

Resources for Social Justice Parenting

Selected links with lists of children's books

1. <http://coloringbetween.blogspot.com/> Coloring Between the Lines “looks at issues of race and culture in relation to creating and using children's literature, as seen by a white author-illustrator of multiracial, multicultural books.”
2. <http://oyate.org> “We review children's literature and advocate for Native Americans/American Indians to be portrayed with historical accuracy, cultural appropriateness and without anti-Indian bias and stereotypes.”
3. <http://www.culturesconnecting.com/docs/ResourceList.doc> A book list from Cultures Connecting, a consulting group addressing race relations in the 21st century.
4. <http://www.jamesmollison.com/wherechildrensleep.php> Where Children Sleep is a beautiful art photography book with images of children from around the world in their homes. The book is very expensive but many of the images are viewable online, and are a good starting point for discussing issues of wealth, social class, and racial identity with your child.
5. Search for “social justice books for children” and many, many resources are available.

Selected list of books for parents and guardians

- Ben Jelloun, Tahar. (1999) *Racism Explained to My Daughter*, with responses from William Ayers, Lisa Delpit, David Mura, and Patricia Williams.** New York: The New Press.
- Cortés, Carlos E. (2000) *The Children Are Watching: How the Media Teach About Diversity*.** New York: Teachers College Press.
- Derman Sparks, L. and Ramsey, P. (2003). *What If All the Kids Are White?: Anti-Bias Multicultural Education with Young Children and Families (Early Childhood Education)*** Teachers College Press.
- Derman Sparks, L. et al. <http://www.teachingforchange.org/files/027-A.pdf> *Children, Race and Racism: How Race Awareness Develops***
- Kohl, Herbert (1995) *Should We Burn Babar? Essays on Children's Literature and the Power of Stories*.** New York: The New Press.
- Marsh, Jason, Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton, and Jeremy Adam Smith, eds. (2010) *Are We Born Racist? New Insights from Neuroscience and Positive Psychology*.** Boston: Beacon Press.
- Orenstein, Peggy. (2011) *Cinderella Ate My Daughter: Dispatches From the Front Lines of the New Girlie-Girl Culture*.** New York: Harper.
- Pollock, Mica. (2008) *Everyday Antiracism: Getting Real About Race in School*.** New York: The New Press.
- Reddy, Maureen, ed. (1996) *Everyday Acts Against Racism: Raising Children in a Multiracial World*.** Seattle: Seal Press.
- Steele, C. *Whistling Vivaldi* (2010) Norton & Co.** A review of the most recent science of stereotypes for non-academics.
- Tatum, B. (1997). *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*** New York: Basic Books
- Tatum, B. (2007) *Can We Talk About Race?*** Boston: Beacon Press
- Van Ausdale, D. and Feagin, J. (2001) *The First R: How Children Learn Race and Racism*.** New York: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Ward, JV. (2002) *The Skin We're In*.** New York: Fireside.

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Selected Blogs and Links

<http://cocoamamas.com/about/> "Raising cocoa children in a bittersweet world." An on-going parenting blog for mothers of color.

<http://whiteantiracistparent.blogspot.com/> This site is dormant but has very interesting observations from a white mother working towards anti-racism

<http://sociallyjustparenting.org/> "Resources for raising our children to create a more socially just world," by David.

<http://loveisntenough.com/> "Raising a family in a colorstruck world," formerly known as anti-racist parent.

<http://educationandclass.com/> "Exploring the intersections of social class, education and identity."

<http://www.classism.org/> :Class Action provides a dynamic framework and analysis, as well as a safe space, for people of all backgrounds to identify and address issues of class and classism."

<http://www.mombian.com/> "Mombian is a lifestyle site for lesbian moms and other LGBT parents."

<http://thesocietypages.org/socimages/> "Sociological Images is designed to encourage all kinds of people to exercise and develop their sociological imagination." A wealth of observations about our dominant cultural constructs.

<http://www.tolerance.org/> Teaching Tolerance "A place to find thought-provoking news, conversation and support for those who care about diversity, equal opportunity and respect for differences in schools."

<http://www.genderspectrum.org/> "Gender Spectrum provides education, training, and support to help create a gender sensitive and inclusive environment for all children."

<http://socialjusticeparenting.blogspot.com/> Discussing Diversity- blog for parents written by Josie

<http://culturesconnecting.blogspot.com/> Blog written by Ilsa, WPC14 organizer and co-owner of Cultures Connecting.

<http://www.rethinkingschools.org/> "An activist publication, with articles written by and for teachers, parents, and students."

<http://www.understandingprejudice.org/> "A web site for students, teachers, and others interested in the causes and consequences of prejudice."

Selected List of Movies

[Mickey Mouse Monopoly](#)

[It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in School](#)

[That's A Family](#)

[Race: The power of an Illusion](#)

[After the Mayflower](#)

[The Journey of Raising Gender Fluid & Transgender Children](#) Use password: ygmp