

Book List from Tender Topics

PIC indicates the books can be found in the Picturebook section. Dewey numbers indicate the books can be found in the Nonfiction section.

Poverty/Hunger

- Adrian Simcox Does Not Have a Horse* by Marcy Campbell 2018 (PIC)
The Can Man by Laura E. Williams 2010 (PIC)
Gettin' Through Thursday by Melrose Cooper 1998 (Not at WPL)
Maddi's Fridge by Lois Brandt 2014 (PIC)
What is Given from the Heart by Patricia C. McKissack 2019 (PIC)
On Our Street by Dr. Jillian Roberts and Jaime Casap 2018 (J 362.5 R542)
Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts 2007 (PIC)
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan 1991 (PIC)

Homelessness

- Aunt Pearl* by Monica Kulling 2019 (PIC)
Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting 1991 (PIC)
I See You by Michael Genhart 2017 (PIC)
A Place to Stay: A Shelter Story by Erin Gunti 2019 (PIC)
The Old Man by Sarah V. 2018 (PIC)
The Teddy Bear by David McPhail 2002 (PIC)
Still a Family by Brenda Reeves Sturgis 2017 (PIC)
Way Home by Libby Hathorn 1994 (PIC)

Incarceration

- Far Apart, Close in Heart* by Becky Birtha 2017 (PIC)
Hazelnut Days by Emmanuel Bourdier 2018 (PIC)
Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty 2013 (PIC)
Letters to a Prisoner by Jacques Goldstyn 2017 (PIC)
Mama Loves Me from Away by Pat Brisson 2004 (PIC)
Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba 2018 (PIC)

Race/Racism

- Freedom on the Menu* by Carole Boston Weatherford 2005 (PIC)
Let's Talk about Race by Julius Lester 2005 (J 305.8 L567)
Not My Idea by Anastasia Higginbotham 2018 (J 305.800973 H535)
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson 2001 (PIC)
Skin Again by bell hooks 2004 (PIC)

Books depicting a variety of people

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold 2018 (PIC)
All Kinds of Friends by Shirley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly 2018 (J 158 R746)
The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates 2018 (PIC)
Black Is Brown is Tan by Arnold Adoff 2002 (original 1973) (PIC)
A Church for All by Gayle E. Pitman 2018 (PIC)
I'm New Here by Anne Sibley O'Brien 2015 (PIC)
The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes 2019 (PIC)
Lovely by Jess Hong 2017 (PIC)
A Moon for Moe and Mo by Jane Breskin Zalben 2018 (PIC)
Most People by Michael Leannah 2017 (PIC)
Someone New by Anne Sibley O'Brien 2018 (PIC)

Other topics

Immigration

Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border by Mitali Perkins 2019 (PIC)
Leaving My Homeland series 2017 (J 305.90691)
Migrant by Maxine Trottier 2011 (PIC)
Stepping Stones by Margriet Ruurs 2016 (PIC)
Where Will I Live? by Rosemary McCarney 2019 (J 362.87 M128)

LGBTQIA+

(Books that specifically mention LGBTQIA+ theme)

Heather Has Two Mommies by Lesléa Newman 2015 (PIC)
Jacob's New Dress by Sarah Hoffman 2014 (PIC)
Real Sisters Pretend by Megan Dowd Lambert 2016 (PIC)
Stella Brings the Family by Miriam B. Schiffer 2015 (PIC)
When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff 2019 (PIC)

(Books where LGBTQIA+ theme is not central to the story, but characters are members of the LGBTQIA+ community)

Baby's First Words by Stella Blackstone (illus. Christiane Engel) 2017 (BB)
A Plan for Pops by Heather Smith 2019 (PIC)
Princess Puffybottom... and Darryl by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund 2019 (PIC)

Additional resources

socialjusticebooks.org
teachingtolernace.org
ccbc.education.wisc.edu