

# ANTI-BIAS BOOK LIST

List is arranged in alphabetical order by author's last name/ not comprehensive to everything in the Beginnings library collection- so please add if you remember a favorite book that fits into a category!

Some popular/classic/anti-bias authors that we have many books in our library but might not be noted: Ezra Jack Keatz, Vera B. Williams, Rosemary Wells, Todd Parr, Patricia Polacco, Molly Bang, Mem Fox, Kevin Henkes, ...

\*RED = Little Notes

## RACE

### TODDLER BOOKS

Whose Knees are These? (Asim, J.)  
Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes (Fox, M.)  
Peekaboo Morning (Isadora, R.)  
Please, Baby, Please (Lee, S.)  
Everywhere Babies (Meyers, S.)  
Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes: and other action rhymes (Newcome, Z.)  
Bee-Bim Bop! (Park, L.S.)  
The Peace Book (Parr, T.)  
This Is My Hair (Parr, T.)  
Yo! Yes? (Raschka, C.) \*also good for beginner readers  
More More More Said The Baby (Williams, V.)

### OLDER BOOKS

Let's Talk About Race (Julius Lester)  
Last Stop of Market Street (De La Pena, M.) \*touches upon socio-economic class  
Grace For President (Dipucchio, K.)  
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen (DiSalvo-Ryan, D.) \*soup kitchens, homelessness  
We March (Evans, S. W.) \*short book on marches based on March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom  
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge (Fox, M.)  
Amazing Grace (Hoffman, M.)  
Soccer Star (Javaherbin, M.)  
How Pizza Came to Queens (Khalsa, D.K.)  
More-igami (Kleber, D.)  
The Other Side (Jacqueline Woodson)  
Stitchin' and Pullin' (McKissack, P.) \*poems highlighting history and tradition of quilting  
Martin's Big Words (Rappaport, D.)  
Tar Beach (Ringgold, F.) \*touches upon socio-economic class

Rain School (Rumford, J.)  
Radiant Child (Stephens, J.) \*The Story of Young Artist Basquiat, shows bits of nyc and his family  
Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message (Swamp, J.)  
A Chair for My Mother (Williams, V.B.) \*touches upon socio-economic class  
The Cherry Pit (Williams, V. B.) \*story telling; introduces term "white"

### **More Specific on Skin Tones**

We Are All Alike...We Are All Different (Cheltenham Elementary School Kindergartners)  
Whoever You Are (Fox, M.)  
Skin Again (Hooks, B.)  
The Colors of Us (Katz, K.)  
Shades of Black (Pinkey, S.)  
Shades of People (Rotner, S.)  
We're Different, We're the Same (Sesame Street)  
The Skin You Live In (Tyler, M.)

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## **LANGUAGES/CULTURE/WORLD**

Abuela (Dorros, A.) \*spanish-integrated book  
Say Hello! (Isadora, R.)  
A Birthday Basket for Tia (Mora, P.) \*spanish-integrated book  
My Rows and Piles of Coins (Mollel, T.) \*Tanzanian story about boy saving money for a bike in the 1960s  
The Pet Dragon: A Story about Adventure, Friendship, and Chinese Characters (Niemann, C.)  
Rain School (Rumford, J.)  
Madlenka (Sis, P.)

## **BILINGUAL SPANISH**

My Friends: Mis Amigos (Gomi, T.)  
Book Fiesta! (Mora, P.)  
Frida (Winter, J.)

## **DIFFERENT HOMES/FOODS/CULTURE**

The Name Jar (Choi, Y.) \*name-related  
Everybody Cooks Rice (Dooley, N.)  
Everybody Serves Soup (Dooley, N.)  
What the World Eats (D'Aluisio, F.) \*heavy text but amazing graphics for conversation starters  
The Day of Ahmed's Secret (Heide, F.P.) \*name-related  
What the World Eats (Menzel, P.)  
Bread Bread Bread (Morris, A.)  
We Planted A Tree (Muldrow, D.)  
Yoko (Wells, R.)  
Yoko Writes Her Name (Wells, R.) \*name-related

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## **GENDER & IDENTITY (being different)**

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress (Baldacchino, C.)  
Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots? (Coyle, C.L.)  
Oliver Button is a Sissy (DePaola, T.)  
Ada Twist Scientist (Andrea Beaty and David Roberts)  
Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music (Engle, M.)  
10,000 Dresses (Ewert, M.) \*gender fluidity  
Goodnight Stories For Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of Extraordinary Women (Favilli, E.) \*no pics  
The Princess Knight (Funke, C.)  
Mother Bruce (Higgins, R.)  
Jacob's New Dress (Hoffman, S.)  
Pirates and Princesses (Kangman, J.)  
Big Mean Mike (Knudsen, M.)  
Ferdinand (Leaf, M.)  
Tough Guys (have feelings too) (Negley, K.)  
Keep Climbing, Girls (Richards, B.E.)  
Candy Pink (Turin, A.)  
William's Doll (Zolotow, C.)

## **"ALTERNATIVE" FAIRYTALES/FOLKLORE**

The Paper Bag Princess (Munsch, R.)  
The Princess Knight (Funke, C.)  
The Egyptian Cinderella (Climo, S.)  
The Persian Cinderella (Climo, S.)  
Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella (Fleischman, P.)  
Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella (Souci, R.)  
Once Upon a World: Rapunzel (Perkins, C.)/Illustrator: Sreenivasan, Archana  
Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story From China (Young, E.)  
The Three Little Hawaiian Pigs and the Magic Shark (Laird, D. M.)  
The Runaway Rice Cake (Chang-Compestine, Y.)  
The Runaway Beignet (Morgan, C.C.) \*similar to the runaway pancake, New Orleans version

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## **RESILIENCE/GRIT/BRAVERY (trying new things/creativity)**

Rosie Revere, The Engineer (Beaty, A.) \*and the other Beaty books  
I Will Never Eat a Tomato (Child, L.)  
Kimmy's Marvelous Wind-Catching Wonder (Glaser, L.) \*Kimmy tries to make a kite out of paper  
Sheila Rae, The Brave (Henkes, K.)  
Chester's Way (Henkes, K.)

More-igami (Kleber, D.) \*practicing hard to make origami  
Ish (Reynolds, R.)  
A Bad Case of Stripes (Shannon, D.)  
The Most Magnificent Thing (Spires, A.)

## **BULLYING/TEASING/INCLUSION & COMMUNITY**

The Sandwich Swap (Alabdullah, R.)  
When Sophie's Feelings Are Really, Really Hurt. (Bang, M.)  
The Name Jar (Choi, Y.)  
Chrysanthemum (Henkes, K.)  
Stone Soup (Muth, J.)

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## **FAMILIES**

In My Heart (Bang, M.)  
How My Parents Learned to Eat (Friedman, T.)  
All Kinds of Families (Hoberman, M.A.)  
Who's In My family? (Harris, R.)  
The Great Big Book of Families (Hoffman, M.)  
It's Okay To Be Different (Parr, T.)  
And Tango Makes Three (Richardson, J.)

## **DIVORCE**

At Daddy's On Saturdays (Girard, L.W.)

## **NEW BABY; SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS**

There's going to be a baby (Burningham, J. & Oxenbury, H.)  
Jamaica Tag-Along (Havill, J.)  
Julius, the Baby of the World (Henkes, K.)  
A Baby Sister For Frances (Hoban, R.)  
Angelina's Baby Sister (Holabird, K.)  
We are having a Baby (Holland, V.)  
A Baby For Grace (Whybrow, I.)  
Waiting for Baby (Ziefert, H.)

## **FEELINGS/EMOTIONS/BEHAVIORAL/TEMPERAMENT**

When Sophie Gets Really Angry (Bang, M.)  
The Grouchy Ladybug (Carle, E.)

My Mouth is a Volcano (Cook, J.)  
Llama Llama Mad at Mama (Dewdney, A.)  
I Was So Mad (Mayer, M.)  
Tough Guys (have feelings too) (Negley, K.)  
Angry Dragon (Robberecht, T.)  
Mad at Mommy (Sakai, K.)  
Sometimes I'm Bombaloo (Vail, R.)  
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (Viorst, J.)  
Time-Out For Sophie (Wells, R.)  
Spinky Sulks (William, S.)  
In My Heart: A Book of Feelings (Witek, J.)  
The Quarreling Book (Zolotow, C.)

### **DEATH/GRIEF/SICKNESS/TRANSITION**

The Dead Bird (Brown, M.W.)  
Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs (dePaola, T.)  
Now One Foot, Now The Other (dePaola, T.) \* grandpa gets sick, slowly recovers from stroke  
Lifetimes: the beautiful way to explain death to children (Mellonie, B.)  
The Invisible String (Karst, P.)  
The Tenth Good Thing about Barney (Viorst, J.)

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### **ACTIVISM/ENVIRONMENT/NATURE**

A Weed is a Flower (Alicia) (Alicia) (Alicia)  
Most People (Michael Leannah and Jennifer E. Morris)  
Come With Me (Holly M. McGhee)  
Click, Clack, Moo (Cronin, D.)  
The Day the Trash Came Out to Play (Beadle, D.)  
The Little House (Lee Burton, V.)  
Miss Rumphius (Cooney, B.)  
Grand Old Tree (De Palma)  
If Kids Ran the World (Dillon, L. & D.)  
The Lorax (Dr. Seuss)  
We March (Evans, S. W.) \*short book on marches based on March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom  
The Night Gardener (Fan, T.)  
Hey, Little Ant (Hoose, P.)  
Swimmy (Lionni, L.)  
Time Of Wonder (McClosky)  
We Planted A Tree (Muldrow, D.)  
Not A Stick (Portis, A.)  
Swirl By Swirl (Sidman, J.)

Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit (Na, S.)  
A Tree is Nice (Udry, J.)  
The Tin Forest (Ward, H.)

**\*\*MORE BOOKS TO CONSIDER\*\***

Gathering the Sun (Ada, A.)  
I Love My Hair! (Anastasia, N.)  
Junkyard (Austin, M.)  
Those Shoes (Boelts, M.)  
The Different Dragon (Bryan, J.) *\*alternative families*  
What if? (Brown, A.) *\*bullying and teasing*  
!Si, Se Puede! (Cohn, D.)  
Children Just Like Me (DK)  
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen (Disalvo-Ryan, D.) *\*on homelessness*  
The Streets Are Free (Doppert, A.)  
We March (Evans, S.)  
Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever (Hopkins, J.)  
Goodbye Mousie (Harris, R.) *\*on death*  
Red (Kinder, J. D.)  
Silent Lotus (Lee, J.)  
Henry's Freedom Box (Levine, E.)  
Tan to Tamarind: Poems About the Color Brown (Lyengar, M.)  
The Lady in a Box (McGovern, A.) *\*on homelessness*  
Weddings (Morris, A.) *\*old book but maybe worth it since weddings come up so often*  
Our Family Tree (Peters, L. W.) *\*picture book explains evolution*  
Dumpling Soup (Rattigan, J.K.)  
The Swirling Hijaab (Robert, N.)  
Raindrop Roll (Sayre, A.)  
Too Many Tamales (Soto, G.) *\*different spin on Christmas*  
Bully (Seeger, L. V.)  
Our Granny (Wild, M.)  
Jalapeno Bagels (Wing, N.)  
The Seeing Stick (Yolen, J.) *\*alternative fairytale*  
On The Same Day in March: A Tour of the World's Weather (Singer, M.) *\*geography, world*  
The Beetle Book (Jenkins, S.) *\*nature*  
Dream Big Little Pig (Yamaguchi, K.) *\*resilience*