



Read in Color Recommended Reading

Read in Color is an initiative bringing diverse books to Little Free Libraries around the world. On this recommended reading list, you'll find books that provide perspectives on racism and social justice, amplify BIPOC and LGBTQ+ voices, and incorporate experiences from all identities for all readers. By reading and sharing diverse books, we can increase understanding, empathy, and inclusion. Are you ready to Read in Color?

For more book suggestions, and to sign the Read in Color pledge, visit: LittleFreeLibrary.org/read-in-color

ANTIRACISM + INCLUSION

EARLY READERS

An American Story - Kwame Alexander
I Am Human - Susan Verde
I'm An American - Darshana Khiani
Everybody in the Red Brick Building - Anne Wynter
That Flag - Tameka Fryer Brown

MIDDLE / YA READERS

Allies - Shakirah Bourne
Blue Stars: Mission One - Kekla Magoon
Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School - Tiffany Jewell
Mascot - Traci Sorell
The Sum of Us (Adapted for Young Adults) - Heather McGhee

ADULT READERS

Hood Feminism - Mikki Kendall
How to Raise an Antiracist - Ibram X. Kendi
Viral Justice - Ruha Benjamin
We Are Not Like Them - Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
White Women - Regina Jackson and Saira Rao

AFRICAN AMERICAN / BLACK

EARLY READERS

Big - Vashti Harrison
Big Tune - Alliah L. Agostini
Jump In! - Shadra Strickland
There Was a Party for Langston - Jason Reynolds
Under the Mango Tree - Valdene Mark
The Walk - Winsome Bingham

MIDDLE / YA READERS

All the Things We Never Knew - Liara Tamani
The Beautiful Struggle - Ta-Nehisi Coates
Garvey in the Dark - Nikki Grimes
Hands - Torrey Maldonado
Poemhood - Amber McBride
Salt the Water - Candice Iloh

ADULT READERS

Don't Cry for Me - Daniel Black
Maame - Jessica George
On Juneteenth - Annette Gordon-Reed
The Trayvon Generation - Elizabeth Alexander
The Yellow House - Sarah M. Broom



INDIGENOUS

EARLY READERS

Circle of Love - Monique Gray Smith
Contenders - Traci Sorell
A Day with Yayah - Nicola I. Campbell
A Letter for Bob - Kim Rogers
Remember - Joy Harjo
Rock Your Mocs - Laurel Goodluck

MIDDLE / YA READERS

The Barren Grounds - David A. Robertson
Harvest House - Cynthia Leitich Smith
Rez Ball - Byron Graves
The Summer of Bitter and Sweet - Jen Ferguson

ADULT READERS

Man Made Monsters - Andrea Rogers
My Good Man - Eric Gansworth
The Seed Keeper - Diane Wilson
Spilexm - Nicola I. Campbell
Wandering Stars - Tommy Orange

ASIAN AMERICAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER

EARLY READERS

Astrid and Apollo and the Starry Campout - V.T. Bidania
Dumpling Day - Meera Sriram
Holding On - Sophia Lee
Home is in Between - Mitali Perkins
The Truth about Dragons - Julie Leung

MIDDLE / YA READERS

The Astonishing Color of After - Emily X.R. Pan
Cold - Mariko Tamaki
The Last Mapmaker - Christina Soontornvat
Parachute Kids - Betty C. Tang
Red, White, and Whole - Rajani Larocca

ADULT READERS

Age of Vice - Deepti Kapoor
All This Could Be Different - Sarah Thankam Mathews
Dust Child - Mai Phan Que Nguyen
Know My Name - Chanel Miller
Which Side Are You On? - Ryan Lee Wong

LATINE

EARLY READERS

Coquí in the City - Nomar Perez
Hear My Voice - Warren Binford
Jovita Wore Pants - Aida Salazar
My Ciudad Sings - Cynthia Harmony
Plátanos Go with Everything - Lisette Norman

MIDDLE / YA READERS

Cuba in My Pocket - Adrianna Cuevas
Invisible - Christina Diaz Gonzalez
The Last Cuentista - Donna Barba Higuera
Miss Quinces - Kat Fajardo
A Seed in the Sun - Aida Salazar

ADULT READERS

Crying in the Bathroom - Erika L. Sanchez
It is Wood, It is Stone - Gabriella Burnham
Olga Dies Dreaming - Xochitl Gonzalez
Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed - Saracia J. Fennell

LGBTQ+

EARLY READERS

Calvin - J.R. Ford
Kapaemahu - Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu
Maiden & Princess - Daniel Haack
Phoenix Gets Greater - Marty Wilson-Trudeau
Whoever You Are - Josephine Wai Lin

MIDDLE / YA READERS

The Best at It - Maulik Pancholy
The Heartbreak Bakery - A.R. Capetta
Green - Alex Gino
Loveless - Alice Oseman
Nikhil Out Loud - Emery Lee



ADULT READERS

All the Right Notes - Dominic Lim
D'Vaughn and Kris Plan a Wedding - Chencia C. Higgins
Memorial - Bryan Washington
Real Life - Brandon Taylor
The Town of Babylon - Alejandro Varela

MUSLIM

EARLY READERS

Amira's Picture Day - Reem Faruqi
Halal Hot Dogs - Susannah Aziz
Homeland - Hannah Moushabeck
The Kindest Red - Ibtihaj Muhammad
Moon's Ramadan - Natasha Khan Kazi

MIDDLE / YA READERS

Accused - Adama Bah
All My Rage - Sabaa Tahir
Amina's Song - Hena Khan
From Here - Luma Mufleh
Unsettled - Reem Faruqi
When Stars are Scattered - Victoria Jemieson and Omar Mohamed

ADULT READERS

Against the Loveless World - Susan Abulhawa
American Fever - Dur E Aziz Amna
Evil Eye - Etaf Rum
Salt Houses - Hala Alyan
The Thirty Names of Night - Zeyn Joukhadar



DISABILITY + NEURODIVERGENT

EARLY READERS

A Day with No Words - Tiffany Hammond
Listen - Shannon Stocker
My City Speaks - Darren Lebeuf
A Walk in the Words - Hudson Talbott
We Move Together - Kelly Fritsch



MIDDLE / YA READERS

All the Right Reasons - Bethany Mangle
Buzzing - Samuel Sattin
Figure It Out, Henry Weldon - Tanita S. Davis
Hummingbird - Natalie Lloyd
One for All - Lillie Lainoff

ADULT READERS

The Architecture of Disability - David Gissen
Demystifying Disability - Emily Ladau
The Kiss Quotient - Helen Hoang
Sitting Pretty - Rebekah Taussig
True Biz - Sara Novic

JEWISH

EARLY READERS

Alone Together on Dan Street - Erica Lyons
The Greatest Song of All - Megan Hoyt
Sandor Katz and the Tiny Wild - Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Two New Years - Richard Ho

MIDDLE / YA READERS

Ellen Outside the Lines - A.J. Sass
The Jake Show - Joshua S. Levy
Two Tribes - Emily Bowen Cohen
The Unfinished Corner - Dani Colman
You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone - Rachel Lynn Solomon

ADULT READERS

The Golem and the Jinni - Helene Wecker
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store - James McBride
Koshersoul - Michael W. Twitty
When the Angels Left the Old Country - Rachel Kadish