

Books about racism and social justice

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices, edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson. Stories, poems, and art by 50 diverse creators attempting to answer the question: What do we tell our children when the world seems bleak, and prejudice and racism run rampant?

Not My Idea: A Book about Whiteness, written and illustrated by Anastasia Higginbotham. This picture book can help white families unpack difficult conversations about privilege in an honest and age-appropriate way.

Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Jared Andrew Schorr. Help the earliest readers see and understand the forms that actions for justice can take in a friendly and accessible way. Has your family taken any of these steps together to stand up for something you believe in?

A Kids Book about Racism by Jelani Memory. Written from the author's point of view, with clear language perfect for kids, this book defines and illustrates what implicit bias and systemic racism can look and feel like. The book also shares the gifts that come from being different from someone else.

Books celebrating and centering black characters

M Is for Melanin: A Celebration of the Black Child by Tiffany Rose. This beautiful book illustrates the 26 letters of the alphabet through affirming and empowering images from black culture.

I Am Enough by Grace Byers, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo. This book encourages kids to celebrate their unique selves and explains how one's physical appearance doesn't dictate one's worth.

Little Man, Little Man: A Story of Childhood by James Baldwin, illustrated by Yoran Cazac. James Baldwin's only children's book celebrates the joys of black childhood in 1970s Harlem through the eyes of a little man with big dreams.

Saturday by Oge Mora. This warm story follows a mother and daughter as their Saturday doesn't go exactly as planned, reminding us that spending time together is the best plan of all!

Discover more great titles, curated reading lists, and stories celebrating black lives at [Liberation Station](#), a black-owned independent children's bookstore in Durham, N.C.