

Books to reflect Diversity, Inclusion and Equality

This list is particularly important to us, and despite many of the books appearing on other lists of ours, it was felt that we needed to give these titles their own list and within the list, some sections to showcase underrepresented books on shelves that should be at the core of every library. Difference can only be celebrated with representation after all.

Cultural Diversity

3-5 years

<i>Fruits</i>	Valerie Bloom
<i>Where's Lenny?</i>	Ken Wilson-Max
<i>Handa's Surprise</i>	Eileen Browne
<i>Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain</i>	Verna Aardema
<i>So Much</i>	Trish Cooke and Helen Oxenbury
<i>Baby Goes to Market</i>	Atinuke
<i>Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes</i>	Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury
<i>Meet Mya and Family</i>	Jeannelle Brew
<i>Freddie and the Fairy</i>	Julia Donaldson and Karen George

5-7 years

<i>Beegu</i>	Alexis Deacon
<i>Billy and the Beast</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>If all the World were...</i>	Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys
<i>Islandborn</i>	Juno Díaz and Leo Espinosa
<i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>Ramadan Moon</i>	Na'ima B. Robert
<i>The Goggle-Eyed Goats</i>	Stephen Davies
<i>Hue Boy</i>	Rita Phillips Mitchell
<i>The Day War Came</i>	Nicola Davies
<i>The Colour of Home</i>	Mary Hoffman
<i>Fly, Eagle, Fly!</i>	Christopher Gregorowski, Archbishop Desmond Tutu
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Mary Hoffman
<i>Leon and Bob</i>	Simon James

<i>The Silence Seeker</i>	Ben Morely
<i>The Girls</i>	Lauren Ace
<i>The Drum</i>	Kevin Wilson-Max

7-9 years

<i>Cinnamon</i>	Neil Gaiman and Divya Srinivasan
<i>Tar Beach</i>	Faith Ringold
<i>Azzi in Between</i>	Sarah Garland
<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>	John Steptoe
<i>Mirror</i>	Jeannie Baker
<i>Ali's Story</i>	Andy Glynne
<i>Dancing in the Wings</i>	Debbie Allen
<i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i>	Vashti Harrison
<i>Cinderella of the Nile</i>	Beverly Naidoo and Marjan Vafaeian
<i>Young Heroes</i>	Lula Bridgeport

9-11 years

<i>Journey to Jo'burg</i>	Beverly Naidoo
<i>The Arrival</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>Little Leap Forward</i>	Guo Yue, Clare Farrow
<i>Too Much Trouble</i>	Tom Avery
<i>Talking Turkeys</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah
<i>The Unforgotten Coat</i>	Frank Cottrell Boyce
<i>Tall Story</i>	Candy Gourlay
<i>Oranges in No Man's Land</i>	Elizabeth Laird
<i>Trash</i>	Andy Mulligan
<i>The Breadwinner</i>	Deborah Ellis
<i>The Island</i>	Armin Greder

LGBTQ+

Many of the picture books could be used with any age. These books have been chosen as they feature characters who deserve representation, validation and visibility.

3+

<i>And Tango Makes Three</i>	Justin Richardson
<i>King and King</i>	Linda de Haan
<i>Julian is a Mermaid</i>	Jessica Love
<i>Jerome by Heart</i>	Thomas Scotto
<i>Hello Sailor</i>	Ingrid Godon
<i>The Different Dragon</i>	Jennifer Bryan
<i>Introducing Teddy</i>	Jessica Walton
<i>This Day in June</i>	Gayle E. Pitman

7+

<i>George</i>	Alex Gino
<i>Two Weeks with the Queen</i>	Morris Gleitzman
<i>The Secrets of Billie Bright</i>	Susie Day
<i>Totally Joe</i>	James Howe
<i>Drama</i>	Raina Telgemeir
<i>PRIDE: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag</i>	Rob Sanders

Books featuring Characters with a Disability

We've chosen books where the story isn't always about the disability – there are plenty of books that do this, so we listed these titles on the strength of the narrative and where the disability is featured.

3+

<i>Perfect</i>	Nicola Davies
<i>Our Stripy Baby</i>	Gillian Shields
<i>Just Because</i>	Rebecca Elliott
<i>Seal Surfer</i>	Michael Foreman
<i>Ringo the Flamingo</i>	Neil Griffiths
<i>The Five of Us</i>	Quentin Blake

7+

<i>Wonder</i>	R.J Palacio
<i>I Have No Secrets</i>	Penny Joelson
<i>Lion Boy</i>	Zizou Corder
<i>Speechless</i>	Kate Darbishare
<i>The London Eye Mystery</i>	Siobhan O' Dowd