Talking With Your Children About Diversity
Books to Help Start the Discussion

In addition to the books on this list, the library owns many other books about diverse people and cultures including cookbooks and folktales from many countries, as well as biographies of people from different cultures and ethnicities.

African, African American

Bolden, Tonya
*Tell All the Children Our Story*

Bolden, Tonya
*Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists*

Bryan, Ashley
*Walk Together Children: Black American Spirituals*
Clinton, Catherine
*I, Too, Sing America: Three Centuries of African American Poetry*

Clinton, Catherine
*The Black Soldier: 1492 to the Present*

Daly, Niki
*Jamela’s Dress*

Diakité, Penda
*I Lost My Tooth in Africa*

Greenfield, Eloise
*Childtimes: A Three-Generation Memoir*

Hansen, Joyce
*African Princess: The Amazing Lives of Africa’s Royal Women*

Haskins, Jim
*Bound for America: The Forced Migration of Africans to the New World*

Hudson, Wade
*In Praise of Our Fathers and Our Mothers: A Black Family Treasury*

Lester, Julius
*To Be a Slave*

Levine, Ellen
*Freedom’s Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories*

Lewin, Hugh
*Jafta*

McBrier, Page
*Beatrice’s Goat*

McKissack, Patricia
*Red-Tail Angels: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II*

Monceaux, Morgan
*Jazz, My Music, My People*

Myers, Walter Dean
*Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures and Verse*
Nivola, Claire A.  
*Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai*

Onyefulu, Ifeoma  
*Chidi Only Likes Blue: An African Book of Colors*

Onyefulu, Ifeoma  
*Ogbo: Sharing Life in an African Village*

Pinkney, Andrea Davis  
*Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters*

Shoveller, Herb  
*Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together*

**Around the World**

![Book Covers]

*WE ARE ALL BORN FREE*  

*Wake Up, World!*  

*Whoever You Are*  

*Hello World!*  

*WHAT THE WORLD EATS*  

*One World, One Day*  

*A Children’s Chorus*

Ajmera, Maya  
*Be My Neighbor*
Amnesty International
*We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures*

Beeler, Selby B.
*Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World*

Behnke, Alison
*Vegetarian Cooking Around the World*

Bernhard, Emery
*A Ride on Mother’s Back: A Day of Baby Carrying Around the World*

Cornell, Kari A.
*Holiday Cooking Around the World*

Coy, John
*Around the World*

Dooley, Norah
*Everybody Bakes Bread*

Dooley, Norah
*Everybody Cooks Rice*

Fisher, Leonard Everett
*Alphabet Art: Thirteen ABCs from Around the World*

Fisher, Leonard Everett
*Calendar Art: Thirteen Days, Weeks, Months, and Years from Around the World*

Fisher, Leonard Everett
*Number Art: Thirteen 123s from Around the World*

Fox, Mem
*Whoever You Are*

Gilley, Jeremy
*Peace One Day*

Hollyer, Beatrice
*Wake Up, World!: A Day in the Life of Children Around the World*

Katz, Karen
*Can You Say Peace*
Kerley, Barbara
*A Little Peace*

Kerley, Barbara
*One World, One Day*

Kindersley, Barnabas
*Celebrations!: Festivals, Carnivals, and Feast Days From Around the World*

Kindersley, Barnabas
*Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World*

Lagasse, Emeril
*Emeril’s There’s a Chef in My World! Recipes That Take You Places*

Lankford, Mary D.
*Hopscotch Around the World*

Lankford, Mary D.
*Jacks Around the World*

Lewin, Ted
*How Much? Visiting Markets Around the World*

Lewin, Ted
*Market!*

Menzel, Peter
*What the World Eats*

Milestones Project
*The Milestones Project: Celebrating Childhood Around the World*

Ommer, Uwe
*Families: Around the World, One Kid at a Time*

Raczka, Bob
*Where in the World? Around the Globe in 13 Works of Art*

Rohmer, Harriet
*Just Like Me: Stories and Self-Portraits by Fourteen Artists*

Ruurs, Margriet
*My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World*
Spier, Peter
*People*

Stojic, Manya
*Hello World! Greetings in 42 Languages Around the Globe!*

Vezza, Diane Simone
*Passport on a Plate: A Round-the-World Cookbook for Children*

Yolen, Jane
*Sleep Rhymes Around the World*

Yolen, Jane
*Street Rhymes Around the World*

**Asia, Asian-American**

![The Name Jar](image1)

![How My Parents Learned to Eat](image2)

![Henry's First-Moon Birthday](image3)

![My Chinatown](image4)

![Kami and the Yaks](image5)

![PASSAGE TO FREEDOM](image6)

![Three Cups of Tea](image7)

![The Sugihara Story](image8)
Adler, C.S.  
*Youn Hee & Me*

Arnold, Caroline  
*Taj Mahal*

Bridges, Shirin Yim  
*Ruby’s Wish*

Bunting, Eve  
*One Green Apple*

Chin-Lee, Cynthia  
*A Is for Asia*

Choi, Yangsook  
*The Name Jar*

Friedman, Ina. R.  
*How My Parents Learned to Eat*

Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane  
*Hoang Anh: A Vietnamese-American Boy*

Jiang, Ji Li  
*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*

Knight, Margy Burns  
*Who Belongs Here?: An American Story*

Kroll, Virginia  
*Pink Paper Swans*

Little, Mimi Otey  
*Yoshiko and the Foreigner*

Look, Lenore  
*Henry’s First-Moon Birthday*

Mak, Kam  
*My Chinatown: One Year in Poems*

Mochizuki, Ken  
*Baseball Saved Us*
Mochizuki, Ken
*Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story*

O'Connor, Jane
*The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China*

Park, Francis
*My Freedom Trip: A Child's Escape From North Korea*

Park, Linda Sue
*Archer's Quest*

Park, Linda Sue
*Bee-bim Bop!*

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw
*The Incredible Story of China's Buried Warriors*

Paterson, Katherine
*The Master Puppeteer*

Reynolds, Betty
*Squeamish about Sushi and Other Food Adventures in Japan*

Say, Allen
*El Chino*

Say, Allen
*Grandfather's Journey*

Say, Allen
*Music for Alice*

Schmidt, Jeremy
*Two Lands, One Heart*

Staples, Suzanne Fisher
*Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind*

Stryer, Andrea Stenn
*Kami and the Yaks*

Thomson, Sarah and Greg Mortenson
*Three Cups of Tea: Adapted for Young Readers*
Uchida, Yoshiko
The Bracelet

Wells, Ruth
A to Zen

Whelan, Gloria
Homeless Bird

Yee, Lisa
Millicent Min, Girl Genius

Yee, Paul
A Song for Ba

Yee, Paul
Ghost Train

Yep, Laurence
Dragon’s Gate

Yep, Laurence
The Serpent’s Children

Yep, Laurence
The Traitor

Family Diversity
Ackerman, Karen
*By the Dawn’s Early Light*

Fry, Ying Ying
*Kids Like Me in China*

Greenberg, Keith Elliot
*Zack’s Story: Growing Up With Same-Sex Parents*

Jenness, Aylette
*Families: A Celebration of Diversity, Commitment, and Love*

Kuklin, Susan
*Families*

Kuklin, Susan
*How My Family Lives in America*

McCutcheon, John
*Happy Adoption Day!*

McMahon, Patricia
*Just Add One Chinese Sister: An Adoption Story*

Polacco, Patricia
*In Our Mother’s House*

Rogers, Fred
*Adoption*

Rosenberg, Maxine
*Living With a Single Parent*

Vigna, Judith
*My Two Uncles*

**Hispanic, Hispanic Americans**
Ada, Alma Flor
I Love Saturdays y Domingos

Ada, Alma Flor
¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes

Ada, Alma Flor
Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba

Ada, Alma Flor
Where the Flame Trees Bloom

Alarcón, Francisco X.
Angels Ride Bikes and Other Fall Poems = Los Ángeles Andan en Bicicleta

Alarcón, Francisco X.
From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems

Alarcón, Francisco X.
Iguanas in the Snow and Other Winter Poems = Iguanas en la Nieve

Alarcón, Francisco X.
Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems = Jitomates Risueños
Ancona, George
*Charro: The Mexican Cowboy*

Andrews-Goebel, Nancy
*The Pot That Juan Built*

Baca, Ana
*Chiles for Benito = Chiles para Benito*

Bertrand, Diane Gonzales
*Family = Familia*

Bertrand, Diane Gonzales
*Sip, slurp, soup, soup caldo, caldo, caldo*

Cisneros, Sandra
*Hairs = Pelitos*

Dorros, Arthur
*Por Fin Es Carnaval*

Dorros, Arthur
*Tonight Is Carnaval*

Fisher, Leonard Everett
*Pyramid of the Sun, Pyramid of the Moon*

Garza, Carmen Lomas
*Family Pictures = Cuadros de Familia*

Garza, Carmen Lomas
*Magic Windows = Ventanas Mágicas*

Jiménez, Francisco
*La Mariposa*

King Elizabeth
*Quinceañera: Celebrando Los Quince*

Mora, Pat
*The Rainbow Tulip*

Orozco, José-Luis
*De Colores and Other Latin-American Folk Songs for Children*
Presilla, Maricel E.
*Life Around the Lake: Embroideries by the Women of Lake Pátzcuaro*

Soto, Gary
*Baseball in April and Other Stories*

Soto, Gary
*The Skirt*

Soto, Gary
*Too Many Tamales*

Stavans, Ilan
*Wáchale! Poetry and Prose About Growing Up Latino in America*

Thomas, Jane Resh
*Lights on the River*

**Middle East**

Alexander, Sue
*Behold the Trees*

Barakat, Ibtisam
*Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood*

Heide, Florence Parry
*Sami and the Time of the Troubles*

Heide, Florence Parry
*The Day of Ahmed’s Secret*
Heide, Florence Parry  
*The House of Wisdom*

Matthews, Mary  
*Magid Fasts for Ramadan*

Mayers, Florence Cassen  
*ABC, the Alef Bet Book: The Israel Museum, Jerusalem*

Nye, Naomi Shihab  
*19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East*

Nye, Naomi Shihab  
*Sitti’s Secrets*

Oppenheim, Shulamith Levey  
*The Hundredth Name*

Rumford, James  
*Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad*

**Native Americans**
Ancona, George
*Powwow*

Andrews, Jan
*Very Last First Time*

Bial, Raymond
*The Seminole (other books in the Lifeways series)*

Bruchac, Joseph
*The Earth Under Sky Bear’s Feet: Native American Poems of the Land*

Bruchac, Joseph
*Fox Song*

Highwater, Jamake
*Legend Days*

Hirschfelder, Arlene
*Happily May I Walk: American Indians and Alaska Natives Today*

Hirschfelder, Arlene B.
*Rising Voices: Writings of Young Native Americans*

Hucko, Bruce
*A Rainbow at Night: The World in Words and Pictures by Navajo Children*

Jenness, Aylette
*In Two Worlds: A Yup’ik Eskimo Family*

Jones, Hettie
*The Trees Stand Shining: Poetry of the North American Indians*

Littlechild, George
*This Land is My Land*

Rendon, Marcie R.
*Powwow Summer*

Roessel, Monty
*Songs from the Loom: A Navajo Girl Learns to Weave*

Santiago, Chiori
*Home to Medicine Mountain*
Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk  
*Dancing Tepees: Poems of American Indian Youth*  

Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk  
*The Hopis: A First Americans Book (other books in this series)*  

Yue, Charlotte  
*The Pueblo*  

Yue, Charlotte  
*The Wigwam and the Longhouse*  

**Racial Awareness**

Katz, Karen  
*The Colors of Us*  

Lester, Julius  
*Let’s Talk About Race*  

Tyler, Michael  
*The Skin You Live In*  

**Religious Diversity**
Ajmera, Maya
Faith

Brown, Tricia
Salaam: A Muslim American Boy’s Story

Fisher, Leonard Everett
To Bigotry No Sanction: The Story of the Oldest Synagogue in America

Heiligman, Deborah
Celebrate Diwali

Heiligman, Deborah
Celebrate Ramadan & Eid Al-fitr

Heiligman, Deborah
Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Husain, Sharukh
What Do We Know About Islam?

Knight, Khadijah
Islamic Festivals

Le Tord, Bijou
Peace on Earth: A Book of Prayers from Around the World

Lewin, Ted
Sacred River

Lindbergh, Reeve
In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: A Child’s Book of Prayers and Praise

Osborne, Mary Pope
One World, Many Religions: The Ways We Worship
Schur, Maxine
*When I Left My Village*

Sturges, Philemon
*Sacred Places*

Wilkinson, Philip
*Islam*

Yolen, Jane
*Sacred Places*

**Women**

Bausum, Ann
*With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman’s Right to Vote*
Colman, Penny
*Girls: A History of Growing Up Female in America*

Colman, Penny
*Where the Action Was: Women War Correspondents in World War II*

Corey, Shana
*You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer!*

Cummins, Julie
*Women Daredevils: Thrills, Chills and Frills*

Hanmer, Trudy
*All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*

Hoople, Cheryl G.
*As I Saw It: Women Who Lived the American Adventure*

Krull, Kathleen
*Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)*

Macy, Sue
*Winning Ways: A Photohistory of American Women in Sports*

Meltzer, Milton
*Ten Queens: Portraits of Women of Power*

Miller, Brandon
*Buffalo Gals: Women of the Old West*

Paul, Ann Whitford
*All By Herself: 14 Girls Who Made a Difference: Poems*

Rappaport, Doreen
*Dirt on Their Skirts: Story of the Young Women Who Won the World Championship*

Sills, Leslie
*Inspirations: Stories About Women Artists*

Sills, Leslie
*Visions: Stories About Women Artists*

Stone, Tanya Lee
*Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*
Thimmesh, Catherine
*Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*

Thimmesh, Catherine
*The Sky’s the Limit: Stories of Discovery by Women and Girls*