

French book recommendations to teach your child about racism

12-17 years



OÙ VAIS-JE VIVRE? (ORIGINAL TITLE: WHERE WILL I LIVE?)

AUTHOR: Rosemary McCarney
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Scholastic

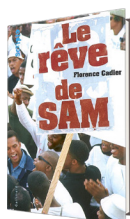
Thousands of children around the world are forced to flee their homes. As their families search for safe harbour, they experience constant fear. This book describes their reality.



LA FEMME NOIRE QUI REFUSA DE SE SOUMETTRE

AUTHOR: Eric Simard
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Oskar Éditeur

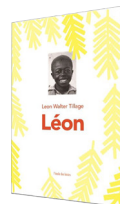
This is the true story of Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man. Her courage, strength, and determination sowed the seeds of social reform.



LE RÊVE DE SAM

AUTHOR: Florence Cadier
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Gallimard

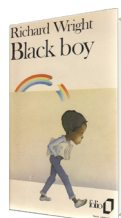
When Sam's parents are killed simply for wanting the right to vote, the young boy makes up his mind to become a judge in order to fight anti-Black legislation.



LÉON (ORIGINAL TITLE: LEON'S STORY)

AUTHOR: Leon Walter Tillage
PUBLISHING HOUSE: L'école des loisirs

Leon has always been told to accept the way things are and that Black people will always be discriminated against. Then, his father is killed in a racist attack. That day, he becomes an activist.



BLACK BOY

AUTHOR: Richard Wright
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Gallimard

This autobiographical book traces the author's childhood and denounces the horrors experienced by Black people in the southern United States in the early 20th century.



MES ÉTOILES NOIRES

AUTHOR: Lilian Thuram
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Philippe Rey

Humans need stars to find their way, role models such as Einstein and Mother Teresa. But where are the Black stars? This book offers a few examples.



CAFÉ AU LAIT ET PAIN AUX RAISINS (ORIGINAL TITLE: MILCHKAFEE UND STREUSELKUCHEN)

AUTHOR: Carolin Philipps
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Flammarion

When Sammy is the victim of a violent attack, he doesn't understand why no one steps in to help—not even his friend Boris. What's going on? Could it be racism?



L'INVENTION DES AILES (ORIGINAL TITLE: THE INVENTION OF WINGS)

AUTHOR: Sue Monk Kidd
PUBLISHING HOUSE: 10/18

The day Sarah turns 11, her mother gives her a slave as a birthday present. The young girl is horrified and decides to take a stand against slavery. It's the start of a long and difficult fight.



QUAND HITLER S'EMPARA DU LAPIN ROSE (ORIGINAL TITLE: WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT)

AUTHOR: Judith Kerr
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Hachette Jeunesse

In Hitler's Germany, Anna's father (like so many others) suddenly disappears. Anna and her family are forced to go on the run. But where are they going, and why?



MILLE PETITS RIENS (ORIGINAL TITLE: SMALL GREAT THINGS)

AUTHOR: Jodi Picoult
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Actes Sud

A midwife with 20 years of experience, Ruth leads a quiet life until she becomes involved in the death of a white baby. Accused of murder, she faces prejudice due to the colour of her skin.