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Reading List for Kids & Teens
The Foundation Against Intolerance & Racism
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Here is a list of books for kids and teens that demonstrate values such as perseverance, leadership, judgment, curiosity, friendship, self-regulation, and hope. The list includes memoirs, fiction, non-fiction, and American history.

Young Readers (around 3-5)

*I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.*
by Brad Metzer and Christopher Eliopoulos (illustrator)

*Child of the Civil Rights Movement*
Paula Young Shelton and Raul Colon (illustrator)

*We’re Different, We’re the Same (Sesame Street)*
by Bobby Kates and Joe Mathieu (illustrator)

*The Sneetches and Other Stories*
by Dr. Seuss

*Horton Hears a Who!*
by Dr. Seuss

*The Butter Battle Book*
by Dr. Seuss

*Little Blue Truck*
by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurry (illustrator)

*Mae Among the Stars*
by Roda Ahmed and Stasia Burrington (illustrator)

*Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes*
by Eva Chen and Derek Desierto (illustrator)

*Hair Love*
by Matthew Cherry and Vashti Harrison (illustrator)

*Enemy Pie*
by Derek Munson and Tara Calahan King (illustrator)

_Ferdinand_
by Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson (illustrator)

_Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type_
by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin (illustrator)

_A Good Day_
by Kevin Henkes

_The World Needs More Purple People_
by Kristen Bell, Benjamin Hart, and Daniel Wiseman (illustrator)

_The Little Engine That Could_
by Watty Piper

_Happy in Our Skin_
by Fran Manuskin

_The Peculiar Pig_
by Joy Steuerwald

**Elementary School**

_The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse_ (all ages)
by Charlie Mackesy

_George Washington_
by National Geographic Society

_Abe Lincoln Remembers_
by Ann Turner and Wendell Minor (illustrator)

_I Have a Dream_
by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Kadir Nelson (illustrator)

My Dream of Martin Luther King
by Faith Ringgold
Wonder
by R.J. Palacio

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation
by Duncan Tonatiuh

A Place To Land: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation
by Barry Wittenstein and Jerry Pinkney (illustrator)

The Year of Billy Miller
by Kenvin Henkes

Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life
by Bryan Johnson

Free For You and Me: What Our First Amendment Means
by Christy Mihaly and Manu Montoya (illustrator)

Little House on the Prairie
by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker’s Story
by Joseph Bruchac and Liz Amini-Holmes (illustrator)

Best Friends
by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham (illustrator)

The Phantom Tollbooth
by Norton Juster

Lillian’s Right To Vote
Jonah Winter and Shane W. Evans (illustrator)

She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History
by Chelsea Clinton and Alexander Boiger (illustrator)

I Am Jackie Robinson
by Brad Metzer and Christopher Eliopoulos (illustrator)

Vote for Our Future!
by Margaret McNamara and Micah Player (illustrator)
The President of the Jungle
by André Rodrigues, Larissa Ribeiro, Paula Desgualdo, and Pedro Markun

by Rob Sanders and James Christoph (illustrator)

Middle School

FICTION

Resistance
by Jennifer Nielsen

Freak the Mighty
by Rodman Philbrick

American Born Chinese (graphic novel)
by Gene Luen Yang

The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963
by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Good War
by Todd Strasser

Esperanza Rising
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

A Long Walk to Water
by Linda Sue Park

The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak

Fahrenheit 451
by Ray Bradbury

Harrison Bergeron (short story)
by Kurt Vonnegut
The Giver
by Lois Lowry

Anthem
by Ayn Rand

Animal Farm
by George Orwell

Inside Out and Back Again
by Thanhha Lai

Bud, Not Buddy
by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Night Diary
by Veera Hiranandani

Refugee
by Alan Gratz

Out of My Mind
by Sharon Draper

The House on Mango Street
by Sandra Cisneros

Watership Down
by Richard Adams

MEMOIR

Red Scarf Girl
by Ji-li Jiang

I Am Malala
by Malala Yousafzai

Promise of Change: One Girl’s Story in the Fight for School Equality
by Jo Ann Allen Boyce
**Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, a Monumental American Man**  
by Tonya Bolden

**Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman**  
by Dorothy Sterling

**Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl**  
by Anne Frank

**My Survival: A Girl on Schindler’s List**  
by Rena Finder and Joshua M. Greene

**Facing the Lion: Memoirs of a Young Girl in Nazi Europe**  
by Simone Arnold Liebster

**Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna**  
by Herman Viola and Joseph Lekuton

**Soul Surfer**  
by Bethany Hamilton

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**  
by William Kamkwamba

**POEMS**

**A Maze Me - Poems for Girls**  
by Naomi Shihab Nye

“**Human Family**”  
by Maya Angelou

“**Kindness**”  
by Naomi Shihab Nye

“**The Road Not Taken**”  
by Robert Frost

“**See It Through**”  
by Edgar Albert Guest
“Touching the Sky”
by Shreya D. Chattree

“Be the Best of Whatever You Are”
by Douglas Malloch

OTHER: Non-Fiction, History

Unbroken (the Young Adult adaptation)
by Laura Hillenbrand

High School

FICTION

1984
by George Orwell

Animal Farm
by George Orwell

Brave New World
by Aldous Huxley

To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee

Lord of the Flies
by William Golding

Of Mice and Men
by John Steinbeck

In the Time of the Butterflies
by Julia Alvarez

The Handmaid's Tale
by Margaret Atwood
*The Testaments* (sequel)  
by Margaret Atwood

*The Bathwater Brigade*  
by Jefferson Shupe

*The Circle*  
by Dave Eggers

*A Free Life*  
by Ha Jin

*The Secret Life of Bees*  
by Sue Monk Kidd

*Tell the Wolves I'm Home*  
by Carol Rifka Brunt

*The Screwtape Letters*  
by C. S. Lewis

*Life of Pi*  
by Yann Martel

*The Kiterunner*  
by Khaled Hosseini

*The Chocolate War*  
by Robert Cormier

*Feed*  
by M.T. Anderson

**MEMOIR**

*The Color of Water*  
by James McBride

*Educated*  
by Tara Westover
The Glass Castle
by Jeannette Walls

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace
by Jeff Hobbs

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
by Maya Angelou

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave
by Frederick Douglass

Night
by Elie Weisel

Maus (graphic memoir)
by Art Spiegelman

Persepolis (graphic memoir)
by Marjane Satrapi

OTHER: Non-Fiction, History

The Madness of Crowds
by Douglas Murray

1776
by David McCullough

The Gulag Archipelago
by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community
by Martin Luther King, Jr., forward by Coretta Scott King

The Other Wes Moore
by Wes Moore

In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom
by Yeonmi Park
The Librarian of Auschwitz
by Antonio Iturbe Lilit Thwaites (translator)

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom
by David W. Blight

The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln
by Sean Wilentz

Hamilton: An American Biography
by Tony Williams

by Paul Skousen

The Know Your Bill of Rights Book
by Sean Patrick