Inclusive Books for the ESL Classroom
Diverse Books for the ELL Classroom

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The simple question of why.

**Diversity in Children’s Books 2015**

Percentages of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds. Based on the 2015 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children’s Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison: ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pstats.asp

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>American/Indian/First Nations</td>
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<td>Latinx</td>
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<td>Asian Pacific/Asian Pacific Americans</td>
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<td>African/African Americans</td>
<td>7.6%</td>
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<td>Animals, Trucks, etc.</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>73.3%</td>
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* About a quarter of the total children's books published in 2015 were picture books, and about half of those depict non-human characters, like animals & trucks.

** The remainder depict white characters.

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What diverse books mean to our students-

All Children should be able to see themselves in the stories they hear and read.

These books should be available in schools.

Parents and teachers should know about them.

Children should be encouraged to write their own stories!
Heritage Months and Diverse Books
Don’t get trapped in heroes and holidays.
What is Latinx?
Listen to others - do some research.
Diversity / Inclusivity is more than languages, religions, and cultures

Teaching Tolerance

https://www.tolerance.org/
Some Websites:

We Need Diverse Books  https://diversebooks.org/

Kaleidoscope (Simon and Schuster)
http://www.simonandschusterpublishing.com/kaleidoscope/?cp_type=enkl&utm_source=email&utm_medium=sands_email&utm_campaign=20190410_KidsLibrarian_Apr&utm_mid=20190410_KidsLibrarian_Apr&utm_rid=135971282

Lee and Low Books

Colorincolorado  http://www.colorincolorado.org/books-authors

South Asian Children’s Literature

https://kitaabworld.com/blogs/news

Native American Children’s Literature

http://www.kstrom.net/isk/books/bookmenu.html  https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/

African American Children’s Literature


Brightly  https://www.readbrightly.com/topics/diversity/
More than Caldecott  
Spotlight on Diverse Book Awards  

More than Caldecott

**Caldecott Medal**
Honors the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

**Newbery Medal**
Honors the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

**Batchelder Award**
Given to an American publisher for a children's book published outside the United States, and subsequently translated into English.

**Coretta Scott King (Illustrator)**
Recognizing an African American Illustrator of outstanding books for children

**Belpré Medal (Illustrator)**
Honors a Latino/Latina illustrator whose works best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

**Geisel Medal**
Honors the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished contribution to the body of American children's literature known as beginning reader books.

**Sibert Informational Book Medal**
Some Book Pairs

Abuela
by Arthur Dorros
illustrated by Elisa Kleven

TAR BEACH
FAITH RINGGOLD
Two More Titles:

I Hate English!
by ELLEN LEVINE  Illustrated by STEVE BJÖRKMAN

Everybody Cooks Rice
by Norah Dooley  illustrations by Peter I. Thornton
Thank you for your interest and for making the books in our schools and classrooms more inclusive

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