



Action for Children Book List

Seven Books For Children That Focus on Diversity

Diversity and representation are crucial components of children's literature. Books that showcase different cultures, ethnicities, and abilities can help children develop empathy, respect, and understanding for people who are different from themselves!

Here are seven of Action for Children's favorite books for children that focus on diversity:

1. **"Global Baby Girls" by The Global Fund for Children** - This board book features real-life photographs of baby girls from different cultures and ethnicities around the world. It celebrates the beauty of diversity and encourages children to embrace differences.
2. **"First Words: Japanese" by Lonely Planet Kids** - This colorful board book introduces young children to basic Japanese words, including numbers, colors, and everyday objects. It helps children learn about a different culture and language.
3. **"Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes" by Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury** - This picture book celebrates the diversity of babies from all over the world, highlighting their similarities and differences. It promotes the idea that despite our differences, we all have something in common.
4. **"Black Is Brown Is Tan" by Arnold Adoff and Emily Arnold McCully** - This classic picture book has been updated with fresh illustrations. It features a Black mother, a white father, and their interracial children going about their daily life. It celebrates the beauty of diverse families and promotes inclusivity.
5. **"Every Body: A Celebration of Diverse Abilities" by Shelley Rotner** - This book features photographs of children with diverse abilities exploring their world in natural, relatable ways. It helps children understand that everyone has unique abilities and challenges.

6. **"Shades of People" by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly** - This book encourages children to notice the wide range of "shades" people come in. It features real-life photographs of children and babies with different skin tones, showcasing the beauty of diversity.
7. **"One Family" by George Shannon and Blanca Gomez** - This counting book depicts different family structures, including same-gender parents, grandparents, and intergenerational families. It promotes the idea that families come in all shapes and sizes and that love is what makes a family.



About Action for Children:

Action for Children is the local child care resource and referral agency for Central Ohio, and is committed to assuring quality early learning experiences for all children. Our services focus on transforming the lives of children by supporting the everyday heroes who most influence our children's early growth; care givers, educators, parents, and guardians.

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