

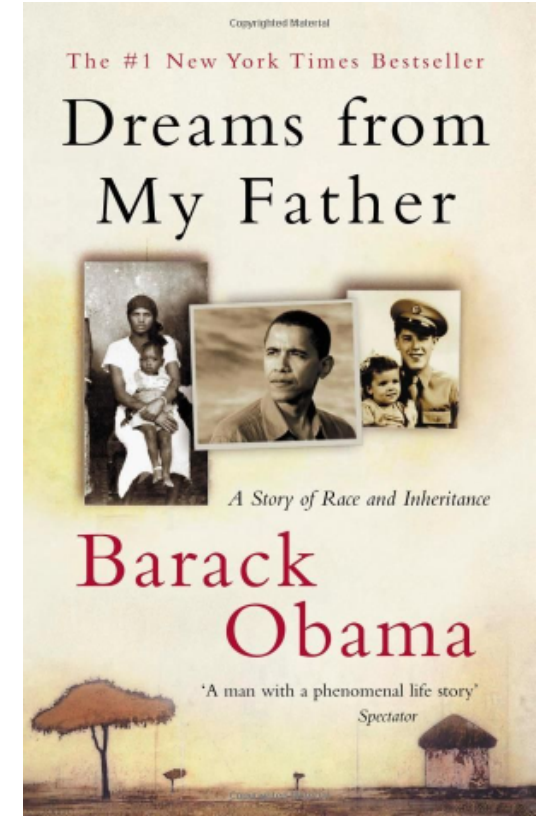
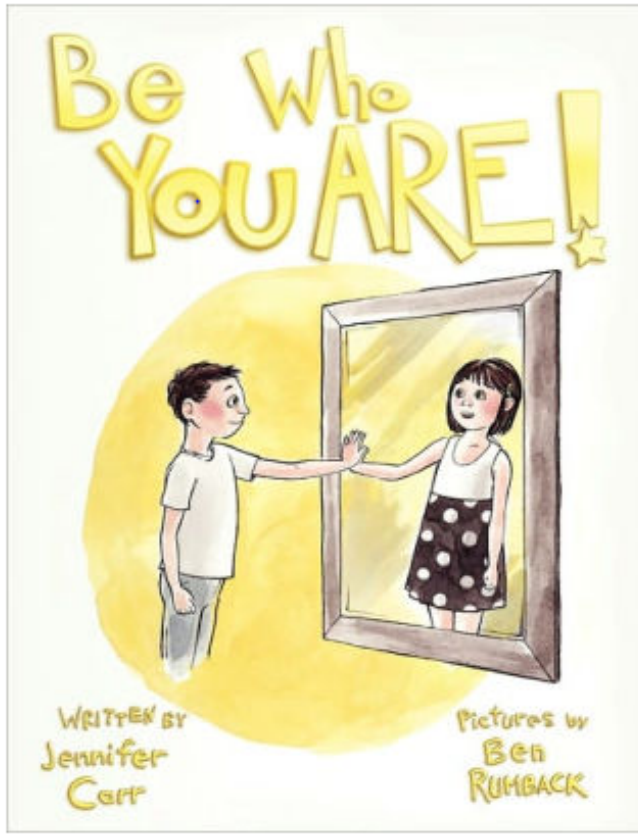


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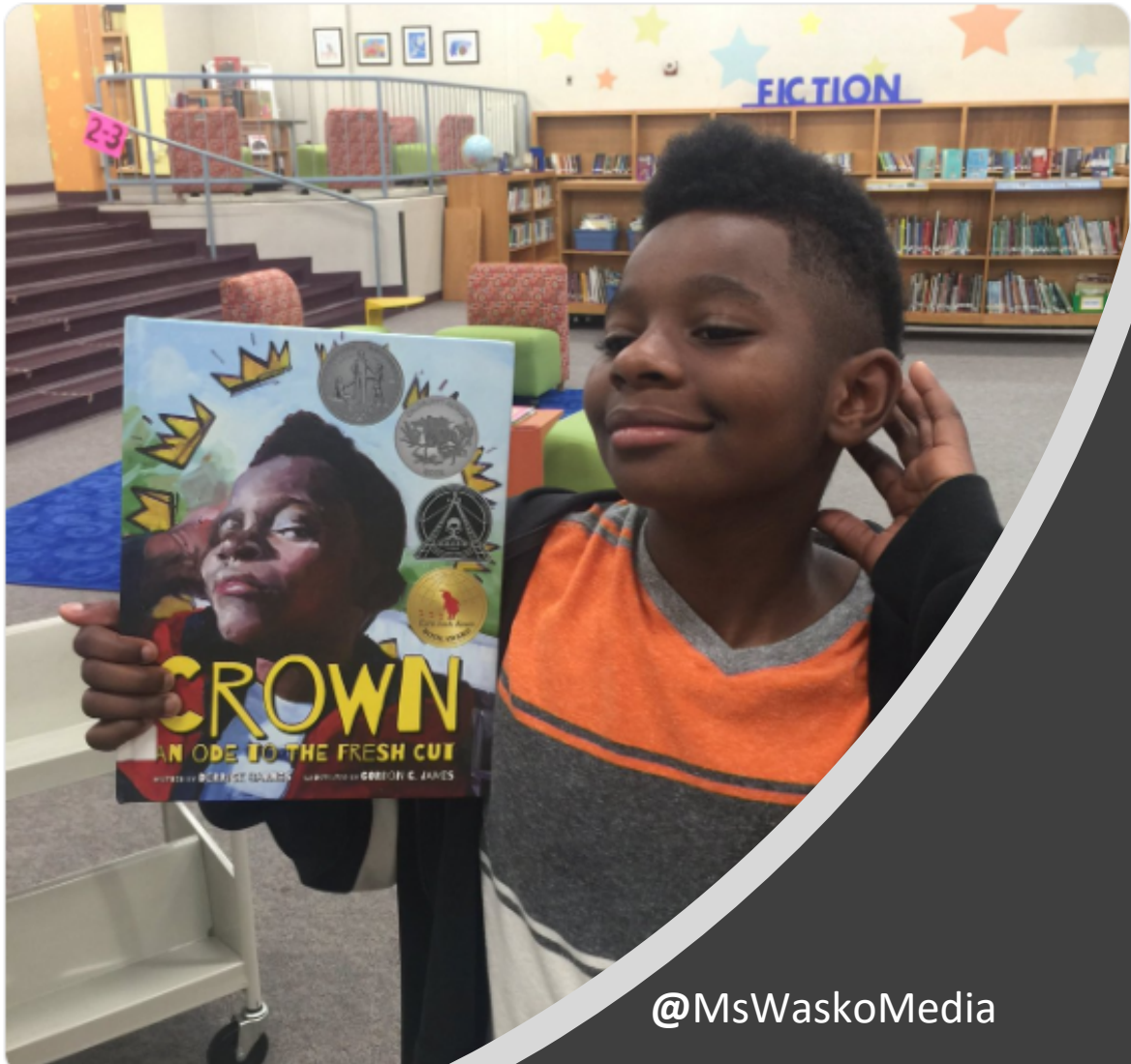
How do we find the “Windows, Mirrors and Sliding Glass Doors?”  
Discover UCF’s Diverse Families Bookshelf database.

# Definition

*Diversity encompasses those human characteristics that make us unique, as well as the many universal qualities that make us the same.*



This student was SO excited to find a book starring him on the cover! Having books that reflect students matter! PS the pose was his idea 😍!! @HunterPrincipal @hunter\_pta @suanne\_mckay



# Why are diverse books powerful tools?

- Mirrors, Windows & Sliding Glass Doors
- **Rudine Sims Bishop**
- *Shadow and Substance: Afro-American Experience in Contemporary Children's Literature (1982)*
- *used the metaphor of “windows, mirrors and sliding glass doors” to explain the ways in which children experience other cultures and see their own culture reflected and validated through the books they read*

*Children's picture books are some of the earliest forms of media that teach children about diversity in the world. Social messages that young children glean from picture books will likely stay with them for the rest of their lives (Roethler 1998; Henderson 1991).*



BOOKS

# DIVERSITY IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2018

Percentage of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds based on the 2018 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison: [ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp](http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp)

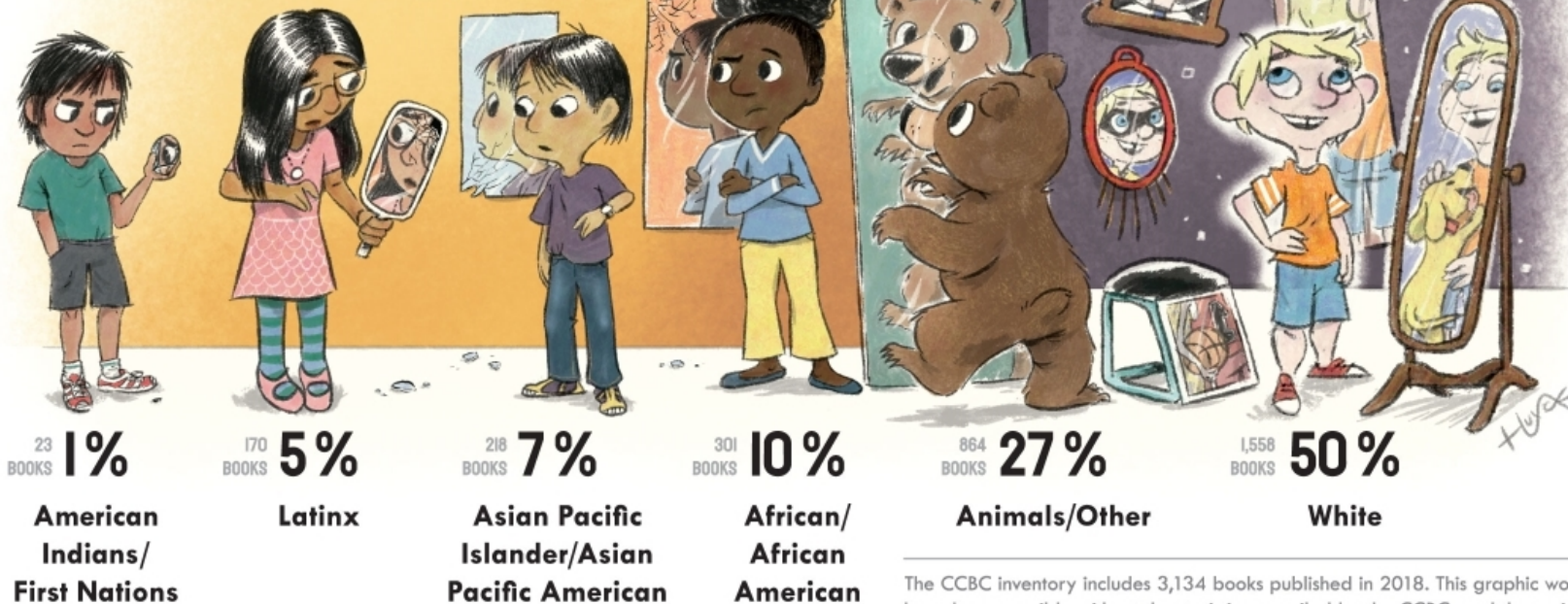


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The CCBC inventory includes 3,134 books published in 2018. This graphic would not have been possible without the statistics compiled by the CCBC, and the review and feedback we received from Edith Campbell, Molly Beth Griffin, K. T. Horning, Debbie Reese, Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, and Madeline Tyner. Many thanks.

# Diversity in Children's Books

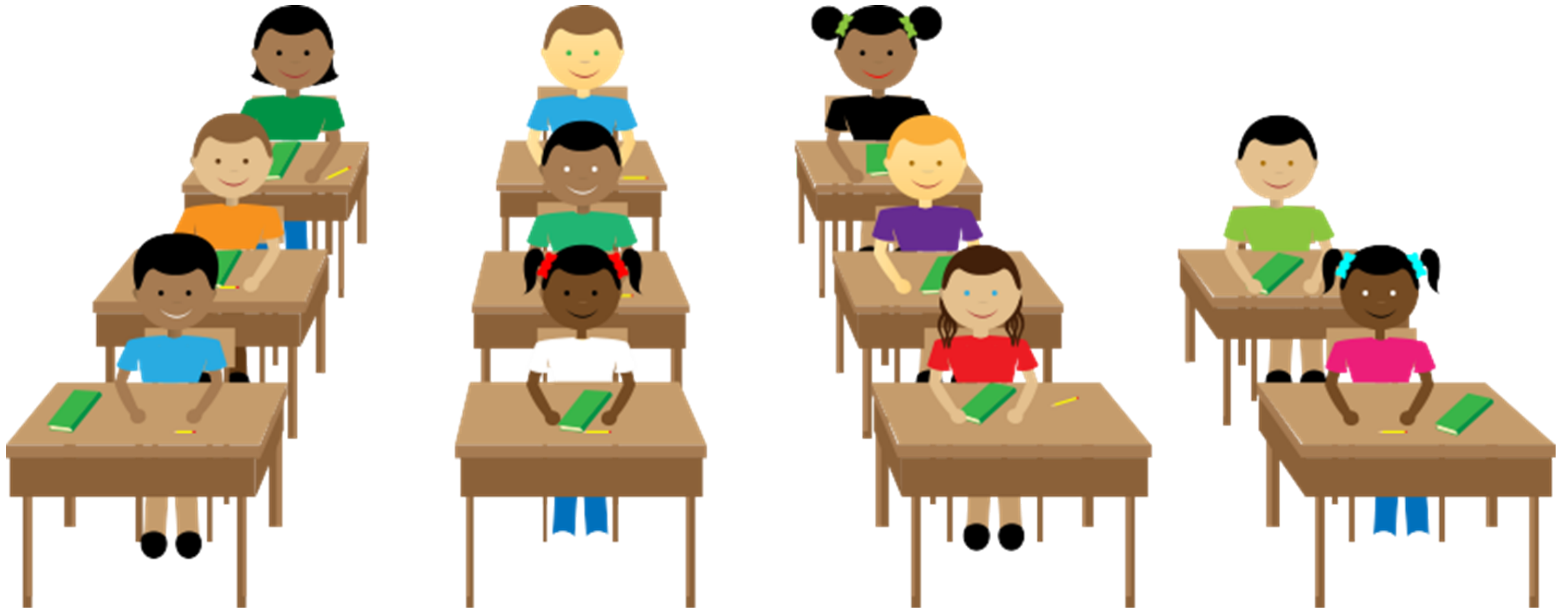
a study of 3600 books by the CCBC

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	American Indians/First Nations	Latinx	Asian Pacifics/Asian Pacific Americans	African/African Americans	Animals, Trucks, etc.	White
2012	Less than 1%	1.5%	2%	3%	0%	93%
2015	.09%	2.4%	3.3%	7.6%	12.5%	73.3%
<b>2018</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>50%</b>

# Within the State of Florida, what is our student enrollment by race?





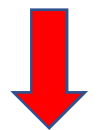
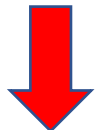
# Total Enrollment/Membership by District by Race/Ethnicity

**1,782,935**

**(non-white students)**

**FTE Student Enrollment is Majority Minority**

	White		Black or African American		Hispanic/Latino		Asian		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		American Indian or Alaska Native		Two or More Races	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2017-2018	1,077,904	38.0%	626,568	22.1%	938,248	33.1%	77,817	2.7%	4,744	0.2%	8,501	0.3%	99,333	3.5%
2018-2019	<b>1,063,922</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>624,435</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>964,219</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>78,938</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>4,839</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>8,127</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>102,377</b>	<b>3.6%</b>





“Necessity is the  
mother  
of invention,”  
but this time  
necessity’s name is  
Nuri.

Family Relationships

Racial Diversity

Culture/Ethnicity

LGBTQ+

Disability and Health



Outcome of Discovery

- 5 grants
- 1 fellowship
- 20 student assistants
- Custom artwork
- Database and supporting website
- Blogs

# Diverse Families Bookshelf



UCF student participation since the beginning

- Social media, reading books, uploading data, working with Digital Initiatives librarian,

Looks past culture, race and ethnicity (wheel)

Evaluation of pictures

Beginning to incorporate lesson plans

In discussions with middle school to expand database

Book is evaluated in its entirety

Main character attributes

**Currently working on database name and graphics change**

# Diversity Wheel

Dimensions of diversity, can include sex, race, age, national origin, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, intellectual and physical ability, sexuality, income, faith and non-faith perspectives, socio-economic class, political ideology, education, geographic location, primary language, family status, military experience, organization role and level, work style, work experience, cognitive style, and communication style.



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# *DIVerse Families*: Growth in Family Diversity A Comprehensive Bibliography PK-12

DIVerse Families is a comprehensive bibliography that demonstrates the growing diversity of families in the United States. This type of bibliography provides teachers, librarians, counselors, adoption agencies, children/young adults, and especially parents and grandparents needing to empower their children with materials that reflect their families.

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# DIVERse Families: Family Relationships

Family relationships grow through the connections we create with the people in our lives. Your family can be made of blood or non-blood relatives, friends, or pets, or a combination of these. Diverse families and their relationships are slowly becoming the new norm and will only continue to grow as the world progresses.

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# Sammy goes flying

Author: [Odette Elliott](#); [Georgina McIntyre](#)

Publisher: London : Tamarind, 2011.

Edition/Format:  Print book : Fiction : Juvenile audience : English [View all editions and formats](#)

Summary: Sammy dreams of flying. His older siblings are going on a school trip to an aeroplane museum. But Sammy is too small to go. Then Grandma plans a magical day out just for Sammy.

Rating:  (not yet rated)  [0 with reviews - Be the first.](#)

Subjects [Sammy \(Fictitious character : Elliott\) -- Pictorial works -- Juvenile fiction.](#)  
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Sammy and Daddy and Mummy went on a train.



Grandma was waiting at the station.

"Hello, Sammy, I have a treat for you. A friend of mine is bringing something special at the sports field this afternoon. Maybe we could all go there after lunch," she said.

# Sammy Goes Flying

[Odette Elliott](#)

## Illustrator

Georgina McIntyre

## Publisher

Transworld Publishers

## Publication Year

2011

## ISBN

9781848530508

## Pages

32 pages

## Genre

realism

## Format

picture book

## Item Type

Fiction

## Annotation

Sammy dreams of flying. His older siblings are going on a school trip to an aeroplane museum. But Sammy is too small to go. Then Grandma plans a magical day out just for Sammy.

## Grade Level

PK-1

## Topic

Racial Diversity; Biracial; Interracial; biracial child; interracial parents; interracial marriage; mixed race

## Main Character

male child

## Race/Ethnicities

Black / White

## Family Formation

mother and father

## Keywords

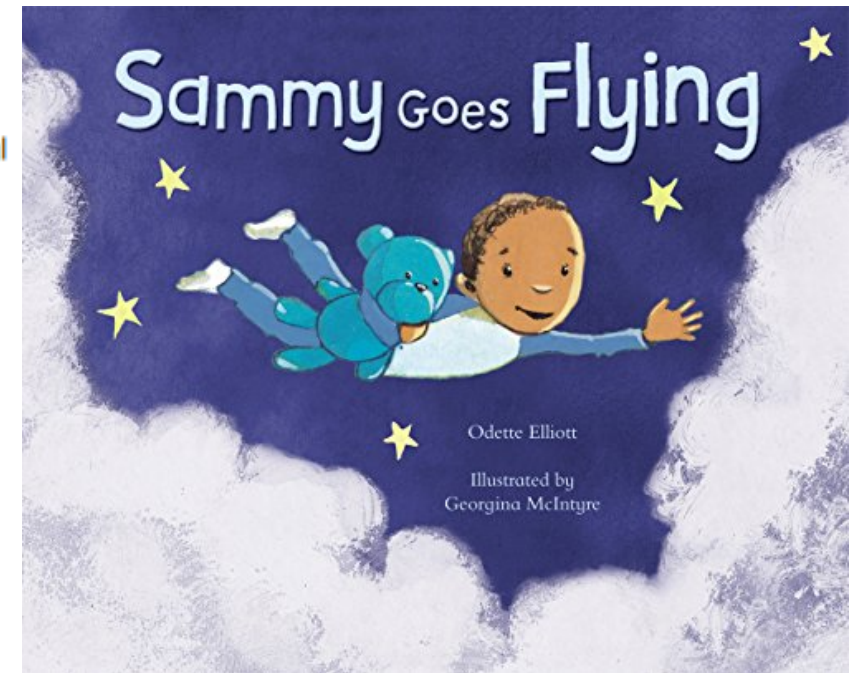
dreams; flight; hot air balloons; jealousy; sibling rivalry; grandmother and grandson relationship

## Diversity Impact

indirect

## STARS Citation

Elliott, Odette, "Sammy Goes Flying" (2011). *Diverse Families*. 240.  
<https://stars.library.ucf.edu/diversefamilies/240>



Theater -- Comic books, strips, etc.

Theater -- Juvenile fiction.

Interpersonal relations -- Comic books, st

Interpersonal relations -- Juvenile fiction.

Middle school students -- Comic books, st

Middle school students -- Juvenile fiction.

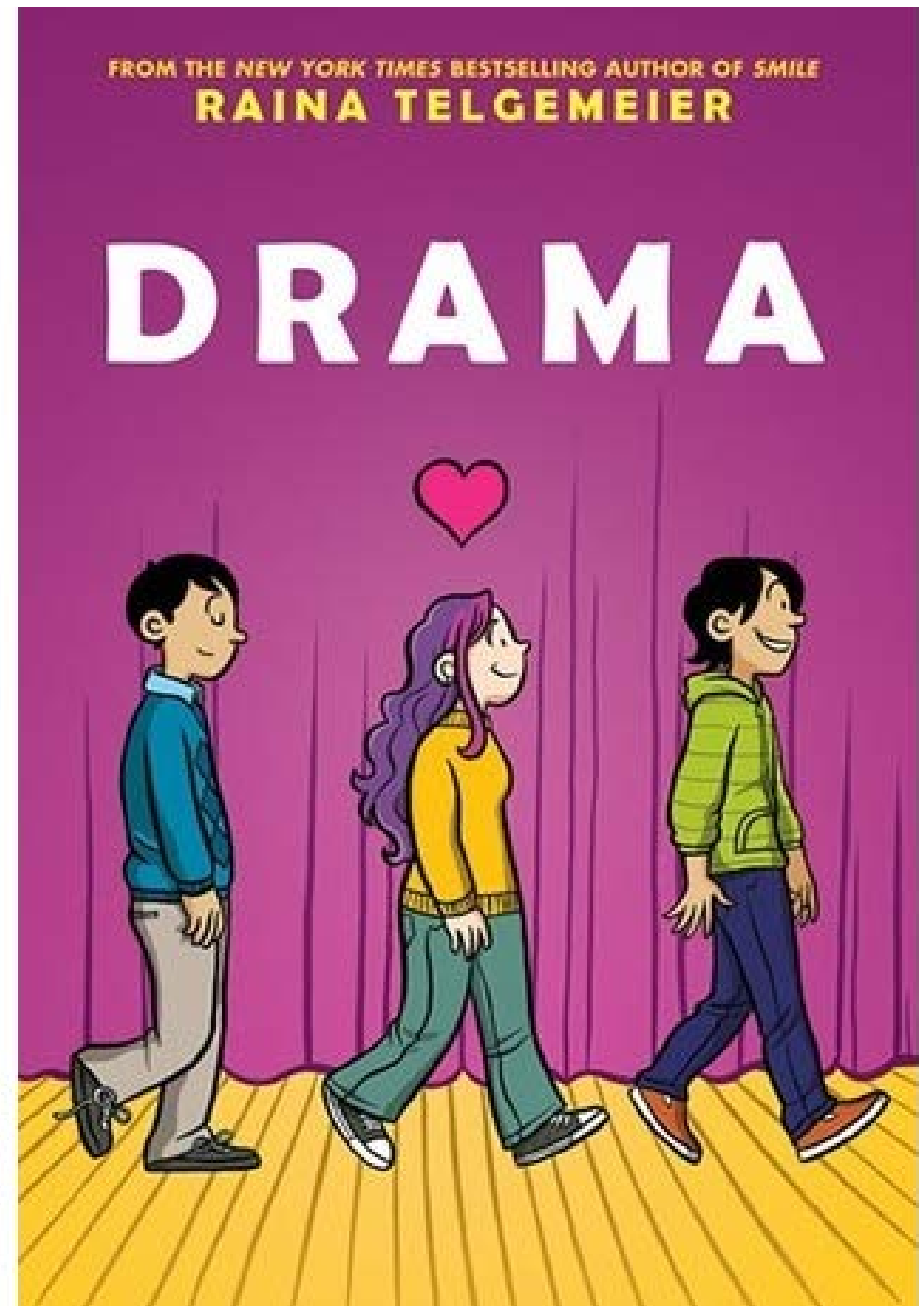
Teenage girls -- Comic books, strips, etc.

Teenage girls -- Juvenile fiction.

Teenage boys -- Comic books, strips, etc.

Teenage boys -- Juvenile fiction.

Spanish language materials.



## Genre

realism

## Format

graphic novel

## Item Type

Fiction

## Annotation

Callie loves theater. And while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of *Moon Over Mississippi*, she's a terrible singer. Instead she's the set designer for the stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry, ticket sales are down, and the crew members are having trouble working together?

## Grade Level

6-8

## Lexile Measure

GN320L

## Diversity Topics

LGBTQ (Gender and Sexuality); Gay/Lesbian; Bisexuality; Gender nonconformity; gay; gay teenager; bisexual; bisexual teenager; boy who dresses as a girl

## Main Character

female teenager

## Race/Ethnicities

Black / White

## Family Formation

mother and father

## LGBTQ+

gay males; bisexual males; questioning males

## Awards

Cybils Awards, 2012, Finalist

Grand Canyon Reader Award, 2015, Winner, Tween

Rhode Island Teen Book Award, 2014, Runner Up

Silver Inky, 2013, Long List

100 Magnificent Children's Books, 2012 Graphic Novel

Booklist Book Review Stars, 2012

Distinguished Books, 2012 Graphic Novel

NYPL Children's Books 2012, 2012 Graphic Novel

Publishers Weekly Best Children's Books, 2012

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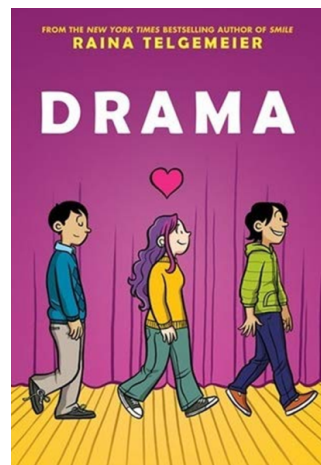
YALSA Top 10 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, 2013

## Keywords

theater; set designer; stage crew; middle school; teenage girls; teenage boys; teenage angst; crushes; friendship

## Diversity Impact

indirect



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The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle						CMC Fiction F Con	Leslie Connor	Leslie		Connor
Inkmistress	krystal		yes			CMC Fiction F Cou	Audrey Coulthurst	Audrey		Coulthurst
The Journey of Little Charlie	peyton		no			CMC Fiction F Cur	Christopher Paul Curtis	Christopher	Paul	Curtis
The Serpent's Secret	Jade Housen		No-Jade Housen			CMC Fiction F Das	Sayantani DasGupta	Sayantani		DasGupta

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Waiting for Normal	2008	9780060890896	570L		290 pages	6-8; 9-12	Realism	Novel	Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.	worldcat
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle	2018	9780062491435	310L		326 pages				Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.	worldcat
Inkmistress	2018	9780062433282			393 pages	6-8; 9-12	fantasy	novel	"Asra is a demigod with a dangerous gift: the ability to dictate the future by writing with her blood. To keep her power secret, she leads a quiet life as a healer on a remote mountain, content to help the people in her care and spend time with Ina, the mortal girl she loves. When bandits threaten Ina's village, Asra uses her blood magic to try and help but her spell goes horribly wrong. Ina takes a savage dragon as her manifest, and swears revenge on the king, unaware Asra is at fault. To stop Ina, Asra becomes a player in lethal games among assassins, gods, and even the king himself."	worldcat
The Journey of Little Charlie	2018	9780545156660	960L		234 pages				When his poor sharecropper father is killed in an accident and leaves the family in debt, twelve-year-old Little Charlie agrees to accompany fearsome plantation overseer Cap'n Buck north in pursuit of people who have stolen from him; Cap'n Buck tells Little Charlie that his father's debt will be cleared when the fugitives are captured, which seems like a good deal until Little Charlie comes face-to-face with the people he is chasing.	worldcat
The Serpent's Secret	2018	9781338185706	730L		338 pages	3-5;6-8	Fantasy	Novel	Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader in Parsippany, New Jersey, but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, and soon she is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds (very annoying), and cute princes--and somehow Kiranmala needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and basically save the world.	worldcat

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Waiting for Normal	fiction	Family Relationships; Disability and Health;	Adoption; Divorce; Step Parent; Parental Termination Rights; Incarceration, Poverty, Illness	adoptive family; divorced parents; custody; separate homes; step father; losing parental rights; mother in prison; financial hardship; cancer	family; hamster; mini-mart; trailer; growing up; school; alone; food; struggling; friendship; normal	mother and step father	multiple
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle							
Inkmistress	fiction	Family Relationships; Racial Diversity; LGBTQ (Gender and Sexuality)	Legal Guardianship/Orphans; Biracial, Bisexual/Pansexual	legal guardian; orphan; mixed race; bisexual teenager	demigods; dragons; magic science; villages; quests; Gods; healers	orphan	mixed race
The Journey of Little Charlie							
The Serpent's Secret	Fiction				Princess, Princes, Demons, Magic, Fantasy, Quest	Mother and Father	Indian
I Wish You All the Best							

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Waiting for Normal	Pre-teen female	N/A	direct	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Waiting-Normal-Leslie-Connor/dp/0060890886/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_07_encoding=UTF8&amp;qid=1565365597&amp;sr=8-1">https://www.amazon.com/Waiting-Normal-Leslie-Connor/dp/0060890886/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_07_encoding=UTF8&amp;qid=1565365597&amp;sr=8-1</a>	<a href="https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/waiting-for-normal-leslie-connor/1100043695?ean=9780060890902#/">https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/waiting-for-normal-leslie-connor/1100043695?ean=9780060890902#/</a>	<a href="https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/SX338_BO1.204.203.200_.jpg">https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/SX338_BO1.204.203.200_.jpg</a>	
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## Family Relationships

- **Adoption**
  - adoptive family; adoptive parents; adoptive mother; adoptive father; adoptive siblings; adoptive brother; adoptive sister; birth parents; interracial adoption; international adoption; adopted child; adopted teenager; adopted adult; two adoptive fathers; two adoptive mothers
- **Foster Care**
  - foster parents; foster mother; foster father; foster child; foster family; foster siblings; foster brother; foster sister; fostering a child; foster home
- **Surrogacy**
  - surrogate; surrogate mother; egg donation; egg donor; sperm donation; sperm donor; infertility; in vitro fertilization
- **Single Parent**
  - single mother; single father
- **Family Member Death**
  - death of a parent; death of a mother; death of a father; death of a grandparent; death of a sibling; death of a sister; death of a brother; death; grief; terminal illness; family tragedy; accident; loss
- **Divorce**
  - divorced parents; custody; separate homes; co-parenting; two homes; living in two homes
- **Separation**
  - separated parents; separate homes; co-parenting; two homes; living in two homes
- **Step Parent**
  - step mother; step father; step family; step siblings; step brother; step sister; step daughter; step son
- **Parental Rights Termination**
  - terminated rights; losing parental rights; losing your child; losing your son; losing your daughter; losing your parents; losing your mother; losing your father
- **Legal Guardianship/Orphans**
  - legal guardian; grandparents raising grandchildren; children living with relatives; relative raising relative; aunt raising nephew; uncle raising nephew; aunt raising niece; uncle raising niece; godparents raising godchild; ward of the state; orphans; orphanage
- **Kinship Care**
  - grandparents raising grandchildren; children living with relatives; relative raising relative; aunt raising nephew; uncle raising nephew; aunt raising niece; uncle raising niece; godparents raising godchild; intergenerational parenting; grandparents as guardians
- **Incarceration**
  - prison; jail; prisoners; parents in prison; father in prison; mother in prison; child in prison; teenager in prison; visitor's day
- **Family Violence**
  - domestic abuse; sexual abuse; abuse; violence; spousal abuse; abusive parent; abusive mother; abusive father; abusive sibling; abusive sister; abusive brother; violent parent; rage
- **Military Families**
  - parent in the military; father in the military; mother in the military; son in the military; daughter in the military; relocation

## Culture/Ethnicity

- **Bicultural**
  - bicultural family; bicultural parents; bicultural mother; bicultural father; bicultural child; bicultural teenager; two cultures; cultural heritage; different heritages; two heritages
- **Multicultural**
  - multicultural family; multicultural community; multiple cultures; different cultures; cultural heritage; multiple heritages
- **Biethnic**
  - biethnic family; two ethnicities; biethnic child; biethnic teenager; biethnic parent; biethnic mother; biethnic father; biethnic siblings
- **Multiethnic**
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- **Bilingual**
  - bilingual child; bilingual teenager; bilingual adult; bilingual family; bilingual household
- **Multilingual**
  - multilingual child; multilingual teenager; multilingual adult; multilingual family; multilingual household
- **Immigrants and Refugees**
  - immigrant family; immigrant children; immigrant parents; citizenship; naturalization; green card; visa; migrants; migration; undocumented immigrant; DACA; DREAMers; family separation; exile; relocation; resettlement; deportation; expatriate; emigration; asylum; evacuees; refugee family

## Racial Diversity

- **Biracial**
  - biracial family; biracial parent; biracial child; biracial teenager; biracial sibling; mixed race; two races; skin color; different races
- **Multiracial**
  - multiracial family; multiracial parents; multiracial child; multiracial teenager; multiracial community; mixed race; mixed race family; mixed race [parent](#); mixed race child; mixed race teenager; skin color; multiple races; different races
- **Interracial**
  - interracial family; interracial marriage; interracial relationship; interracial parents; mixed race
- **Race Discrimination**
  - racism; prejudice; segregation; marginalized group of people



## LGBTQ (Gender and Sexuality)

- **Gay/Lesbian**
  - gay; lesbian; queer; gay parent; gay family member; gay child; gay teenager; lesbian parent; lesbian family member; lesbian child; lesbian teenager; gay brother; gay father; lesbian sister; lesbian mother; gay grandparent; gay sibling; gay uncle; lesbian aunt; same-sex partner; same-sex relationship; same-sex partnership; same-sex marriage; two mothers; two fathers
- **Bisexual/Pansexual**
  - bisexual parent; bisexual mother; bisexual father; bisexual family member; bisexual child; bisexual teenager; bisexual sibling; bisexual brother; bisexual sister; pansexual parent; pansexual mother; pansexual father; pansexual family member
- **Transgender**
  - transgender; transgender parent; transgender mother; transgender father; transgender family member; transgender child; transgender teenager; transgender sibling; transgender brother; transgender sister; girl to boy; boy to girl; transgender male; transgender female
- **Intersex**
  - intersex parent; intersex mother; intersex father; intersex child; intersex teenager; intersex sibling; intersex brother; intersex sister; body issues
- **Androgyny**
  - gender fluid; genderqueer; masculine characteristics; feminine characteristics; androgynous fashion
- **Asexual/Aromantic**
  - asexual; asexual child; asexual teenager; asexual adult; aromantic; aromantic child; aromantic teenager; aromantic adult; asexual relationship; aromantic relationship; demisexual; demiromantic
- **Gender Nonconforming**
  - gender variance; girls who dress as boys; boys who dress as girls; gender identity; gender expression; gender roles; non-binary

## Disability and Health

- **Physical Disability**
  - blind; vision loss; low vision; double vision; deaf; hearing loss; hard of hearing; mute; muteness; paraplegia; quadriplegia; wheelchair user; mobility; paralysis; amputation; endometriosis; scoliosis; Tourette syndrome; arthritis; dwarfism; congenital limb difference; acquired limb difference; physical therapy; service animal; child/teenager/adult with a physical disability
- **Developmental Disability**
  - autism; autism spectrum disorder; Asperger syndrome; Down syndrome; Rett syndrome; cerebral palsy; fetal alcohol syndrome; prenatal drug exposure; intellectual disability; Fragile X syndrome; shaken baby syndrome; amniotic band syndrome; hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy; child/teenager/adult with a developmental disability
- **Learning Disability**
  - dyslexia; attention deficit disorder (ADD); attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); cognitive processing; dyscalculia; dysgraphia; dyspraxia; auditory processing disorder (APD); language processing disorder (LPD); non-verbal learning disability (NVLD); visual perceptual deficit; visual motor deficit; child/teenager/adult with a learning disability
- **Neurological Disorder**
  - brain damage; traumatic brain injury; Alzheimer's disease; Parkinson's disease; Huntington's disease; epilepsy; seizure disorder; migraines; Tourette syndrome; coma; ataxia; spinal cord injury; multiple sclerosis; encephalopathy; stutter; amnesia; hallucinations; child/teenager/adult with a neurological disorder
- **Mental Illness**
  - depression; anxiety; panic attacks; obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD); bipolar disorder; cyclothymic disorder; hypochondria; borderline personality disorder; schizophrenia; schizoaffective disorder; narcissistic personality disorder; eating disorder; anorexia; bulimia; bingeing and purging; post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM); psychology; suicidal thoughts and/or tendencies; cutting; paranoia; grandiose delusions; therapy; child/teenager/adult with a mental illness
- **Physical Appearance**
  - vitiligo; cleft palate; psoriasis; eczema; scars; leprosy; birthmark; port-wine stain; burns; acne; alopecia; stretch marks; albinism; polydactyly
- **Illness**
  - sickness; disease; viral infections; cancer; tumors; leukemia; heart disease; heart attack; lung disease; pulmonary disease; kidney failure; renal failure; diabetes; stroke; HIV; AIDS; cystic fibrosis; STI/STD; autoimmune disease; lupus; Crohn's disease; irritable bowel syndrome; dementia; polio; obesity; asthma; child/teenager/adult with an illness
- **Addiction**
  - alcoholism; gambling addiction; sex addiction; drug addiction; substance abuse; smoking; behavioral addiction; shopping addiction; gaming addiction; computer addiction; food addiction; phone addiction; technology addiction; rehabilitation; child/teenager/adult with an addiction



## Rescue and Jessica

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[Jessica Kensky](#)

[Patrick Downes](#)

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### Illustrator

Scott Magoon

### Publisher

Candlewick Press

### Publication Year

2018

### ISBN

9780763696047

### Pages

32 pages

### Genre

realism

### Format

picture book

### Item Type

Fiction

### Annotation

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- Incorporating UCF School of Teacher Education student lesson plans
- Focus on SEL
  - Social and Emotional Learning
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## Rescue & Jessica: Lesson Plan

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**Explore**

4. Teacher will show the book "Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship" by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes and illustrated by Patrick Magoon. Teacher shows the cover and asks the students "What do you think this story is about from looking at the cover?"

5. Teacher will reinforce the concept of a service dog by asking the children questions: Teacher will ask the children if they have ever seen a service dog? "What should you do if you see a service dog?" (Higher Order Thinking -Remembering) (Interpersonal/Verbal-Linguistic/Visual-Spatial)

6. Reading the book, the teacher comes to the page "A girl named Jessica was worried. How will I do things on my own?" and teacher asks the students "Have you ever had a time when you were hurt and needed help from someone?" (Higher Order Thinking – Remembering)

7. Teacher continues reading book and, on the page, "Rescue and Jessica had to start all over again. Slowly but surely, they learned how to do all the things they needed to do. Together." Teacher asks students "Have you ever learned how to do something by someone else showing you how and helping you?" (Higher Order Thinking – Remembering)

8. Upon finishing the book, teacher will ask "Why do you think the author wrote this book?" (Higher Order Thinking– Understanding)

**Explain**

9. Teacher will talk to the students about what a service dog is for and how you should or should not interact with a service dog.

10. Teacher will assign groups by counting students 1,2,3, 4 for making posters.

11. Teacher will then handout markers, construction paper, glue, tape and pictures of various service dogs and the vests that the dogs wear to each student.

**Elaborate**

12. When students are done with posters, teacher will have all students come back to the carpet and if a group would like to present their poster, they may do so.

13. As students are working teacher will walk around room to observe and help any students.

**Evaluate**

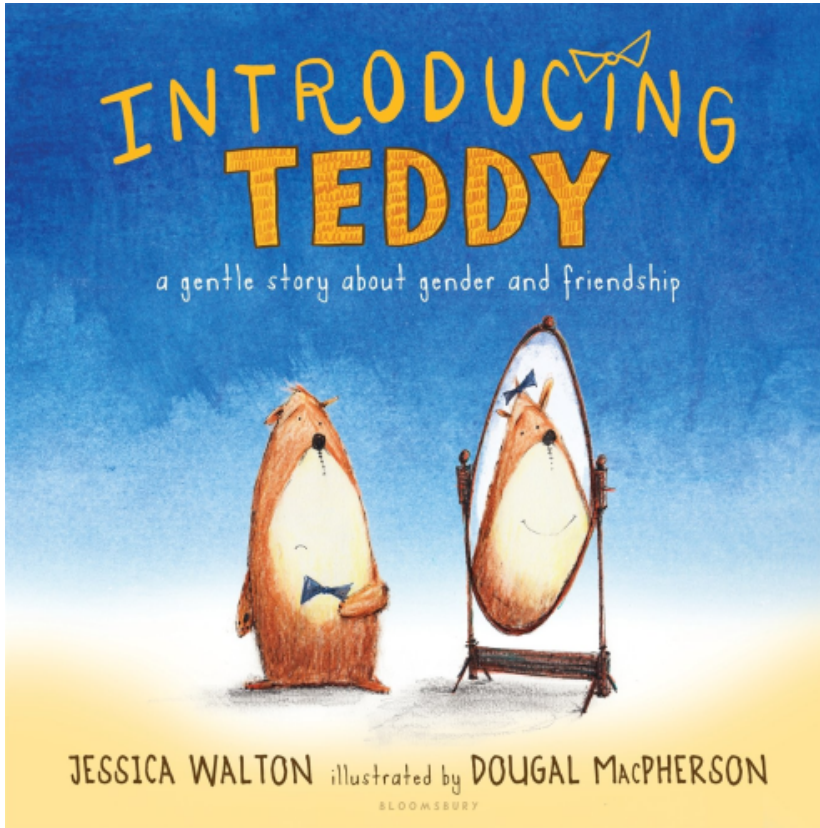
14. Group posters- Teacher will use group poster to evaluate students understanding of the material.

Rescue & Jessica	Duration:
Grade Level: Second Grade	
<p><b>Objectives-Goals:</b> Students will be able to understand the concept of service dogs and giving support to those with disabilities. Students will engage in making group posters about service dogs (what they do, what people should know about service dogs). Students will work towards acceptance of a disabilities.</p>	
<p><b>Academic Standards:</b> (List the standard number/code and the description for each standard.)  <b>LAFS.2.RI.1.1</b>  <b>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.2.1</b>                      Ask and answer such questions as <i>who</i>, <i>what</i>, <i>where</i>, <i>when</i>, <i>why</i>, and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.  <b>LAFS.2.RI.2.6</b>  <b>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.2.2</b>                      Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain or describe.  <b>LAFS.2.RL.1.3</b>  <b>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.3</b>                      Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.  <b>LAFS.2.RL. 1.2</b>  <b>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.2</b>                      Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.  <b>LAFS.2. L.1.2</b>  <b>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1</b>                      Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.                      a. Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.                      b. Use commas in greetings and closings of letters.                      c. Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives.                      d. Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy → boil).                      e. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.  <b>LAFS.2. W.3.7</b>  <b>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.7</b>                      Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).</p>	
<p><b>Concept Planning/Scaffolding:</b>  <b>Description of the Lesson Content/Concepts:</b>                      Teacher will reinforce the concept of service dogs and how they help those with a disability. Teacher reads the book "Rescue &amp; Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship."                      Teacher will ask questions about the book to enable students higher order thinking. Students will create a poster about service dogs (what they do, what people should know about service dogs).</p>	

# Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship

LGBTQ+

Posted: 📅 April 22nd, 2019



There are very few books, specifically picture books, that explain transgender people to young children. There are even fewer that do so delicately and skillfully. *Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship* by Jessica Walton boldly takes the reins to explain transgender people to younger audiences in an easy-to-understand and age appropriate manner. The illustrations, by Dougal MacPherson, add tremendous depth to the story. We see the anguish on Tilly the Teddy Bear's face as she struggles to tell her best friend that she is not a boy teddy, but a girl teddy. The anxiety and sadness are palpable on Tilly's face and any reader of any age can see the importance of this decision and its impact on her life. The illustrations translate to real life as countless youth make the difficult decision to come out every day.

Children are incredibly perceptive, and they will immediately pick up upon the acceptance and friendship that Errol extends to his teddy bear. His compassion is shown in both the text and the

illustrations. Errol is mindful of how his friend is feeling and comes out in full support of Tilly's true identity. *Introducing Teddy* teaches children how to empathize and the importance of being there for your friends. These lessons in kindness and consideration are incredibly important, especially as the world continues to grow more diverse.

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The Most Diverse Picture Book Collections in the U.S. & How the Diverse BookFinder Can Help You Diversify Yours

Andrea Breau • April 22, 2019

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# Most Diverse Picture Book Holdings

## Tier 1: 1 – 3.9 million people served

1. King County Library System, WA
2. Hennepin County Library, MN
3. Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative, FL
- ★ 4. Orange County Library System, FL
5. San Diego Public Library, CA

## Tier 2: 500k – 999,999 people served

1. Milwaukee Public Library, WI
2. Nashville Public Library, TN
3. Alameda County Library, CA
4. Omaha Public Library, NE

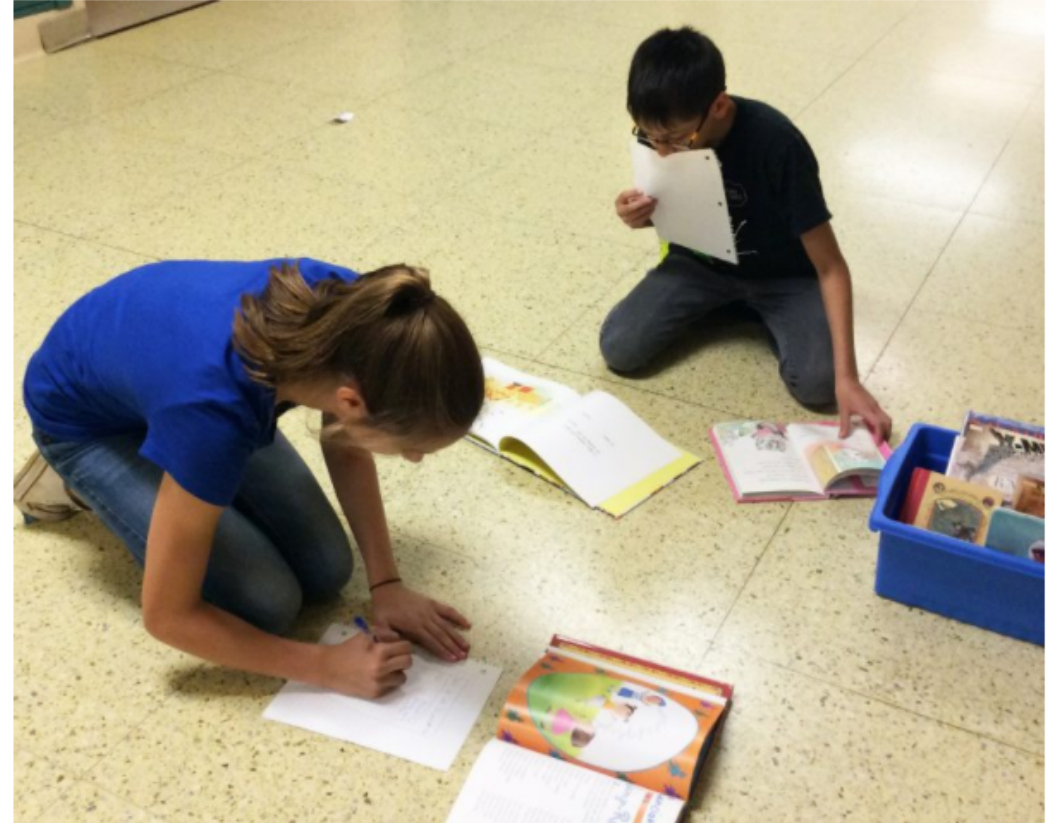


# *How Diverse are our collections?*

“Sixth and seventh grade reading students at Gunston Middle School in Arlington, Virginia researched the lack of diversity in children’s and young adult books, in their classroom library and a selection of sports books to see which groups of people were under-represented.”

<http://www.teachingforchange.org/ms-critique-books>

## Virginia Middle School Students Critique Lack of Diverse Books



By Allison Bell

This spring my sixth and seventh grade reading students at Gunston Middle School in Arlington, Virginia researched the lack of diversity in children’s and young adult books. After learning about the [statistics on diversity](#) in books and the “We Need Diverse Books” and [#StepUpScholastic](#) campaigns, students did surveys of our classroom library and a selection of sports books to see which groups of people were under-represented.

# Student Revelations:

**“This unit actually taught me a lot and opened my eyes. I realized every single book I read when I was little actually had white characters and not other kinds of characters, like black, Hispanic, or Asian, Indian. And since it my opened my eyes, it made me realize I wanted to make a difference.”**

— Alize

**“I learned that—when you told me about this problem, I never realized that there were not many races mentioned in books. It was mostly just a series of white people but with a different life or a different story. When I was little, I would always just be so interested in their lives, that I would even try to convince myself that I was American or white, just because I was born here.”** — Abigail

**“I really learned how the world is not shown in books. It’s kind of like people lie a lot in children’s books. They don’t show the real world. They show the fake world. To be honest, I don’t really like it. I don’t see me in books I read. I don’t see a lot of children that are mixed. I just see a lot of white people in children’s books. Maybe they think that being mixed is wrong or something like that, but I think they should show biracial people.”** — Isabella

# Diversity Audit

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# Why Did We Start a Picture Book Collection Diversity Audit?

- Work on the Diverse Families Bookshelf started to reveal gaps (need to ILL or order)
- Bigger budget = more books (If our collection isn't diverse, then budget is not the cause)
- Evaluate our Collection Development policies (Is utilizing professional publications/search tools enough)
- Began to notice Subject Headings were missing (Is this the reason we can't find our books?)
- Realization that important details in the illustrations are missing from Subject Headings (picture walk)
- We wanted to gather important information regarding main characters that were people (windows, mirrors, etc)
- Seeking to answer:
  - Are there more books in our collection that represent aspects of diversity, but we can't find them due to lack of necessary Subjects Headings? (Cataloging is the Keys to the Kingdom)

# Examples of Diversity Subject Headings:

- Ethnicity
- Specific Ethnic Groups
  - Chinese Americans
  - Spanish
  - African Americans
  - Korean Americans
- Individuality
- Individual Difference
- Multiculturalism
- Discrimination
- Racially Mixed People
- Interracial Marriage
- Disabilities
- Specific Disabilities
- Developmentally Disabled Children
- Physically Handicapped
- People with Disabilities
- Gay Fathers
- Gay Mothers
- Immigrants
- Emigration and Immigration
- Children of Immigrants
- Gender Identity
- Gender Nonconforming
- Sex Role
- Homosexuality
- Transgender
- Gender Expression
- Social Acceptance in Children
- Prejudices

**Author, etc.:** [Nielsen Fernlund, Susin 1964-](#)

**Title:** **Princess Puffybottom...** and Darryl  
written by Susin Nielsen ; illustrated by Olivia Chin Mueller.

**Published:** Toronto : Tundra Books, [2019]  
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**Publisher:** Tundra Books,

**Description:** 1 volume (unpaged) : color illustrations ; 29 cm  
**Princess Puffybottom** has the perfect life -- her subjects serve her delicious meals, clean up her "delicate matters" and wait on her hand and foot. Life is good ...until Darryl arrives. **Princess Puffybottom** thinks he's disgusting, horrid and a true animal. Though she tries everything in her power to banish him (including hypnosis, trickery and even sabotage), it looks like this puppy is here to stay. Can **Princess P.** and Darryl find a way to co-exist?-- Provided by publisher.

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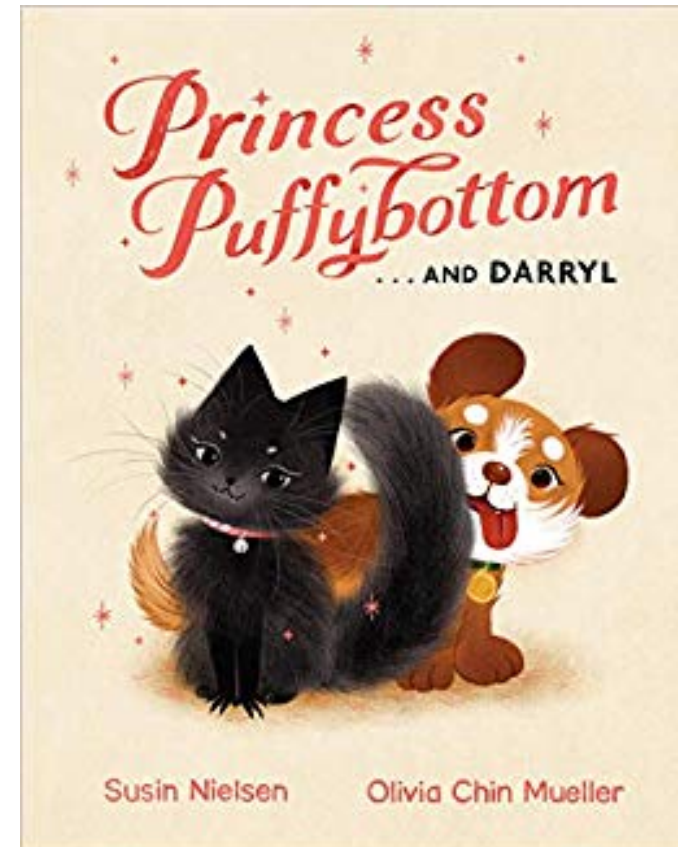
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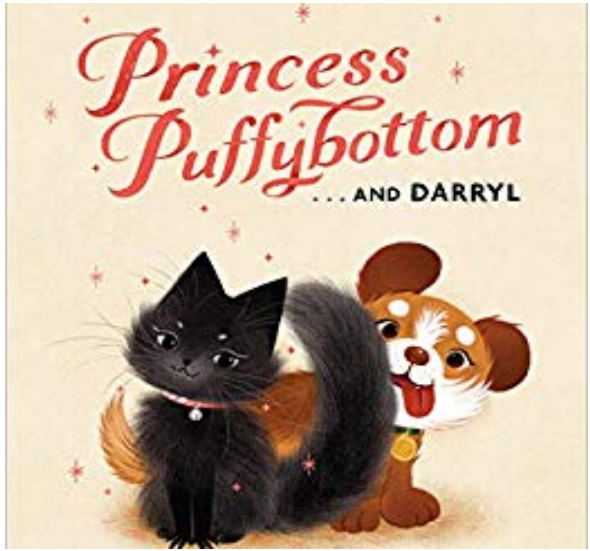
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**Subject Term:** [Picture books for children](#)

**Other author(s),etc:** [Mueller, Olivia Chin](#)

**Format:** Book  
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Her subjects served her delicious meals.



If they were late  
she gave them a firm  
but gentle reminder.



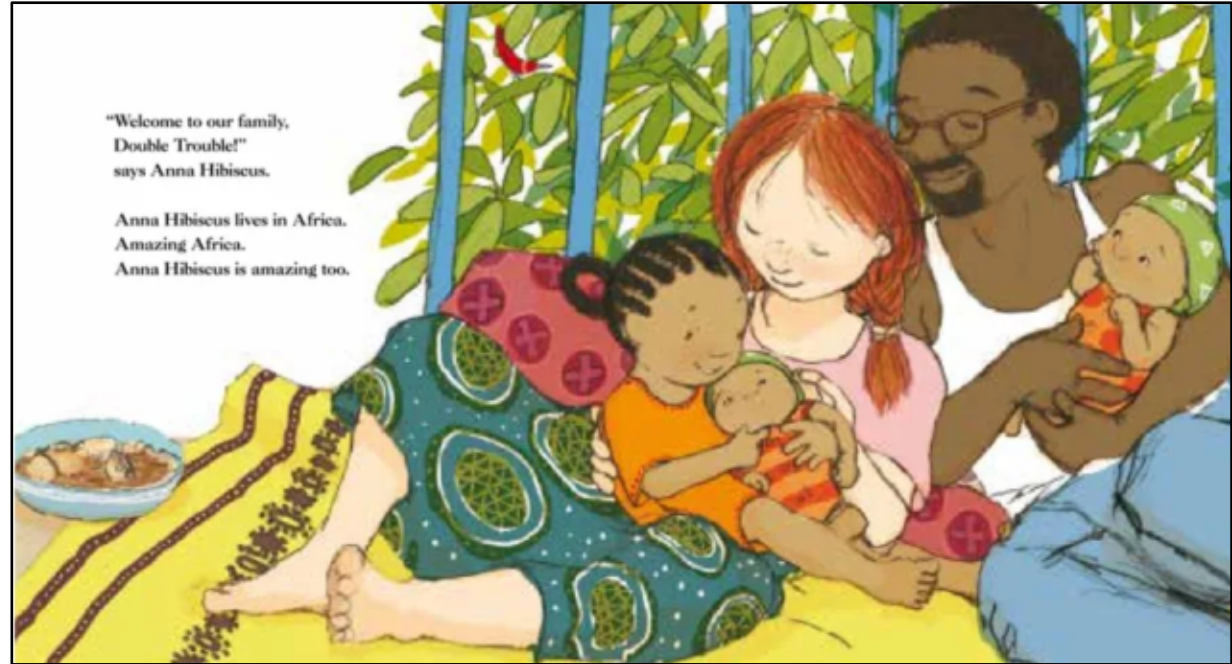
Princess Puffybottom was not amused.  
Princess Puffybottom knew that  
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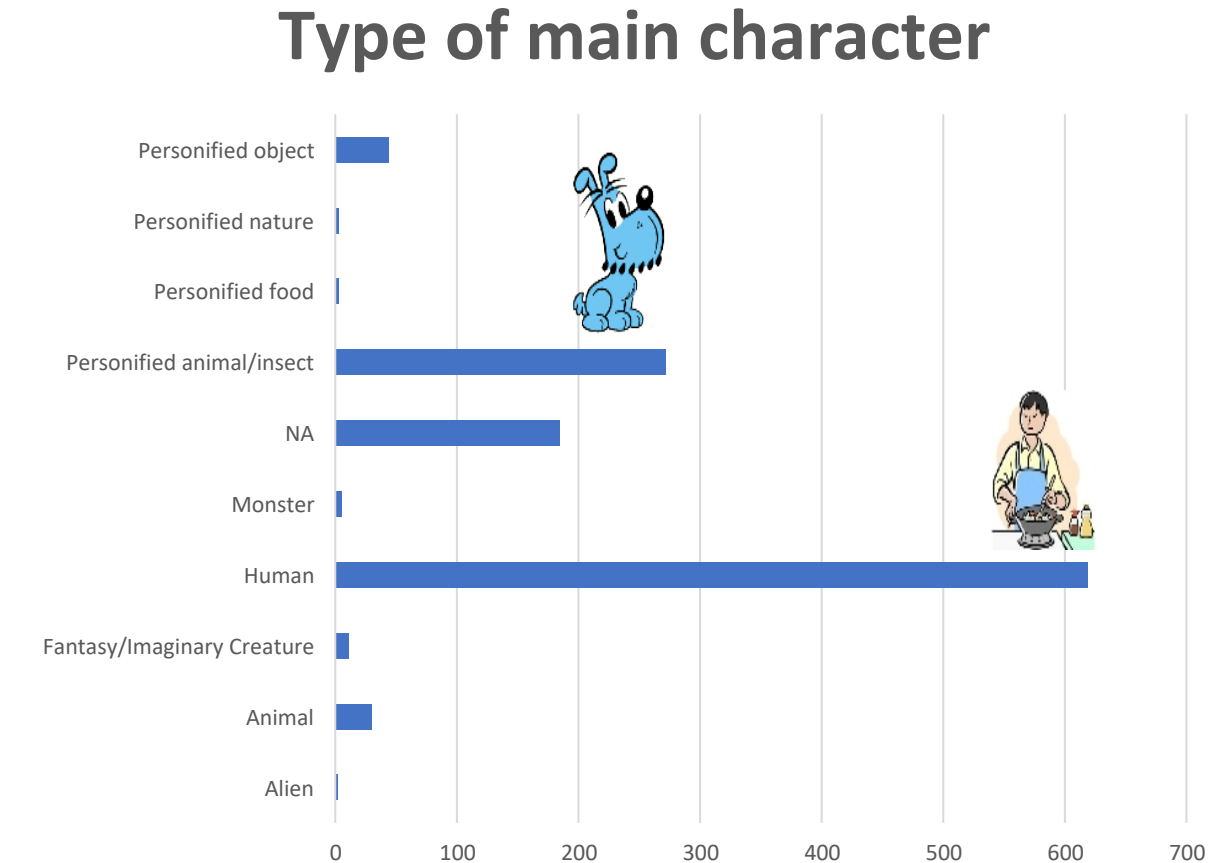
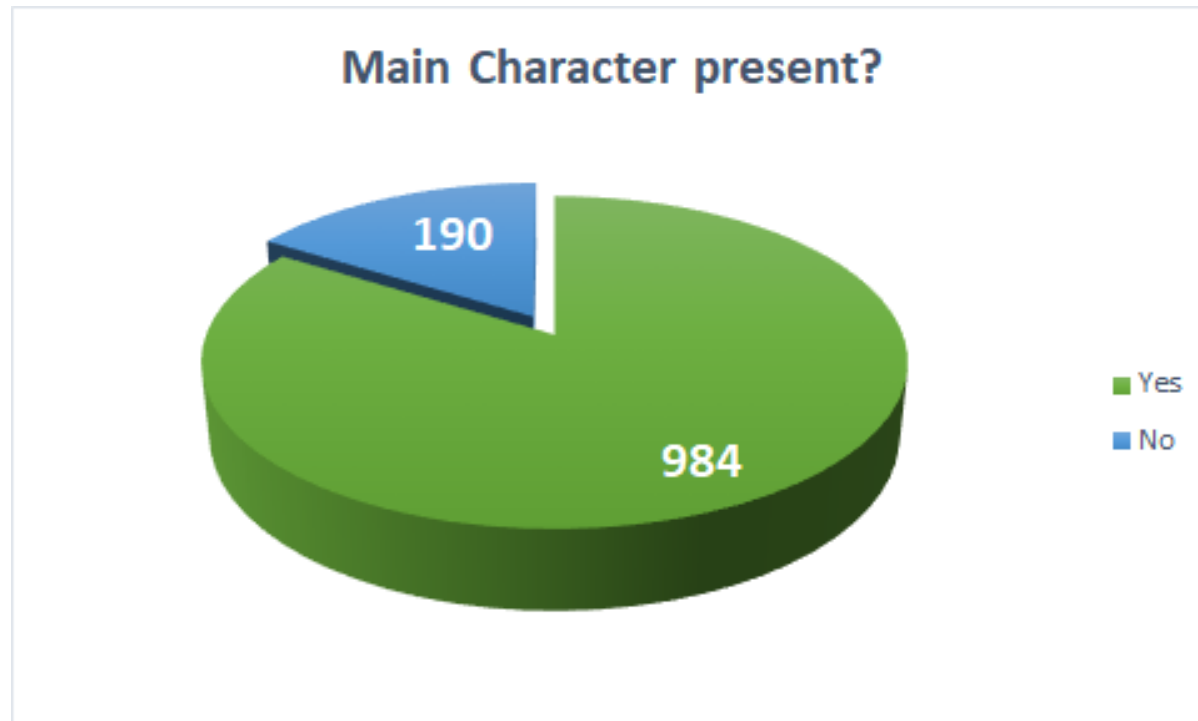


Anna Hibiscus and Her Biracial Parents

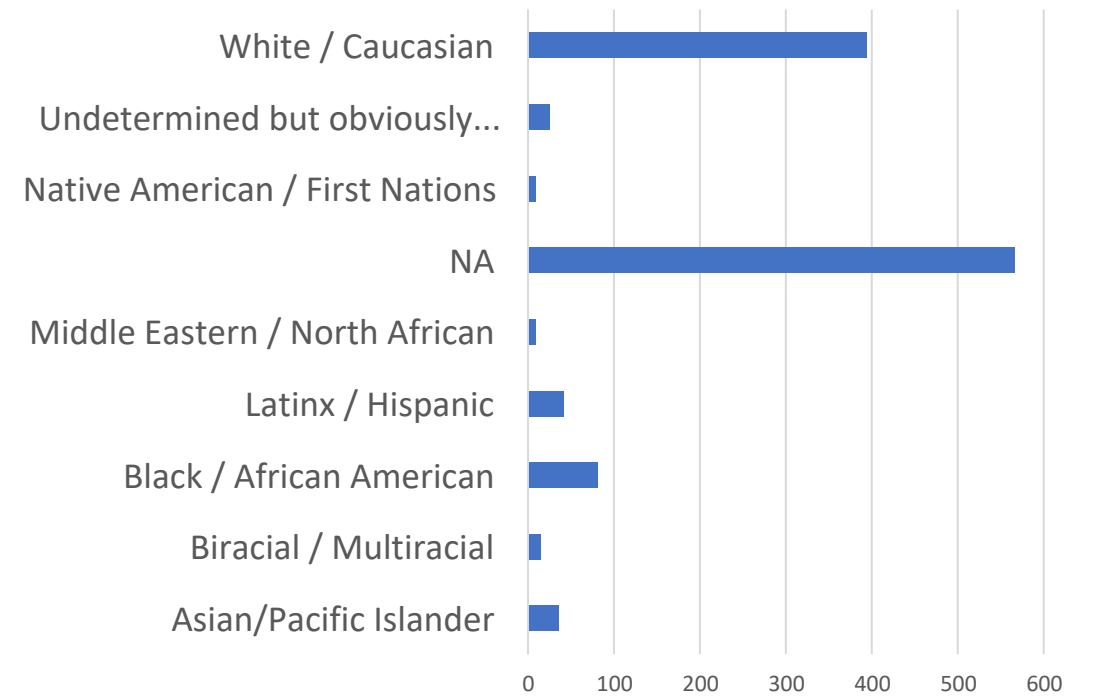
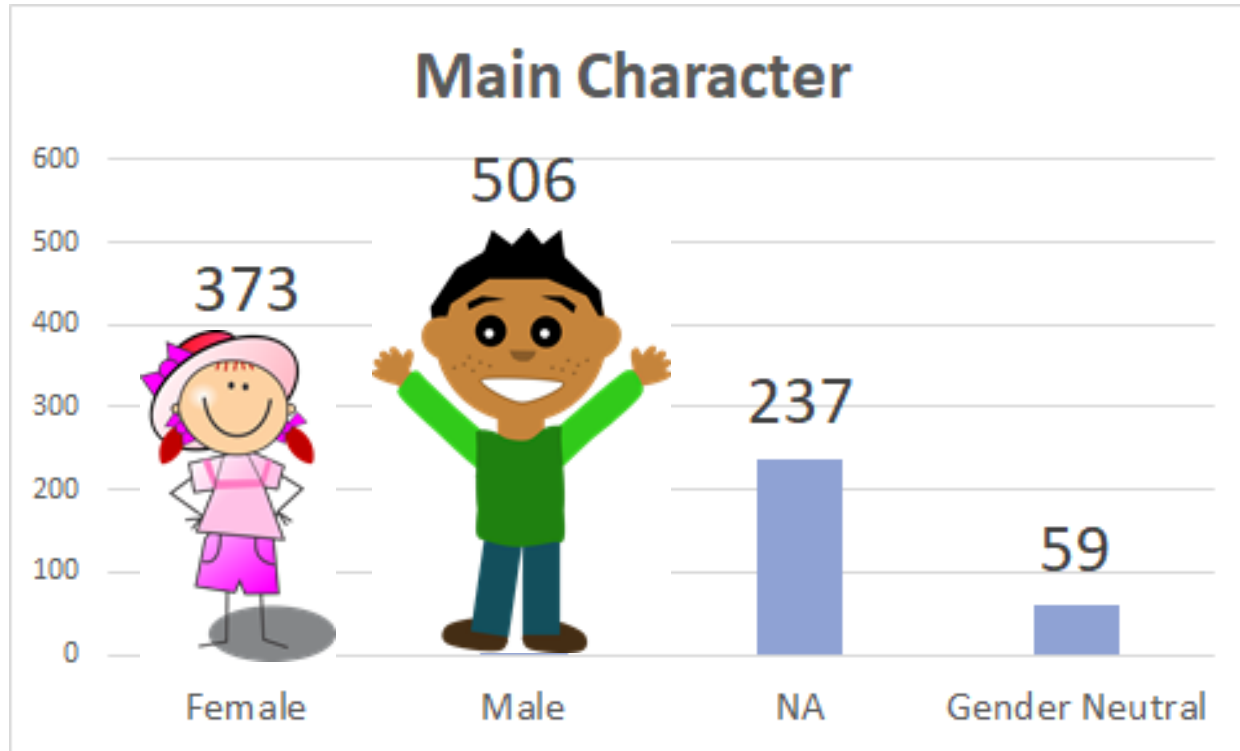




# Diversity Audit... our results so far...



## Race / Ethnicity of Main Character



# Addressing Main Characters of Undetermined Ethnicity

- Look for clues in the pictures and text
- Check the author's web site for information
- Consult reliable sites and read reviews
- Email the author and ask

“When I wrote and illustrated both books, *Daniel Finds a Poem* and *Daniel's Good Day* I chose to feature a non-white main character because in my mind there are never enough books where children of color are featured.

*He was intentionally left an undetermined race.*

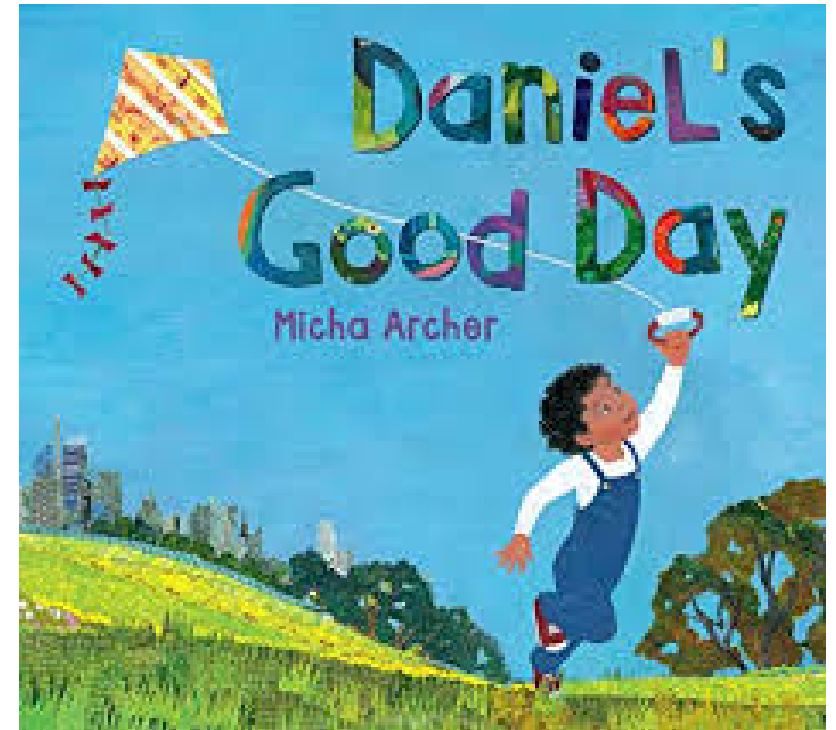
Daniel's mother and grandmother are non white which would mean Daniel would be biracial.

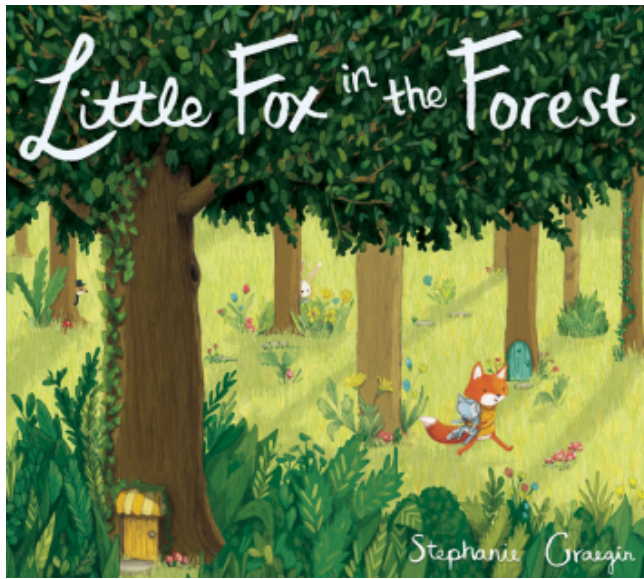
When painting Daniel's grandmother I was thinking she could be Latina or middle eastern or asian.

Daniel is a nice reflection of future americans so you can put him in all the categories.

He's just a curious little boy going about his day.”

---- Micha Archer





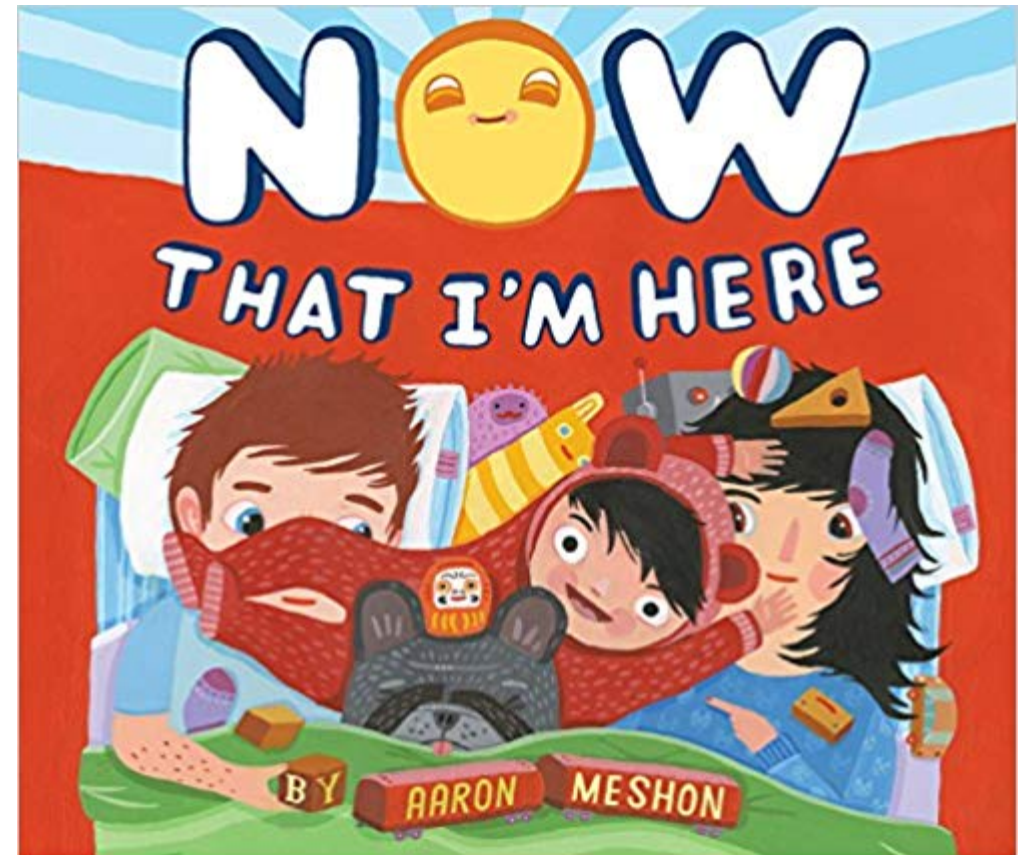
*“...the little girl main character is a person of color. I have had children think that she Hispanic, Asian, Indian and a combination of races. I haven’t specified a race for her, as I love that a variety of children are seeing themselves in her. That’s great that your library is able to make it easy for readers to find diverse books.”*

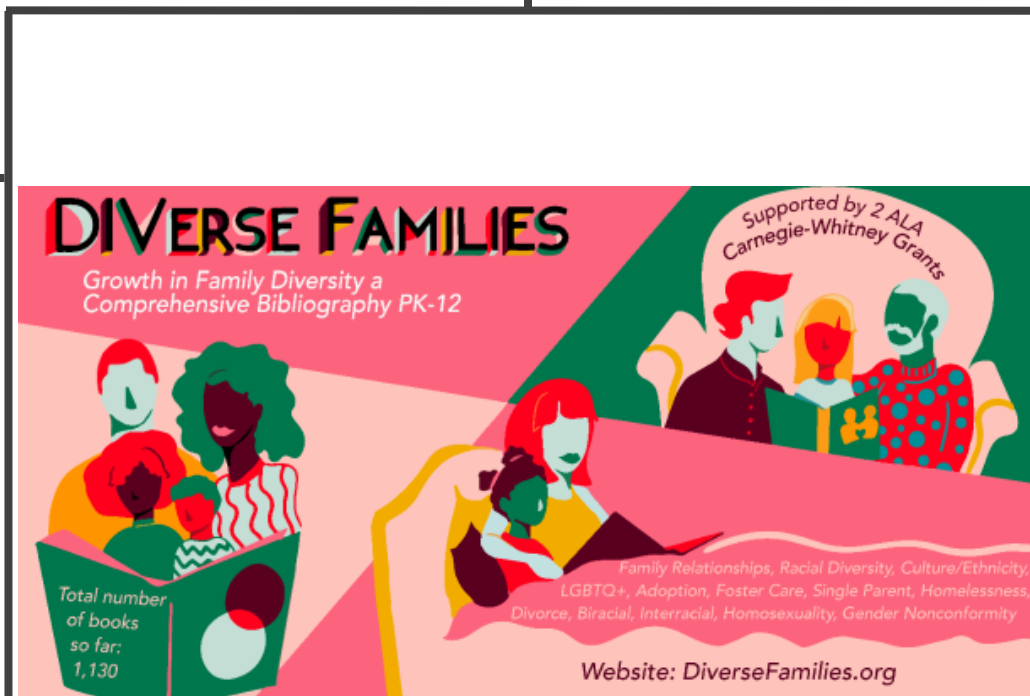


*Best,  
Stephanie Graegin*

***“This is basically all a true story about my wife and I having a child ( it took 7 years) and she is indeed japanese. There are various japanese patterns and shrines and even the Doraman wishing dolls on the back cover. It’s all hidden a touch as to make it not too obvious as we are a family first and biracial second :)”***

--- Aaron Meshon







Seeing the root of the bigger problem ....

- Why are sites like ours needed?
- Cataloging (the process)
- Authors and Publishers



Potential Solutions to this problem....

- Catalogers must have the complete product
- Authors/Publishers submit requested list of information indicating main character attributes or more complete annotation



# What Will Come Out of the Diversity Audit?



- Data to improve our collection development
- LibGuides
- PDRA grant for UCF local catalog changes
- Patrons will be able to search for main character attributes
  - (key to finding those windows and mirrors)
- Increase access points, increased search success, potential increase in circulation
- Step towards changing how we look at catalog records and main character
- Address the need to improve cataloging of vital illustration components

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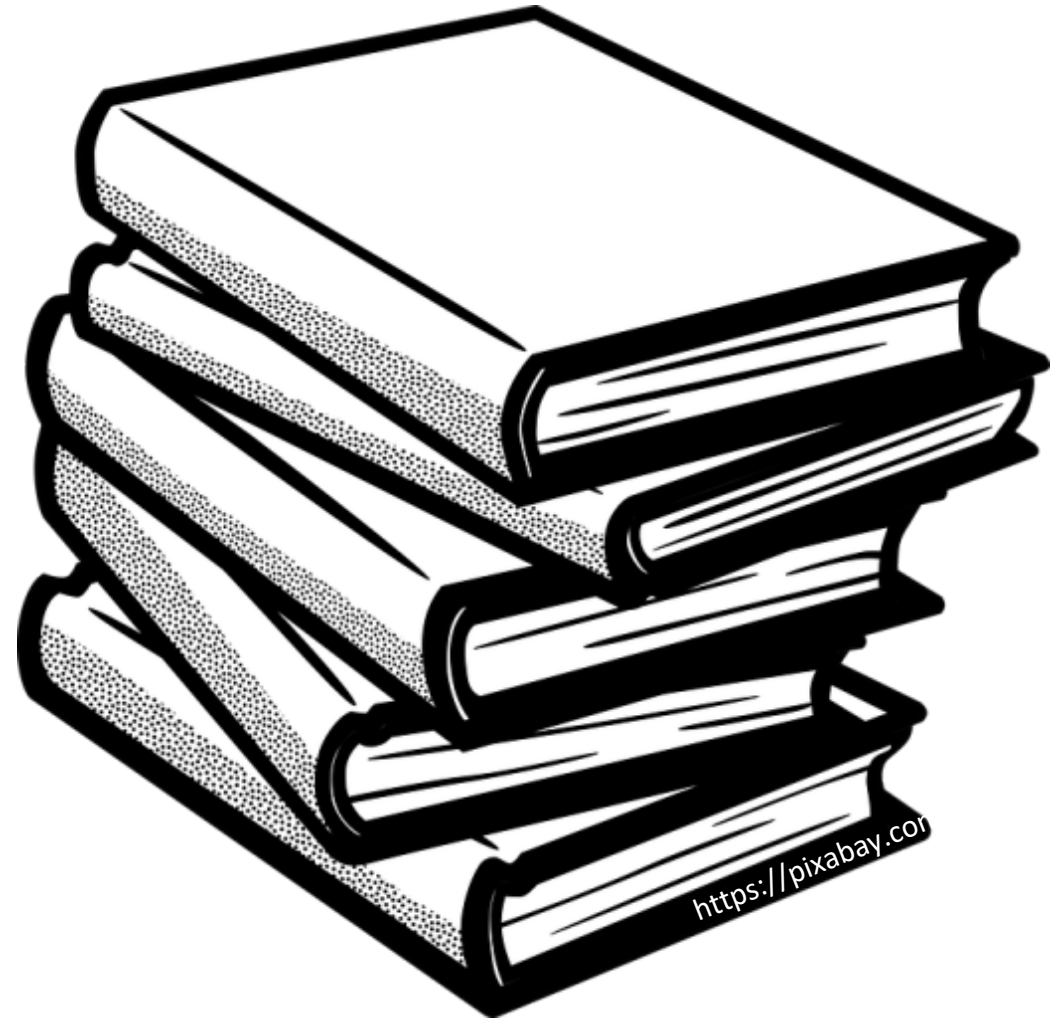
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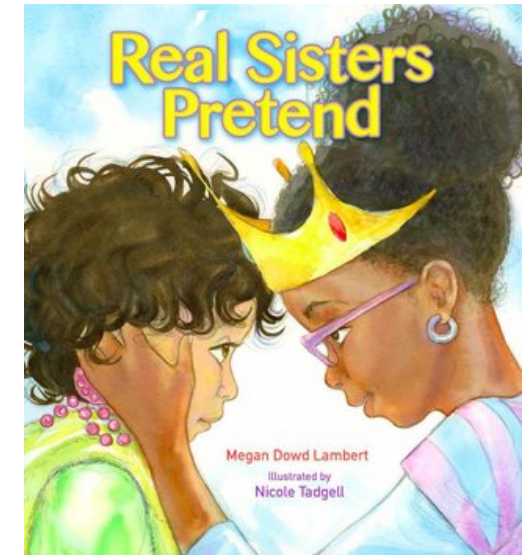
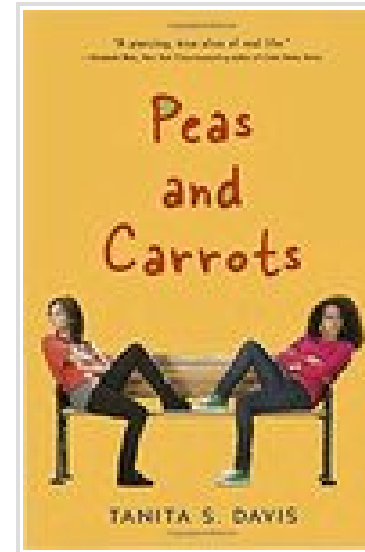


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