



Diversity Reading List

Don't Touch My Hair!

by Sharee Miller

A plucky youngster gets fed up and imparts a lesson about the importance of asking permission when everyone she meets, from strangers in the street and mermaids in the sea to monkeys in the jungle and aliens in space, want to touch her beautiful, fluffy, curly hair.

Counting on Katherine

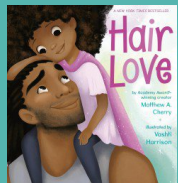
by Helaine Becker

A picture book introduction to the boundary-breaking mathematician who worked for NASA during the space race and was depicted in the film *Hidden Figures* describes how a numbers-loving young Katherine Johnson became an American icon who calculated the course of moon landings and was integral in saving lives during the Apollo 13 mission.

My Hair is a Garden

by Cozbi A Cabrera

After being teased yet again about her unruly hair, MacKenzie consults her neighbor, Miss Tillie, who compares hair care with tending her beautiful garden and teaches MacKenzie some techniques. Includes tips for shampooing, conditioning, and protecting black hair, and recipes for hair products.



Hair Love : A Celebration of Daddies and Daughters Everywhere

by Matthew A Cherry

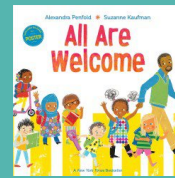
An ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters by the

former NFL wide receiver depicts an exuberant little girl whose dad helps her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.

Crown : An Ode To the Fresh Cut

by Derrick D Barnes

Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.



All Are Welcome

by Alexandra Penfold

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is celebrated and songs, stories, and talents are shared.

I Just Like You

by Suzanne Bloom

The Geisel Honor-winning creator of the *Goose and Bear* series presents a near-wordless story about friendship and tolerance that depicts a group of animal friends who like each other despite, and because of, their differences.

What Color Is My World? : The Lost History of African-American Inventors

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

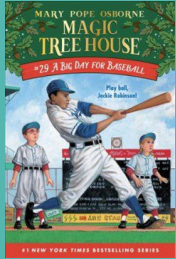
While twins Ella and Herbie help handyman Mr. Midal work on their new home, he tells them about such inventors as Granville Woods, Dr. Henry T. Sampson and James West, giving them a new view of their heritage as African-Americans.

New Kid

by Jerry Craft

Enrolled in a prestigious private school where he is one of only a few students of color, talented seventh-grade artist Jordan finds himself torn between the worlds of his Washington Heights apartment home and the upscale circles of Riverdale Academy.

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A Big Day for Baseball

by Mary Pope Osborne

Transported through time to 1947 to participate in a history-making baseball game, Jack and Annie don magical baseball caps to bolster their skills while learning what is so special about the game and its star player, Jackie Robinson.

Who Was Selena?

by Kate Bisantz

Recounts the life and career of the celebrated Mexican-American singer, from her childhood and rise to fame.

Who was Gandhi?

by Dana Meachen Rau

Calling for non-violent civil disobedience, Gandhi led India to independence and inspired movements for civil rights around the world.

Malala's Magic Pencil

by Malala Yousafzai

A girl describes how as a child in Pakistan she wished for a magic pencil to make others happy and to make her home cleaner and safer before she learned how to make positive changes without magic.

Free As a Bird : The Story of Malala

by Lina Maslo

A girl reveals how she secretly pursued an education in spite of Pakistani edicts against the education of girls, describing her advocacy work throughout the world in support of equal opportunities for everyone.

The Wooden Sword : A Jewish Folktale from Afghanistan

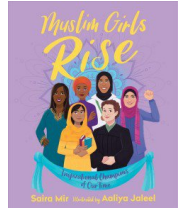
by Ann Redisch Stampler

Though the shah in Afghanistan tries to test his faith, a poor Jewish shoemaker maintains his belief that all things happen for the best.

Muslim Girls Rise : Inspirational Champions of Our Time

by Saira Mir

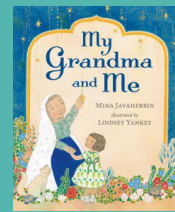
Introduces nineteen Muslim women from all around the world who have found their callings in a vast range of fields, from social justice to competitive sports to the entertainment industry.



The Proudest Blue : A Story of Hijab and Family

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

The Muslim-American Olympic medalist and social justice activist presents a vibrantly illustrated story about two sisters who endure criticism and bullying when they begin school on the first day the elder wears her beautiful blue hijab.



My Grandma and Me

by Mina Javaherbin

The award-winning author of Soccer Star presents the true story of a young girl in Iran and her grandmother, in a heartwarming ode to families that celebrates small moments of love that become lifelong

memories.

Adelita : A Mexican Cinderella Story

by Tomie DePaola

Offers a twist to the classic Cinderella tale as Adelita has her wish granted for one evening and finally meets the man of her dreams, Javier, who soon falls in love with her and changes her life forever.

Portraits of Jewish American Heroes

by Malka Drucker

Spanning three centuries, the influence and impact on the nation by twenty Jewish artists, inventors, civil right activists, and scientists are examined and celebrated in an informative book with multi-media illustrations.



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