



UU Social Justice Reading Resources for UU Families & Children

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Racial Justice: Recommended Resources for Children

The UUA Bookstore has children's books available on numerous social justice topics. You can explore their collection at <http://www.uuabookstore.org/Justice-C1317.aspx>.

The UU Call & Response blog, titled Is Children's Literature Too White, can be found at <http://callandresponse.blogs.uua.org/is-childrens-literature-too-white/>. The UU author, **Susan Lawrence**, recommends the following books:

- Please, Baby, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee, illustrated by Kadir Nelson (Classic Board Books), for ages 2-5
- Little Melba and Her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell-Brown (2014, Lee and Low), for ages 6-10
- Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel, the first book in a series of stories about Dyamonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes, for ages 7-
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (2004, Laurel Leaf; a Newbery Prize winner), for ages 8-12
- The Perfect Place by Teresa E. Harris (2014, Clarion), for ages 10 and up

The UU Call & Response Blog, A is for Africa: Using African-centric Material with Preschoolers, can be found at <http://callandresponse.blogs.uua.org/a-is-for-africa-using-african-centric-material-with-preschoolers/>. The author, Andrea Arrington, recommends the following books to **explore African life with young children**.

- A is for Africa, Chidi Only Likes Blue: An African Book of Colors, and Emeka's Gift (a counting book), all by Ifeoma Onyefulu, a Nigerian author
- I Lost my Tooth in Africa by Baba Wagué Diakité, a Mali-born author
- Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book by Muriel Feelings
- Mama Panya's Pancakes by Mary Chamberlin
- Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales by Nelson Mandela, the late President of South Africa
- Off to the Sweet Shores of Africa by Uzo Unobagha, a Nigerian-born author
- Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter



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LGBTQ+ Inclusive Books for Children

This reading list was graciously provided by **Heather Godbout**, a UU religious professional at Unity Temple in Chicago and a longtime professional educator. For more reading recommendations on a huge array of topics, check out Heather's BlogSpot, **Second World Reviews**, at <http://secondchildhoodreviews.blogspot.com/>.

King and King, by Linda de Haan

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/446761.King_and_King?ac=1&from_search=true

The Sissy Ducking, by Harvey Fierstein

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/699812.The_Sissy_Duckling?ac=1&from_search=true

In Our Mothers' House, by Patricia Polacco

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/6330332-in-our-mothers-house?ac=1&from_search=true

Uncle Bobby's Wedding, by Sarah S. Brannen

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1846075.Uncle_Bobby_s_Wedding?ac=1&from_search=true

My Princess Boy, by Cheryl Kilodavis

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9436049-my-princess-boy?ac=1&from_search=true

10,000 Dresses, by Marcus Ewert

- <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3463007-10-000-dresses>

The Boy Who Cried Fabulous, by Leslea Newman

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/892162.The_Boy_Who_Cried_Fabulous?ac=1&from_search=true

One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dad, by Johnny Valentine

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/970695.One_Dad_Two_Dads_Brown_Dad_Blue_Dads

I Am Jazz, by Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings

- <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18763344-i-am-jazz>

Annie's Plaid Shirt, by Stacy B. Davids

- <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/26948937-annie-s-plaid-shirt>

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress, by Christine Baldacchino

- <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18406836-morris-micklewhite-and-the-tangerine-dress>

And Tango Makes Three, by Justin Richardson

- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/117997.And_Tango_Makes_Three