

Race Conversation Book List

(Books for parents to read with their child)

Picture Books

The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander
All Are Welcome By Alexandra Penfold
Don't Touch My Hair By Sharee Miller
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
Lovely by Jess Hong
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry
Crown: an Ode to the Fresh Cut by D. Barnes and G. James
I Am Enough by Grace Byers
Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson
The Night is Yours by Abdul-Razak Zachariah
Hands Up! by Breanna J. McDaniel
White Water by Michael S. Bandy
The Case for Loving: the Fight for Interracial Marriage by Selina Alko
Not My Idea: a Book About Whiteness by Anastasia Higgenbotham
A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory
It Began with a Page by Kyo Maclear
Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh
Same Same But Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
Say Something by Peter H. Reynolds
Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
Where Are You From? By Yamilé Said Mendez and Jaime Kim
Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martínez-Neal
The Proudest Blue: a Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Biography picture books

A Computer Called Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Helped put America on the Moon by Suzanne Shade
Thurgood by Jonah Winter

No Small Potatoes: Junius G. Groves and his Kingdom in Kansas by Tonya Bolden
Game Changers: the Story of Venus and Serena Williams by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Someday is Now: Clara Luper and the 1958 Oklahoma City Sit-Ins by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird by Misty Copeland
Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome
A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation by Barry Wittenstein
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange
Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed
Radiant Child: the Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe
A Spy Called James: the True Story of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent by Anne F. Rockwell
Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton
Frederick's Journey: the Life of Frederick Douglass by Doreen Rappaport
Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews
Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop by Laban Carrick Hill
Magic Trash: a Story of Tyree Guyton and His Art by J.H. Shapiro
Bad News for Outlaws: the Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
Malcolm Little: the Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X by Ilyasah Shabazz
Schomburg: the Man Who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford
Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor
Willma's Way Home: the Life of Willma Mankiller by Doreen Rappaport
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

Chapter books

New Kid by Jerry Craft
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (Biography)
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz
Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Jefferson's Sons: a Founding Father's Secret Children by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Tight by Torrey Maldonado
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee
Blended by Sharon M. Draper
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Front Desk by Kelly Yang