



100 Years, 100 Picture Books to Grow Little Hearts

When We Need Diverse Books got its start in 2014, our team had one vision in mind — to create a world in which all kids can see themselves in the pages of a book. That's why we're thankful to the CBC for this opportunity to share 3 lists of diverse children's books that our team has

carefully curated. Historically these types of lists have ignored work by content creators from the margins, relegating wonderful books to the shadows. Those books don't get an opportunity to make it to every child's bookshelf and into every child's heart -- and we are striving to change that. We warmly invite you to check out our recommendations!

We Need Diverse Books is a non-profit that advocates for increased diversity in children's literature. WNDB got its start in 2014 as a viral Twitter hashtag and has since grown into a 501(c)(3) organization with 11 groundbreaking initiatives and a team that spans the globe.

- *Hands Up* by Breanna J. McDaniel, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
- *My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood* by Tameka Fryer Brown, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
- *Honey, I Love* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall
- *Julián is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love
- *Grandma's Purse* by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- *Storm in the Night* by Mary Stolz, illustrated by Pat Cummings

- *Harlem's Little Black Bird: The Story of Florence Mills* by Renée Watson, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- *Love* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Loren Long
- *Firebird* by Misty Copeland, illustrated by Christopher Myers
- *Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier
- *Bird* by Zetta Elliot, illustrated by Shadra Strickland
- *The Day You Began* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López
- *The Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- *Ellington Was Not a Street* by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- *When Aidan Became a Brother* by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita
- *This is the Rope* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by James Ransome
- *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ekuia Holmes
- *Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut* by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James
- *I, Too, Am America* by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Bryan Collier
- *My Mama Needs Me* by Mildred Pitts Walter, illustrated by Pat Cummings
- *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Hudson Talbott
- *Woke Baby* by Mahogany Browne, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III
- *Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

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- *Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World* by Vashti Harrison
- *Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shatterly, illustrated by Laura Freeman
- *How To Read A Book* by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Melissa Sweet
- *We Are Grateful* by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac
- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- *Let the Children March* by Monica Clark-Robinson, illustrated by Frank Morrison

- *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop* by Alice Faye Duncan, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
- *One Of A Kind Like Me / Único como yo* by Lauren Mayeno, illustrated by Robert Liu-Trujillo
- *We Sang You Home* by Richard Van Camp, illustrated by Julie Flett
- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino, illustrated by Isabelle Malenfant
- *Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Eric Velasquez
- *Take Care* by Madelyn Rosenberg, illustrated by Giuliana Gregori
- *Why Am I Me?* by Paige Britt, illustrated by Selina Alko & Sean Qualls
- *The Purim Superhero* by Elisabeth Kushner, illustrated by Mike Byrne
- *The Field* by Baptiste Paul, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara
- *The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game* by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Jez Tuya
- *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katheryn Russell-Brown, illustrated by Frank Morrison
- *Mommy's Khimar* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, illustrated by Ebony Glenn
- *Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter* by Mark Gonzalez
- *One Word from Sophia* by Jim Averbeck & Yasmeen Ismail
- *Tutus Aren't My Style* by Linda Skeers, illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf
- *The Runaway Wok: A Chinese New Year Tale* by Ying Chang Compestine, illustrated by Sebastià Serra
- *Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses* by Don Tate
- *Seperate Is Never Equal* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Drawn Together* by Minh Le, illustrated by Dan Santat
- *Juna's Jar* by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino
- *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
- *Under My Hijab* by Hena Khan, illustrated by Aaliya Jaleel
- *Ocean Meets Sky* by Terry Fan & Eric Fan
- *Undocumented: A Worker's Fight* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Mixed : A Colorful Story* by Arree Chung
- *Ganesh's Sweet Tooth* by Sanjay Patel & Emily Haynes
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin
- *The Twins' Blanket* by Hyewon Yum
- *Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed, illustrated by Anoosha Syed

- *Lovely* by Jess Hong
- *Neither* by Airlie Anderson
- *Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora
- *SeeSaw Girl* by Linda Sue Park
- *Another* by Christian Robinson
- *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi
- *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall
- *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales
- *Hair Love* by Matthew A. Cherry
- *Wings* by Christopher Myers
- *My Pen* by Christopher Myers
- *Pool* by Jihyeon Lee
- *Radiant Child* by Javaka Steptoe
- *Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon!* by Pat Cummings
- *We All Count* by Julie Flett

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- *Large Fears* by Miles E. Johnson, illustrated by Kendrick Daye
 - *Beautiful Moon: A Child's Prayer* by Tonya Bolden, illustrated by Eric Velasquez
 - *My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay* by Cari Best, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
 - *28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World* by Charles R. Smith, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
 - *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* by Robbie Robertson, illustrated by David Shannon
 - *Drum Dream Girl : How One Girl's Courage Changed Music* by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López
 - *Grandma's Tiny House: A Counting Story* by JaNay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Priscilla Burris

- *The Roots of Rap* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison
- *Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes* by Doug Kuntz & Amy Shrodes, illustrated by Sue Cornelison
- *Bright Eyes, Brown Skin* by Cheryl Hudson, illustrated by George Ford
- *Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life* by Ashley Bryan
- *Girls Dance, Boys Fiddle* by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Kimberly McKay
- *Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story* by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Lea Lyon
- *Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey* by Doug Kuntz & Amy Shrodes, illustrated by Sue Cornelison
- *Sona and the Wedding Game* by Kashmira Sheth, illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi
- *Carmela Full of Wishes* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- *The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali, illustrated by Hatem Aly
- *The King of Kindergarten* by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- *Mango, Abeula, and Me* by Meg Medina, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
- *My Papi Has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Peña
- *Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao* by Kat Zhang, illustrated by Charlene Chua
- *You Hold Me Up* by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Danielle Daniel
- *Sitting Bull : Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People* by S.D. Nelson



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