Websites: Multicultural Picture Books

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**CCBC: 50 Multicultural Books Every Child Should Know**

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=42>

# This web page is a list of recommended multicultural books which are organized by age appeal. Books are categorized for children aged preschool, 5-7, 7-9, and 9-12. Books for younger children are mainly picture books while the lists for older children include chapter books. The CCBC explains that its list includes books by and about people of varied backgrounds including “African and African Americans, American Indians, Asian/Pacific and Asian Pacific Americans, and Latinos.” Each title provides a link that will take you to an image and summary of the book. Two good examples of picture books on this list are Shades of Black by Sandra Pinkney (ages 5-7) and From the Bellybutton of the Moon, and Other Summer Poems / Del ombligo de la luna, y otros poemas de verano by Francisco X Alarcon (ages 7-9).

# CCBC: Recommended Picture Books Featuring Interracial Families <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=143>

# This web page compiled by the CCBC has a list of titles with links to book images and summaries. The picture books depict situations and stories that children of varied backgrounds will be able to relate to. One example is Maxwell’s Mountain by Shari Becker in which parents are worried about letting their child do something that looks fun but a little risky. The illustrations depict a family in which the mother is Asian and the father is white.

# Weber County Library: Great Multicultural Picture Books <http://www.weberpl.lib.ut.us/content/booklists/sort/a/21>

# This page is on the website for the Weber County Public libraries in Utah. It is a succinctly lists 29 multicultural picture books giving the title, author, and a one sentence description. But, by clicking on the title image you are linked to a summary and reviews about each book. The library has also linked the book titles to the catalog so that patrons can quickly check availability.

# Scholastic Instructor online article: How to Choose the Best Multicultural Books

Clegg, L. B., Miller, E., Vanderhoof, B., Ramirez, G., & Ford, P. K. (n.d.). How to choose the best multicultural books. *Scholastic Instructor*. Retrieved from <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3757>

This web page provides a very informative article which discusses what to look for in good multicultural books and recommends 50 quality titles for children aged kindergarten through 5th grade. The listings are divided by ethnicity: African American, Native American, Latino, Jewish American and Asian American. Input from well known authors in each of these areas is included as well as a list of further resources about multicultural books.