

ReachOut's Book Recommendations

Title	Author	Description
REACHOUT'S NUMBER ONE RECOMMENDATION		
The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down	Anne Fadiman	'A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures'
CULTURAL COMPETENCY RESOURCE BOOKS		
Cultural Competence Agency Self-Assessment Instrument	CWLA Press	Organizational Assessment Tool
Culturally Competent Practice	Doman Lum	'A Framework for Understanding Diverse Groups and Justice Issues'
Readings for Diversity and Social Justice	Maurianne Adams	'An Anthology on Racism, Sexism, Anti-Semitism, Heterosexism, Classism, and Ableism'
Towards a Culturally Competent System of Care, Volume 1	Terry Cross	Cross' work is often cited as a definition for cultural competence
Multiracial Child Resource Book	Maria P.P. Root Matt Kelly	'Educating Parents and Childcare Providers about Multiracial Youth' Available at www.mavin.net
EDUCATION THEMED BOOKS		
Con Respeto	Guadalupe Valdes	'Bridging the Distances Between Culturally Diverse Families and Schools'
A Framework for Understanding Poverty	Ruby K. Payne	'The hidden rules of economic class'
Other People's Children	Lisa Delpit	'Cultural Conflict in the Classroom'
The Skin That We Speak	Lisa Delpit	'Thoughts on Language and Culture in the Classroom'
We Can't Teach What We Don't know	Gary R. Howard	'White Teachers, Multiracial Schools'
Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?	Beverly Daniel Tatum	'A Psychologist Explains the Development of Racial Identity'
Closing the Achievement Gap	Belinda Williams	'A Vision for Changing Beliefs and Practices'

GENERAL BOOKS

Blink	Malcolm Gladwell	'The Power of Thinking Without Thinking'
This Bridge Called My Back	Cherrie Moraga	'Writings by Radical Women of Color'
Caramelo	Sandra Cisneros	A Story of about a Mexican-American Experience
Ceremony	Leslie Marmon Silko	'A young Native American fights to defeat the demons that have followed him since his return from WWII'
Dreams from My Father	Barack Obama	'A Story of Race and Inheritance'
The Genius of Language	Wendy Lesser	'Fifteen Writers Reflect on Their Mother Tongues'
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros	A Story about Growing up Latina in Chicago
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	A Story of Growing up in Afghanistan
Lakota Woman	Dog Mary Crow	An Autobiography
Mountains Beyond Mountains	Tracy Kidder	'The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man who Would Cure the World'
The Namesake	Jhumpa Lahiri	Explores topics such as "the immigrant experience, the clash of cultures, the tangled ties between generations"
Native Speaker	Chang-Rae Lee	A Story About an Immigrant Experience, an Asian American Perspective
Nickel and Dimed	Barbara Ehrenreich	'On (Not) Getting By in America'
The Night My Mother Met Bruce Lee	Paisley Rekdal	'Observations on Not Fitting In'
No Pity	Joseph P. Shapiro	'People with Disabilities Forging a New Civil Rights Movement'
Nothing About Us Without Us	James I. Charlton	'Disability Oppression and Empowerment'
Poisonwood Bible	Barbara Kingsolver	A story of an evangelical Baptist minister's family to the Congo in the late 1950s

Raising Ourselves	Velma Wallis	'A Gwich' in Coming of Age Story from the Yukon River'
Reservation Blues	Sherman Alexie	A story about an all-Indian Catholic rock band called Coyote Springs
A Single Square Pictures	Katy Robinson	A Korean Adoptee's Search for Her Roots
Uprooting Racism	Paul Kivel	'How White People Can Work For Radical Justice'
The Working Poor	David K. Shipler	'Invisible in America'
Yellow	Frank Wu	'Race In America Beyond Black and White'
ALMOST ANYTHING BY THESE AUTHORS		
Maya Angelou * Bell Hooks * Barbara Kingsolver * Audre Lorde * Toni Morrison * Ronald Takaki * Amy Tan * Alice Walker		

*Have a book or author to recommend? Contact us: resources@reachout.us
Keep checking back for an updated list of recommendations: www.reachout.us*