Just Voices Picture Book List

Social Issues

*I Never Knew your Name* by Sherry Garland—teen suicide

*Way Home* by Libby Hathorn—homeless

*Just one Flick of a Finger* by Marybeth Lorbiecki and David Diaz—guns and children

*Grandfather’s Journey* by Allen Say—immigration

*Tea with Milk* by Allen Say—emigration

*We are all in the Dumps with Jack and Guy* by Maurice Sendak—homeless

*The Day Gogo Went to Vote* by Elinor Sisulu—South Africa and Apartheid

*Broken Umbrellas* by Kate Spohn—homeless and mentally ill

*The Araboolies of Liberty Street* by Sam Swope—individual liberties vs. government and conformity

*Lights on the River* by Jane Resh Thomas—migrant workers

*Something Beautiful* by Sharon Dennis Wyeth—poverty

*The Big Box* by Toni Morrison—limiting children’s freedom—pressure to become like the others

*The House that Crack Built* by Clark Taylor—Using a simple format, this book describes the destruction and sadness associated with drug trafficking.

*Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting—the story of a homeless boy and his father.

*Smoky Night* by Eve Bunting—A touching story of the L.A. Riots and prejudice as told by a child.

*Going Home* by Eve Bunting—migrant workers/immigration

*Sunshine Home* by Eve Bunting—nursing homes

*Your Move* by Eve Bunting—gangs

*Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson – The story of Clara, a slave and seamstress, and her struggle for freedom.

*Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges – This is the story of a pivotal event in history as Ruby Bridges saw it unfold around her. Ruby’s poignant words, quotation from writers and from other adults who observed her, and dramatic photographs recreate an amazing story of innocence, courage, and forgiveness.

*Encounter* by Jane Yolen – It is said that in 1492 Christopher Columbus discovered a new world, yet what he really found was a people with an established culture and civilization of their own. This is the
story of that first meeting as seen through the eyes of a Taino boy—an encounter that changed the world forever.

*Feathers and Fools* by Mem Fox – A powerful and disturbing allegory about prejudice, war and arms proliferation.

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**War and Related Issues**

*The Wall* by Eve Bunting—Vietnam

*All Those Secrets of the World* by Jane Yolen—WWII-US

*Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco—civil war

*The Butterfly* by Patricia Polacco—Nazi occupation of France

*So Far from the Sea* by Eve Bunting—Japanese-American interment

*Baseball Saved Us* by Mochizuki—Japanese-American interment

*The Bracelet* by Yoshiko Uchida—Japanese-American internment

*Don’t You Know There’s a War On?* By James Stevenson—WWII in the US

*White Socks Only* by Evelyn Coleman—civil rights

*Now Let Me Fly, The Story of a Slave Family* by Dolores Johnson—The fictionalized account of the life of Minna, kidnapped as a girl in Africa, as she endures the harsh life of a slave on a southern plantation in the 1800’s.

*Who Belongs Here? An American Story* by Margy Burns Knight—Describes the new life of Nary, a Cambodian refugee in America as well as his encounters with prejudice. Includes some general history of U.S. immigration.

*Faithful Elephants* by Tsuchiya Yukio—A sad and moving true story of the bombing of Japan during WWII. Shows the destruction and pain associated with war.

*Sadam* by Eleanor Coerr and Ed Young – The true story of a young girl’s struggle with leukemia caused from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

*Shin’s Tricycle* by Tatsuharu Kodama -- WWII

*Peace Crane* by Sheila Hamanaka—Hiroshima and urban violence

*Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson – The story of Clara, a slave and seamstress, and her struggle for freedom.

*One Yellow Daffodil* by David Adler—story of a Holocaust survivor

*Star of Fear, Star of Hope* by Jo Hoestlandt—the Holocaust in France
*Rose Blanche* by Roberto Innocenti—Holocaust in Germany

*The Cello of Mr. O* by Jane Cutler—about the war and atrocities in Sarajevo

*Sami and the Time of the Troubles* by Florence Parry Heide and Judith Heide Gilliland—Lebanese Civil War, 1975.