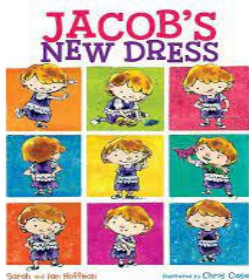
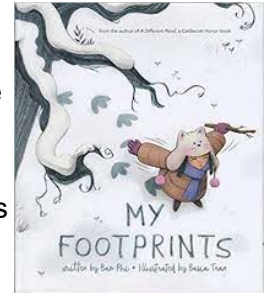


10 Books About Pride in One's Self

1. My Footprints (5+): By Bao Phi, Illustrated by Ngoc Diep Barbra Tran

This Book follows Thuy, a Vietnamese American child who has been struggling with some Bullies who have been making her feel “Double different”. As she walks home she notices a bird and begins to explore what it would be like to be different animals, mimicking their footprints in the snow. When her moms find her the three of them think of different animals that are strong and brave, powerful and beautiful, just like Thuy.

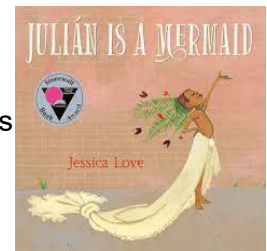


2. Jacob's New Dress (4+): By Sarah and Ian Hoffman, Illustrated by Chris Case

Jacob loves to dress up, especially in dresses. When other children tell Jacob he can't wear a dress as its “girl” clothes, he feels sad until his parents help him to make his very own dress. Jacob shows that anyone can wear a dress, not just girls.

3. Julián is a Mermaid (+4): By Jessica Love

Julián is out with his abuela when he sees 3 incredible women dressed up in bright colours and fishtails. The rest of the day all he can think about is making his own tail. When his abuela sees his tail, she supports him by taking him out to join the festivities in the town.

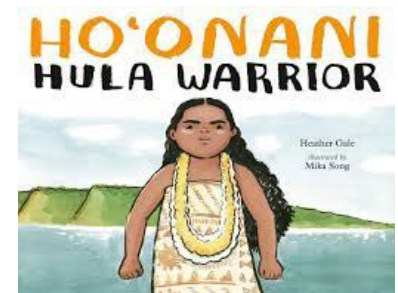


4. It Feels Good to be Yourself (5+): By Theresa Thorn, Illustrated by Noah Grigni

This picture book explores the concepts of gender expression and identity, giving straightforward definitions of terms and discussing ways in which people can and do express themselves.

5. Ho'onani: Hula Warrior (5+): By Heather Gale, Illustrated by Mika Song

This book, based on a true story, follows Ho'onani, Someone who is not Wahine(girl) or Kāne (boy), just Ho'onani. When Ho'onani hears that they are Looking for someone to lead a traditional Kāne chant at a school performance They are determined to show everyone that they are the one to lead this chant.





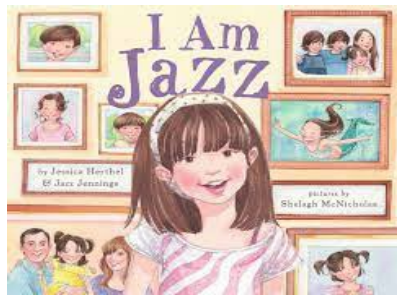
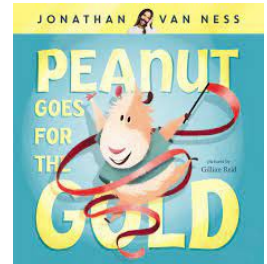
6 . From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea (3+):

By Kai Cheng Thom, Illustrated by Kai Yun Ching and Wai-Yant Li

Ever since birth, Miu Lan has always been different and magical. They shift and change based on how they feel and what they need. As they face questions of where they belong in the world, they find support in their mother's arms and through a song they share together.

7. Peanut Goes for Gold (4+): By Jonathan Van Ness, Illustrated by Gillian Reid

Peanut is a unique guinea pig who does things in their own way, whether it's cartwheeling at basketball practice, cutting their hair while hula hooping, or having banana pancakes for their birthday. When Peanut decides they want to be a rhythmic gymnast they come up with a routine that they know will be perfect. After all, it's 100% Peanut.



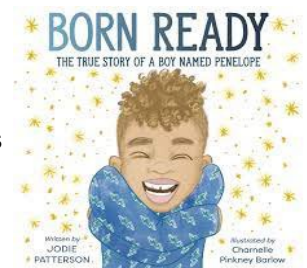
8. I Am Jazz (3+): By Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, Illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas

Based on the real-life experiences of child Jazz Jennings, This book follows her experiences growing up and transitioning with the support of her family.

9. Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope (5+):

By Jodie Patterson, Illustrated by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

Based on the real-life experiences of Penelope Patterson, this story shares Penelope's frustrations from being misunderstood by the world around him, to his success in showing everyone who he truly is.



10. Phoenix ani' Gichichi-i': Phoenix Gets Greater (4+): By Marty Wilson-Trudeau and Phoenix Wilson, Illustrated by Megan Kyak Monteith, Translated by Kelvin Morrison

Notes: This book is available in English as well as dual language (Anishinaabe/English)

Based on a true story this book follows Phoenix, a kid who loves dolls, pretty fabrics, and dancing. With the help of his supportive family, he begins to learn about Two-Spirit/ Niizh Manidoowag people in Anishinaabe culture and just how important and loved he is.

