

Tolerance and Diversity

Alko, S. The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage. For most children these days it would come as a great shock to know that before 1967, they could not marry a person of a race different from their own. This is the story of how Mildred and Richard Loving fell in love, and got married in Washington, D.C. But when they moved back to their hometown in Virginia, they were arrested (in dramatic fashion) for violating that state's laws against interracial marriage. The Lovings refused to allow their children to get the message that their parents' love was wrong and so they fought the unfair law, taking their case all the way to the Supreme Court - and won! j PAR PIC Alko

Bunting, E. One Green Apple. While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples.

j PAR PIC Bunting

Cohen, B. Molly's Pilgrim. Told to make a doll like a Pilgrim for a Thanksgiving display at school, Molly's Jewish mother dresses the doll as she herself dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom--much to Molly's embarrassment.

j PAR PIC Cohen

Couric, K. The Brand New Kid. Lazlo, who has just moved to the U.S. from Hungary, is criticized at school until two girls have the courage to defend him.

j PAR PIC Couric

Curtis, J. Is There Really a Human Race? Starting with a series of questions and ending with the advice: "Sometimes it's better not to go fast. / There are beautiful sights to be seen when you're last." And maybe trying one's best is better than being first." The book presents strong messages about making the world a better place rather than just making it your oyster. jP Curtis

Diggs, T. Mixed Me! Mike has awesome hair. He has LOTS of energy! His parents love him. And Mike is a PERFECT blend of the two of them. Still, Mike has to answer LOTS of questions about being mixed. And he does, with LOTS of energy and joy in this charming story about a day in the life of a mixed-race child.

jP Diggs

Dooley, N. Everybody Cooks Rice. A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited.

j PAR PIC Dooley

Egan, T. Metropolitan Cow. Although his parents, very cosmopolitan cows, are uncomfortable with the idea, Bennett becomes good friends with Webster, a young pig who moves in next door. j PAR PIC Egan

Fox, M. Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes. Rhyming text compares babies born in different places and in different circumstances, but they all share the commonality of ten little fingers and ten little toes. jP Fox

Fox, M. Whoever You Are. Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together, such as pain, joy and love. j PAR PIC Fox

Friedman, I. How My Parents Learned to Eat. An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating. j PAR PIC Friedman

Gainer, C. I'm Like You, You're Like Me. "It's fun to find ways I'm like you and you're like me. It's fun to find ways we're different." I'm Like You, You're Like Me helps kids appreciate the ways they are alike and affirm their individual differences j PAR PIC Friedman

Golenbock, P. Teammates. Describes the prejudices experienced by Jackie Robinson when he became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese. j 796.357 Golenbock

Harris, R. Who We Are! All About Being the Same and Being Different. Join Nellie, Gus, baby Jake, and their parents at Funland as they go on rides, watch performers, and play games along with many other children and grown-ups. As they enjoy their excursion, they notice that people are the same as one another in lots of ways, and different in lots of ways too. Helps children realize why it's important to treat others the way they want to be treated whether a person is a lot like you or different from you, a good friend or someone you have just met or seen for the first time. j 158.2 Harris

Hoffman, M. The Great Big Book of Families. Many families are depicted here, "...in all sorts of shapes and sizes." Beyond those children living with "mommy and daddy," there are also those living with just one parent, with grandparents, with "two mommies or two daddies," or adopted or in foster care. We move on to members of the reader's family: brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc. Families live in all kinds of homes; some cannot find any. On double pages, Hoffman continues to note the varieties of schools, jobs, holidays and vacations, foods, clothing, pets, celebrations, hobbies, means of transportation, and emotions of different families. j 306.85 Hoffman

Ikegami, A. Friends. A girl from a faraway place begins her first day at school. She doesn't speak the language and she looks different. She just doesn't fit in. But one day, she makes an unexpected friend—a squirrel! Then a rabbit joins them. Soon the girl's fuzzy woodland friends are followed by human ones and school becomes more fun! When a surprising new student joins the class, the girl and her new friends know just how to make him feel at home. jP Ikegami

Kuklin, S. Families. Children from diverse families share thoughts about their families and photographs. j 306.85 Kuklin

Lambert, M. Real Sisters Pretend. As they play, Mia and Tayja confirm that there's one thing they don't have to pretend: They know in their hearts that they're real sisters, even though others don't always recognize this since they're adopted and don't look alike. Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," the sisters end their make-believe journey with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms. j PAR PIC Lambert

Lester, J. Let's Talk About Race. The author introduces the concept of race as only one component in an individual's or nation's "story." j 305.8 Lester

Myers, C. Wings. Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings. His resilient spirit inspires one girl to stand up for him in this thought-provoking story about celebrating individuality. j PAR PIC Myers

Novak, M. No Zombies Allowed. As they look at photos of their previous year's Monster Party, two witches begin to exclude zombies, ghosts and vampires to avoid problems, but finally decide that a party is more fun when everyone is included. jP Novak

O'Leary, S. A Family Is a Family Is a Family. When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in the one way that matters most of all. One child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One is full of stepsiblings, and another has a new baby. jP O'Leary

Rotner, S. Families. Big or small, similar or different-looking, there are all kinds of families. Some have one parent, some have two, and many include extended family. This inclusive look at many varieties of families will help young readers see beyond their own immediate experiences j 306.85 Rotner

Saunders, C.. Children Just Like Me. Highlighting 36 different countries, *Children Just Like Me* profiles 44 children and their daily lives. From rural farms to busy cities to riverboats, this celebration of children around the world shows

the many ways children are different and the many ways they are the same, no matter where they live. j 305.23 Saunders

Seuss, D. Horton Hears a Who! A city of Whos on a speck of dust are threatened with destruction until the smallest Who of all helps convince Horton's friends that Whos really exist. jP Seuss

Seuss, D. The Sneetches and Other Stories. Four funny and easy-to-read stories with subtle lessons about differences. jP Seuss

Spier, P. People. Emphasizes the differences among the over six million people on earth. j 155.2 Spier

Thimmesh, C. Friends: True Stories Of Extraordinary Animal Friendships. What makes a camel friends with a Vietnamese pig? Or a wild polar bear pals with a sled dog? Catherine Thimmesh offers a photo exploration of unlikely animal friendships, which not only gives readers insight into animals but challenges preconceived notions about compatibility. This book also expresses tolerance of differences and makes us look at the kindness of animals—and humans—a little differently. jP Thimmesh

Wiles, D. Freedom Summer. In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henty, who is colored, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists.

j PAR PIC Wiles

Willems, M. Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed. Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement. jP Willems