



Community Framework: Honoring Our Narratives

208 community oriented books by POC authors for youth & adults

Book Themes:

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Book List

Emperimenting Visually

0. The Beginning Art Book for Kids: Learn How to Draw, Paint, Sculpt & More
1. Black is my Favorite Color
2. The world is not a rectangle: A portraits of Architect Zaha Hadid
3. If I Built a House
4. Take A Picture of me, James Vanderzeel
5. Point & Shoot with Taj and Cam!
6. Almas Art
7. Art from her Heat, folk artist Clementine Hunter
8. The Little Artist: An Art History Primer
9. Fashion Activity books for kids 7-12
10. Shaped by Her Hands, Potter Maria Martinez
11. Magic Trash:Tyree Guyton and his art

Exploring Poetry & Creative Writing

12. Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice

Understanding History

13. Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present
14. The Hate U Give
15. The people whole fly, American black folktales by
16. We are Not Free
17. Modern Herstory
18. Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
19. Textured Teaching: A Framework for Culturally Sustaining Practices
20. When I Grow Up...Great Leaders: Kids Like You that Became Inspiring Leaders
21. Nevertheless, she wore it, 50 iconic fashion moments
22. African Proverbs for All ages
23. Drawn together

Remembering the Honoring: Times & Storytell Gifted By Our Ancestors & Elders Legacy

24. Your Legacy, a bold reclining of our enslaved history,
24. The Invincible Girls Club, Quilting a Legacy
25. Pearl & Her Gees Bend Quilt, tangular a irby, india

26. Stitchin and pullin, Gee's bend quilt
27. Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt
28. Cassie Word Quilt
29. Grandma purse
30. Mama Says Homebirth
31. Planting Stories: The life of Librarian & Storyteller Pura Belpre'
32. Ruby's Reunion Day Dinner
33. We are Family
34. We are grateful, Ostaliheliga

Caring for LGTBQIA & Gender Identity

35. A quick & easy guide to Asexuality
36. Gender Identity workbook for teens: Practical exercise to navigate your exploration, support your journey and celebrate who you are
37. Is feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity
38. Bodies are Cool
39. When Aidan became my brother
40. Julian is a mermaid
41. This is our rainbow

Reclaiming Culture & Identity

42. Children of Blood and Bone
43. Wonderful: the truth about who I am,
44. The people shall continue
45. I am not a label
46. Wash Day Diaries
47. Beautiful
48. The Girls with a Special Gift
49. I am not your perfect mexican daughter,
50. The swage is in the socks
51. Cultural practices: Black equestrian coloring book
52. C is for Cowgirl
53. The last black king of kentucky derby

Being Mindful with our Practices and Skills

54. Mindful Practices & Skill learning
55. Grown- Up Pose
56. The World of Music & Sound
57. So Many Sounds
58. Let's make yoga magic

- 59. Sewing for Kids, easy projects to sew at home,
- 60. Sew Simple
- 61. Dance For Joy: a celebration of moving to music
- 62. The Earth Child Handbooks: crafts and inspirations for the spiritual child
- 63. Everything that is: Kids mediation, edie art
- 64. Mother Nature has the blues
- 65. Kids Explore Africans: African American Heritage

Food for the Soul

- 66. Soul Food Sunday
- 67. Yasmin The Chef
- 68. Ain't Gonna J is for Jollof, an african alphabet
- 69. Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round
- 70. J is for Jollof, an african alphabet

Centering Multicultural Traditions

- 71. A Gift of Amma (Market Day in India)
- 72. Abuela's Weave
- 73. Mommys Khima
- 74. Children of the Flower song people
- 75. The water Princess
- 76. Suki's Kimono
- 77. Blue Sky White starsThe Other Half of Happy
- 78. World of dances,
- 79. I'll Go and Come back,
- 80. The whole world inside Nan's soup
- 81. Exploring with Slema and Senai : let's learn tigrinya

Fighting for Justice & Equality

- 82. What can a citizen do?
- 83. When you Hear Me, voices on youth incarceration,
- 84. Social Justice Book List for Kids
- 85. Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights
- 86. Stamped (for kids): Racism, Antiracism and You
- 87. Greta's Story, The Schoolgirl who went on strike to save the plant, Valentina Camerini
- 88. What we believe: a black lives matter principles activity books, Lalena Garica , caren davison
- 89. Juneteenth book for kids, liberty and justice for all
- 90. Politics for beginners, Usborne

Healing Community

91. We are better together
92. We are together
93. Amazing Grace
94. Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice, Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-samarasinha, adults
95. Take back the block by Chrystal D. Giles
96. Graming Up by Christy Hale, kids, teens
97. My Family, your family, our families

Living Joyously in our Hair

98. Uncle Jed's Barbershop,
99. J.D and the great Barber Battle
100. I love my Haircut
101. Let's Go to the Barbershop
102. Crown
103. Cool Cuts
104. J.D and the Hair Showdown
105. Natural hair Care, 1125 homemade hair care recipes
106. What can our hair Do?
107. There is nothing my hair can't do
108. Hair there and everywhere, Badt Ken Lusia
109. Curls by Ruth
110. Locs for life: the Roots to wellbeing for African American women, Kalimah Johnson (adults)
111. My locs and Me, Faithlyn scarlett, kids
112. My locs are my crown, sierra F, illustrated by Tharushi Fernando
113. Loving my locs coloring book: Embracing your locs, Yo Yo Johnson, (kids)
114. Leelahs Lovely locs , Leeah Davis, Tyron Schyler
115. My hair is a Garden

Moving through and with Grief & Loss

116. Saying Goodbye, a book about loss, Alejandra Posso Stevenson, Aniruddha Lele
117. Gone by never forgotten, a children's books about grief and loss, Pamela Rae Hughey, Arnav Chakraborty
118. Memory Joes, Caldecott honoree / Vera Brosgol

Honoring the land: Herbalism & Farming

119. Sam the Junior Herbalist: Angela rahim, illustrated bt Ameenah Samuel
120. All kids herb book
121. Green is a Chile Pepper
122. Dr. Sebi Treatment Books, audiobook, adults
123. Awesome Herbs for kids
124. Dr. Sebra Encyclopedia, Serena Brown



125. Jambalaya: Personal Book of Charms
126. Everything I want to do is illegal: war stories from the local food front, Jeel Saltin
127. African American Herbalism: A practical guide to healing plants and folk traditions, Lucretia Vandyke

Embodying our Ancestors & Community Land

128. Ancestors Approved : Interracial Stories for Kids, edited by Cynthina Leitich Smith
129. Farming while black, Soul Fire Farm Practical Guides to Liberation on Land written by Leah Penniman, adults
130. Summer Sun Risin, by W. Nikola-Lisa, Illustrated by Don Tate (kids)
131. Green Green
132. A Community Gardening Story (kids)
133. Seeds of Change (kids)
134. Our Community Garden, by Barabra (kids)
135. I am a Farmer (Grounding an environmental Movement in Cameroon) by Baptiste & Miranda Pual, Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon (kids and teens)
136. The Beeman by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis (kids)
137. Max goes to the Farmers Market

Self-love is Community Love

138. Positive Affirmations for Brown Boys by Erika J Gibson
139. Breathing is my Superpower: Mindfulness book for kids to feel calm and peaceful
140. The purpose driven teenager, a teens guide to discovering and fulfilling purpose, Mordecai Orimiladeye
141. All boys aren't Blue, a Memoir Manifesto by George M. Johnson, audiobook
142. I am Enough - Audiobook By: Grace Byers
143. Black Girl Magic, Mahogany L Browne, Idrissa Simmonds and Jamila Woods, teens and adults
144. With the Fire on High, Elizabeth Aceveo, teens and adults
145. That's not my name by anoosha syed
146. Hair Love by Mathew A Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
147. Brown Boy Joy
148. Be Boy Buzz
149. Leo can swim
150. He's got the whole world in his hands, Kadi Nelson
151. The world Collector, Peter H Reynolds (3-7)
152. The african princess, Sope Martus

Celebrating Diversity

153. We are all related, written by Mitakuye Owasin
154. Happy in our skin

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155. Sweet People are everywhere by Alice Walker, Quium Torres, kids, teens and adults
156. The Color of Us by Karen
157. Rubys Chinese New Year
158. Hats of Faith, Medeia Choan, Illustrated sarah walsh
159. Off we go to Mexico, an Adventure in the Sun, Laurie Krebs and Chrispgoer Corr
160. Home is in between, Mitalla Perkins, Lavanya Naidu
161. They Call me Africa, Nadine A Luke, Sameer Kassar
162. The Ghanaian Goldilocks, Dr. Tamara Pizzoli
163. I lost my tooth in Africa, Penda Diakite, Baba Wague Diakite
164. Rainbow Weaver, Tejedora Del Arcoiris
165. Linda Eovitz Marshall, Eillisa Chavarri
166. Grandmas List: Portia Dery and Toby Newsome

Aligning with our Dreams

167. The Big Dream of Small Creatures, Gail Lerner
168. Olivia's Doctor Adventures by Dr. Ashley Denmakrt, Mike Motz
169. I want to be a Doctor, Laura Driscoll
170. Drum dream girl, Margaria, Reel Lopez
171. This is Ruby, Sara O'leary Alea Marlet
172. Bedtime Bonnet, Nancy Redd, Nneka Myers
173. Follow your Dreams Little One, Vashti Harrison
174. Little People big dreams, Frida Kahlo
175. I am a mini Entrepreneur, Tori Ellis, Nathan Moncao, kids
176. Dreamers, Yuyi Morales
177. Nothing but net, Jake Maddox
178. Dancing in the Wings, by Debbie Allen, Kardi Nelson
179. Vivi loves Science, Kimberly Berting and Shelli R Johannes, Illustrations Jelle Murrary

Teaching Sex Education, Consent & Body Safety

180. Consent for kids, Boundaries. Respect and Being in Charge of you, Rachel Brian, kids
181. Safety and Consent for Kids and Teens with Autism or Special Needs, a parent's guide, Bebras. Jacobs, (adults)
182. Can we talk about Consent, Justin Hanock, illustrated by Fuchsia Macaree
183. Yes! No! - A first conversation about Consent, kids, Hegán Madison, Jessica Ralli, Isabel Roxas
184. It's my Pleasure: Decolonizing sex positivity, Mo Asebimno (adult)
185. Sex education for teens, Elizabeth Tucker
186. The Essential Sex Education book for parents: Guided conversations to have with your tweens and teens, Daniel Rice
187. Sex, Puberty and All that stuff: A guide to growing up, Jacqui Bailey
188. Let's talk About it, A teens guides to sex, relationship and being a human, Erika Moen and Matthew Nolan

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189. I said No: A kid guide to keeping private parts private: Zack and Kimberly Kind, Illustrated by Sue Roana
190. An exceptional children's guide to touch: Teaching Social and Physical boundaries to kids, Hunter Manasco, Illustrated by Katherarine Manasco
191. Good Pictures, Bad Pictures, porn proofing today's young kids
192. My body belongs to me, Jill Starishevsky, Angela Padron
193. It's not the stork, a book about girls, boys, babies, bodies, families, and friends, Robie H. Harris, Michael Emberly
194. Consent. Every teens guide to healthy sexual relationships, Jennifer Lang, Md
195. The Sexual Trauma workbook for teens, Raychelle Cassada Lohmann, Sheela Raja

Supporting Trauma Healing & Mental Health

196. The body keeps the Score: Brain, Mind and Body in the healing of trauma, Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D, adults
197. Thing you can't say, Jenn Bishop, kids
198. Healing days, A guide for Kids who have experienced trauma
199. Mental Health, What's that: Let's explore: An introduction to Mental Health for Children by Marchella K. Norman MA, illustrated by: Kenady Kitchen, kids
200. My Two Homes: Explaining divorce to young children, Alejandro Pozzo, kids
201. It's not your fault, Lindsay L. Krebs, MS Ed/ CAS illustrated by Kimberly Merritt, kids. A kids books about Trauma, Megan Bartlett
202. We listen to our bodies, Lydia Bowers, illustrated by Isabel Munoz

Moving towards Financial Independence & Wealth

203. It's a Money Thing! : A girls guide to Managing Money (kids)
204. Personal Finance, through everyday stories from around the world, Elena Fernandez Prados
205. The everything Money Books for kids, Brette McWhorter Sember J.D
206. The Compound effect
207. Money Plan, by monica eaton, illustrated by Anastasia Cartovenco
208. If you made a million by David M. Schwartz, illustrated by Steven Kellogg