

Diversity in Text

“Books are sometimes **windows**, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also **sliding glass doors**, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a **mirror**. Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience. Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.” -Rudine Sims Bishop

Bishop, R. S. (1990). Mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors. *Perspectives: Choosing and Using Books for the Classroom*, 6(3).

Websites of Interest:



<https://nationalseedproject.org/>

<http://mirrorswindowsdoors.org/wp/>

<http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>



<https://www.tolerance.org/>



<https://www.adl.org/>

Imagine a World Without Hate

Book List Links:

Diversity Book List:

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/diversity>

Combating Racism Book List:

<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/picture-books-that-teach-kids-to-combat-racism/>

Hunger, Poverty, and Homelessness Books:

<http://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf-book-lists/picture-books-hunger-poverty-homelessness>

Special Needs Picture Books:

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2011/11/10/explaining-special-needs-to-your-child-15-great-children%E2%80%99s-books/>

<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/childrens-books-about-special-needs/>

Challenging Gender Stereotypes Book List:

<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/childrens-books-that-challenge-gender-stereotypes/>

LGBTQ Picture Books:

<https://know.freelibrary.org/Community/lists/20077/>