# Multiculturalism

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<td>Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick the perfect name... a name that is sure to light up the sky.</td>
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<td>A little boy's animal friends help him discover the poetry to be found in nature.</td>
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<td>After her best friend, Hector, moves away, Juna's brother Minho tries to make her feel better by finding things to put in her special kimchi jar, and each night, whatever is in the jar takes her on a magical journey in search of Hector.</td>
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Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

Marisol McDonald, a biracial, nonconformist, soccer-playing pirate-princess with brown skin and red hair, celebrates her uniqueness.

Mira lives in a gray and hopeless urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors.

When her maternal grandfather comes from China, Helen, who is biracial, develops a special bond with him despite their age and language differences.

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty -- and fun -- in their routine and the world around them.

Mom and Dad say I'm a blend of dark and light: "We mixed you perfectly, and got you just right." Mike has awesome hair. He has LOTS of energy! His parents love him. And Mike is a PERFECT blend of the two of them. Still, Mike has to answer LOTS of questions about being mixed. And he does, with LOTS of energy and joy in this charming story about a day in the life of a mixed-race child.
Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge until she gets some good advice from the librarian, Mrs. Carman.


A young girl gazes out over the horizon, and wonders what lands lie beyond the ocean, and what the people are like who live in those lands.


A rhyming celebration of ancestry and of the diversity that flourishes in this country.


The biracial daughter of an African American father and a Japanese mother fondly recalls growing up with her mother and her father's mother, two very different but equally loving women.

N/A  Lambert, Megan Dowd. *Real Sisters Pretend*. Thomaston, ME: Tilbury House Publishers, 2016. (Same Sex Parents; Adoption)

Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," stepsisters Mia and Tayja improvise an imaginary adventure with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms.


A story that follows the everyday life of two girls, one a professional ballerina, the other a student, both of whom love ballet.


Growing up in the segregated town of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the 1960s, Alta's family cannot afford to buy her new sneakers—but she still plans to attend the parade celebrating her hero Wilma Rudolph's three Olympic gold medals.


During a visit with her great-aunt, a young girl learns the story behind her name
and learns to feel proud of her biracial heritage.


A young multiracial boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful.


Niño's little sisters get in on the wrestling action.


What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope.


When Cooper, a biracial Korean-American boy, feels uncomfortable trying to speak Korean in Mr. Lee's grocery, his bad behavior eventually leads to a change in his attitude.


As her mom reads a bedtime story, Lucy drifts off. But later, she awakens in a dark, still room, and everything looks mysterious. How will she ever get back to sleep?


In this version of Little Red Riding Hood, set on the African plains, Little Red realizes what the Very Hungry Lion is up to, and teaches him a lesson before generously sharing her donuts with him.


Children discover a world of colors all around them. Many of the featured objects are Latino in origin, but all are universal in appeal.

In a time of drought in the Kingdom of Morocco, a storyteller and a boy weave a tale to thwart a Djinn and his sandstorm from destroying their city.


The story of one young girl's quest to bring clean drinking water to her African village.


When Hee Jun's family moves from Korea to West Virginia he struggles to adjust to his new home. He can't understand anything the teacher says, and even the sky seems smaller and darker. Hee Jun begins to learn English words and make friends on the playground. One day at a classmate's house he sees a flower he knows from his garden in Korea: mugunghwa, or rose of Sharon. Hee Jun is happy to bring a shoot to his grandmother to plant a "piece of home" in their new garden.


Six days a week, slaves labor from sunup to sundown and beyond, but on Sunday afternoons, they gather with free blacks at Congo Square outside New Orleans, free from oppression.

FICTION


Twin daughters of interracial parents, eleven-year-olds Keira and Minna have very different skin tones and personalities, but it is not until their African American grandmother enters them in the Miss Black Pearl Pre-Teen competition in North Carolina that red-haired and pale-skinned Minna realizes what life in their small town in the Pacific Northwest has been like for her more outgoing, darker-skinned sister.


Ella, a biracial girl with a patchy and uneven skin tone, and her friend Z, a boy who is very different, have been on the bottom of the social order at Caldera Junior High School in Las Vegas, but when the only other African-American student enters their sixth grade class, Ella longs to be friends with him and join the popular group, but does not want to leave Z all alone.
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<td>Smith, Sherri L.</td>
<td><em>Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet.</em></td>
<td>New York: Delacorte Press, 2008.</td>
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<td>Multiracial</td>
<td>Disaster strikes when Ana Shen is about to deliver the salutatorian speech at her junior high school graduation, but an even greater crisis looms when her best friend invites a crowd to Ana's house for dinner, and Ana's multicultural grandparents must find a way to share a kitchen.</td>
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<td>Tonatiuh, Duncan.</td>
<td><em>The Princess and the Warrior.</em></td>
<td>New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016.</td>
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<td>Mexican folklore; Aztec folklore</td>
<td>Princess Izta had many wealthy suitors but dismissed them all. When a mere warrior, Popoca, promised to be true to her and stay always by her side, Izta fell in love. The emperor promised Popoca if he could defeat their enemy Jaguar Claw, then Popoca and Izta could wed. When Popoca was near to defeating Jaguar Claw, his opponent sent a messenger to Izta saying Popoca was dead. Izta fell into a deep sleep and, upon his return, even Popoca could not wake her. As promised Popoca stayed by her side.</td>
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<td><em>The Hello Atlas.</em></td>
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<td>Multicultural – languages</td>
<td>Explore the languages of the world in this colorful atlas, which presents basic words and phrases from more than 100 different languages. Identifies salutation</td>
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phrases from over one hundred languages spoken around the world, including Danish, Icelandic, Gaelic, Greek, Vietnamese, Russian, Urdu, Cherokee, Hawaiian, and Swahili.

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