

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.

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.

Sadako 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.