

Cobble Hill Playschool

Anti-racist reading list for children

Some books explicitly address issues of race (or other types of diversity). Others simply show characters of color, different abilities, different families in stories that are not explicitly about “issues.” This is also important to show that all kinds of people are worthy of representation, being the “hero” of the story and thus our kindness, empathy and attention. It also normalizes diversity.

[Antiracist Baby Picture Book](#) by Ibram X. Kendi (*A really great primer that parents may want to read first so they can explain to kids*)

[The Story of Ruby Bridges](#) by Robert Coles

[The Fresh Princess](#) by Denene Miller

[Rose Loves Cars](#) and [Rosa Loves Dinosaurs](#) by Jessica Spanyol

[The Snowy Day](#) by Ezra Jack Keats

[Last Stop on Market Street](#) by Matt de la Pena

[Julian is a Mermaid](#) by Jessica Love

[Corduroy](#) by Don Freeman

[Hair Love](#) by Matthew A Cherry

[The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses](#) by Paul Goble

[Global Babies](#) by The Global Fund for Children

[Say Hello!](#) by Rachel Isadora

[All Are Welcome](#) by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman

[When Charley Met Emma](#) by Amy Webb, illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard

[And Tango Makes Three](#) by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson

[Strictly No Elephants](#) by Lisa Mantchev

[Not Quite Narwhal](#) by Jessie Sima (Biracial and adopted kids may feel especially seen by this story about an animal caught between the worlds of narwhals and unicorns.)

[Ambitious Girl](#) by Meena Harris

[Mango, Abuela and Me](#) by Meg Medina

[Red: A Crayon’s Story](#) by Michael Hall

Other selections:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2014/06/05/318539208/a-diverse-summerreading-list-for-kids>