



In this document you'll find recommended books in several categories and on a variety of subjects. We have also curated a series of children's books for educators and parents to use, and you'll find links to these compilations at the beginning of this document. You'll also find books for adults on education, social justice, environmental sustainability, animal protection, and culture and change-making.

Lists of Recommended Books for Children

16 Children's Picture Books About Refugees	https://humaneeducation.org/14-childrens-books-refugees/
12 Children's Picture Books About Families With Gay Parents	https://humaneeducation.org/12-childrens-books-about-families-with-same-sex-parents/
4 Books About Transgender Youth	https://humaneeducation.org/fridayfeature-4-books-transgender-youth
5 Children's Picture Books Celebrating Identity	https://humaneeducation.org/fridayfeature-5-childrens-picture-books-celebrating-identity/
Treehuggers: Children's Picture Books Honoring Trees	https://humaneeducation.org/treehuggers-childrens-picture-books-honoring-trees
21 Children's Picture Books for Exploring Eco-Friendly Actions	https://humaneeducation.org/14-picture-books-exploring-eco-friendly-actions

11 Children's Books About Nonviolent Protest and Resistance	https://humaneeducation.org/11-childrens-books-nonviolent-protest-resistance
14 Children's Picture Books About Kindness	https://humaneeducation.org/10-childrens-picture-books-kindness
9 Books for Youth About Child Labor	https://humaneeducation.org/9-books-youth-child-labor
14 Picture Books About Women Changemakers	https://humaneeducation.org/14-picture-books-women-changemakers
11 Children's Picture Books That Shatter Gender Stereotypes	https://humaneeducation.org/11-childrens-picture-books-shatter-gender-stereotypes/
Children's Picture Books About War and Peace	https://humaneeducation.org/childrens-picture-books-war-peace
12 Children's Picture Books About the Power of Gardens	https://humaneeducation.org/12-childrens-picture-books-power-gardens
12 Children's Picture Books About Access to Education	https://humaneeducation.org/12-childrens-picture-books-access-education
14 Children's Picture Books About Solutionaries	https://humaneeducation.org/14-childrens-picture-books-solutionaries
12 Children's Picture Books about Human Rights Issues	https://humaneeducation.org/12-childrens-picture-books-human-rights-issues
13 Children's Picture Books about Bullying	https://humaneeducation.org/13-childrens-picture-books-bullying
9 Resources for Finding Multicultural Books for Children	https://humaneeducation.org/9-resources-finding-multicultural-books-children
12 Children's Picture Books About Sharing	https://humaneeducation.org/12-childrens-picture-books-sharing
14 Children's Picture Books Exploring Race and Racism	https://humaneeducation.org/14-childrens-picture-books-exploring-race-racism
16 Children's Picture Books About People Helping Animals	https://humaneeducation.org/16-childrens-picture-books-people-helping-animals
13 Children's Picture Books Whose Characters Have Special Needs	https://humaneeducation.org/13-childrens-picture-books-featuring-characters-disabilities
The Joy of Generosity: 19 Children's Picture Books	https://humaneeducation.org/the-joy-of-generosity-9-titles-for-younger-children

14 Children's Picture Books About Homelessness

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<https://humaneeducation.org/14-childrens-picture-books-homelessness/>

19 Lists of Children's Picture Books for Your Humane Education Classroom

<https://humaneeducation.org/19-lists-of-childrens-picture-books-for-your-humane-education-classroom>

9 Resources for Finding Children's Books with Humane Themes

<https://humaneeducation.org/8-resources-finding-childrens-books-humane-themes>

12 Children's Picture Books That Challenge Traditional Gender Roles

<https://humaneeducation.org/12-childrens-picture-books-that-challenge-traditional-gender-roles>

9 Turkey-Friendly Children's Books for Thanksgiving

<https://humaneeducation.org/9-turkey-friendly-childrens-books-for-thanksgiving>

Cultivating Compassionate Kids: 10 Children's Picture Books

<https://humaneeducation.org/cultivating-compassionate-kids-10-childrens-picture-books>

Animals Overcoming Odds: A Sampling of Picture Books for Kids

<https://humaneeducation.org/animals-overcoming-odds-a-sampling-of-picture-books-for-kids>

The Joy of Generosity: 9 Titles for Younger Children

<https://humaneeducation.org/the-joy-of-generosity-9-titles-for-younger-children-2>

Recommended Books for Children

Alexi, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (2007)

Alexi, Sherman. *Thunder Boy Jr.* (2016)

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Fight for Life* (Vet Volunteers series) (2007)

Baldacchino, Christine. *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* (2014)

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Ruby on the Outside* (2015)

Bauer, Joan. *Almost Home* (2012)

Beaty, Daniel. *Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me* (2013)

Brown, Monica. *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* (2011)

Brown, Peter. *The Wild Robot* (2020)

Clinton, Chelsea. *She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World* (2017)

Cousteau, Philippe. *Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and a Hundred Sea Turtles* (2016)

Dauvillier, Loic. *The Attack* (2016)

Dorris, Michael. *Morning Girl* (1992)

Dupuis, Jenny Kay and Kacer, Kathy. *I Am Not a Number* (2016)

Ellis, Deborah. *I Am a Taxi* (2006)

Elvgren, Jennifer Riesmeyer. *Josias, Hold the Book* (2006)

Farrell, Mary Cronk. *Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman's Courage In the Struggle For American Labor Union Rights* (2016)

Gandhi, Arun and Hegedus, Bethany. *Grandfather Gandhi* (2014)

Hall, Michael. *Red: A Crayon's Story* (2015)

Halperin, Wendy Anderson. *Peace* (2013)

Handy, Femida. *Sandy's Incredible Shrinking Footprint* (2010)

Harris, R.P. *Tua and the Elephant* (2012)

Ibbotson, Eva. *The Beasts of Clawstone Castle* (2006)

Johnson, Jen Cullerton. *Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace* (2010)

Kamkwamba, William and Mealer, Bryan. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (2012)

King, Thomas. *A Coyote Columbus Story* (2002)

Lanthier, Jennifer. *The Stamp Collector* (2012)

Levinson, Cynthia. *The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Marcher* (2017)

Levy, Debbie. *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* (2016)

Lewis, Gill. *One White Dolphin* (2012)

Ludwig, Trudy. *My Secret Bully* (2015)

Marshall III, Joseph. *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* (2015)

Polonski, Ami. *Gracefully Grayson* (2014)

Ludwig, Trudy. *Confessions of a Former Bully* (2012)

Rabinowitz, Alan. *A Boy and a Jaguar* (2014)

Roth, Ruby. *Vegan is Love: Having Heart and Taking Action* (2012)

Sanna, Francesca. *The Journey* (2016)

Schatz, Kate. *Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries Who Helped Shape Our History ... and Our Future!* (2015)

The Otesha Project. *The Otesha Book: From Junk to Funk* (2005)

Thompson, Lauren. *The Forgiveness Garden* (2012)

Thompson, Laurie Ann. *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah* (2015)

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Just a Dream* (1990)

Weil, Zoe. *Claude and Medea: The Hellburn Dogs* (2007)

Weil, Zoe. *So, You Love Animals: An Action-Packed, Fun-Filled Book to Help Kids Help Animals* (2004)

Winter, Jeanette. *Malala: A Brave Girl from Pakistan/Iqbal: A Brave Boy from Pakistan* (2014)

Winter, Jeanette. *Nasreen's Secret School* (2009)

Winter, Jeanette. *The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps* (2011)

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming* (2014)

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Each Kindness* (2012)

Recommended Books Primarily on Education

Berger, Warren, *A More Beautiful Question: The Power of Inquiry to Spark Breaththrough Ideas* (2014)

Berry, Barnett, et. al. *Teaching 2030: What We Must Do for Our Students and Our Public Schools ... Now and in the Future* (2011)

Block, Joshua. *Teaching for a Living Democracy: Project-Based Learning for the English and History Classroom* (2020)

Burger, Edward B. and Starbird, Michael. *The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking* (2012)

Chaltain, Sam. *Our School: Searching for Community in the Era of Choice* (2014)

Chapin, Dexter. *Master Teachers: Making a Difference on the Edge of Chaos* (2008)

Christensen, Linda, and Stan Karp, Eds. *Rethinking School Reform: Views from the Classroom* (2003)

Cowhey, Mary. *Black Ants and Buddhists* (2006)

Dintersmith, Ted. *What Schools Could Be* (2018)

Esquith, Rafe. *Teach Like Your Hair's on Fire* (2007)

Freire, Paulo. *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* (2000)

Friedman, Audrey A. and Reynolds, Luke, Eds. *Burned In: Fueling the Fire to Teach* (2011)

Gardner, Howard. *Five Minds for the Future* (2009)

Gatto, John Taylor. *Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling* (2002)

Goldstein, Dana. *The Teacher Wars: A History of America's Most Embattled Profession* (2015)

Goleman, Daniel; Bennett, Lisa; and Barlow, Zenobia. *Ecoliterate: How Educators Are Cultivating Emotional, Social, and Ecological Intelligence* (2012)

Gorski, Paul C. *Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap* (2017)

Goyal, Nikhil. *Schools on Trial: How Freedom and Creativity Can Fix Our Educational Malpractice* (2016)

Hunter, John. *World Peace and Other 4th Grade Achievements* (2013)

Jacobs, Heidi Hayes. *Curriculum 21: Essential Education for a Changing World* (2010)

Johnson, LouAnne. *The Queen of Education* (2007)

Khan, Salman. *The One World Schoolhouse: Education Reimagined* (2012)

Kohn, Alfie. *Schooling Beyond Measure and Other Unorthodox Essays about Education* (2015)

Kottler, Jeffrey A., Stanley J. Zehm, and Ellen Kottler. *On Being a Teacher: The Human Dimension, Third Edition* (2005)

Lickona, Thomas. *Educating for Character* (1992)

McCarthy, Colman. *I'd Rather Teach Peace* (2008)

McCarty, Marietta. *Little Big Minds* (2006)

Meier, Deborah. *In Schools We Trust: Creating Communities of Learning in an Era of Testing and Standardization* (2014)

Morrow, John. *The Influence of Teachers: Reflections on Teaching and Leadership* (2011)

Mintz, Jerry and Ricci, Carlo, Eds. *Turning Points: 27 Visionaries in Education Tell Their Own Stories* (2010)

Olson, Kirsten. *Wounded by School* (2009)

Palmer, Parker. *The Courage to Teach* (2007)

Pearlman, Steven J. *America's Critical Thinking Crisis: The Failure and Promise of Education* (2020)

Perkins, David. *Future Wise: Educating our Children for a Changing World* (2014)

Prensky, Marc. *Teaching Digital Natives: Partnering for Real Learning* (2010)

Reigeluth, Charles M. and Karnopp, Jennifer R. *Reinventing Schools: It's Time to Break the Mold* (2013)

Reynolds, Luke, Ed. *Imagine it Better: Visions of What School Might Be* (2014)

Roberts, Rohan. *Cosmic Citizens and Moonshot Thinking: Education in an Age of Exponential Technologies* (2018)

Robinson, Sir Ken and Aronica, Lou. *Creative Schools: The Grassroots Revolution That's Transforming Education* (2015)

Russakoff, Dale. *The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools* (2015)

Schauffler, Marina. *Kids as Planners: A Guide to Strengthening Students, Schools and Communities through Service-Learning, Revised and Expanded 3rd Edition* (2011)

Stern, Julie H., et. al. *Learning That Transfers: Designing Curriculum for a Changing World* (2021)

Swope, Kathy, and Barbara Miner, Eds. *Failing Our Kids: Why the Testing Craze Won't Fix Our Schools* (2000)

Trilling, Bernie and Fadel, Charles. *21st Century Skills: Learning for Life in Our Times* (2009)

Weil, Zoe. *Above All, Be Kind: Raising a Humane Child in Challenging Times* (2003)

Wiggins, Grant and McTighe, Jay. *Understanding by Design, Expanded 2nd Edition* (2005)

Wojcicki, Esther and Izumi, Lance. *Moonshots in Education: Launching Blended Learning in the Classroom* (2015)

Recommended Books Primarily on Human Rights and Social Justice

Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (2012)

Baird, Robert M., and Stuart E. Rosenbaum, Eds. *Hatred, Bigotry, and Prejudice* (1999)

Bales, Kevin. *Ending Slavery* (2007)

Batstone, David. *Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade and How We Can Fight It* (2010)

Cohen, Stanley. *States of Denial: Knowing about Atrocities and Suffering* (2001)

Eberhardt, Jennifer. *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do* (2019)

Johnson, Allan. G. *Privilege, Power and Difference* (2016)

Kassindja, Fauziya. *Do They Hear You When You Cry* (1999)

Kressel, Neil J. *Mass Hate: The Global Rise of Genocide and Terror* (2002)

Kristof, Nicholas and WuDunn, Sheryl. *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* (2009)

Sloan, Judith and Lehrer, Warren. *Crossing the Boulevard* (2003)

Tomasevski, Katarina. *Education Denied: Costs and Remedies* (2003)

Wilkerson, Isabel. *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents* (2020)

Yousafzai, Malala and Lamb, Christina. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* (2013)

Yunus, Muhammad. *Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism* (2009)

Recommended Books Primarily on Environmental Preservation and Sustainability

AtKisson, Alan. *Sustainability is for Everyone* (2013)

Berners-Lee, Michael. *How Bad are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything* (2011)

Diamond, Jared. *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* (2011)

Ellis, Richard. *The Empty Ocean* (2004)

Hawken, Paul. *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* (2017)

Henley, Thom, and Kenny Peavy. *As if the Earth Matters: Recommitting to Environmental Education* (2006)

Kolbert, Elizabeth. *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* (2014)

McDonough, William and Braungart, Michael. *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way we Make Things* (2010)

Orr, David. *Earth in Mind: On Education, Environment and the Human Prospect, 2nd Edition* (2004)

Ryan, John C. and Durning, Alan Thein. *Stuff: The Secret Lives of Everyday Things* (2012)

Speth, James. *The Bridge at the End of the World* (2009)

Recommended Books Primarily on Animal Protection and Animal Rights

Akhtar, Aysha. *Our Symphony with Animals: On Health, Empathy, and Our Shared Destinies* (2019)

Baur, Gene. *Farm Sanctuary: Changing Hearts and Minds About Animals* (2008)

Bekoff, Marc. *The Emotional Lives of Animals* (2011)

Eisnitz, Gail. *Slaughterhouse* (2007)

Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Eating Animals* (2010)

Fouts, Roger. *Next of Kin: What Chimps Taught Me About Who We Are* (1997)

Ginsberg, Caryn. *Animal Impact: Proven Secrets to Achieve Results and Move the World* (2011)

Harper, A. Breeze. *Sistah Vegan: Black Female Vegans Speak on Food, Identity, Health, and Society* (2010)

Joy, Melanie. *Why We Love Dogs, Eat Pigs and Wear Cows* (2010)

Masson, Jeffrey Moussaieff. *When Elephants Weep* (1995)

McCarthy, Jo-Anne. *We Animals* (2013)

Patterson, Charles. *Eternal Treblinka* (2002)

Reitman, Judith. *Stolen for Profit* (1995)

Safina, Carl. *Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace*: OneWorld Publication, 2020

Singer, Peter. *Animal Liberation* (2009)

Stevens, Kathy. *Where the Blind Horse Sings: Love and Healing at an Animal Sanctuary* (2009)

Taylor, Sunara. *Beasts of Burden: Animal and Disability Liberation* (2017)

Wise, Steven. *Rattling the Cage* (2001)

Wulff, Gypsy. *Turning Points in Compassion: Personal Journeys of Animal Advocates* (2015)

Recommended Books Primarily on Culture, Progress, and Change-making

Abdullah, Sharif. *Creating a World That Works for All*. (1999)

AtKisson, Alan. *Believing Cassandra: An Optimist Looks at a Pessimist's World* (2010)

Barasch, Marc Ian. *The Compassionate Life: Walking the Path of Kindness* (2009)

Barnes, Peter. *Capitalism 3.0: A Guide to Reclaiming the Commons* (2006)

Bornstein, David. *How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas* (2007)

Chase, Robin. *Peers Inc: How People and Platforms are Inventing the Collaborative Economy and Reinventing Capitalism* (2015)

Enriquez, Juan. *Right/Wrong: How Technology Transforms our Ethics* (2020)

Gardner, Daniel. *The Science of Fear: How the Culture of Fear Manipulates Your Brain* (2009)

Goffman, Alice. *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City* (2014)

Greenspan, Miriam. *Healing Through the Dark Emotions*. (2004)

Haidt, Jonathan. *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* (2013)

Harari, Yuval N., *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* (2014)

Heath, Chip and Dan. *Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard* (2010)

Hinkley, Robert. *Time to Change Corporations: Closing the Citizenship Gap* (2011)

Kiernan, Stephen. *Authentic Patriotism: Restoring America's Founding Ideals Through Selfless Action* (2010)

Ko, Aph & Syl. *Aphro-ism: Essays on Pop Culture, Feminism, and Black Veganism from Two Sisters* (2017)

Krech, Gregg. *Naikan: Gratitude, Grace and the Art of Self Reflection* (2001)

McKeown, Greg. *Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less* (2014)

Meadows, Donella, *Thinking in Systems* (2008)

Pinker, Steven. *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress* (2019)

Raworth, Kate. *Doughnut Economics. Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist* (2018)

Rosling, Hans, et. al. *Factfulness: Ten Reasons Why We're Wrong About the World, and Why Things are Better than You Think* (2020)

Shapiro, Paul. *Clean Meat: How Growing Meat without Animals will Revolutionize Dinner and the World* (2018)

Singer, Peter. *The Most Good You Can Do: How Effective Altruism is Changing Ideas about Living Ethically* (2015)

Steele, Claude. *Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do* (2011)

Sunstein, Cass. *Conspiracy Theories and Other Dangerous Ideas* (2014)

Sunstein, Cass. *Wiser: Getting Beyond Groupthink to Make Groups Smarter* (2014)

Ury, William. *The Third Side* (2000)

Weil, Zoe. *Most Good, Least Harm: A Simple Principle for a Better World and Meaningful Life* (2009)

Wrangham, Richard. *The Goodness Paradox: The Strange Relationship Between Virtue and Violence in Human Evolution* (2019)

Yang, Andrew. *The War on Normal People: The Truth About America's Disappearing Jobs and Why Universal Basic Income Is Our Future* (2019)

Zaki, Jamil. *The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World* (2020)

