

Multicultural Books



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The following books are located in the Picture Book Section.

Baer, S. This is the Way We Go to School
Describes, in text and illustrations, the many different modes of transportation children all over the world use to get to school.

Castaneda, O. Abuela's Weave
A young Guatemalan girl and her grandmother grow closer as they weave some special creations and then make a trip to the market in hopes of selling them.

Cole, H. Am I A Color Too?
A young boy whose father is called Black and whose mother is called White wonders if he is a color, too, even as he observes that people around him dream, feel, sing, smile, and dance in every color.

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.

Hamanaka, S. All The Colors of the Earth
Reveals in verse that despite outward differences children everywhere are essentially the same and all are lovable.

Hoffman, M. Amazing Grace
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.

Hooks, B. Skin Again
Offering new ways to regard race and identity and celebrating all that makes us unique and different, children note that skin color is not as important as what's inside a person for determining who that person really is.

Katz, K. The Colors of Us
Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature.

Kerley, B. You and Me Together: Mom, Dads, and Kids Around the World
From a festival in India to a bus in Germany, from a park in China to a campfire in Australia, loving moms, dads, and kids share their lives.

Kitze, C. I Don't Have Your Eyes
A multicultural exploration of how people are alike despite differences in appearance, background or ethnicity.

Parr, T. The Family Book
Represents a variety of families, some big and some small, some with only one parent and some with two moms or dads, some quiet and some noisy, but all alike in some ways and special no matter what.

Say, A. Grandfather's Journey
A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

Senisi, E. Kindergarten Kids
Introduces a multicultural group of kindergarteners who show what it is like to go to kindergarten.

Simon, N. All Kinds of Children
Presents the things that all children over the world have in common, including their need for food, clothes, people to love them, and the opportunity to play.

Smith, C. I Am America
Brilliant full-color photographs depict children of different ethnic and racial backgrounds as they make faces, play music, and act like kids.

Tyler, M. The Skin You Live In
Rhyming verses give a cheerful look at human diversity by focusing on skin.

Wing, N. Jalapeno Bagels
For International Day at school, Pablo wants to bring something that reflects the cultures of both his parents.

Weiss, N. The World Turns Round and Round
Multiethnic children demonstrate that, despite differences in language, dress and culture, it really is a small world after all.

Williams, V. A Chair for My Mother
A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Woodson, J. The Other Side
Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.

The following books are located in the Books with CD Section.

Miller, J.P. We All Sing With the Same Voice
This joyful Sesame Street song embraces the notion that no matter where children live, what they look like, or what they do, they're all the same where it counts--at heart.