Booklists and Resources Addressing Race and Social Justice (Updated 6/4/20)

Booklists and Resources by Age Group

Ages 0-11
American Indians in Children’s Literature
Black Caucus of the American Library Association
Black Children’s Books & Authors
CBC Diversity
The New York Times: These Books Can Help You Explain Racism and Protest to Your Kids:
Christopher Paul Curtis Supplementary Content to Go With His Books
Coretta Scott King Book Awards
EmbraceRace - 31 Children’s books to support conversations on race, racism and resistance
Jacqueline Woodson books
Stone Bookworms: Anti-Racist Reading
Walter Dean Myers Books by Grade Level

Ages 12-15
Booklist Shelf Care Interview with Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds as they discuss
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You
SLJ Social Justice Middle Grade
Kekla Magoon books

Ages 16-18
#Own Voices YA Favorites
Teen Librarian Toolbox - Anti-racist Reading List

Caregivers & Educators
#Blacklivesmatter Library Resource List
CommonSense Media Discussion on how to talk to children about racism
Common Sense Media's How White Parents Can Use Media to Raise Anti-Racist Kids
Children’s Perception of Race at Different Ages Chart – Accompanying Resources
Institutionalized Racism: A Syllabus
Jason Reynolds and Ibram Kendi Keynote Conversation | SLJ Day of Dialog 2020
NAACP Image Award Winning and Honored Books[WJ1]
NBC Nightly News for Kids: Episode about Racism and protests
nErDcamp VT’s Diversity Toolkit
Penguin Randomhouse – Anti-Racist Books and Resources
Range of Suggestions from the Anti-Defamation League
Reading to End Racism (Local Program)
Teaching for Change, Social Justice Books
Teaching Tolerance
We Need Diverse Books
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Booklist Compiled from VTLIB listserv Submissions

Books for Ages 5-12

A Diamond in the Desert by Kathryn Fitzmaurice
A Taste of Colored Water by Matt Faulkner
Armstrong & Charlie by Steven Frank
Becoming Kareem by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Can I Touch Your Hair? by Irene Latham
Chasing Freedom by Nikki Grimes
Color Me Dark by Pat McKissack
Daisy and the Doll by Angela Shelf Medearis
Freedom Over Me by Ashley Brian
Genesis begins again by Alicia D. Williams
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson
It Ain't so Awful Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas
Let’s Talk About Race by Julius Lester
Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
Memphis Martin, and the Mountaintop by Alice Faye Duncan
March Forward, Girl by Melba Beals
Mississippi Bridge by Mildred Taylor
Momma, Did you Hear the News? By Sanya Whittaker Gragg
Mr. Lincoln’s Way by Patricia Polacco
My Year in the Middle by Lila Quintero Weaver
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham
One Crazy Summer by Rita Garcia-Williams
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Preaching to the Chickens by Jabari Asim
Racism by Jane Lacey
Remember: The Road to School Integration by Toni Morrison
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Ramsey
Same Sun Here by Silas House
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Some places more than others by Reene Watson
Something Happened in our Town by Marianne Celano, Maietta Collins and Ann Hazzard
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Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi
Teammates by Peter Golenbock
That is My Dream Langston Hughes and Daniel Miyares
The Antiracist Baby (board book) Ibram X. Kendi
The Case for Loving by Selina Alko
The First Step by Susan Goodman
The Friendship by Mildred Taylor
The Journal of Biddy Owens by Walter Dean Myers
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
The Power Book by Claire Saunders
The Promise of Change by Jo Ann Allen Boyce
The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon
The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Wind Called My Name by Mary Louise Sanchez
This Is The Dream by Diane ZuHone Shore
Two Friends by Dean Robbins
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices by Wade Hudson
White Socks Only by Evelyn Coleman
Wishtree by K.A. Applegate

Books for Ages 12-18
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée
Fire in the Streets by Kekla Magoon
Full Cicada Moon by Mary Hilton
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker
March Graphic Novels by John Lewis
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
We are Not Yet Equal by Carol Anderson, Tonya Bolden