

TRANSRACIAL JOURNEYS SUMMER AND BEYOND READING LIST

BABIES/INFANTS

Please, Baby, Please / Spike Lee, Tonya Lewis Lee and Kadir Nelson (illustrator)

A sweet, lyrical picture book about a playful and spirited baby.

PRE K

3-7 years

Outside, Inside / Leuyen Pham

Caldecott honoree Leuyen Pham offers a beautifully-versed and illustrated frame of reference for children to process the pandemic.

3-7 years

Me & Mama / Cozbi A Cabrera - **May**

A beautifully-rendered series of acrylic paintings depict a child's perspective on life with her mama including the clothes they wear, the cups they drink from and how they experience nature and home.

ELEMENTARY

3-5 years

A Plan for Pops / Heather Smith and Brooke Kerrigan (illustrator) - **June**

A young boy visits his two grandfathers every weekend. One day, things change when Pops takes a fall. The three learn to adapt to Pops' new wheelchair.

4-8 years

I Affirm Me: The ABCs of Inspiration for Black Kids / Nyasha Williams and

Sofya Glushko (illustrator) - **August**

A loving, affirming, and inspiring alphabet book addressing important topics for Black children.

4-8 years (boy focus and affirming for all genders)

I Am Every Good Thing / Derrick Barnes and Gordon James (illustrator)- **February**

Focuses identity and affirmation for Black boys.



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ELEMENTARY

4-8 years

Our Little Kitchen / Jillian Tamaki - **November**

A diverse group of adults and children come together to prepare a community meal.

Grades 3-5

Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All / Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council, Carolyn Choi and Ashley Seil Smith (illustrator) - **February & July**

A diverse group of children share their stories, intersectionalities and allyship. Book discussion prompts and a bibliography of further reading for adults are provided.

Grades 3-6

The Undefeated / Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson (illustrator) - **July**

Black love and Black excellence depicted against the backdrop of an honest portrayal of the Black American experience. Heartbreaking, beautiful, inspiring, hopeful and empowering!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 4-7

New Kid / Jerry Craft- **March & August**

A 7th grade boy attends a new school at which most of the students are White.

Grades 4-7

From the Desk of Zoe Washington / Janae Marks - **January & June**

Zoe first hears from her father on her 12th birthday. He's incarcerated for a crime he didn't commit. Zoe's on a mission to get to the bottom of this.

Grades 4-7

I Can Make this Promise / Christine Day- **March**

Christine Day's own life story reflects in this tale of a young girl who finds a box of photos in her attic. What follows is her path to finding her cultural identity and the story of her grandmother's transracial adoption. Debut's a semi autobiographical fiction relating to a young girl discovering her cultural identity.



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HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12

Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America / Ibi Zoboi (editor) - **March**

A collection of 17 vignettes illustrating a variety of Black teen viewpoints relating to identity and other topics important to teenagers. Recommended by Lori Boerger.

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Nubia, Real One / L.L. McKinney and Robin Smith (illustrator) - **April, May & October**

D.C. Comics' introduces us to its first Black girl superhero who just happens to be adopted!

ADULT

What Happened to You? Conversations on Race, Trauma, Resilience, and Healing / Bruce Duncan Perry and Oprah Winfrey

Brain trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey shift the focus of the question, "What's Wrong with You?" to "What Happened to You?"



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