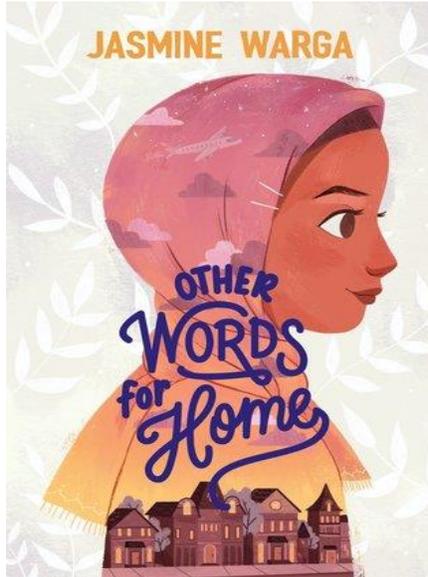


Book Club

November Recommendation:



Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

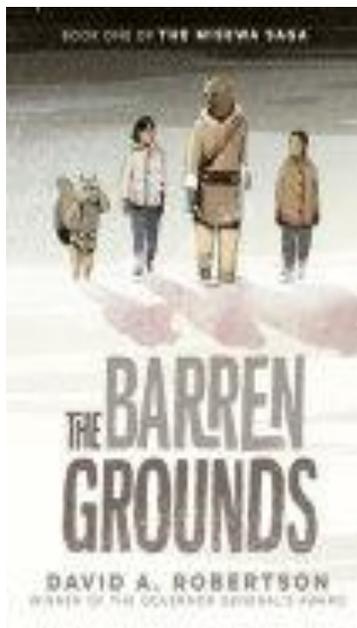
Life for a refugee is difficult. Jude has had to leave her dad and older brother behind in Syria when she and her pregnant mother are sent to live in America with her uncle.

Jude learns to adapt to the American way of life by finding new friends and new adventures. However, she cannot stop worrying about her father and brother in war torn Syria.

When the 911 bombings happen, she is suddenly looked upon as the enemy and life becomes even more difficult for Jude and her family.

This book is written in verse and is full of hope and beautiful metaphors.

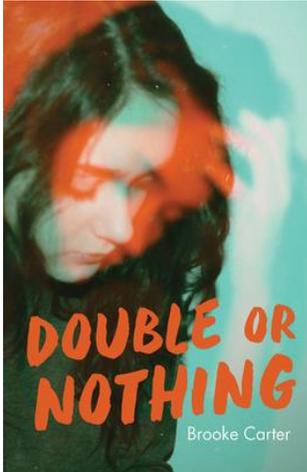
Indigenous Focus:



The Barren Grounds by David A. Robertson is the first in the The Misewa Saga. This book is Narnia Indigenous style. It is full of traditional Indigenous stories that help in teaching the main characters and the readers about the traditional way of living. Morgan and Eli are foster children living away from their families and communities in the city of Winnipeg. Morgan is angry and Eli is quiet. They struggle to deal with their feelings and find a secret place to get away in the attic of their new home. When Eli draws a snowy landscape, the picture becomes a portal to another land called Aski. They meet Ochek, the fisher from Eli's drawing, who is trying to hunt to support his starving community of Misewa because of the constant White Time. They set out to find the human who stole the summer birds, taking the Green Time with them. Will they be able to save Misewa and get back home?

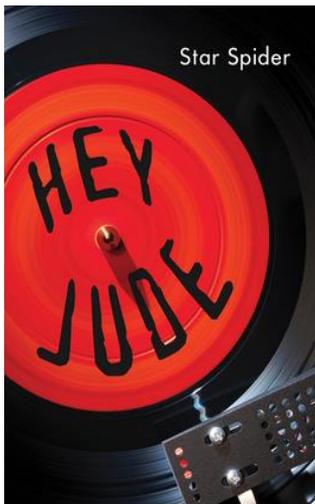
Orca Books Recommendation:

This month I am recommending two books with a mental illness theme. One deals with addiction and the other with depression.



Double or Nothing by Brooke Carter

Addiction is a dangerous thing. Essie found this out when she made a bet she couldn't cover. She is a genius who got into university early on a scholarship, so she should know better. But, her addiction to gambling draws her in every time until she finally realizes she needs help. Her twin sister puts herself in danger to get Essie out of the situation she has gotten into. Will everything work out for her, or will she lose everything she cares about?



Hey Jude by Star Spider

This Orca Soundings book by Star Spider shows the difficulties of loving someone with mental illness and the difficulties that someone has living with mental illness. Penny gives everything to her mom and her sister. She works part time to help her mother with the bills. She is in charge of getting her sister out bed, to school, and giving her her meds. It's a lot. When she meets Jack, she realizes that she needs to take time for herself too.

If you have any recommendations or comments, please email me at daynagray@sd28.bc.ca or daynagray@sd28.org.