

A Tapestry of Stories

- Books -

Baseball Saved Us

Mochizuki, Ken

Lee & Low, 1993. Juvenile audience

A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over. – WorldCat.org BL, SPL, KCLS, SIL

Dealing With Racism

Green, Jen

Copper Beach Books, 1998. Primary school

Discusses the nature of racism, possible explanations for it, and ways to end it - WorldCat.org SPL, KCLS, SIL

Esperanza Rising

Ryan, Pam Munoz

Scholastic, 2000. Elementary and junior high school

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. – WorldCat.org BL, SPL, KCLS, SIL

Granddaddy's Gift

Mitchell, Margaree King

BridgeWater Books, 1996. Juvenile audience

When her grandfather registers to vote while living in segregated Mississippi, an Afro-American girl begins to understand why he insists that she attend school. – WorldCat.org SPL, KCLS

BL = Bertschi Library SPL = Seattle Public Library,
KCLS = King County Library System SIL = Sno-Isle Libraries

Muskrat Will Be Swimming

Savageau, Cheryl.

Northland Pub., 1996. Juvenile audience

A Native American girl's feelings are hurt when schoolmates make fun of the children who live at the lake, but then her grampa tells her a Seneca folktale that reminds her how much she appreciates her home and her place in the world. -

WorldCat.org

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My Name is Sangoel

Williams, Karen Lynn and Mohammed, Khadra

Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2009. Primary school

As a refugee from Sudan to the United States, Sangoel is frustrated that no one can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.

- WorldCat.org

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Nadia's Hands

English, Karen

Boyd's Mills Press, 1999. Primary school

A Pakistani-American girl takes part in her aunt's traditional Pakistani wedding -

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Of Thee I Sing: a Letter to My Daughters

Obama, Barack

Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Juvenile audience

In this tender, beautiful letter to his daughters, President Barack Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation. From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington, President Obama sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children. - From the book jacket

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The Other Half of My Heart

Frazier, Sundee T.

Delacorte Press, 2009. Elementary and junior high school

Twin daughters of interracial parents, eleven-year-olds Keira and Minna have very different skin tones and personalities, but it is not until their African American grandmother enters them in the Miss Black Pearl Pre-Teen competition in North Carolina that red-haired and pale-skinned Minna realizes what life in their small town in the Pacific Northwest has been like for her more outgoing, darker-skinned sister. - WorldCat.org

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Racism Explained to My Daughter

Jelloun, Ben Tahar

New Press, 1999. Juvenile audience (with excellent responses to the book by William Ayers, Lisa Delpit, David Mura, and Patricia Williams for an adult audience)

If its success in Europe is any indication, this book should be a best seller in America. Attempting to explain racism is challenging enough, and it is even harder when one is explaining it to a child. Prize-winning author Ben Jelloun (*Corruption*, New Pr., 1995) meets the challenge, as Bill Cosby acknowledges in his introduction. Written in question-and-answer format—his daughter's questions, Ben Jelloun's answers—the book is appropriately brief. The author does not consider his words final, and so the four responses, from William Ayers, Lisa Delpit, David Mura, and Patricia Williams, parents and writers all, are important in continuing the discussion and applying it to the American scene. The book is easy to read and provocative, touching on discrimination, religion, genetics, stereotyping, immigration, xenophobia, and more. Rare should be the library that does not have it. - John Moryl, Yeshiva Univ. Lib., New York - *Library Journal* (Jun 1, 1999): 160-162

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Seedfolks

Fleischman, Paul

HarperCollins, 1997. Elementary and junior high school (parents cautioned – some mature content)

One by one, a number of people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed. - World Cat.org

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Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson

Robinson, Sharon

Scholastic Press, 2009. Elementary and junior high school

As a testament to his courage, Jackie Robinson's daughter shares memories of him, from his baseball career to the day he tests the ice for her, her brothers, and their friends. - WorldCat.org

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This Land is My Land

Littlechild, George

Children's Book Press, 1993. Juvenile audience

Using text and his own paintings, the author describes the experiences of Indians of North America in general as well as his experiences growing up as a Plains Cree Indian in Canada. - World Cat.org

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Yellow Star

Roy, Jennifer Rozines

Marshall Cavendish, 2006. Elementary and junior high school

From 1939, when Sylvia is four years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation. Based on the true story of the author's aunt, who later used the name Sylvia. - WorldCat.org

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Wilma Unlimited

Krull, Kathleen

Harcourt Brace, 1996. Juvenile audience

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics. – WorldCat.org

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- Magazines -

“The Story of T.J. Vassar ’68: How He Changed Seattle and This School”

Gelernter, Carey Quan

Lakeside Magazine, Fall/Winter 2010, pp. 16-34

Our cover story profiles T.J. Vassar ’68, director of diversity and a remarkable leader. As a student here in the 1960s, T.J. was profoundly changed by this school and then, after changing history both as a student at Harvard University and as president of the Seattle School Board for two terms in the 1980s, he returned to campus and profoundly changed Lakeside. It’s an illuminating and bold story— and one you’ll remember. - From *Lakeside Magazine*, Fall/Winter 2010 -

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