

Potential Books for Anti-bullying Literature List Addressing Six Protected Classes  
Race/Ethnicity, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Disability, Gender, Nationality

ISBN #	Title	Author	Grade	Group	Summary	List
<b>Disability Group</b>						
0-7641-2118-9 978-0-7641-2118-0	Don't Call Me Special: A First Look at Disability	Pat Thomas	K-1 Scored 4	Disabilities	This picture book explores questions and concerns about physical disabilities in a simple and reassuring way. Promotes positive interaction among children.	PC
978-0-88448-296-3	Keep Your Ear on the Ball	Genevieve Petrillo	TBD	Disabilities	Davey is blind and is capable of doing many things. His classmate find a way to help while being respectful of Davey's desire for independence.	PC
978-0-8050-5479-8 0-8050-5479-0	Knots on a Counting Rope	Bill Martin	3 or 4 Scored 4/5	Disabilities / Race	A Native American grandfather tells a blind boy the inspirational story of the child's birth.	CDE
978-0-545-09466-5	My Brother Charlie	Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete	K-5	Disabilities	A story told by a twin sister about her brother who is autistic, explains that "Charlie's brain works in a special way."	PC
978-0-439-63582-0 0-439-63582-9	My First Book of Sign Language	Joan Holub	K-4	Disabilities	This beginner's guide to fingerspelling and sign language contains the sign for each letter of the alphabet along with signs for words that begin with each letter.	PC
978-0-9794713-0-8	Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book	Celeste Shally	K-2 Score 5	Disabilities	Two friends, one has autism and the other doesn't. A story about how friendship could work with practical examples.	CDE
978-0-7624-2048-3	The Seeing Stick	Jane Yolen	K-5 2-Fer	Disability Nationality	This is an illustrated tale of a blind girl who learns to see the world, not through her eyes, but through the intricate carvings on a seeing stick.	PC

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978-1-58322-850-0	10,000 Dresses	Marcus Ewert	TBD	Gender	Bailey longs to wear the beautiful dresses of her dreams but is ridiculed by her unsympathetic family which rejects her true perception of herself.	PC
0-618-15989-4	A Fire Engine for Ruthie	Leslea Newman	K-5	Gender	Ruthie's Nana suggests playing tea party and fashion show during their visit, but Ruthie is much more interested in the vehicles that a neighbor boy is playing with.	PC
	All I Want to Be Is Me	Phyllis Rothblatt	K-5	Gender	Different children express their feelings about their transgender identities.	PC
978-078683919-3 078683919-8	Grace for President	Kelly Dipucchio	K-5	Gender	Young African American girl decides to run for president of her school after being told that there has never been a female president.	PC
978-0-689-85675-4 0-689-85675-X	Horace and Morris but mostly Delores	James Howe	2-3	Gender	Three mice – who are best friends, are confronted with gender stereotypes that cause divisiveness. They later realize they are not happy unless they are together.	CDE
978-1-4169-0818-0 1-4169-0818-8	Kate and the Beanstalk	Mary Pope Osborn	TBD	Gender	A girl climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk to outsmart a giant and make her fortune	CDE
74745	Max	Rachel Isadora	K-5	Gender	Story about Max who plays baseball and one day learns to enjoy dance class.	PC
978-0-920236-16-1	Paper Bag Princess	Robert N Munsch	TBD	Gender	After a dragon attacks the castle and kidnaps the prince, a princess outsmarts the dragon and saves the prince.	CDE
0-374-36149-5	Pug Dog	Andrea U'Ren	K-5	Gender	A young boy discovers that his rough-and-tumble new puppy is a female, he tries to make her into a dainty dog.	PC
978-0-06-443067-8 0-06-443067-7	William's Doll	Charlotte Zolotow	K-3	Gender	William's grandmother helps William's family and friends to see that boys need dolls to learn how to be a nurturing father.	PC

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978-0-8024-4098-3 0-8024-4098-3	Courage to Run	Wendy Lawton	Gr. 5	Religion	The story of Harriet Tubman told through the religious lens of God's faithfulness is preparing Tubman to establish the Underground Railroad.	PC
0-15-207558-2	Elijah's Angels: A Story for Chanukah and Christmas	Michael J. Rosen	3-5 Scored 5	Religion	At Christmas-Hanukkah time, a Christian woodcarver gives a carved angel to a young Jewish friend, who struggles with accepting the Christmas gift until he realizes that friendship means the same thing in any religion	PC
978-1-58089-178-3	Faith	Maya Ajmera	K-5	Religion	Celebrate faith around the world in its many expressions: praying, singing, learning, caring, and more. Discover the common threads that bring people together in reverence and joy.	PC
0-88448-151-4	Lights for Gita	Rachna Gilmore	3-5 Scored 4-5	Religion	Gita is looking forward to celebrating her favorite holiday, Diwali, but she wonders how things will be different now that she lives in the United States and not Inda.	PC
978-0-7613-2873-5	Many Ways: How families practice their beliefs and religions	Shelly Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly Ed.D.	K-2 K-5 (Split) Score 5	Religion	Photographs show the differences and similarities between various religions.	PC
978-0-8075-7316-7+0-8075-7316-7	Seven Spools of Thread	Angela Shelf Medearis	3-5 Scored 4	Religion	When they are given the seemingly impossible task of turning thread into gold, the seven Ashanti brothers put aside their differences, learn to get along, and embody the principles of Kwanzaa.	PC
978-0-8109-0960-1	The Golden Rule	Ilene Cooper	K-5 Score 5	Religion	Grandfather explains that the golden rule is a simple statement on how to live that can be practiced by people of all ages and faiths	CDE
978-0-88010-586-6	The Last Night of Ramadan	Maissa Hamed	3-5 Scored 4/5	Religion	A young Muslim boy learns about the traditions associated with the last night of Ramadan.	
978-0-9799746-3-2 978-0-9729225-3-1	The Only One Club	Jane Naliboff	K-2 Scored 5	Religion	At Christmas, a young girl learns she is the Jewish student in the class and forms her own club that other students want to join. She learns everyone is	PC

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					unique in their own way.	
0-689-83857-3	The Trees of the Dancing Goats	Patricia Polacco	3-5 Scored 5 (one-1)	Religion	During a scarlet fever epidemic, a Jewish family can't enjoy Hanukkah until they help their sick neighbors prepare for Christmas.	CDE

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Sexual Orientation Group						
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0-9674468-1-3	ABC A Family Alphabet Book	Bobbie Combs	K-1	Sexual Orientation	An alphabet book that shows kids and their parents laughing, playing and enjoying family life, inclusive of two mom and two dad households.	PC
978-0-8075-2175-5 0-8075-2175-2	All Families Are Special	Norma Simon	K-2	Sexual Orientation	Students in a classroom describe their families and learn why every family is special and important.	AFL
978-689-87845-9 0-689-87845-1	And Tango Makes Three	Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell	TBD	Sexual Orientation	At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandon egg until it hatches.	AFL
078680822-5	Families	Susan Kuklin	K-5	Sexual Orientation	Families in America today: there are mixed-race families and immigrant families; families of gay and lesbian couples and very religious families; families with only children, many children, adopted children, and children with special needs.	AFL
978-0-316-73896-5	Family Book	Todd Parr	K-2	Sexual Orientation	An all inclusive look at families including two moms and two dads, stepmoms and stepdads, single moms and dads and mom and dad couples.	CDE, AFL
978-159350-136-5 1-59350-136-6	Heather Has Two Mommies: 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition	Leslea Newman	K-3	Sexual Orientation	Story of a young girl that has two mommies. Heather has questions about her family. Other classmates share about their family.	AFL
978-0-399-25076-7	In Our Mothers' House	Patricia Polacco	3-5	Sexual Orientation	Three young children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by two mothers.	PC
0-9674468-3-X	The Harvey Milk Story	Kari Krakow	3-5	Sexual Orientation	Biography of the first openly gay elected city official in America.	PC
978-0-399-24712-5	Uncle Bobby's Wedding	Sarah S. Brannen	TBD	Sexual Orientation	Sarah overcomes her jealousy by becoming involved in her uncle's wedding and learning she will always be special to Uncle Bobby – and to Uncle Jamie, too.	PC
1-883672-66-X	Who's in a Family	Robert Skutch	1	Sexual Orientation	A varied illustration of the many formations of families, culminating in the idea that a family is made up of the people who love us the most.	PC

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978-0-688-17062-2	All the Colors of the Earth	Sheila Hamanaka	K-2	Race/Ethnicity	Celebrates multicultural/diversity despite outward differences; children everywhere are essentially the same and all are lovable.	CDE
978-0-06-125364-5	Coretta Scott	Ntozake Shance	K-3	Race/Ethnicity	Coretta Scott King's coming of age in the Civil Rights movement and her time as Martin Luther King's partner in it.	PC
978-0-439-77733-9 0-439-77733-X	Henry's Freedom Box	Ellen Levine	3-5 Teaching	Race/Ethnicity	The true story of Henry Brown, a slave who mailed himself to freedom.	PC
0-316-52375-5	I Love My Hair	Natasha Anastasia Tarpley	K-3 Teaching	Race/Ethnicity	A young African American heroine celebrates her lovely head of hair as part of her heritage.	PC
0-689-31819-7	I Love Saturdays y domingos	Alma Flor Ada	K-2 Classroom	Race/Ethnicity	A young girl enjoys the similarities and differences between her English-speaking and Spanish-speaking grandparents.	PC
978-0-316-01105-1 0-316-01105-3	Mama's Saris	Pooja Makhijani	K-5	Race/Ethnicity	An East Indian American daughter pleads with her mother to be allowed to wear one of her mother's colorful saris in honor of her seventh birthday.	PC
978-0-689-84388-4 0-689-84388-7	My Brother Martin: A sister Remembers Growing Up	Christine King Farris	2-4	Race/Ethnicity	The story of Dr. Martin Luther King as remembered by his sister. It is an inspirational account of how one boyhood experience inspired a movement. It's a tale that will touch deeply the hearts of people of all ages and remind us all that if you believe hard enough, childhood dreams can become reality.	CDE
978-689-80217-1 0-689-80217-X	My Name is Maria Isabel	Alma Flor Ada	3-5	Race/Ethnicity	Third-grader Maria Isabel, born in Puerto Rico, and now living in the U.S. wants badly to fit in at school. A writing assignment gives her the opportunity.	CDE
078685175-9	Moses	Carole Boston Weatherford	K-3 Teaching "2-fer"	Race/Ethnicity	When Harriet Tubman Led her people to freedom	PC
978-1-59990-4184 1-59990-418-7	Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change	Michelle Cook	3-5	Race/Ethnicity	Celebrates the achievements of 10 African Americans including Thurgood Marshall and President Obama.	PC
978-0-439-59844-6 0-439-59844-3	The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert Coles	K-2	Race/Ethnicity	The story of six year old Ruby Bridges as she becomes the first African American girl to integrate	CDE

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					Frantz Elementary in New Orleans in 1960.	
0-590-18923-9	Through My Eyes	Ruby Bridges	3-5 Teaching excerpts	Race/Ethnicity	Ruby Bridges recounts the pivotal story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the 1960 integration of her school in New Orleans	CDE

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9780374351144	My Name Is Yoon	Helen Recorvits	3-5 Score 5	Nationality	Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, refers to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake," as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.	CDE
0613829794	The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi	K-5 Score 5	Nationality	A young girl moves from Korea to the United States, her new classmates help her decide what her name should be.	PC
0-905236-79-4	Elephant Dance	Theresa Heine	K-5 Score 5	Nationality	A grandfather tells many stories about his native India such as the tale of a procession of elephants on the feast of Divaali when he was a boy. Includes facts about life in India.	PC
978-1-58430-045-8	First Day in Grapes	King Perez	3-5 Score 5	Nationality	Young Latino boy moves up and down California harvesting crops. Third grade year goes well until a fourth-grade bully teases him.	CDE
978-0-15-201437-7	Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez	Kathleen Krull	K-5 Score 5	Nationality	Readers learn about the life of Cesar Chavez and his efforts to organize the National Farm Workers Association to improve working and living conditions for migrant farm workers.	CDE

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