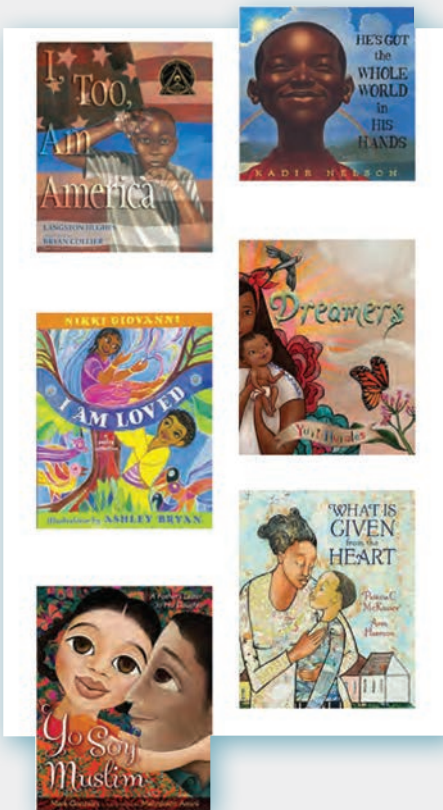


For Young Learners: Book Recommendations

Providing books that allow kids to see themselves in the main characters is critical to inspiring developing minds, allowing kids to mirror their identity, and building deeper connections with the themes and lessons in books.



Books featuring African American lead characters and/or focused on diversity and social-emotional health:
(alphabetical by author)

Board Books

I Can Do It Too! by Karen Baicker (2010)

You and Me by Rebecca Dotlich (2018)

My First Ramadan by Karen Katz (2015)

I Belong by Cheri Meiners (2018)

I Play by Cheri Meiners (2018)

Baby says by John Steptoe (2018)

Picture Books

Mae Among the Stars
by Roda Ahmed (2018)

Just Like Brothers
by Elizabeth Baguley (2018)

Knock Knock
by Daniel Beaty (2013)

What If...
by Samantha Berger (2018)

Far Apart, Close In Heart
by Becky Birtha (2017)

Marvelous Me
by Lisa Bullard (2002)

My Family Celebrates Kwanzaa
by Lisa Bullard (2018)

I Am Enough
by Grace Byers (2018)

Love
by Matt de la Peña (2018)

Bird
by Zetta Elliot (2017)

Lucia the Luchadora
by Cynthia Garza (2017)

Hello Goodbye Dog
by Maria Gianferrari (2017)

I Am Loved
by Nikki Giovanni (2018)

Yo, Soy Muslim
by Mark Gonzales (2017)

Scaredy Kate
by Jacob Grant (2014)

Who's in My Family?
by Robie Harris (2012)

Who?
by Robie Harris (2018)

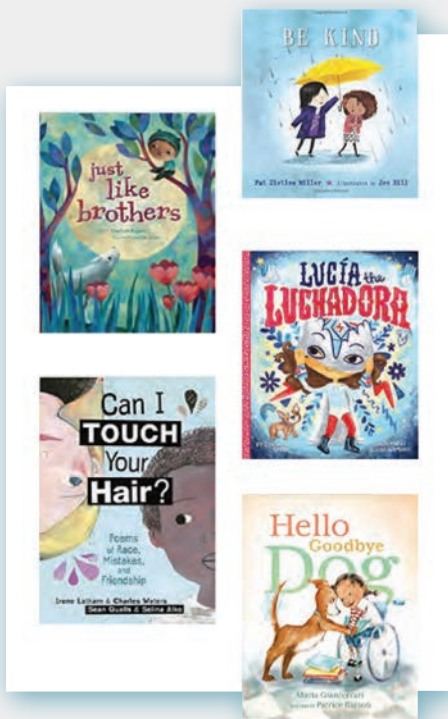
A Terrible Thing Happened
by Margaret Holms (2002)

I, Too, Am America
by Langston Hughes (2012)

Lullaby
by Langston Hughes (2013)

Daddy Calls Me Man
by Angela Johnson (2000)

Can I Touch Your Hair?
by Irene Latham (2018)



Picture Books (continued)

Most People

by Michael Leannah (2018)

Peace Is An Offering

by Annette Lebox (2015)

Julian Is A Mermaid

by Jessica Love (2018)

Beautiful

by Stacy McAnulty (2016)

Brave

by Stacy McAnulty (2017)

Love

by Stacy McAnulty (2018)

What Is Given From The Heart

by Pat McKissack (2019)

Lola Reads to Leo

by Anna McQuinn (2012)

Be Kind

by Pat Zietlow Miller (2018)

Don't Touch My Hair

by Sharee Miller (2018)

Early Sunday Morning

by Denene Millner (2017)

Gracias/Thanks

by Pat Mora (2009)

Dreamers

by Yuyi Morales (2018)

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

illustrated by Kadir Nelson (2005)

My Brother Charlie

by Holly Peete (2010)

Allie All Along

by Sarah Reul (2018)

The Breaking News

by Sarah Reul (2018)

The Word Collector

by Peter Reynolds (2018)

Keep Climbing, Girls

by Beah E. Richards (2006)

Hidden Figures

by Margot Shetterly (2018)

The Thing Lou Couldn't Do

by Ashley Spires (2017)

Healing Days: A Guide For Kids Experiencing Trauma

by Susan Farber Straus (2013)

I Love My Hair!

by Natasha Tarpley, 2003

Mommy's Khimar

by Jamila Thompkins-Biglow (2018)

I Am Human

by Susan Verde (2018)

In Your Hands

by Carol Boston Weatherford (2017)

The Day You Begin

by Jacqueline Woodson (2018)

Visiting Day

by Jacqueline Woodson (2015)



Thank you to the Dayton Metro Library for providing these book recommendations for young learners!