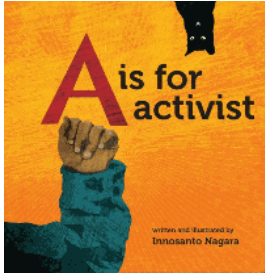

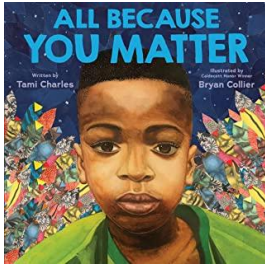

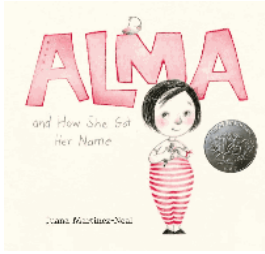


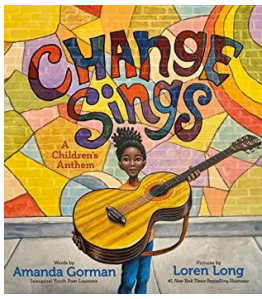
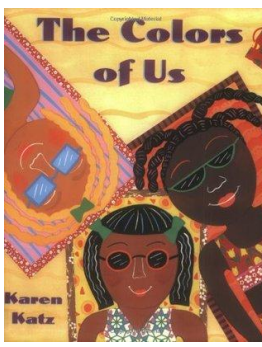

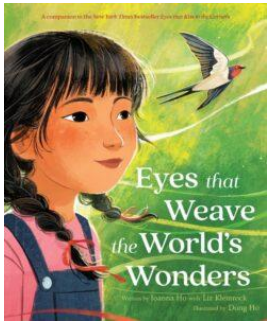



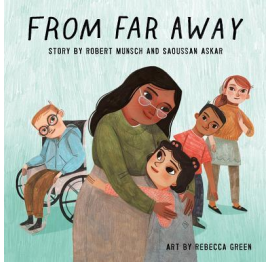
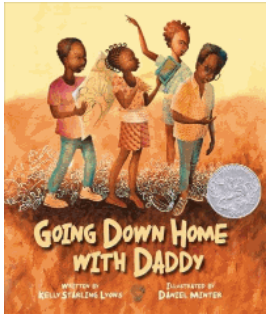
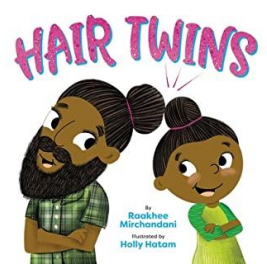
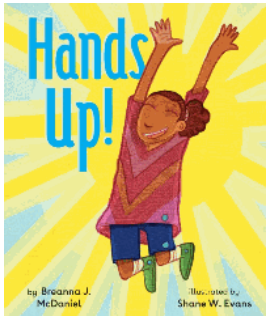
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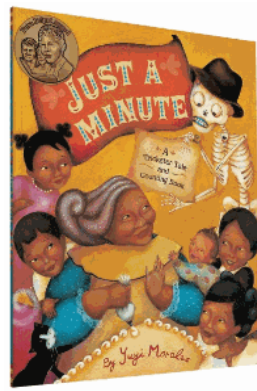
Social Justice and General Diversity titles available at the Sato Elementary Library  
drawn from over 70 expertly curated lists

	Title	Author	Interest Level	Summary
<b>Picture Books</b>				
	<i>A Is For Activist</i> 	Innosanto Nagara	K-3	Learn the ABC's through the context of the fight for equality and racial justice in the United States.
	<i>All Because You Matter</i>	Tami Charles and Bryan Collier	K-3	A story about a child of color being told by his parents how he matters.
	<i>All the Colors We Are/Todos los colores de nuestra piel: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color/La historia de por qué tenemos diferentes colores de piel</i>	Katie Kissinger; photographs by Chris Bohnhoff; translation provided by O'Neill Language Academy	K-3	Explains, in simple terms, the reasons for skin color, how it is determined by heredity, and how various environmental factors affect it.
	<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i> 	Juana Martinez-Neal	K-3	When Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents

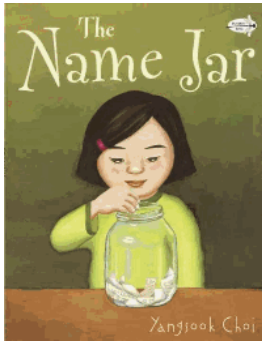


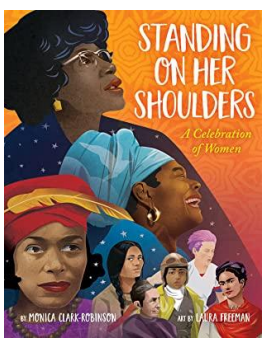
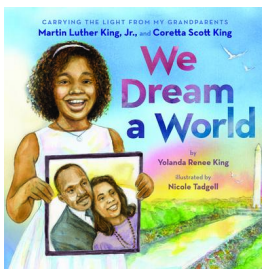
	<p><i>Be You!</i></p> 	<p>Peter H. Reynolds</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A joyful celebration of individuality--and staying true to you! Be curious, Be adventurous, Be brave, 'Be you!</p>
	<p><i>Change Sings</i></p>	<p>Amand Gorman and Loren Long</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes--big or small--in the world, in their communities, and most importantly, in themselves.</p>
	<p><i>The Colors of Us</i></p>	<p>Karen Katz</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature.</p>
	<p><i>Eyes That Kiss in the Corners</i></p>	<p>Joanna Ho</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A young girl notices that her eyes are different from those of her friends. Her eyes "kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea." They take after the eyes of her mother and grandmother, explaining all the wonderful attributes she sees in their depths. And when she again reflects on her own eyes, she sees they are both beautiful and powerful.</p>

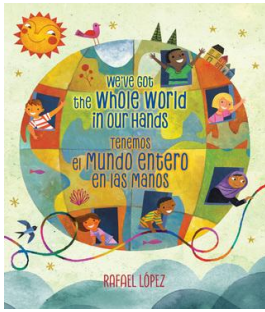

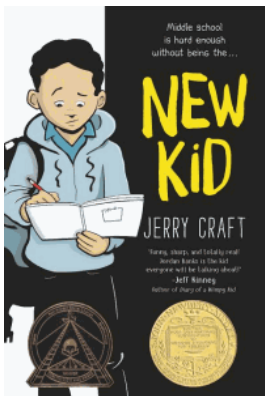

	<p><i>Eyes that Speak to the Stars</i></p>	<p>Joanna Ho</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A young Asian boy notices that his eyes look different from his peers' after seeing his friend's drawing of them. After talking to his father, the boy realizes that his eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars, shine like sunlit rays, and glimpse trails of light from those who came before--in fact, his eyes are like his father's, his agong's, and his little brother's, and they are visionary.</p>
 	<p><i>EyesThat Weave the World's Wonders</i></p>	<p>Joanna Ho</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>"Ho now creates a beautiful book about family: what makes individuals and what connects us to one another. This book is a perfect addition to any children's shelf, whether aimed at families, adoption, multicultural stories, or topics of love and acceptance."  &amp;#8212;School Library Journal (starred review)  From New York Times bestselling Joanna Ho, of Eyes that Kiss in the Corners, and award-winning educator Liz Kleinrock comes a powerful companion picture book about adoption and family. A young girl who is a transracial adoptee learns to love her Asian eyes and finds familial connection and meaning through them, even though they look different from her parents'. Her family bond is deep and their connection is filled with love. She wonders about her birth mom and comes to appreciate both her birth culture and her adopted family's culture, for even though they may seem very</p>

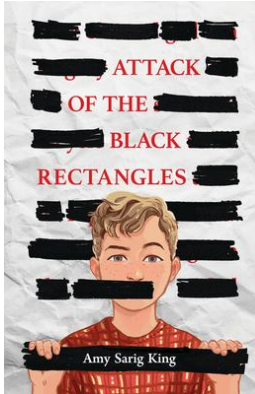





				different, they are both a part of her, and that is what makes her beautiful. She learns to appreciate the differences in her family and celebrate them. An Amazon Best Book of the Month for January 2024!
	<i>From Far Away</i>	Robert Munsch and Saoussan Askar; art by Rebecca Green	K-3	Saoussan moves to Canada from Beirut and has trouble understanding a new language and different customs.
	<i>Going Down Home with Daddy</i>	Kelly Starling Lyons and Daniel Minter	K-3	In this rich and moving celebration of history, culture, and ritual, Kelly Starling Lyons' eloquent text explores the power of family traditions. Stunning illustrations by Coretta Scott King Honor-winner Daniel Minter reveal the motion and connections in a large, multigenerational family.
	<i>Hair Twins</i>	Raakhee Mirchandani and Holly Hatam	K-3	Follows a Sikh father and his daughter as they go through their daily hair routine.
	<i>Hands Up!</i>	Breanna J. McDaniel, and Shane W. Evans	K-3	This triumphant picture book recasts a charged phrase as part of a black girl's everyday life

	<p><i>I am Enough</i></p>	<p>Grace Byers; pictures by Keturah A. Bobo</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Shares a story of loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another</p>
	<p><i>I Am Every Good Thing</i></p> 	<p>Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A charming and upbeat book narrated by a confident, proud Black boy with big dreams.</p>
	<p><i>I'm an American</i></p>	<p>Darshana Khiani</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>An illustrated, thought-provoking picture book depicting the broad range of cultures in America, the values that bring us together as one people despite our differences, and the many ways we define what it means to be an American.</p>
	<p><i>Just a Minute</i></p>	<p>Yuyi Morales</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>In this tale, Senor Calavera arrives at Grandma Beetle's door, ready to take her to the next life. After helping her count in English and Spanish as she makes her birthday preparations, he changes his mind.</p>
	<p><i>My Papi has a Motorcycle</i></p> 	<p>Isabel Quintero, and Zeke Peña</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>With vivid illustrations and text bursting with heart, My Papi Has a Motorcycle is a young girl's love letter to her hardworking dad and to memories of home that we hold close in the midst of change.</p>

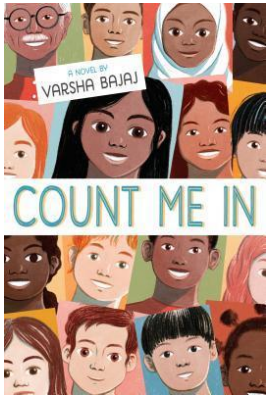
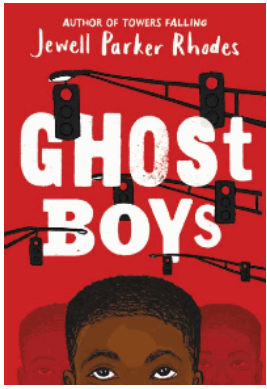
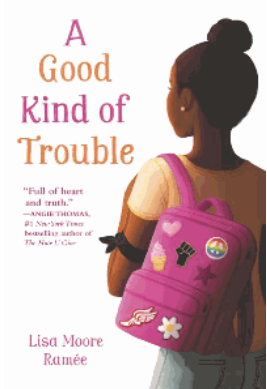



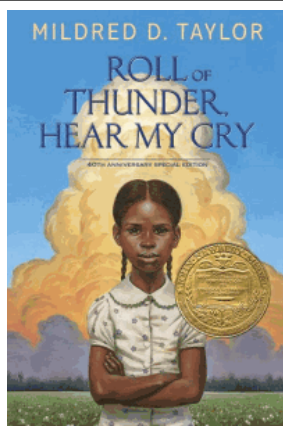
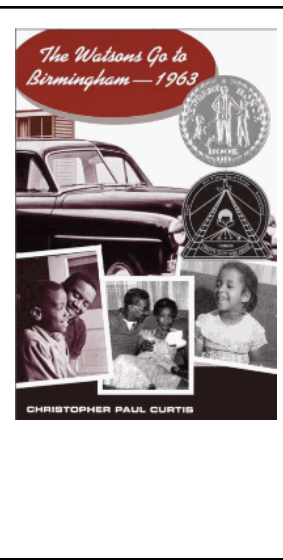
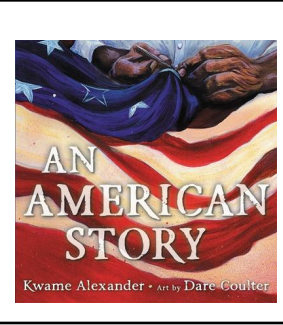
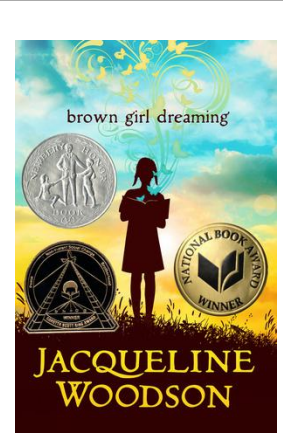

	<i>The Name Jar</i>	Yangsook Choi	K-3	Unhei's classmates help her decide on a name when she moves to the United States from Korea.
	<i>The Rabbit Listened</i>	Cori Doerrfeld	K-3	A moving and universal picture book about empathy and kindness, sure to soothe heartaches big and small.
	<i>Saturday</i>	Oge Mora	K-3	In this heartfelt and universal story, a mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong
	<i>Standing on Her Shoulders</i>	Monica Clark-Robinson and Laura Freeman	K-3	A love letter to the important women who shape us--from our own mothers and grandmothers to the legends who paved the way for girls and women everywhere. Includes a brief biography and historical notes for each famous woman pictured.
	<i>We Dream a World</i>	Yoland Renee King	K-3	The granddaughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King delivers a stirring tribute to her grandparents that speaks to children everywhere about her hopes for a new future.

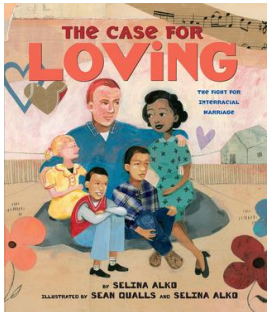
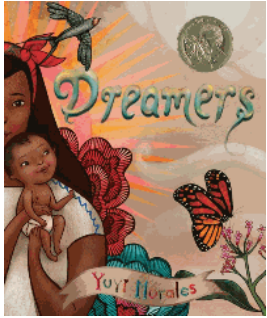

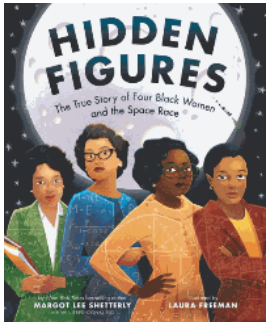

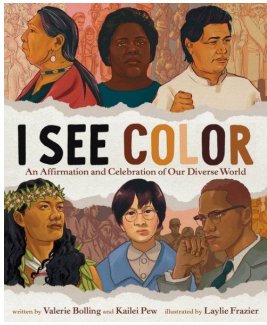
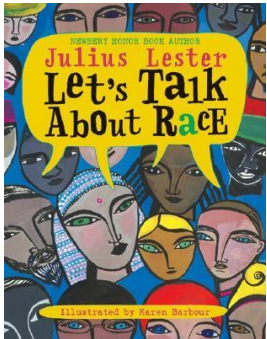
	<p><i>We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands/Tenemos El Mundo Entero en las Manos</i></p>	<p>Rafael López</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Join in a multicultural celebration of unity and diverse friendships all around the world as we read and sing along with joy, love, and peace!</p>
	<p><i>Your Name Is a Song</i></p>	<p>Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow; illustrated by Luisa Uribe</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to go back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city.</p>
<p><b>Graphic and Illustrated Novels</b></p>				
	<p><i>New Kid</i></p> 	<p><i>Jerry Craft</i></p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one.</p>
<p><b>Chapter Books</b></p>				

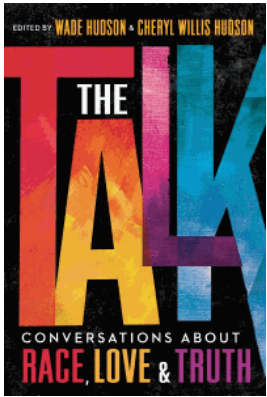
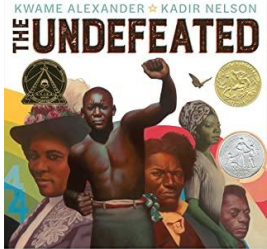
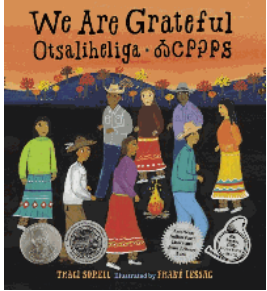
	<p><i>Attack of the Black Rectangles</i></p>	<p>Amy Sarig King</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>When sixth-grader Mac discovers several words of his classroom copy of Jane Yolen's <i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i> are blacked out he is outraged, so he, his friends, and his eccentric family set out to do something about the censorship imposed by one teacher and the school board.</p>
	<p><i>Black brother, black brother</i></p> 	<p>Jewell Parker Rhodes</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place.</p>
	<p><i>Blended</i></p> 	<p>Sharon M. Draper</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.</p>
	<p><i>Book Uncle and Me</i></p>	<p>Uma Krishnaswami; illustrations by Julianna Swaney</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Every day, Yasmin borrows a book from Book Uncle, a retired teacher who has set up a free lending library on the street corner. But when the mayor tries to shut down the rickety book-stand, Yasmin has to take her nose out of her book and do something.</p>



	<p><i>Count Me In</i></p>	<p>Barsha Bajaj</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Told from two viewpoints, sixth-graders Karina and Chris use social media to stand up to racism in Houston, Texas, after an attack puts Karina's Indian American grandfather in the hospital.</p>
	<p><i>Ghost boys</i></p> 	<p>Jewell Parker Rhodes</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till</p>
	<p><i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i></p> 	<p>Lisa Moore Ramée</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement, but when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.</p>
	<p><i>One crazy summer</i></p> 	<p>Rita Williams-Garcia</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Following a cross-country trip in 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.</p>

	<i>Roll of thunder, hear my cry</i>	Mildred D. Taylor	5-8	A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.
	<i>The Watsons go to Birmingham-- 1963</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	5-8	The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
<b>Nonfiction</b>				
	<i>An American Story</i>	Kwame Alexander, Dare Coulter	K-3	A picture book in verse that threads together past and present to explore the legacy of slavery during a classroom lesson.
	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> 	Jacqueline Woodson	5-8	In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South.

	<p><i>The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage: The Fight for Interracial Marriage</i></p>	<p>Selina Alko, Sean Qualls, Selina Alko</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>The story of the Loving family and their successful journey to the supreme court that legalized interracial marriage</p>
	<p><i>Dreamers</i></p> 	<p>Yuyi Morales</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story</p>
	<p><i>Hidden Figures</i></p> 	<p>Margot Lee Shetterly, Winifred Conkling, Laura Freeman</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A picture book profiling four African-American women mathematicians--Katherine, Dorothy, Mary, and Christine--who were hired by NASA to do the math work that would help the U.S. send the first astronauts into space.</p>
	<p><i>I See Color: An Affirmation and Celebration of Our Diverse World</i></p>	<p>Valerie Bolling and Kailei Pew with Laylie Frazier</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Highlighting people such as Madonna Thunder Hawk, Basemah Atweh and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this picture book affirms people of color--of all shades--by celebrating their achievements and contributions to society.</p>
	<p><i>Let's Talk About Race</i></p>	<p>Julius Lester, Karen Barbour</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>This stunning picture book introduces race as just one of many chapters in a person's story</p>

	<i>The Talk</i>	edited by Wade Hudson & Cheryl Willis Hudson	5-8	Thirty diverse and award-winning authors and illustrators capture frank discussions about racism, identity, and self-esteem.
	<i>The Undeclared</i>	Kwame Alexander	K-3	An exuberant poem celebrating the lives of Black Americans—both the names you know, and the ones you don't.
	<i>We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga</i>	Traci Sorell and Frané Lessac	K-3	The word otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.

## References and Additional Resources

<a href="#">A Kids Book About Racism</a>	Read by the author Jelani Memory
<a href="#">Best Books</a>	The NEA celebrates a nation of diverse readers with these recommended books, authors, and teaching resources that represent an array of experiences and cultures.
<a href="#">Embrace Race</a>	20 Picture Books for 2020: Readings to Embrace Race, Provide Solace & Do Good
<a href="#">The Ezra Jack Keats Award</a>	The EJK Award is given annually to an outstanding new writer and new illustrator by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation to recognize books that portray the universal qualities of childhood, a strong and supportive family, and the multicultural nature of our world.
<a href="#">Read Across America</a>	Each month, RAA features three books—for young, middle grade and young adult readers—that explore a topic related to diversity and inclusion. Includes teaching resources.

<a href="#">Social Justice Books</a>	More than 80 carefully selected lists of multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators including Changemakers, Civil Rights Teaching, Culture and Language, Early Childhood Anti-Bias, Environment/Climate Justice, Gentrification and Housing, Race and Education, Racial Identity, Teaching for Change and Voting Rights.
<a href="#">We Need Diverse Books</a>	More than 70 carefully selected lists of multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators.



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