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Reading List for Children and Youth

- *All are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
- *Antiracist Baby* by Ibram X Kendi and Ashley Lukashevsky
- *This Book is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell
- *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas
- *A Phoenix First Must Burn* by Patrica Caldwell
- *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
- *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus
- *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o
- *Woke Baby* by Mahogany L. Brown and Theodore Taylor III
- [*The ABC's of Diversity: Helping Kids \(and Ourselves!\) Embrace Our Differences*](#) by Carolyn B. Helsel, Y. Joy Harris-Smith (Chalice)
- For the pre-teen and teen crowd, author Tiffany Jewell teams up with illustrator Aurélie Durand to bring us [*This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work*](#) (Frances Lincoln Children's Books)
- Khristi-Lauren Adams', [*Parable of the Brown Girl: The Sacred Lives of Girls of Color*](#) (Broadleaf)
- [*The Hate You Give*](#) by Angie Thomas (also a movie; numerous study guides available online)
- [*Mother to Son: Letters to a Black Boy on Identity and Hope*](#) (IVP) (could be an excellent parent/youth at-home/small group discussion)
- [*Let's Talk about Race*](#) by Julius Lester; illustrated by Karen Barbour (HarperCollins, 2008)
- [*The Undefeated*](#) by Kwame Alexander (Versify)

- [*God's Big Plan*](#) by Elizabeth Caldwell and Theodore Hiebert (Flyaway), the story of Babel reveals God's plan for diversity and it comes in a board book for pre-readers: [*God's Big Plan the Board Book*](#) (Flyaway)
- [*I Am Brave: A Little Book about Martin Luther King, Jr.*](#) by Brad Meltzer (Dial/Penguin)
- [*When Harriet Met Sojourner*](#) by Catherine Clinton; illustrated by Shane Evans
- [*We March*](#) and many others by Shane W. Evans
- [*Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World*](#) by Jane Breskin Zalben includes one-page biographies of sixteen important figures;
- [*Ten Amazing People and How They Changed the World*](#) by Maura D. Shaw; illustrated by Stephen Marchesi “shows kids that spiritual people can have an exciting impact on the world around them”
- [*A Different Pond*](#) by Bao Phi; illustrated by Thi Bui gently talks about “family, migration and memory”
- Affirm youngsters in their “diversity of races and ethnicities, physical features, body types, abilities and disabilities” with [*I Love Me!*](#) (Beaming)
- [*Me and My Sister*](#) by Rose Robbins, a book for “siblings of all backgrounds... about embracing difference”
- For ages 3-7, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso's [*The Story of AND*](#) (Flyaway) has a companion [*song by Carrie Newcomer*](#)
- [*Brian the Brave*](#) by Paul Stewart and Jane Porter invites conversations about “friendship, teamwork, and bias based on race or language”.
- [*Accordionly: Abuela and Opa Make Music*](#) shares tips from the author's own experience growing up in a multicultural household.
- [*For Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World*](#) (Michael W. Waters; releasing 09.15.20); an online [*Discussion and Activity Guide \(PDF\)*](#) is available now.
- [*Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home*](#) by Yori Sieger looks at immigration and where we find home.

- [*Who Is My Neighbor?*](#) By Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (based on the parable of the Good Samaritan) considers why we avoid caring for those who don't look like us and how things can change when we do.
- [*God's Dream*](#) by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams; illustrated by LeUyen Pham beckons readers to contemplate the joy of living compassionately within diversity
- [*Love*](#) by Matt de la Pena; illustrated by Loren Long - simple and rich
- [*Beautiful Moon: A Child's Prayer*](#) by Tonya Bolden; illustrated by Eric Velasquez beautifully illustrates the need for prayer, compassion for others, and the diversity of a city at night
- [*You Are So Wonderful*](#) by Jacqueline J. Lewis; illustrated by Jeremy Tugeau
- [*Bitty Brown Babe*](#) by Deborah LeFalle; illustrated by Keisha Morris
- [*Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too*](#) by Jennifer Grant; illustrated by Benjamin Schipper
- [*Children's Books that Tackle Race and Ethnicity*](#), from the New York Times

From Illustrated Ministries

- [*Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners: books for children and young adults*](#)
- [*31 Children's books to support conversations on race, racism and resistance*](#)
- PBS Kids for Parents [*13 Books about Race and Diversity*](#) is fantastic.
- [*Social Justice Books*](#): A Teaching for Change Project offers [*60 extensive lists*](#) of multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults and educators. They also offer a [*Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books*](#).