

Diverse and Inclusive Books and Book Lists

* Books are sorted by Target Audience. Do a FIND on TEACHER, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, or HIGH to find your level.

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Target Audience	Book Title or List Author or URL	Description
Teacher - Professional Development	Using Equity Audits in the Classroom to Reach and Teach All Students First Edition Kathryn B. McKenzie, Linda E Skrla	This book focuses on teacher and classroom practices and is important because in this time of changing demographics and increased diversity, many teachers find that the strategies they have used in the past are successful with only some of the students in their classes. They want and need strategies that will assist them in being successful with all their students. This book will provide teachers with new strategies and skills that will fit diverse needs. The book will also include a discussion of the history of equity auditing in education found in civil rights work, curriculum auditing, and state accountability systems.
Middle School Student	Serafina's Promise Ann E. Burg	For ages 10-14 - A luminous novel in verse from the author of the Jefferson Cup award winner All the Broken Pieces. Serafina has a secret dream. She wants to go to school and become a doctor with her best friend, Julie Marie. But in their rural village outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, many obstacles stand in Serafina's way — little money, never-ending chores, and Manman's worries. More powerful even than all of these are the heavy rains and the shaking earth that test Serafina's resolve in ways she never dreamed. <u>At once heartbreaking and hopeful, this exquisitely crafted story will leave a lasting impression on your heart.</u>
Elementary Student	Where are you from? Yamile Saied Méndez	For ages 4-8 - When a girl is asked where she's from—where she's really from—none of her answers seems to be the right one. Unsure about how to reply, she turns to her loving abuelo for help. He doesn't give her the response she expects. She gets an even better one. Where am I from? You're from hurricanes and dark storms, and a tiny singing frog that calls the island people home when the sun goes to sleep.... With themes of self-acceptance, identity, and home, this powerful, lyrical picture book will resonate with readers young and old, from all backgrounds and of all colors—especially anyone who ever felt that they don't belong.
Elementary Student	We Are Water Protectors Carole Lindstrom	For ages 3-6 - A powerful picture book that weaves an urgent call to action with a timely story about protecting nature's most sacred resource from harm and corruption.
Elementary Student	Fresh Princess Denene Millner	For 4-8 - Meet Destiny—a cool, energetic, and strong-willed young girl who approaches every day with her own signature style! That is, until she moves to a brand-new neighborhood, where nothing looks quite the same as it did at her old house. Even with new challenges and new friends to make, Destiny always has a plan. With a few reminders from her loving family and after remembering what being the Fresh Princess is all about, she may just take the leap and jump right in!

Elementary Student	My Papi Has a Motorcycle Isabel Quintero	For ages 4-8 - A celebration of the love between a father and daughter, and of a vibrant immigrant neighborhood, by an award-winning author and illustrator duo. When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her. But as the sun sets purple-blue-gold behind Daisy Ramona and her papi, she knows that the love she feels will always be there. With vivid illustrations and text bursting with heart, My Papi Has a Motorcycle, is a young girl's love letter to her hardworking dad and to memories of home that we hold close in the midst of change.
Elementary Student	Alma and How She Got Her Name Juana Martinez-Neal	For ages 5-8 - A 2019 Caldecott Honor Book. What's in a name? For one little girl, her very long name tells the vibrant story of where she came from and who she may one day be. If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-grandmother who longed to travel; Jose, the grandfather who was an artist; and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all and realizes that she will one day have her own story to tell. In her author-illustrator debut, Juana Martinez-Neal opens a treasure box of discovery for children who may be curious about their own origin stories or names.
Elementary Student	Princess Truly books Kelly Greenawalt	For ages 3-5 - Dream big with Princess Truly, o. an adorable new diverse character who knows she can be anything she wants to be! Princess Truly is strong and confident, beautiful and brave, bright and brilliant. She can do anything she sets her mind t
Elementary Student	Carlos y Carmen series https://www.getepic.com/ Kristen McDonald	For ages 5-7 - These stories are about siblings, Carlos and Carmen, as they move, have their own bedrooms, play in their flooded backyard, and more.
Elementary Student	Hair Love Matthew A. Cherry	For ages 5-6 - Zuri knows her hair is beautiful, but it has a mind of its own as it kinks, coils, and curls every which way. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. Tender and empowering, this ode to loving your natural hair is a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere. Written by former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry, this book is also an animated short film.
Elementary Student	Standing on Her Shoulders Monica Clark-Robinson	For ages 4-8 - A stunning love letter to the important women who shape us - from our own mothers and grandmothers to the legends who paved the way for girls and women everywhere. Remarkable illustrations showcase a loving intergenerational family and the lyrical text encourages young girls to learn about the powerful and trailblazing women who laid the path for the future. It encourages girls to find female heroes in their own lives, empowers them to become role models themselves, and inspires readers of all ages to follow in the footsteps of these amazing women.
Elementary Student	All Because You Matter Tami Charles	For ages 4-8 - 2021 SCBWI Golden Kite Award Finalist Discover this poignant, timely, and emotionally stirring picture book, an ode to black and brown children everywhere that is full of hope, assurance, and love. Tami Charles pens a poetic, lyrical text that is part love letter, part anthem, assuring readers that they always have, and always will, matter. This powerful, rhythmic lullaby reassures readers that their matter and their worth is never diminished, no matter the circumstance: through the joy and wonder of their first steps and first laughs, through the hardship of adolescent struggles, and the pain and heartbreak of current events, they always have,
Elementary Student	Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History Vashti Harrison	For ages 8-12 - Featuring 40 black women in American history, this beautifully illustrated book educates and empowers readers, as it relates true stories of breaking boundaries and achieving beyond expectations. Illuminating text paired with irresistible illustrations bring to life both iconic and lesser-known female figures of African American history, such as abolitionist Sojourner Truth, pilot Bessie Coleman, chemist Alice Ball, politician Shirley Chisholm, mathematician Katherine Johnson, poet Maya Angelou, and filmmaker Julie Dash.

		Among these biographies, readers will find bold women whose actions and beliefs contributed to making the world better for generations of girls and women to come. Whether they were putting pen to paper, soaring through the air, or speaking up for the rights of others, the women profiled in these pages were all taking a stand against a world that didn't always accept them.
Elementary Student	Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History Vashti Harrison	For ages 8-12 - Among these biographies, readers will find aviators and artists, politicians and pop stars, athletes and activists. The exceptional men featured include artist Aaron Douglas, civil rights leader John Lewis, dancer Alvin Ailey, filmmaker Oscar Micheaux, musician Prince, photographer Gordon Parks, tennis champion Arthur Ashe, and writer James Baldwin. The legends in this book span centuries and continents, but they all changed the world forever!
Elementary Student	Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World Vashti Harrison	For ages 7-10 - Featuring the true stories of 35 women creators, ranging from writers to inventors, artists to scientists, Visionary Women Around the World inspires as it educates. Readers will meet trailblazing women like Mary Blair, an American modernist painter who had a major influence on how color was used in early animated films, actor/inventor Hedy Lamar, environmental activist Wangari Maathai, architect Zaha Hadid, filmmaker Maya Deren, and physicist Chien-Shiung Wu. Some names are recognizable, some are not, but all of these extraordinary women had a lasting effect on the fields they worked in.
Elementary Student	Building Zaha Victoria Tentler-Krylov	For ages 4-8 - 2021 Rise: A Feminist Book Project List The city of Baghdad was full of thinkers, artists, and scientists, the littlest among them Zaha Hadid. Zaha knew from a young age that she wanted to be an architect. She set goals for herself and followed them against all odds. A woman in a man's world, and a person of color in a white field, Zaha was met with resistance at every turn. When critics called her a diva and claimed her ideas were unbuildable, she didn't let their judgments stop her from setting goals and achieving them one by one, finding innovative ways to build projects that became famous the world over. She persisted, she followed her dreams, and she succeeded.
Elementary Student	Battle of the Books – Elementary https://www.d11.org/Page/3443	Many of the books on the Battle of the Books list focus on inclusivity and culture.
Middle School Student	Battle of the Books – Elementary https://www.d11.org/Page/3576	Many of the books on the Battle of the Books list focus on inclusivity and culture.
Elementary, Middle, and High School Student	International Reading Association Notable Book for a Global Society http://www.clrsig.org/nbgs-lists.html	Annually, a committee of the CL/R SIG (Children's Literature and Reading Special Interest Group) of the International Literacy Association selects 25 outstanding trade books for enhancing student understanding of people and cultures throughout the world. The committee reviews books representing all genres intended for students K-12. To be eligible for NBGS annual list, a book must have been published in the United States the previous year. For example, the books on the 2019 list were published in 2018.
Elementary, Middle, and High School Student	Pura Belpre award winning books https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pura_Belpr%C3%A9_Award	The Pura Belpré Award is a recognition presented to a Latino or Latina author and illustrator whose work best portrays the Latino cultural experience in a work of literature for children or youth. It was established in 1996.[1] It was given every other year since 1996 until 2009 when it was changed to be given annually.[2] The award is named in honor of Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian from the New York Public Library. As a

		children's librarian, storyteller, and author, she enriched the lives of Latino children through her pioneering work of preserving and disseminating Puerto Rican folklore.
Elementary, Middle, and High School Student	Rise: A Feminist Book Project for Ages 0-18 https://guides.library.unlv.edu/c.php?g=403811&p=4572139	Formerly known as the Amelia Bloomer Book List, in January 2020, the name of this list was changed to Rise: A Feminist Book Project for Ages 0-18. "The Rise: A Feminist Book Project list presents well-written and illustrated books with strong feminist messages published in the past 18 months that are recommended for young people from birth through eighteen years of age. It is a list of quality fiction and nonfiction titles that affirm positive roles for girls and women."
Elementary, Middle, and High School Student	Books amplifying black voices at Scholastic https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/featured-shops/celebrating-black-authors.html	Books amplifying black voices
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