

Recommended Reads

Anti-Racism

for Older Children



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J
BAJA, V

Count Me In Varsha Bajaj



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.

J
COLB, B

The Only Black Girls in Town Brandy Colbert



In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.

J
KELK, S

American as Paneer Pie Supriya Kelkar



When a racist incident rocks her small Michigan town, eleven-year-old Lekha must decide whether to speak up or stay silent, even as she struggles to navigate her life at home, where she can be herself, and at school, where she is teased about her culture.

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KHAN, H

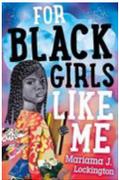
Amina's Voice Hena Khan



A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school. After her local mosque is vandalized, she is devastated. Her friend Soojin is talking about changing her name. Does Amina need to become more "American" and hide who she really is?

J
LOCK, M

For Black Girls Like Me Mariama Lockington



Eleven-year-old Makeda dreams of meeting her African American mother, while coping with serious problems in her white adopted family, a cross-country move, and being homeschooled.

J
JOHN, V

The Parker Inheritance Varian Johnson



Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery.

J
MALD, T

What Lane? Torrey Maldonado



Biracial sixth-grader Stephen questions the limitations society puts on him after he notices the way strangers treat him when he hangs out with his white friends and learns about the Black Lives Matter movement.

J
STON, N

Clean Getaway Nic Stone



For the life of him, William "Scoob" Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say FREEDOM. And the farther they go, the more Scoob realizes that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him.

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WARG, J

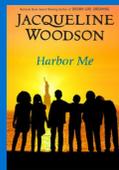
Other Words for Home
Jasmine Warga



Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.

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WOOD, J

Harbor Me
Jacqueline Woodson



When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

J 303.4
WE

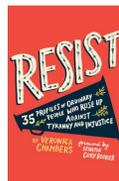
We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices



What do we tell our children when the world seems bleak, and prejudice and racism run rampant? With 96 lavishly designed pages of original art, poetry, and prose, fifty diverse creators lend voice and comfort to young activists.

J 303.48
CHAM, V

Resist
Veronica Chambers



This inspiring collection profiles men and women who resisted tyranny, fought the odds, and stood up to bullies that threatened to harm their communities. Along with their portraits and most memorable quotes, their stories will inspire you--every single day--to speak out and rise up.

J 305.8
JEWE, T

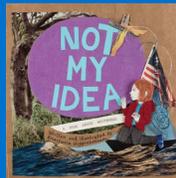
This Book is Anti-Racist
Tiffany Jewell



Learn about identities, true histories, and anti-racism work... This book is written so young people will feel empowered to stand up to the adults in their lives. This book will give them the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it

J 305.8009
HIGG, A

Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness
Anastasia Higginbotham



A white child sees a TV news report of a white police officer shooting and killing a black man. "In our family, we don't see color," his mother says, but he sees the colors plain enough. An afternoon in the library's history stacks uncover the truth of white supremacy in America. Racism was not his idea and he refuses to defend it.

MORE ANTI-RACISM BOOKS:

You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P! | Gino

A Good Kind of Trouble | Ramée

Ghost Boys | Rhodes

Front Desk | Yang

New Kid | JGN Craft

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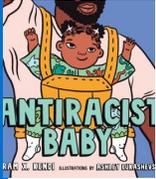
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Antiracist Baby
Ibram X. Kendi

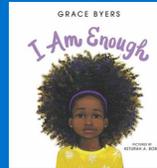
Illustrations and rhyming text present nine steps Antiracist Baby can take to improve equity, such as opening our eyes to all skin colors and celebrating all our differences.



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BYER, G

I Am Enough
Grace Byers

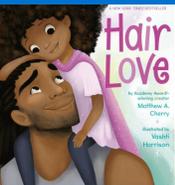
Shares a story of loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another.



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CHERRY, M

Hair Love
Matthew A. Cherry

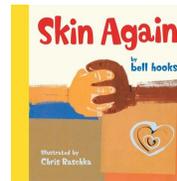
A little girl's daddy steps in to help her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.



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HOOK, B

Skin Again
bell hooks

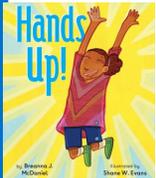
Celebrating all that makes us unique and different, [this book] offers new ways to talk about race and identity. Race matters, but only so much-- what's most important is who we are on the inside.



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MCDANIEL, B

Hands Up!
Breanna J. McDaniel

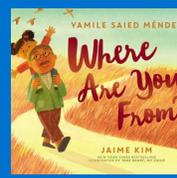
A young girl lifts her hands up in a series of everyday moments before finally raising her hands in resistance at a protest march.



P
MEND, Y

Where Are You From?
Yamile Saied Méndez

When a young girl is asked where she's from--where she's really from--she's no longer as she was. She decides to turn to her dear abuelo for some help with this ever-persistent question. But he doesn't quite give her the answer she expects.



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MILLER, S

Don't Touch My Hair!
Sharee Miller

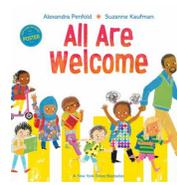
Aria loves her soft and bouncy hair, but must go to extremes to avoid people who touch it without permission until, finally, she speaks up.



P
PENFOLD, A

All Are Welcome
Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is celebrated and songs, stories, and talents are shared.



**POR
JOHN, C**

Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All

Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council, & Carolyn Choi

A handy book about intersectionality that depicts the nuances of identity and embraces difference as a source of community.

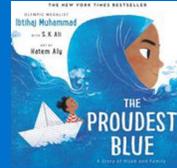


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MUHA, I**

The Proudest Blue

Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali

Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.



**POR
NYON, L**

Sulwe

Lupita Nyong'o

When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but her encounter with a shooting star helps her understand there is beauty in every shade.

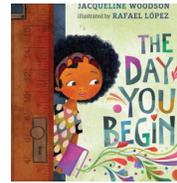


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WOOD, J**

The Day You Begin

Jacqueline Woodson

Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.



**J 320.56
RICH, D**

What the Difference?: Being Different is Amazing

Doyin Richards

Photographs and simple text celebrate friendship, diversity, and acceptance.



**PT P
CELA, M
(PC)**

Something Happened in Our Town

Marianne Celano

After discussing the police shooting of a local Black man with their families, Emma and Josh know how to treat a new student who looks and speaks differently than his classmates. Includes an extensive "Note to Parents and Caregivers" that provides general guidance about addressing racism with children, child-friendly vocabulary definitions, conversation guides, and a link to additional online resources.



MORE ANTI-RACISM BOOKS:

The Undefeated | Alexander

Last Stop on Market Street | de la Peña

Little Legends / Little Leaders | Harrison

Black is a Rainbow Color | Joy

Mommy's Khimar | Thompkins-Bigelow

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