**Using Diverse Books in the Classroom and Library: Getting Students to Check Them Out and Read Them – Patricia Hruby Powell**

**YA (and some MG) Bibliography**

Make a display of these books; or: “Assignment” choose one of these books with a protagonist outside your own culture. All reviewed here: <https://talesforallages.com/category/bookreviews/>

KEY: POC; poetry; resilient protagonist; misfit; LGBTQ

Acevedo, Elizabeth. **Poet X**. Harper Teen 2018

[poetry: Dominican American; African American; Hispanic; unwanted sexual attention]

Alexander, Kwame. **Crossover***.* HMH. 2014

African American; sports: basketball

Arcos, Carrie. **We Are All That’s Left**. Philomel 2018

[2 generations; **Yugoslav** War; Serbs, Croats; Muslims]

Auxier, Jonathan. **The Story of a Girl and Her Monster***.* Amulet 2018

[white European: historic **London**; resilient protagonist]

Baglieu, Pénélope. **Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World***.* First Second 2017.

[graphic novel; nonfiction; multi racial; women; NF]

Caletti, Deb. **A Heart in a Body in the World**. Simon Pulse 2018

[white; sports: running; violent crime; activism; guilt; **Map: chart her path**]

Chan, Crystal. **All That I Can Fix**. Simon Pulse 2018

[bi-racial protagonist; resilient protagonist]

Connor, Leslie. **The Truth As Told By Mason Buttle.** HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen. 2018 [white; oversized teen; resilient protagonist; bullies as antagonists]

Crossan, Sarah.**Moonrise**. Bloomsbury 2018

[verse; white; poverty; justice system; prison; resilient protagonist]

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Journey of Little Charlie**. Scholastic, 2018

[African American; historic; white; slavery; oversized protagonist; heroism]

Elliott, David. **Bull**. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2017

[poetry; Greek myth; misfit]

Folman, Ari; illustrated by David Polonsky**. Anne Frank’s Diary: The Graphic Adaptation***.* Pantheon 2018

[NF; historic; graphic novel; Jewish; resilient protagonist; WWII; Amsterdam; GN]

Forman, Gayle. **I Have Lost My Way**. 2018

[bi-racial (Ethiopian/white) Freya; Pakistani American gay Harun]

Green, John. **Turtles All the Way Down***.* 2017

[white; anxiety; misfit]

Hartfield, Claire. **A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919***.* HMH 2018

[nonfiction; African American; culture of hate; NF]

Hesse, Monica. **War Outside**. Little Brown 2018

[Japanese American; German American; LGBTQ; WWII American internment camp; misfit]

Khorram, Adib.**Darius the Great is Not Okay***.* Dial 2018

[Persian/Iranian American; misfit]

Killeen, Matt.**Orphan Monster Spy**. Viking 2018

[WWII; Nazi; Jewish; resilient protagonist]

Krosoczka *,* Jarret J. **Hey, Kiddo** Graphix/Scholastic 2018

[NF; GN memoir by author/illustrator; drug and alcohol abuse; resilient protagonist]

LaCour, Nina. **We Are Okay***.* Dutton 2017

[white; LGBTQ; misfit]

Lee, Stacey. **The Downstairs Girl**. Putnam 2019

resilient protagonist; Chinese American

McManus, Karen M., **One of Us Is Lying**. Delacorte 2017

[multi-racial; violent crime]

Ormsbee, K.E. **The House in Poplar Wood** Chronicle Books. 2018

[fantasy; white; resilient protagonists]

Partridge, Elizabeth. **Boots on the Ground: America’s War in Vietnam**. Viking 2018 [NF; multi-cultural: African American; Hispanic American; Vietnamese; Vietnam War]

Powell, Patricia Hruby. **Loving vs. Virginia: The Landmark U.S. Supreme Court Case***.* Chronicle, 2017. [African American & white; romance; poetry; (NF)]

Reynolds, Jason. **Long Way Down***.* Simon & Schuster 2017.

[African American; violent crime; poetry]

Russo, Meredith. **If I Was Your Girl***.* Flat Iron, 2016

[LGBTQ trans-sexual; misfit]

Strasser, Todd. **Price of Duty**. Simon & Schuster 2018

[military service; fairness; various races]

Slater, Dashka. **The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives.** Farrar Straus Giroux 2017

[NF; LGBTQ; violent crime; African American]

Zarr, Sara. **Gem & Dixie***.* Balzer & Bray. 2017

[white; sisters; resilient protagonist]

Zoboi, Ibi. *Pride*. Balzer & Bray 2018

[African American; redux Pride & Prejudice; resilient protagonist]

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**Picture Book Bibliography**

**Music & Dance**

NONFICTION

Andrews, Troy “Trombone Shorty.” **Trombone Shorty***.* Abrams. 2015

[African American; music: swing; autobiography]

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson: Taking the Stage as the First Black-and-White Jazz Band in History***.* Holiday House. 2014.

[African American; music: swing]

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Just a Lucky So and: So: The Story of Louis Armstrong***.* Holiday House. 2016.

[African American; music

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **My Story, My Dance: Robert Battle’s Journey to Alvin Ailey**. Wiseman/S&S. 2015

[African American; dance; contemporary]

Deans, Karen. **Swing Sisters: The Story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm***.* Holiday House. 2015

[African American; music: jazz: swing; integration of band; women’s struggle]

De la Pena, Matt. **Miguel and the Grand Harmony**. Disney. 2017

[Latinx; music; Disney’s Coco]

Dillon, Leo & Diane. **Jazz on a Saturday Night***.* Blue Sky/Scholastic. 2007.

[African American; music: jazz: bebop, etc: Miles, Parker, Coltrane, Monk, Ella, etc]

Ingalls, Ann & Maryann Macdonald. **The Little Piano Girl: The Story of Mary Lou Williams, Jazz Legend**. HMH 2010

African American; music: jazz pianist composer 1910-1981]

Johnson, James Weldon. **Lift Every Voice and Sing***.* Bloomsbury. 1993, 2019.

[African American; music; lyrics to AA national anthem]

Lester, Julius. **The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked the World***.* Hyperion 2001

[African American; music (Bessie Smith to Aretha Franklin)]

Orgill, Roxane. **Footwork: The Story of Fred and Adele Astaire***.* Candlewick. 2007.

[dance; 1900s]

Pinkney, Andrea. **Duke Ellington***.* Hyperion. 1998

[African American; music: jazz: composer, big band]

Potter, Alicia. **Jubilee!: One Man’s Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace***.* Candlewick. 2014.

[music; (Patrick Gilmore American band post Civil War)]

Powell, Patricia Hruby. **Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker***.* Chronicle. 2014

[dance; music; African American; spy; resilient protagonist; civil rights worker; b.1906 poetry]

Powell, Patricia Hruby. **Struttin’ With Some Barbecue: Lil Hardin Armstrong Becomes the First Lady of Jazz***.* Charlesbridge 2018

[African American; resilient protagonist; hero;; music; poetry]

Schubert, Leda. **Trailblazer: The Story of Ballerina Raven Wilkinson**. Little Bee. 2018

[dance: ballet; African American]

Slade, Suzanne. **The Music in George’s Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue***.* Calkins Creek/Highlights. 2016

[music: jazz (white) composer]

Snyder, Laurel. **Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova***.* Chronicle, 2015.

[dance: ballet]

Stringer, Lauren. **When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky***.* Harcourt (HMH). 2013

[music; dance; c 1913]

Tonatiuh, Duncan. **Danza!: Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklórico de México***.* Abrams. 2017

[Latinx; Miztec style illus; dance]

Watson, Renée. **Harlem’s Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills***.* Random House. 2012

[African American; music; dance; b.1896]

Winter, Jonah. **How Jelly Roll Morton Invented Jazz.**Neal Porter/Roaring Brook. 2015

[African American; music;]

Winter, Jonah. **Jazz Age Josephine***.* Hyperion. 2000

[African American; dance; music;]

Winter, Jonah*.* **Once Upon a Time in Chicago: The Story of Benny Goodman***.* Atheneum 2012.

[music: jazz legend (white) clarinetist]

Zane, Dan. **House Party!: A Family Roots Music Treasury**. Young Voyagers. 2018

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**Middle Grade: 3rd - 6th grades**

Alexander, Kwame. [**Crossover**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=8022). Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014. 237 pages. Ages 10-13

[African American; resilient protagonist sports: basketball; music; poetry]

Curtis, Christopher Paul. [**The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=1260). Delacorte, 1995. 210 pages. [African American; Map: journey; Ages 10 – 14]  
  
Erdrich, Louise. [**The Birchbark House**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=134). Hyperion, 1999. 235 pages. Ages 8 – 12

[Native American: Ojibwa Indian; resilient protagonist]   
  
Fleming, Candace. **Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart**. Schwartz& Wade 2011.

[Nonfiction; Map: geography; resilient protagonist]

Frost, Helen. **Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War***.* Frances Foster. 2013

Native American: Miami; poetry; crossing cultures (with European); resilient protagonist 1812]

Grace, Catherine O'Neill and Margaret M. Bruchac, with Plimoth Plantation . **[1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=1977)**. Photographed by Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson. National Geographic Society, 2001. 48 pages. Ages 7 – 14

[Native American, etc.]  
  
Lai, Thanhha. [**Inside Out & Back Again**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=6745). Harper/HarperCollins, 2011. 262 pages. Ages 10-13

[VietNamese; resilient protagonist]  
  
Lin, Grace. [**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=3814). Little, Brown, 2009. 278 pages. Ages 8 – 11

[Chinese folklore]

Hartnett, Sonya. **Midnight Zoo***.* Candlewick 2010.

[Rom (gypsy) WWII; Europe; People and Animals]

Marcantonio, Patricia Santos. [**Red Ridin' in the Hood and Other Cuentos**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=3261). Illustrated by Renato Alarcão. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. 185 pages. Ages 8-12

[Latinx: Mexican; Aztec, etc.]  
  
Montgomery, Sy. **Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World***.* Houghton. 2012

[nonfiction Autism resilient protagonist; misfit]

Parker Rhodes, Jewell. [**Ninth Ward**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=4859). Little, Brown, 2010. 224 pages. Ages 9 – 13

[African American; New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina]

Palacio, R.J. **Wonder**. Knopf. 2012

misfit

Powell, Patricia Hruby. **Struttin’ With Some Barbecue: Lil Hardin Armstrong Becomes the First Lady of Jazz***.* Charlesbridge 2018

[African American; resilient protagonist; hero;; music; poetry]

Resau, Laura. [**Star in the Forest**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=4863). Delacorte Press, 2010. 149 pages. Ages 8-11

[Mexican immigration]

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost***.* Atheneum/Simon & Schuster. 2016

African American; resilient protagonist; sports: track;

Reynolds, Jason. **Sunny***.* Atheneum/Simon & Schuster. 2018

African American; dance; resilient protagonist; sports: track;

Sheth, Kashmira. [**Boys without Names**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=3704). Balzer & Bray/HarperCollins, 2010. 320 pages. Ages 9-13 [India: sweatshop; stories]  
  
Stead, Rebecca. **Liar & Spy***.* Wendy Lamb. 2012.

[friendship, how far to go; NYC

Tingle, Tim. [**How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=7959). Roadrunner Press, 2013. 141 pages. Ages 10-13

[Native American: Choctaw]  
  
Vawter, Vince. **Paperboy***.* Delacorte. 2012

[Stutterer; misfit]

Williams-Garcia, Rita. [**One Crazy Summer**](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailBook.asp?idBooks=3672). Amistad / HarperCollins, 2010. 218 pages. Ages 8-12

[African American: 1968: Black Panthers]

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Brown Girl Dreaming***.* Nancy Paulsen, 2014

African American; misfit; poetry

**Multicultural Book Blogs**

* Cooperative Children’s Book Center lists for Elementary: <https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailLists.asp?idBookListCat=3>
* American Indians in Children’s Literature blog (Debbie Reese): <https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>
* The Brown Bookshelf: <https://thebrownbookshelf.com/>
* We Need Diverse Books: <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>
* Lee and Low Publishing: <http://blog.leeandlow.com/>
* Cynthia Leitich Smith (author) website: <http://cynthialeitichsmith.com/>
* Disability in Kid Lit blog**:** <http://disabilityinkidlit.com/>
* Smithsonian BookDragon: <http://smithsonianapa.org/bookdragon/>

Website Bibliography

Children’s Book Review:

<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com/weblog/2018/04/5-books-that-teach-kids-how-to-work-together.html>

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<https://www.betsybirdbooks.com/books>

<https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailLists.asp?idBookListCat=3s>

Cooperative Children’s Book Center; School of Education; University of Wisconsin Madison

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<http://www.cbcbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Notable-Social-Studies-Trade-Books-for-Young-People-2018-Preview2.pdf>

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2018

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

ALA Notable Books

<http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards/coretta-scott-king-book-awards-all-recipients-1970-present>

Coretta Scott King Award Books

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal>

Pura Belpre Award Books to Latinx writers/ illustrators

<https://www.booklistonline.com/Asian-Pacific-American-Award-for-Literature/pid=9718660>

Asian Pacific Award Winners

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia>

Caldecott Winners

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>

Newbery Winners

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal>

Sibert Award - nonfiction

<https://www.booklistonline.com/Printz-Award/pid=9716236>

Printz Awards

<https://www.booklistonline.com/Rainbow-List/pid=9716850>

Rainbow List – LGBTQ+

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia>

Notable Lists

<https://ailanet.org/activities/american-indian-youth-literature-award/>

Native American Youth Literature Award