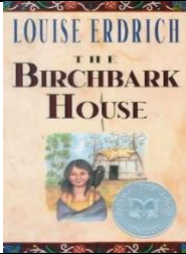
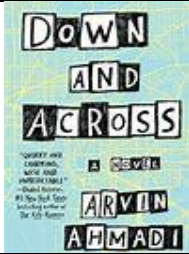
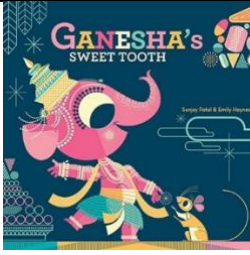
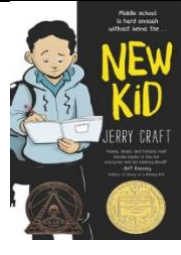
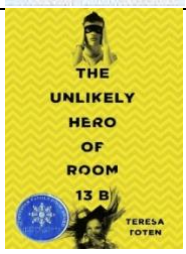
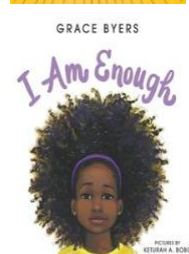




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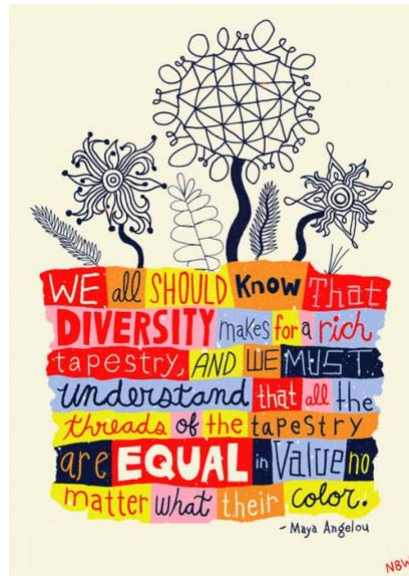
Diverse Literature - Booklists & Related Resources

The booklists and related resources contained herein span Pre-K-12 grade levels. Many book lists feature award winners and recommended titles. The following literature affinity categories are included in this document:

American Indian/ Native American		Arab American	
Asian American/ Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian		Black/ African American	
Homelessness/ Poverty		Jewish American	
Latinx/Hispanic		LGBTQIA+	
Special Needs/ Disabilities		Women & Girls	



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As you engage your students in literature that reflects the rich diversity of our world, please consider these suggestions from WE ARE TEACHERS and PBS Education:

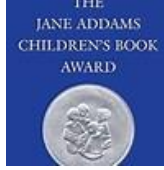
Diverse Literature Provides Windows, Mirrors, and Sliding Glass Doors

A window is a resource that offers you a view into someone else's experience. A mirror is a story that reflects your own culture and helps you build identity. A sliding glass door allows the reader to enter the story and become a part of that world...It is critical to understand that students cannot truly learn about themselves unless they learn about others, as well. – WEARETEACHERS Staff

Adapted from The Importance of Windows and Mirrors in Stories – PBS Education:

When thinking of windows, consider:	When thinking of mirrors, consider:
• <i>Who are my students?</i> • <i>What are their interests?</i> • <i>What do my students find curious?</i> • <i>What world knowledge can we build together?</i> • <i>What connections to prior knowledge can we make?</i> • <i>Through what ways can I learn different things about my students?</i> • <i>How may my students' shared experiences lead to understanding and acceptance by their peers?</i>	• <i>What more do I need to know about my students?</i> • <i>What are their funds of knowledge?</i> • <i>How does intersectionality live in our learning spaces?</i> • <i>How do my students see themselves?</i> • <i>What activities can I design to help students explore their identity/identities?</i> • <i>How can I prepare myself so I can best support students in this process?</i> • <i>What books and materials may I provide for my students to reflect their identities?</i>

Diverse Literature: American Indian/Native American – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this section.</i>	 American Indian Youth Literature Award 2006-2024	 Jane Addams Children Award 1953-2024 (Native American-Inclusive)
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Booklists

- [American Indians in Children's Literature \(AICL\) \(americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com\)](http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com)
- [Native American Literature in Your Classroom | Helpful Handout Educator Resource \(si.edu\)](http://si.edu)
- [NK360 - Teacher Materials - Native American Literature in Your Classroom - Worksheet \(si.edu\)](http://si.edu)
- [TeachingBooks | American Indian Youth Literature Award, 2006-2024](http://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | Jane Addams Children's Book Awards, 1953-2024](http://teachingbooks.org)
- [Americans - A Dialogue Toolkit for Educators \(si.edu\)](http://si.edu)
- [Native Children's and Young Adult Books - Cynthia Leitich Smith's New Books on Native American History, Life, and Resistance | Facing History and Ourselves](http://facinghistory.org)
- [American Indian Youth Literature Award - American Indian Library Association \(ailanet.org\)](http://ailanet.org)
- [All Books | Jane Addams Children's Book Award | JAPA \(janeaddamschildrensbookaward.org\)](http://janeaddamschildrensbookaward.org)
- [American Indians / Indigenous Peoples / Native Nations - Social Justice Books](#)
- [New Books on Native American History and Life | Facing History and Ourselves](http://facinghistory.org)
- [5 New YA Books on Native American Lives | Facing History and Ourselves](http://facinghistory.org)
- [15 Books by Indigenous Authors for the Classroom - We Are Teachers](#)
- [100 Native American Children's Books - Colours of Us](#)
- [Native American Young Adult Books You Need to Read | Los Angeles Public Library \(lapl.org\)](http://lapl.org)
- [Revised Book Insert Web Version March 2018.pdf \(firstnations.org\)](http://firstnations.org) #Native Reads Native American Children's Literature Recommended Reading List, firstnations.org
- *40 Children's Books Celebrating Native American and Indigenous Mighty Girls*

<https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=10365>

- *American Indians Best Books (Dating back to 2007)*
<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/p/best-books.html>
- *American Indians in Children's Literature 2019 Best Books*
<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/2019/12/aicls-best-books-of-2019.html>
- *Native American Authors and Illustrators: Picture Books*
https://cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit-resources/read/diversity/native-am/nat-lit/native_lit_picbooks/
- *Native American Children's Books*
<https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2016/07/top-10-native-american-books-kids/>
- *Native American Children's Literature Recommended Reading List*
https://www.firstnations.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Revised_Book_Insert_Web_Version_March_2018.pdf
- *Native American Stories*
<https://www.readingrockets.org/booklists/native-american-stories>
- [7 Books That Give Middle and High School Students an Inclusive Look at United States History | Edutopia](#)
- [Alaska and the Arctic: Non-fiction Books | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Tales from the Arctic: Alaska Native Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- <https://www.colorincolorado.org/booklist/changing-world-american-indian-heritage>
- [Biographies: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Code Talkers: Books for All Ages | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Native Trailblazers: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Native Women's History: Books for Kids | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Far From Home: American Indian Residential Schools | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Horse Stories: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Bilingual Books: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Board Books and More: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [American Indian History: Books for Young People | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Traditional Tales: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)

- [Trickster Tales: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/trickster-tales-american-indian-heritage)
- [Family Stories: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/family-stories-american-indian-heritage)
- [Brothers & Sisters: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/brothers-sisters-american-indian-heritage)
- [Grandparents: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/grandparents-american-indian-heritage)
- [Art and Artists: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/art-artists-american-indian-heritage)
- [Favorite Foods: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/favorite-foods-american-indian-heritage)
- [Festivals and Celebrations: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/festivals-celebrations-american-indian-heritage)
- [Music and Dance: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/music-dance-american-indian-heritage)
- [Nature's Gifts: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/nature-gifts-american-indian-heritage)
- [Seasons and Cycles: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/seasons-cycles-american-indian-heritage)
- [Summer Stories: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/summer-stories-american-indian-heritage)
- [Traditional Ways of Life: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/traditional-ways-life-american-indian-heritage)
- [Christmas Stories: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/christmas-stories-american-indian-heritage)
- [Photo Essays: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/photo-essays-american-indian-heritage)
- [A Rich Heritage: American Indians Today | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/a-rich-heritage-american-indians-today)
- [Athletes and Sports: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/athletes-sports-american-indian-heritage)
- [Native Americans and Indigenous Peoples of North America: Award-Winning Books | Reading Rockets](https://colorincolorado.org/native-americans-indigenous-peoples-north-america)
- [Stories and Voices of Contemporary Native Americans | Reading Rockets](https://colorincolorado.org/stories-voices-contemporary-native-americans)
- [How to Broaden Middle and High School Students' Sense of History | Edutopia](https://colorincolorado.org/how-broaden-middle-high-school-students-sense-history) by Howard Rosenberg, September 29, 2020
- [Tips for Choosing Culturally Appropriate Native Books and Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/tips-choosing-culturally-appropriate-native-books-resources)
- [Code Talkers: Books for All Ages | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/code-talkers-books-all-ages)
- [Coming of Age: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/coming-age-american-indian-heritage)
- [American Indian Youth Today | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-youth-today)

- [Graphic Novels and Comics: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-1)
- [Historical Fiction: American Indian Heritage \(Grades 6-12\) | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-2)
- [Memoir & Ancestral Voices: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-3)
- [Poetry, Plays, and Short Stories: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-4)
- [American Indian Residential Schools: Books for Young Adults | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-5)
- [American Indian Authors: Science Fiction and Supernatural | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-6)
- [Sports Stories for Teens: American Indian Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/american-indian-heritage/american-indian-heritage-7)

Related Resources

- [American Indian and Alaska Native Characters and Social/Cultural Themes | AdLit](https://adlit.org/american-indian-and-alaska-native-characters-and-social-cultural-themes)
- [Why Children Need to See Themselves in Books \(literacyworldwide.org\)](https://literacyworldwide.org/2021/03/10/why-children-need-to-see-themselves-in-books) by Valerie Bolling, March 10, 2021
- [Culturally Diverse Literature: Enriching Variety in an Era of Common Core State Standards \(literacyworldwide.org\)](https://literacyworldwide.org/2015/02/01/culturally-diverse-literature-enriching-variety-in-an-era-of-common-core-state-standards) by Fenis B. Boyd, Lauren L. Causey and Lee Galda, February 2015
- [Kidlit Celebrates Women's History Month: A Q&A with Deborah Kogan Ray: Sarah Winnemucca, Paiute Princess \(kidlitwhm.blogspot.com\)](https://kidlitwhm.blogspot.com/2015/02/kidlit-celebrates-womens-history-month-a-q-a-with-deborah-kogan-ray-sarah-winnemucca-paiute-princess.html)
- *booksource Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist*
<https://www.booksource.com/content/whitepaper/7012J000001cOIJQAU.pdf>
- <https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/choosing-childrens-books-cultural-relevance-rubric>
- [The Importance of Windows and Mirrors in Stories | PBS Education](https://www.pbs.org/education/article/the-importance-of-windows-and-mirrors-in-stories/)
- [No, Elementary Students Are Not Too Young to Talk About Race \(ascd.org\)](https://ascd.org/2015/01/no-elementary-students-are-not-too-young-to-talk-about-race/)
- [Helping Students Discuss Race Openly \(ascd.org\)](https://ascd.org/2015/01/helping-students-discuss-race-openly/)
- [It's never too early to teach kids about race and racial justice. Here's how to do it—with a little help from Elmo \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/2015/01/its-never-too-early-to-teach-kids-about-race-and-racial-justice-here-s-how-to-do-it-with-a-little-help-from-elmo)
- [Let's Talk about Racism in Schools \(ascd.org\)](https://ascd.org/2015/01/lets-talk-about-racism-in-schools/)
- [Raising anti-racist children \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/2015/01/raising-anti-racist-children)
- [Children notice race several years before adults want to talk about it \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/2015/01/children-notice-race-several-years-before-adults-want-to-talk-about-it)

- [10 Tips on Talking to Kids About Race and Racism | PBS Education](#)
- [Teaching Young Children about Race - Social Justice Books](#)
- [How to Start Talking About Race in the Early Elementary Classroom | Edutopia](#)
- [Talking to Young Children About Race and Racism | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- [9 tips teachers can use when talking about racism \(theconversation.com\)](#)
- [Native educators say Thanksgiving lessons can be accurate, respectful, and still fun—here's how - NEA EdJustice](#)
- [American Indian History and Heritage | NEH-Edsitement](#) Teacher's Guide
- [American Indian Tribes and Education Centers Locator \(arcgis.com\)](#) (California), *arcgis.com* (accessed on the CDE website)
- [California Tribal Communities - tribal_projects](#) (accessed through CDE website)
- [American Indian Education Centers Events Calendar - Resources \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)
- [Understanding Historical Trauma and Native Americans \(nativehope.org\)](#)
- [Inside a New Effort to Change What Schools Teach About Native American History | At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine](#) by Anna Diamond, September 18, 2019
- [Rethinking How We Celebrate American History—Indigenous Peoples' Day | Smithsonian Voices | National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Magazine](#) by Dennis W. Zotigh and Renee Gokey, October 12, 2020
- [Transforming Teaching and Learning About Native Americans | Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Education Smithsonian Magazine](#) by Maria Marable-Bunch, December 28, 2020
- [Culturally Responsive Teaching for Native American Children | NASA](#)
- [Using Culturally Responsive Practices to Support Native American Students | MAEC, Inc.](#) *Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium (MAEC), Inc.*
- [bestpractices4.pdf \(leventhalmap.org\)](#) *Best Practice When Teaching about Native People, leventhalmap.org*
- [Alumna develops new K-12 resources for teaching Native American histories - Fresno State News](#)
- [Culturally Responsive Instruction for Native American Students – Center for Standards, Assessment, and Accountability \(wested.org\)](#)
- [Planting Truthful Seeds About Native Americans | Learning for Justice](#) by Amanda Morris, July 9, 2015,

- [Toward Responsibility: Social Studies Education that Respects and Affirms Indigenous Peoples and Nations | Social Studies](#) *National Council for the Social Studies*
- [Teaching America's Interwoven Histories | Learning for Justice](#) by Monita K. Bell, Spring 2020
- [The Importance of Providing Native American Education for All Students – Ed Note \(ecs.org\)](#)

Diverse Literature: Arab American – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this document.</i>	 Arab American Book Award 2007-2024	 Middle East Book Award 2000-2023
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Booklists

- [TeachingBooks | Arab American Book Award, 2007-2024](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Middle East Book Award, 2000-2023](#)
- <https://blog.leeandlow.com/2014/05/15/book-list-picture-books-about-muslim-or-middle-eastern-characters/>
- [Middle East Book Award, given by the Middle East Outreach Council - Middle East Outreach Council \(meoc.us\)](#) Note: Includes books for young children through YA/Adult
- [Arabs and Arab Americans - Social Justice Books](#) Note: Includes books for Early Childhood/Elementary through YA/Adult.
- [Arab American Heritage Month Booklist | Arlington Public Library \(arlingtonlibrary.org\)](#) Note: Includes titles from early childhood through YA/Adult levels.
- [Arab American Book Lists for Kids - Pragmatic Mom](#) Note: Includes links to 10 different booklists across grade levels.
- [Children's Books by Arab American Authors and... | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- [Arab American Heritage Month 4 Kids - Orem Public Library \(oremlibrary.org\)](#) Note: Includes book titles and videos featuring books
- [6 Great Kids Books to Read for Arab American Heritage Month - B&N Reads \(barnesandnoble.com\)](#) Note: Includes titles for upper elementary and middle school.

- [8 Must Have Books That Make Muslims Visible in Your Classroom — Teaching While Muslim](#) *Note:* Includes commentary and books listed by lexile level.
- [Celebrating Ramadan and Eid | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) *Note:* Most titles are for elementary level.
- [Syrian Stories: Books for Children and Teens | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [The Refugee Experience: Books for Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) *Note:* Includes titles for students across K-12 span.
- [Refugee Stories from Iraq and Afghanistan | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) *Note:* Includes titles mostly for middle school and high school levels.
- [Muslim Kids as Heroes – KitaabWorld](#) *Note:* Includes titles for elementary and middle school levels.
- [Hena Khan | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Books by) *Hena Khan* *Note:* Includes titles for elementary and middle school levels.; also includes link to video featuring the author.
- [Children's Books Celebrating Arab American Heritage \(foodcorps.org\)](#) *Note:* Includes titles from early childhood through YA.
- [Naomi Shihab Nye | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Books by) *Naomi Shihab Nye* *Note:* Includes mostly titles for middle school level; also includes link to video featuring the author.
- [Nonfiction Books by Arab and Arab American Authors | Penguin Random House](#) *Note:* Includes titles for YA/Adults.

Related Resources

- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021,
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- [Teaching-Tolerance-Reading-Diversity-Extended-Edition-2016-VFF.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](#)
- [Reading Diversity Lite—Teacher's Edition2.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](#)
- [Why Diverse Books Matter: Mirrors and Windows | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by Dr. Tracy Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio, 2021

- [How to Find Diverse Books | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org) by Dr. Tracie Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio
- [Using Diverse Books with Young Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org)
- [Diverse Books Project | AdLit](https://adlit.org) *Diverse Books Project, Adolescent Literacy/AdLit*
- [Using Books About Immigration in the Classroom | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org)

Diverse Literature: Asian American/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this document.</i>	 Asian/Pacific American Award 2001-2025	 Chinese American Librarians Association Annual Best Book Award 2008-2025	 South Asia Book Award for Children's and YA Literature 2012-2024
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Booklists

- [Asian Pacific Heritage: Booklists | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org) There are multiple links to booklists in the following categories: Cultural Traditions and Celebrations; Family Stories; History; Language and Learning; My World There are also links to booklists for Young Adults on this page.
- [TeachingBooks | Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature, 2001-2025](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | Asian Pacific American Heritage](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | CALA Annual Best Book Award, 2008-2025](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | Stories Beyond Borders: A Chinese American and Diasporic Reading List](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | South Asia Book Award for Children's & Young Adult Literature, 2012-2024](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | Freeman Book Awards, 2016-2024](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | South Asian Voices in Children's Literature](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [TeachingBooks | Books on South Asian History and Culture](https://teachingbooks.org)
- [Search | Lee & Low Books \(leeandlow.com\)](https://leeandlow.com) There are dozens of books listed here across the grade levels; Lexile levels, grade levels, and interest levels are included.
- [Asian American and Pacific Islander Recommended Titles | NEA](https://neapublications.org) *National Education Association*

- [The May Book Project — Very Asian Foundation](#)
- [Books for Preschool and Elementary School That Feature Asian American and Pacific Islander Experiences | Edutopia](#) Includes titles with links to educator guides.
- <https://www.harpercollins.com/blogs/harperkids/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month-books>
- <https://www.readbrihtly.com/books-written-by-asian-authors/> *10 Children's and YA Books Written by Asian Authors*
- [11 Nonfiction Titles for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month | School Library Journal \(slj.com\)](#)
- <https://www.rebekahgienapp.com/asian-american-childrens-books> *15 Children's Books for Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*
- [20 Children's Books To Read by AAPI Writers and Illustrators \(bookriot.com\)](#)
- [75 Brilliant Asian Pacific American Heritage Month \(AAPI\) Children's Books - Imagination Soup](#)
- [Humanizing Asian Americans in the Classroom Through Children's Literature | Learning for Justice](#)
- [Star Bright Books | Children's Books in 33 Languages](#) AAPI languages included among those offered
- [Remembering Our Co-Founder, Thomas Low | Lee & Low Blog \(leeandlow.com\)](#)
- [Celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) Scroll down the page to find interviews with 15 different AAPI children's book authors

Books with Multiracial Characters & Families

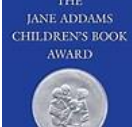
- <https://www.imnotthenanny.com/2014/03/picture-books-that-celebrate-mixed-race-families.html>
- <https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/childrens-books-with-multiracial-families/>
- <https://coloursofus.com/21-middle-grade-novels-with-multiracial-characters/>
- <https://coloursofus.com/picture-books-about-mixed-race-families/>
- <https://www.jewishmultiracialnetwork.org/books-for-children/>
- <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/5-picture-books-featuring-multiracial-and-multicultural-families/>
- *Search the Collection (Picture books with Black and Indigenous People and People of Color)*
<https://diversebookfinder.org/books/>
- <http://www.mixedremixed.org/top-ten-childrens-books-with-mixed-race-families/>

Related Resources

- [The Importance of Windows and Mirrors in Stories | PBS Education](#)
- [Classroom Resources and Tips To Address Anti-Asian Discrimination \(weareteachers.com\)](#)
- [Challenging Anti-Asian Bias and Acting as an Ally | ADL](#)
- [Asian High School Students Speak Out Against Discrimination, Harassment : NPR](#)
- [Combatting Anti-Asian Racism | Harvard Graduate School of Education](#)
- [The School Counselor and Anti-Racist Practices - American School Counselor Association \(ASCA\)](#)
- [No, Elementary Students Are Not Too Young to Talk About Race \(ascd.org\)](#)
- [Helping Students Discuss Race Openly \(ascd.org\)](#)
- [It's never too early to teach kids about race and racial justice. Here's how to do it—with a little help from Elmo \(apa.org\)](#)
- [Let's Talk about Racism in Schools \(ascd.org\)](#)
- [Raising anti-racist children \(apa.org\)](#)
- [Children notice race several years before adults want to talk about it \(apa.org\)](#)
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- [Teaching Young Children about Race - Social Justice Books](#)
- [How to Start Talking About Race in the Early Elementary Classroom | Edutopia](#)
- [Talking to Young Children About Race and Racism | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- [9 tips teachers can use when talking about racism \(theconversation.com\)](#)
- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#)
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- [Teaching-Tolerance-Reading-Diversity-Extended-Edition-2016-VFF.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](#)

- [Reading Diversity Lite—Teacher's Edition2.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](#)
- [Why Diverse Books Matter: Mirrors and Windows | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by Dr. Tracy Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio, 2021
- [How to Find Diverse Books | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by Dr. Tracie Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio
- [Using Diverse Books with Young Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Diverse Books Project | AdLit](#) *Diverse Books Project, Adolescent Literacy/AdLit*
- [Using Books About Immigration in the Classroom | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives for High School Students | Edutopia](#)

Diverse Literature: Black/African American – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this section.</i>	 BCALA Children and Youth Literary Awards 2021-2025	 Carter G. Woodson Book Award 1974-2025
 Coretta Scott King Book Awards 1970-2025	 Jane Addams Children Award 1953-2025 (Black-Inclusive)	 Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding Children's Literature 2016-2025

Booklists

- [TeachingBooks | Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding Children's Literature, 2016-2025](#)
- [TeachingBooks | BCALA Children and Youth Literary Awards, 2021-2025](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Coretta Scott King Book Awards, 1970-2025](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Jane Addams Children's Book Awards, 1953-2025](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Carter G. Woodson Book Award, 1974-2025](#)
- [Celebrating Black History Month | Poetry Foundation](#) (Provides links to poems, articles, educational resources and podcasts)
- [5 New YA Books on Black History and Life | Facing History and Ourselves](#)

- [The Night Before the Dream | Learning for Justice](#) by Glenda Armand, Spring 2021
- [Black Lives Matter at School - Social Justice Books](#)
- [Black History - Social Justice Books](#) *Recommended Books for Teaching Black History, Social Justice Books*
- [Anti-Racist Reading List for Children and Adults | Blog | Share My Lesson](#)
- [WS Exploring and Challenging Racism Booklist for Pre-K-8 Students \(hrc-prod-requests.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](#) *Welcoming Schools*
- [March on Washington: 1963 | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Juneteenth – Children's Book Council \(cbcbooks.org\)](#) (Links to related book lists)
- <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/15-books-starring-black-girls-for-readers-of-all-ages/>
- <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2019/jun/childrens-books-with-black-characters.html>
- <https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2017/05/picture-books-with-black-girl-main-characters.html>
- <https://www.paperpinecone.com/blog/childrens-books-black-authors-black-characters-help-you-talk-about-race-preschoolers> *Black Boy Joy: 30 Picture Books Featuring Black Male Protagonists*
- <https://www.harpercollins.com/blogs/harperkids/books-black-characters> *Books with Black Characters for Kids 8-12*
- <http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/socialjustice> *Community, Connecting, Cultivating, & Constructing Conversations through Literacy (Black Caucus of the American Library Association and the Association of Library Service to Children)*
- [Children's Literature | ADL](#) *Books Matter* (Select book lists by 11 different filters on the home page)
Grade Level: K-12
- [2019 OBCB Social Sciences | Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\) \(ala.org\)](#) *American Library Association*
- *Working Together for Justice (Association for Library Service to Children - ALSC)*
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/Working%20Together%20for%20Justice%20%281%29.pdf>
- *Books Matter (Books dealing with identity, bias and bullying – filter by topic)*
<https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resources-for-educators-parents-families/childrens-literature>
- [11 Social Justice Books for Elementary Readers | Booksource Banter](#) *11 Inspiring Social Justice Books for Elementary Readers, Book Source Banter*

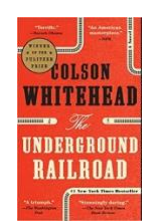
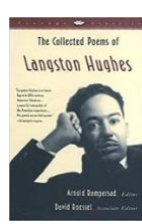
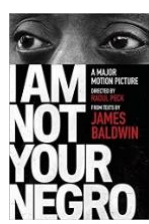
- [BCALA and ALSC Social Justice Reading List | Association for Library Service to Children \(ALSC\)](#)
- [Racial Equity and Social Justice Booklists – LA County Library](#)
- <https://coloursofus.com/21-middle-grade-novels-with-multiracial-characters/>

Books with Multiracial Characters & Families

- *9 Picture Books That Celebrate Mixed Race Families*
<https://www.imnotthenanny.com/2014/03/picture-books-that-celebrate-mixed-race-families.html>
- *14 Books with Multi-racial Families*
<https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/childrens-books-with-multiracial-families/>
- *21 Middle Grade Novels with Multiracial Characters*
<https://coloursofus.com/21-middle-grade-novels-with-multiracial-characters/>
- *70+ Picture Books About Mixed Race Families*
<https://coloursofus.com/picture-books-about-mixed-race-families/>
- *Books for Children*
<https://www.jewishmultiracialnetwork.org/books-for-children/>
- *Five Picture Books Featuring Multiracial and Multicultural Families*
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/5-picture-books-featuring-multiracial-and-multicultural-families/>
- *Search the Collection (Picture books with Black and Indigenous People and People of Color)*
<https://diversebookfinder.org/books/>
- *Top 10 Children's Books with Mixed Race Families*
<https://www.mixedremixed.org/top-ten-childrens-books-with-mixed-race-families/>

Favorite Black Authors/Poets for Information and Inspiration (from Sharon Schneider, VEP Bd. Member)

- James Baldwin (*Go Tell It On the Mountain, I Am Not Your Negro*, etc.)
- Ta-Nehesi Coates (*Between the World and Me, We Were 8 Years in Power*, etc.)
- Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (*The Classic Slave Narratives, Supremacy and the Rise of Jim Crow*, etc.)
- Langston Hughes (*Mulatto, The Negro Speaks of Rivers*, etc.)
- John Lewis (*March* trilogy, etc.)
- Heather McGhee (*The Sum of Us*, etc.)
- Colson Whitehead (*The Underground Railroad, Nickel Boys*, etc.)
- Isabel Wilkerson (*Warmth of Other Suns, Caste*, etc.)

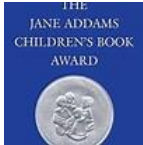


Related Resources

- [Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors \(readingrockets.org\)](https://www.readingrockets.org/mirrors-windows-sliding-glass-doors) by Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop, 1990, *Reading is Fundamental*
- [No, Elementary Students Are Not Too Young to Talk About Race \(ascd.org\)](https://www.ascd.org/No-Elementary-Students-Are-Not-Too-Young-to-Talk-About-Race)
- [Helping Students Discuss Race Openly \(ascd.org\)](https://www.ascd.org/Helping-Students-Discuss-Race-Openly)
- [It's never too early to teach kids about race and racial justice. Here's how to do it—with a little help from Elmo \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/its-never-too-early-to-teach-kids-about-race-and-racial-justice)
- [Let's Talk about Racism in Schools \(ascd.org\)](https://www.ascd.org/Let-s-Talk-about-Racism-in-Schools)
- [Raising anti-racist children \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/raising-anti-racist-children)
- [Children notice race several years before adults want to talk about it \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/children-notice-race-several-years-before-adults-want-to-talk-about-it)
- [10 Tips on Talking to Kids About Race and Racism | PBS Education](https://www.pbs.org/10-tips-on-talking-to-kids-about-race-and-racism)
- [Teaching Young Children about Race - Social Justice Books](#)
- [How to Start Talking About Race in the Early Elementary Classroom | Edutopia](#)
- [Talking to Young Children About Race and Racism | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- [9 tips teachers can use when talking about racism \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com/9-tips-teachers-can-use-when-talking-about-racism)
- [The Struggle Continues: How the Endings of Children's Literature Create False Narratives of Social Movements - Social Justice Books](#) by Makai Kellogg, *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [Missing From the Shelf: Book Challenges and Lack of Diversity in Children's Literature \(pen.org\)](https://www.pen.org/missing-from-the-shelf-book-challenges-and-lack-of-diversity-in-childrens-literature) Pen America, *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [Our picks for books, videos, websites, and other social justice resources 38.1 - Rethinking Schools](#) 2023
- [Spring 2021: Our picks for books, videos, websites, and other social justice education resources. \(rethinkingschools.org\)](https://www.rethinkingschools.org/spring-2021-our-picks-for-books-videos-websites-and-other-social-justice-education-resources)
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021

- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- *booksource Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist*
<https://www.booksource.com/content/whitepaper/7012J000001cOIJQAU.pdf>
- [YALSA National Research Agenda | Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\) \(ala.org\)](#)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [Teaching Young Children about Race - Social Justice Books](#) *Teaching Young Children About Race (excerpt)* by Louise Derman Sparks and Julie Olsen Edwards, *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) *Diverse Booklists and Related Resources* (Multiple resource links are available on this page), *Colorín Colorado*
- [Take part in the African American Read-In! | Read Write Think](#) Note: This page has multiple resources including lesson plans.
- [California Bans Book Bans and Textbook Censorship in Schools September 25, 2023](#)

Diverse Literature: Homelessness/Poverty – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this document.</i>	 Jane Addams Children's Book Award 1953-2025 (Poverty-Inclusive)	 Once Upon a World Children's Book Award 1996-2014 (Poverty-Inclusive)
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Booklists

- [TeachingBooks | Once Upon a World Children's Book Award, 1996-2014](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Jane Addams Children's Book Awards, 1953-2025](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Author & Book Resources to Support Reading Education](#) *Poverty titles*
- [TeachingBooks | Author & Book Resources to Support Reading Education](#) *Homelessness titles*
- [30 Emotional Children's Books About Poverty & Homelessness - Imagination Soup](#)
- [12+ Excellent Picture Books about Poverty & Homelessness · Book Nerd Mommy](#)
- <https://borgenproject.org/5-young-adult-novels-about-global-poverty/>

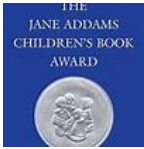
- <https://borgenproject.org/10-kids-books-addressing-poverty/>
- [10 Children's Books about Homelessness and Housing \(rebekahgienapp.com\)](https://www.rebekahgienapp.com/10-childrens-books-about-homelessness-and-housing/)
- [Picture Books about Poverty, Homelessness and Hunger \(whatdowedoallday.com\)](https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/picture-books-about-poverty-homelessness-and-hunger/)
- [Top 16 Children's Books About Poverty That You Should Reading \(dennislehanebooks.com\)](https://dennislehanebooks.com/top-16-childrens-books-about-poverty-that-you-should-read/)
- [40 Best Middle-Grade Books About Homelessness and Poverty \(readingmiddlegrade.com\)](https://www.readingmiddlegrade.com/40-best-middle-grade-books-about-homelessness-and-poverty/)
- [18 Children's Books About Poverty and Hunger \(rebekahgienapp.com\)](https://www.rebekahgienapp.com/18-childrens-books-about-poverty-and-hunger/)
- [Homelessness, Poverty & Runaways - Kids, Social Issues - Kids, Kids' Books | Barnes & Noble® \(barnesandnoble.com\)](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/homelessness-poverty-runaways-kids-social-issues-kids-kids-books/)
- [Children's Books About Poverty \(Age 4-12\) - Pragmatic Mom](https://www.pragmaticmom.com/childrens-books-about-poverty-age-4-12/)
- [Amazon.com : children's books about poverty](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=childrens+books+about+poverty)
- *10 Children's Books About Homelessness and Housing*
<https://www.rebekahgienapp.com/homelessness-books/>
- *Books About Homelessness for Children*
<https://growingbookbybook.com/childrens-books-about-homelessness/>
- [https://imaginationsoup.net/books-that-facilitate-empathy-poverty/](https://www.imaginationsoup.net/books-that-facilitate-empathy-poverty/)
- *Chapter Books That Raise Awareness About Hunger, Poverty, and Homelessness*
<https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf-book-lists/chapter-books-hunger-poverty-homelessness>
- <https://bookroo.com/books/topics/homelessness-and-poverty>
- https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/books/social-issues-kids/homelessness-poverty-runaways-kids/_/N-29Z8q8Zu7n
- <https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/picture-books-about-poverty-homelessness-and-hunger/>

Related Resources

- [Poverty, Hunger, and Homelessness in Youth Literature | Children's Literature at the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](https://www.libraryofthegoddess.com/poverty-hunger-and-homelessness-in-youth-literature/)
- [Effects of poverty, hunger and homelessness on children and youth \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/education/youth/poverty-hunger-homelessness)
- [4 reasons why homelessness keeps going up : NPR](https://www.npr.org/2018/05/01/614888881/4-reasons-why-homelessness-keeps-going-up)

- [Homelessness, Racism and Social Justice | HuffPost](#) by Jeff Olivet, October 16, 2016
- [America's inescapable crisis: Student homelessness - kappanonline.org](#) by Joseph Bishop, Lorena Camargo Gonzalez, Edwin Rivera, April 2021
- [Listening to formerly homeless youth - kappanonline.org](#) by Earl J. Edwards, December 2020/January 2021
- [What Can Schools Do to Address Poverty? | Edutopia](#) By William Parrett and Kathleen Budge, December 10, 2015
- [What Skills Do Educators Need to Support Students in Poverty? - ASCD](#) by Naomi Thiers, July 19, 2021
- [How talented low-income kids are left behind - kappanonline.org](#) by Jonathan Wai & Frank C. Worrell, December 2020/January 2021
- [Exploring Equity: Class | Harvard Graduate School of Education](#) by Jill Anderson, February 26, 2021
- [Homeless Students in Public Schools Across America: Down but Not Out \(nsba.org\)](#)
- [Homelessness and Housing Instability Among LGBTQ Youth | The Trevor Project](#)
- [Poverty and Its Impact on Students' Education | NASSP](#)
- [Homeless Youth in California Schools - Student Group Information \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)
- [Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade - Ventura Unified \(CA Dept of Education\)](#) (Includes Homeless enrollment count for the 2022-2023 school year by ethnicity and grade level)

Diverse Literature: Jewish American – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this document.</i>	 Sidney Taylor Book Award 2001-2024	 Jane Addams Children Award 1953-2025 (Jewish American-Inclusive)
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Booklists

- [Sydney Taylor Book Award – Association of Jewish Libraries](#) Includes 2024 winners
- [Sydney Taylor Book Award – Association of Jewish Libraries](#) Includes winners for 2023 and others back to 1968
- [Jewish Americans in Children's Literature \(441 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- [TeachingBooks | Jane Addams Children's Book Awards, 1953-2024](#)
- [Children's and Middle Grade Books That Mirror the Diversity of Jewish Communities | PJ Library](#)
- [Jewish Books For Kids...and more! - with Barbara Bietz](#)
- [A Superhero, a Scientist and a T. Rex Who Scares His Seder Guests Star in 2024's New Passover Children's Books | Culture | thejewishnews.com](#)
- [The Best Jewish Children's Books of 2023 - Tablet Magazine](#)
- [Jewish Books for Kids - Multicultural Children's Book Day \(multiculturalchildrensbookday.com\)](#)
- [10 Best Jewish Books for Kids in 2023 \(bestproducts.com\)](#)
- [9 Children's and YA Books by Jewish Authors \(diversebooks.org\)](#)
- [Best Jewish Children's Books \(28 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

Related Resources

- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
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- [Using Diverse Books with Young Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Diverse Books Project | AdLit](#) Adolescent Literacy/AdLit
- [The Importance of Windows and Mirrors in Stories | PBS Education](#)

Diverse Literature: Latinx/Hispanic – Booklists/Materials/Resources

Books receiving these awards are among those included in this section.	 Américas Award 1993-2024	 Best Spanish Language Picture Book Award 2020-2024
 International Latino Book Awards 2000-2024	 Pura Belpré Awards 1996-2025	 Tomás Rivera Book Award 1996-2025

Booklists

- [Hispanic Heritage Booklists | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/) Under Books for Children: History and Biographies, Family Stories, Cultural Traditions, Growing Up Latino, Fun with Books, Stories and More, Holidays; Under Books for Young Adults: My Life, Growing Up/Identity, Immigrants Topics, Genre
- [5 New YA Books on Latinx Life \(facinghistory.org\)](https://facinghistory.org/) *Facing History and Ourselves*
- [Girlhood in Latina/o/x Children's and Young Adult Literature | Smithsonian Voices | National Museum of the American Latino Smithsonian Magazine smithsonianmag.com](https://smithsonianmag.com/)
- [5 New Books on Latinx History and Life \(facinghistory.org\)](https://facinghistory.org/) *Facing History and Ourselves*
- [New Books on Latinx Life and History \(facinghistory.org\)](https://facinghistory.org/) *Facing History and Ourselves*
- [Why Latino History Is American History | At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine smithsonianmag.com](https://smithsonianmag.com/) (Also highlights the book *Nuestra América* by Sabrina Vourvoulias)
- [Award Winners @ CLASP, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs \(claspprograms.org\)](https://claspprograms.org/) Annual award lists date from 2022 back to 1993
- [TeachingBooks | Pura Belpré Awards, 1996-2025](https://teachingbooks.org/)
- [TeachingBooks | Américas Award, 1993-2024](https://teachingbooks.org/)
- [TeachingBooks | International Latino Book Awards, 2000-2024](https://teachingbooks.org/)
- [TeachingBooks | Tomás Rivera Book Award, 1996-2025](https://teachingbooks.org/)
- [TeachingBooks | Best Spanish Language Picture Book Award, 2020-2024](https://teachingbooks.org/)
- [Spanish / Bilingual - Social Justice Books](#) *Spanish Bilingual Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Social Justice Books*

- [TeachingBooks | Best Spanish Language Picture Book Award, 2020-2022](#)
- [Bilingual Books for Kids, as Recommended by Teachers \(weareteachers.com\)](#)
- [Libros para niños | Children's Books in Spanish | Barnes & Noble® \(barnesandnoble.com\)](#)
- [30 Best Spanish Books for Kids 2024: Top-Selling Bilingual Books \(goodhousekeeping.com\)](#)
- [Children's Spanish Language Books Books | Penguin Random House](#)
- [29 Picture Books to Celebrate the Latinx Experience | School Library Journal \(slj.com\)](#) September 9, 2021, *School Library Journal*
- [Hispanic Heritage Booklists | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Links to multiple booklists for elementary and young adult students)
- [TeachingBooks | Tomás Rivera Book Award, 1996-2023](#)
- <https://remezcla.com/lists/culture/latino-ya-books/> *8 YA Books with Latino Protagonists We Wish We Had as Teenagers*
- <https://www.readbrightly.com/new-middle-grade-books-with-latino-characte> *10 Exciting New Middle Grade Books with Latinx Main Characters*
- <https://www.parents.com/fun/entertainment/books/20-best-books-for-latino-kids/> *26 Best Books for Latino Kids*
- <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=13062> *60 Empowering Books Starring Mighty Latina Girls*
- <https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/latino-hispanic-childrens-books/> *Children's Books with Latinx and Hispanic Characters*
- <https://www.thoughtco.com/hispanic-and-latino-heritage-in-books-627003> *(Links to Multiple Lists)*
- <https://www.leeandlow.com/cultures/latino-interest> *Latino Children's Books*
- <https://www.welcomingschools.org/pages/libros-para-ninos-bilingual-books-or-spanish-editions/>
- <https://www.leeandlow.com/grades-3-6/spanish-bilingual-and-language-collections>
- [17 Books to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage \(scholastic.com\)](#)
- *10 Picture Books to Use in Your High School English Class*
<https://www.weareteachers.com/picture-books-for-high-school/>

Books with Multiracial Characters & Families

- *9 Picture Books That Celebrate Mixed Race Families*
<https://www.imnotthenanny.com/2014/03/picture-books-that-celebrate-mixed-race-families.html>
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- *Five Picture Books Featuring Multiracial and Multicultural Families*
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/5-picture-books-featuring-multiracial-and-multicultural-families/>
- *Search the Collection (Picture books with Black and Indigenous People and People of Color)*
<https://diversebookfinder.org/books/>
- *Top 10 Children's Books with Mixed Race Families*
<http://www.mixedremixed.org/top-ten-childrens-books-with-mixed-race-families/>

Related Resources

- [Guarding against book challenges with professionalism and confidence - Kappan Online](#) *Kappan*, April 2024
- [Welcoming Latino families at the library | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Meet the Authors | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) *Conozca al autor*, (interviews with 14 well-known children's book authors; in Spanish or English)
- [De Colores: The Raza Experience in Books for Children \(decoloresreviews.blogspot.com\)](#)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)
- <https://teachinglatinamericathroughliterature.wordpress.com/> *Educator's Guides, Vamos a leer, wordpress.com*
- <http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/Stories%20of%20Immigration%20Booklist%20FINAL%202.0.pdf> *Stories of Immigration – Perspectives from Pura Belpré and Honor Books*

- [Missing From the Shelf: Book Challenges and Lack of Diversity in Children's Literature \(pen.org\)](#) *Pen America, Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [Spring 2021: Our picks for books, videos, websites, and other social justice education resources. \(rethinkingschools.org\)](#) *rethinking schools*
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021, *Edutopia*
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- <https://www.booksource.com/content/whitepaper/7012J000001cOIJQAU.pdf> *booksource Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist*
- [Culturally Relevant Books in the ELL Classroom | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Meet the Authors | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) Most of the authors featured in these videos are Latinx/o/a
- [Most Anticipated Releases in August — Latinx in Publishing](#) Blog featuring 5 YA novels debuting in August 2022
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- [BOOKS | Tapioca Stories | Latin American Children's Books](#) Features books originally written in Spanish or Portuguese and translated into Spanish
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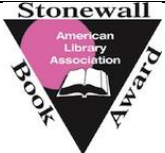
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- <http://hereweeread.com/2019/02/diversity-in-publishing-from-a-to-z-a-list-of-book-publishers-who-specialize-in-diversity-and-inclusion.html>
- *Diversity in YA* <https://diversityinya.tumblr.com/>

Diverse Literature: Special Needs/Disabilities – Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this document.</i>	 Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award 2000-2024	 Schneider Family Book Award 2004-2025
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Booklists

- [TeachingBooks | Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award, 2000-2024](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Schneider Family Book Award, 2004-2025](#)
- [Disability Related Book List — Disability Equality Education](#)
- [20 children's books about disability that shatter stereotypes \(rebekahgienapp.com\)](#)
- [Exploring the Disability Experience | Read Write Think](#)
- [Best Children's Books About Special Needs - Beenke](#)
- [Top 11 Children's Books About Special Needs That You Should Reading \(dennislehanebooks.com\)](#)
- [Children's Books featuring Children with Special Needs \(192 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)
- [25 Inspiring Books About Special Needs Chosen by Special Needs Moms - \(thevintagemodernwife.com\)](#)
- [Representation Matters: 10 Children's Books With Disabled Characters \(thinkinclusive.us\)](#)

- [Sunshine and Spoons: 50+ Books for Special Needs Kids: The Ultimate List](#)
- [The 10 Best Children's Special Needs Books of 2023 \(Reviews\) - FindThisBest](#)
- [The Best List of 18 Children's Books about Disabilities - Teaching Expertise](#)
- <https://www.romper.com/p/11-childrens-books-that-teach-inclusion-9541>
- <http://www.moorestownlibrary.org/kids/readers-corner/books-to-read-aloud-to-children-with-special-needs/>
- [Special Needs Books for Kids - Multicultural Children's Book Day \(multiculturalchildrensbookday.com\)](#)
- [25 Best Middle-Grade Books About Disability \(Physical Disabilities\) \(readingmiddlegrade.com\)](#)
- [Book Read Alouds - YouTube](#) Includes links to over 50 videos of books with disability themes

Related Resources

- [Finding My Way Books: Celebrating Children with Open Hearts | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [The Importance of Diversity in Library Programs and Material Collections for Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Exploring Disability Experience through Literature - Vermont SILC](#)
- [Writing Well about Disability - The Open Notebook](#)
- [If You're Writing About Disability, You Need to Read These Guidelines – Rooted in Rights](#)
- [The Struggle Continues: How the Endings of Children's Literature Create False Narratives of Social Movements - Social Justice Books](#) *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [The Current State of Disability Representation in Children's Books \(bookriot.com\)](#)
- [Representation Matters: Board Books with Children with Disabilities | Kaplan | Children and Libraries \(ala.org\)](#)
- [How to Critically Select Children's Books with Representations of Disability Experiences | Lee & Low Blog \(leeandlow.com\)](#)
- [Missing From the Shelf: Book Challenges and Lack of Diversity in Children's Literature \(pen.org\)](#) *Pen America, Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*

- [Spring 2021: Our picks for books, videos, websites, and other social justice education resources. \(rethinkingschools.org\)](https://rethinkingschools.org)
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- *booksource Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist*
<https://www.booksource.com/content/whitepaper/7012J000001cOIJQAU.pdf>
- [YALSA National Research Agenda | Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\) \(ala.org\)](#)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [From: \(ed.gov\)](#) *Understanding (dis)abilities through children's literature* by Dr. Stephanie A. Kurtts and Karen W. Gavigan

Diverse Literature: Women & Girls–Booklists/Materials/Resources

<i>Books receiving these awards are among those included in this document.</i>	 Rise: A Feminist Book Project Top 10 2011-2025	 Séptima Clark Book Award 2019-2025
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Booklists

Elementary/Mostly Elementary

- [13 Picture Books to Read for Women's History Month | ADL](#)
- [Sonia Sotomayor: Books for Kids and Teens | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [15 Children's Books to Celebrate Women's... | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- [25 Children's Picture Books for Women's History Month | Here Wee Read](#)
- [These kids' books for Women's History Month including Stories for Rebel Girls \(usatoday.com\)](#)
- [31 Children's Books for Women's History Month \(rebekahgienapp.com\)](#)

- <https://www.todaysparent.com/family/books/books-about-strong-girls/#gallery/books-with-strong-female-characters/slide-1> *28 empowering books with strong female characters*
- <https://www.moothermag.com/books-with-strong-female-characters/> *35+ Children's Books with Strong Female Characters*
- [Celebrating girls: A booklist for Women's History Month - Reading Partners | Reading Partners](#)
- [20+ Picture Books Featuring Influential Women From History – HarperCollins](#)

Elementary and Middle School

- [Celebrating Women's History: Asian Pacific American Trailblazers | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Celebrating Women's History: Latina Trailblazers | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Native Women's History: Books for Kids | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/15-books-starring-black-girls-for-readers-of-all-ages/>
- <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=13062> *60 Empowering Books Starring Mighty Latina Girls*
- [Women in Science and Math | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Microsoft Word - WS Biographies Role Models for the Future shorter.docx \(hrc-prod-requests.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](#) Note: Includes both men and women, *Welcoming Schools*

Elementary/Middle School/High School

- [TeachingBooks | Septima Clark Book Award, 2019-2025](#)
- [TeachingBooks | Rise: A Feminist Book Project Top Ten, 2011-2025](#)
- <https://www.biracialbookworms.com/diverse-childrens-books-strong-girls/>
- <https://guides.hmcpl.org/youthawardwinners/bloomertopten> *Award Winning Youth Books: Amelia Bloomer Top Ten*
- <https://www.commonensemedia.org/lists/books-with-strong-female-characters>
- <https://www.amightygirl.com/books> *"Girl-empowering" Books*
- [Women's History and Women's Lives - Social Justice Books](#)
- [Best Women's History Month Books, As Chosen by Teachers \(weareteachers.com\)](#)
- [Women's History Month: A Book Every Day - Social Justice Books](#)

Related Resources

- [Elementary Education Resources - National Women's Hall of Fame \(womenofthehall.org\)](http://womenofthehall.org)
- [Middle School Education Resources - National Women's Hall of Fame \(womenofthehall.org\)](http://womenofthehall.org) Books and more...
- [High School+ Education Resources - National Women's Hall of Fame \(womenofthehall.org\)](http://womenofthehall.org) Books and more...
- [Introduction - American Women: A Guide to Women's History Resources at the Library of Congress - Research Guides at Library of Congress \(loc.gov\)](http://www.loc.gov) Note: There are links to 13 assorted guides on this page.)
- [http://www.csun.edu/~bashforth/305_PDF/305_ME2/305_Language%26Gender/StrongFemaleCharactersInRecentChildrensLiterature LA Nov1999.pdf](http://www.csun.edu/~bashforth/305_PDF/305_ME2/305_Language%26Gender/StrongFemaleCharactersInRecentChildrensLiterature_LA_Nov1999.pdf)
- *Talking About Books - Strong Female Characters in Recent Children's Literature*
<https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.516.1086&rep=rep1&type=pdf>
- [the_gendered_portrayal_of_inan.pdf \(childrensliteratureassembly.org\)](http://childrensliteratureassembly.org) *The Gendered Portrayal of Inanimate Characters in Children's Books*
- [Portrayals of Race and Gender: Sentiment in 100 Years of Children's Literature | BFI \(uchicago.edu\)](http://uchicago.edu)
- [What We Teach About Race and Gender: Representation in Images and Text of Children's Books | BFI \(uchicago.edu\)](http://uchicago.edu)
- [Storybooks Could Be an Early Source of Gender Stereotypes for Children – Association for Psychological Science – APS](http://aps.org)
- [Children's books reinforce gender stereotypes, study finds – The Hill](http://thehill.com)
- [Children's Books Solidify Gender Stereotypes in Young Minds - Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Carnegie Mellon University \(cmu.edu\)](http://cmu.edu)
- [Sixty years of gender representation in children's books: Conditions associated with overrepresentation of male versus female protagonists | PLOS ONE](http://plosone.org)
- [How Gender Stereotypes in Children's Books Shape Career Choices - RSA \(thersa.org\)](http://thersa.org)
- [Children's books still show bias toward male protagonists, analysis finds \(emory.edu\)](http://emory.edu)
- [What Are Examples of Children's Books That Break Gender Stereotypes? | ADL](http://adl.org)
- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](http://colorincolorado.org) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)

- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- [Why Diverse Books Matter: Mirrors and Windows | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by Dr. Tracy Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio, 2021
- [How to Find Diverse Books | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by Dr. Tracie Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio
- [Using Diverse Books with Young Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [Diverse Books Project | AdLit](#) *Adolescent Literacy*