**Long List of Books, Authors, Resources, and Cultural “Months”**

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[**Colorín Colorado**](http://www.colorincolorado.org/index.php?langswitch=en) **-** Resources for teachers, librarians, and parents.

[**Cynsations**](http://cynthialeitichsmith.blogspot.com/) **-** Author Cynthia Leitich Smith’s blog- concise bibliographies, interviews, and reviews of diverse books.

[**Mitali Perkins**](http://www.mitaliblog.com/) **-** author blog that often covers issues of race in children’s literature

[***The Horn Book*’s “Talking About Race” page**](http://www.hbook.com/talking-about-race/)

**\*\*Especially Christopher Myers’s “**[**Young Dreamers**](http://www.hbook.com/2013/08/opinion/young-dreamers/)**” piece--it is a must-read! (and a tearjerker)**

[**CCBC Bibliographies**](http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailLists.asp?idBookListCat=7)

[**Embracing Diversity in YA Lit**](http://www.slj.com/2013/09/teens-ya/embracing-diversity-in-ya-lit/) **by Shelley Diaz**

**African American protagonists, authors, illustrators, etc.**

List Developed by Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Elizabeth Koehler, and Ernie Cox*:* [**Board Books Starring African American Infants and Toddlers**](https://sites.google.com/site/sandrahassell/resources-for-teacher-librarians/board-books-starring-african-american-infants-and-toddlers)

**Picture Books** *Uptown* by Brian Collier

*Danita Brown, Class Clown* by Nikki Grimes

*Why Do Mosquitos Buzz in People’s Ear* by Diane and Leo Dillon

**Chapter Books/Early Readers**

Keena Ford series by Melissa Thomson

Nikki & Deja by Karen English

Miami Jackson series by Patricia McKissack,

Julian books by Ann Cameron

Lulu books by Hilary McKay.

**Middle Grade**

Cruisers series by Walter Dean Myers

*The People Could Fly* by Virginia Hamilton

*Wings* by Christopher Myers

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Ninth Ward* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes

**Young Adult**

*Slam* and *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers

*Panic* and *Forged By Fire* by Sharon Draper

*The Skin I’m In* by Sharon G. Flake

*Bronxwood* by Coe Booth

*No Crystal Stair* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

*Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty* by G. Neri

[**The Brown Bookshelf**](http://thebrownbookshelf.com/)A blog that reviews and keeps track of children’s books with African American characters and themes

**Latino Books**

[**Resources for Finding Latino Kid Lit**](http://www.slj.com/2013/01/collection-development/resources-for-finding-latino-kid-lit/) **A resource list I created for SLJ** *My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo* by Maya Christina Gonzalez

*¡Pio Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes* by Alma Flor Ada

*Quinito's Neighborhood = El Vecindario de Quinito* by Ina Cumpiano

*The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred* by Samantha Vamos

*Abuelita* by Arthur Dorros

*Round is a Tortilla* by John Parra

*Waiting for the Biblioburro* by Monica Brown

**Chapter Books/Easy Readers**

*Gum Girl! Chews Your Destiny* by Rhode Montijo

*Tony Baloney: School Rules* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**Middle Grade**  
*Giants Beware* by Jorge Aguirre

*My Name Is Maria Isabel* by Alma Flor Ada

*Confetti Girl, Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel* by Diane Lopez

*Luz Sees the Light* by Claudia Davila (GN)

*Gabby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes

**YA** *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez

*Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass* by Meg Medina

*Mexican White Boy* by Matt de la Peña

*Estrella’s Quinceañera* by Malin Alegria

*Efrain’s Secret* by Sofia Quintero

*Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* by Victor Martinez

*Summer of the Mariposas* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

**Asian American**

**Picture Books**

*Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say

*Chinatown* by William Low

*Barbed Wire Baseball* by Marissa Moss

*My First Chinese New Year* by Karen Katz

*My Name Is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits

**Chapter Books/Early Readers**

Katie Woo series by Fran Manushkin

Alvin Ho series by Lenore Look

Ruby Lu series by Lenore Look

**Middle Grade**

*The Great Wall of Lucy Wu* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang

*The Year of the Book* by Andrea Cheng

*Millicent Min, Girl Genius* by Lisa Yee

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

**YA**

Burn for Burn series by Jenny Han & Siobhan Vivian

*Eon* by Alison Goodman

Benny Imura series by Jonathan Maberry

The Hybrid Chronicles by Kat Zhang

*Same Difference* by Derek Kirk Kim

**Nonfiction**

*Angel Island* by Russell Freedman

*Good Fortune: My Journey to Gold Mountain* by Li Keng Wong

*I.M. Pei: Architect of Time, Place and Purpose*

**Filipino/Pacific American**

*Since You Asked* by Maurene Goo

*Cora Cooks Pancit* by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore

*She So Money* by Cherry Cheva (Thai)

**Indian (American)**

*A Gift for Gita by* Rachna Gilmore

*Gandhi: A March to the Sea* by Alice B. McGinty

*Chachaji's Cup* by Uma Krishnaswami

*Rickshaw Girl* by Mitali Perkins

*The Grand Plan to Fix Everything* by Uma Krishnaswami

*Climbing the Stairs* by PadmaVenkatraman

[The Horn Book’s post on Jewish Indian tweens](http://www.hbook.com/2013/06/blogs/out-of-the-box/mira-and-tara-jewish-indian-tweens/)

**Haitian American**

[**Author/Editor Summer Ward reviews books set in the Caribbean**](http://www.summeredward.com/search/label/Book%20reviews)

*In Darkness* by Nick Lake

*Serafina’s Promise* Anne E. Burg

*A Song for Bijou* by Josh Farrar

**Interracial Couples/Mixed Race**

*Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match/Marisol McDonald no combina* by Monica Brown

*Shades of People* by Shelley Rotner

*Romiette & Julio* by Sharon Draper

Gareth Hinds’s *Romeo & Juliet*

*The Dark Companion* by Marta Acosta

*Grandfather Counts* by Andrea Cheng

*Jalapeno Bagels* by Natasha Wing

*Liliana's Grandmothers* by Leyla Torre

*Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell

*Nothing But The Truth (and a few white lies*) by Justina Chen Headley

**Italian American**

*Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer Holm

*The Possibilities of Sainthood* by Donna Freitas

**Other Books and Resources:**

[**Pinterest on World Religions**](http://www.pinterest.com/mcusolito/world-religion-resources-for-kids/)

[**Bibliography by Rukhsana Khan on Islam in Children’s Books**](http://www.rukhsanakhan.com/muslimbooklist/Muslimbooklist.pdf)

[**Special Needs Awareness**](http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/category/special-needs-awareness/)blog by Renee Grassi

*A Mango-Shaped Space*by Wendy Mass (synesthesia)

*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

**A Global Perspective**

*Never Fall Down* by Patricia McCormick

*Kids of Kabul* by Deborah Ellis

*The Good Braider* by Terry Farish

*Homeless Bird* by Gloria Whelan

*Say Hello* by Rachel Isadora

Maria Padian’s *Out of Nowhere*

Warren St. John’s *Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town*

[**Children of War: Tales of Child Refugees and Safe Havens**](http://www.slj.com/2013/09/collection-development/focus-on-collection-development/children-of-war-tales-of-child-refugees-and-safe-havens-focus-on/)from SLJ

**“Months” and Special Holidays**

**January**

Three Kings Day (Jan. 6)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**February**

African American History Month

Chinese Lunar Year

**March**

Women’s History Month

Greek-American Heritage Month

Irish-American Heritage Month

**April**

Poetry Month

Easter

Passover

Holocaust Memorial Month

Autism Awareness Month

April 30- [Dia del Nino, Dia de los libros](http://dia.ala.org/)/ Children’s Day, Day of the Book.

**May**

Asian Pacific American Heritage and Older Americans Month

5 de mayo (Mexican)

Jewish-American Heritage Month

**June**

Gay Lesbian Pride Month (LGBTQ)

Caribbean American Month

**August**

Ramadan

Eid-Al-Fitr

**September**

National Hispanic Latino Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)

**October**

National Bullying Prevention Month

German American Heritage Month

National Italian American Heritage Month

Polish American Heritage Month

Filipino American Month

**November**

National American Indian Heritage Month

National Epilepsy Awareness Month

1 - [All Saints' Day](http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/ethnic_relig/allsaint.html) (Christian, Roman Catholic)

1 - Dia de los Muertos "Day of the Dead" (Mexico, Latin America)

2 - [All Souls' Day](http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/ethnic_relig/allsouls.html) (Roman Catholic)

[Diwali](http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/ethnic_relig/diwali.html) (Buddhist, Hindu)

**December**

Chanukah

Christmas

Kwanzaa