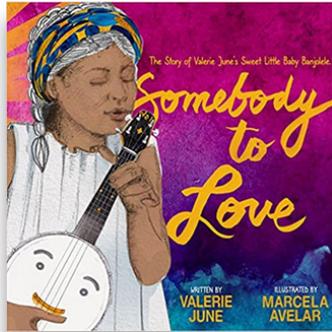


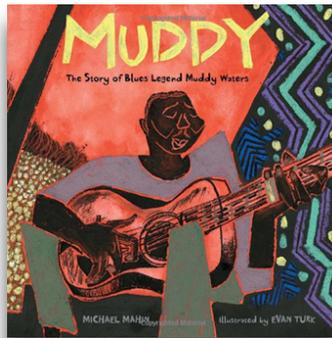
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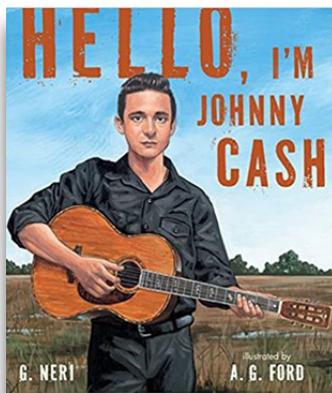
***Somebody to Love: The Story of Valerie June's Sweet Little Baby Banjolele*, by Valerie June Hockett (author) and Marcela Avelar (illustrator)**

Once upon a time, a sweet and tiny little instrument was given to a singer named Valerie June. The banjolele dreamed of singing and playing but never could finish a song until the instrument's new friend Valerie believed it could.



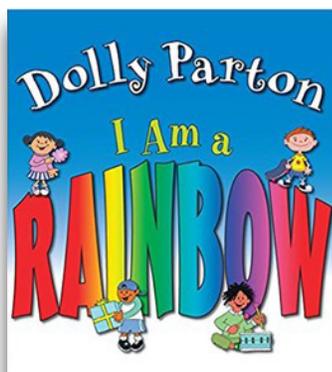
***Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters*, by Michael Mahin (author) and Evan Turk (illustrator)**

When Grandma Della said the blues wouldn't put food on the table, Muddy didn't listen. This tenacious streak carried Muddy from the hardscrabble fields of Mississippi to the smoky juke joints of Chicago and finally to a recording studio where a landmark record was made.



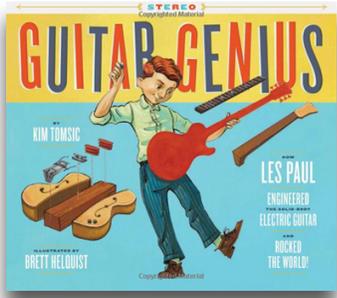
***Hello, I'm Johnny Cash*, by G. Neri (author) and A. G. Ford (illustrator)**

G. Neri captures Johnny's story in beautiful free verse, portraying an ordinary boy with an extraordinary talent who grew up in extreme poverty, faced incredible challenges, and ultimately found his calling by always being true to the gift of his voice.



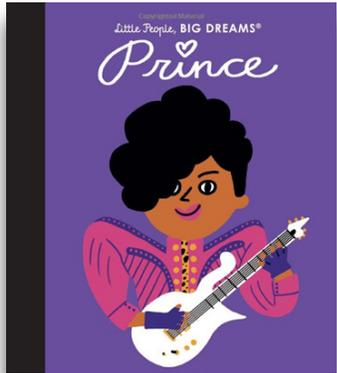
***I Am a Rainbow*, by Dolly Parton (author) and Heather Sheffield (illustrator)**

Beloved music legend Dolly Parton provides children with a fun way to talk about their feelings in this colorful, upbeat picture book. And by understanding their own feelings, they can learn to respect the feelings of others.



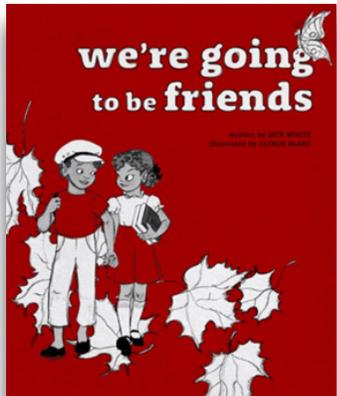
***Guitar Genius: How Les Paul Engineered the Solid-Body Electric Guitar and Rocked the World*, by Kim Tomsic (author) and Brett Helquist (illustrator)**

This is the true story of how Les Paul created the world's first solid-body electric guitar, countless other inventions that changed modern music, and one truly epic career in rock and roll.



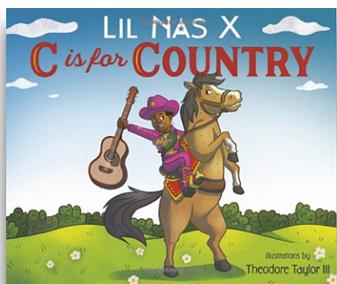
***Little People, BIG DREAMS: Prince*, by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara (author) and A. G. Ford (illustrator)**

From a young age, Prince was obsessed with music. Even though he couldn't read it, his talent—whether on piano, drums, guitar, or vocals—turned him into an icon. Combining funk, disco, soul, and almost every other genre out there, his songs are some of the best-loved all around the world.



***We're Going to be Friends*, by Jack White (author) and Elinor Blake (illustrator)**

"We're Going to be Friends" by The White Stripes is one of rock 'n' roll's most enduring songs about friendship. With the help of illustrator Elinor Blake (a.k.a. April March), the perennial favorite feels right at home on the page as a hardcover children's book.



***C Is for Country*, by Lil Nas X (author) and Theodore Taylor III (illustrator)**

Join superstar Lil Nas X and Panini the pony on a fabulous journey through the alphabet from sunup to sundown. Featuring bold, bright art from Theodore Taylor III, kids will experience wide-open pastures, farm animals, guitar music, cowboy hats, and all things country in this picture book.

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