

COMMON GROUND

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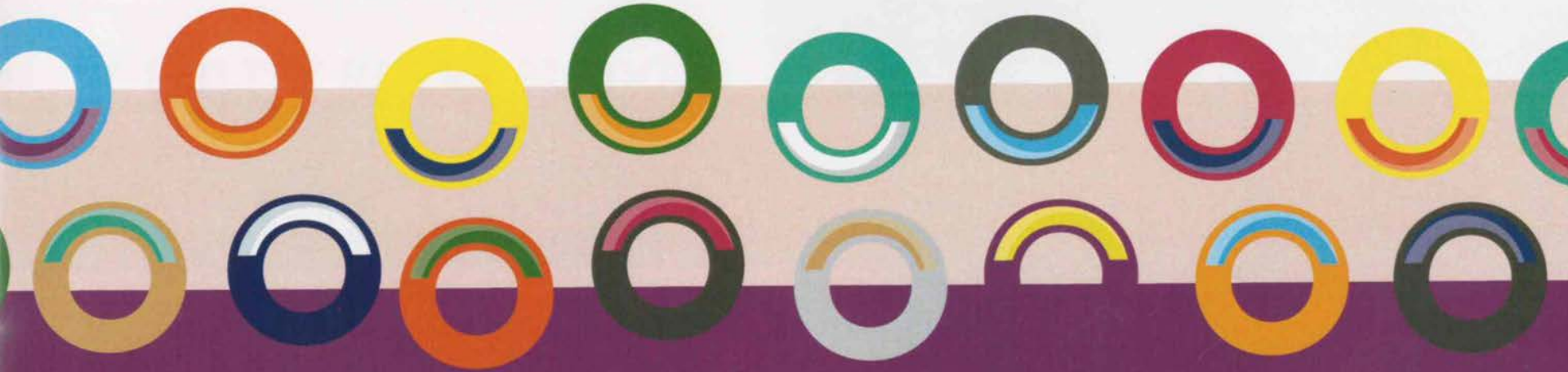
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Setting the Table

What is Common Ground?

Civility Rules

- We are here to explore ideas
- We are here to learn from others
- We are here to connect, not to conflict



Check In with your table

- State your name
- Where you are from
- What is your favorite place in Cleveland/Northeast Ohio?
- What is your favorite children's book?



CLEVELAND IS A WARM, FUZZY PLACE

a child's storybook guide to Cleveland



by Dave Cockley

\$1.95

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Oh, the Places You'll Go!: Diversity in Children's Picture Books

Diversity in Children's Books 2015

Percentages of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds. Based on the 2015 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison. ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp



0.9%
American
Indians/
First Nations

2.4%
Latinx

3.3%
Asian Pacifics/
Asian Pacific
Americans

7.6%
African/
African
Americans

12.5%*
Animals, Trucks, etc.

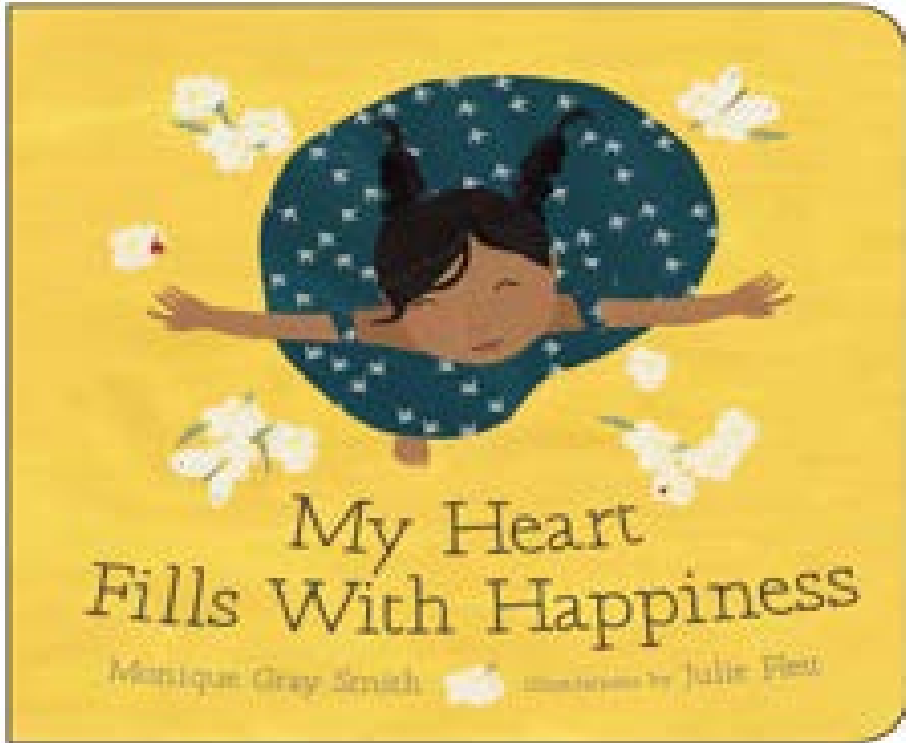
73.3%**
White

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* About a quarter of the total children's books published in 2015 were picture books, and about half of those depict non-human characters, like animals & trucks.

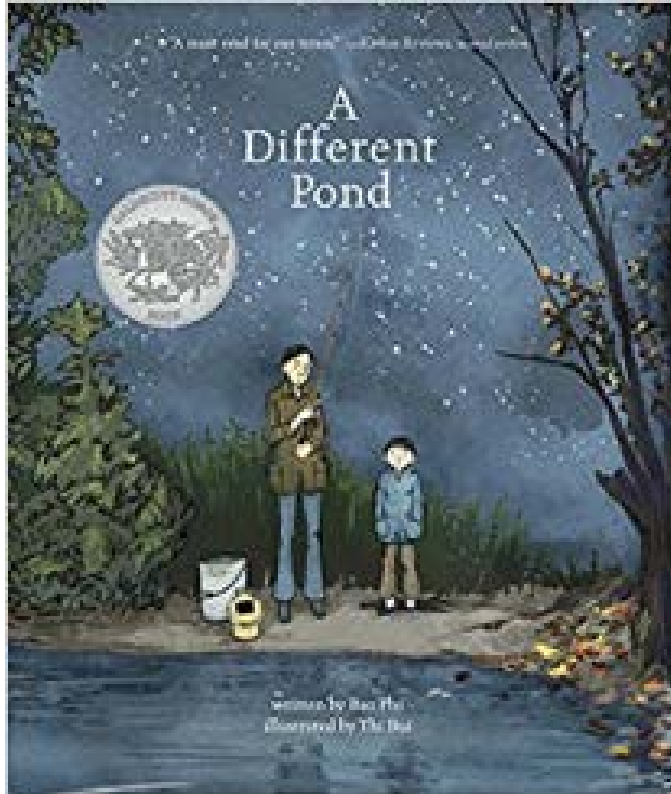
** The remainder depict white characters.

In 2017...



... a character in a picture book was 4 times more likely to be a dinosaur than an American Indian child.

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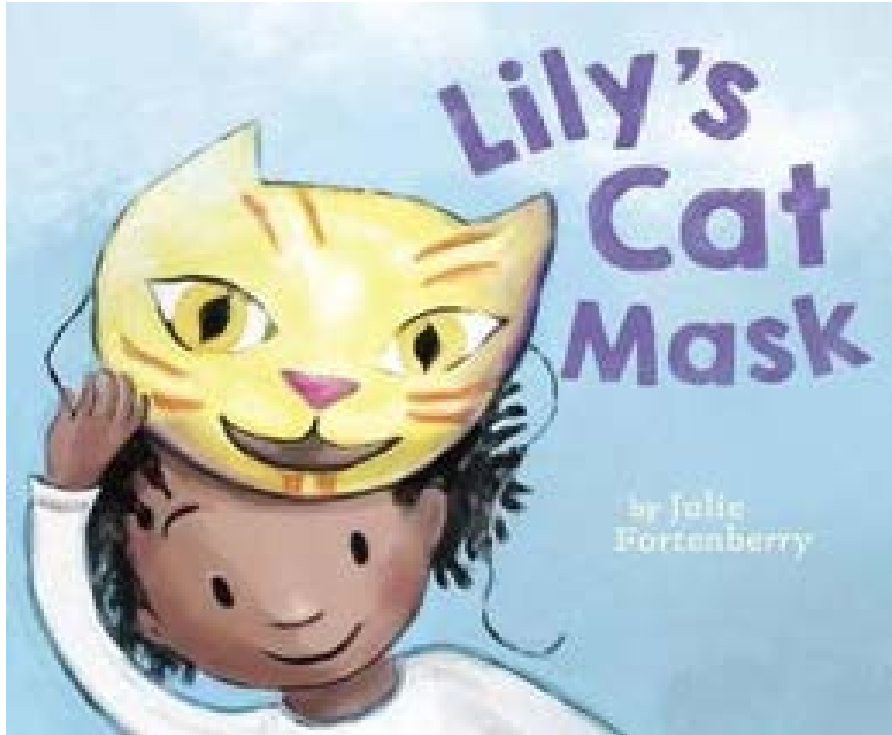
... a character in a picture book was 2 times more likely to be a rabbit than an Asian/Pacific or Asian/Pacific American child.

In 2017...



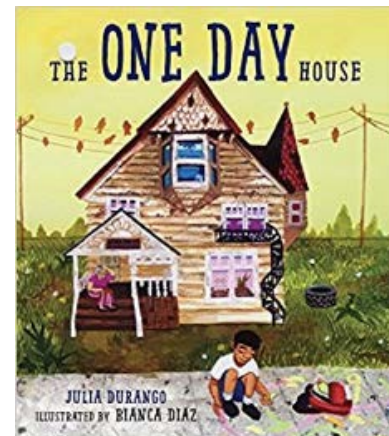
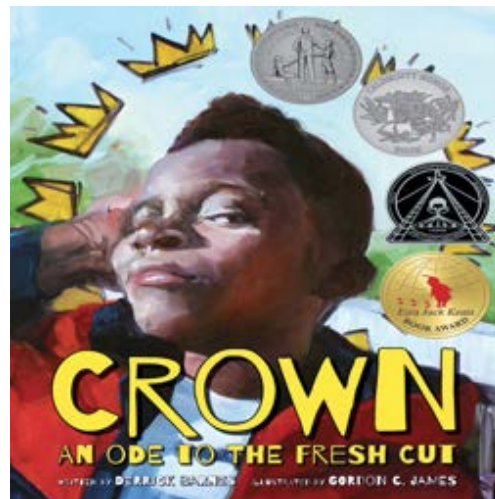
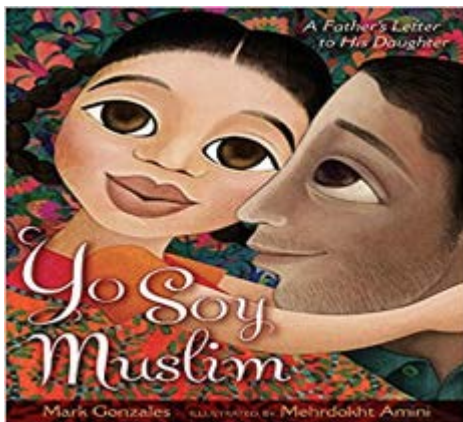
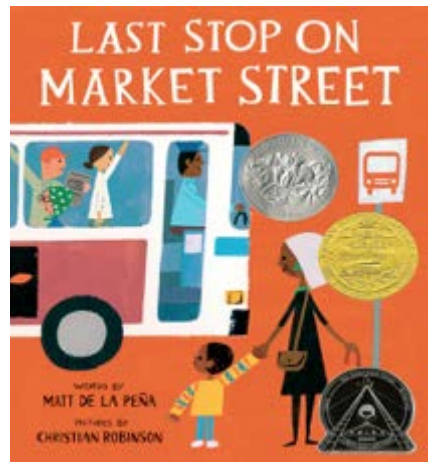
... a child with a disability appeared in only 21 picture books of 700, and only 2 of those were main characters. Most others appeared in background illustrations.

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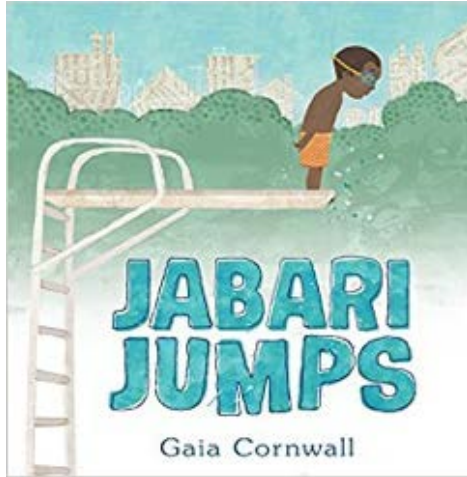


... a female character in a picture book was highly likely to be wearing pink and/or a bow, even if she is a hippopotamus, an ostrich, or a dinosaur.

Table Conversations



When we read picture books, ask...



- Does this book look like the community I live in? Do I want it to?
- What do you see happening in the pictures?
 - What do you see that makes you say that?
 - What else can we find?
- Whose story is this?
- Who is the reader?

<https://www.embracerace.org/blog/reading-picture-books-with-children-through-a-race-conscious-lens>



The Conversation

- What brings you to this table?
- Looking back, what picture books served as either a window or mirror for you?
- Why does place matter?
- When you think of today's theme, what place comes to mind for you that matters? Why?

If conversation stalls, consider reading another picture book or asking a different question



Community Resources



KIDS' BOOK BANK

www.kidsbookbank.org



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
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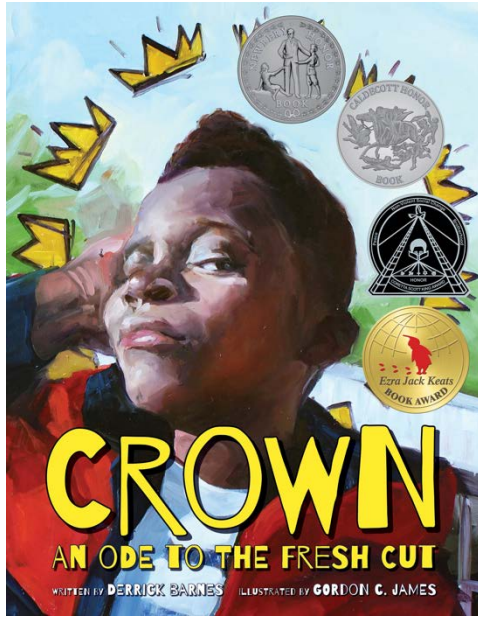
READING PICTURE BOOKS
WITH CHILDREN THROUGH
A RACE-CONSCIOUS LENS

WITH
SARAH HANNAH GÓMEZ
AND
MEGAN DOWD LAMBERT

Dec 19th 8:30 pm PT
8:30 pm ET



Cleveland Book Week



Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James

Saturday, September 29

2 PM

Cleveland Public Library's Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium.



Thank you for Attending!

Please complete and submit the post-event survey and share your experience

