Text Sets

Afghanistan

Afghan dreams: Young voices of Afghanistan (Tony O’Brien & Mike Sullivan)
Afghanistan: The people (Lands, people, and culture) (Erinn Banting)
Breadwinner (Deborah Ellis)
Cool maps for curious kids #2: Afghanistan, an unauthorized tour of the Land of A
THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS and THE KITE RUNNER (Frederick Zimmerman)
Count your way through Afghanistan (James Haskins & Kathleen Benson)
Four feet, two sandals (Karen Lynn Williams & Khadra Mohammed)
I come from Afghanistan (Valerie Weber)
Listen to the wind (Greg Mortenson & Susan Roth)
Mud city (Deborah Ellis)
Nasreen’s secret school: A true story from Afghanistan (Jeanette Winter)
Parvana’s journey (Deborah Ellis)
The roses in my carpet (Rukhsana Khan)
The sky of Afghanistan (Ana Eulate)

Body Image

Appearing tonight: May Heather Elizabeth Livingstone (Olivier Dunrea)
Distorted: How a mother and daughter unraveled the truth, the lies, and the realities of an
eating disorder (Lorri Antosz Benson & Taryn Leigh Benson)
Dumpy LaRue (Elizabeth Winthrop)
Willy the wimp (Browne Anthony)

Breaking Stereotypes

Angel child, dragon child (Vo-Dinh Mai)
Catching the moon: The story of a young girl’s baseball dreams (Crystal Hubbard)
Crow boy (Taro Yashima)
Grace for president (Kelly DiPucchio)
Jesse Owens: Fastest man alive (Carole Boston Weatherford)
Little Melba and her big trombone (Katheryn Russell-Brown)
Lola at the library (Anna McQuinn)
Luis paints the world (Terry Farish)
Princess Smartypants (Barbara Cole)
Rosie Revere, engineer (Andrea Beatty)
Sonia Sotomayor: A judge grows in the Bronx (Jonah Winter)
The true story of the Three Little Pigs (Jon Scieszka)
Trombone Shorty (Troy Andrews)
When the beat was born: DJ Kool Herc and the creation of hip hop (Laban Carrick Hill)

Bullying/Teasing
Creativity (E. B. Lewis)
Hooway for Wodney Wat (Helen Lester)
Oliver Button is a sissy (Tommy de Paola)
Simon’s hook (Karen Gedig Burnett)
Sticks and stones (Abby Cooper)
The sissy duckling (Harvey Fierstein)
Willow finds a way (Lana Button)
Willy and Hugh (Anthony Browne)
Willy the Wimp (Anthony Browne)

Celebrating Race

Black is brown is tan (Arnold Adoff)
Black, white, just right! (Marguerite Davol)
I love my hair (Natasha Anastasia Tarpley)
I’m your peanut butter big brother (Selina Alko)
Marisol McDonald doesn’t match/MarisolMcDonald no combina (Monica Brown)
Shades of black: A celebration of our children (Sandra Pinkney)
The colors of us (Karen Katz)

Conflict/War

A child’s garden, A story of hope (Michael Foreman)
Alia’s mission: Saving the books of Iraq (Mark Alan Stamaty)
Eyewitness: Battle (Richard Holmes)
Faithful elephants: A true story of animals, people, & war (Yukio Tsuchiya)
Feathers and fools (Mem Fox)
Fleeing the war (Steve Sharra)
Flowers from Mariko (Rick Noguchi & Deneen Jenks)
Gifts from the enemy (Trudy Ludwig)
Gleam and Glow (Eve Bunting)
I live in a chicken house (Max Amichai Heppner)
My brother Sam is dead (James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier)
My name was Hussein (Hristo Kyuchukov)
One more border (William Kaplan)
Parvana’s journey (Deborah Ellis)
Passage to freedom (Ken Mochizuki)
Patrol: An American soldier in Vietnam (Walter Dean Myers)
Playing war (Kathy Beckwith)
Sami and the time of troubles (Florence Heide & Judith Gilliland)
So far from the sea (Eve Bunting)
Survivors: True stories of children in the Holocaust (Allan Zullo & Mara Bovsun)
Sweet dried apples: A Vietnamese wartime childhood (Rosemary Breckler)
Tasting the sky: A Palestinian childhood (Ibtisam Barakat)
The cello of Mr. O (Jane Cutler)
The harmonica (Tony Johnston)
The olive tree (Elsa Marston)
Three wishes: Palestinian and Israeli children speak (Deborah Ellis)
When my name was Keoko (Linda Sue Park)
Yellow star (Jennifer Roy)

Dual Language (English/Spanish)
Abuela (Arthur Dorros)
Antonio’s card/La tarjeta de Antonio (Rigoberto Gonzalez)
Book fiesta!: Celebrate Children’s Day/Book Day; Celebremos El día de los ninos/El día de los libros (Pat Mora)
Friends from the other side/Amigos del otro lado (Gloria Anzaldua)
Just in case: A trickster tale and Spanish alphabet book (Yuyi Morales)
La mujer que brillaba aún más que el sol/The woman who outshone the sun (Alejandro Cruz Martinez)
My papa Diego and me/Mi papá Diego y yo: Memories of my father and his art/Recuerdos de mi padre y su arte (Guadalupe Rivera Marin & Diego Rivera)
Salsa: A cooking poem (Jorge Argueta)
¡Si, se puede!/Yes, we can!: Janitor strike in L.A. (Diana Cohn)
The harvest birds/Los pajaros de la cosecha (Blanca Lopez de Mariscal)
The invisible hunters/Los cazadores invisibles (Harriet Rohmer, Octavio Chow, & Morris Vuduare)

Gangs/Gun Violence
Give a boy a gun (Todd Strasser)
Just one flick of a finger (Marybeth Lorbiecki)
Making up Megaboy (Virginia Walter)
Parrot in the oven: Mi vida (Victor Martinez)
Stars in the darkness (Barbara Joosse)
Your move (Eve Bunting)
White wash (Ntozaki Shange)
Yummy: The last days of Southside Shorty (G. Neri)

Gender Equity
Catching the moon: The story of a young girl’s baseball dreams (Crystal Hubbard)
China’s bravest girl: The legend of Hua Mu Lan (Charlie Chin)
Grace for president (Kelly DiPucchio)
Just like Josh Gibson (Angela Johnson)
Keep climbing, girls (Beah E. Richards)
Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the fight for women’s suffrage (Claire Rudolf Murphy)
Miss Rumphius (Barbara Cooney)
Pete & Pickles (Berkeley Breathed)
Piggybook (Anthony Browne)—pair this with The giving tree (Shel Silverstein)
Players in pigtails (Shana Corey)
Princess Smartypants (Babette Cole)
Rosie Revere, engineer (Andrea Beatty)
Ruby’s wish (Shirin Yim Bridges)
Sonia Sotomayor: A judge grows in the Bronx (Jonah Winter)
The paper bag princess (Robert Munsch)

Getting Along with Others Who Are Different

A tale of two beasts (Fiona Roberton)
One green apple (Eve Bunting)
Molly’s pilgrim (Barbara)
Score one for the sloths (Helen Lester)
Smoky night (Eve Bunting)
Somebody loves you, Mr. Hatch (Eileen Spinelli)
The chickens build a wall (Jean François Dumont)
The olive tree (Elsa Marston)
The summer my father was ten (Pat Brisson)
Voices in the park (Anthony Browne)

Graphic Novels

A silent voice (Yoshitoki Oima)
Aw yeah comics! And... action! (Art Baltazar) (K–2)
Awkward (Svetlana Chmakova)
Dragon girl: The secret valley (Jeff Weigel) (3–5)
Drowned city: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans (Don Brown)
Hamster and cheese: Guinea pig, pet shop detective (Colleen Venable) (K–2)
Hilo: The boy who crashed to earth (Judd Winick)
Lost in NYC: A subway adventure (Nadja Spiegelman) (3–5)
Lumberjanes (Noelle Stevenson, Grace Ellis & Shannon Watters)
March: Books one, two, & three (John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, & Nate Powell)
Ms. Marvel (G. Willow Wilson)
Nimona (Noelle Stevenson)
Roller girl (Victoria Jamieson)
Sacred heart (Liz Suburbia)
Sleepless knight (James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, & Alexis Frederick-Frost) (K–2)
Space dumplins (Craig Thompson) (3–5)
The meeting (Brigitte Luciani) (K–2)
The unbeatable squirrel girl (Ryan North)
Tippy and the night parade (Lilli Carré) (K–2)
Trashed (Derf Backderf) (K–2)

Homelessness/Poverty

A shelter in our car (Monica Gunning)
Gracie’s girl (Ellen Wittlinger)
Fly away home (Eve Bunting)
Maddi’s fridge (Lois Brandt)
Monkey Island (Paula Fox)
Rent party jazz (William Miller)
Sam and the lucky money (Karen Chinn)
Selavi: That is life: Haitian story of hope (Youme Landowne)
The lady in the box (Ann McGovern)
The orange shoes (Trinka Hakes Noble)
The teddy bear (David McPhail)

Illness/Death

Always with you (Ruth Vander Zee)
Aunt Lucy has cancer (Connie S. Owens)
Deshawn days (Tony Medina)
I miss you (Pat Thomas)
Missing Maggie (Connie S. Owens)
Old people, frogs, and Albert (Nancy Wilson)
The fault in our stars (John Green)
The hope tree (Laura Numeroff & Wendy S. Harpham)
What’s happening to Grampa? (Maria Shriver)

Immigration/Migrant Families

Amelia’s road (Linda Jacobs Altman)
Baddawi (Leila Abdelrazaq)
Coolies (Yin)
Families are different (Nina Pellegrini)
Fiona’s lace (Patricia Polacco)
Friends from the other side/Amigos del otro lado (Gloria Anzaldua)
From north to south/Del norte al sur (René Laínez)
Home at last (Susan Middleton Elya)
How many days to America: A Thanksgiving story (Eve Bunting)
It ain’t so awful, falafel (Firoozeh Dumas)
Mango, Abuela, and me (Meg Medina)
Migrant (Maxine Trottier)
Migrant: The journey of a Mexican worker (José Manuel Mateo)
Molly’s pilgrim (Barbara Cohen)
No English (Jacqueline Jules)
Separate is never equal: Sylvia Mendez and her family’s fight for desegregation (Duncan Tonatiuh)
The journey (Francesca Sanna)
The name jar (Yangsook Choi)
The secret story of Sonia Rodriguez (Alan Lawrence Sitomer)
We came to America (Faith Ringgold)
When this world was new (D. H. Figueredo)

**LBGTQ+**

10,000 dresses (Marcus Ewert)
Antonio’s card/La tarjeta de Antonio (Rigoberto Gonzalez)
Asha’s mums (Rosamund Elwin & Michele Paulse)
Daddy’s roommate (Michael Willhoite)
Donovan’s big day (Leslea Newman)
Heather has two mommies (Leslea Newman)
I am Jazz (Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings)
In our mothers’ house (Patricia Polacco)
Jacob’s new dress (Sarah Hoffman & Ian Hoffman)
King and king (Lindade Hann & Stern Nijland)
Molly’s family (Nancy Garden)
My princess boy: A mom’s story about a young boy who loves to dress up (Cheryl Kilodavis)
Roland Humphrey is wearing a WHAT? (Eileen Kiernan-Johnson)
This day in June (Gayle Pitman)
When Kayla was Kyle (Amy Fabrikant)

**Non-Traditional Families**

In our mothers’ house (Patricia Polacco)
Jin Woo (Eve Bunting)
Mommy near, Mommy far (Carol Peacock)
Our Gracie Aunt (Jacqueline Woodson)
Visiting day (Jacqueline Woodson)
Who’s in a family? (Robert Skutch)

**Postmodern Picture Books**

The book with no pictures (B. J. Novak)
The three pigs (David Wiesner)
This book just ate my dog (Richard Byrne)
Voices in the park (Anthony Browne)

**Racism**

Coolies (Yin)
Fifty cents and a dream: Young Booker T. Washington (Jabari Asim)
Freedom summer (Deborah Wiles)
Never forgotten (Patricia McKissack)
Granddaddy’s gift (Margaree King Mitchell)
Grandmama’s pride (Becky Birtha)
Henry’s freedom box (Ellen Levine)
I have a dream (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Kadir Nelson)
Major Taylor: Champion cyclist (Lesa Cline-Ronsome)
March: Books one, two, & three (John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, & Nate Powell)
Martin’s big words (Doreen Rappaport)
More than anything else (Marie Bradby)
Ron's big mission (Rose Blue & Corinne J. Naden)
Sister Anne’s hands (Marybeth Lorbiecki)
Sit-in: How four friends stood up by sitting down (Andrea Davis Pinkney)
Stella by starlight (Sharon Draper)
The girl from the tar paper school: Barbara Rose Johns and the advent of the Civil Rights Movement (Teri Kanefield)
The other side (Jacqueline Woodson)
The skin you live in (Michael Tyler)
The story of Ruby Bridges (Robert Coles)
We march (Shane Evans)
When Marian sang (Pam Munoz Ryan)
White socks only (Evelyn Coleman)
Whitewash (Ntozake Shange)

Special Learners

All my stripes: A story for children with autism (Shaina Rudolph & Danielle Royer)
I am an Aspie girl: A book for young girls with autism spectrum conditions (Danuta Bulhak-Paterson)
Ian’s walk: A story about autism (Laurie Lears)
Jessica’s box (Peter Carnavas)
Looking after Louis (Lesley Ely)
My brother Charlie (Holly Robinson Peete & Ryan Elizabeth Peete)
My friend Isabelle (Eliza Woloson)
Out of my mind (Sharon Draper)
The big box (Toni Morrison)
The junkyard wonders (Patricia Polacco)
What’s wrong with Timmy? (Maria Shriver)
Why does Izzy cover her ears? Dealing with sensory overload (Jennifer Veenendall)

Taking Social Action

A chair for my mother (Vera B. Williams)
A child’s garden: A story of hope (Michael Foreman)
Because Amelia smiled (David Ezra Stein)
Brave girl: Clara and the shirtwaist makers’ strike of 1909 (Michelle Markel)
Click, clack, moo: Cows that type (Doreen Cronin)
First come the zebra (Lynne Barasch)
Four feet, two sandals (Karen Lynn Williams)
Giggle, giggle, quack (Doreen Cronin)
Gifts from the enemy (Trudy Ludwig)
Junkyard wonders (Patricia Polaccco)
Last stop on Market Street (Matt De la Peña)
Millie’s marvelous hat (Satoshi Kitamura)
Nasreen’s secret school (Jeanette Winter)
Ordinary Mary’s extraordinary deed (Emily Pearson)
Pedrito’s day (Luis Garay)
Sam and the lucky money (Karen Chinn)
Si, se puede! Yes, we can! The janitor strike in L.A. (Diana Cohn)
Side by side: The story of Dolores Huerta and César Chávez (Monica Brown)
Rachel Carson and her book that changed the world (Laurie Lawlor)
The curious garden (Peter Brown)
The invisible boy (Trudy Ludwig)
The streets are free (Kurusa)

Technology
Doug unplugged (Dan Yaccarino)
Feed (M. T. Anderson)
Goodnight iPad: A parody for the next generation (Ann Droyd)
Hello! hello! (Matthew Cordell)
Little brother (Cory Doctorow)
Ready player one (Ernest Cline)
Serafina67 *urgently requires life* (Susie Day)
The last book in the universe (Rodman Philbrick)
Unplugged (Donna Freitas)
Unplugged: Ella gets her family back (Laura Pedersen)
When Charlie McButton lost power (Suzanne Collins)