

Resources on Race and Racism for Parents and Children

Books for Parents:

Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice, Caryl Stern La-Rosa, Ellen Bettmann
Waking Up White, Debby Irving
Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates
Lies My Teacher Told Me, James Loewen's,
What Does It Mean To Be White, Robin DiAngelo
Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack, Peggy McIntosh (about white privilege)

Facebook page: SURJ Families Showing Up for Racial Justice Families

Books for Children:

Babies and Toddlers

Peekaboo Morning, Rachel Isadore
Busy Toes, Baby Faces, Margaret Miller
Shades of People, Rotner, Kelly
Words Are Not For Hurting, Agassi
Colors of Us, Karen Katz

Preschoolers:

All The Colors We Are, Katie Kissinger
Whoever You Are, Mem Fox
Colors of Us, Karen Katz
White Socks Only, Coleman
A Rainbow of Friends, P.K. Hallinan
It's Okay to Be Different Todd Parr
I Love My Hair! Natasha Tarpley
Black is Brown is Tan, Adoff
(multiracial family)
All the Colors of The Earth, Hamanaka
Were Different, Were the Same. Kates
The Skin You Live In, Tyler
Bright Eyes, Brown Skin, Hudson

The Importance of

Multicultural Children's Books

"Children's literature serves as both a mirror to children and as a window to the

world around them by showing people from diverse groups playing and working together, solving problems and overcoming obstacles. At its best, multicultural children's literature helps children understand that despite our many differences, all people share common feelings and aspirations. Those feelings can include love, sadness, fear and the desire for fairness and justice.

Unfortunately, not all children's literature sends the messages that we want children to learn. Children's books often contain the same stereotypes and biases of other media, and because children are interested in a story's plot and characters, it is unlikely that they will know or consider whether a book includes racist or sexist messages or other stereotypes. However, if young children are repeatedly exposed to biased representations through words and pictures, there is a danger that such distortions will become a part of their thinking. It is, therefore, the responsibility of adults to help children select literature that is both entertaining and that provides children with accurate representations of all people.

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Elementary:

Freedom Summer, Wiles
Sister Anne's Hands, Lorbieki
Let's Talk About Race, Julius Lester
The Sneetches, Dr. Seuss
Not Without Laughter, Langston Hughes
Rositta, Rositta, Sit by Me, Linda Walvoord
Betsey Brown, Ntozake Shange
Goin' Someplace Special, Patricia McKissack
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down, Pinkney
Rosa Parks: My Story, Rosa Parks, James Haskins
Who Belongs Here? An American Story, Margy Burns Knight
America Street: A Multicultural Anthology of Stories, Mazer
Under Our Skin: Kids Talk About Race, Debbie Birdseye
Same Difference: Young Writers on Race, SF Writerscorp

Video

Unequal Opportunity Race, African American Policy Forum
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vX_Vzl-r8NY (5 min)
Eyes on the Stars- Robert McNair
<https://storycorps.org/animation/eyes-on-the-stars/> (3 min)
Racism is Real, Brave New Films
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTcSVQJ2h8g> (3 min)
Is Racism Over Yet?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_hx30zOi9I (6 min)
www.teachingtolerance.org for books, videos and resources