



Picture Books: Stories to Promote Diversity and Inclusion

Baker, Miriam. *Stella Brings the Family*

Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

Brannen, Sarah. *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*

Worried that their relationship will change when she learns her favorite Uncle Bobby is getting married, Chloe gets to know Jamie and realizes she can have two favorite uncles.

Byers, Grace. *I Am Enough*

The message in this poetic text promotes self-worth and respect for others, and stresses that strength and beauty come from differences rather than conformity.

Cherry, Matthew. *Hair Love*

A young African-American girl's Daddy helps arrange her hair into styles that allow her to be her beautiful, natural self.

Franklin, Ashley. *Not Quite Snow White*

Tameika is excited to try out for Snow White in the school play, until she hears classmates whispering that she is too chubby, tall and brown for the part.

Haack, Daniel. *Prince and Knight*

A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love after fighting a dragon together.

Katz, Karen. *The Colors of Us*

Lena and her mother compare the varying skin tones of their friends to foods and things from nature.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Sing a Song*

Follows an African-American family through five generations as each is inspired by the song "Life Every Voice and Sing."

Manushkin, Fran. *Plenty of Hugs*

Illustrations and rhyming text follow two mothers and their toddler on a sunny day.

McIntyre, Sarah. *The New Neighbors*

The bunnies and their neighbors are horrified when rats move into their building, since everyone knows rats are dirty thieves. But none of them have ever met a rat...until now.

Mendez, Yamile Saied. *Where Are You From?*

A young brown-skinned girl, tired of being asked where she is "really" from, seeks answers from her beloved Abuelo.

Morales, Yuyi. *Dreamers*

Based on her own story, the author tells of beginning a new life with her son in a new country that is not always welcoming, but also tells of surviving and thriving in the face of discrimination.

Newman, Leslea. *Donovan's Big Day*

From the moment he wakes up Donovan carefully prepares for the special role he will play in the wedding of his two mothers.

Nyong'o, Lupita. *Sulwe*

Sulwe thinks she needs to lighten her skin after her classmates make fun of how dark she is, but an encounter with a shooting star helps her understand the beauty in every shade.

O'Brien, Anne Sibley. *I'm New Here*

Three children from other countries struggle to adjust to a new home and school in the United States.

O'Leary, Sarah. *A Family is a Family is a Family*

When a teacher asks a class to think about what makes their family special, one girl worries that her family is too different to explain. Listening to others helps her realize that all families share one thing that matters more than anything else.

Parr, Todd. *The Family Book*

In his usual exuberant way the author describes a wide variety of families and celebrates what makes each family unique and special.

Penfold, Alexandra. *All Are Welcome*

Illustrations and simple rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is welcomed and celebrated.

Pitman, Gayle. *My Maddy*

A child celebrates her Maddy, who is neither Mommy nor Daddy but a little of both, like so many things in nature.

Richardson, Justin. *And Tango Makes Three*

Based on a true story, two male penguins in the Central Park Zoo form an attachment and start a family by sharing the care of an abandoned egg.

Shannon, George. *One Family*

This counting book celebrates families of many sizes, ethnicities, gender orientations and ages.

Steele, K-Fai. *A Normal Pig*

Pip is just a normal pig doing normal things, until a new kid in class points out all the weird ways Pip is different. Suddenly Pip is no longer comfortable being herself

Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Day You Begin*

Depicts the many ways that children often feel excluded and lonely because of perceived differences, but also shows how sharing our stories almost always leads to connections.