

Multicultural Picture Books



Youth Services

E/Fiction
Alko

I'm Your Peanut Brother Big Brother by Selina Alko
A child in an interracial family wonders what his yet-to-be-born sibling will look like.

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Bunting

One Green Apple by Eve Bunting
While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples.

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Compestine

The Runaway Wok : a Chinese New Year Tale by Ying Chang Compestine
On Chinese New Year's Eve, a poor man who works for the richest businessman in Beijing sends his son to market to trade their last few eggs for some rice, but instead he brings home an empty--but magic--wok that changes their fortunes forever.

E/Fiction
Cornelles

Mariama: Different But Just the Same by Jeronimo Cornelles
Everything's new for Mariama after a long journey by car, train, boat, and plane from Africa. She's going to discover a world where the streets, her school, and the food are all different. But what about the people?

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Cunnance

Deep in the Sahara by Kelly Cunnance
An Arab girl of the Sahara who wants to wear a malafa, the veiled dress worn by her mother and older sister, learns that the garment represents beauty, mystery, tradition, belonging, and faith.

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Daly

The Herd Boy by Niki Daly
While doing a good job of caring for his grandfather's sheep and goat on the grasslands of South Africa, young Malusi dreams of everything from owning his own dog to becoming president one day.

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Diggs

Chocolate Me by Taye Diggs
Relates the experiences of a dark-skinned, curly-haired child who wishes he could look more like the lighter-skinned children in his community until his mother helps him realize how wonderful he is inside and out.

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Mixed Me by Taye Diggs
Told in rhyming text, Mike is a mixed-race boy, completely comfortable with his identity and his parents--and his wild, curly hair.

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Fox
Whoever You Are by Mem Fox
Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together, such as pain, joy, and love.
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Katz
The Color of Us by Karen Katz
Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature.
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Khan
King for a Day by Rukhsana Khan
Even though he is confined to a wheelchair, a Pakistani boy tries to capture the most kites during Basant, the annual kite festival, and become "king" for the day.
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Kostecki-Shaw
Same, Same, but Different by Jenny Kostecki-Shaw
Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover even though they live in different countries-- America and India--they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.
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Manushkin
Happy in Our Skin by Fran Manushkin
A wonderful gift book for new mums and toddlers, all children can see themselves, and open their eyes to the world, in this sweet, scrumptious celebration forms of skin.
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Mora
I Pledge Allegiance by Par Mora
Libby and her great-aunt, Lobo, both learn the Pledge of Allegiance--Libby for school, and Lobo for her U.S. citizenship ceremony.
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Mosel
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
When the eldest son fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names.
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Parr
It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr
Presents a children's book that explains how being different or having different friends is okay and helps children to understand each person is special no matter what they look like or do.
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Stewart
The Quiet Place by Sarah Stewart
A little girl moves to the United States from Mexico with her family and writes letters to her aunt in Mexico about her new life.
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Tyler
The Skin You Live In by Michael Tyler
Rhyming text and illustrations celebrate being content with the skin in which one lives.
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Woo
Maggie's Chopsticks by Alan Woo
Poor Maggie struggles to master her chopsticks -- it seems nearly everyone around the dinner table has something to say about the "right" way to hold them!