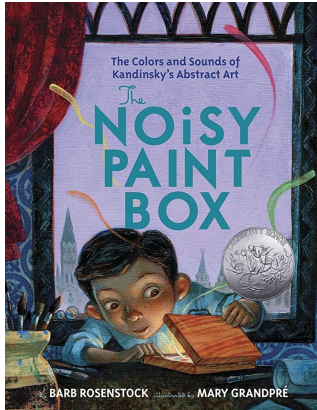


**An Annotated Bibliography of Non Fiction Books with a focus on Lesser Known  
Biographies from the Bookworm Library**



**1)“The Noisy Paint Box”**

Light Orange Room - Outstanding Books

Author: Barb Rosenstock

Illustrator: Mary Grandpre

Publisher: Random House Children's Books

ISBN: 978-0-307-97848-6

Price Fit: \$17.99

Date of Publication: 2014

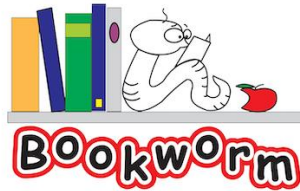
Genre: Juvenile Literature - Biography

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 18832

Summary: This is the story of Vasya Kandinsky, a pioneering artist in the field of abstract art.

Growing up, he always felt constrained by the world, and art was a way to let his imagination run free. Yet whenever he opened his paint box, which would sing wild and wonderful music to his ears causing him to draw beautifully chaotic paintings, his teachers expected him to paint expected subjects, like flowers and people. He always felt constrained by this, but it wasn't until



he went to the opera as an adult that he remembered this passion for his own type of art and began to create it, and teach others to do the same.



2) *Our House is on Fire: Greta Thunberg's Call to Save the Planet*

Yellow Room - Outstanding Books

Author: Jeanette Winter

Publisher: Simon and Schuster Beach Lane Books

ISBN: 978-1-5344-6778-1

Price Fit: \$17.99

Date of Publication: 2019

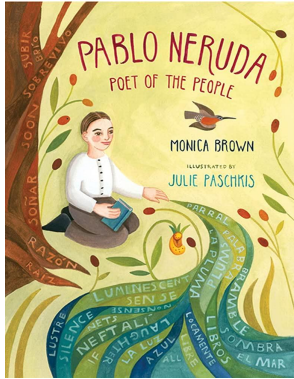
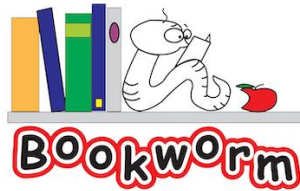
Genre: Juvenile Fiction - Biography

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 26469

Summary: This is the story of Greta Thunberg, the climate activist. Growing up, she found the idea of climate change taught in schools around her to be terrible. But even worse, the fact that people weren't doing anything about it, that governments weren't taking action against it, was even scarier to her. So as a result, she began to strike outside her school's parliament building on Friday's, and inspired others to do the same. This led to a global movement called Fridays For Future, which has mobilized millions of young people to this day.

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### 3)“Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People”

Light orange room - Outstanding Books

Author: Monica Brown

Illustrator: Julie Paschik

Publisher: Henry Holt and Company

ISBN: 978-0-8050-9198-4

Price Fit: N/A

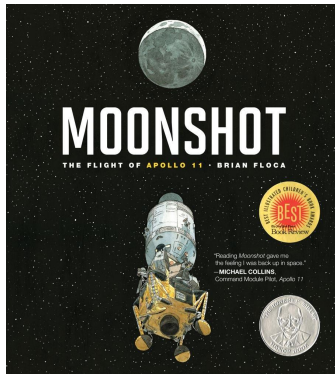
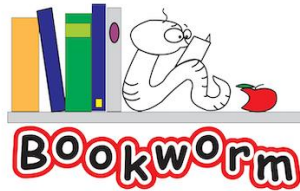
Date of Publication: 2011

Genre: Juvenile Literature - Biography

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 15656

Summary: Ricardo Eliecer Neftali Reyes Basoalto was never very interested in sports or games as a boy, but rather words. As he grew up, he continued to love books, and met other writers when he moved to the capital city of Santiago, Chile. He also began publishing poems with the name Pablo Neruda. He had many friends and a huge love for the world, but when he learned about the terrible conditions of minors and other laborers, he used his medium of communication with the world for his activism, and as a result had to escape Chile because he was under threat from the government. As the book reads, “his voice was heard across nations and oceans. From his poems grew flowers of hope and dreams of peace.”



4) "Moonshot: The Flight Of Apollo 11" by Brian Floca

Light Orange room - Outstanding Books

Author: Brian Floca

Publisher: Atheneum Books - Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing Division

ISBN: 978-1-416-95046-2

Price Fit: \$18.99

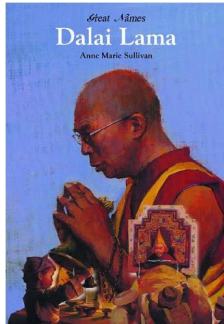
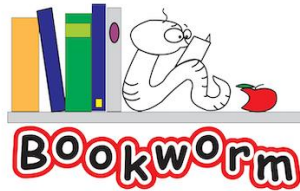
Date of Publication: 2009

Genre: Juvenile Literature

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 14215

Summary: Moonshot tells the story of the preparation, ascent, and experience of the astronauts Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin that went into space in the Apollo 11. Floca also highlights the hope that the astronauts gave to everyone on earth, because they now knew the possibility that people could live on the moon. Often people only think of the fact that NASA brought people to the moon but not the preparation that took to get them there, and Floca effectively highlights this element of this part of history as well.



5)“DALAI LAMA: Spiritual Leader” by Anne Marie Sullivan

Light Orange room - Outstanding Books

Author: Anne Marie Sullivan and Chen Jian-Jiang

Publisher: Mason Crest Publishers

ISBN: 978-1-590-84151-8

Price Fit: None

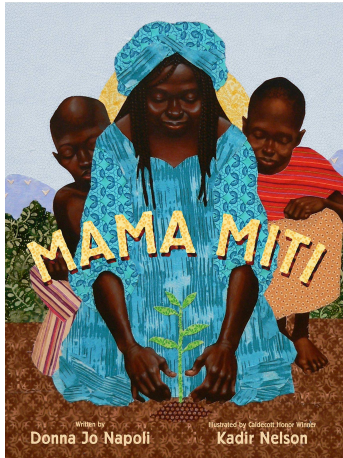
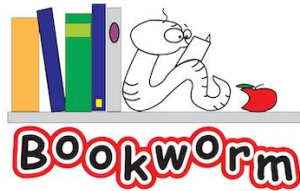
Date of Publication: 2003

Genre: Juvenile Literature

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 33569

Summary: This book tells the story of how the position of the Dalai Lama started, when in the seventh century there was a king with two wives and one of them loved the statue of Buddha, so he brought the statue and made a temple around it, therefore becoming the first Dalai Lama. The book then fast forwards to today, and tells about how the current Dalai Lama, the fourteenth, came from a poor family and was forced to leave his home at a young age and move to India as a government-in-exile. The story tells how painful it was for him, yet how the tibetan people in Dharamshala are still peaceful and content with their ways of being.



6) "Mamma Miti" by Donna Jo Napoli

Yellow room - Outstanding Books

Author: Donna Jo Napoli

Illustrator: Kadir Nelson

Publisher: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

ISBN: 978-1-416-93505-6

Price Fit: \$18.99

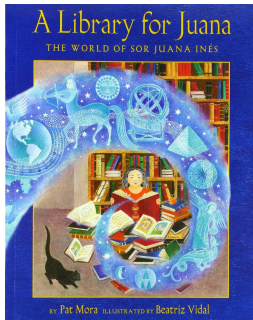
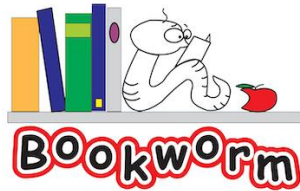
Date of Publication: 2010

Genre: Juvenile Literature

Format: Biography - Juvenile Literature

Bookworm Acc. No: 33227

Summary: This is a story about a woman in Kenya who plants trees, and inspires others to do the same. Inspired by the stories of people around her and coming to understand how the trees provide for her life, she started planting trees to refresh her spirit. When women came to her for help, she told them to do the same. Soon the countryside was filled with trees, and she changed the country, tree by tree. This is the true story of Wangari Matthai, founder of the Green Belt Movement.



7)“A Library for Juana: The World of Sor Juana Ines”

Yellow Room - Outstanding Books

Author: Pat Mora

Illustrator: Beatriz Vidal

Publisher: Lee & Low Books, Inc.

ISBN: 978-1-64379-058-9

Price Fit: \$10.95

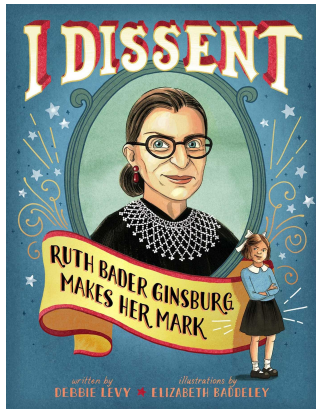
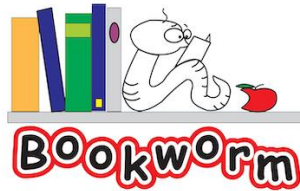
Date of Publication: 2019

Genre: Juvenile Literature - Biography

Format: Soft Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 31043

Summary: Juana Ines de la Cruz was born in Mexico City in the 1600's. She was always fascinated by books, and learned to read at a young age. As she grew up, she found solace and comfort in books, and moved to Mexico City to continue to study. Scholars questioned her, but she answered their difficult questions precisely and accurately. She ended up becoming a nun, devoting her life to ideas and books.



8) "I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark" by Debbie Levy

Yellow Room - Outstanding Books

Author: Debbie Levy

Illustrator: Elizabeth Baddeley

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

ISBN: 978-1-4814-6559-5

Price Fit: \$18.99

Date of Publication: 2016

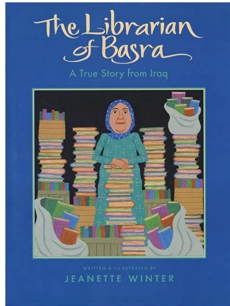
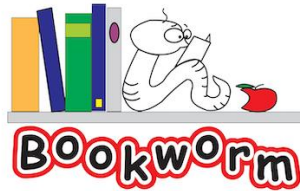
Genre: Juvenile Literature - Biography

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 28040

Summary: Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a US Supreme Court justice that fought against stereotypes all her life. She went to Law school in a cohort of 500 men and 9 women, but through hard work and perseverance became a lawyer, then a law school professor, and then a supreme court justice, driven into politics to change unfair laws against women. She is an inspiration to all, and this book truthfully commemorates her amazing life.





### 9) "The Librarian of Basra"

Light Orange Room - Outstanding Books

Author: Jeanette Winter

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

ISBN: 978-0-152-05445-8

Price Fit: \$16.00

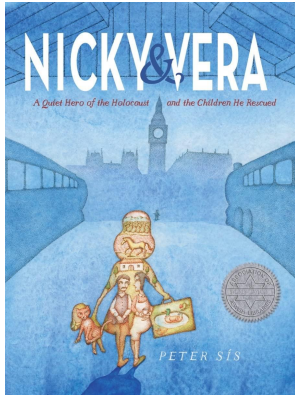
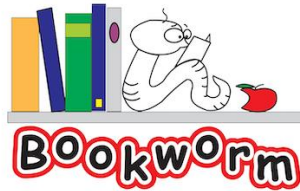
Date of Publication: 2005

Genre: Juvenile Literature - Biography

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 11301

Summary: In the Iraq War, librarian Alia Muhammad Baker was scared that her books were going to burn down. So she went to ask the government to give her a safe place to store her books, but they refused. So she took matters into her own hands and saved the books in her house and her friend's restaurant. Sure enough, her library ended up burning down, but at the end of the war her and her books continued to be safe.



10)“Nicky and Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued” by Peter Sis  
Green Room - Outstanding Books

Author: Peter Sis

Publisher: W. W Norton and Company

ISBN: 978-1-324-01574-1

Price Fit: \$19.99

Date of Publication: 2021

Genre: Biography - Juvenile Literature

Format: Hard Cover

Bookworm Acc. No: 33900

Summary: This tells the true story of Nicholas Winston, an Englishman who went to Prague to save 700 children from the holocaust. He found foster families, bribed officials, and forged documents to save these children. He worked with parents who were desperate to get their kids out of danger, and took each child's name and photograph, working out of a makeshift headquarters in his hotel room in Prague. This is a true story filled with courage, light amidst darkness, and hope in the goodness of humanity when we work with each other.