

Diversity Bookshelf: An Anti-Bias Reading List

Compiled for
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Brattleboro, VT 05301

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List originally curated by Alix Fedoruk & Elizabeth Fisher.

Note: *If readers find any of these titles to be poor choices, please let us know so that the list can be Improved. We are volunteers and are all still learning.*

Uses:

1. A wish list for school classrooms and the Hilltop lending library.
2. A reading list for families & staff
3. A Lending Library is now housed in the Hilltop Lobby. Books can be signed out at the front desk.
4. Question: Do we set up a list at Everyone's Books, and/or ask for donations to school for purchase (tax deductible).
5. Can classroom library books be signed out also? (It varies by classroom.)

Key:

Bold - recommended as introductory or initial readings

Italic - Hilltop owns one or more copies. May or may not be available for borrowing.

With asterisk* - Brooks Memorial Library (Brattleboro) owns one or more copies (we have not checked them for every title listed here, however).

Picture & Board Books, Early Readers (Toddler-3rd grade)

Jacobs New Dress

My Princess Boy

***DePaola, Tomie, Oliver Button is Not a Sissy (male dancer)**

Ada, Alma Flor: I Love Saturdays y domingos (multicultural) (Lobby)

Blacksheep, Beverly: Baby Learns about Colors (Indigenous: Navajo)

Bridges, Ruby: Through My Eyes (African American, civil rights activism)

Brook Perssin-Whedbee: Who Are You? (Gender Identity, LGBTQ)

Bunting, Eve: One Green Apple (Muslim, immigrant)

Carter, Madeline: Look at You, Baby Face (African American)

Choi, Yangsook: The Name Jar (Asian American)

*Cornwall, Gaia: Jabari Jumps

Cronin, Doreen: Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type! (activism) also available in Spanish

de la Peña, Matt: Last Stop on Market Street (economic inequity)

Dooley, Nora: Everybody Cooks Rice (multicultural)

Dr. Seuss: Huevos Verdes y Jamon (the Spanish translation of Green Eggs and Ham)

Fleet, Julie: Wild Berries (Indigenous People/ Cree-Metis)

*Gottlieb, Iris: Seeing Gender: An Illustrated Guide to Identity and Expression (LGBTQ)

Picture & Board Books, Early Readers, cont.

Hamanaka, Sheila: All the Colors of the Earth

Herthel, Jessica: I Am Jazz (transgender)

Himango, Deanna: Boohoo: Come Play with Us (Indigenous people/ Ojibwe)

Hoffman, Mary: Amazing Grace (racial & gender equality) (there are many Amazing Grace books)

Hooks, bell & Chris Raschka: Skin Again (race)

*Kendi, Ibram X. Antiracist Baby.

Knight, Margy Burns & Anne Sibley O'Brien: Africa is Not a Country

Kullak, Celina: SweetestKulu (Indigenous People/ Inuit)

Laínez, René Colato & Anthony Accardo: Waiting for Papá/ Esperando a Papá (Salvadoran, immigrant, bilingual Spanish-English)

Lamba, Marie: Green, Green: A Community Gardening Story

Levy, Debbie: I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark (women's rights/ equality)

Lionni, Leo: Nadarin (Spanish translation of Swimmy)

Love, Jessica: Julián is a Mermaid (anti-gender stereotypes)

Lovell, Patty & David Catrow: Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon (anti-bullying)

Lukoff, Kyle: Call Me Max (Gender Identity, LGBTQ)

Maillard, Kevin Noble: Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story (Indigenous People)

Martin, Rafe & David Shannon: The Rough-Face Girl (Indigenous People/Algonquin)

McCarney, Rosemary: Where Will I Live? (refugees) (Lobby)

Mendoza, Gladys Rosa: My Family and I/ Mi Familia y Yo (bilingual Spanish-English)

Michaels (Terzian), Alexandra: The Kids' Multicultural Art Book: Art & Craft Experiences from around the World

Minnema, Cheryl (Ojibwe): Hungry Johnny (Indigenous People/Inuit)

Nelson, Julie: Kids Need to Be Safe (children in foster care) (so-so review from School Library Journal)

Nye, Naomi Shihab & Nancy Carpenter: Sitti's Secrets (Palestinian American)

O'Leary, Sara & Quin Leng: A Family is a Family is a Family (Lobby)

Pilkey, Dav: The Paperboy (African American)

Pinkney, Bryan: JoJo's Flying Sidekick, (gender roles, African American)

Pinkney, Sandra L.: Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children (African American)

Polacco, Patricia: Mrs. Katz and Tush (multicultural, Jewish, African American)

Rappaport, Doreen: Martin's Big Words (MLK Jr., activism, civil rights)

Rattigan, Jama Kim: Dumpling Soup (Asian American)

Richards, Beah E.: Keep Climbing, Girls (African American/gender equality)

Richardson, Justin: And Tango Makes Three (LGBTQIA)

Ringgold, Faith: Tar Beach (African American)

Robert, Na'ima bint: The Swirling Hijaab (Muslim, bilingual Arabic-English)

Robertson, Robbie: Hiawatha and the Peacemaker (indigenous People/ Ojibwe)

Say, Allen: Grandfather's Journey (Japanese, immigrant)

Schmidt, Gary D. & Daniel Minter: So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom (African American)

Scott, Ann Herbert & Glo Coalson: On Mother's Lap (Indigenous People/Inuit) (Lobby)

Smith, Cynthia Leitich: Jingle Dancer (Indigenous People/ Cree)

Smith, Monique Gray: My Heart Fills with Happiness (Indigenous People/Plains Cree)

Smith, Monique Gray: You Hold Me Up (Plains Cree)

Picture & Board Books, Early Readers, cont.

Sorrel, Traci: We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga (Indigenous People/Cherokee) (Lobby)

Steptoe, Javaka: Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat (Haitian-Puerto Rican American)

Taylor, Ann & Marjorie van Heerden: Baby Dance (Lobby)

Uluadluak, Donald: Kamik: An Inuit Puppy Story (Indigenous People/ Inuit)

Williams, Vera B: A Chair for my Mother (social class)

Wilson, Sharese: Don't Touch My Hair

Woodson, Jacqueline: The Day You Begin (multicultural)

Woodson, Jacqueline: Each Kindness (social class)

Books for Grade 4 and up

Aloian, Molly, Phyllis Wheatley: Poet of the Revolutionary Era (UE)

Bell, Cece: El Deafo (graphic novel on deafness)

Bongiovanni, Archie, and Tristan Jimerson: A Quick & Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns

Bruchac, Joseph: Hidden Roots (Indigenous People)

Bruchac, Joseph: The Wind Eagle and other Abenaki Stories (Indigenous People/Abenaki)

Bruchac, Joseph: Native American Stories (Indigenous People)

Bruchac, Joseph: Squanto's Journey: The story of the First Thanksgiving (Indigenous People/Patuxet)

Charleyboy, Lisa, Ed.: #Not Your Princess: voices of Native American Women

Cisneros, Ernesto: Efrén Divided (Immigration, Cultural Identity, Latinx)

Edrick, Louise: The Birchbark House (Indigenous/ Chippewa)

Gaskins, Pearl Fuyo, What Are You? Voices of Mixed-race Young People

Goble, Paul: The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses (Indigenous People)

Hesse, Karen: The Cats in Krazinski Square (Holocaust)

Lee, Harper: To Kill a Mockingbird (racism)

Lowry, Lois: Number the Stars (Holocaust)

Mann, Charles C.: Before Columbus: the America's of 1491 (Indigenous people)

Marshall III, Joseph: In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse (Indigenous/ Sicangu Lakota)

Mohamed, Omar, and Victoria Jamieson: When Stars are Scattered (UE & up, graphic novel; Somali refugees)

Nelson, S.D.: Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender (Indigenous People/Lakota)

Nelson, S.D.: Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People (Indigenous People/Lakota)

Robinson, Gary: Son Who Returns (Indigenous/ Choctaw/Cherokee)

Smith, Cynthia Leitich: Indian Shoes (Indigenous People/ Muscogee/Creek)

Sorell, Traci: At the Mountain's Base (Natives, Cherokee, Land, Ethnic Identity)

Palacio, R.J.: Wonder (physical differences) (Lobby)

Shang, Melissa & Eva Shang: Mia Lee is Wheeling through Middle School (disability)

Tingle, Tim: Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom (Indigenous People/ Choctaw and Slavery)

Tingle, Tim: How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story (Indigenous/ Choctaw)

Woodson, Jacqueline: Brown Girl Dreaming (African American)

Yousafzai, Malala & Christina Lamb: I Am Malala (activism, girls' rights)

Middle School - Adult Books

George (transgender)

Curl, John: Indigenous People's Day: Handbook for Activists & Documentary History (Indigenous People)

Gansworth, Eric: If I Ever Get Out of Here (Indigenous People/ Onondaga)

Heald, Bruce D., PhD.: A History of the New Hampshire Abenaki: Including Contributions from the Abenaki Museum and Chief Donald Stevens, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk, Abenaki Nation, Vermont, 2014

Tso, Theo: Captain Paiute: Indigenous Defender of the Southwest (a graphic novel) Indigenous/ Paiute

Van Camp, Richard: A Blanket of Butterflies (a graphic novel) (Indigenous People/ Dogrib) Wiles,

Yellowhorn, Eldon and Lowinger, Kathy: What the Eagle Sees: Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal (Indigenous People)

Memoir

Kamkwamba, William, and Bryan Mealer: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (boy in Malawi invents a way to save his village's crops)

Noah, Trevor: Born a Crime (Mixed-race, apartheid in South Africa)

Satrapi, Marjane: Persepolis (Iranian, growing up during the Islamic Revolution; graphic memoir)

Hybrid Poetry-Prose

Rankine, Claudia: Citizen (African American)

Fiction

Acker, Camille: Training School for Negro Girls (African American)

Albertalli, Becky: Leah on the Off Beat (LGBTQIA, single parent family, economic differences)

Butler, Octavia E: Kindred (Slavery experienced by a modern American POC time traveler)

Callender, Kheryn: This is Kind of an Epic Love Story (LGBTQIA)

Cordova, Zoraida: Labyrinth Lost (African American)

Hobson, Brandon: Where the Dead Sit Talking (Native American)
Lee, Chang-Rae: On Such a Full Sea (dystopia, social class)
Mafi, Tahereh: A Very Large Expanse of Sea (Muslim American)
Okorafor, Nnedi: Akata Witch (6th grade & up; Nigerian American albino with magical powers)
Plett, Casey: Little Fish (transgender)
Smith, Monique Gray: Tilly and the Crazy Eights (Native American/First Nations)
Thomas, Angie: On the Come Up (African American)
Thomas, Angie: The Hate U Give (African American)

Nonfiction

Barker, Meg John and Julia Scheele: Queer: A Graphic History.

Derman-Sparks, Louise, Patricia Ramsey, Julie O. Edwards & Carol B. Day: What If All the Kids Are White?: Anti-Bias Multicultural Education with Young Children and Families

DiAngelo, Robin: White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism

Irving, Debbie: Waking Up White

Kendi, Ibram X.: Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America

King, Ruth: Mindful of Race: Transforming Racism from the Inside Out

Kivel, Paul: Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice

Kozol, Jonathan: Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools (economic differences)

Lewis, John: Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement (civil rights, activism) (Middle School)

Nakazawa, Donna: Does Anybody Else Look Like Me?: A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children

Oluo, Ijeoma: So You Want to Talk About Race

Saad, Layla F.: Me and White Supremacy Workbook

Stevenson, Bryan: Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption (US criminal justice system)

Watson, Dyan, Jesse Hagopian & Wayne Au, editors: Teaching for Black Lives

Tatum, Beverly Daniel: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations about Race

Wise, Tim. Multiple books on racism-bigotry-whiteness:

Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White;

Speaking Treason Fluently: Anti-Racist Reflections From an Angry White Male;

Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama;

Color Blind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity;

White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son;

Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority;

Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrificing the Future of America

Articles

Chapman University Digital Commons, 2016: [Creating Trans-Inclusive Schools: Introductory Activities that Enhance the Critical Consciousness of Future Educators](#)

Gorski, Paul C. & Katy Swalwell: [Equity Literacy for All](#)

Gross, Akiea: [Op-Ed: White Teachers Need to Check Their Racism Before Teaching It](#)

McIntosh, Peggy: ['White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack' and 'Some Notes for Facilitators](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities: [African American History and Culture in the United States](#) Lesson Plans and literature by historical period.

Solnit, Rebecca:, [Whose Story \(and Country\) Is This? On the Myth of a "Real" America](#)

Staples, Brent: [Opinion: How Italians Became "White"](#)

Tolerance.org: [Toolkit for "Rewriting History—for the Better"](#)

Vice.com: [The Deadly Reality for Transgender Students Facing Discrimination in School](#)

Vice.com: [Youth, Interrupted: The Heartbreaking, Hidden Lives of Transgender Teens](#)

Films-TV Shows

13th (documentary about race, justice, mass incarceration)

BlackKlansman (feature film based on true story of a Black police officer and his Jewish colleague, who go undercover to investigate the KKK)

Dawnland (documentary about indigenous peoples and stolen children)

Diary of Anne Frank (movie based on book by Anne Frank)

Disclosure (documentary about transgender identity)

Gente-Fied (comedy-drama show on Netflix, Mexican Americans)

I am Not Your Negro (documentary based on manuscript by James Baldwin)

Persepolis (movie based on book by Marjane Satrapi)

Selma (historical drama based on 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches)

The Boy who Harnessed the Wind (movie based on book by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer)

The Color Purple (movie based on book by Alice Walker)

The Hate U Give (movie based on book by Angie Thomas)

The Help (movie based on book by Kathryn Stockett)

The Last Black Man in San Francisco (movie)

Bibi (short film about a young person coming out gay) <https://vimeo.com/418576895>

Podcasts

Crooked Media: [Pod Save the People](#) (ongoing show; current news, analysis, interviews)

Harry Potter and the Sacred Text: [Listener voicemail with a personal story about gender neutral bathrooms](#)

NPR: The Kids Are All Right <https://one.npr.org/?sharedMediaId=910836728:911038139>

NPR: [Code Switch](#) (ongoing weekly podcast about ways race, ethnicity and culture play out in our lives and communities)

NPR: [Code Switch](#) episode: "[Representation and the Elusive Definition of Black Identity](#)"

Panoply: [About Race \(Our National Conversation about Conversations about...\)](#) (series, 2015-2017)

Scene On Radio: [MEN](#)

Scene On Radio: [Seeing White](#) (series within the podcast, start with Feb 17 2014 episode)

Washington Post: [Other: Mixed Race in America](#)

Wilkinson, Bethaney: [The Diversity Gap](#)

Websites

[Building Anti-Racist White Educators](#)

Gender Spectrum: [Principles for Gender Inclusive Puberty and Health Education](#)

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) :

[Supporting Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Students](#)

[Irving, Debby – Racial Justice Educator and Writer](#) (author of Waking Up White, listed above)

New York Times: [The 1619 Project](#)

Showing Up for Racial Justice: [White Supremacy Culture Characteristics](#)

Book/Media Lists

Awareness Harmony Acceptance Advocates: [Breaking the Prejudice Habit](#) “Podcasts that can be used for diversity or prejudice and discrimination courses” (race, sex, gender, religion, appearance, & more)

BookRiot: [30 Children's Books About Diversity That Celebrate Differences](#) (race, culture, LGBTQIA)

BookRiot: [25 LGBT Children's Books for the Little Readers in Your Life](#)

The Conscious Kid: [#IndigenousReads by Indigenous Writers: A Children's Reading List](#)

Huffington Post: [17 LGBTQ-Friendly Books To Read To Your Kid In Honor Of Pride](#)

Edwards, Julie O., author of [Anti-Bias Education for our Children and Ourselves](#), “Anti-bias Education: a Selection of Children’s Books for Each Topic”:

<http://www.childpeacebooks.org/cpb/Protect/antiBias.php>

Facing History and Ourselves: “Alabama Study Tour Suggested Readings”:

<https://www.facinghistory.org/study-tour-alabama/suggested-readings>

Hilltop Staff Anti-Bias booklist:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/2ae23de0101/a37dae1e-0acc-4a9c-8404-b92a43ca2708.pdf>

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

NEA: [African American Booklist](#)

Northfield Mount Hermon School Library: [Diverse Books @ Schaffler Library - Diverse Fiction Browser](#) (searches by race, sexuality, ability, religion, nationality, and more):

Nosek, Christina: [Christina Nosek Literacy: Read Aloud](#): “Read Across America: If Not Seuss, then Who?”

TEDx, Paula Ston Williams: “I’ve lived as men and as a woman: Here is what I learn”
<https://youtu.be/IrYx7HaUIMY>