



Books Dealing With Diversity

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Adoff, Arnold. **Black is Brown is Tan.** (IMC CBC E Ad714b)

Describes in verse the life of brown-skinned momma, white-skinned daddy, their children, and assorted relatives.

Adoff, Arnold. **Hard to Be Six.** (IMC CBC E Ad714h 1991)

A six year old boy who wants to grow up fast learns a lesson about patience from his grandmother.

Begaye, Lisa Shook. **Building a Bridge.** (IMC CBC E B3937b 1998)

On the first day of kindergarten, with the help of their teacher, a Navajo girl and a white girl learn to overlook their different appearances and become friends.

Bridges, Ruby. **Through My Eyes: Articles and Interviews.** (IMC CBC 921 B7643t 1999)

Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.

Bunting, Eve. **Smoky Night.** (IMC CBC E B8865sm 1994)

When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality.

Cha, Dia. **Dia's Story Cloth.** (IMC CBC 973.04959 C3402d 1996)

The story cloth made for her by her aunt and uncle chronicles the life of the author and her family in their native Laos and their eventual emigration to the United States.

Cheng, Andrea. **Grandfather Counts.** (IMC CBC E C4217g 2000)

When her maternal grandfather comes from China, Helen, who is biracial, develops a special bond with him despite their age and language differences.

Choi, Yangsook. **The Name Jar.** (IMC CBC E C4524n 2001)

After Unhei moves from Korea to the United States, her new classmates help her decide what her name should be.

Dooley, Norah. **Everybody Cooks Rice.** (IMC CBC 641.331 D7260e 1991)

A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited.

Figueredo, D. H. **When the World Was New.** (IMC CBC E F4693w 1999)

When his father leads him on a magical trip of discovery through new fallen snow, a young boy who emigrated from his warm island home overcomes fears about living in New York.

Friedman, Ina R. **How My Parents Learned to Eat.** (IMC CBC E F9144h 1984)

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

Harrington, Janice N. **Going North.** (IMC CBC E H2384g 2004)

A young African American girl and her family leave their home in Alabama and head for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they hope to escape segregation and find a better life.

Hoffman, Mary. **Amazing Grace.** (IMC CBC E H6785a 1999)

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.



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Hollyer, Beatrice. **Wake Up, World: A Day in the Life of Children Around the World.** (IMC CBC 392.14 J7294w 1999)

Jenness, Aylette. **Come Home With Me: A Multicultural Treasure Hunt.** (IMC CBC 305.8 J4352c 1993)
Children hunt for ethnic objects and learn about culture using an interactive method of flipping back and forth in the book searching for clues.

Lin, Grace. **The Ugly Vegetables.** (IMC CBC E L6303u 1999)
A little girl thinks her mother's garden is the ugliest in the neighborhood until she discovers that flowers might look and smell pretty but Chinese vegetable soup smells best of all. Includes a recipe.

Lorbiecki, Marybeth. **Jackie's Bat.** (IMC CBC Fic L8835j 2006)
Joey, the batboy for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, learns a hard lesson about respect for people of different races after Jackie Robinson joins the team.

Medina, Jane. **My Name Is Jorge on Both Sides of the River: Poems.** (IMC CBC 811.54 M4687m 1999)
A book of poems that explores the struggles of a boy from Mexico attending school in the United States.

Mora, Pat. **Tomás and the Library Lady.** (IMC CBC E M7906t 1997)
While helping his family in their work as migrant laborers far from their home, Tomás finds an entire world to explore in the books at the local public library.

Polacco, Patricia. **Chicken Sunday.** (IMC CBC E P7566c 1992)
To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a beautiful Easter hat.

Raschka, Christopher. **Yo! Yes?** (IMC CBC E R1833y 1993)
Two lonely characters, one black and one white, meet on the street and become friends.

Xiong, Blia. **Nine-in-one, Grr! Grr!: a folktale from the Hmong people of Laos.** (IMC CBC 398.24 B5733n 1989)
When the great god Shao promises Tiger nine cubs each year, Bird comes up with a clever trick to prevent the land from being overrun by tigers.

Wing, Natasha. **Jalapeno Bagels.** (IMC CBC E W7267j 1996)
For International Day at school, Pablo wants to bring something that reflects the cultures of both his parents.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **The Other Side.** (IMC CBC E W8687o 2001)
Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.