Books for Youth Featuring Multiracial Characters

Books for Young Readers

No books have been entered for this sublist!

Books for Middle Readers

All the Broken Pieces
by Burg, Ann
J FICTION BUR
Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past.

Camo Girl
by Magoon, Kekla
J FICTION MAG
Ella, a biracial girl with a patchy and uneven skin tone, and her friend Z, a boy who is very different, have been on the bottom of the social order at Caldera Junior High School in Las Vegas, but when the only other African-American student enters their sixth grade class, Ella longs to be friends with him and join the popular group, but does not want to leave Z all alone.

Dogtag Summer
by Partridge, Elizabeth
J FICTION PAR
In the summer of 1980 before she starts junior high school in Santa Rosa, California, Tracy, who was adopted from Vietnam when she was six years old, finds an old ammo box with a dog tag and picture that bring up painful memories for both her Vietnam-veteran father and her.

The Other Half of My Heart
by Frazier, Sundee Tucker
J FICTION FRA
Twin daughters of interracial parents, eleven-year-olds Keira and Minna have very different skin tones and personalities, but it is not until their African American grandmother enters them in the Miss Black Pearl Pre-Teen competition in North Carolina that red-haired and pale-skinned Minna realizes what life in their small town in the Pacific Northwest has been like for her more outgoing, darker-skinned sister.

The Whole Story of Half a Girl
by Hiranandani, Veera
J FICTION HIR
When Sonia's father loses his job and she must move from her small, supportive private school to a public middle school, the half-Jewish half-Indian sixth-grader experiences culture shock as she tries to navigate the school's unfamiliar social scene, and after her father is diagnosed with clinical depression, she finds herself becoming even more confused about herself and her family.

Books for Teens

Black, White, and Other: In Search of Nina Armstrong
by Lester, Joan Steinau
YA FICTION LES
When fires lead to racial tension, multi-racial Nina faces the bigotry of long-time friends, her parents' divorce, and her brother's misbehavior, while learning of her great-great grandmother Sarah's escape from slavery.

Mexican WhiteBoy
by de la Pena, Matt

Half white, half Mexican and 100% confused, Danny struggles with baseball, his absent father and first love while spending the summer with his familia in San Diego.

Riot
by Myers, Walter Dean
YA FICTION MY
In 1863, fifteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged by the Civil War and a federal draft, lash out against blacks and wealthy "swells" of New York City.

Stringz
by Wenberg, Michael
YA FICTION WEN
Fourteen-year-old Jace Adams, a cellist who loves to surf, never fits in where his mother decides to move them, but after a difficult start in Seattle, he comes to realize that talent is not something to hide and that he has "family" in some unexpected places.

The Death of Jayson Porter
by Adoff, Jaime
YA FICTION ADO
In the Florida projects, sixteen-year-old Jayson struggles with the harsh realities of his life which include an abusive mother, a drug-addicted father, and not fitting in at his predominately white school, and bring him to the brink of suicide.

The Latte Rebellion
by Stevenson, Sarah Jamila
YA FICTION STE
When high school senior Asha Jamison is called a "towel head" at a pool party, she and her best friend Carey start a club to raise awareness of mixed-race students that soon sweeps the country, but the hubbub puts her Ivy League dreams, friendship, and beliefs to the test.