguin "Necessary reading" (Booklist) from a New York Times bestselling biographer. Drawing on in-depth interviews with Sonia Sotomayor's former colleagues, family, friends, and teachers, New York Times bestselling biographer Antonia Felix explores Sotomayor's childhood, the values her parents instilled in her, and the events that propelled her to the highest court in the land. With insight and thoughtful analysis, Felix paints a revealing portrait of the woman who would come to meet President Obama's rigorous criteria for a Supreme Court justice, examining how Sotomayor's experiences shed light on her Supreme Court rulings—and how she will continue to write her great American legacy.