



Booklist: Stories dealing with discrimination and prejudice

Ungifted

by Gordon Korman

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school. Will they accept him there?

The Harlem Hellfighters : when pride met courage

by Walter Dean Myers

Documents the heroism of the African-American soldiers of the 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the Harlem Hellfighters, who despite bigotry and discrimination distinguished themselves in combat in World War I.

Paper wishes

by Lois Sepahban

Near the start of World War II, young Manami, her parents and Grandfather are evacuated from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp for Japanese-American citizens.

Save me a seat

by Sarah Weeks

Two boys, one white, one Indian-American, gain strength from each other from afar as they struggle to navigate middle school, family relationships and friendships.

One crazy summer

by Rita Williams-Garcia

After travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her two sisters discover that their mother, a dedicated poet, wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp

Inside out & back again

by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama

The liberation of Gabriel King

by K. L. Going

Wanting to help her friend face his fears, Frita Wilson makes a plan for Gabriel King that she is certain will help him get over his many phobias, yet when racism rears its ugly head in their small town in 1976 Georgia, fearless Frita discovers that Gabe has all the strength, courage, and conviction in the world when it comes down to what truly matters.

The boys in the boat : the true story of an American team's epic journey to win gold at the 1936 Olympics

by Daniel Brown

True story of American rowing team's triumphant and unlikely win during the 1936 Olympics--sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers, the University of Washington's eight oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, and went on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.

The invisible thread : [an autobiography]

by Yoshiko Uchida

Children's author, Yoshiko Uchida, describes growing up in Berkeley, California, as a Nisei, second generation Japanese American, and her family's internment in a Nevada concentration camp during World War II

Stella by starlight

by Sharon M. Draper

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town

The war that saved my life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Out of my mind : a novel

by Sharon M. Draper

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time

Wonder

by R. J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student

Charlotte Bakeman has her say

by Mary E. Finger

Charlotte is eleven years old, living in New Hampshire during the Depression. Times are hard. But Charlotte's family is okay and she's happy--except for her shyness. Charlotte runs away to the woods where she befriends Armand, a tramp, and Leona, a schoolmate who are both French Canadian. Charlotte knows some of her neighbors don't like French Canadians, even Charlotte's best friend, Francie. Standing up for her friend and against intolerance, she conquers her shyness.

George

by Alex Gino

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self

Almost astronauts : 13 women who dared to dream

by Tanya Lee Stone

Provides the story of the thirteen women connected with NASA's Mercury 13 space mission, who braved prejudice and jealousy to make their mark and open the door for the female pilots and space commanders that would soon follow.

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Remember : the journey to school integration

by Toni Morrison

A fictional tale based on factual events captures the spirit, sadness, and struggle of the time as children tell what it was like to live during the era of school desegregation, enhanced with period photos.

Ruby Lee & me

by Shannon Hitchcock

When a formerly segregated North Carolina town hires its first African-American teacher, two girls—one black, one white—confront the prejudice that challenges their friendship.

Listen to the moon

by Michael Morpurgo

A tale inspired by the sinking of the Lusitania during World War I follows the experiences of a young British boy and his father, who take in a lost girl who is suspected of being a German. By the best-selling author of War Horse.

Fatty legs : a true story

by Christy Jordan-Fenton

Looks at the experiences of a strong-willed young Inuit girl who receives permission from her father to travel to a residential religious school run by non-Inuit outsiders, where she struggles to adapt to the new way of living

Brown girl dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South

A blind guide to Stinkville

by Beth Vrabel

After moving to Stinkville from Seattle, where everyone knew her and she was comfortable, blind albino Alice finds herself floundering in her new environment, but she's determined to prove that she can be part of the community and by confronting her own blindness, everyone else in Stinkville seems to see her for the first time.

The best man

by Richard Peck

Sweet and observant sixth-grader Archer forges bonds with loyal friends and inspiring teachers against a backdrop of his beloved uncle Paul's gay marriage to Archer's favorite student teacher. By the Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail*.

Written in stone

by Rosanne Parry

A young girl in a Pacific Northwest Native American tribe in the 1920s must deal with the death of her father and the loss of her tribe's traditional ways

Rain reign

by Ann M. Martin

Struggling with the challenges of OCD and Asperger's syndrome, Rose, a homonym enthusiast, shares an inseparable bond with a beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places in order to search for her pet.

Paint

by Jennifer Dance

In the late 1800s, a Lakota boy befriends an orphaned mustang named Paint, and the two are forced to separate when the U.S. Cavalry attacks the boy's camp, and Paint must make her own way in the Canadian prairie

Echo

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica—and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica

Odd, weird & little

by Patrick Jennings

Befriending a very strange new student, Toulouse helps outsider Woodrow stand up to the class bullies who have been picking on them both.

Fish in a tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Hiding the truth about her inability to read from a highly motivated new teacher, Ally eventually discovers that her dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of and gains new confidence as she finds alternative ways to learn.

The bubble wrap boy

by Phil Earle

An undersized misfit endures relationships with an uncommunicative father, an overprotective mother, and bullying peers before discovering a new passion (skateboarding!) that leads to a life-changing revelation

A handful of stars

by Cynthia Lord

When her blind dog slips his collar, 12-year old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the blueberry-picking season, and, based partly on their mutual love of dogs, the two forge a friendship while painting bee boxes for Lily's grandfather—but as the Blueberry Queen pageant approaches Lily and Selma are confronted with some of the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.

El Deafo

by Cece Bell

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Eight keys

by Suzanne M. LaFleur

When Elise, orphaned since age three, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope

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