Anti-Bias Library for Elementary School Students

This list was curated to help you address bias as you read with children. Don’t see what you’re looking for? Included is a list of links to find even more books!

**Addressing Race**

- **March**, by John Lewis
  *This graphic novel can help explore the Civil Rights Movement.*
- **Mixed Me**, by Taye Diggs
  *This book explores what it means to be multiracial.*
- **Ode to a Fresh Cut**, by Derrick Barnes
  *Beautiful illustrations to discuss the cultural icon of the Black barbershop.*
- **A Piece of Home**, by Jeri Watts
  *Explores being the only Korean child in a West Virginia town.*
- **The Blue Roses**, by Linda Boyden
  *A Native American story about family.*

**Empowering Girls and Combating Sexism**

- **Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls**, by Elena Favilli
  *This collection explores achievement of diverse women.*
- **Ada Twist, Scientist**, by Andrea Beatty
  *Female protagonist of color embraces her curiosity through science.*
- **Princeless**, by Jeremy Whitley
  *Graphic novel with a complex heroine who navigates her own adventures.*

**Exploring LGBTQ+ Issues**

- **The Family Book**, by Todd Parr
  *Illustrates the many different ways families can be formed.*
- **And Tango Makes Three**, by Justin Richardson
  *Two penguins raise a baby in this nontraditional family.*
- **Little Bob, Big Bob**, by James Howe
  *Explores gender nonconformity.*

**Dealing with Class and Economic Disparity**

- **Last Stop on Market Street**, by Matt de la Peña
  *Economic differences explored in warm grandparent relationship.*
- **A Chair for My Mother**, by Vera B. Williams
  *A family works together to thrive despite financial hardship.*
- **Yard Sale**, by Eve Bunting
  *Talks about what happens when economic status changes.*
More Books for Your Anti-Bias Library

Below are links to find more lists of books to consider as you expand your book collection to combat bias and embrace diversity with children!

- 10 Diverse Picture Books that Are Not About Oppression
- Books to Help Kids Understand What it’s Like to Be a Refugee
- 13 Children’s Picture Books Whose Characters Have Special Needs
- Children’s Books That Tackle Race and Ethnicity
- Black Boy Joy: 30 Picture Books Featuring Black Male Protagonists
- Books with Strong Female Characters
- 13 Kids Books to Spark Conversations about Empathy
  https://tinybop.com/blog/13-books-to-spark-conversations-about-empathy
- 28 Black Picture Books That Aren’t About Boycotts, Buses, or Basketball
  https://scottwoodsmakeslists.wordpress.com/2016/01/30/28-black-picture-books-that-arent-about-boycotts-buses-or-basketball/
- 32 LGBTQ Children’s Books
  https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2017/06/lgbtq-childrens-books.html

Still haven’t found what you’re looking for? Here’s a list of more than 50 multicultural and social justice books for children, tackling a wide variety of topics:

- Social Justice Booklists: https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/

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