



Recommended Books

Elementary School

Title	Author	ISBN	Issues/Description
<i>And Tango Makes Three</i>	by Justin Richardson	0-689-87845-1	Families/Alternative
<i>Baseball Saved Us</i>	Ken Mochizuki	1-880000-19-9	Racism
<i>Century</i>	Lisa F. DeWitt	0-86647-077-8	Gender
<i>Escape from Slavery: The Boyhood of Fredrick Douglass in His Own Words</i>	Frederick Douglass	0-679-84651-4	Racism
<i>Favorite North American Indian Legends</i>	Philip Smith	0-486-27822-0	Native American
<i>Five Brave Explorers: Great Black Heroes</i>	Wade Hudson	0-590-48032-4	Racism
<i>For Every Child</i>	UNICEF	0-8037-2650-3	General
<i>Freak the Mighty</i>	Rodman Philbrick	0-439-28606-9	Bullying
<i>The Girl Who Loved Horses</i>	Paul Goble	0-689-71696-6	Native Peoples Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: A wonderful story of the close ties between humans and nature, between those who walk on two feet and those on four. A great story for those who appreciate or want to cultivate a respect for Native Peoples and an enduring respect for the environment.
<i>The Goat Lady</i>	by Jane Bregoli	978-0-88448-260-4	Socioeconomics and ageism
<i>The Gold-Threaded Dress</i>	Carolyn Marsden	076362993-6	Cross-Cultural; 2nd - 4th: Oy so much wants to fit in with the other children at her school. Born in Thailand to Thai parents who speak little or no English, she is often teased by the other children or outright ignored. What would you do to fit in? This book also looks at perceived gaps between immigrant children and their parents.
<i>Heather Has Two Mommies</i>	by Leslea Newman	1-55583-543-0	Families/Alternative
<i>I Hate English</i>	Ellen Levine	0-590-42304-5	Cross-Cultural; Mei Mei, born in Hong Kong and now living in New York, learns that being bilingual does not mean turning your back on where you come from.
<i>Iqbal</i>	Francesco D'Adamo	1-4169-0329-1	Child Labor; 3rd - 4th; Fictionalized story of a real person, twelve-year old Iqbal Masih who was a forced child laborer in the 1990's in Pakistan. Brings you into a world which unfortunately is still all too common for children throughout the world.
<i>K is for Kwanzaa</i>	Ken Wilson-Max	0-439-56071-3	General
<i>Keep Your Ear on the Ball</i>	by Genevieve Petrillo	978-0-88448-296-3	The fact-based story of a young boy who is blind but "sees" everything going on around him and in so doing, teaches his classmates what "disabilities" are not.
<i>Langston's Legacy</i>	Katura J. Johnson, Cheryl Willis Hudson	0-940975-99-8	Racism
<i>Lift the Sky up</i>	Richard Vaughan	0-673-36276-0	Native American
<i>Majestic in His Wrath: A Pictorial Life of Frederick Douglass</i>	Frederick S. Voss	1-56098-522-4	Racism
<i>Muskrat Will Be Swimming</i>	by Cheryl Savafeau	978-0-88448-280-2	Native American and socioeconomics
<i>My Heart is on the Ground</i>	Ann Rinaldi	0-590-14922-9	Native American
<i>Night You Were Born, Cherished One, The</i>	Habeynkaad Dhalatay Dhoo	1-931735-01-8	General
<i>North American Indian Tales</i>	W.T. Larned	0-486-29656-3	Native American
<i>On this Beautiful Island</i>	Edwin Fontanez	0-9640868-6-7	Native Peoples; This beautiful book tells the story of the Tainos, native people of Puerto Rico. With lessons on both environmentalism and history, young people can add another illustrative tale on respect for the earth and for all its inhabitants.
<i>Our Friendship Rules</i>	by Peggy Moss and Dee Dee Tardif	9780-88448-291-8	What will a young girl do to be part of the in-crowd? What happens to her relationship with her best friend? This book looks at the meaning of friendship and asks children to examine what is really important.
<i>Pearls of Wisdom</i>	Raouf Mama, Mary Romney	0-86647-134-0	General
<i>A Picture Book of Thurgood Marshall</i>		0-8234-1506-6	Achievement; Grades 1st - 2nd; It is not often that a book comes along written for young children which can successfully introduce a major, groundbreaking figure in words and deeds that they can understand. This book provides a basis for understanding that a person can make a difference as well as the role that family and education have to play.
<i>Playing War</i>	by Kathy Beckwith	0-88448-267-7	The consequences of war and the power of friendship
<i>Ramadan</i>	Suhaib Hamid Ghazi	0-8234-1275-x	Islam; 3rd - 4th: Sumaib Hamad Gmazi gives a thorough, detailed look into the Muslim celebration of Ramadan. Respectful to all, she makes the information on this important month in the Muslim calendar accessible to all. A helpful glossary is included.
<i>Roberto Clemente: The Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates</i>	by Jonah Winter	0-6898-5643-1	Racism; ESL
<i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i>	by Rosa Parks	0-14-130120-1	Racism, Gender
<i>Say Something</i>	by Peggy Moss	978-0-99448-261-1	Bullying
<i>Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes</i>	Eleanor Coerr	0-698-11802-2	General
<i>Selvai, A Haitian Story of Hope</i>	Youme	0-938317-9	Racism
<i>Sequoia</i>	Joanne Oppenheim	0-89375-149-9	Native American
<i>Sereena's Secret: Searching for Home</i>	Rae Ann Harris, David Weintraub	1-932687-41-6	Racism



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<i>Shipwrecked</i>	Rhoda Blumberg	978-0-688-17485-9	Xenophobia; 3rd – grade up; This is the true story of Manjiro, the first Japanese person to live in the U.S. In this day and age when xenophobia and anti-immigration movements flourish in many countries, this book is notable for showing us that clearly, this is not the first time this has happened and also demonstrates, how negative prejudice and propaganda can be. Of note: Japan had a law for many, many years until the mid-1850s that "any person who leaves the country to go to another and later returns will be put to death."
<i>Si, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!</i>	Diana Cohn	0-938317-66-0	Racism
<i>Sienna's Scrapbook</i>	Toni Trent Parker	0-8118-4300-9	Racism, Culture; 1st - 4th + parents; Sienna and her family are taking a trip from Connecticut to Winston-Salem. Her parents decide to make it a lesson in history for her Sienna and her brother, Davey. Subtitled: Our African-American Heritage Trip, this book teaches all of us that history is sometimes, right around the corner. A must-read for anyone planning a trip down the east coast even if only from an armchair.
<i>Skin You Live In, The</i>	by Michael Tyler	0-9759580-0-3	Racism
<i>Somali Alphabet, A</i>	Alfabeetadda Soomaaliyeed	1-931735-00-X	General
<i>Someone Special Just Like You</i>	Tricia Brown	0-8050-4268-7	Body Image
<i>Twenty and Ten</i>	by Claire Huchet Bishop	0-14-031076-2	Holocaust; Grades 3-5
<i>Vatos</i>	Jose Galvez, Luis Alberto Urrea	0-938317-52-0	Racism
<i>When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson</i>	by Pam Munoz Ryan	4-3926-9679	Racism; ESL
<i>Words of MLK Jr., The</i>	Coretta Scott King	1-55704-151-2	Racism
<i>Zinzi</i>	Lynette Velasco	0-9661823-1-6	Respect, Friendship; 3rd - 4th; Join Zinzi and her brother Asi as they demonstrate the real meaning of friendship and show Carmen about taking pride in heritage.

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