

Putting Diversity in Literacy in Action

These books are chosen because they discuss sensitive and controversial topics in the form of children's books and stories.

1. Mama's Nightingale : A Story of Immigration and Separation

Danticat, E., & Staub, L. (2015). *Mama's nightingale : A story of immigration and separation*. New York, New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) LLC. 0525428097.

This children's book discusses the struggles and challenges that come from immigration when a young girl is separated from her mother. The story also emphasizes the importance of writing and the impact it can have for people/families.

2. The Fair Housing Five and the Haunted House

Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center. (2010). *The fair housing five and the haunted house*. Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center. 0615419127.

This book addresses housing discrimination in a community through a picture book. When looking for a place to live, a family comes to understand the importance and impact of fair housing.

3. Those Shoes

Boelts, M. (2009). *Those shoes*. Candlewick. 0763642843.

This book addresses teasing and bullying that goes on in schools do to the topic of possession. It's a good conversation regarding envy, sharing, and kindness.

4. The Sandwich Swap

Queen Rania of Jordan Al Abdullah. & DiPucchio, K. (2010). *The sandwich swap*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 9781423124849.

This book is a creative way to address differences that come with relationships.it teaches lessons of tolerance and acceptance in the story over sandwiches.

5. Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Having the Courage To Be Who You Are

Dismondy, M. (2008). *Spaghetti in a hot dog bun: having the courage to be who you are*. Cardinal Rule Press. 0615473938.

The story of this book shows how to treat others with respect and acceptance. It is an empowering story about courage and bravery through spaghetti in a hot dog bun.

6. Naturally Me

Swain-Bates, C. (2014). *Naturally me*. Goldest Karat Publishing. 1939509114.

This book is designed to boost the self-esteem of children, especially those with differences, like freckles and gap teeth. It features two African American students that go through their day while feeling comfortable as they are.

7. Maddi's Fridge

Brandt, L. (2014). *Maddi's fridge*. Flashlight Press. 1936261294.

This picture book discusses poverty and lack of food through it's story between two friends. Lessons of honesty and empathy are within the story.

8. Last Stop on Market Street

De la Pena, M. (2015). *Last stop on market street*. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 9780399257742.

This book follows a child and his grandmother through the city where many questions regarding socio-economic status are raised. The story allows children to see the beauty in what they have.

9. The Invisible Boy

Ludwig, T. (2013). *The invisible boy*. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 1582464502.

This book encompasses acceptance and inclusion in the short story about a boy who feels invisible. All things change when a new student arrives and he is noticed by his peers.

10. The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others

Sornson, B. (2010). *The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others*. Early Learning Foundation. 1933916729.

This book teaches children not to be bystanders in bullying situations. The book takes a bully and allows him to have a choice about bullying or being a friend.