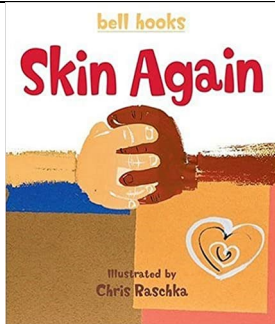


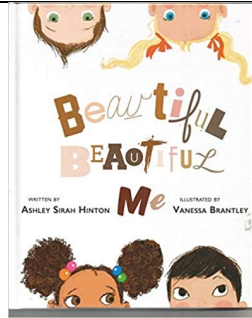
21 children's books to spark important discussions about race + tolerance

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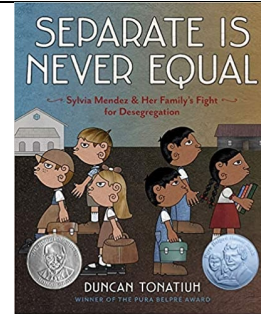
Skin Again by Bell Hooks (Author), Chris Raschka (Illustrator)

This poetic ode to celebrating our differences is a gentle way to introduce young children to the concepts of race and identity.



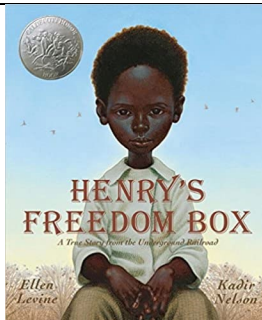
Beautiful Beautiful Me by Ashley Sirah Hinton (Author), Vanessa Brantley-Newton (Illustrator)

A beautiful children's book celebrating diversity and reminding kids of all colors how beautiful they are.



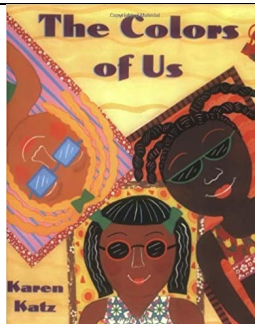
Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatui (Author)

An inspiring story about one family's efforts to desegregate California schools in the late 1940s. A 2015 Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Book.



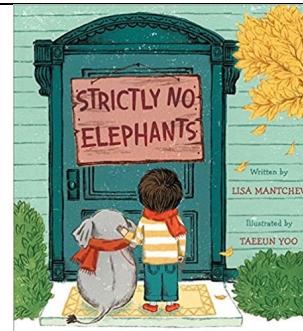
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine (Author), Kadir Nelson (Illustrator)

The stunningly illustrated, heart-wrenching tale of a slave who mailed himself to freedom.



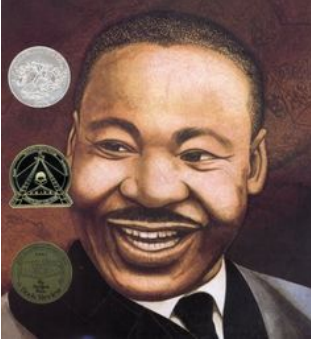
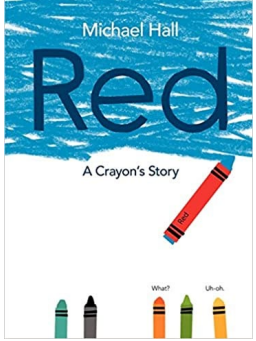

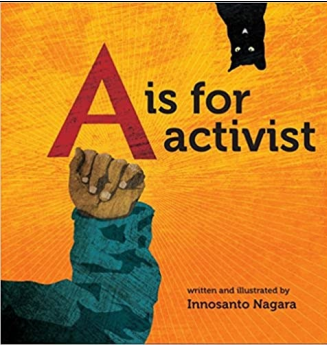
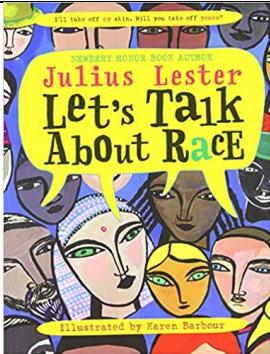
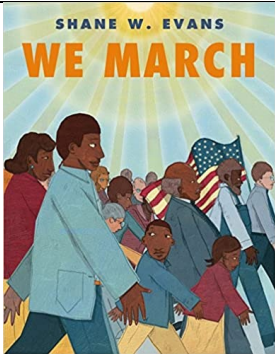
The Colors of Us by Karen Katz (Author, Illustrator)

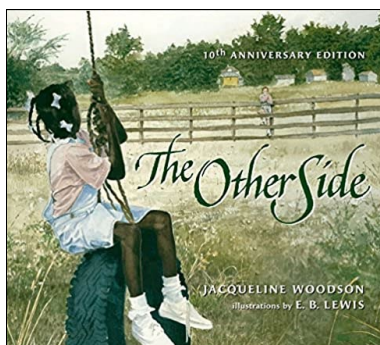
A celebration of the many shades of skin color, as told through the eyes of a seven-year-old girl trying to paint a picture of herself. Perfect for introducing the concept of race to even the youngest readers.



Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev (Author), Taeun Yoo (Illustrator)

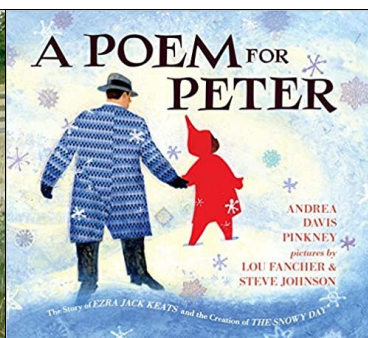
A sweet lesson in tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion for even the youngest readers.

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| <p>Martin's Big Words by Julius Lester, illustrated by Karen Barbour</p> <p>A beautiful, accessible introduction to the life and words of Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> | <p>Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall (Author, Illustrator)</p> <p>A funny, clever story that will help little ones down the path of finding joy in staying true to who you really are.</p> | <p>One Family by George Shannon (Author), Blanca Gomez (Illustrator)</p> <p>A playful look at diversity and the many ways to form a family.</p> |
|  <p>A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara (Author)</p> <p>A primer for social justice perfect for even the littlest activist.</p> |  <p>Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester (Author)</p> <p>The perfect conversation starter for any discussion about race, this lively picture books celebrate what makes us different yet all the same.</p> |  <p>We March by Shane W. Evans (Author, Illustrator)</p> <p>A critical moment in the civil rights movement—the 1963 March on Washington—told in clear, concise prose.</p> |



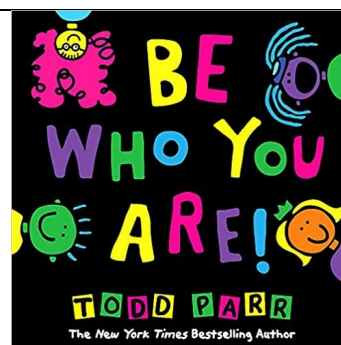
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson (Author), E. B. Lewis (Illustrator)

A longstanding classic about bridging the racial divide between two young friends, told through powerful prose and gorgeous watercolor illustrations.



A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day by Andrea Davis Pinkney (Author), Lou Fancher (Illustrator), Steve Johnson (Illustrator)

The inspiring story behind the groundbreaking classic *A Snowy Day*, the first mainstream book to feature an African American hero.



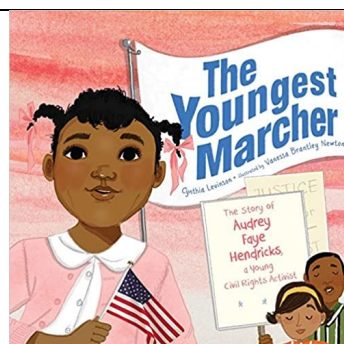
Be Who You Are by Todd Parr

he ultimate celebration of self and a vibrant, playful reminder to be proud of who you are and where you come from.



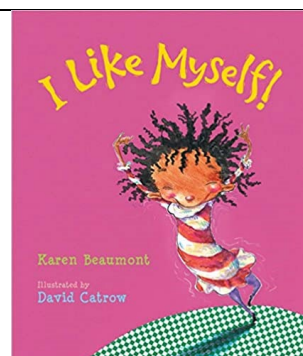
The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat (Author)

A charming, endearing friendship story that reminds us all there's a place for everyone in this big, wide world. Winner of the 2015 Caldecott Medal.



The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist by Cynthia Levinson (Author), Vanessa Brantley-Newton (Illustrator)

The story of the youngest known civil rights protester in history will teach children that you're never too small to stand up for what you believe in.



I Like Myself! by Karen Beaumont (Author), David Catrow (Illustrator)

A silly, joyful celebration of being true to who you are. Catchy rhyming text makes this a perfect read-aloud.

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| <p>Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña (Author), Christian Robinson (Illustrator)</p> <p>This bus ride through a busy city showcases people of different skin colors, ages, and classes, and takes readers on a journey that will help them appreciate the beauty all around. Winner of the 2016 Newbery Medal and the 2016 Caldecott Honor.</p> | <p>Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman (Author), Caroline Binch (Illustrator)</p> <p>Ideal for sparking conversations about race and gender with young children, the story of spirited Grace remains as important today as it was when it was first published 25 years ago.</p> | <p>Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai (Author), Kerascoët (Illustrator)</p> <p>Malala's Magic Pencil, the first picture book from Nobel Prize winning Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai. It depicts the story of her childhood for a young audience.</p> |

