

Celebrate the diversity of the children in your care with quality picture books.

As our communities grow increasingly diverse, the stories we share with children should reflect that. In early childhood when social-emotional development is so critical, exposing children to stories that depict children and adults whose experiences or identity diverge in some aspect from their own teaches children empathy. It helps them recognize that others' experiences, beliefs, or identities are as valid as their own.

Children should see themselves accurately reflected in picture books, as these experiences contribute to developing self-esteem and a positive self-concept. In making selections of books to share with children, pay careful attention to whether the representations are accurate. Studies of children's book publishing have shown that children from minority groups are traditionally underrepresented in picture books. Also, mischaracterizations (intentional or not) are frequent and promote misconceptions and stereotypes. If you want to discover your own titles, some of our favorite resources are on the right or let us help curate a selection just for you.

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Our early childhood librarian, Jennie, will develop a personalized title list of the highest quality children's books tailored to your budget & the topics you care about most. Complete the appropriate short form below:

- [English](#)
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or connect with your coach to learn more & schedule a short consultation.

Think Small is home to the Debra S. Fish Early Childhood Resource Library, a public library that supports early childhood trainers, child care providers, and parents of young children. You will find over 6,000 exceptional early childhood materials on a variety of topics: positive guidance, play, developmentally appropriate practice, anti-bias education, nature, ethics, technology, family engagement, and much more.

Also available are National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)- and Parent Aware-approved curricula, as well as story-kits and children's books in English, Spanish, Hmong, Vietnamese, Karen, Somali, Cambodian, and Chinese.

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