

National Hispanic Heritage Month

From September 15th - October 15th we celebrate the generations of Hispanic Americans who have contributed to, influenced, and enriched our culture and society. The titles on the list were chosen to highlight Hispanic voices, perspectives, and stories.

All titles are available on the Waterbury Public Library catalog.



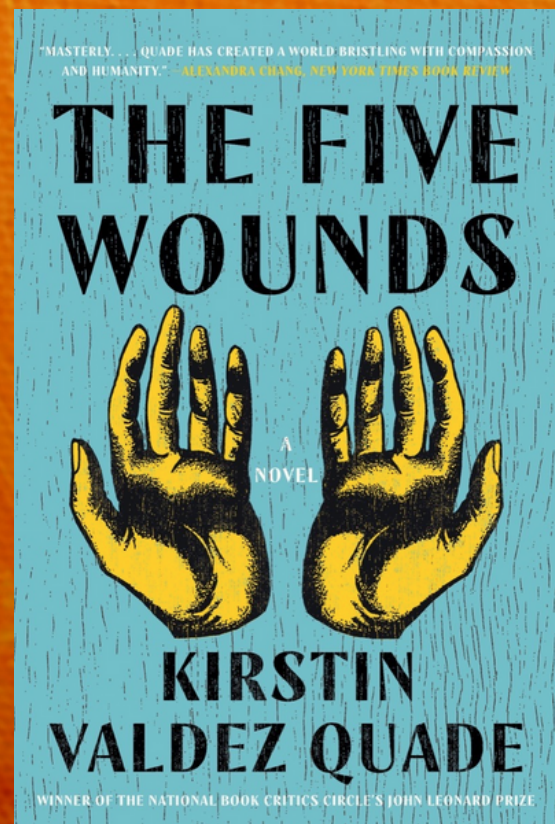
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

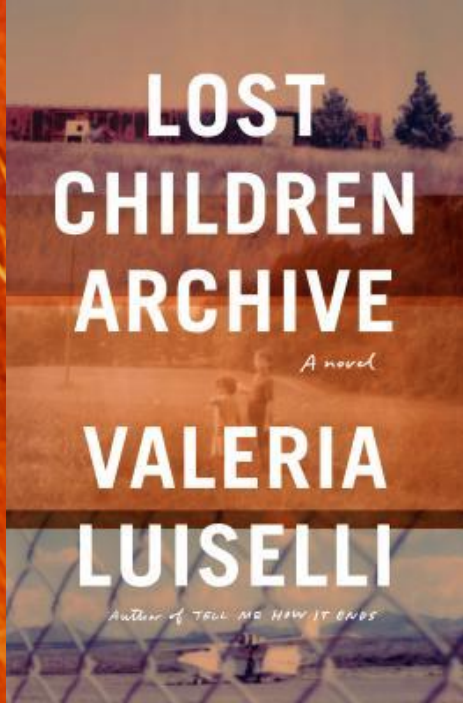
Ari and Dante could not be more different. Dante is confident, while Ari is less so. Dante lets his mind wander, while Ari can't shake his worrisome thoughts. This coming of age novel shows how some of life's most meaningful relationships enable us to better understand ourselves. Affecting prose, meticulous pacing, and deeply developed characters make this an enjoyable read for parents and children alike.
YA FICTION Sáenz, B.

The Five Wounds by Kirstin Valdez Quade

The Padillas are one of the many families that call the rural community of Las Penas, New Mexico home. Amadeo lives in the center of five generations: his mother Yolanda, his mother's elderly Tío, his once estranged daughter, and her newborn son. As each of their paths converge, old habits and cracks in relational foundations are revealed. This fierce, flawed, and ultimately loving family will linger with you even after you have finished the last page.

FICTION Quade, K.





Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli

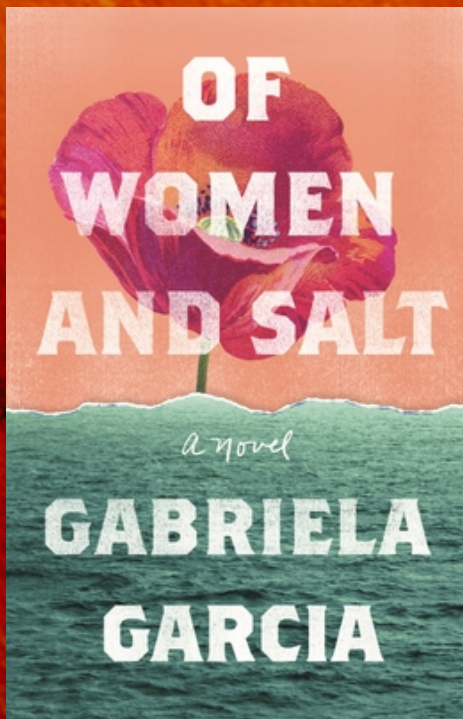
Intellectual and heartfelt, *Lost Children Archive* takes us on a family's road trip from New York to Arizona. As they move south, the parents tell stories and listen to news reports about an increasing crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border. A parental divide widens and the family is launched into an adventure in the desert as well as in their own imaginations. Luiselli explores how we document our experiences, what influences our memories, and the nature of justice and equality today.

FICTION Luiselli, V.

More Than You'll Ever Know by Katie Guitierrez

For fans of true crime, *More Than You'll Ever Know* is a book about two women: Cassie, a true crime blogger, and Lore, a woman whose complicated double life led to a murder in the 1980s. Gutierrez's sophisticated and complex female characters develop a relationship that unravels the threads of their lives and threatens to expose secrets on both ends.

FICTION Guitierrez, K.



Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia

Described as "kaleidoscopic," *Of Women and Salt* tells the story of a mother, Carmen, and her daughter, Jeanette, in present day Miami. Jeanette, struggling with addiction, encounters the daughter of a woman detained by ICE and decides to take her in. The narrative jumps from present, to past, and back again. What results is a haunting exploration of motherhood, memory, and betrayal.

FICTION Garcia, G.



Olga Dies Dreaming by Xochitl Gonzalez

Despite being abandoned by their mother as children, Olga and her brother Pedro grow up to find their own versions of success. When hurricane Maria devastates Puerto Rico, their personal struggles come to a head and the siblings are forced to question their own choices, lives, and desires. Gonzalez celebrates the richness of Nuyorican culture while commentating on how America's sociopolitical order works to keep people of color in the margins.

FICTION Gonzalez, O.

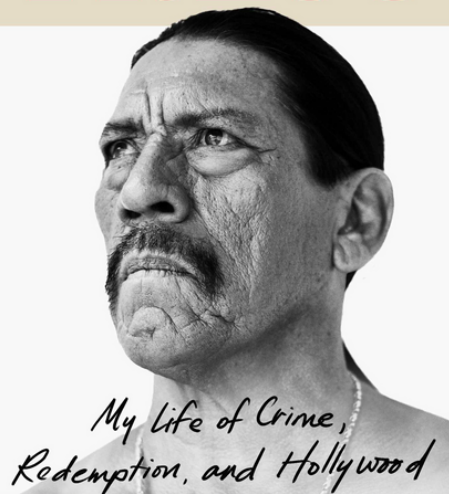
Sanctuary by Paola Mendoza

The year is 2032 and every American has been implanted with a microchip. It is nearly impossible to live as an undocumented immigrant, but the family of 16 year old Vali has managed a quiet life in southern Vermont. As national tensions rise, California secedes in order to become a Sanctuary for immigrants. A sudden deportation raid forces Vali's family on a trek across the country in hopes of finding a place to live with safety and dignity.

YA FICTION Mendoza, P.



TREJO



DANNY TREJO
with DONAL LOGUE

Trejo by Danny Trejo

In Trejo, "Hollywood's favorite bad guy with a heart of gold" shares a life story as action packed as one of his movies. Trejo grew up in an abusive home in Los Angeles, CA. Surrounded by violence, and addicted to drugs by his early teens, he found himself in some of California's most famous prisons. It was there that he found faith, sobriety, and a dedication to serving others. Having simply lived and experienced so much, Trejo is an incredible story of grit, intention, and redemption.

BIO Trejo



We Set the Dark on Fire by Tehlor Kay Mejia

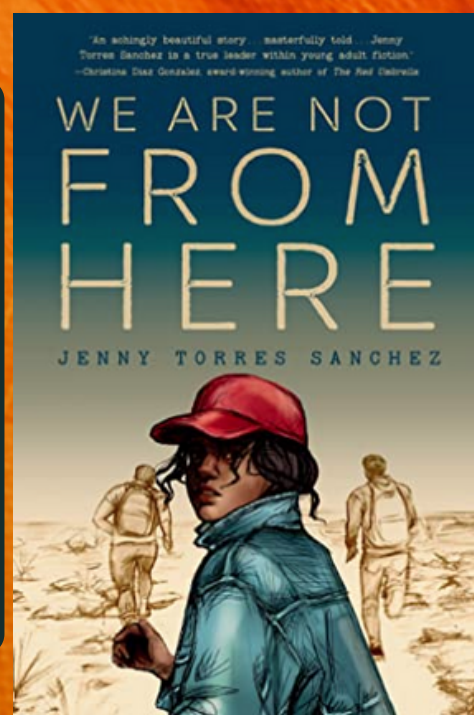
On the island nation of Medio, the population is divided by a wall. One half is awarded the privileges of the upper class, while the other faces poverty and political unrest. Our main character Dani is training at an elite finishing school in order to marry the son of the prominent Garcia family. Her secret? Her pedigree is a lie and forged documents have led her to the crossroads she now faces. This dystopian fantasy reflects our world today and features an excitingly steely heroine.

YA FICTION, Mejia, T. BK 1

We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

This harrowing tale of survival follows three teenagers seeking freedom and safety across the U.S.-Mexico border. After witnessing a horrific event, Pulga, his chosen brother Chico, and his cousin Pequeña follow the route of La Bestia, a dangerous train system that has claimed many lives. Sanchez exquisitely describes the heart-wrenching and distressing experiences the trio goes through after determining to survive.

YA FICTION, Torres Sanchez, J.



You Had Me at Hola by Alexis Daria

What happens when a soap opera darling and a telenovela heartthrob meet on the set of a bilingual romantic comedy? An incredibly fun, compelling, and terrific romance. As both characters navigate the complexities of their lives, they each have their own reasons for wanting to avoid romance. Will their innate attraction be enough to buoy them in the tumultuous waves of life in the spotlight?

FICTION, Daria, A.