



AT HOME: BOOK OF THE MONTH

The January book of the month selections are now on our [Webpage](#), along with discussion questions. This month's theme is socioeconomic diversity. Featured titles are:

- **K/1st Grades:** [Sam and the Lucky Money](#) by Karen Chinn
- **2nd/3rd Grades:** [The Can Man](#) by Laura E. Williams
- **4th/5th Grades:** [A Day's Work](#) by Eve Bunting

If you would like to buy any of these books for home or classrooms to be "checked out" by students, books can be purchased on our Amazon [Wish List](#). Or, if you have these books to lend to classrooms, please drop them with our Parent Coordinator, Karen Herskowitz. Books can also be placed on hold at the [Brooklyn Public Library](#).

DIALOGUE & DRINKS

Our reading group meets again on January 28th at 8:30pm @ [Commonwealth](#). This month, we will be reading [Educated](#) by Tara Westover. Parent member, Swati Parikh will be facilitating. RSVP to diversity@ps39.org

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MLK WEEKEND EVENTS

January 19th, please join a [Women's March](#), wherever you may be. The [BCM](#) celebrates all weekend with crafts, performances, films and storytelling. For teens, [BAM](#) hosts one of the largest celebrations in the city, with a full day of free performances and talks. Or, visit the first black fine-arts museum in the country, [The Studio Museum](#).

PARENT WORKSHOP

Parents, guardians and caregivers, please join us for our January 17th "Talking About Race for Parents" Workshop. For more information and to register, visit our [Webpage](#).



STORY OF A NAME: MS. REYES

My story is about my maiden name: Kozsdiy. It is a Czechoslovakian name carried here by my paternal grandfather who grew up in the Carpathian Mountains. When I was a student in school, NO ONE could pronounce it correctly and it clearly caused them a great deal of anxiety. I got so used to people struggling with it that I would automatically raise my hand to correct people in attendance situations (or any time names were being called). In college, I had a professor who actually pronounced it correctly. But, I was already raising my hand to correct her, because I assumed she wouldn't. I kind of panicked and made up a fake pronunciation to save face. Fortunately, After a lifetime of hearing mispronunciations of my name, it came easily to me! As a feminist, I never thought I would take my husband's name, but after years of spelling and respelling Kozsdiy to seemingly everyone, the thought of spelling a simpler name like Reyes was very appealing. I am a little sad though, since there are only 5 other people in the U.S. who have the name. And that's my story!

CONTACT US!

If you have any questions or input or are interested in a leadership role on the committee, please [Contact Us @ diversity@ps39.org](mailto:diversity@ps39.org)

DEFINING A TERM

Invisible Minority:

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invisible minority - A group whose minority status is not always immediately visible, such as certain disabled people and LGBTIQ people or economically disadvantaged. This lack of visibility may make organizing for rights difficult.

FEATURED MEDIA

On January 25th celebrate [Multicultural Children's Book Day](#). Check out the website for resources.

WORTH FOLLOWING

This month's Twitter account worth following is:

[@GabeOrtiz](#)

Gabe Ortiz is a staff writer at Daily Kos and an activist for Immigrant and LGBTQI rights.