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**ANTIRACIST**  
**KID**

A BOOK ABOUT  
IDENTITY, JUSTICE,  
AND ACTIVISM

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# GLOSSARY

**ableism:** Discrimination and oppression against people who have visible or not visible physical, emotional, or neurological and mental disabilities

**accountability:** Taking responsibility for yourself

**activism:** Taking action against injustice

**activist:** Someone who takes action against injustice

**advocate:** To support or help yourself and others

**affirmation:** A positive sentence, word, or phrase that can help you remember that you do not have to be anybody but yourself

**African American:** The race group that includes people who are from the United States and have ancestors who are from the continent of Africa

**ageism:** Discrimination and oppression against people who are 18 and younger (children) and elders

**Alaska Native:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors who are indigenous to the land that is now called Alaska

**American Indian:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors who are indigenous to the land that is now called the United States

**amplify:** To make something louder

**ancestors:** Your family members who were born before you, including your grandparents, their grandparents, and so on

**antiracism:** The act of making a choice to be active and resist racism

**antiracist:** Making a choice to be active and resist racism

**Asian:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors who are from the continent of Asia

**Asian American:** The race group that includes people who are from the United States and have ancestors who are from the continent of Asia

**bias:** A belief about a person, a group of people, a place, or a thing. Usually, your biases are hidden. You are not always aware of what biases you have.

**biracial:** Having two different racial identities

**Black:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors who are from the continent of Africa

**boundary:** A rule or a limit that you set for yourself

**boycott:** When you will no longer buy things from someone or some organization because you do not agree with their words or actions

**cisgender person** (or cis person): A person who understands their gender to be the same as the gender the doctor said they were when they were born

**cissexism:** Discrimination and oppression against people who are transgender or nonbinary, or people whose gender expression does not follow the common expectations of their gender

**citizen:** A person who is allowed by law to be a member of a country

**citizenship:** Having membership in a country by law

**citizenship identity:** The parts of your identity that come from the countries where you are allowed by law to be a member

**class:** A group of people who have a similar amount of money and resources. (This is different from your classroom at school!)

**class identity:** The parts of your identity that come from the amount of money and resources you, your family, and other members of your class have

**classism:** Discrimination and oppression against people who do not have a lot of money or resources

**colonization:** When one group takes control of another group by force. (Most of the time, the first group uses violence to take control of the second group.)

**colonize:** The act of one group taking control of another group by force

**colonizer:** A person who is part of a group that takes control of another group by force

**community:**

- A group of people living together in the same place. The place can be your neighborhood or your city or town.
- Community can also mean a group of people who share the same ideas and goals, who care about the same things.

**community service:** When you work to help people in your community with things they need right away

**culture:** The traditions and holidays you, your family, and your community celebrate together; the things you and your family believe; and the languages you speak, read, or write together

**descent:** Being related to your ancestors

**discriminate:** To treat people unfairly, unequally, and unjustly

**discrimination:** The unfair, unequal, and unjust treatment of people

**dismantle:** To take something apart, break it, and knock it down

**dominant:** Having power and being controlling

**dominant culture:** The culture that is most powerful in our country

**enslaved person:** A person who never has the freedom to live their life the way they want to live it. Their society says they are owned by another person, and the enslaved person is made to work for that person for free.

**equal:** Having the same amount

**equitable:** Each person getting what they need, which may be different for different people because not everyone needs the same things

**equity:** When each person gets what they need, which may be different for different people because not everyone needs the same things

**ethnic identity:** The parts of your identity that come from the culture that your ancestors shared with you and your family

**ethnicity:** The parts of your identity that come from all of the people in your family who were born before you

**Europeans:** People from the continent of Europe

**fair:** Everyone getting what they need. Making sure things are equal and just for all people.

**fairness:** When everyone gets what they need and things are equal and just for all people

**gender:** The way that many people in society believe that a person should behave based on whether they have male or female body parts. A lot of people think there are just two genders, female and male, but there are many, many more!

**gender identity:** The parts of your identity that come from the way you understand your gender and how that understanding is similar to or different from the gender the doctor said you were when you were born

**genes:** Parts of your body that help to build your body, tell your body what to do, and keep you healthy. They also decide what you will look like.

**genetic makeup:** The genes that are passed down to you from your birth parents, their parents, and your ancestors

**heterosexism:** Discrimination and oppression against people based on who they love

**Hispanic:** The ethnic group that includes people who are from countries where Spanish is the language that most people speak

**identity:** Who you are! Everything that makes you *you*, from what you look like to what you think and believe to what you like to do.

**identity map:** Something you create that is all about who you are! You can put your social identities and your personal identities on it, and you can choose to share it with other people.

**immigrant:** A person who moves to a new country

**indentured servant:** A person who has an agreement with the person they work for to work for them for several years. After the servant works that time, they have the freedom to live their life the way they want to live it.

**indigenous:** The very first to live on the land and in a particular place

**indigenous people:** The very first people to live on the land and in a particular place. Sometimes, depending on where you live, indigenous people are called First Nations people, Native Americans, or Aboriginal people.

**injustice:** When not everyone gets what they need to be healthy, cared for, and safe. When some people are treated as if they are not as important as others. When people are not treated fairly.

**institution:** An organized group of people or several different organized groups of people working together

**intersectionality:** The idea that anyone can have more than just one identity at any one time and that some parts of a person's identity may give them power

**just:** Having everyone get what they need to be healthy, cared for, and safe. (Remember: Not everyone needs the same things to feel safe and cared for, because we are all different!)

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**Latino/a/x/e:** The ethnic group that includes people who are born in or have ancestors from Latin American countries

**LGBTQQIP2AA+:** People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, pansexual, two-spirit, androgynous, asexual, and more

**melanin:** The natural coloring of your skin. It helps to protect your skin from the sun.

**microaggressions:** Negative words and/or negative actions from people who are members of the dominant culture toward people who are not part of the dominant culture

**minorities:** A word some people use to refer to Indigenous, Black and African, Asian, and Latino/a/x/e people, even though the number of Indigenous, Black, Asian, and Latino/a/x/e people in the world is really big. (See **Person of the Global Majority** for a more positive way to talk about people!)

**minority:** Less than half, or a few

**multiethnic:** Having many ethnic identities

**Native Hawaiian:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors who are indigenous to Hawaii

**neurological:** About nerves or the nervous system

**nonbinary:** Does not identify only as either male or female

**non-native English speaker:** A person whose first language is not English

**oppression:** When one group of people believe they are better than another and abuse and misuse their power against the second group

**organize:** The act of putting things into different groups

**Pacific Islander:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors who are indigenous to Hawaii, Samoa, Guam, and islands located in the Pacific Ocean

**Person of the Global Majority:** An Indigenous, Black or African, Asian, or Latino/a/x/e person

**personal identity:** The parts of your identity that come from you, your family, your community, the experiences you have, and the places around you—and that make you different from other people!

**power:** Having control over yourself and the freedom to make choices and change

**prejudice:** A belief, attitude, or feeling about a person or group of people that comes from not having all of the right information. Usually, you and other people are aware of your prejudices.

**pronouns:** Words—like he, she, they, them, I, and my—that help to shorten sentences, so you do not need to repeat names. Pronouns are an important part of our identities.

**race:** What other people see when they look at a person's skin color and skin tone, hair texture, and other parts of the way they look

**racial identity:** The parts of your identity that come from the race (or races) that you are a part of

**racial group:** A group of people who share the same racial identity

**racism:** Personal prejudice and bias and the planned misuse and abuse of power by institutions. It is discrimination and oppression against people based on the color of their skin, their hair texture, facial features, and where their ancestors came from.

**repair:** To work to make things better

**resist:** To not give in and to stand up, sit tall, speak out, and use your power against someone or something

**sexism:** Discrimination and oppression against people who are not cis male

**slavery:** When a person or group of people forces another person or group of people to do hard work for the first person or group without pay

**social construction:** An idea created by people in society

**social identity:** The parts of your identity that relate to other people in your community and around the world. Some social identity categories are race, ethnicity, gender, citizenship, and class.

**social ranking:** A way to put people into different groups with some people in the top group and some people in the bottom group. People at the top of the social ranking are believed to be more important than the people who were put into the bottom.

**society:**

- A group of people living together in a community
- People in the larger world community

**stereotype:** A general idea or belief about a group of people that is not based on facts

**transgender person:** A person who understands their gender to be different from the gender the doctor said they were when they were born

**trust:** To believe that a person is telling you the truth and will do what they say they will do

**United States citizen:** A person who is born in the United States and is allowed by law to be a member of the country

**unfair:** Everyone not getting what they need

**unjust:** Not having everyone get what they need to be healthy, cared for, and safe. (Remember: Not everyone needs the same things to feel safe and cared for, because we are all different!)

**white:** The race group that includes people who have ancestors from Europe, Asia, and Africa

# Books To Read To Keep Learning and Growing

***The ABCs of the Black Panther Party*** by S. Khalilah Brann,  
Chemay Morales-James, and Uela May

***The Ana & Andrew*** series, by Christine Platt , Sharon Sordo, Junissa  
Bianda, and Anuki López

***Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter*** by Veronica  
Chambers of the New York Times

***Dreamers*** by Yuyi Morales

***El's Mirror*** by Ellison Blakes, Bavu Blakes, and A. H. Taylor

***Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*** by Joanna Ho and Dung Ho

***“Fall in Line, Holden!”*** by Daniel W. Vandever

***Finish the Fight!: The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for  
the Right to Vote*** by Veronica Chambers and the Staff of the New  
York Times

***I Am Enough*** by Grace Byers and Keturah A. Bobo

***I Am Every Good Thing*** by Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James

***It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity*** by Theresa  
Thorn and Noah Grigni

***a kids book about white privilege*** by Ben Sand

***a kids book about systemic racism*** by Jordan Thierry

***Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness*** by Anastasia Higginbotham

***Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race*** by Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, and Isabel Roxas

***The Power Book: What Is It, Who Has It, and Why?*** by Claire Saunders, Hazel Songhurst, Georgia Amson-Bradshaw, Minna Salami, Mik Scarlet, Joelle Avelino, and David Broadbent

***Skin Again*** by bell hooks and Chris Raschka

***Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*** by Danielle Daniel

***Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You*** by Sonja Cherry-Paul, Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi, and Rachelle Baker

***The Talk: Conversations about Race, Love, and Truth*** edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson

***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*** by Kwame Mbalia

***The Undeclared*** by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson

***Ways to Make Sunshine*** by Renée Watson and Nina Mata

***What the Road Said*** by Cleo Wade and Lucie de Moyencourt

***What We Believe: A Black Lives Matter Principles Activity Book***  
by Laleña Garcia and Caryn Davidson

***When Aidan Became a Brother*** by Kyle Lukoff and Kaylani Juanita

***Where Are You From?*** by Yamile Saied Méndez and Jaime Kim

***The Year of the Dog*** by Grace Lin

***Young Native Activist: Growing Up in Native American Rights Movements***  
by Aslan Tudor

# Books For the ADULT ReaDeRs

(So They Can Keep Learning and Growing Too!)

***An African American and Latinx History of the United States*** by Paul Ortiz

***Anti-Bias Education for Young Children and Ourselves*** by Louise Derman-Sparks and Julie Olsen Edwards

***Are Prisons Obsolete?*** by Angela Y. Davis

***A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*** by Ronald Takaki

***Ghosts in the Schoolyard*** by Eve L. Ewing

***How the World Is Passed*** by Clint Smith

***How We Fight White Supremacy: A Field Guide to Black Resistance*** by Akiba Solomon and Kenrya Rankin

***An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People*** by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Jean Mendoza, and Debbie Reese

***Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*** by Layla Saad

***Parenting for Liberation: A Guide for Raising Black Children*** by Trina Greene Brown

***Pushout*** by Monique W. Morris

***So You Want to Talk About Race*** by Ijeoma Oluo

***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You (A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning)*** by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

***Start Here, Start Now: A Guide to Antibias and Antiracist Work in Your School Community*** by Liz Kleinrock

***Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope*** by bell hooks

***Teaching/Learning Anti-Racism: A Developmental Approach*** by Louise Derman Sparks and Carol Brunson Phillips

***Textured Teaching: A Framework for Culturally Sustaining Practices*** by Lorena Escota Germán

***The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*** by Anna Malaika Tubbs

***This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work*** by Tiffany Jewell and Aurélie Durand

***This Book Is Anti-Racist Journal: Over 50 Activities to Help You Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work*** by Tiffany Jewell and Aurélie Durand

***We Live for the We: The Political Power of Black Motherhood*** by Dani McClain

***We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom*** by Bettina Love

***Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race*** by Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum

***Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*** by Reni Eddo-Lodge