



**Diversity**  
**Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library**  
**A Selective Bibliography**

**Compiled by Alan R. Bailey**  
**Assistant Professor, Education Curriculum Librarian**  
**Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library, East Carolina University**

Titles in the Teaching Resources Center are cataloged with Dewey call numbers and are preceded by Curric. Please ask someone at the Teaching Resources Service Desk if you need any assistance.

---

- Acheson, Alison. *Grandpa's Music: A Story About Alzheimer's*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2009. Although Alzheimer's disease makes it difficult for Callie's grandfather to remember things, his family keeps him occupied, and Callie's special task is to help him enjoy playing the piano and singing favorite songs. (Age; Mental Abilities) E  
AC45G
- Alexander, Earl, Sheila Rudin, and Pam Sejkora. *My Dad Has HIV*. Minneapolis: Fairview Press, 1996. A young girl whose father has the HIV virus learns about the disease and becomes proud of him for his efforts to stay healthy. (Physical Abilities – AIDS) E  
AL262M
- Brannen, Sarah S. *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2008. Chloë is jealous and sad when her favorite uncle announces that he will be getting married, but as she gets to know Jamie better and becomes involved in planning the wedding, she discovers that she will always be special to Uncle Bobby--and to Uncle Jamie, too. (Sexual Orientation, Family Status – Alternative Families) E  
B7352U
- Carlson, Nancy. *My Family Is Forever*. New York: Viking, 2004. A young girl recounts how she came to be part of an adoptive family. (Family Status – Adoption; Race – Asian Americans) E  
C1975M
- Cole, Brock. *Good Enough to Eat*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2007. When an Ogre comes to town demanding a bride, the mayor sacrifices the homeless girl with no name that everyone thinks is a pest and a bother, but she finds a way to outwit them all. (Income – Homelessness, Family Status – Orphans) E  
C674G

- Cooper, Melrose. *Getting' Through Thursday*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 1998. Since money is tight on Thursdays, the day before his mother's payday, Andre is upset when he realizes that his report card and the promised celebration for making the honor roll will come on a Thursday. (Race – African Americans; Family Status – Single-parent family; Income – Low income) E  
C7869G
- Cowen-Fletcher, Jane. *Mama Zooms*. New York: Scholastic, 1993. A boy's wonderful mama takes him zooming everywhere with her, because her wheelchair is a zooming machine. (Physical Abilities) E  
C8387M
- Cruise, Robin. *Little Mamá Forgets*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. Although her Mexican-American grandmother now forgets many things, Luciana finds that she still remembers the things that are important to the two of them. Includes glossary of Spanish words used. (Age; Mental Abilities; Race – Mexican Americans) E  
C887L
- Davol, Marguerite. *Black, White, Just Right!* Morton Grove, Illinois: Albert Whitman & Company, 1993. A girl explains how her parents are different in color, tastes in art and food, and pet preferences, and how she herself is different too but just right. (Family Status – Interracial marriage; Race – Multiracial) E  
D311B
- Edmonds, Lyra. *An African Princess*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2004. Lyra and her parents go to the Caribbean to visit Taunte May, who reminds her that her family tree is full of princesses from Africa and around the world. (Race – Multiracial) E  
ED57A
- Edwards, Michelle. *A Baker's Portrait*. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1991. Michelin paints portraits that do not flatter her sitters but she learns an enduring lesson when she must paint her kindly aunt and uncle. (Ethnicity – Jews; Age) E  
ED975B
- Ellis, Sarah. *Ben Over Night*. Markham, Ontario: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006. (Gender – Non-traditional Roles) E  
EL596B
- Faulkner, Matt. *A Taste of Colored Water*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008. LuLu and Jelly are very excited to see the "colored" water they heard about in the city's water fountain, but are very surprised to learn what "colored" water actually means. (Race Discrimination) E  
F2735T
- Flood, Pansie Hart. *It's Test Day, Tiger Turcotte*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2004. Already so worried about the big second grade test that his stomach is upset, seven-year-old Tiger Turcotte, whose parents are African American, Meherrin Indian, and Hispanic, gets stuck on the question about race. (Race – Multiracial) E  
F6595I

- Garland, Sarah. *Billy and Belle*. New York: Reinhardt Books, 1992. A newborn baby and the exciting confusion of Pet Day at school combine to make a very special day for Billy and Belle. (Family Status – Interracial marriage; Race – Multiracial) E  
G18391B
- Glaser, Linda. *Hoppy Hanukkah!* Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2009. Two young bunnies learn about the customs of Hanukkah from their parents and grandparents before they light the menorahs, eat potato latkes, and play dreidel. (Religion – Judaism; Ethnicity – Jews) E  
G4623HO
- Glenn, Sharlee Mullins. *Keeping up with Roo*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. Gracie has always had a special bond with her Aunt Roo, who is mentally disabled, but that relationship starts to change when Gracie begins school. (Mental Abilities) E  
G4871K
- Graham, Bob. *“Let’s Get a Pup!” Said Kate*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2001. When Kate and her parents visit the animal shelter, an adorable puppy charms them, but it is very hard to leave an older dog behind. (Gender – Non-traditional roles) E  
G7602L
- Grimes, Nikki. *Oh, Brother!* New York: Greenwillow Books, 2008. Xavier is unhappy when his mother remarries and he suddenly has a new stepbrother, as well as a stepfather, in his home. (Family Status – Stepfamilies) E  
G8823O
- Haan, Linda de. *King & King*. Berkeley: Tricycle Press, 2000. When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected. (Sexual Orientation; Family Status – Alternative families) E  
H1113K
- Johnson, Angela. *When I am Old with You*. New York: Orchard Books, 1990. A child imagines being old with Granddaddy and joining him in such activities as playing cards all day, visiting the ocean, and eating bacon on the porch. (Race – African Americans; Age) E  
J6303W
- King, Stephen Michael. *Mutt Dog!* Orlando, Florida: Harcourt, Inc., 2004. A lonely dog finally finds a home after he makes friends with a woman who works at a homeless shelter. (Income – Homelessness) E  
K587M
- Klein, Adria F. *Max Goes to the Library*. Minneapolis: Picture Window Books, 2006. Max, who loves to read, discovers all the services available to him during a visit to the library. (Race – Hispanic Americans) E  
K6722MGTL
- Klein, Adria F. *Max Learns Sign Language*. Minneapolis: Picture Window Books, 2007. Max takes a class in sign language so that he can talk with his friend, Susan, who cannot hear. (Race – Hispanic Americans; Physical Abilities) E  
K6722ML

- Kroll, Virginia. *Butterfly Boy*. Honesdale, Pennsylvania: Caroline House Boyds Mills Press, 1997. A boy and his grandfather joyfully watch a gathering of butterflies in this story set in Mexico. (Race – Hispanics; Ethnicity – Mexican Americans; Age; Physical Abilities; Geographic Location) E  
K9195B
- Lanton, Sandy. *Daddy's Chair*. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben Copies, 1991. When Michael's father dies his family sits shiva, observing the Jewish week of mourning, and remembers the good things about him. (Ethnicity – Jews; Religion – Judaism; Death) E  
L295D
- Levermore, Jacqueline. *Cherub: The Human Race*. Jackson, MI: Mustered Seed Pub. Worldwide, 2002. A young boy discovers through comparisons with nature that Black, White, and other colors associated with ethnicities are not better than one another but different from each other and all part of the human race. (Ethnicity) E  
L5772C
- Lipp, Frederick. *Running Shoes*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2008. Sophy, a determined young girl living in an impoverished Cambodian village, fulfills her dream of going to school--with the help of a pair of running shoes. (Income – Low Income) E  
L6643R
- Little, Mimim Otey. *Yoshiko and the Foreigner*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 1996. In spite of her upbringing, a young Japanese woman begins seeing an American soldier and finds that he is not like the foreigners her parents have taught her to avoid. (Race – Asians; Family Status – Interracial marriage; Ethnicity – Japanese; Military Experience; Geographic Location) E  
L725Y
- Lobel, Gillian. *Moonshadow's Journey*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Co., 2009. When his beloved grandfather is killed in a storm while leading the swan flock south for the winter, Moonshadow is reassured by his father that the flock will go on with Grandfather always in their hearts. (Death) E  
L78354M
- Mandelbaum, Pili. *You Be Me, I'll Be You*. New York: Kane/Miller Books, 1990. A brown-skinned daughter and her white father experiment to see what it would be like to have the other's skin color. (Family Status – Interracial marriage; Race – Multiracial) E  
M312Y
- Mahy, Margaret. *Down the Back of the Chair*. New York: Clarion Books, 2006. A poor family is searching down the back of a chair for Dad's lost car keys and, miraculously in the mess of things back there, their financial problems are solved. (Income – Low Income) E  
M279DO
- Meyers, Cindy. *Rolling Along With Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, 1999. In this updated version of a familiar folktale, baby bear gets around in a wheelchair and has a motorized bed which fascinate Goldilocks when she becomes friends with him after her surprise visit to the three bears' house. (Physical Abilities) E  
M5762R

- Mobin-Uddin. *The Best Eid Ever*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press, 2007. E  
Aneesa and her grandmother come up with a plan to help two girls who are M7137B  
refugees celebrate Eid in America. (Ethnicity – Saudi; Religion – Islam)
- Mora, Pat. *Pablo's Tree*. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1994. E  
Each year on his birthday, a young Mexican American boy looks forward M79P  
to seeing how his grandfather has decorated the tree he planted on the day  
the boy was adopted. (Family Status – Adoption; Race – Mexican  
Americans)
- Newman, Lesléa. *Mommy, Mama, and Me*. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2009. E  
A baby enjoys a number of fun activities with her two mothers. (Sexual N4658M  
Orientation; Family Status – Alternative families)
- Newman, Leslea. *Too Far Away to Touch*. New York: Clarion Books, 1995. E  
Zoe's favorite uncle Leonard takes her to a planetarium and explains that if N4658T  
he dies he will be like the stars, too far away to touch, close enough to see.  
(Physical Abilities – AIDS; Death; Sexual Orientation)
- Pinkney, Sandra L. *I am Latino: The Beauty in Me*. New York: Little, Brown, E  
2007. Photographs and poetic text celebrate the beauty and diversity of P65617I  
Latino children. (Race – Latino)
- Pinkney, Sandra L. *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children*. New E  
York: Scholastic, 2006. Photographs and poetic text celebrate the beauty P65617S.A  
and diversity of African-American children. (Race – African Americans)
- Polacco, Patricia. *In Our Mothers' House*. New York: Philomel Books, 2009. E  
Three young children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by P7569I  
two mothers. (Sexual Orientation, Family Status – Alternative Families)
- Pryor, Bonnie. *The Dream Jar*. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1996. After E  
emigrating to America, each member of a Russian family works hard to P956D  
contribute to the family's dream of someday owning and running a store.  
(Ethnicity – Russian Americans)
- Richardson, Justin and Peter Parnell. *And Tango Makes Three*. New York: E  
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005. At New York City's R39486A  
Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by  
taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches. (Family Status –  
Alternative families)
- Rickert, Janet Elizabeth. *Russ and the Almost Perfect Day*. Bethesda, MD: E  
Woodbine House, 2000. Russ, a student with Down syndrome, is having a R423R  
perfect day until he realizes that the five-dollar bill he has found probably  
belongs to a classmate. (Mental Abilities – Autism)

- Ryan, Pam Munoz. *One Hundred Is a Family*. New York: Hyperion Books, 1994. Groups making up many different kinds of "families" introduce the numbers from one to ten and then by tens to one hundred. (Family Status – Alternative families; Race; Ethnicity; Sexual Orientation) E  
R9570
- Senisi, Ellen B. *For My Family, Love, Allie*. Morton Grove, Illinois: Albert Whitman & Company, 1998. Allie, whose father is black and mother is white, decides to make special food as a present for her relatives when they come for a big family party. (Family Status – Interracial marriage; Race – Multiracial) E  
SE57F
- Shapiro, Ouisie. *Autism and Me: Sibling Stories*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2009. In these moving essays, children tell their stories of what it is like to live with a sibling who has autism. (Autism; Mental Abilities) 618.92  
SH227A
- Stark, Ken. *Oh, Brother!* New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003. In 1952, two brothers, aged nine and ten, enjoy a year filled with fun and adventure in the farmlands of northeastern Illinois. (Family Status – Single-parent family) E  
ST283O
- Sugarman, Brynn Olenberg. *Rebecca's Journey Home*. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Pub., 2006. Mr. and Mrs. Stein and their young sons Gabe and Jacob adopt a baby girl from Vietnam. (Family Status – Adoption) E  
SU32R
- Upjohn, Rebecca. *Lily and the Paper Man*. Toronto: Second Story Press, 2007. At first, Lily is afraid of the paper man whom she sees on the way home from school, but when winter comes and she sees that he has no warm clothes, she tells her mother and father that she has an idea. (Income – Homelessness) E  
UP4L
- Valentine, Johnny. *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans: and other stories*. Boston: Alyson Publications, 1991. A collection of five fairy tales about children with gay parents. (Sexual Orientation; Family Status – Alternative families) 398.2  
V234D
- Woloson, Eliza. *My Friend Isabelle*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, 2003. A young boy named Charlie describes the activities he shares with his friend Isabelle, a girl with Down Syndrome. (Mental/Physical Abilities) E  
W836M
- Zolotow, Charlotte. *A Father Like That*. New York: HarperCollins, 2007. A young boy shares with his mother his daydreams about the father who left before he was born. (Family Status – Single-parent) E  
Z75F.A