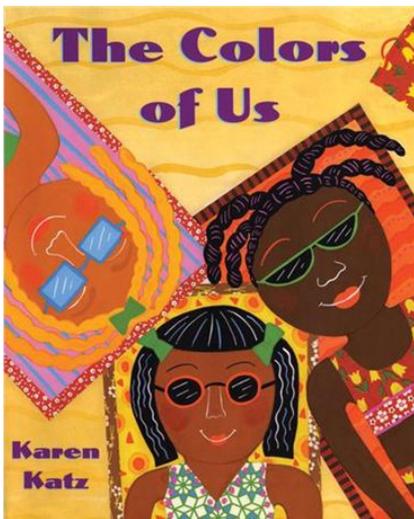


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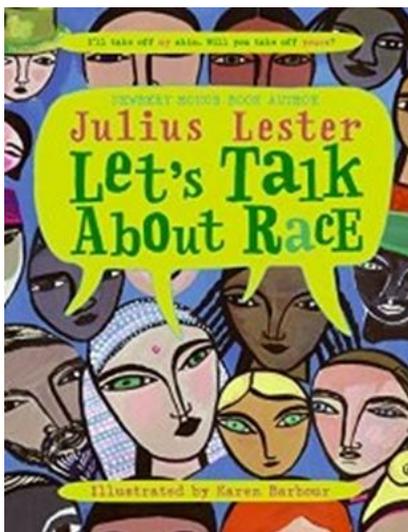
Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is committed to providing families with resources to talk about difficult topics. Following the tragic events in Baton Rouge, St. Paul, and Dallas, BCM's Education & Programs Department compiled a list children's books that can help jump start conversations with your kids about race and power in the United States. We've also included a few resources for adults.



Karen Katz, [*The Color Of Us*](#)

[Borrow it from Brooklyn Public Library](#)

When seven-year-old Lena prepares to paint a self-portrait using the color brown, her mother takes her on a walk through the neighborhood to show her that brown comes in many different shades. This book provides an uplifting exploration of identity and celebrates the many differences and similarities that connect all people.

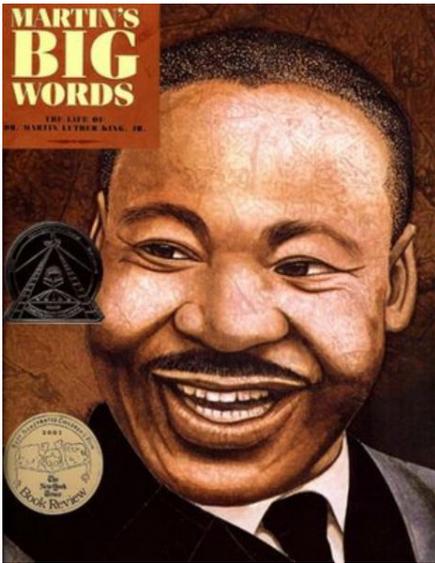


Julius Lester, [*Let's Talk About Race*](#)

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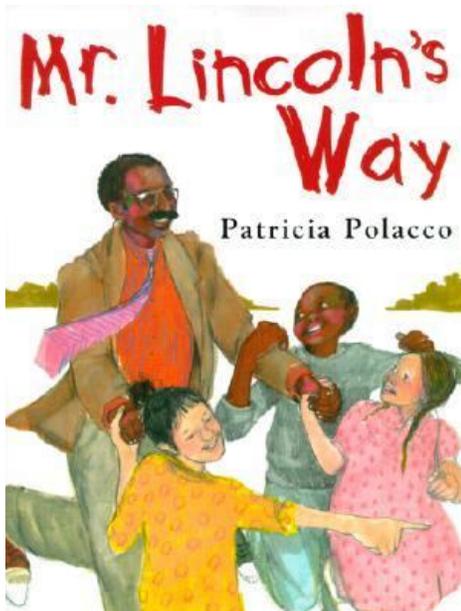
Lester elevates each of our life stories by exploring the many elements that make up who we are, such as our race, family, name, likes and dislikes. Lester shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special.

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Doreen Rappaport, [*Martin's Big Words: The Life of Martin Luther King Jr.*](#)
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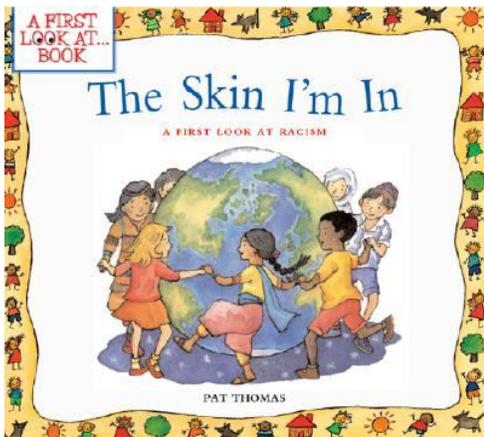
Doreen Rappaport tells the captivating life story of Martin Luther King Jr. through unforgettable and influential words. *Martin's Big Words* is a portrait of a man whose courage to share his dream forever changed America and the world forever.



Patricia Polacco, [*Mr. Lincoln's Way*](#)
[Borrow it from Brooklyn Public Library](#)

A beloved school principal, Mr. Lincoln, hopes to teach a school bully known as “Mean Gene” about tolerance. He encourages Gene and the other students to celebrate each other’s differences.

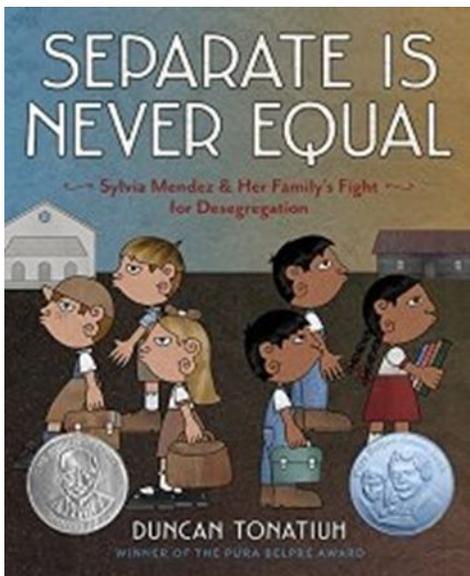
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Pat Thomas, [*The Skin I'm In: A First Look at Racism*](#)

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(Spanish)

This book encourages children to accept and be comfortable with differences of skin color and other racial characteristics. Thomas explores the emotional issues and questions that difference raises among preschool and early age children.

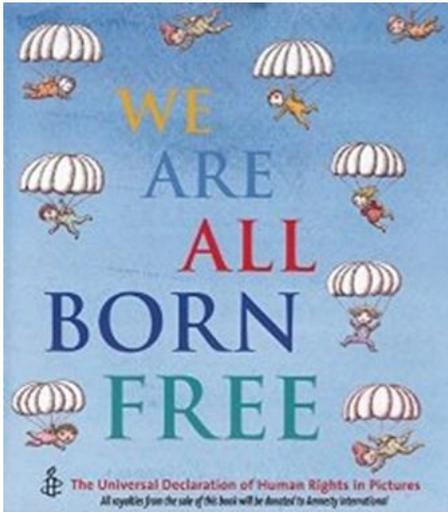


Duncan Tonatiuh, [*Separate Is Never Equal*](#)

[Borrow it from Brooklyn Public Library](#)

Tonatiuh tells the true story of Sylvia Mendez, an American Citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, who was denied enrollment into an all-white school. Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California by organizing the Latinx (gender neutral term for Latino or Latina) community and filing a lawsuit in federal district court. Their success eventually brought an end to an era of segregated education in California.

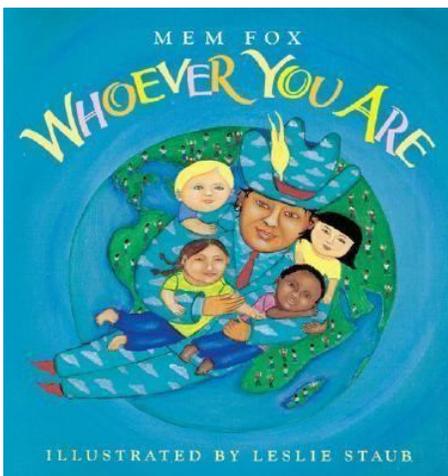
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Amnesty International, [We Are All Born Free](#)

[Borrow it from Brooklyn Public Library](#)

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, following World War II, and served to protect the rights of all people across the world. Through beautiful illustration, this book celebrates the declaration and honors cultural diversity and human rights.



Mem Fox, [Whoever You Are](#)

[Borrow it from Brooklyn Public Library](#)

This book teaches tolerance by likening all children across cultures, countries, and generations. Mem Fox teaches her readers that whether we are crying, laughing, learning, or sleeping, we are all alike on the inside.

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Resources for Adults

- ***Border Crossers***, a non-profit organization committed to racial equity in education settings draws from experts in the field of multicultural and social justice education to inform its curriculum development and training methodology. The "[ABCs of how to talk to your children about differences](#)" offers tools and resources for engaging children in conversations about race.
- ***Raising Race Conscious Children***
Join the [Small Group Workshop Series](#) for an interactive webinar called "Raising Race Conscious Children" on Tuesday, August 30 at 8 PM EST. Or go to their website now for [strategies](#) on raising race conscious children.
- *This American Life*, [Episode 557: Birds & Bees, Act Two – If you see Racism, Say Racism](#).
This podcast offers insights into how comedian W. Kamau Bell grapples with the topic of race within his multiracial family.
- Crown Heights-based activist, writer, poet, and performer Staceyann Chin and her daughter Zuri talk about a range of difficult topics in their YouTube series [LivingRoomProtest](#). Their short webisodes "[Living Room Protest](#)" and "[Saying No To Guns](#)" can be a useful starting point for conversations about protest and gun control.

About Brooklyn Children's Museum

A pioneer in education, Brooklyn Children's Museum was the first museum created expressly for children when it was founded in 1899. Its success has sparked the creation of 300 children's museums around the world. With award-winning, hands-on exhibits and innovative use of its collections, the Museum engages children from pre-school to high school in learning adventures. It is the only children's museum in New York City, and one of few in the country, to be accredited by the American Association of Museums.