



# Read in Color Recommended Reading

ReadinColor is an initiative bringing diverse books to Little Free Libraries around the United States. 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](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org/read-in-color)

## AFRICAN AMERICAN / BLACK

EARLY READERS

- At the Cookout** - Nadia Fisher
- How Sweet the Sound** - Kwame Alexander
- My Heart Speaks Kriolu** - Stefanie Foster Brown
- Liftoff!** - Eric Velasquez
- Nell Plants a Tree** - Anne Wynter
- Where They Gather** - Teresa Rodrigues

MIDDLE / YA READERS

- The Family I'm In** - Sharon G. Flake
- Nigeria Jones** - Ibi Zoboi
- The Rule of Three** - Heather Murphy Capps
- The Secret Library** - Kekla Magoon
- The Summer Scrapbook** - Florence Migga

ADULT READERS

- Black AF History** - Michael Harriot
- Black in Blues** - Imani Perry
- Colored Television** - Danzy Senna
- His Name is George Floyd** - Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa
- Inciting Joy** - Ross Gay

## ANTIRACISM + INCLUSION

EARLY READERS

- Before the Ships** - Maisha Oso
- The Doll Test** - Carole Boston Weatherford
- Everybelly** - Thao Lam
- I'm So Happy You're Here** - Mychal Threets
- Revolutions Are Made of Love** - Mélina Mangal and Sun Yung Shin

MIDDLE / YA READERS

- Rise** - Jeff Yang, Phil Yu, and Philip Wang
- Space Chasers** - Leland Melvin
- What Jewish Looks Like** - Liz Kleinrock and Caroline Kusin Pritchard
- Witness** - Ari Tison and Ty Chapman

ADULT READERS

- Chain of Ideas** - Ibram X. Kendi
- We Are Each Other's Liberation** - ed. Jaimee A. Swift, Td Tso, and Rachel Kuo
- We Deserve to Heal** - ed. Patrice Gopo



## ASIAN AMERICAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER

EARLY READERS

- Aloha Everything** - Kaylin Melia George
- Dreams to Ashes** - Livia Blackburne
- Mami King** - Jacqueline Chio-Lauri
- Snow Steps** - Karen Latchana Kenney

MIDDLE / YA READERS

- An Expanse of Blue** - Kauakanilehua Mahoe Adamsi
- How to Draw a Secret** - Cindy Chang
- Kiyo Sato** - Sajni Patel
- My Big, Fat Desi Wedding** - ed. Prerna Pickett
- Wild Song** - Candy Gourlay

ADULT READERS

- Central Places** - Delia Cai
- Disorientation** - Elaine Hsieh Chou
- Homeseeking** - Karissa Chen
- Yellowface** - R.F. Kuang

## DISABILITY + NEURODIVERGENT

EARLY READERS

- Dog Watch** - C.L. Reid
- Maybe Just Ask Me!** - Katie Mazeika
- Rewriting the Rules** - Danna Zeiger
- We Are the Scrappy Ones** - Rebekah Taussig

MIDDLE / YA READERS

- Absolutely Everything** - Damian Alexander
- The Color of Sound** - Emily Barth Isler
- Detour Ahead** - Pamela Ehrenberg and Tracy López
- Mixed-Up** - Kami Garcia
- Where You See Yourself** - Claire Forrest

ADULT READERS

- The Country of the Blind** - Andrew Leland
- The Lost Voice** - Greta Morgan
- What My Bones Know** - Stefanie Foo
- Year of the Tiger** - Alice Wong

# INDIGENOUS

## EARLY READERS

**Aaniin** - Dawn Quigley  
**All the Stars in the Sky** - Art Coulson  
**Kaho'olawe** - Kamalani Hurley  
**Stronger Than** - Nikki Grimes and Stacy Wells  
**Water is Life** - Katrina M. Phillips

## MIDDLE / YA READERS

**Amazona** - Canizales  
**Legendary Frybread Drive-In**  
- Cynthia Leitich Smith  
**Looking for Smoke** - K.A. Cobell  
**Medicine Wheels** - Byron Graves  
**On a Wing and a Tear** - Cynthia Leitich Smith

## ADULT READERS

**Bad Cree** - Jessica Johns  
**Becoming Little Shell** - Chris La Tray  
**Night of the Living Rez** - Morgan Talty  
**Old School Indian** - Aaron John Curtis  
**Whiskey Tender** - Deborah Jackson Taffa

# JEWISH

## EARLY READERS

**Jason Belongs**  
- Audrey Ades and Jason Schachter McKinney  
**Mazel Toes!** - Audrey Barbakoff  
**More Than Enough** - Richardson Michelson  
**Shabbat Is...** - A.J. Sass



## MIDDLE / YA READERS

**The Real Rosalind**  
- Debbie Loren Dunn and Janet Fox  
**Refugee: The Graphic Novel** - Alan Gratz  
**Rules for Liars** - Debra Green and April Patten

## ADULT READERS

**As a Jew** - Sarah Hurwitz  
**Fagin the Thief** - Allison Epstein  
**When the Angels Left the Old Country**  
- Rachel Kadish  
**The Holocaust: An Unfinished History**  
- Dan Stone

# LATINE

## EARLY READERS

**Béisbol Begins** - Ramon Olivera  
**The Invisible Parade**  
- Leigh Bardugo and John Picacio  
**Just Right** - Torrey Maldonado  
**Nana and Abuela** - Monica Rojas  
**Remembering** - Xelena González

## MIDDLE / YA READERS

**Across So Many Seas** - Ruth Behar  
**Choir Grrrl** - Ashley Granillo  
**Graciela in the Abyss** - Meg Medina  
**Lola** - Karla Arenas Valenti  
**Red Stones** - Ernesto Saade

## ADULT READERS

**The Kissing Bug** - Daisy Hernández  
**The Many Mothers of Dolores Moore**  
- Anika Fajardo  
**The Witches of El Paso**  
- Luis Jaramillo



# LGBTQ+

## EARLY READERS

**It's Pride, Baby!** - Allen R. Wells  
**Circle of Love** - Monique Gray Smith  
**The Right Blessing**  
- Kerry Olitzky and Samantha Orshan Kahn

## MIDDLE / YA READERS

**Benji Zeb Is a Ravenous Werewolf**  
- Deke Moulton  
**The Gender Binary is a Big Lie** - Lee Wind  
**Here Goes Nothing** - Emma K Ohland  
**Night Owls** - A.R. Vishny  
**A World Worth Saving** - Kyle Lukoff

## ADULT READERS

**Cactus Country** - Zoë Bossiere  
**The Death of Vivek Oji** - Akwaeke Emezi  
**How Far the Light Reaches** - Sabrina Imbler  
**Martyr!** - Kaveh Akbar  
**The Original** - Nell Stevens  
**Woodworking** - Emily St. James



# MUSLIM

## EARLY READERS

**The Boldest White**  
- Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Alii  
**The Eidi Bag** - Shazia Afal  
**A Ramadan Night** - Nadine Presley  
**Upside-Down Iftar** - Maysa Odeh  
**Zamzam for Everyone** - Razeena Omar Gutta

## MIDDLE / YA READERS

**A Bit of Earth**  
- Karuna Riazi  
**The Button Box**  
- Bridget Hodder and Fawzia Gilani-Williams  
**Home Has No Borders**  
- ed. Sonja Charaipotra and Samira Ahmed  
**Yes No Maybe So**  
- Becky Albertalli and Aisha Saeed

## ADULT READERS

**Every Exit Brings You Home** - Naeem Murr  
**Far Away from Here** - Ambata Kazi  
**Hijab Butch Blues** - Lamya H