## CONVERSATIONS WITH KIDS ABOUT RACE & RACISM

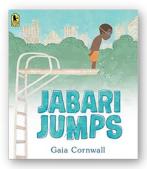
ages 2-6

## representation matters READ WIDELY

Choose books that show people with different skin tones, hair textures, and backgrounds participating in all manners of daily life, not only books that talk about race or the history of racism.



by Trish Cooke



by Gaia Cornwall



by Supriya Kelkar



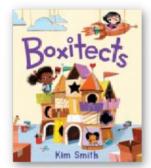
by Darshana Khiani



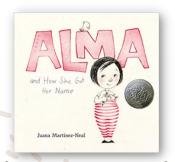
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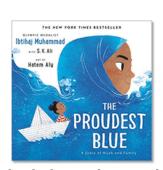
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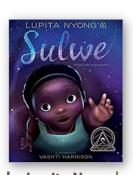
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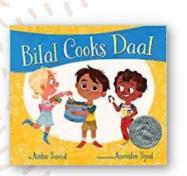
by Juana Martinez-Neal



by Ibtihaj Muhammad



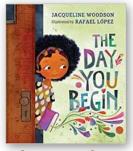
by Lupita Nyong'o



by Aisha Saeed



by Sonia Sotomayor



by Jacqueline Woodson

### BUILD POSITIVE IDENTITIES

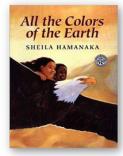
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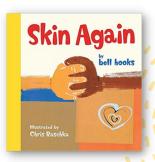
#### WHAT IS RACE?

Choose books that show people with the whole amazing variety of human characteristics. Talk about what you notice: what is the same? What is different? What does it mean?

Let's help kids understand that people invented different races. Race shouldn't matter, but racism is real and creates bias and discriminatory laws.



by Sheila Hamanaka



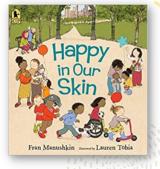
by bell hooks



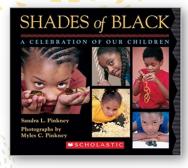
by Katie Kissinger



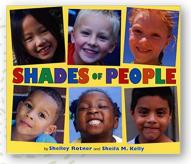
by Megan Madison



by Fran Manushkin



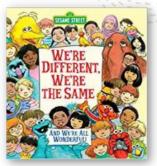
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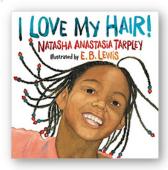
by Shelley Rotner



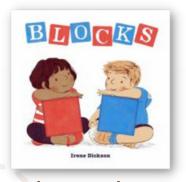
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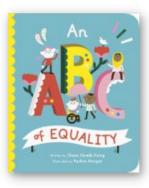
by Sesame Street



by Natasha Tarpley



by Irene Dickson



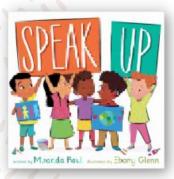
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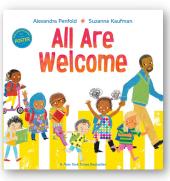
by Jon Klassen

#### WHAT IS FAIR?

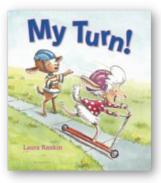
Kids are expert fairness detectors when playing and sharing. Use a framework of fairness to prepare for future age-appropriate conversations of racism that resonate with children.



by Miranda Paul



by Alexandra Penfold



by Laura Rankin



by Amy Rosenthal

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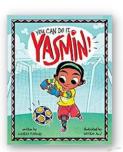
ages 7-12

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Choose books that show people with different skin tones, hair textures, experiences, and backgrounds participating in all manners of daily life.



by Dusti Bowling



by Saadia Faruqi



by Raj Haldar



by Patti Kim



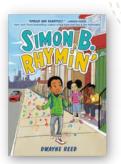
by Aliza Layne



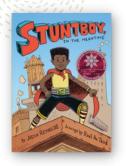
by Zanib Mian



by Dawn Quigley



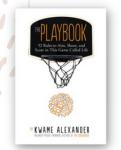
by Dwayne Reed



by Jason Reynolds



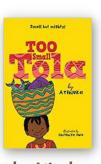
by Maleeha Siddiqui



by Kwame Alexander



by Lisa Fipps



by Atinuke



by Malik Pancholy



by Kelly J. Baptist



by Madelyn Rosenbera

# BUILD POSITIVE IDENTITIES

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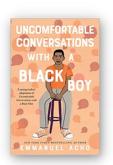
#### LEARN ACCURATE HISTORY

Learn about and discuss the history of race and racism in the United States through picture books, graphic novels and nonfiction.

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Consider sharing these as a family. Reading together can provide space for important conversations and learning.

Parents and caregivers know their kids best and should review materials to check for developmentally appropriate content and concepts.



by Emmanuel Acho



adapted for tweens by Sonja Cherry-Paul



by Rose Blue

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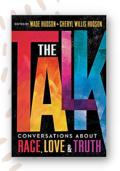
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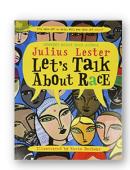
by Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renée Watson



by Tonya Cherie Hegamin



ed. by Wade Hudson & Cheryl Willis Hudson



by Julius Lester



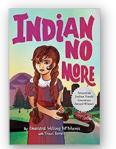
by John Lewis & Ándrew Aydin



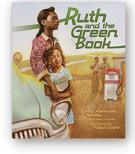
by Amina Luqman-Dawson



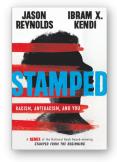
by Susan Lynn Meyer



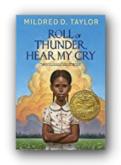
by Charlene Willing Mcmanis with Traci Sorrell



by Calvin Alexander Ramsey & **Gwen Strauss** 



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by Mildred D. Taylor



by Carole Boston **Weatherford**