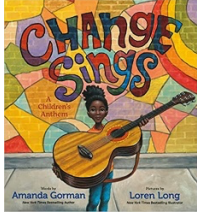


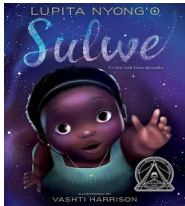
Recommended Books-Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Change Sings: A Children's Anthem Amanda Gorman and Loren Long (illustrator) 2021



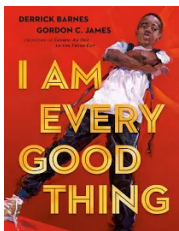
A lyrical picture book debut from author and presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman "I can hear change humming In its loudest, proudest song. I don't fear change coming, And so I sing along."

Sulwe Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison (illustrator) 2019



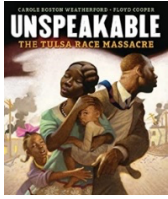
Sulwe has skin the color of midnight and is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school and just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. A magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

I Am Every Good Thing Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James (illustrator) 2020



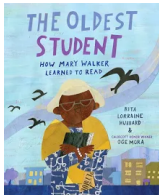
The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He has big plans, and no doubt he'll see them through-as he's creative, adventurous, smart, funny, and a good friend. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up. At other times he's afraid because he's so often misunderstood and called what he is not. It's a great book to celebrate and empower Black boys!

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre Carole Boston Weatherford and Floyd Cooper (illustrator) 2021



A look at one of the worst incidents of racial violence in US history, the Tulsa Race Massacre. The history of African Americans in Tulsa's Greenwood district is traced as well as the devastation that occurred in 1921 when a white mob attacked the Black community.

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read Rita Lorraine Hubbard and Oge Mora (illustrator) 2020



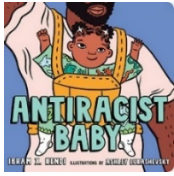
Mary Walker, whose life spanned from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement, proved that with perseverance and dedication you are never too old to learn. In 1848, Mary was born into slavery. At age 15, she was freed, and by age 20, she was married and had her first child. By age 68, she had worked numerous jobs, including cooking, cleaning, babysitting, and selling sandwiches to raise money for her church. At 114, she was the last remaining member of her family and at 116, she learned to read.

The 1619 Project Born on the Water Nikole Hannah-Jones, Renee Watson and Nikkolas Smith (illustrator) 2021



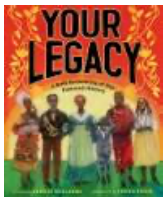
The 1619 Project's lyrical picture book in verse chronicles the consequences of slavery and the history of Black resistance in the United States. A young student receives a family tree assignment in school, but she can only trace back three generations. Grandma gathers the whole family, and the student learns that 400 years ago, in 1619, their ancestors were stolen and brought to America by white slave traders. Before that, they had a home, a land, a language. She learns how the people said to be born on the water survived.

Antiracist Baby Ibram X Kendi and Ashley Lukashevsky (illustrator) 2020



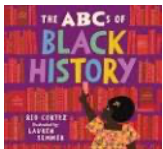
Antiracist Baby introduces the youngest readers and the adults in their lives to the concept and power of antiracism and provides the language necessary to begin critical conversations at an early age.

Your Legacy: A Bold Reclaiming of our Enslaved History Schele Williams and Tanya Engel (illustrator) 2021



Beginning in Africa before 1619, *Your Legacy* presents an accessible and empowering, introduction to African American history for children and while their ancestor's freedom was taken from them their spirit was not. The book acknowledges sacrifices and celebrates their spirit and accomplishments and defines how they are remembered.

The ABCs of Black History Rio Cortez and Lauren Semmer (illustrator) 2020



An alphabet book that presents key names, moments, and places in Black history with simple text lyrically written by poet Rio Cortez. This is an opportunity for children to learn their ABCs to the sound of words beyond *apple*, *boy*, and *cat*, and an opportunity for young thinkers to prepare for big ideas.

M is for Melanin: A Celebration of the Black Child Tiffany Rose (author and illustrator) 2020



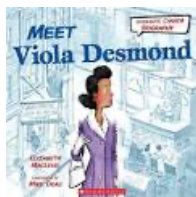
Each letter of the alphabet contains affirming, Black-positive messages, from A is for Afro, to E is for Empowerment, to W is for Worthy. This book teaches children their ABCs while encouraging them to love the skin that they're in.

Soul Food Sunday Winsome Bingham and C.G. Esperanza (illustrator) 2022



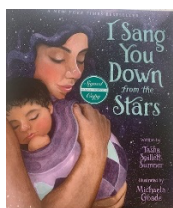
At Granny's, Sunday isn't Sunday without a big family gathering over a lovingly prepared meal. Old enough now, our narrator is finally invited to help cook the dishes for the first time. He joins Granny in grating the cheese, cleaning the greens, and priming the meat for Roscoe Ray's grill. But just when Granny says they're finished, her grandson makes his own contribution, sweetening this Sunday gathering-and the many more to come.

Meet Viola Desmond Elizabeth MacLeod and Mike Deas (illustrator) 2018



On a rainy November day in 1946, Viola entrepreneur decided that she would not give up her seat in the unofficial white section of a movie theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Viola knew she was being asked to move because she was black. She was jailed, tried and found guilty of an unfair charge. Viola and her supporters persisted in their campaign for social justice, all the way to Nova Scotia's Supreme Court.

I Sang You Down from the Stars Tasha Spillet Sumner and Michaela Goade (illustrator) 2022



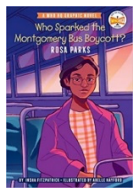
As she waits for the arrival of her new baby, a Native mother-to-be gathers gifts to create a sacred bundle. A white feather, cedar and sage, a stone from the river that will offer the baby strength and connection to tradition, family and community. When the baby arrives, the mother shares the bundle with her child and realizes the baby has gifts of its own to share. A tribute to the mother and child bond. The Cree and Trinidadian poet and author makes her home in Treaty 1 territory, Manitoba.

This is Your Time Ruby Bridges 2020



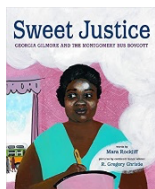
This is the true story of an extraordinary six-year-old who helped shape history when she became the first African-American sent to first grade in an all white school. This moving book captures the courage of a little girl standing alone in the face of racism.

Who Sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott? Rosa Parks Insha Fitzpatrick and Abelle Hayford (illustrator) 2021



From refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger to sparking civil rights protests across America, explore how Rosa Parks's powerful act earned her the title "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." A story of resistance, strength, and unwavering spirit, this graphic novel invites readers to immerse themselves in the life of the American Civil Rights leader.

Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott Mara Rockliff and Gregory Christie (illustrator) 2022



Georgia Gilmore was cooking when she heard the news that Mrs. Rosa Parks had been arrested and put on jail because she wouldn't let a white man take her seat. To protest, the radio urged everyone to stay off city buses for one day: December 5, 1955. Throughout the boycott at Holt Street Baptist Church meetings were led by a young minister named Martin Luther King, Jr. and throughout the struggle for justice, Georgia served her fried chicken, her spicy collard greens, and her sweet potato pie, eventually selling them to raise money to help the cause.

**What was the Underground Railroad? Yona Zeldis McDonough Lauren Mortimer (illustrator) 2013
republished 2020**



No one knows where the term *Underground Railroad* came from as there were no trains or tracks, only conductors who helped escaping slaves to freedom. Including true stories about passengers on the Railroad, this book chronicles slaves' close calls with bounty hunters, exhausting struggles on the road, and what they sacrificed for freedom.

Me and White Supremacy: Young Readers Edition Layla F. Saad 2022



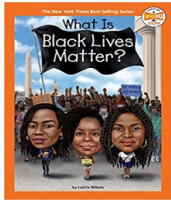
The goal of this chapter book is to teach young readers how to explore and understand racism and white supremacy and how they can do their part to be change makers. Topics describe white privilege, white fragility, tone policing, racist stereotypes, cultural appropriation, and more.

Mindy Copeland Sheri L. Smith and Tara Nicole Whitaker (illustrator) 2022



This Little Golden Book introduces ballet prodigy Misty Copeland to the youngest readers. The first Black principal dancer in the history of the American Ballet Theatre didn't start dancing until she was almost thirteen and continues to impress the world and pave the way for young Black girls to chase their dreams.

What is Black Lives Matter? Lakita Wilson 2021



When a Black teenager named Trayvon Martin was senselessly killed in 2012, the African American community called for his murderer to be held accountable, but his killer walked free. People looked for justice and healing in the moment, turned to social media and a simple, yet powerful hashtag emerged, #BlackLivesMatter. The message grew into an international movement and gained more attention after the police related murder of George Floyd in 2020.

Freedom, We Sing Amrya Leon & Molly Mendoza (illustrator) 2020



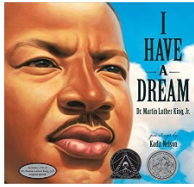
Freedom, We Sing is a lyrical picture book designed to inspire and provide hope to readers around the world. Children are invited to ponder the singer/songwriter Amyra Leon's poem about what it means to be free.

The People Remember Ibi Zabou and Loveis Wise (illustrator) 2021



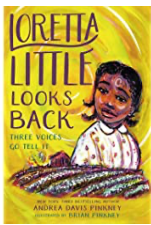
The People Remember tells the journey of African descendants in America by connecting their history to the seven principles of Kwanzaa. It begins in Africa, where people, who spoke different languages and had different customs from each other were taken from their homes and families. Bound and chained together they were forced onto ships sailing into an unknown future. Ultimately, these people had to learn one common language and create a culture that combined their memories of home with new traditions that enabled them to thrive in this new land.

I Have a Dream Martin Luther King and Kadir Nelson (illustrator) 2021



On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, Martin Luther King gave one of the most powerful and memorable speeches in American history. The themes of equality and freedom for all are not only relevant today, almost sixty years later, but also provide young readers with an important introduction to our past.

Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It Andrea Davis Pickney and Brian Pickney (illustrator) 2020



In this chapter book, three members of the Little family, each present the vivid story of their young lives, spanning three generations. Their separate stories beginning in a cotton field in 1927 and ending at the presidential election of 1968 come together to create one unforgettable journey. A multidimensional portrait of America's struggle for civil rights as seen through the eyes of the children who lived it is painted as the novel's unique format invites us to walk in their shoes. Each encounters an unexpected mystical gift, passed down from one family member to the next, that ignites their experience of what it means to reach for freedom.

Opal Lee and What it Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth Alice Faye Duncan and Keturah A. Bobo (illustrator) 2022



Every year, Opal looked forward to the Juneteenth picnic—a drumming, dancing, delicious party. She knew from Granddaddy Zak's stories that Juneteenth celebrated the day the freedom news of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation finally sailed into Texas in 1865—over two years after the president had declared it! But Opal didn't always see freedom in her Texas town. Then one Juneteenth day when Opal was twelve years old, an angry crowd burned down her brand-new home. This wasn't freedom *at all*. She had to do something! But could one person's voice make a difference? Could Opal bring about national recognition of Juneteenth? Follow Opal Lee as she fights to improve the future by honoring the past.

Juneteenth for Mazie Floyd Cooper (author and illustrator) 2021 (originally published 2015)



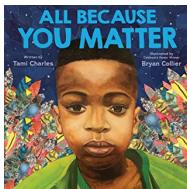
Mazie is ready to celebrate liberty. She is ready to celebrate freedom. She is ready to celebrate a great day in American history. The day her ancestors were no longer slaves. Mazie remembers the struggles and the triumph, as she gets ready to celebrate Juneteenth.

Brave, Black. First: 50+ African American Women who Changed the World Cheryl Willis Hudson and Erin K. Robison (illustrator) 2021



Published in partnership with curators from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, this illustrated biography compilation captures the heroism and bravery of fifty African American women.

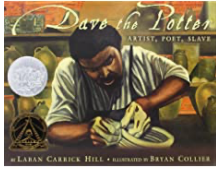
All Because You Matter Tami Charles and Bryan Collier (illustrator) 2020



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.

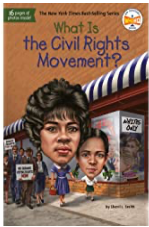
The author assures readers that they always have, and always will, matter no matter the circumstance beginning with the joy and wonder of their first steps and first laughs, through the hardship of adolescent struggles, and the pain and heartbreak of current events.

Dave the Potter Laban Carrick Hill and Bryan Collier (illustrator) 2010



Dave was an extraordinary artist, poet, and potter who lived in South Carolina in the 1800s. He combined his superb artistry with deeply observant poetry, carved onto his pots, transcending the limitations he faced as a slave. Dave's remarkable and inspiring story is rich in history, hope, and long-lasting beauty.

What is the Civil Rights Movement? Sherri L. Smith and Tim Foley (illustrator) 2020



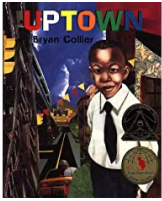
Even though slavery had ended in the 1860s, African Americans were still suffering under the weight of segregation a hundred years later. They couldn't go to the same schools, eat at the same restaurants, or even use the same bathrooms as white people. But by the 1950s, black people refused to remain second-class citizens and were willing to risk their lives to make a change. This chapter book brings to life momentous events through the words and stories of people who were on the frontlines of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

We Wait for the Sun Dovey Johnson Rowntree, Katie McCabe and Raissa Figueroa (illustrator) 2021



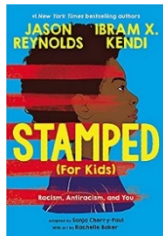
In this uplifting non-fiction book the author shares a cherished memory from Dovey's childhood that speaks to the joy in her life even in the shadow of Jim Crow. With Grandma Rachel's lessons as her guiding light, Dovey Mae would go on to become a trailblazer of the civil rights movement-fighting for justice and equality in the military, the courtroom, and the church.

Uptown Bryan Collier (author and illustrator) 2004



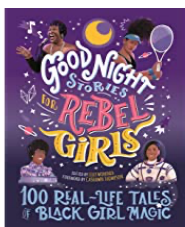
Seen through the eyes of one little boy who lives there, the details of life in Harlem are as joyous as a game of basketball on a summer's afternoon and as personal as a trip to the barbershop where old-timers reminisce. The spare, poetic text and beautiful, intricate illustrations evoke every aspect of Harlem, from the legendary Apollo Theater to chocolate-colored brownstones, weekend shopping on 125th Street, and the music of Duke Ellington.

Stamped for Kids: Racism, Antiracism and You Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi adapted by Soja Cherry-Paul and Rachelle Baker (illustrator) 2021



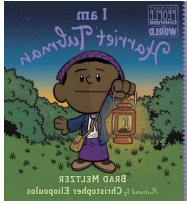
Adapted from Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi, this book takes readers on a journey from present to past and back again. Kids will discover where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism. Along the way, they'll learn how to identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their own lives. Consider mediating some of the chapters with elementary students since some concepts can be complex and may require background information.

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real Life Tales of Black Girl Magic, edited by Lilly Workneh 2021



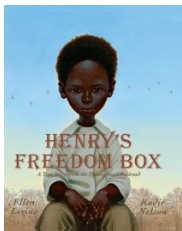
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic is dedicated to amplifying and celebrating the stories of Black women.

I am Harriett Tubman, Ordinary People who Change the World Brad Meltzer and Christopher Eliopoulos 2018



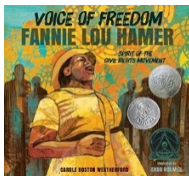
This book, one in a fun biography series, is about Harriet Tubman, a key player in the Underground Railroad who helped enslaved African Americans escape and find freedom.

Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railway Ellen Levine and Kadir Nelson (illustrator) 2007



Henry Brown didn't know how old he was as nobody kept records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreamed about freedom, but that dream seemed farther away than ever when he was torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grew up and married but was again devastated when his family was sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifted a crate at the warehouse, he knew exactly what he must do and he mailed himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally had a birthday on his first day of freedom.

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer Carole Boston Weatherford and Ekua Holmes (illustrator) 2015



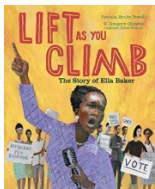
Despite fierce prejudice and abuse, even being beaten to within an inch of her life, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977. Integral to the Freedom Summer of 1964, Ms. Hamer gave a speech at the Democratic National Convention that, despite President Johnson's interference, aired on national TV news and spurred the nation to support the Freedom Democrats. *Singing for Freedom* celebrates Fannie Lou Hamer's life and legacy with an inspiring message of hope, determination, and strength.

The Other Side Jacqueline Woodson and E.B. Lewis (illustrator) 2001



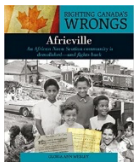
Clover's mom says it isn't safe to cross the fence that segregates their African American side of town from the white side where Anna lives. The two girls, however, strike up a friendship and get around the parents' rules by sitting on top of the fence together.

Lift as You Climb: The Story of Ella Baker Patricia Hruby Powell and R. Gregory Christie (illustrator) 2020



Long before the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, Ella Baker worked to lift others up by fighting racial injustice and empowering poor African Americans to stand up for their rights. Her dedication and grassroots work in many communities made her a valuable ally for leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and she had been ranked as one of the most influential women in the civil rights movement. In the 1960s she worked to register voters and organize sit-ins, and she became a teacher and mentor to many young activists.

Righting Canada's Wrongs Africville Second Edition Gloria Ann Wesley 2021



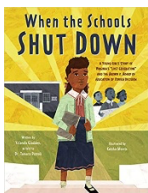
In the late 1800s the community of Africville was founded when African Nova Scotians built homes on the Bedford Basin on the northern edge of Halifax. Africville included about 400 people at its peak. The community was lively and vibrant, with a strong sense of culture and tradition. Unfortunately racist attitudes prevented people from getting well-paying jobs in the city and the City of Halifax refused residents basic services such as running water, sewage disposal, and garbage collection. In the 1960s the City of Halifax demolished Africville in the name of urban renewal. Although the residents opposed this move, they were relocated to public housing projects in other parts of Halifax. After years of pressure from former members of the community and their descendants, the City of Halifax finally apologized for the destruction of Africville and offered some compensation. This book contains historical photographs, documents, and first-person narratives to tell the story and how the spirit of the community lives on.

She Raised Her Voice! 50 Black Women Who Sang Their Way into Musical History Jordannah Elizabeth and Briana Dengoue (illustrator) 2021



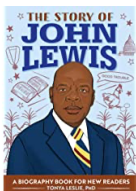
From jazz and blues, hip hop and R&B, pop, punk, and opera, Black women have made major contributions to the history and formation of musical genres for more than a century. In this fully illustrated middle grade anthology, fifty strong, empowering, and inspiring Black women singers' bios will teach kids to follow their dreams, to think outside the box, and to push the boundaries of what's expected.

When the Schools Shut Down: A Young Girl's Story of Virginia's Lost Generation and the Brown V. Board of Education of Topeka Decision Yolanda Gladden, Tamara Pizzoli and Keisha Morris (illustrator) 2022



Most people think that the Brown vs. Board of Education decision of 1954 meant that schools were integrated with deliberate speed. The children of Prince Edward County located in Farmville, Virginia, including Yolanda knew differently as they were prohibited from attending formal schools for five years. Told by Yolanda Gladden herself this book is a true account of the unconstitutional effort by white lawmakers of this small Virginia town to circumvent racial justice by denying an entire generation of children an education. This is also a story of how one community triumphed together, despite the shutdown.

The Story of John Lewis: A Biography Book for New Readers Tonya Leslie 2021



John Lewis was a civil rights leader and United States congressman who never stopped speaking up for justice, equality, and peace. Before he marched with Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement, John was a thoughtful kid who loved learning but couldn't go to a good school because of segregation. This short chapter book is recommended for elementary students.

Say Something! Peter H. Reynolds (author and illustrator) 2019



In this empowering picture book, the author explores the many ways that a single voice can make a difference on a daily basis and have something to say with actions, words, and voices. This timely story reminds readers of the importance and power of their voice. There are so many ways to tell the world who you are, what you are thinking, what you believe and how you'll make it better.

That's Not Fair! A Book About How Fair Isn't Always Equal Charity Allen and Courtney Burtorac, Emily Zieroth (illustrator) 2017



Henry starts to notice that kids in his school get to do different activities, have different privileges, and even seem to follow different rules. He wonders why and even gets frustrated because he thinks it isn't fair. Then, his mom helps him understand that everyone has different needs. Join Henry as he explores why fair isn't always equal.

The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin Julia Finley Mosca and Daniel Rielely (illustrator) 2017



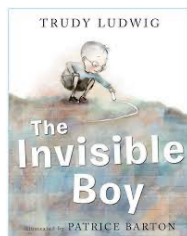
This book is the first in a series about the inspirational lives of amazing scientists. When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent ground-breaking improvements for farms around the globe! In 1989 she earned a doctoral degree in animal science from the University of Illinois and in 2010 Time magazine named her as one of the 100 most influential people.

Malala's Magic Pencil Malala Yousafzai and Kerascoet (illustrator) 2017



As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for as she saw a world that needed fixing. Even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true. In 2014 Malala became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

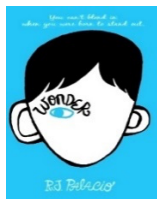
The Invisible Boy Trudy Ludwig and Patrice Barton (illustrator) 2013



This story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish. Anyone looking for material that sensitively addresses the needs of quieter children will find *The Invisible Boy* a valuable and important resource.

Brian, the invisible boy never seems to be noticed or included until a new student comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome and when they team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine.

Wonder R J Palacio 2011



August Pullman was born with a facial difference that had prevented him from going to a mainstream school until 5th grade at Beecher Prep. All he wanted was to be treated as an ordinary kid but his new classmates couldn't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *Wonder*, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others.

Fish in a Tree Lynda Mullaly Hunt 2017



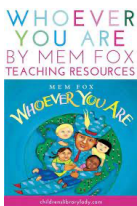
“Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid.” Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help, however her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening with possibilities. She discovers that there’s a lot more to her and to everyone than a label, and that great minds don’t always think alike.

What’s My Superpower? Aviaq Johnston and Tim Mack (illustrator) 2017



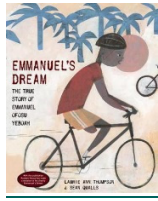
Nalvana feels like all her friends have some type of superpower. She has friends with super speed (who always beat her in races), friends with super strength (who can dangle from the monkey bars for hours), and friends who are better than her at a million other things. Nalvana thinks she must be the only kid in town without a superpower but then her mom shows her that she is unique and special and that her superpower was right in front of her all along.

Whoever You Are Mem Fox and Leslie Staub (illustrator) 1997, 2006



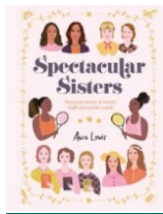
This book is a celebration of diverse childhoods, and the essential things that make us all the same. We are reminded to accept differences and to recognize similarities and to rejoice in both.

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah Laurie Ann Thompson and Sean Qualls (illustrator) 2015



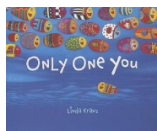
This picture book biography tells the true story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, who bicycled across Ghana, nearly 400 miles, with only one leg. With that achievement he not only changed how his country treats people with disabilities but also showed how one person is enough to change the world.

Spectacular Sisters: Amazing Stories of Sisters from Around the World Aura Lewis (author and illustrator) 2021



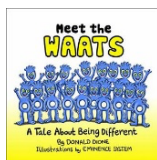
A biography collection of the bonds of sisterhood and sisters from pop culture sensations to civil rights activists and tennis superstars who have impacted art, culture, and society.

Only One You Linda Kranz (author and illustrator) 2006



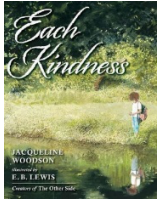
Only One You is a beautiful story about lessons parents share with their son about life in the big world to make it a better place. Simple yet powerful words and vividly illustrated.

Meet the Waats A Tale About Being Different Donald Dione and Eminence System (illustrator) 2018



The Waats are a bunch of characters who look the same on the outside although are very different because of who they are on the inside. Through a rhyming tale students will find out what makes each person special.

Each Kindness Jacqueline Woodson and E.B. Lewis (illustrator) 2012

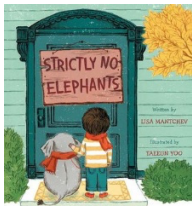


Chloe doesn't really know why she turns away from the new girl, Maya, when Maya tries to befriend her. Every time Maya asks if she can play with Chloe and the other girls, the answer is always no and Maya ends up playing alone. One day Maya is gone.

When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the opportunity that's been lost. How much better could it have been if she'd just shown Maya a little kindness and opened her heart to friendship?

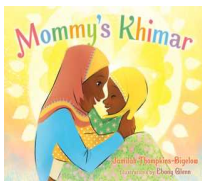
This is a powerful book that resonates with children and adults alike.

Strictly No Elephants Lisa Mantchev and Taeun Yoo (illustrator) 2015



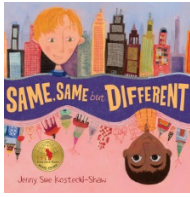
Today is Pet Club day. There will be cats and dogs and fish, but *strictly no elephants* are allowed. The Pet Club doesn't understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes, just like friends. Now it is time for a boy and his tiny pet elephant to show them what it means to be a true friend.

Mommy's Khimar Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow and Ebony Glenn 2018



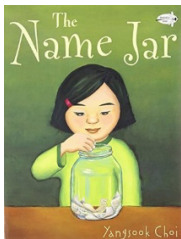
A young Muslim American girl plays dress up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every khimar she tries on. The vibrant illustrations showcase the beauty of the diverse and welcoming community.

Same Same but Different Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw 2011



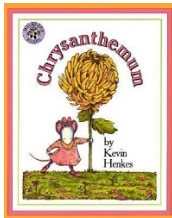
Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. They learn that they can be good friends even though they live oceans apart.

The Name Jar Yangsook Choi (author & illustrator) 2003



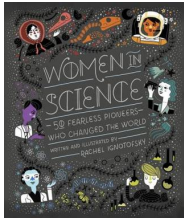
Unhei is the new kid in school having just moved from Korea. She is anxious that American kids will like her and afraid they won't be able to say her name. Instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates decide to help by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. While Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning. On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—*Yoon-Hee*.

Chrysanthemum Kevin Henkes (author and illustrator) 1991



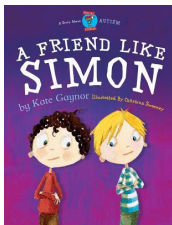
Chrysanthemum thinks her name is perfect until she goes to school. This delightful book is about teasing, self-esteem and acceptance.

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers who Changed the World Rachel Ignatofsky 2016



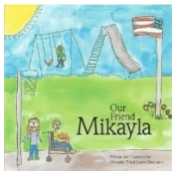
Women in Science highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from the ancient to the modern world.

A Friend Like Simon Kate Gaynor and Catriona Sweeney (illustrator) 2008



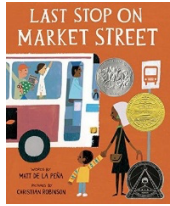
This story portrays the difficulty that some children have coping and understanding when a child with autism comes to their classroom. This story encourages other children to be mindful and patient of the differences that exist and to also appreciate the positive contribution that a child with autism can make to the group.

Our Friend Mikayla Mikayla's grade three classroom (authors and illustrators) 2007



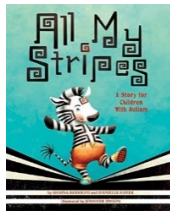
Mikayla's grade three classmates have dedicated *Our Friend Mikayla* to "all people with disabilities and their friends." When they chose the dedication, one of the children realized that might mean they were dedicating the book to everyone in the world. *Our Friend Mikayla* was made possible by a grant from the National Inclusion Project whose mission is to create awareness about the diversity of individuals with disabilities and the possibilities that inclusion can bring.

Last Stop on Market Street Matt de la Pena and Christian Robinson (illustrator) 2015



CJ begins his weekly bus journey around the city with disappointment and dissatisfaction, wondering why he and his family can't drive a car like his friends. Through energy and encouragement, CJ's nana helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine and to live with honesty and gratitude.

All My Stripes: A Story for Children with Autism Shaina Rudolph, Danielle Royer and Jennifer Zivoin (illustrator) 2015



Zane the zebra feels different from the rest of his classmates. He worries that all they notice about him is his "autism stripe." With the help of his Mama, Zane comes to appreciate all his stripes — the unique strengths that make him who he is!