

Resources That Open Children's Hearts, Minds & Eyes To Our World And Each Other

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Global Awareness & Human Rights

For Every Child A Better World by Kermit the Frog & UNICEF
A Right World by Tamara Awad Lobe (one of our WRDSB teachers!)
Let's Make A Garden by Tamara Awad Lobe
If The World Were A Village by David J. Smith (book & DVD)
For Every Child by UNICEF
Whoever You Are by Mem Fox (every child should hear this in JK)
Is There Really A Human Race? By Jamie Lee Curtis
A Life Like Mine by UNICEF
We Are All Born Free by Frances Lincoln
Every Human Has Rights by National Geographic
The World Came To My Place Today by Jo Readman & Ley Honor Roberts
Families by Uwe Ommer
Our Big Home by Linda Glaser
What The World Eats by Peter Menzel & Faith D'Aluisio
Thank You World by Alice McGinty
W Is For World: A Round The World ABC by OXFAM
It's Back To School We Go! 1st Day Stories From Around the World by Ellen Jackson
Horton Hears A Who by Dr. Seuss ("A person's a person no matter how small or ____")

World Changing 101

Chicken Soup Stories for a Better World by Jack Canfield, et al
Tell Me Why by Eric Walters (quite new- it's incredible!)
Me to WE by Craig & Marc Kielburger
26 Big Things Small Hands Do (ideal for very young activists!)
Because Of You by B.G. Hennessy
Someday I Will Win The Nobel Peace Prize by Isabel Pin
Change The World For 10 Bucks by wearewhatwedo.ca
Raise Your Voice, Lend A Hand, Change The World by Susan Hughes
Take Action! & Take More Action by Craig & Marc Kielburger
The Kids' Guide To Social Action by Barbara A. Lewis
Courage & Compassion: 10 Canadians Who Made A Difference by Rona Arato
We Can Make A Difference: An Anthology To Inspire Our Children by Marian Wright Edelman
Making Change by Bilaal Rajan
Say Something by Peggy Moss & Lea Lyon (this and the next title are about speaking up and not being a bystander in the face of cruelty)
Louder Lilli! By Genifer Choldenko
The Making Of An Activist by Lekha Singh (a Free the children photo diary)

The Everyday Activist by Michael Norton (a gold mine of powerful ideas and sources)
The Kids Guide To Service Projects by Barbara A. Lewis

Child Labour & Poverty

It Takes A Child by Craig Kielburger (picture book)
The Carpet Boy's Gift by Pegi Deitz Shea (picture book)
Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo (junior and intermediate novel)
Listen To Us by Jane Smiley
Child Labour by Kristoffel Lieten
We Need To Go To School: Voices of the Rugmark Kids by Tanya Roberts-Day
The Red Bird by Astrid Lindgren
Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? By Dr. Seuss (it really does fit)
Running Shoes by Frederick Lipp
Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams & Khadra Mohammed
Give A Goat by Jan West Schrock

Racism & All The Beautiful Colours Of People

Sister Anne's Hands by Marybeth Loribecki
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
Something Beautiful by Sharon Dennis Wyeth
White Socks Only by Evelyn Coleman
Red or Blue, I Like You by Sesame Street
Mr. Lincoln's Way by Patricia Polacco
The Colours of Us by Karen Katz
The Great Blueness by Arnold Lobel
It's OK To Be Different by Todd Parr (love all the purple and blue and orange people!)
Skin Again by Bell Hooks
Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester
Pink & Say by Patricia Polacco (long; intended for older readers)
The Skin You Live In by Michael Tyler
Am I A Colour Too? By Heidi Cole
Courage Of The Blue Boy by Robert Neubecker

Hate & Hate Graphitti

Lovable Lyle by Bernard Weber ("Down with Crocodiles!" ☹)
The Orange Shoes by Trinka Hakes Noble
The Hating Book by Charlotte Zolotow
Betty Lou Blue by Nancy Krockner
Veronica On Petunia's Farm by Roger Duvoisin

Serious Illness & Death

I Remember Miss Perry by Pat Brisson (about a teacher's sudden death)
The Lemonade Club by Patricia Polacco (about a teacher and student with cancer)
Hair For Mama by Kelly Tinkham
I Will Always Love You by Hans Wilhelm (about the death of a family dog)
Grandma Kathy Has Cancer by Colleen Buckley
How To Heal A Broken Wing by Bob Graham
Remembering Grandpa by Uma Krishnaswami
Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs by Tomie DePaola
Up In Heaven by Emma Chichester Clark
The Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst

AIDS & AIDS Orphans

The Remarkable Maria by Patti McIntosh
The Heaven Shop by Deborah Ellis (junior & intermediate novel)
Our Stories, Our Songs by Deborah Ellis (companion to Heaven Shop)
Losing Uncle Tim by Mary Kate Jordan
Ryan White: My Story by Ryan White
There Is No Me Without You by Melissa Faye Greene (for teens & adults)
28: Stories of AIDS in Africa by Stephanie Nolan (for teens & adults)
Stephen Lewis Foundation promotional videos (can be borrowed from them)

Respecting Diversity & Being Kind To All

Unlovable by Dan Yaccarino (all ages love this book- get the kleenex)
Don't Laugh At Me by Steve Seskin & Allen Shamblin (book & CD. Get it.)
The Little Bit Scary People by Emily Jenkins
A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon
Franklin's New Friend by Paulette Bourgeois
Loser by Jerry Spinelli
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell
Ferdinand The Bull by Munro Leaf
The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss
Be Good To Eddie Lee by Virginia Fleming (about a boy with Downs Syndrome)
Odd Velvet by John Whitman
Elmer by David McGee
The Ugly Pumpkin by David Horowitz
Ms. Rubinstein's Beauty by Pep Montserrat
The Big Orange Splot by Daniel Pinkwater
It's OK To Be Different by Todd Parr
Catalina Magdalena Hoopensteiner Walendiner Hogan Logan Bogan Was
Her Name by Tedd Arnold
The JellyBeans And The Big Dance by Laura Numeroff & Nate Evans
Thank You Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
Leo The Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Jeremiah Learns To Read by Jo-Ellen Boggart
Hooway For Wodney Wat by Helen Lester & Lynn Munsinger

Gender Stereotyping

William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow
Oliver Button Is A Sissy by Tomie De Paola
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
The Sissy Duckling by Harvey Fierstein
"Girls To The Rescue" Short Story Series ed by Bruce Lansky
You Forgot Your Hat Amelia Bloomer! By Shana Corey

Same Sex Families & Partnerships

King & King by Linda deHaan
The Family Book by Todd Parr
The Harvey Milk Story by Kari Krakow
Milly's Family by Nancy Garden
And Tango Makes Three by Peter Parnell
Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman
Uncle Bobby's Wedding by Sarah Brannen

Homelessness & Loneliness & Reaching Out

Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch! By Eileen Spinelli (LOVE this)
Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting
Edward the "Crazy Man" by Marie Day
Lily And The Paper Man by Rebecca Upjohn
The Teddy Bear by David McPhail (I can't read it without crying)
The Lady In The Box by Ann McGovern
Great Joy by Kate Camillo
A Chance To Shine by Steven Seskin & Allen Shamblin (book & CD)
The Family Under The Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson
An Angel For Solomon Singer by Cynthia Rylant
The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Anderson & Rachel Isadora
The Berenstain Bears Think Of Those In Need by Jan & Stan Berenstain

War & Peace

Christmas In The Trenches by John McCutcheon (book & CD)
Feathers And Fools by Mem Fox
The Peace Book by Todd Parr
Why? By Nikilai Popov (wordless, but very powerful set to music)
Faithful Elephants: A Story of Animals, People & War by Yukio Tsuchyia
Old Turtle And The Broken Truth by Jon Muth
Playing War by Kathy Beckwith
The Librarian Of Basra by Jeanette Winter
Peace Begins With You by Katherine Scholes

Rabbit & Squirrel: A Tale of War & Peas by Kara LaReau
The Roses In My Carpet by Rukhsana Khan
The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss
The Diary Of Anne Frank
Pink And Say by Patricia Polacco
The Christmas Tapestry by Patricia Polacco
The Three Wishes by Deborah Ellis
The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson
Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti
I Dream Of Peace: Images of War by Children of the former Yugoslavia by UNICEF
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
A Little Peace by Barbara Kerley
What Does Peace Feel Like? By Vladamir Radunsky
One Peace by Janet Wilson
If Peace Is.. by Jane Baskwill

Child Soldiers

A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah (for older readers)
The Bite Of The Mango by Mariatu Kamara (for older readers)
Brothers In Hope: The Story of The Lost Boys Of Sudan by Mary Williams

World Changers

Paths To Peace by Jane Zalben (awesome book- mini bios of great peace leaders)
Ten Amazing People And How They Changed The World by Robert Klausmeier
The Harvey Milk Story by Kari Krakow
The Coconut Monk by Thich Nhat Hanh
Wangari's Trees Of Peace by Jeanette Winter
Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
Barack Obama: Son Of Promise, Child Of Hope by Nikki Grimes
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
Gandhi by Demi
Mother Teresa by Demi
Peaceful Protest: The Life Of Nelson Mandela by Yona Zeldis McDonough
Terry Fox: A Story Of Hope by Maxine Trottier
One Peace by Janet Wilson
It Takes A Child by Craig Kielburger (**picture book & DVD & novel**)
Leaving Microsoft To Change The World by John Wood
Three Cups Of Tea by Greg Mortensen (for older readers)
Listen To The Wind by Greg Mortensen (picture book version)
Heroic Children by Rebecca Hazell & Helen Cann (great, because it's all kids)
Super Kids by Lisa Fitterman

Two Final Favourites About Making Our World Better By Caring
And Using One's Gifts To Give Back That I Wish I Had Written ☺

The Quilmakers Gift by Jeff Brumbeau & Gail DeMarcken

The Quilmakers Journey by Jeff Brumbeau & Gail DeMarcken

And.... An Awesome Resource Catalogue For World-Changing
Posters, Tshirts, Buttons And Books For Your Classrooms

Syracuse Cultural Workers- Tools For Change

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