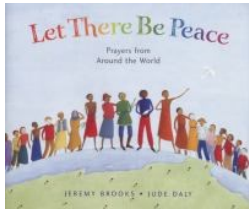
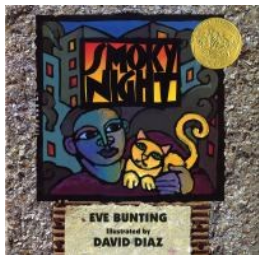


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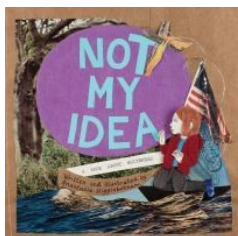


Brooks, J. Let There Be Peace: Prayers from Around the World. The world's need for peace is more urgent than ever before. Jeremy Brooks has gathered together prayers from Bosnia to Northern Ireland, from World War II Germany to China. They range from Taoist and Hindu lines to a prayer by St Francis of Assisi and from words by Archbishop Desmond Tutu to a daily prayer said by Muslims everywhere. A thought-provoking book with beautiful illustrations which add a universal touch, making this a very special book for children. j 242.82 Brooks

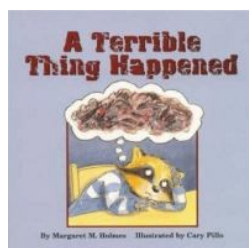


Bunting, E. Smoky Night. Daniel and his mother watch through their window as an urban riot is in progress. She tries to explain what is happening as he sees the laughing people break into the neighborhood stores and rob them. One of the victims is Mrs. Kim, whose cat is the enemy of his cat, Jasmine. But when Daniel's apartment building goes up in flames, and all of the neighbors are forced to go to a shelter, Daniel worries about his cat who went missing in the confusion. When a fireman brings both his and Mrs. Kim's cat to the shelter, Daniel's suggestion that the cats were enemies only because they did not know each other well enough enables the adults to reach out to one another and bridge the distance their prejudice has kept between them.

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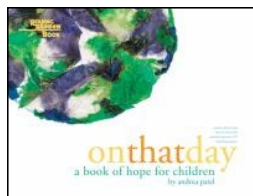
Higginbotham, A. Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness. This picture book invites white children and parents to become curious about racism, accept that it's real, and cultivate justice. The text intersperses firm declarations that the structure of whiteness oppresses people of color with gentle reassurances that growth and change are possible when bolstered by honesty and accountability. The inclusion of a relatable narrative alongside age-appropriate language and direct explanations makes this an essential children's book about whiteness, white supremacy, and resistance. j 305.8 Higginbotham



Holmes, M. A Terrible Thing Happened. Sherman Smith saw the most terrible thing happen. At first he tried to forget about it, but soon something inside him started to bother him. He felt nervous for no reason. Sometimes his stomach hurt. He had bad dreams. And he started to feel angry and do mean things, which got him in trouble. Then he met Ms. Maple, who helped him talk about the terrible thing that he had tried to forget. Now Sherman is feeling much better. This gently told and tenderly illustrated story is for children who have witnessed any kind of violent or traumatic episode, including physical abuse, school or gang violence, accidents, homicide, suicide, and natural

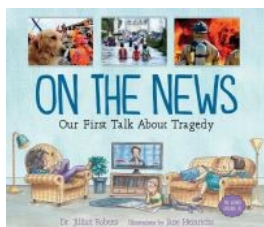
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disasters such as floods or fire. j PAR PIC Holmes



Patel, A. On That Day: A Book of Hope for Children. The book's simple but hopeful message suggests that even though bad things happen in the world, individual people always have a choice to do good things too. Vibrant illustrations accompany the book's powerful message, which appeals equally to children and to all those adults trying to cope with the tragedy.

j PAR PIC Patel



Roberts, J. On The News: Our First Talk About Tragedy. On the News gently introduces young children to the realities of natural disasters, terrorism and other forms of tragedy. In age-appropriate language and tone, Dr. Roberts explains what tragedy is, the feelings it may create and how to manage those feelings. She also emphasizes the good that can come out of tragedy, looking at how people help one another in caring, compassionate and heroic ways. The book's question-and-answer format will help parents have a meaningful conversation about these difficult topics with their children and equip them to better handle questions that arise when children are exposed to the news. j 363.348 Roberts

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