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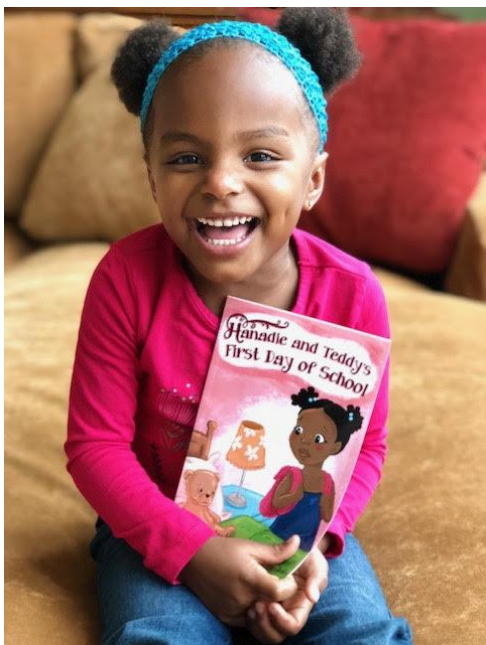
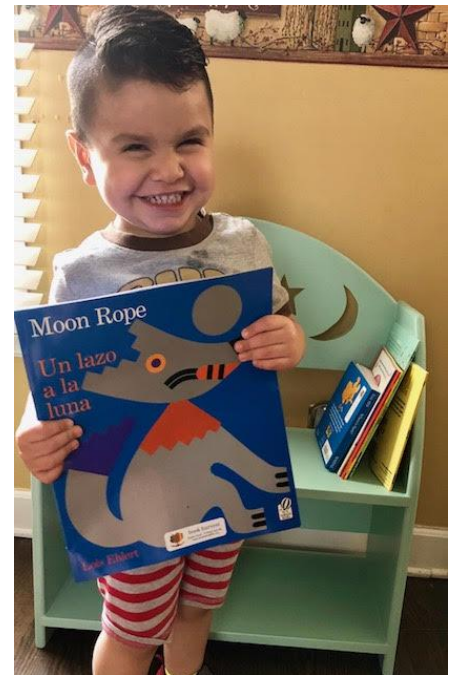
MIRRORS & WINDOWS

A CALL TO ACTION FOR DIVERSITY IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Book Harvest is passionate about promoting and sharing books that portray all children, honoring diverse backgrounds, languages, abilities, and perspectives, and including stories by and about people of color. We believe that books should serve as ***mirrors and windows*** for all children: **in order to become avid readers and to reap the full benefits of lifelong literacy, children have to see both themselves and worlds beyond their own in the stories they read.**

Fueled by this conviction, we launched the **Mirrors and Windows Project** in 2016, with extraordinary gratitude to **Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop** for coining the phrase "Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors." Learn more about her important work at <https://scenicregional.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Mirrors-Windows-and-Sliding-Glass-Doors.pdf>.

With the launch of the Mirrors and Windows Project, we developed and shared a list of recommended diverse and inclusive books for children of all ages. We were eager to share information about the very books that could best nourish our young readers, and we have been continually adding to the list as we hear from parents, children, teachers, and book donors about the books that reflect the world we live in.



In 2019, we have taken Mirrors and Windows one step further, establishing a donor-supported fund to diverse and inclusive books for our children. To learn more about Book Harvest's Mirrors and Windows Project and fund, contact Isabel Geffner: isabel@bookharvestnc.org or 252.497.BOOK.

Book Harvest provides an abundance of books and ongoing literacy support to families and their children from birth and serves as a model for communities committed to ensuring that children are lifelong readers and learners. Our vision is of a world in which reading, learning, and access to information are considered rights, not privileges, so that all children thrive.

Learn more at www.bookharvestnc.org.

**Pre-K**

[First 100 Words Bilingual](#), by Roger Priddy
[Full, Full, Full of Love](#), by Trish Cooke, illust. by Paul Howard
[Global Babies](#), by The Global Fund for Children
[Green Is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors](#), by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra
[Happy Baby Colors Bilingual](#), by Roger Priddy
[Jazz Baby](#), by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Laura Freeman
[Joshua by the Sea](#), by Angela Johnson
[Maria Had A Little Llama / María Tenía Una Llamita](#), by Angela Dominguez
[Please, Baby, Please](#), by Spike Lee & Tonya Lewis Lee, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
[The Snowy Day](#), by Ezra Jack Keats
[Ten, Nine, Eight](#), by Molly Bang
[Whoever You Are](#), by Mem Fox, illustrated by Leslie Staub
[Whose Toes are Those?](#), by Jabari Asim, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Early Elementary

[All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom](#), by Angela Johnson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis
[Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut](#), by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James
[Don't Throw It to Mo!](#) by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks
[Don't Touch My Hair](#), by Sharee Miller
[Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music](#), by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López
[Fish in a Tree](#), by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
[Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel](#), by Ofusu Yeboah and Laurie Ann Thompson
[Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from The Underground Railroad](#), by Ellen Levine, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
[I Love My Hair!](#), by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
[In My Family/En mi familia](#), by Carmen Lomas Garza
[Jingle Dancer](#), by Cynthia Leitich Smith, Ying-Hwa Hu, illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright
[Julián is a Mermaid](#), by Jessica Love
[The Jones Family Express](#), by Javaka Steptoe
[Juna's Jar](#), by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino
[Last Stop on Market Street](#), by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
[Little Melba and Her Big Trombone](#), by Katheryn Russell-Brown and Frank Morrison
[Love](#), by Matt de la Peña and Loren Long
[Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald No Combina](#), by Monica Brown and Sara Palacios
[Maybe Something Beautiful](#), by F. Israel Campoy, Theresa Howell, illustrated by Rafael López
[Meet Yasmin](#), by Saadia Faruqi and Hatem Aly
[My Brother Charlie](#), by Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete

[My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood](#), by Tameka Fryer Brown, illustrated by Shane Evans
[Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale](#), by Duncan Tonatiuh
[Niño Wrestles the World](#), by Yuyi Morales
[Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat](#), by Javaka Steptoe
[Red: A Crayon's Story](#), by Michael Hall
[Ruby and the Booker Boys #1: Brand New School, Brave New Ruby](#), by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton
[Sugar Plum Ballerinas #1: Plum Fantastic](#), by Whoopi Goldberg, Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Marilyn Roos
[Sunday Shopping](#), by Sally Derby, illustrated by Shadra Strickland
[Tea Cakes for Tosh](#), by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by E.B. Lewis
[The Day You Begin](#), by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López
[The Seeing Stick](#), by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Daniela Terrazzini
[This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration](#), by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by James Ransome
[Thunder Boy Jr.](#), by Sherman Alexie, illustrated by Yuyi Morales
[All Are Welcome Here](#), by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman

Older Elementary

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#), by Jacqueline Woodson
[Dancing Home](#), by Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel M. Zubizarreta
[In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers](#), by various authors, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe
[Jada Jones, Class Act](#), by Kelly Starling Lyons
[Jaden Toussaint, The Greatest](#), by Marti Dumas
[Lola Levine is Not Mean](#), by Monica Brown, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
[One Crazy Summer](#), by Rita Williams-Garcia
[Secret Coders](#), by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Mike Holmes
[The First Rule of Punk](#), by Celia C. Pérez
[We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices](#), edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson
[Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Zooms to the Rescue](#), by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Miguel Benitez

Middle Grades/Teen/YA

[The Crossover](#), by Kwame Alexander
[Esperanza Rising](#), by Pam Munoz Ryan
[Ghost](#), by Jason Reynolds
[I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter](#), by Erika L. Sánchez
[Listen, Slowly](#), by Thanhha Lai
[Refugee](#), by Alan Gratz
[Stef Soto, Taco Queen](#), by Jennifer Torres
[The Hate U Give](#), by Angie Thomas
[The Skin I'm In](#), by Sharon Flake
[The Sun is Also a Star](#), by Nicola Yoon