

# VASHON READS: RACISM, CULTURE AND WHITE PRIVILEGE

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## PICTURE BOOKS

[Happy in Our Skin\\*](#), by Fran Manushkin

[Abuela\\*](#) // [La Isla](#) // [Radio Man](#), by Arthur Dorros (English y Español)

[Golden Domes & Silver Lanterns\\*](#), by Hena Khan

[These Hands\\*](#), by Margaret H. Mason

[All the Colors We Are/Todos Los Colores de Nuestra Piel](#), by Katie Kissinger

[Baby Faces](#), by Margaret Miller

[Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See](#), by Eric Carle

[Red, A Crayon's Story](#), Michael Hall

[A Chair for My Mother](#) // [Cherries and Cherry Pits](#) // [More More More, Said the Baby](#), by Vera B. Williams

[Same, Same but Different](#), by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

[The color of Us](#) // [Ten Tiny Tickles](#), by Karen Katz

[15 Things Not to Do with a Baby](#), by Margaret McAllister

[Where's Lenny?](#) By Ken Wilson-Max

[Let's Feed the Ducks](#) // [Let's Go To Playgroup](#) // [Let's Have Fun](#) // [Let's Go to Bed](#) by Pamela Venus

[Oscar's Half Birthday](#), by Bob Graham

[Anik & Yukon Finger Puppet Book: My Best Friend & Me](#) // [Mimi & Ling Finger Puppet Book: My Best](#)

[Friend & Me](#) // [Tariq & Mika Finger Puppet Book: My Best Friend & Me](#), by Annelien Wehrmeijer

[Peace is an Offering](#), by Annette LeBox

[I Can Do it, Too!](#), by Karen Baicker

## PRE-SCHOOL AND EARLY ED

[Migrant\\*](#), by Maxine Trottier

[Mr. Lincoln's Way\\*](#), by Patricia Polacco

[A is For Activist](#), by Innosanto Nagara

[Chocolate Me!](#) // [Mixed Me!](#) by Taye Diggs

[Harlem's Little Blackbird](#), by Renee Watson

[It's Okay to Be Different](#), by Todd Parr

[A Color of his Own](#), by Leo Lionni

[Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match \(Marisol McDonald No Combina\)](#), by Monica Brown

[Shades of People](#), by Shelley Rotner and Sheila Kelly

[The Colors of Us](#), by Karen Katz

[The Other Side](#), by Jacqueline Woodson

[Whoever You Are](#), by Mem Fox

[The Skin I'm In](#), by Pat Thomas

[The Skin You Live In](#), by Michael Tyler

[One Family](#), by George Shannon

[I am Rosa Parks](#), by Brad Meltzer

[The Story of Ruby Bridges](#). Robert Coles

Family // Hope by Isabell Monk  
Sammy Goes Flying, by Odette Elliott  
Fussy Freya, by Katharine Quarmby  
Through My Window // Wait and See, by Tony Bradman  
Olu's Dream, by Shane W. Evans  
Chyna's Doll, by Schertevear Q. Watkins  
Cinnamon Baby, by Nicola Winstanley  
Ladder to the Moon, by Maya Soetoro-Ng  
What a Family! by Rachel Isadora  
I Am Me, by Karla Kuskin  
Billy and Belle, by Sarah Garland  
Silver Shoes, by Caroline Binch  
black is brown is tan, by Arnold Adoff  
I Am Mixed, by Garcelle Beauvais  
Black, White, Just Right! by Marguerite W. Davol  
Liliana's Grandmothers, by Leyla Torres  
The Hello, Goodbye Window, by Norton Juster  
How My Parents Learned to Eat, by Ina R. Friedman  
Brown Like Me, by Noelle Lamperti  
You Were the First, by Patricia MacLachlan  
Waiting for Baby, by Rachel Fuller  
One Family, by George Shannon  
Who's In My Family? // What's in There? by Robie H. Harris  
Snowflakes, by Cerrie Burnell  
Oh, Oh, Baby Boy! by Janine Macbeth  
Anna Hibiscus' Song, by Atinuke  
Last Stop on Market Street, by Matt de la Pena  
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale, by John Steptoe  
Amazing Grace, by Mary Hoffman  
Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie

## MIDDLE GRADES

The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963, by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Bonjour, Lonnie, by Faith Ringgold  
An African Princess, by Lyra Edmonds  
Less Than Half, More Than Whole, by Kathleen Lacap  
My Mom Is a Foreigner, But Not to Me, by Julienne Moore  
I Love Saturdays y domingos, by Alma Flor Ada  
Jalapeno Bagels, by Natasha Wing  
I am Flippish! by Leslie V. Ryan  
My Two Grannies // My Two Grandads, by Floella Benjamin  
Dumpling Soup, by Jama Kim Rattigan  
Violet, by Tania Duprey Stehlik  
Gem, by Emma Kallok  
Two Mrs. Gibsons, by Toyomi Igus  
I Love My Hair, by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley  
Let's Talk About Race, by Julius Lester  
Who Is Malala Yousafzai? by Dinah Brown  
Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words, by Karen Leggett Abouraya

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement, by Carole Boston Weatherford  
The Crossover// Booked, Kwame Alexander  
Firebird, Misty Copeland  
One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia  
Amelia to Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World, by Cynthia Chin-Lee

## YOUNG ADULT

[All American Boys\\*](#), by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely  
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie  
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban, by Malala Yousafzai  
The Girl Who Fell From the Sky, by Heidi W. Durrow  
Looking Like the Enemy, by Mary Matsuda Gruenwald  
This Side of Home, by Renee Watson  
Brown Girl Dreaming, by Jacqueline Woodson  
Chains, by Laurie R. King  
Molly By Any Other Name, by Jeannie Okimoto  
Noughts and Crosses // Checkmate, by Malorie Blackman  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry // Let the Circle Be Unbroken, by Mildred Taylor  
The Kayla Chronicles, by Sherri Winston  
Anita and Me, by Meera Syal  
Purple Hibiscus, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
Their Eyes Were Watching God, by Zora Neale Hurston  
The Color Purple, by Alice Walker

## ADULT

[Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race\\*](#), by Debby Irving  
Before I Forget, by Leonard Pitts  
Grant Park, by Leonard Pitts  
Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
America's Original Sin, by Jim Wallis  
Hapa, by Kip Fulbeck  
Raising Mixed Race: Multiracial Children in a Post Racial World, by Sharon Chang.  
Writing My Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison Hardcover, by Shaka Senghor  
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson  
Americanah, by Chimamanda-Ngozi Adichie  
Open Veins of Latin America, by Eduardo Galeano  
How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, by Walter Rodney  
Coming to America, by Roger Daniels  
An Indigenous People's History of the United States, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz  
Blues City, by Ishmael Reed  
How The Irish Became White, by Noel Ignatiev  
All Souls: A Family Story From Southie, by Michael Patrick MacDonald  
Hillbilly Nationalists, Urban Race Rebels, and Black Power, by Amy Sonnie and James Tracy  
White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son, by Tim Wise  
The History of White People, by Nell Irvin Painter  
Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black or White, by Frank Wu  
The Making of Asian America, by Erika Lee

Citizen: An American Lyric, by Claudia Rankine  
The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander  
Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison  
Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism, by Daisy Hernandez  
How Does It Feel to Be A Problem?: Being Young and Arab in America, by Moustafa Bayoumi  
A Peoples History of the United States, by Howard Zinn  
Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People, by Mahzarin R. Banaji & Anthony G. Greenwald  
For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood, by Christopher Emdin  
Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools // Black Stats, by Monique Morris  
The Mis-Education of the Negro, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson  
Drinking Coffee Elsewhere, by ZZ Packer  
Devil in the Grove, by Gilbert King  
The Light of the World, by Elizabeth Alexander  
The Sisters Are Alright, by Tamara Winfrey-Harris  
The Teacher Wars: A History of the World's Most Embattled Profession, by Dana Goldstein  
Searching for Whitopia: An Improbable Journey to the Heart of White America, by Rich Benjamin  
The Truth About White People, by Lola Peters  
The History of White People, by Nell Irvin Painter  
The Cost of Privilege, by Chip Smith  
Witnessing Whiteness, by Shelly Tochluk  
What It Was Like, by Lois Watkins  
What it Means to Be White in America, edited by Gabrielle David and Sean Frederick Forbes

## SUPPORTING TOPICS

### TRANS-RACIAL ADOPTION

Dim Sum, Bagels and Grits, by Peggy Gillespie  
Are Those Kids Yours? American Families with Children Adopted from Other Countries // Beyond Good Intentions: A Mother Reflects on Raising Internationally Adopted Children, by Cheri Register  
Cross-Cultural Adoption: How to Answer Questions from Family, Friends and Community, by Amy Coughlin and Caryn Abramowitz  
Parenting Your Internationally Adopted Child, by Patty Cogen  
Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption, by Jane Jeong Trenka, Julia Chinyere Oparah and Sun Yung Shin  
I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World, by Marguerite A Wright

## LATINO-THEMED TITLES

### PICTURE BOOKS

Santiago Stays, by Angela Dominguez  
I Am Latino: The Beauty In Me, by Sandra L. Pinkney & Myles C. Pinkney  
Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match // Marisol McDonald and The Clash Bash, by Monica Brown  
The Cazuela That The Farm Maiden Stirred, by Samantha R. Vamos & Rafael Lopez  
Ladder To The Moon, by Maya Soetoro-Ng,  
Niño Wrestles The World, by Yuyi Morales  
What Can You Do With A Paleta, by Carmen Tafolla & Magaly Morales  
Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin // Pancho Rabbit And The Coyote: A Migrant's Tale, by Duncan Tonatuih  
How Far Do You Love Me? by Lulu Delacre

I Dreamt: A Book About Hope, by Gabriela Olmos & Elisa Amado  
Let's Go Hugo! By Angela Dominguez  
A Mango In Hand: A Story Told Through Proverbs by Antonio Sacre & Sabastia Serra

## MIDDLE GRADES

Gaby, Lost and Found, by Angela Cervantes  
Zombie Baseball Beatdown, by Paolo Bacigalup  
Under The Mambo Moon, by Julia Durango  
PICKLE: The (Formerly Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School, by Kim Baker  
Whisker Tales and Wings: Animal Folktales from Mexico, by Judy Goldman  
Yes! We Are Latinos, by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy  
My Havana: Memories of a Cuban Boyhood, by Rosemary Wells  
The Ugly One, by Leane Statland Ellis  
Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel, by Diana Lopez  
Secret Saturdays, by Torrey Maldonado  
How Tia Lola Ended Up Starting Over, by Julia Alvarez  
Wonder, by RJ Palacio  
The Wild Book, by Margarita Engle

## YOUNG ADULT

Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother, by Snia Nazario  
My Name Is Cool: 19 Stories from a Cuban-Irish-American Storyteller, by Antonio Sacre  
Tommy Stands Tall, by Gloria Velasquez  
The Book of Broken Hearts, by Sarah Ockler  
Open Mic: Riffs on Life Between Cultures in Ten Voices, by Mitali Perkins  
Sammy & Juliana in Hollywood, by Benjamin Alire Saenz  
Death, Dickinson, and the Demented Life of Frenchie Garcia, by Jenny Torres Sanchez  
Fat Angie, by e. E. Charlton-Trujillo  
The Witches of Ruidoso, by John Sandoval  
Hammer of Witches, by Shana Mlawski  
Under The Mesquite, by Guadalupe Garcia Mccall

## BILINGUAL

My Migrant Story, by Lilia Garcia  
The Missing Chancleta and Other Top-Secret Cases, by Alidis Vicente  
Lupita's First Dance, by Lupe Ruiz-Flores  
The Cucuy Stole My Cascarones, by Spelile Rivas  
Let's Salsa, by Lupe Ruiz-Flores  
Don't Say a Word, Mama, by Joe Hayes  
Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems On Growing Up Latino in the United States, by Lori Carlson  
Maria Had a Little Llama, by Angela Dominguez

\* [Titles are featured in our all-island reads initiative](#)

## RELATED PUBLICATIONS & WEBSITES

<http://www.elle.com/culture/books/a29572/what-i-learned-from-reading-ta-nehisi-coates/>

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/10/25/why-do-white-people-love-ta-nehisi-coates-work.html>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/14/opinion/sunday/emmett-till-and-tamir-rice-sons-of-the-great-migration.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/14/opinion/sunday/emmett-till-and-tamir-rice-sons-of-the-great-migration.html?_r=0)

<http://www.amightygirl.com>

<http://www.bustle.com/articles/144531-18-books-every-white-ally-should-read>

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/racism>

<http://www.timwise.org/reading-list/>

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/16-books-about-race-that-every-white-person-should-read\\_us\\_565f37e8e4b08e945fedaf49](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/16-books-about-race-that-every-white-person-should-read_us_565f37e8e4b08e945fedaf49)

<http://www.left-bank.com/black-lives-matter>

<https://medium.com/@chanda/a-u-s-canadian-race-racism-reading-list-7a6ccd4d198d#.kkvz1dam5>

<http://www.ywca.org/atf/cf/%7BE75434F9-316A-4C2B-8BB6-F74B57D04D5C%7D/Book%20list%208-06.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpUouaQeUwA>

## PROJECTS & PROGRAMS (get involved!)

**Vashon Parents and Friends for Racial Equity**

contact: Spring Hecht: [spring.hecht@gmail.com](mailto:spring.hecht@gmail.com)

<http://nonewjimcrowseattle.org/>

~ No New Jim Crow Coalition

<https://aclu-wa.org/>

~ ACLU of Washington

<http://collectiveliberation.org/>

~ Catalyst Project

[http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2016/05/31/479733094/the-code-switch-podcast-episode-1-can-we-talk-about-whiteness?sc=17&f=&utm\\_source=iosnewsapp&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=app](http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2016/05/31/479733094/the-code-switch-podcast-episode-1-can-we-talk-about-whiteness?sc=17&f=&utm_source=iosnewsapp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=app)

~ Code Switch Race and Identity Remixed: The Code Switch Podcast, Episode 1: Can We Talk About Whiteness?

<http://company.seattletimes.com/who-we-are/press/>

~ Under Our Skin Video Project

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