

# Books for Youth Featuring Multiracial Characters

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## Books for Young Readers

### [Henry wants more!](#)

by Ashman, Linda

#### **JEASY ASH**

*Whether spending time with Papa, singing songs with Grandma, playing games with Lucy, or racing with Charlie, toddler Henry wears his family out until bedtime, when Mama is the one who wants more.*

### [Mixed me!](#)

by Diggs, Taye

#### **JEASY DIG**

*Told in rhyming text, Mike is a mixed-race boy, completely comfortable with his identity and his parents--and his wild, curly hair.*

### [Pemba Sherpa](#)

by Cossi, Olga

#### **JEASY COS**

*In a Sherpa village in the foothills of Nepal's Himalayas, seven-year-old Yang Ki wants to haul wood like her brother Pemba, so she'll grow strong enough to be a porter. She wants to learn her brother tells her that girls cannot be guides. Yang Ki, however, is very determined.*

### [The Quiet Place](#)

by Stewart, Sarah

#### **JEASY STE**

*A little girl moves to the United States from Mexico with her family and writes letters to her aunt in Mexico about her new life.*

## 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.*