

Books about Race, Justice, and Equality



Preschool – Kindergarten

I am Brown by Ashok Banker
I Believe I Can by Grace Byers
I Am Enough by Grace Byers
All Because You Matter by Tami Charles
Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung
Mixed Me by Taye Diggs
Honeysmoke by Monique Fields
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho
We're Different, We're the Same by Bobbi Kates
The Colors of Us by Karen Katz
Antiracist Baby by Ibram X. Kendi
Same, Same, but Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
Happy in Our Skin by Fran Manushkin
Where Are You From? By Yamile Saied Mendez
Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race by Megan Madison
Don't Touch my Hair! By Sharee Miller
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad
A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Grades 1-3

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander
The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage by Selina Alko
Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul
Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson
Juneteenth for Mazie by Floyd Cooper
Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation by Edwidge Danticat
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy
Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester
The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist by Cynthia Levinson
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Your Name is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell
Separate Is Never Equal by Duncan Tonatiuh
Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers by Sarah Warren
Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America by Carole Boston Weatherford
Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford
Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by Jonah Winter
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson

Grades 4-8

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
Count Me In by Varsha Bajaj
Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan
The Only Black Girls in Town by Brandy Colbert
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Paul Curtis
Blended by Sharon M. Draper
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper
Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song by Gary Golio
Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Merci Suarez Can't Dance by Meg Medina
Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Teens

Internment by Samira Ahmed
Hot Comb by Ebony Flowers
Apple: Skin to the Core: A Memoir in Words and Pictures by Eric Gansworth
Fresh Ink Edited by Lamar Giles
We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices edited by Wade Hudson
This Book is Anti-Racist by Tiffany Jewell
March by John Lewis
Light It Up by Kekla Magoon
I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
An Indigenous People's History of the United States for Young People by Jean Mendoza
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro
Who Put This Song On? By Morgan Parker
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds
Black Girl Unlimited : The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard by Echo Brown
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America by Ibi Zoboi
Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi

Adults

A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom by Brittany K. Barnett

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias by Dolly Chugh

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Dr. Robin DiAngelo

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think, and Do by Jennifer L. Eberhardt

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

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

Heavy: An American Memoir by Kiese Laymon

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How we Can Prosper Together by Heather C. McGhee

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

So You Want To Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf by Ntozake Shange

Black Rednecks and White Liberals by Thomas Sowell

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead