

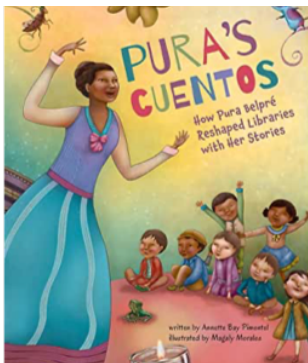
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## Herstories: Exploring Picture Book Biographies

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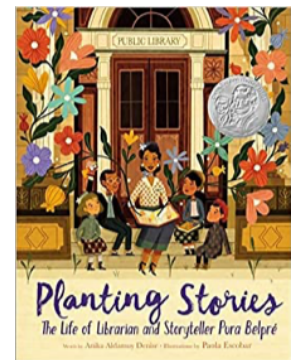
### Herstories Reading List



*Pura's Cuentos; How Pura Belpré Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories* by Annette Bay Pimentel, Illustrated by Magaly Morales, Abrams

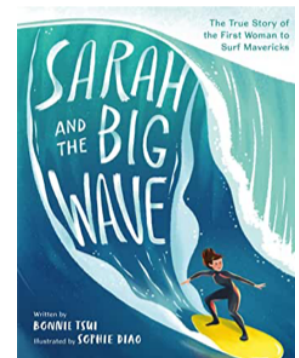
Pair with: *Planting Stories* by Anika Aldamuy Denise, Illustrated by Paola Escobar, Harper

**"Your story will not happen on paper; it will happen first in the imagination of your reader." ~ Pura Belpré**



A perfect tie in to...  
*A Most Clever Girl, How Jane Austen Discovered Her Voice* by Jasmine A. Stirling, Illustrated by Vesper Stamper, Bloomsbury

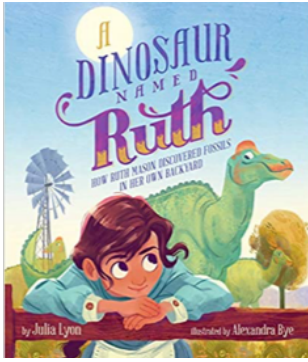
*Sarah and the Big Wave; The True Story of the First Woman to Surf Mavericks* by Bonnie Tsui, Illustrated by Sophie Diao, Henry Holt



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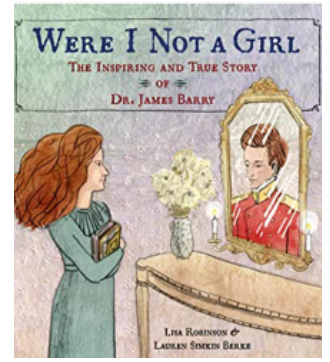


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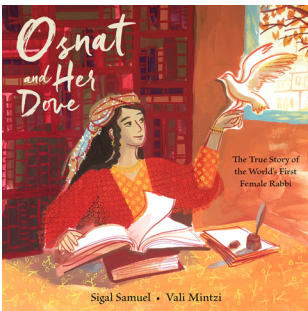
*A Dinosaur Named Ruth; How Ruth Mason Discovered Fossils in Her Own Backyard* by Julia Lyon, Illustrated by Alexandre Bye, Simon & Schuster

*Were I Not a Girl; The Inspiring And True Story of Dr. James Barry* by Lisa Robinson, Illustrated by Lauren Simkin Berke, Schwartz & Wade



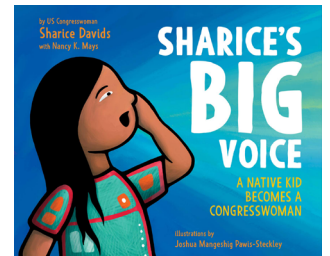
*Areli Is A Dreamer, A True Story* by Areli Morales, a DACA recipient (Autobiography), Illustrations by Luisa Uribe, Random House Studio

**"I could do anything here," Areli said to the city sky. "Someday, I will."**



*Osnat and Her Dove; The True Story of The World's First Female Rabbi* by Sigal Samuel, Illustrated by Vali Mintzi, Levine Querido

*Sharice's BIG Voice; A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman (Autobiography)* by US Congresswoman Sharice Davids with Nancy K. Mays, Illustrated by Joshua Mangeship Pawis Steckley, Harper Collins

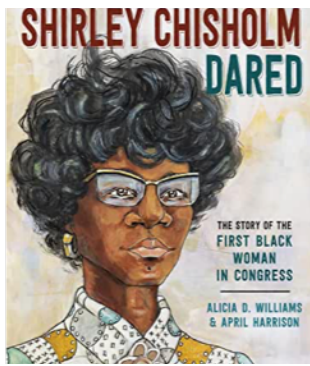


*Wood, Wire, Wings; Emma Lilian Todd Invents an Airplane* By Kirsten W. Larson, Illustrated by Tracy Subisak, Calkins Creek

*Secrets of the Sea; The Story of Jeanne Power, Revolutionary Marine Scientist* by Evan Griffith, Illustrated by Joanie Stone, Clarion Books (Could also be paired with *Ocean Speaks; How Marie Tharp Revealed the Ocean's Biggest Secret*)



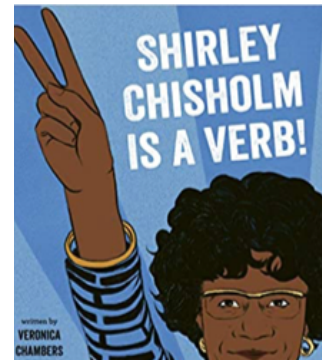




*Shirley Chisholm Dared; The Story of the First Black Woman in Congress* by Alicia D. Williams, Illustrated by April Harrison, Anne Schwartz books

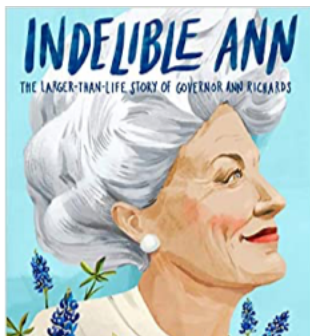
**DARING! REBELLIOUS!  
TROUBLEMAKER!**  
**And she NEVER stops asking questions!**

*Shirley Chisholm is a Verb!*  
By Veronica Chambers, Illustrated by Rachelle Baker, Dial Books



*Seat at the Table; The Nancy Pelosi Story* by Elisa Boxer, Illustrated by Laura Freeman, Crown Books for Young Readers

*Kamala Harris Rooted in Justice*  
by Nikki Grimes, Illustrated by Laura Freeman, Atheneum Books for Young Readers

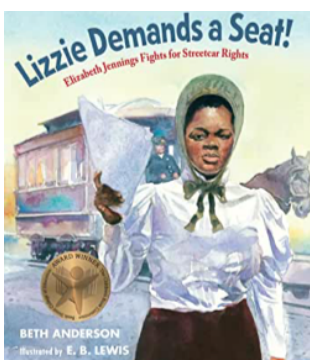


*Indelible Ann; The Larger-Than-Life Story of Governor Ann Richards* by Meghan P. Browne, Illustrated by Carlynn Whitt, Random House Studio

*Shaped by Her Hands; Potter Maria Martinez*  
by Anna Harber Freeman & Barbara Gonzales, Illustrated by Aphelandra, Albert Whitman & Co. Mangeship Pawis Steckley, Harper Collins

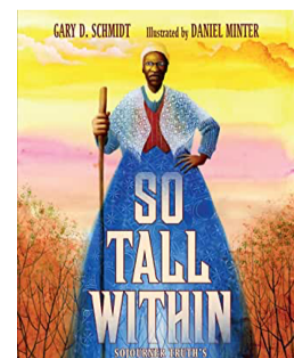


**"I felt so tall within - I felt as if the power of a nation was with me!" ~ Sojourner Truth**



*Lizzie Demands a Seat!:*  
*Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights*  
by Beth Anderson, Illustrated by E. B. Lewis, Calkins Creek

*So Tall Within:*  
*Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom*  
by Gary D. Schmidt, Illustrated by Daniel Minter, Roaring Brook Press





*Saving American Beach:  
The Biography of African American Environmentalist MaVynee Betsch*  
by Heidi Tyline King, Illustrated by Eku Holmes, G. P. Putnam & Sons

**"Traditional law firms were just beginning to hire Jews, but to be a woman, a Jew, and a mother to boot, that combination was a bit much."  
~ RBG**



*Ruth Objects; The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsberg*  
by Doreen Rappaport, Illustrated by Eric Valesquez, Disney Hyperion

*I Dissent; Ruth Bader Ginsberg Makes Her Mark*  
by Debbie Levy, Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley, Simon & Shuster



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