



Diverse Children's Literature

Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love: Beautifully illustrated and joyously inclusive, Julian is a Mermaid has a good claim to being the most progressive picture book of the decade.

Julian at the Wedding by Jessica Love: Spreading love and acceptance with as much charm as her Book Prize-shortlisted predecessor, *Julian is a Mermaid*, Jessica Love throws Julian into a wonderful wedding to remember.

The Pirate Mums by Jodie Lancet Grant: Billy's family is not what you'd call ordinary. His mums won't listen to NORMAL music. They love to sing sea shanties and dance jigs in the lounge.

Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer: This fun, inclusive board book celebrates the one thing that makes every family a family . . . and that's LOVE.

Papa, Daddy and Riley by Seamus Kirst: Riley is Papa's princess and Daddy's dragon. She loves her two fathers! When Riley's classmate asks her which dad is her real one, Riley is confused. She doesn't want to have to pick one or the other.

The Rapping Princess by Hannah Lee: Bursting with energy and effortless rhymes, Lee and Fatimaharan's feelgood fable focuses on a junior royal with unconventional singing talents.

Change Starts with us by Sophie Beer: This vibrant board book by the creator of Love Makes a Family and Kindness Makes Us Strong celebrates small acts of green living that make a big impact on the environment.

This Love by Isabel Otter: It doesn't matter who we are, join hands and stand up tall. Love is a special language that's understood by all.

Coming to England by Floella Benjamin: A picture book story about the triumph of hope, love, and determination, *Coming to England* is the inspiring true story of Baroness Floella Benjamin: from Trinidad, to London as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords.

Daddy, Papa and Me by Leslea Newman: Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o: Accompanied by exquisite illustrations from Vashti Harrison, the debut picture book from the Oscar-winning actress weaves a magical, uplifting story of a girl who wishes for lighter skin and the journey through the stars that makes her see herself in a completely different way.

My Body, Your Body: Hair by Book life publishing: People come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. This series talks about all the ways in which our bodies are different and wonderful. Each book features an inclusive selection of people from all walks of life.

My Body, Your Body: Legs by Book of life publishing

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali: A ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity' Waterstones Best Picture Books of 2020 Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.

Pink is For Boys by Rob Pearlmann: An empowering and educational picture book that proves colours are for everyone, regardless of gender. Pink is for boys . . . and girls . . . and everyone! ...

ABC What Can She Be: Presents a world of possibilities—from astronaut to zoologist and everything in between—for all little girls with big dreams.

ABC What Can He Be: presents a whole alphabet full of exciting, thoughtful, and wonderful things boys can do.

Think Big Little One by Vashti Harrison: This board book edition of Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World by New York Times bestselling author Vashti Harrison is a beautiful first book to teach your little dreamers to follow all their biggest ideas.

My Mummy is Firefighter by Kerrine Bryan: A rhyming picture book introducing children to the life of a mum working as a firefighter, through the eyes of her child.

Lovely By Jess Hong: This lovely book promotes the simple message that we are all different and that is lovely. A beautiful celebration of diversity.

Pablo's Feelings by Sumita Majumdar: Pablo sees the world in a different way. Together with his friends, the Book Animals, he comes up with a way to let people know what he is thinking!

Forever Star by Gareth Peter: A beautiful, heartfelt adventure, perfect for celebrating all kinds of family and the love that brings them together.

Zonia's Rain Forest by Juana Martinez-Neal: A heartfelt, visually stunning picture book from Caldecott Honor and Robert F. Sibert Medal winner Juana Martinez-Neal illuminates a young girl's day of play and adventure in the lush rain forest of Peru.

Look Up by Nathan Bryan: Let science-mad chatterbox Rocket launch into your hearts in this inspiring picture book from two incredible debut talents.

