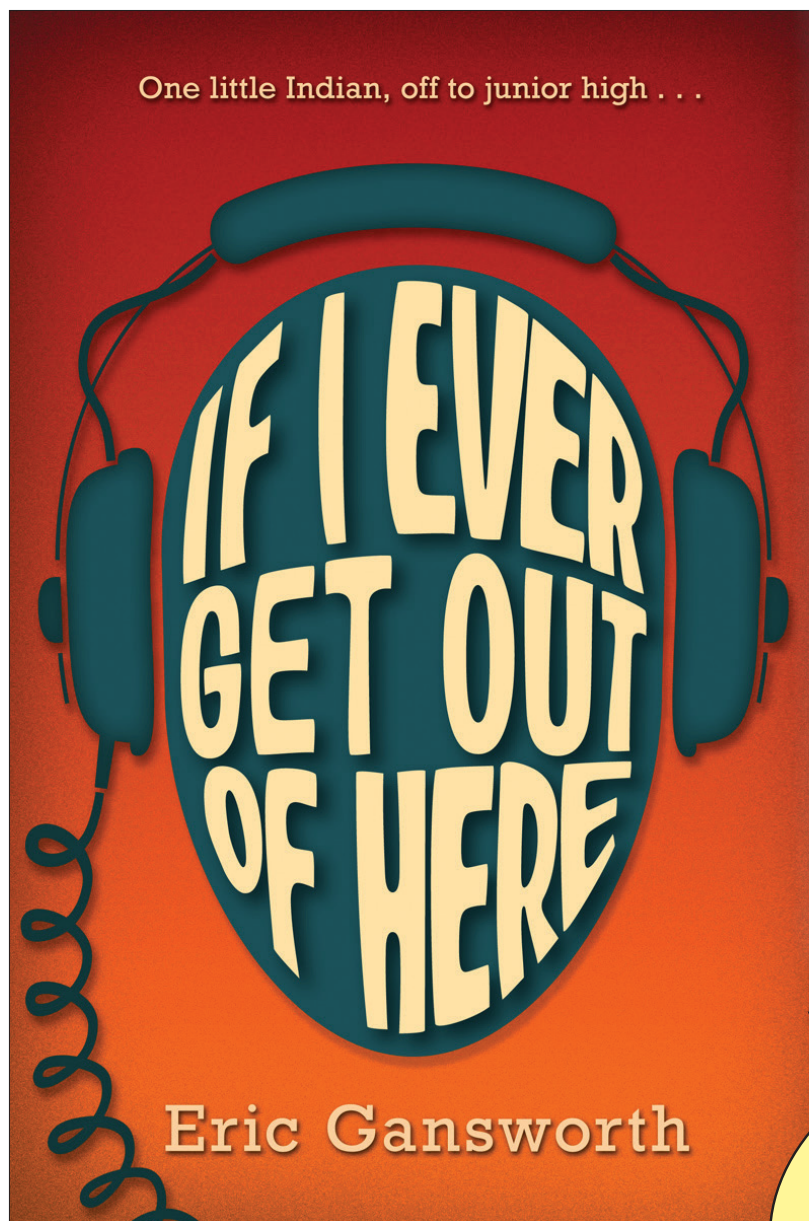




Book Talk

Books We Love This Month



If I Ever Get Out of Here

By Eric Gansworth

Lewis is growing up on a reserve just south of Niagara Falls in 1975; he is bussed to the nearest high school, where he is a gifted student. His love of music – particularly The Beatles and Queen – helps him form a strong bond with George, whose family has just arrived from Germany. Lewis isn't used to having white friends, and struggles arise as he tries to prevent George from meeting his family and seeing his home. The final scene, when people are trapped in a school gymnasium during a blizzard, is frightening and eye-opening. Eric Gansworth is one of those writers who makes you want to read every single word — no skimming!

Ages 12 and up

“I love this book because the voice of Lewis is so clear and hopeful — and sometimes afraid. I also love the music references throughout and the thrilling climax.”

— Janet

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