Celebrating Diversity: A Book List

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*Double Trouble* by Atinuke, illustrated by Lauren Tobia

*Pecan Pie Baby* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Sophie Blackall

*I Love My Hair* by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley, illustrated by E.B. Lewis

*Bippity-Bop Barbershop* by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley, illustrated by E.B. Lewis

*Black All Around* by Patricia Hubbell, illustrated by Don Tate

*Black Magic* by Dinah Johnson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

*Something Beautiful* by Sharon Dennis Wyeth, illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet

*Chocolate Me!* by Taye Diggs, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

*The Blacker the Berry* by Joyce Carol Thomas, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

*Mixed Me!* by Taye Diggs, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

*My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood* by Tameka Fryer Brown, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

*Yesterday I Had the Blues* by Jeron Ashford Frame, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

*Little Red Riding Hood* by Jerry Pinkney

*The Neighborhood Mother Goose* by Nina Crews

*Snug in Mama’s Arms* by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by John Sandford

*One Million Men and Me* by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Peter Ambush

*Don’t Let Auntie Mabel Bless the Table* by Vanessa Brantley Newton

*Shante Keys and the New Year’s Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport, illustrated by Marion Eldridge

*My Pop Pop and Me* by Irene Smalls, illustrated by Cathy Ann Johnson

*My Nana and Me* by Irene Smalls, illustrated by Cathy Ann Johnson

*Don’t Call Me Grandma* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon

*When I Am Old With You* by Angela Johnson, illustrated by David Soman

*Tea Cakes for Tosh* by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by E.B. Lewis
The Moon Ring by Randy DuBurke

Raising Dragons by Jerdine Nolen, illustrated by Elise Primavera

Bucky and Stu vs. Mikanikal Man written and illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright

Some Kind of Love: A Family Reunion in Poems by Traci Gant, illustrated by Eric Velasquez

Full, Full, Full of Love by Trish Cooke, illustrated by Paul Howard

Max and the Tag-Along Moon by Floyd Cooper

Bird by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Shadra Strickland

A Place Where Hurricanes Happen by Renee Watson, illustrated by Shadra Strickland

I Get So Hungry by Bebe Moore Campbell, illustrated by Amy Bates

Seven Spools of Thread by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by Daniel Minter

Christmas Makes Me Think by Tony Medina, illustrated by Chandra Cox

The All-I’ll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll by Patricia McKissack, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Jackie’s Gift by Sharon Robinson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis

The Story of Kwanzaa by Donna L. Washington, illustrated by Stephen Taylor

Easter Parade by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist

Painted Eggs and Chocolate Bunnies by Toni Trent Parker, photographs by Earl Anderson

Lily Brown’s Paintings by Angela Johnson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis

Kenya’s Art by Linda Trice, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell

JoJo’s Flying Sidekick by Brian Pinkney

H.O.R.S.E. written and illustrated by Christopher Myers

On the Ball written and illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Leontyne Price by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Raul Colon

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton written and illustrated by Don Tate

Barack Obama by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Bryan Collier

Oprah by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by London Ladd

Pele: King of Soccer by Monica Brown, illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez

Freedom in Congo Square by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
Grandaddy’s Turn by Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein, illustrated by James E. Ransome

Bradford Street Buddies series by Jerdine Nolen

Miami Jackson series by Patricia & Fredrick McKissack

Niki & Deja series by Karen English, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Dyamonde Daniel series by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Ruby & the Booker Boys series by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton

Sassy series by Sharon M. Draper

This Kid Can Fly by Aaron Philip with Tonya Bolden

Mo’Ne Davis: Remember My Name by Mo’Ne Davis by Hilary Beard

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

President of the Whole Sixth Grade by Sherri Winston

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Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire by Sundee T. Frazier

The Magnificent Mya Tibbs by Crystal Allen

8th Grade Super Zero by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

How Lamar’s Bad Prank Won a Bubba-Sized Trophy by Crystal Allen

The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson

March: Book One by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell

Monster: A Graphic Novel adapted by Guy A. Sims, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile