

Culturally Diverse & LGBTQ+ Books for Prek-Higher Education

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Pre-K- Grade 2

Title	Author
Ada Twist, Scientist	Andrea Beaty
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez	Andrea Beaty
Catching the Moon	Crystal Hubbard
Red: A Crayon's Story	Michael Hall
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Peña
I Love My Hair	Natasha Tarpley
Bippity Bop Barbershop	Natasha Tarpley
Call Me Tree	Maya Christina Gonzalez
Princess Truly series	Kelly Greenawalt
The Color of Us	Karen Katz
Bello the Cello	Dennis Mathew
Under My Hijab	Hena Khan
I Got the Rhythm	Connie Schofield-Morrison
This Is It	Daria Peoples-Riley
Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter	Kenard Pak
Not Quite Snow White	Ashley Franklin
Kamala and Maya's Big Idea	Kamala Harris
Fresh Princess	Will Smith
My Hair	Danielle Murrell Cox
All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold
Henry's Freedom Box	Ellen Levine
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Ruby and the Booker Boys series	Derrick Barnes
The King of Kindergarten	Derrick Barnes
Julian is a Mermaid	Jessica Love
What's the Difference	Doyin Richards
Something Happened in Our Town	Marrianna Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard
We March	Shane Evans
Daddy Can I Cry?	Kenneth Braswell
I Am Love	Susan Verde, Peter H. Reynolds
I Am Human	Susan Verde, Peter H. Reynolds
Teach Your Dragon About Diversity	Steve Herman
You Matter	Christian Robinson
The Germ: How to Talk to Children About Racism and Diversity	Deidra A. Sorrell Ed.D
Celebrate Diversity	Dee Smith
But What About the Children?	Shirley A. Blair
One Big Heart: A Celebration of Being More Alike Than Different	Linsay Davis
Say Her Name(Poems to Empower)	Zetta Elliott
Momma, Did You Hear the News?	Sanya Whittaker
Daddy, There's a Noise Outside	Kenneth Braswell
Hey Black Child	Useni Eugene Perkins
Hands Up	Breanna J. McDaniel, Shane W. Evans
The Talk: Conversations about Race, Love and Truth	Wade Hudson, Cheryl Willis Hudson
Counting on Community	Innosanto Nagara
A Is for All the Things You Are	Anna F. Hindley/ NMAAHC
I Know My Rights: Bill of Rights	Mysonne Linen
Welcome to the Party	Gabrielle Union
Mr. Shioman's Kindermarten Chronicles: The First Day of School: Banicia's Book Cover	Dr. Terance Shipman
Sulwe	Lupita Nyong'o
My Family Is Changing: A Drawing and Activity Book for Kids of Divorce	Tracy McConaghie LCSW
The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi

Grades 3-5

Title	Author
The Harlem Charade	Natasha Tarpley
The Crane Girl	Curtis Manley
My Very Own Room	Amada Irma Perez
Richard Wright and the Library Card	William Miller
Sweet Music in Harlem	Debbie Taylor
As Fast as Words Could Fly	Pamela Tuck
Eagle Song	Joseph Bruchac
Blackbird Fly	Erin Kelly
Echo	Pam Munoz Ryan
This Is It	Daria Peoples-Riley
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
Henry's Freedom Box	Ellen Levine
Ruby and the Booker Boys series	Derrick Barnes
Lumberjanes graphic novel series	Noelle Stevenson
Can I Touch Your Hair?	Irene Latham and Charles Waters
Woke	Mahogany L. Brown, Elizabeth Acevedo, Olivia Gatwood
Counting on Katherine	Helaine Becker
Big Monty and the Cyborg Substitute	Matt Maxx
ElRay Jakes the Recess King!	Sally Warner
Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids: 50 Inspiring People from Ancient Africa to Modern-Day U.S.A.	Ariisha Norwood
Black Women in Science: A Black History Book for Kids	PhD Kimberly Brown Pllum
Front Desk	Kelly Yang
New Kid	Jerry Craft
President of the Whole Fifth Grade	Sherri Winston
Sophie Washington the Snitch	Tonya Duncan Ellis

Grades 6-8

Title	Author
Track Series	Jason Reynolds
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Paul Curtis
Blackbird Fly	Erin Kelly
Echo	Pam Munoz Ryan
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Pablo Cartaya
Harbor Me	Jacqueline Woodson
See You in the Cosmos	Jack Cheng
Amal Unbound	Aisha Saeed
Zoe in Wonderland	Brenda Woods
The Stars Beneath our Feet	David Barclay Moore
Long Way Down	Jason Reynolds
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
Blended	Sharon M. Draper
Out of My Mind	Sharon M. Draper
Stella by Starlight	Sharon M. Draper
All American Boys	Jason Reynolds
For Black Girls Like Me	Mariama J. Lockington
This Book Is Antiracist	Tiffany Jewell
Monster	Walter Dean Myers
Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny	Hill Harper
Middle School Chronicles	Essynce Moore
Gaither Sisters Trilogy Box Set	Rita Williams-Garcia
Mango Delight	Fracaswell Hyman
Little Man, Little Man: A Story of Childhood	James Baldwin's only children's book
A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramée
Sidewalk Story	Sharon Bell Mathis
The Middle School Rules of Charles Tillman: "Peanut"	Sean Jensen
Calling My Name	Liana Tamani
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky	Kwame Mbalia

Grades 9-12

Title	Author
Echo	Pam Munoz Ryan
The Hate You Give	Angie Thomas
On the Come Up	Angie Thomas
Long Way Down	Jason Reynolds
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You	Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
To All the Boys I've Loved Before book series	Jenny Han
They Called Us Enemy	George Takei
Track Series	Jason Reynolds
Brown Skin Girl: An Indian-American Woman's Magical Journey From Broken to Beautiful	Myrae Meliana
The Rose That Grew From Concrete	Tupac Shakur
Iqbal	Francesco D'Adamo
A Long Walk To Water	Linda Sue Park
Where I Belong	Tara White
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman Alexie
Road To Chiifa	Michele Marineau
Darius the Great is Not Okay	A dib Khoram
Saints and Misfits	S.K. Ali
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter	Erika L. Sánchez
Refugee	Alan Gratz
Efrén Divided	Ernesto Cisneros
Inside Out & Back Again	Thanhha Lai
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros
Homes	Abu Bakr Al Rabeeah
Borderline	Allan Katerberg
Wanting Mor	Rukhsana Khan
A Time To Dance	Padma Venkatraman
American Born Chinese	Gene Luen Yang
Escape to Gold Mountain	David H.T. Wong
March	John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
Shoot Your Shot: A Sport-Inspired Guide To Living Your Best Life	Vernon Brundage Jr.
Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha)	Tomí Adeyemi
Badass Black Girl: Questions, Quotes, and Affirmations for Teens (Teen and YA Self-Esteem for Readers of This Book is Antiracist)	M.J. Fievre
Interment	Samira Ahmed
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne
Funny Boy	Shyam Selvadurai
Chinese Cinderella	Adeline Yen Mah

Higher Education/Adult

Title	Author
So You Want Talk About Race	Ijoma Oluo
How to Be Antiracist	Ibrama X. Kendi
White Fragility	Robin DiAngelo
Fatal Invention	Dorothy Roberts
Me and White Supremacy	Layla F. Saad
The Fire Next Time	James Baldwin
The New Jim Crow	Michelle Alexander
Just Mercy	Bryan Stevenson
The Color of Law	Richard Rothstein
Blindspot	Mahzarian R. Banji and Anthony G. Greenwald
White Rage	Carol Anderson
Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"	Zora Neale Hurston
Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot	Mikki Kendall (Author)
Letters to an Incarcerated Brother: Encouragement, Hope, and Healing for Inmates and Their Loved Ones	Hill Harper
A Rap on Race	Dialogue between James Baldwin and Margaret Mead
Black Girls Must Die Exhausted: A Novel for Grown Ups	Jayne Allen
Natives: Race and Class in The Ruins of Empire	Akala
Beloved	Toni Morrison
The Colour Purple	Alice Walker
Nervous Conditions	Tsitsi Dangarembga
Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother	Amy Chua
The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao	Junot Diaz

Professional Development

Title	Author
Stamped from the Beginning	Ibram X. Kendi
Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain	Zaretta Hammond
For White Teachers Who Teach in the Hood and the Rest of Y'all Too	Dr. Christopher Emdin
Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?	Beverly Daniel Tatum
Wassup With All the Black Boys Sitting in the Principal's Office? An Examination of Detrimental Teacher Interactions & School Practices	Rashad Anderson, PhD