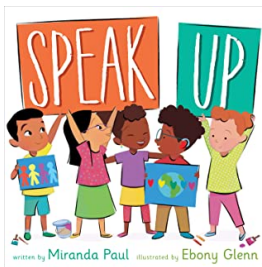


# Anti-Racist Picture books.

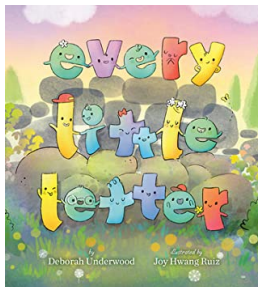
## Raise the change.

There are so many great picture books to help parents and kids start those important conversations about what it means to respect others, celebrate differences, and create change with our words and actions. Here are just a few to get you started...



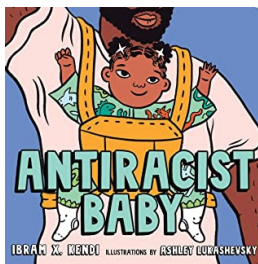
[Speak Up](#) by Miranda Paul

When something really matters, one voice can make a difference. This spirited picture book celebrates diversity and encourages kids to speak up, unite with others, and take action when they see something that needs to be fixed.



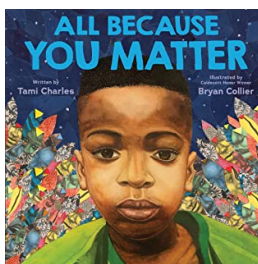
[Every Little Letter](#) by Deborah Underwood

This book shows how even the smallest among us can make a big impact, and how a single act of friendship can inspire whole communities to come together. How do you tear down walls? With words, at first. Then brick by brick.



[Antiracist Baby](#) by Ibram X. Kendi

*Antiracist Baby* introduces the youngest readers and the grown-ups in their lives to the concept and power of antiracism. Almost written more for the parents than for the kids, but a great family read either way.



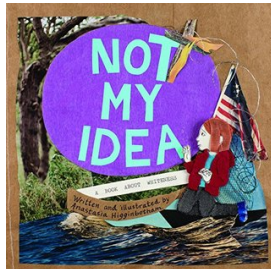
[All Because You Matter](#) by Tami Charles

A lyrical, heart-lifting love letter to Black and brown children everywhere: reminding them how much they matter, that they have always mattered, and they always will.



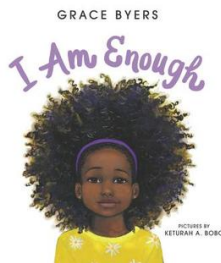
[Kamala and Maya's Big Idea](#) by Meena Harris

One day, Kamala and Maya had an idea. A *big* idea: they would turn their empty apartment courtyard into a playground! A story of children's ability to make a difference and of a community coming together to transform their neighborhood.



[Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness](#) by Anastasia Higginbotham

Part history lesson, part passionate primer to assist children (and parents) past defensiveness, *Not My Idea* is a tangible tool for necessary conversations.



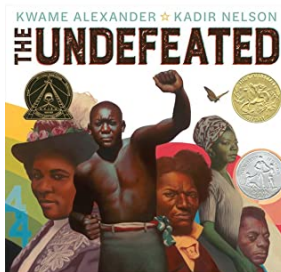
[I Am Enough](#) by Grace Byers

An ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another.



[Dreamers](#) by Yuyi Morales

Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story in this picture-book tribute to the transformative power of hope . . . and reading.

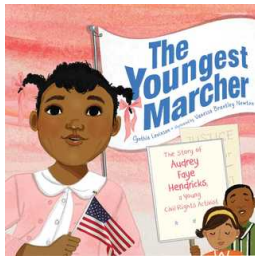


[The Undefeated](#) by Kwame Alexander

This poem is a love letter to black life in the United States, offering insights into the accomplishments of the past, while bringing attention to the endurance and spirit of those surviving and thriving in the present.

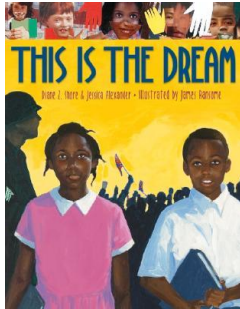
## Exploring our history through stories...

We can't create change unless we understand our history. Share stories with your kids about the historical events and influential people that brought us to where we are today...



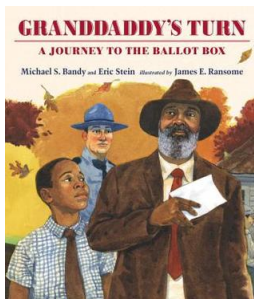
[The Youngest Marcher](#) by Cynthia Levinson

The story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a nine year old girl who was the youngest known child to be arrested for a civil rights protest in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963.



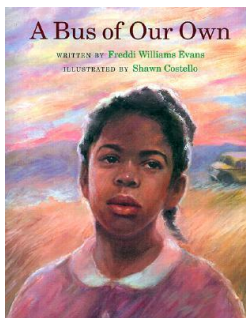
[This is the Dream](#) by Diane Z. Shore and Jessica Alexander

This brightly colored picture book catalogs the American experience before, during, and after the civil rights movement.



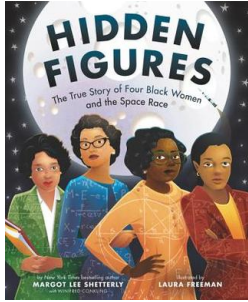
[Granddaddy's Turn](#) by Michael S. Bandy

Based on the true story of one family's struggle for voting rights in the Civil Rights-era South, this moving tale shines a spotlight on voter suppression.



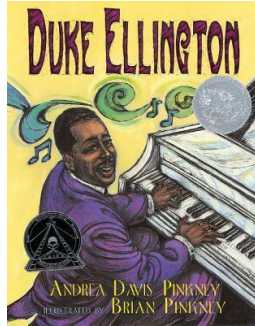
[A Bus of Our Own](#) by Freddi Williams Evans

The story of a young girl who can't help but notice the inequities within the segregated school system. A good start to discussing educational inequity.



[Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly

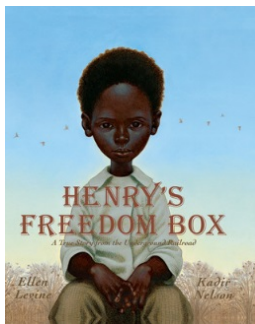
The story of four female African American mathematicians at NASA, and how they overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed in a highly challenging STEM-based career.



[Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra](#)

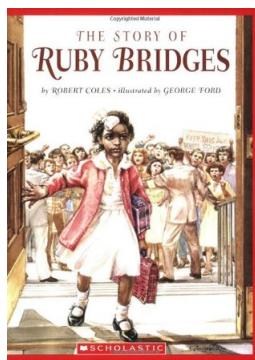
by Andrea Davis Pinkney

The story of one of the greatest composers of the twentieth century - the king of the keys - Duke Ellington.



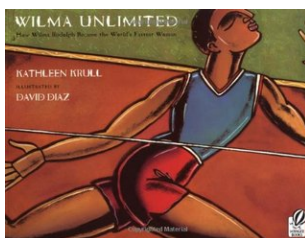
[Henry's Freedom Box](#) by Ellen Levine and Kadir Nelson

The true story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist.



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

The true story of the extraordinary 6-year-old who helped shape history when she became the first African-American sent to first grade in an all-white school.



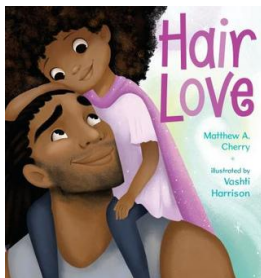
[Wilma Unlimited](#) by Kathleen Krull

The award-winning true story of Black Olympic runner Wilma Rudolph, who overcame childhood polio and eventually went on to win three gold medals.



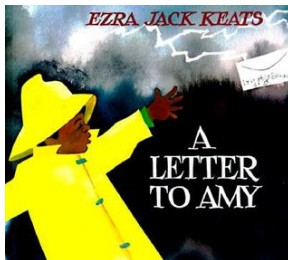
## Kids Being Kids

All kids deserve to see themselves represented in picture books. Sharing books with your children that feature racially diverse characters helps battle the notion that whiteness is the norm. Not every reading session needs to be a history or a racial justice lesson, but make sure you are working books that represent kids of color and their families into your child's everyday reading.



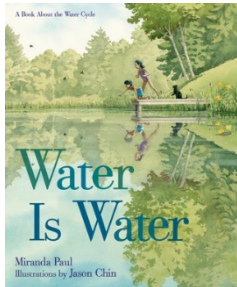
[Hair Love](#) by Matthew A Cherry

When mommy is away, it's up to daddy to do his daughter's hair in this ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters.



[Ezra Jack Keats](#) books- any and all

Ezra Jack Keats was one of the very first American picture-book makers to feature a black child as the central character. Most famous for [The Snowy Day](#), Keats created many other stories of Peter and his neighborhood friends. Try [Whistle for Willie](#), [Letter for Amy](#), or [Hi, Cat!](#)



[Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle](#) by Miranda Paul

This poetic picture book follows a group of kids as they move through all the different phases of the water cycle. Fun to read aloud, with beautiful, realistic illustrations.



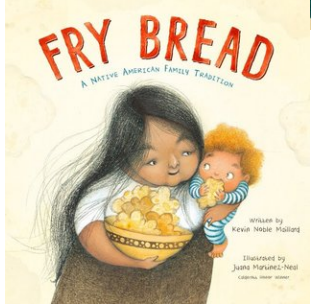
[Jabari Jumps](#) by Gaia Cornwall

Jabari sooo wants to jump off the high diving board. He knows he is ready, but something keeps holding him back. All kids will relate to the feeling of having to overcome a fear to do something they really want to do.

[Saturday](#) by Oge Mora



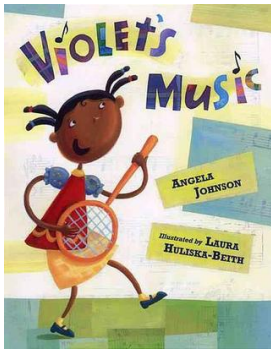
A mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong. Follow them all over town through a series of brilliantly colored scenes as they discover that no matter what they do, being together is what matters most.



### [Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story](#)

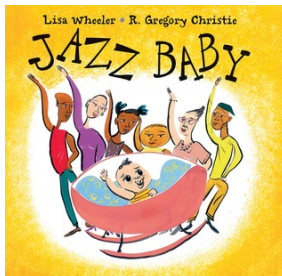
by Kevin Nobel Maillard and Juana Martinez-Neal

This nominee for the 2020 VT Red Clover Awards is a beautiful ode to the culinary tradition of Fry Bread, and even includes a Fry Bread recipe!



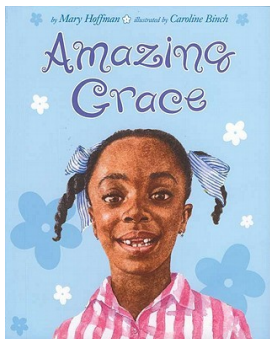
### [Violet's Music](#) by Angela Johnson

There's nothing Violet loves more than music, and she plays or sings every chance she gets. But where are all the other kids who think and dream music all day long? Follow Violet as she grows and finds her music loving friends.



### [Jazz Baby](#) by Liza Wheeler

Join this jazz loving family as they sing and dance their baby to sleep. Fun for all ages.



### [Amazing Grace](#) by Mary Hoffman

Grace loves stories and loves pretending. Will she be able to make her dream of playing Peter Pan in the school play come true? Follow Grace as she learns she can do anything she puts her mind to!