6-11 years

Book recommendations to teach your child about racism



WHAT IS A REFUGEE? (ORIGINAL TITLE: C'EST QUOI UN RÉFUGIÉ?)

AUTHOR: Élise Gravel
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Random House Children's Books

In this colourful, taboo-breaking picture book, Elise Gravel brilliantly explains the meaning of the word refugee.



RUBY, HEAD HIGH (ORIGINAL TITLE: RUBY, TÊTE HAUTE)

AUTHORS: Irène Cohen-Janca and Marc Daniau
PUBLISHING HOUSE: The Creative Company

A story of strength and courage, Ruby, head high paints an honest and emotional picture of the daily struggles involved in the fight against racism.



LEON THE CHAMELEON (ORIGINAL TITLE: LÉON LE CAMÉLÉON)

AUTHOR: Mélanie Watt
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Rebound by Sagebrush

Being a chameleon is tough when you can't camouflage! Fortunately, Léon will learn to take pride in being different.



LA NOUVELLE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Cassandra O'Donnell
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Flammarion

Haga is the new girl at school. Everybody watches her inquisitively, but she doesn't understand why she draws so much attention.



LE TIGRE DE PORCELAINE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Danielle Marcotte
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Soulières éditeur

Clara is living in difficult times. Quebec is in the midst of profound change, and racism in the province is on the rise. Against this tense backdrop, will Clara be able to focus on her upcoming concert?



LE GRAIN DE SABLE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Webster

PUBLISHING HOUSE: Septentrion

This story is inspired by the life of Olivier Le Jeune, Canada's first recorded Black slave. Through his adventures, we learn how he adapted to his new reality.



MIXED: A COLORFUL STORY

AUTHOR: Arree Chung
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Henry Holt and Co.

The Yellows, Blues, and Reds have always lived in harmony. But everything changes when one tribe member declares that their colour is the best! Will peace ever be restored?



LITTLE GIRL GAZELLE (ORIGINAL TITLE: L'ENFANT GAZELLE)

AUTHOR: Stéphane Martelly
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Linda Leith Publishing

In this unique and adorable tale, the young reader is asked at the end of each page to decide what's right and what's wrong.



YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK: MEET 52 BLACK HEROES FROM PAST AND PRESENT

AUTHOR: Jamia Wilson
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Wide Eyed Editions

From Katherine Johnson and Nelson Mandela to Michelle Obama and Beyoncé, discover the exceptional and inspiring stories of 52 Black icons.



AMINA SUBIT LE RACISME (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Sophie Martel
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Dominique et compagnie

When difference gives rise to prejudice, it must be dismantled one misconception at a time. That's something that Amina, a young girl who becomes the target of bullying at her school, comes to learn firsthand.

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