



# 100 Years, 100 Young Adult Books to Build the Next Generation

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.

Learn more at  
[DiverseBooks.org](https://DiverseBooks.org)

- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
- *Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany Jackson
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *Labyrinth Lost* by Zoraida Córdova
- *The Sun Is Also A Star* by Nicola Yoon
- *Want* by Cindy Pon
- *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon
- *Blanca & Roja* by Anna-Marie McLemore
- *None of the Above* by I.W. Gregorio
- *Fresh Ink: An Anthology* edited by Lamar Giles
- *If I Was Your Girl* by Meredith Russo
- *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera
- *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli
- *This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story* by Kacen Callender
- *Beasts Made of Night* by Tochi Onyebuchi
- *Opposite of Always* by Justin A. Reynolds
- *To All the Boys I've Loved Before series* by Jenny Han

- *Well Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves* edited by Glory Edim
- *Love, Hate and Other Filters* by Samira Ahmed
- *Seafire* by Natalie C. Parker
- *Strange Grace* by Tessa Gratton
- *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland
- *Ramona Blue* by Julie Murphy

- *Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco X. Stork
- *The Spy with the Red Balloon* by Katherine Locke
- *Symptoms of a Heartbreak* by Sona Charaipotra
- *March series* by John Lewis & Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nathan Powell
- *Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices* edited by Lisa Charlyboy & Mary Beth Leatherdale
- *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson
- *You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins
- *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes
- *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman
- *Mexican White Boy* by Matt de la Peña
- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
- *The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson
- *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing* (Traitor to the Nation series) by M.T. Anderson

- *A Wreath for Emmett Till* by Marilyn Nelson, illustrated by Philippe Lardy
- *Make Lemonade* by Virginia Euwer Wolff
- *Somewhere in the Darkness* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Yacqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass* by Meg Medina
- *Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir* by Nikki Grimes
- *The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily X.R. Pan
- *Let Me Hear a Rhyme* by Tiffany D. Jackson
- *Hearts Unbroken* by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- *145th Street: Short Stories* by Walter Dean Myers
- *If You Could Be Mine* by Sara Farizan
- *Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper
- *An Ember in the Ashes series* by Sabaa Tahir
- *The Wrath and the Dawn* by Renée Ahdieh
- *The Star Touched Queen* by Roshani Chokshi
- *Forest of a Thousand Lanterns* by Julie C. Dao
- *How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon
- *Shadowshaper* by Daniel José Older
- *Anger Is a Gift* by Mark Oshiro

- *Does My Head Look Big In This?* by Randa Abdel-Fattah
- *Tyrell* by Coe Booth
- *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi
- *Watched* by Marina Budhos
- *Calling My Name* by Liara Tamani
- *The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton
- *Disappeared* by Francisco X. Stork
- *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Boy Meets Boy* by David Levithan
- *Tell Me How a Crush Should Feel* by Sara Farizan
- *For a Muse of Fire* by Heidi Heilig
- *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* by Emily M. Danforth
- *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo

- *The Fold* by An Na
- *Ash* by Malinda Lo
- *Rebel Seoul* by Axie Oh
- *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina, illustrated by Stacey Robinson and John Jennings
- *Killer of Enemies* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Summer of the Mariposas* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- *The Things She's Seen* by Ambelin Kwaymullina and Ezekiel Kwaymullina
- *Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty* by G. Neri, illustrated by Randy Duburke
- *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
- *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahareh Mafi
- *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang
- *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay
- *I Wish You All the Best* by Mason Deaver
- *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers
- *If I Ever Get Out of Here* by Eric Gansworth
- *Outrun the Moon* by Stacey Lee
- *The Way You Make Me Feel* by Maurene Goo
- *The Revolution of Birdie Randolph* by Brandy Colbert
- *Pulp* by Robin Talley

- *Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens* edited by Marieke Njikamp
- *Something In Between* by Melissa de la Cruz
- *Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America* edited by Ibi Zoboi
- *This Side of Home* by Renée Watson
- *House of Purple Cedar* by Tim Tingle
- *Code Talker Stories* by Laura Tohe
- *When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon
- *Jumped* by Rita Williams Garcia

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