

Books for kids:

Theme: Anti-Racism/Social Justice

[Anti-racist Baby](#)- new from Ibram X. Kendi

[A is for Activist](#)- ABC book

[A is for all the things you are- a joyful ABC book](#) - from the NMAAHC

[Counting on Community](#) - from the author of A is for Activist

[Shades of People](#)- talks about skin colors and names them, Z loves this book

[All the Colors we are](#)- talks about the science behind skin color- LOVE this one

[The Skin you Live in](#) - about different skin types

[Let the Children March](#) - children marching for civil rights

[Under the Same sun](#) - family book

[Most People](#)- about how most people are good, and few are bad. LOVE this one

[We're different, we're the same](#)- Sesame Street

[Same Same, but Different](#) - another book celebrating similarities and differences

[Strictly No Elephants](#)- uses animals to show prejudice

[Each Kindness](#) - about choosing to be an upstander

[Freedom Summer](#) - white/black boys who are BFFs

[The Other Side](#) - the racial divide in the south, will the kids play together?

Theme: Hard Topics

[The Dead Bird](#)- Kids finding a dead bird

[Not my Idea, A book about Whiteness](#)- a book about white privilege, I read this to my class twice a year

Theme: Universal Human Rights/Children's Rights/Civil Rights

[My Little Book of Big Freedoms](#) - Teach about human rights, then explain why we have them

[We are All Born Free](#)- another beautifully illustrated book about human rights

[I have the right to be a child](#)- Outlines Children's rights (please note that the United States does not recognize children's rights)

Theme: LGBTQ/Gender Identity

[Julian is a Mermaid](#) - Julian strolls around town dressed as a mermaid and it is perfectly fine with his abuela

[Pink is for Boys](#) - about colors being for everyone and not gender norms

[And Tango Makes Three](#)- a male penguin couple adopts an egg- true story from the Central Park Zoo

[The Feminist Book for Boys](#)- Zev loves this book. I like the pictures

[Jacob's New Dress](#) - A boy and his new dress

[George](#)- novel, about a trans child

[The Best Man](#)- novel

Themes: Girl Power

[Girls think of Everything](#) - women inventors

[Ladybug Girl](#) - imagination play

[Amelia to Zora](#) - women's achievements and struggles

[Piggybook](#)- about a Mom who does it all, anti-male chauvinist book

[Rad American Women A-Z](#) - Non-Fiction

Theme: Books starring Diverse Families/Friends

[Feast for 10](#) - a counting book, it goes up to 10 and back down again

[The Snowy Day](#)- one of the first illustrated children's books to feature a black boy

[Saturday](#) - a day spent with her mom, nothing goes as planned

[Baby Says](#) - love this one

[Please Baby Please](#) - such a cute book

[Mama, do you love me?](#) - a Native American perspective

[The Day You Begin](#) - Because Jacqueline Woodson

[Too Many Tamales](#) - family togetherness

[Yo? Yes!](#) - white/black boy friendship

Theme: Emotional Intelligence

[Making Faces](#) - great for babies

[Today I feel Silly and other moods that make my day](#)- great for preschool age kids

[Happy Hippo, Angry Duck](#)- Sandra Boynton uses animals to put names to emotions

[Tough Guys have feelings too](#) - Men can show emotions

Theme: Global Citizens

[Global Babies](#) - One of Z's favorites

Global Babies Bedtime

[Everywhere Babies](#)- my favorite

[Ten Tiny Fingers and Ten Tiny Toes](#) - every baby in the world has ten fingers and toes

[This is How we do it](#) - a day in the life from 7 kids around the world

[Say Hello](#) - hello in many languages

[My Name is Yoon](#) - a young girl from Korea forced to learn how to write her name in English

Theme: Differences

[The Family Book](#) - Todd Parr book

[It's Okay to be different](#) - Todd Parr book

[The Different Dragon](#) - going against the grain

[Flare](#) - a phoenix baby

[This is Me](#) - What would you take with you if you had to leave for another country?

[Hooway for Wodney Wat](#) - bullied because of his speech

[Tacky the Penguin](#) - a penguin being himself

I am still working on the following categories below.

Theme: Religious Diversity

[Wishtree](#)- novel from the perspective of a tree

Theme: Socioeconomic Status

[Those Shoes](#) - wanting shoes that everyone has, knowing you cannot have them because of money

[A chair for my Mother](#)- saving money to buy a chair

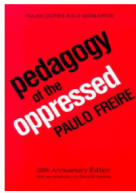
Theme: Activism

[Click, Clack Moo Cows that Type](#)

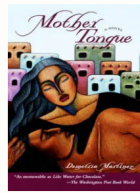
This website has extensive lists and lists of board books and categories of books.

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/board-books/>

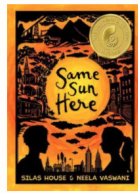
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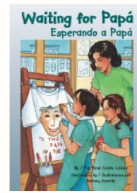
Education



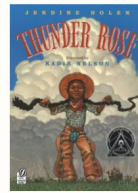
El Salvador



Environment



Families



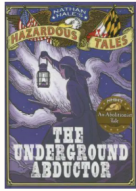
Gender Identity



Gentrification & Housing



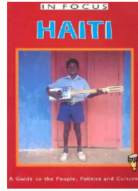
Grandparents and Elders



Graphic Novels



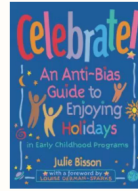
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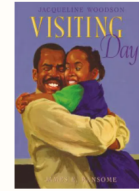
Healthcare



Holidays



Immigration



Incarceration



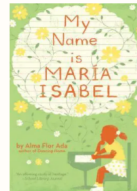
Japanese Americans



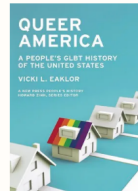
Jewish Identity and History



Labor



Latinx and Latin America



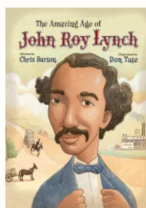
LGBTQ+



Librarian #Resists



Malcolm X



Mississippi



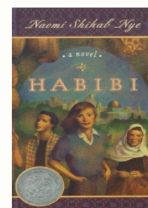
Music



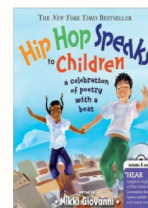
Muslims



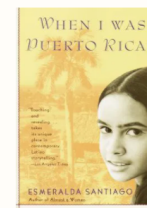
Organizing



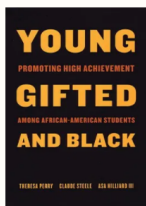
Palestine



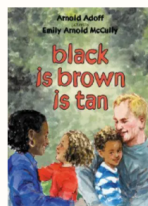
Poetry



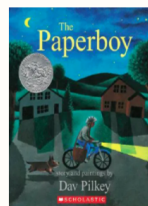
Puerto Rico



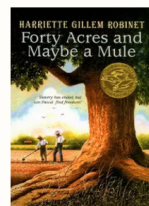
Race and Education



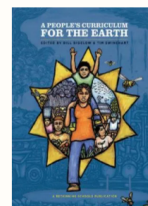
Racial Identity



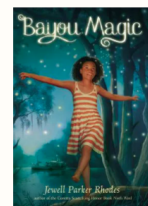
Read Alouds



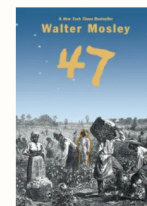
Reconstruction



Rethinking Schools Titles



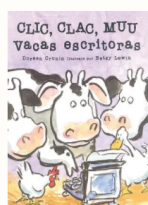
Science Fiction



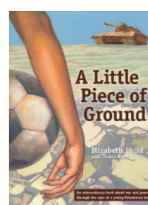
Slavery, Resistance, and Reparations



South Asian



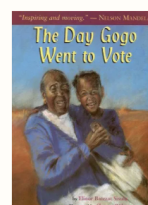
Spanish / Bilingual



Sports



Teaching for Change Titles



Voting Rights



Washington, D.C.



War and Anti-War

Bilingual

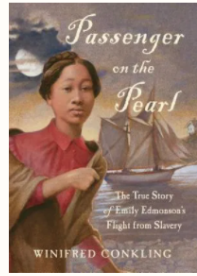
Change Titles



We Are Kid Lit
Collective 2019
Summer
Reading List
[See 2018 list](#)



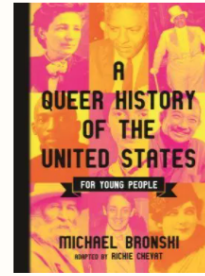
White Identity



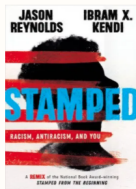
Women -
Children and
Young Adults



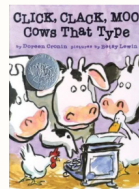
Young Adult
Fiction



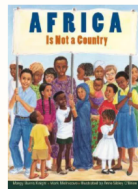
Young Readers'
Editions



New



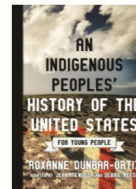
Activism



Africa



Afro-Latinx



American
Indians



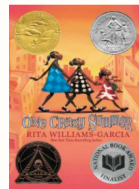
Arabs and Arab
Americans



Asia and Asian
Americans



Black History



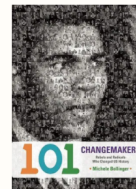
Black Panthers



Board Books



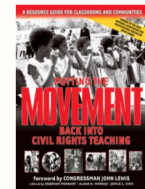
Central America



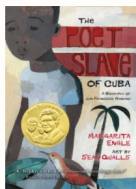
Changemakers



Chinese
Americans



Civil Rights
Teaching



Cuba



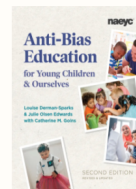
Culture &
Language



Disability and
Autism



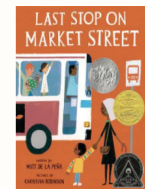
Dominican
Republic



Early Childhood
Anti-Bias



Early Elementary
Chapter Books



Economic Class

Books for parents to read:

[How to be an Anti- Racist by Ibram X. Kendi](#) -It is sold out. You will have to purchase from an independent bookseller.

[How to Raise an Adult](#)- You might be thinking "But Elise, my son is a BABY!" To that, I will say "It is never too early to start teaching independence."

[How to Raise an Emotionally Intelligent Child](#) by John Gottman

[How to talk so little kids will listen](#) - easy ways to work with toddlers by empathizing with them

[The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas

[All-American Boys](#) by Jason Reynolds

Anything by Jason Reynolds or Kwame Alexander

[Karma Khullar's Mustache](#)

[Such a Fun Age](#)- Kiley Reid

[Small Great Things](#) by Jodi Picoult

Here are some podcasts/articles if you would like to learn more

[Talking About race with small children](#)

[5 tips: The Preschool Years](#)

[NPR: Talking to kids about race](#)

[How white parents should talk to their kids about race](#)