

# Diversity Book List 2016-2017 Gr. PreK-1

## Fiction

- Cocca-Leffler, Maryann **Janine** Albert Whitman, 2015.  
Janine is a little girl whose autism and individuality draw negative attention from a bully until a group of students rally to support Janine.
- De La Peña, Matt **Last Stop on Market Street** G.P. Putnam's Sons Books, 2015.  
This book is an intergenerational masterpiece about a boy and his Grandma, questioning economic and social inequalities as they travel across their city to a soup kitchen.
- Francis, Lee DeCorra **Kunu's Basket: A Story from Indian Island** Tilbury House, 2015.  
This is a contemporary tale of a boy who is learning the Penobscot cultural tradition of basket-weaving from his Grandpa.
- Hall, Michael **Red: A Crayon's Story** Greenwillow Books, 2015.  
This is the story of a blue crayon, mistakenly wrapped in a red wrapper at the factory, causing much frustration and misunderstanding as it endeavors to become its true self.
- Khan, Hena **Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors** Chronicle Books, 2015.  
*Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns* is a rhyming introduction to the traditions and colors of Islam and contemporary Muslim culture.
- Medina, Meg **Mango, Abuela and Me / Mango, Abuela y yo** Candlewick, 2015.  
Young Mia struggles to communicate with her Spanish-speaking Grandma. This book is available in English or Spanish.
- O'Brien, Anne Sibley **I'm New Here** Charlesbridge, 2015.  
Students from Guatemala, Korea and Somalia are new to the United States and begin kindergarten together, facing and overcoming challenges in their new country.
- Schiffer, Miriam **Stella Brings the Family** Chronicle Books, 2015.  
Stella has two Dads and is unsure of who to bring to the Mother's Day celebration at school.
- Sehgal, Kabir **The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk** Beach Lane, 2016.  
*The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk* chronicles an exciting ride on a three-wheeled taxi in India and can be sung the tune of *The Wheels on the Bus*.



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- Thong, Roseanne **Round Is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes** Amicus Illustrated, 2015.  
Latino cultural elements are celebrated in this rhyming concept book, infusing Spanish words in context, to teach shapes and encourage discussion about the detailed illustrations.
- Underwood, Deborah **Interstellar Cinderella** Chronicle Books, 2015.  
This contemporary fairy tale is an outer space adaptation of the classic Cinderella story. In this version, Cinderella dreams of becoming a space mechanic who fixes rockets.
- Walsh, Melanie **Isaac and his Amazing Asperger Superpowers** Candlewick, 2016.  
In this book, Isaac explains to readers how his amazing super-brain works and why he has specific reactions to stimuli and relationships.

## Poetry

- Archer, Micha **Daniel Finds a Poem** Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016.  
Daniel explores a local Poetry in the Park program, and writes his first poem, inspired by the beauty around him.
- Blanco, Richard **One Today: The Inaugural Poem for President Barack Obama** Little, Brown, 2015.  
This Inaugural poem celebrates the diversity of America as readers follow two children through their day, using rich vibrant vocabulary, evoking emotion and discussion.
- Ehrhardt, Karen **This Jazz Man** HMH Books for Young Readers, 2015.  
Nine jazz legends are introduced in this lyrical concept book and can be read to the tune of *This Old Man*.
- Frank, John **Lend a Hand** Lee and Low, 2014.  
This is a book of poems about acts of kindness in a diverse community, honoring sacrifice and respect for others.
- Kalluk, Celina **Sweetest Kulu** Inhabit Media, 2014.  
Traditional Inuit beliefs are gracefully folded into this tale recounting the day a baby was born, surrounded by love and the beauty of the natural world.



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## Informational Text

- Andrews, Troy **Trombone Shorty** Abrams, 2015.  
*Trombone Shorty* is a picture book autobiography of Troy Andrews, noting important cultural history of New Orleans and the influence music had on Trombone Shorty's life.
- Churnin, Nancy **The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game** Albert Whitman, 2016.  
Baseball player William Hoy requested that an umpire use hand signals to denote strikes, balls and outs, improving the game for everyone.
- Esbaum, Jill **Little Kids First Big Book of Who** National Geographic Society, 2015.  
This stunning National Geographic book of photographs and artifacts introduces young readers to a diverse array of famous women and men through short biographic profiles.
- Fields, Terri **One Good Deed** Kar-Ben Publishing, 2015.  
A young boy inspires a chain of good deeds in his multicultural community.
- Gainer, Cindy **I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Book About Understanding and Appreciating Each Other / Yo soy como tú, tú eres como yo: Un libro para entendernos y apreciarnos** (English and Spanish Edition) Free Spirit, 2016.  
This bilingual tale helps readers appreciate and affirm differences in hair texture, family composition and body size, including a note to assist parents with discussions about diversity.
- Loewen, Nancy **Homes of the World** Capstone Press, 2016.  
Photographs and rhyming text introduce readers to a variety of types of homes from all over the world.
- Paul, Miranda **Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle** Roaring Brook Press, 2015.  
A biracial brother sister duo visit the forest throughout the seasons to see water change from rain to snow to fog to mist and more.



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Rhodes-Pitts, Sharifa      **Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, a Young Artist in Harlem**  
Museum of Modern Art,      2015.

A busy city is the backdrop of inspiration for famous African American painter Jacob Lawrence. This book includes scenes from his famous Migration murals.

Rotner, Shelley      **Families**      Holiday House,      2015.

All types of families are celebrated in this new book, including family members in wheelchairs, wearing headscarves, adoptive family members, single parent families, families with one child and more.

Stone, Tanya      **The House that Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams**      Holt, 2015.

The story of Jane Addams and how her commitment to serving the needs of the poor transformed communities and people's lives.

