

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Bridges, R. Through My Eyes. Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, at age six, in the integration of her New Orleans school in 1960. j 379.2 B

Brooks, E. Polar Opposites. Ambrose, a polar bear, and Zina, a penguin, are very different but they can still find ways to meet in the middle. jP Brooks

Bruins, 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 Bruins

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

Cote, G. 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

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

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

Golenbock, P. Teammates. Describes the prejudices experienced by Jackie Robinson when he became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.
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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, this book offers new ways to talk about race and identity. j PAR PIC Hooks

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. The author introduces the concept of race as only one component in an individual's or nation's "story." j 305.8 Lester

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, A. Bread, Bread, Bread. j 641.815 M
Play. j PAR PIC Morris
Thematic photos illustrate life in various parts of the world.

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

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

Scheunem, P. Learning About Differences. An introduction to the differences in people and how understanding can help foster peace. jE Scheunem

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. A story about differences. jP Seuss

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

Wiles, D. Freedom Summer. In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henty, who is colored, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists. j PAR PIC Wiles

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