

ERP-Recommended Children's Books on Identity, Race and Social Justice

We're Different, We're the Same by Bobbi Kates (ages 2-4)

- Same and different skin colors

Brown Boy Joy by Dr. Thomishia Booker (ages 2-4)

- Positive self-image and developmentally salient play themes

What's the Difference? by Doyin Richards (ages 2-4)

- Friends can be different from one another

The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes (Pre-K-K)

- Confident Black boy enters kindergarten; self-image

A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara (Pre-K-2)

- Language of protest and democracy

NO! My First Book of Protest by Julie Merberg (Pre-K-2)

- Saying "no" when things are not fair; historical

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson (K-2)

- Connection, bias, rejection, and fairness

Honeysmoke by Monica Fields (Pre-K-2)

- Identity, color, self-image in a biracial child

Side by Side/Lado a Lado: The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez/La Historia de Dolores Huerta y Cesar Chavez by Monica Brown (K-3)

- Farm workers' story of activism

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson (K-2)

- Emotional wellbeing and feeling different

Where Are You From? by Yamile Saied Méndez (K-2)

- Identity and belonging

Rights and Equality by Marie Murray (K-2)

- Intro to Human Rights

I am Enough by Grace Byers (K-3)

- Self-worth and positive self-imagery in the context of race and identity

I Walk with Vanessa by Kerascoet (K-3)

- Changing dynamic of peer groups; acceptance of differences

Peyton and the Unfair Godmother by Lana Gribas (grades 2-5)

- Fairness, injustice

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena (K-3)

- Socioeconomic issues and symbolic solutions

Where I'm From by Chante Thomas (K-3)

- Race, culture, identity, country of origin

This is the Rope: The Story of the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson (K-3)

- Identity and continuity

These Hands by Margaret Mason (grades 1-3)

- Discrimination, activism; historical

That's Not Fair! by Courtney Butorac (K-2)

- Kids have different needs; fair is not always equal

Texting with Black History by Bobby Basil (grades 2-3)

- Kids ask questions to famous historical figures via text

Child of the Civil Rights Movement by Paula Young Shelton, (grades 2-3)

- Andrew Young's daughter tells the story of the civil rights movement through a child's eyes as she witnesses her parents' activism in the Jim Crow South

Say Something! by Peter Reynolds (grades 3-5)

- Having a voice; speaking up

That's Not Fair! / ¡No Es Justo!: Emma Tenayuca's Struggle for Justice/La Lucha de Emma Tenayuca por la justicia (Spanish and English Edition) by Carmen Tafolla (grades 4-5)

- Discrimination; poverty and activism; history

Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills by Renee Watson (grades 3-5)

- Activism; historical

The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, A Young Civil Rights Activist by Cynthia Levinson (grades 3-5)

- Child activism; historical

Separate Is Never Equal by Duncan Tonotiu (grades 3-5)

- Parent activism; Mexican Americans; historical

Stand Up!: Be an Upstander and Make a Difference! by Wendy Moss (grades 4-6)

- Being a hero can mean preventing injustice when you see it

Not My Idea by Anastasia Higginbotham (grades 4-6)

- While child confronting racism; police brutality

Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson (grades 5-7)

- "... Raises important questions about God, racial segregation, and issues surrounding the hearing impaired with a light and thoughtful touch."

Indian No More by Charlene Willing Mcmanis (grades 6-8)

- Historical fiction; Native American

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (grades 7-9)

- Race, socioeconomic worlds, police violence, loss

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (grades 5-7)

- Memoir on race, self, and identity

Civil Rights, Then and Now: A Timeline of the Fight for Equality in America by Kristina Brooke Daniele (grades 5-7)