

Resources to Help Families Raise Anti-racist Pro-reconciling Children

WEBSITES

Children's Defense Fund. <https://www.childrensdefense.org>.

Equal Justice Initiative <https://www.eji.org>

Embrace Race Raising a Brave Generation. Home page <https://www.embracerace.org>,
Resource Page. <https://www.embracerace.org/resources/where-to-find-diverse-childrens-books>.

Colors of Us (All About Multicultural Children's Books <https://coloursofus.com/32-native-american-childrens-books/>).

Resources for Talking About Race Racism and Racialized Violence with Kids

Center for Racial Justice in Education <https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/resources-for-talking-about-race-racism-and-racialized-violence-with-kids/>.

Fifteen Family Friendly Movies to Help Start a Conversation on Racism

- Remember the Titan – Disney
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – Netflix
- Hidden Figures – Fox 200 Pictures
- Hard Lessons – Lansburg Company
- Becoming – Netflix
- Queen of Katwe – Disney
- The Color of Friendship – Disney
- Betty and Coretta – Lifetime
- Ruby Bridges – Disney
- Akeelah and the Bee – Lionsgate
- Jane and Emma – Samuel Goldwyn Films
- The Princess and the Frog – Disney
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – Columbia Pictures
- Glory Road – Disney
- The Secret Life of Bees – Paramount

Books to Help Start a Conversation on Racism

age 4+

- Margot Lee Shetterly and Winifred Conkling. *Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*. (2018)
- Nikki Giovanni. *Rosa*. (2006)

age 6 +

- Kadir Nelson. *Nelson Mandela* (2013)
- Ashley Jacqueline Woodson *Show Way* (2006)
- Kwame Alexander *The Undefeated* (2019)

- Bryan *Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life* By Ashley Bryan (2016)
- Susan E. Goodman *The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial.* (2016)

age 7+

- Brad Meltzer *I Am Martin Luther King Jr.: Ordinary People Change the World* (2016)
- Carole Boston Weatherford *The Legendary Miss Lena Horne* (2017)
- Nikki Grimes *Chasing Freedom: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman and Susan N. Anthony, Inspired by Historical Facts* (2015)

age 8+

- Varian Johnson *The Parker Inheritance* (2018)
- Angela Farris Watkins *Love Will See Your Through: Martin Luther King's Six Guiding Beliefs (As Told By a Niece)* (2015)
- Lisan Moor Ramée *A Good Time of Trouble* (2019)
- Ann Turner *My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth* (2015)
- Christy Hale *Todos Iguales/ All Equal: Un Corrido De Lemon Grove/ A Ballad of Lemon Grove* (2019)
- Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices* (2018)

age 9+

- Nic Stone *Clean Getaway* (2020)
- Kelly Yang *Front Desk* (2019)
- Sharon M. Draper *Stella By Starlight* (2014)
- Carole Boston Weatherford *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* (2016)
- Ilyasah Shabazz and Renée Wilson *Betty Before X* (2018)

age 10+

- Varsha Bajaj *Count Me In* (2019)
- Barbara Wright *Crow* (2012)
- Jewell Parker Rhodes *Ghost Boy* (2019)
- Cynthia Kadohata *Kira- Kira* (2005)

age 11+

- Steve Sheinkin *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny and the Fight for Civil Rights* (2014)
- Mildred D. Taylor *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (2004)

age 12+

- John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell *March: Book One* (2013)
- George Takei, Justin Eisinger and Steven Scott *They Called Us Enemy* (2019)
- Harper Lee *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Carol Anderson and Tonya Bolden *We Are Not Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide* (2018)

age 13+

- Angie Thomas *The Hate You Give* (2017)
- Nic Stone *Dear Martin* (2017)
- Kekla Magoon *How It Went Down* (2015)

age 16+ Colson Whitehead *The Underground Railroad* (2016)

Children's Books Written by Native Americans

Babies and Toddlers

- Richard Van Camp *Little You*
- Richard Van Camp *Welcome Song for Baby*
- Richard Van Camp *We Sang You Home*
- Debby Silier *Loving Me*
- Monique Gray Smith *My Heart Fills with Happiness*
- Julie Fiett *We All Count*
- Catherine Jameson *Zoe and the Fawn*

Preschool

- David Robertson *When We Were Alone*
- Barbara M. Joossen *Mama, Do You Love Me?*
- Sherman Alexie *Thunder Boy Jr.*
- Cheryl Kay Minnema *Hungry Johnny*
- Carla Messinger *When the Shadbush Blooms*
- Jan Bourdeay Waboose *Sky Sisters*

Elementary School

- Lee DeCora Francis *Kanu's Basket: A Story From Indian Island*
- Tim Tingle *Saltypie: A Choctaw Journey from Darkness Into Light*
- S. D. Nelson *Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way*
- S. D. Nelson *Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story*
- S. D. Nelson *The Star People: A Lakota Story*
- Christy Jordan-Fenton *When I Was Eight*

Middle School

- Christy Jordan-Fenton *Fatty Legs*
- Tim Tingle *Crossing Bok Chitto; A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom*

Misc.

- Julius Lester "Let's Talk About Race"
- Duncan Tonatiuh "Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation."
- Desmond Tutu "Desmond and the Very Mean Word"
- David LaMotte "White Flour"
- Andrea Davis Pinkney "Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down."
- Christy Jordan-Fenton "When I was Eight"
- Corole Boston Weatherford "Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer:"
- Ntozake Shange "We Troubled the Waters"

- Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick “The Long March: The Choctaw’s Gift to Irish Famine Relief”

Civil Disobedience

- Heather Hartt-Sussman “Noni Speaks Up”
- Sam Swope “The Araboolies of Liberty Street”
- Vashti Harrison ‘Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History”
- Jacqueline Woodson “ The Other Side”
- Robin Stevenson. *Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change.*
- Cynthia Levinson. *The Youngest Marcher: The True Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks a Young Civil Rights Activist*

Helping Children Deal with Emotions related to living with Systemic Racism

Books

For dealing with anxiety

And Green “Don’t feed the Worry Bug”

Dawn Hueber “What to Do When You Worry Too Much: A Kid’s Guide to Overcoming Anxiety.”

Emotions

Jo Witek “In My Heart: A Book of Feelings”

Molly Bang “When Sophisticating Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry...”

Steffanie Loire and Rosalie Frankel “Art with Heart Presents: Draw it Out”

Jane Annunziata and Marc A Nemirof “Sometimes I’m Scared”

Identity and being misunderstood

Michael Hall “Red: A Crayon’s Story”

Articles

Racism and Violence: How to Help Kids Handle the News. Child Mind Institute.

<https://childmind.org/article/racism-and-violence-how-to-help-kids-handle-the-news/>

Helping Children Cope After a Traumatic Event. Child Mind Institute.

<https://childmind.org/guide/helping-children-cope-traumatic-event/>.

Book to Promote Activism and Journey of Social Justice in Children

Reginald Blount and Virginia A. Lee *Let Your Light Shine: Mobilizing for Justice with Children and Youth.* Friendship Press, Inc. 2019.