

Diverse Books: Suggested Reading List



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Now is a great time to explore books that feature diverse characters, instill values of empathy and inclusion, or introduce us to other cultures.

Here are some of my personal favorites. Happy reading!

Picture Books

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story *by Kevin Noble Maillard*
Ruby's Worry *by Tom Percival*
Saturday is Swimming Day *by Hyewon Yum*
The Worry Box *by Suzanne Chiew*
A Family is a Family is a Family *by Sara O'Leary*
Strictly No Elephants *by Lisa Mantchev*
The Day You Begin *by Jacqueline Woodson*
One *by Kathryn Otoshi*
Always Anjali *by Sheetal Sheth*
I am Truly *by Kelly Greenawalt*
Julian is a Mermaid *by Jessica Love*
Perfectly Norman *by Tom Percival*
Sparkle Boy *by Leslea Newman*
We Are Grateful *by Traci Sorell*
Not Quite Narwhal *by Jessie Sima*
Grace for President *by Kelly DiPucchio*

Adrian Simox Does NOT Have a Horse *by Marcy Campbell*
Be Kind *by Pat Zietlow Miller*
The Buddy Bench *by Patty Brozo*
Little Brother for Sale *by Rahma Rodaah*
Niko Draws a Feeling *by Bob Raczka*
Alma and How She Got Her Name *by Juana Martinez-Neal*
Those Shoes *by Maribeth Boelts*
Cece Loves Science *by Kimberly Derting & Shelli R. Johannes*
How to Code a Sandcastle *by Josh Funk*
I Don't Draw, I Color *by Adam Lehraupt*
Ada Twist, Scientist *by Andrea Beaty*
Rosie Revere, Engineer *by Andrea Beaty*
What If? *by Samantha Berger*
All the Ways to be Smart *by Davina Bell*
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family *by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali*
Places We Have Never Been *by Lauren Ranalli*

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Meet Yasmin Series *by Saadia Faruqi*
Jasmine Toguchi Series *by Debbi M. Florence*
Mo Jackson Series *by David A. Adler*
Zoey & Sassafrass Series *by Asia Citro*
Wink *by Rob Harrell*
When Stars are Scattered *by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed*

Front Desk *by Kelly Yang*
Celia Lee Jenkins Series *by Susan Tan*
Amal Unbound *by Aisha Saeed*
No Fixed Address *by Susin Nielsen*
The Crossover *by Kwame Alexander*
El Deafo *by Cece Bell*
The House that Lou Built *by Mae Respicio*
Tight *by Torrey Maldonado*

Online Communities

There is a wonderful community of children's literature and diversity advocates out there! I encourage you to spend some time finding resources that meet your own goals.

In the meantime, here are a few recommended organizations, advocates, and blogs.

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