

## **DIVERSITY AND TOLERANCE**

Bruin, D. The Legend of Ninja Cowboy Bear. The ninja, the cowboy and the bear do everything together. But when a contest among themselves leads to resentment, they soon learn that the only way to stop disagreeing is to be considerate of their differences and appreciate one another. jP Bruin

Bunting, E. One Green Apple. While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples. j PAR PIC Bunting

Cannon, J. Stellaluna. After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother. jP Cannon

Cohen, B. Molly's Pilgrim. Told to make a doll like a Pilgrim for a Thanksgiving display at school, Molly's Jewish mother dresses the doll as she herself dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom-much to Molly's embarrassment. j PAR PIC Cohen

Copsey, S. Children Just Like Me. Photographs and text depict the homes, schools, family life and culture of young people around the world. j 305.23 C785

Côté, Geneviève. Me and You. Two friends discuss how different they are from each other, and each decide, after wishing they were like the other, that it's best to accept one's own individuality. jP Cote

Couric, K. The Brand New Kid. Lazlo, who has just moved to the U.S. from Hungary, is criticized at school until two girls have the courage to defend him. j PAR PIC Couric

Curtis, J. Is There Really a Human Race? Starting with a series of questions and ending with the advice: "Sometimes it's better not to go fast. / There are beautiful sights to be seen when you're last." And maybe trying one's best is better than being first." The book presents strong messages about making the world a better place rather than just making it your oyster. jP Curtis

De Seve, Randall. The Duchess of Whimsy. The Duchess of Whimsy has absolutely no interest in the Earl of Norm until he makes a sandwich that causes her to look at him in an entirely different way. jP De Seve

Dooley, N. Everybody Bakes Bread. A rainy-day errand introduces Carrie to many different kinds of bread, including chapatis, challah and papusaa. Includes recipes. j PAR PIC Dooley

Dooley, N. Everybody Cooks Rice. A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited. j PAR PIC Dooley

Egan, T. Metropolitan Cow. Although his parents, very cosmopolitan cows, are uncomfortable with the idea, Bennett becomes good friends with Webster, a young pig who moves in next door. j PAR PIC Egan

Fox, M. Whoever You Are. Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together, such as pain, joy and love. j PAR PIC Fox

Friedman, I. How My Parents Learned to Eat. An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating. j PAR PIC Friedman

Hamanaka, S. All the Colors of the Earth. Despite outward differences, children everywhere are essentially the same and are all lovable. j PAR PIC Hamanaka

Henkes, K. Chester's Way. Chester and Wilson share the same way of doing things, until Lilly moves into the neighborhood and shows them that new ways can be just as good. jP Henkes

Hoffman, M. Amazing Grace. Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything that she sets her mind to do. jP Hoffman

Hooks, B. Skin Again. Celebrating all that makes us unique and different, Skin Again offers new ways to talk about race and identity. j PAR PIC Hooks

Kirk, D. Little Miss Spider. On her very first day of life, Little Miss Spider searches for her mother and finds love in an unexpected place. jP Kirk

Kuklin, S. Families. Children from diverse families share thoughts about their families and photographs. j 306.85 Kuklin

Lester, H. Tacky the Penguin. Tacky does not fit in with his graceful penguin companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come. jP Lester

Lester, J. Let's Talk About Race. "... Our lives are stories. If enough of those stories are told, then perhaps we will begin to see that our lives are the same story. The differences are merely in the details." Julius Lester j 305.8 Lester

McDonald, M. My House Has Stars. A book that celebrates the uniqueness of each culture and the ties that bind humans together. Readers are introduced to children in eight very different settings: Alaska, Mongolia, Ghana, Japan, the Philippines, Brazil, Nepal, and the American Southwest. The children speak of elements in their lives that mark them as distinctive: a story vine in Ghana, prayer flags in Nepal, a Mongolian yurt. Whether it is a mud hut or an urban skyscraper, all the children have homes, and all of them enjoy their all-embracing star-strewn roof, one that caps every house on Earth. j PAR PIC MsDonald

Mitchell, L. Different Just Like Me. While preparing for a visit to her grandmother, a young girl notices that, like the flowers in Grammie's garden, people who are different from one another also share similarities and it's okay to like them all the same. j PAR PIC Mitchell

Morris, Ann. Bread, Bread, Bread. j 641.815 Morris

Loving j PAR PIC Morris

Play. j PAR PIC Morris

Teamwork j 302.34 Morris

Work j PAR PIC Morris

By focusing on themes common to all people Ann Morris and photographer Ken Heyman explore how cultures that seem very different are actually very similar.

Myers, C. Wings. Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings. His resilient spirit inspires one girl to stand up for him in this thought-provoking story about celebrating individuality. j PAR PIC Myers

Novak, M. No Zombies Allowed. As they look at photos of their previous year's Monster Party, two witches begin to exclude zombies, ghosts and vampires to avoid problems, but finally decide that a party is more fun when everyone is included. jP Novak

Polacco, P. Mrs. Katz and Tush. A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, a young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely Jewish widow, when Larnel presents her with a scrawny kitten without a tail. jP Polacco

Raschka, C. Yo? Yes! Two lonely characters, one black and one white, meet on the street and become friends. jP Raschka

Richardson, J. And Tango Makes Three. At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches. j PAR PIC Richardson

Rosen, M. This Is Our House. George won't let any of the other children into his cardboard box house, but when the tables are turned, he finds out how it feels to be excluded. jP Rosen

Say, A. The Bicycle Man. The amazing tricks two American soldiers do on a borrowed bicycle are a fitting finale for the school sports day festivities in a small village in occupied Japan. j PAR PIC Say

Seuss, D. Horton Hears a Who! A city of Whos on a speck of dust are threatened with destruction until the smallest Who of all helps convince Horton's friends that Whos really exist. jP Seuss

Seuss, D. The Sneetches and Other Stories. Four funny and easy-to-read stories with subtle lessons about differences. jP Seuss

Spier, P. People. Emphasizes the differences among the over six million people on earth.  
j 155.2 Spier

Willems, M. Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed. Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement. jP Willems

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