

Celebrating Diversity: Selected Novels for Children and Young Adults

African-American

F/ADO	Adoff, Jaime. JIMI AND ME. Hyperion, 2005.
F/BOO	Booth, Coe. TYRELL. Push, 2006.
F/CAR	Carter, Dorothy. GRANDMA'S GENERAL STORE: THE ARK. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005.
F/DRA	Draper, Sharon. COPPER SUN. Atheneum, 2006.
F/GOI	Going, Kelly. L. THE LIBERATION OF GABRIEL KING. Putnam, 2005.
F/GRI	Grimes, Nikki. DARK SONS. Hyperion, 2005.
F/GRI	Grimes, Nikki. THE ROAD TO PARIS. Putnam, 2006.
F/HOU	Houston, Julian. NEW BOY. Houghton Mifflin, 2005.
F/LES	Lester, Julius. DAY OF TEARS: A NOVEL IN DIALOGUE. Hyperion, 2005.
F/LES	Lester, Julius. TIME'S MEMORY. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006.
F/McD	McDonald, Janet. HARLEM HUSTLE. Frances Foster, 2006.
F/McK	McKissack, Patricia. AWAY WEST. Viking, 2006.
F/MYE	Myers, Walter Dean. AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MY DEAD BROTHER. HarperTempest/Amistad, 2005.
F/NOL	Nolan, Han. A SUMMER OF KINGS. Harcourt, 2006.
F/RAV	Raven, Margot Theis. NIGHT BOAT TO FREEDOM. Straus & Giroux, 2006.
F/RUB	Rubright, Lynn. MAMA'S WINDOW. Lee & Low, 2005.
F/SAC	Sachar, Louis. SMALL STEPS. Delacorte, 2006.
F/WOO	Woods, Brenda. MY NAME IS SALLY LITTLE SONG. Putnam, 2006.

Chinese American

F/CHE	Cheng, Andrea. SHANGHAI MESSENGER. Lee & Low, 2005.
F/LOO	Look, Lenore. RUBY LU, EMPRESS OF EVERYTHING. Atheneum, 2006.
741.5/YAN	Yang, Gene Luen. AMERICAN BORN CHINESE. First Second, 2006.(Graphic Novel)
F/YEE	Yee, Lisa. STANFORD WONG FLUNKS BIG TIME. Arthur A. Levine, 2005.
F/YEP	Yep, Laurence. THE SERPENT'S CHILDREN. Harper & Row, 1984. (Bk. 1 of Golden Mt. Chronicles – DRAGONS OF SILK – 2011, Book 10)

Japanese American

F/CON	Conkling, Winnifred. SYLVIA AND AKI. Tricycle, 2011.
F/CRI	Crilly, Mark. AKIKO: PIECES OF GAX. Delacorte, 2006.
F/CRI	Kadohata, Cynthia. KIRA, KIRA. Atheneum, 2004.
F/KAD	Kadohata, Cynthia. WEEDFLOWER. Atheneum, 2006.
TRADE	Lorenzi, Natalie Dias. FLYING THE DRAGON. Charlesbridge, 2012 (On Reserve at this time)

Korean American

F/BAL	Balgassi, Haemi. TAE'S SONATA. Clarion, 1997
F/LEE	Lee, Marie, G. NECESSARY ROUGHNESS. Harper Trophy, 1998
F/PAR	Park, Linda Sue. ARCHER'S QUEST. Clarion Books, 2006.
F/PAR	Park, Linda Sue. PROJECT MULBERRY. Clarion, 2005.

Vietnamese American

F/BUR	Burg, Ann E. ALL THE BROKEN PIECES: A NOVEL IN VERSE. Scholastic, 2009
F/GAR	Garland, Sherry. LOTUS SEED. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993.
F/HIM	Himelblau, Linda. THE TROUBLE BEGINS. Delacorte, 2005.
F/LAI	Lai, Thanhha. INSIDE OUT & BACK AGAIN. Harper, 2011
F/PAR	Partridge, Elizabeth. DOGTAG SUMMER. Bloomsbury, 2011.

East Indian American

F/DES	Desai Hidier, Tanuja. BORN CONFUSED. Scholastic, 2002.
F/FLE	Fleming, Candace. LOWJI DISCOVERS AMERICA. Atheneum, 2005.
F/Kri	Krishnaswami, Uma. NAMING MAYA. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2004.
F/KRI	Krishnaswami, Uma. THE GRAND PLAN TO FIX EVERYTHING. Atheneum, 2011
F/SHE	Sheth, Kashmira. BLUE JASMINE. Hyperion, 2006.
Trade/Delacorte	Hiranandani, Veera. THE WHOLE STORY OF HALF A GIRL. Delacorte, 2012.

Jewish American

F/FER	Ferber, Brenda. JULIA'S KITCHEN. Farrar Straus Girous, 2006.
F/GLA	Glaser, Linda. BRIDGE TO AMERICA. Houghton Mifflin, 2005.
F/HOU	Houston, Julian. NEW BOY. Houghton Mifflin, 2005.
F/LIT	Littman, Sarah. CONFESSIONS OF A CLOSET CATHOLIC. Dutton, 2005.
F.SCH	Schwartz, Ellen. STEALING HOME. Tundra, 2006.

Latino/ Hispanic/Mexican American

F/ALE	Alegria, Malin. ESTRELLA'S QUINCEANERA. Simon & Schuster, 2006.
F/HER	Herrera, Juan Felipe. DOWNTOWN BOY. Scholastic, 2005.
F/HOB	Hobbs, Will. CROSSING THE WIRE. Harper Collins, 2006
F/RYA	Ryan, Pam Munoz. ESPERANZA RISING. SCHOLASTIC, 2000
F/SER	Serros, Michele. HONEY BLONDE CHICA. Simon Pulse, 2006.
F/SOT	Soto, Gary. PETTY CRIMES. Harcourt, 2006. (Short Story Collection).
F/TRI	Triana, Gaby. CUBANITA. Rayo, 2005.

Muslim

F/ABD	Abdel-Fattah, Rand. DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS. Orchard, 2007.
F/BUD	Budhos, Marina Tamar. ASK ME NO QUESTIONS. Atheneum, 2006.
F/PER	Perara, Anna. GUANTANAMO BOY. Albert Whitman, 2009.
F/STR	Stratton, Allan. Borderline. HarperTeen, 2010.

Native American

F/ALE	Alexsie, Sherman. ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN. Little-Brown, 2007.
F/BRU	Bruchac, Joseph. BEARWALKER. Harper Collins, 2007.
F/CAR	Carvell, Marlene. SWEETGRASS BASKET. Dutton, 2006.
F/ERD	Erdrich, Louise. THE GAME OF SILENCE. HarperCollins, 2005.
F/JON	Jones, Kimberly. SAND DOLLAR SUMMER. Margaret K. McElderry, 2006.
F/KAD	Kadohata, Cynthia. WEEDFLOWER. Atheneum, 2006.
F/KET	Ketchum, Liza. WHERE THE GREAT HAWK FLIES. Clarion, 2005.
F/PEA	Pearsall, Shelley. CROOKED RIVER. Knopf, 2005.
F/WOO	Woods, Brenda. MY NAME IS SALLY LITTLE SONG. Putnam's, 2006.
F/WYS	Wyss, Thelma Hatch. BEAR DANCER: THE STORY OF A UTE GIRL. Margaret K. McElderry, 2005.

Racially Mixed

F/ADO	Adoff, Jaime. JIMI AND ME. Hyperion, 2005.
F/CHE	Cheng, Andrea. SHANGHAI MESSENGER. Lee & Low, 2005.
Trade/Delacorte	Hiranandani, Veera. THE WHOLE STORY OF HALF A GIRL. Delacorte, 2012.
F/PAR	Partridge, Elizabeth. DOGTAG SUMMER. Bloomsbury, 2011.
F/ROD	Rodowsky, Colby F. THAT FERNHILL SUMMER. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006.
F/SCH	Schwartz, Ellen. STEALING HOME. Tundra, 2006.
F/WIL	Wilson, Diane. BLACK STORM COMIN'. Margaret K. McElderry, 2005.

Gender Roles/Homosexuality

F/HOW	Howe, James. TOTALLY JOE. Atheneum, 2005.
F/HYD	Hyde, Catherine Ryan. JUMPSTART THE WORLD. Knopf, 2010.
F/JAC	Jacobson, Jennifer. STAINED. Atheneum, 2005.
F/KOE	Koertge, Ronald. BOY GIRL BOY. Harcourt, 2005.
F/KOJ	Koja, Kathe. TALK. Frances Foster Books. 2005.
F/LAK	LaRochelle, David. ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY NOT. Arthur A. Levine, 2005.
F/PET	Peters, Julie Anne. FAR FROM XANADU. Megan Tingley, 2005.
- - -	Peters, Julie Anne. LUNA. Little Brown, 2004. (Transsexual)
F/S211rr	Sanchez, Alex. RAINBOW ROAD. Simon & Schuster, 2005.
F/S469s	Selvadurai, Shyam. SWIMMING IN THE MONSOON SEA. Tundra, 2005.

More Themes and Ideas to Consider.

Culture Conflict / Culture shock
Diversity
Homeless
Identity
Illegal Immigrants
Immigrants/Emigration and Immigration
Issues of Equality/Opportunity/Segregation
Issues of Sexuality and Gender Identity / sex roles
Mixed-Race individuals
People with Disabilities (also search specific disability/disorder i.e. autism, cerebral palsy, AIDS, Schizophrenia, Anorexia, etc)
Perceptions of Beauty (search the catalog for these: beauty, personal; self-perception; body image)
Poverty
Racism
Refugees
Religious practices (Muslim, Jewish, Conscientious Objector, Christian, Mormon, etc)
Second Culture Teens/ Culture Conflict
Slavery
War

Authors to Consider:

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. – Muslim
Adoff, Jaime – mixed-race
An Na - Korean
Applegate, Katherine – African refugee
Alexie, Sherman - Native American
Bruchac, Joseph – Native American
Codell, Esme Raji – variety of races presented/ urban settings
Hamilton, Virginia – African American
Howe, James - GLBTQ
Johnson, Angela – African American
Kadohata, Cynthia – Japanese
Lai, Thanhha. - Vietnamese
Levithan, David - GLBTQ
Lin, Grace – Chinese
Look, Lenore – Chinese
Lord, Cynthia – disabilities
Myers, Walter Dean – African American
Nye, Naomi, Shihab – Middle East/Arab
Ortiz Cofer, Julia – Puerto Rican
Park, Linda Sue – Korean
Peters, Julie - GLBTQ
Ryan, Pam Munoz – Hispanic
Sanchez, Alex –GLBTQ
Soto, Gary – Hispanic
Trueman, Terry – disabilities
Yep, Lawrence – Chinese