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What are #OwnVoiceBooks?

#OwnVoices is a hashtag/term coined by YA author Corinne Duyvis to refer to stories about diverse characters written by authors that are a part of that same diverse group.
WHAT IS #READWOKE?

#READWOKE

“Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color.”

—Cicely Lewis, creator of #ReadWoke

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Challenge a social norm

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WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Books ABOUT Diverse Characters and Books BY Diverse Authors

The number of diverse books published annually is extremely low. This chart compares the percentage of titles received by the Cooperative Children's Book Center that are ABOUT diverse characters against those written BY diverse authors. Statistics for LGBTQ+ books are from 2017; statistics for other groups are from 2018.

Percentage published ABOUT diverse characters:
- African / African Americans
- Asian Pacifics/Asian Pacific Americans
- Latinx
- American Indians / First Nations
- LGBTQ+

Percentage published BY diverse authors:
- African / African Americans
- Asian Pacifics/Asian Pacific Americans
- Latinx
- American Indians / First Nations
- LGBTQ+


CHARACTERS MOST IN DEMAND BY READERS*

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
1 LGBTQIA+
2 BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
3 NEURODIVERSE

SCHOOL LIBRARIES
1 BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
2 BIRACIAL/MULTIRACIAL
3 DISABLED

Source: *School Library Journal's 2018 Diverse Book Collections Survey
Lovely
Jess Hong
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HC: 978-1-939547-37-8 • $17.99 (List) • $13.49 (S&L)

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Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly
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PB: 978-1-5124-8632-2 • $7.99 (List) • $7.99 (S&L)
EB: 978-1-5124-5111-5 • $39.99 (List) • $29.99 (S&L)

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Smart, Fierce, and Leading the Way
Pri Ferrari
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Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship
Irene Latham and Charles Waters illus. Sean Qualls and Selina Alko
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Vaunda Micheaux Nelson illus. Colin Bootman
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40 Pages; Grades K-3; ©2003
HC: 978-1-57505-342-4 • $17.99 (List) • $13.49 (S&L)
EB: 978-1-57505-674-6 • $26.99 (List) • $20.99 (S&L)

Mumbet’s Declaration of Independence
Gretchen Woelfle illus. Alix Delinois
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EB: 978-1-4677-2399-2 • $26.99 (List) • $20.99 (S&L)

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Vaunda Micheaux Nelson illus. R. Gregory Christie
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Vaunda Micheaux Nelson  
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Biologist Ernest Everett Just  
Mélina Mangal  
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Gary Golio  
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Gina Capaldi

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SLJ: 32 Pages; Grades K-4; ©2018
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Luis wishes his brother Nico wasn’t leaving for the Army. To show Nico he doesn’t need to go, Luis begins a mural on the alleyway wall. But as Luis waits for Nico’s return, his own world expands as well.
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Ann Malaspina
illus. Merrielee Liddiard

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Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia
Miranda Paul
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Cici has everything planned for her camping trip, but a campsite mix-up, stormy weather, and a forest sprite keep testing her good spirits. Can Cici come to see the magic in surprises, before the whole trip is ruined?

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Four Stories of Everyday Wonder
Nie Jun

Yu’er and her grandpa live in a small neighborhood in Beijing, where there’s a story around every corner. Celebrate the magic in everyday life in this gorgeous collection of comics from master cartoonist Nie Jun.

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A Childhood in China
Andrés Vera Martínez and Na Liu
illus. Andrés Vera Martínez

The world is changing for two girls in 1970s China. When Chairman Mao dies, new opportunities begin to emerge. The girls soon learn that their childhood will be much different than the upbringing their parents experienced.

108 Pages; Grades 4-7; ©2012; ★, LMC★, SLJ★, HB★
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A Game for Swallows
To Die, To Leave, To Return
Zeina Abirached

When Zeina’s parents don’t return one afternoon and the bombing in Beirut grows closer, her neighbors create a comfortable world indoors for Zeina and her brother. Together they try to make it through a dramatic day in the one place they believed would always be safe—home.

192 Pages; Grades 7-12; ©2012; SL★
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I Remember Beirut
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Zeina Abirached grew up in Beirut in the 1980s as fighting between Christians and Muslims divided the city streets. With striking black-and-white artwork, Abirached recalls the details of life inside a war zone.

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A Bag of Marbles
The Graphic Novel
Joseph Joffo
illus. Vincent Bailly

With the German occupation threatening their safety, Maurice and Joseph must flee to their older brothers in the free zone. Surviving the long journey will take every scrap of ingenuity and courage they can muster.

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J. N. Monk
illus. Harry Bogosian

When Jo, a headstrong maintenance technician, makes a mistake that destabilizes her planet’s core, she knows only one way to fix things: leaving her underground home for a trip to the planet’s dangerous, unruly surface.

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Losing the Girl
Book 1
MariNaomi

When Claudia Jones goes missing, her classmates think the worst . . . or at least the weirdest. It couldn’t be an alien abduction, right? Eisner-nominated cartoonist MariNaomi looks at the perils of teenage life—including possible otherworldly disappearances.

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A Journey on Route 66 Discovering Dinosaur Statues, Muffler Men, and the Perfect Breakfast Burrito
Shing Yin Khor

Shing Yin Khor’s graphic travelogue about driving through what’s left of Route 66 begins as a road trip and ends up more like a pilgrimage in search of an ever-shifting definition of America.

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WHAT KINDS OF READERS DO I HAVE?
22% of librarians describe the community where they work as “very diverse.” 24% say their area is “diverse”.*

WHAT KINDS OF BOOKS IS MY COLLECTION MISSING?
Only 12% of libraries have conducted a diversity audit to evaluate the diversity present in their collections*.

WHAT KINDS OF BOOKS ARE MY READERS SEEKING OUT?
Assess what’s in demand in your library. Black or African American characters are in highest demand overall among public and school library readers*.

How Do I Promote Diverse Books to My Readers?
Popular methods of promotion among librarians include:*
- Displays
- Word of mouth with faculty/staff
- Readers’ advisory with youth
- Library instruction
- Social media
- Curricular suggestions
- Emails
- Workshop/PD
- Dedicated shelves
- Contests

Where Can I Find Diverse Books?
Popular sources among librarians include:*
- Library journals and review sources
- Word of mouth
- Blogs
- We Need Diverse Books
- Goodreads
- Local bookstores
- Wholesalers, distributors, and publishers
- Professional organizations

Source: *School Library Journal’s 2018 Diverse Book Collections Survey