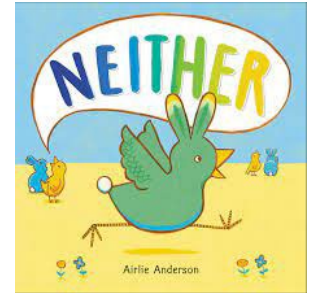


10 Books Involving Community

1. Neither (4+): By Airlie Anderson

In a world of bunnies and birds, you can either be this or that. But when one animal hatches and declare themselves both, others say they are neither, and tell them to find somewhere else to be. As they go to the land of somewhere else, they discover a place where everyone can belong.

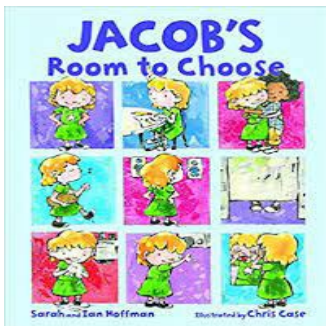
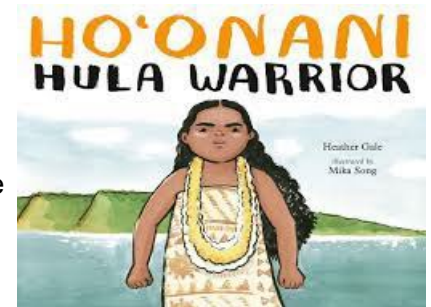


2. 47,000 Beads (4+): By Koja and Angel Adeyoha, Illustrated by Holly McGillis

Peyton used to love dancing at pow wows but has slowly been dancing less and less. When Peyton shares with their Auntie Eyota that they're uncomfortable in regalia dresses, Eyota reaches out to family and friends to find the support that Peyton needs

3. 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.



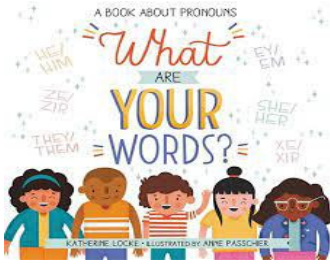
4. Jacob's Room to Choose (5+): By Sarah and Ian Hoffman, Illustrated by Chris Case

Jacob and his friend Sophie have lots of fun at school, but both of them struggle with feeling comfortable in the washroom. When their teacher finds out she works to educate her students about the many ways gender may express itself, and works with her students to make the washrooms welcoming to all.

5. Julián at the Wedding (4+): By Jessica Love

Julián and his abuela are going to a wedding, with Julián being a part of the ceremony. When he meets a new friend (Marisol) they set off to have their own adventures and learn the value of having a supportive friend by your side.





6. What Are Your Words (5+): By Katherine Locke, Illustrated by Anne Passchier

Somedays Ari uses she/her. Sometimes Ari uses he/him. When their uncle Lior comes to visit and asks what Ari's words are today, they're not sure what words to use. As they walk to a party, Ari meets lots of neighbours who all use different words and pronouns to describe themselves and learns it's okay to not know your words right away.

7. Auntie Uncle: Drag Queen Hero (4+): By Ellie Royce, Illustrated by Hannah Chambers

Narrated by an adoring nephew, this story focuses on the nephew's Auntie Uncle, a drag queen who performs as Auntie Lotta, and works as Uncle Leo in an accounting job. During a pride event, Lotta saves a dog. When the mayor announces their wish to give Auntie Lotta a medal, she worries that her friends who know her as Leo, and her friends who know her as Lotta won't get along. With the support of their nephew, they create a new look that is perfect for the event, and finds support from all of their friends.

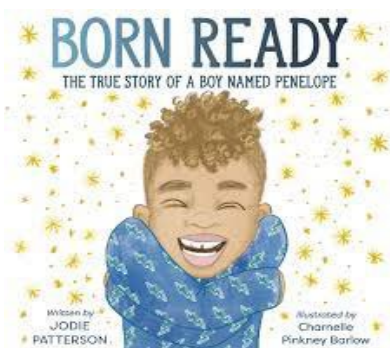
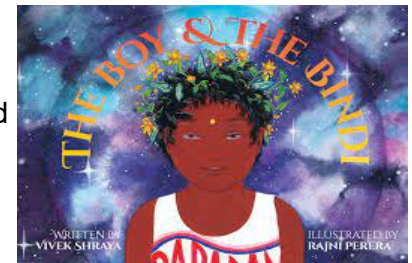


8. A House for Everyone (7+): By Jo Hirst, Illustrated by Naomi Bardoff

This book follows a group of students during recess as they work together to build a house for everyone. Through the book, we explore each child's special job, as well as their gender identities and expression.

9. The Boy and the Bindi (4+): By Vivek Shraya, Illustrated by Rajani Perera

This book focuses on a young boy who is fascinated with his mother's bindi and asks his mother if he can have one of his own. His mother agrees and begins teaching him the cultural significance of a Bindi, allowing him to connect to his culture and fully express himself.



10. 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 successes as he shows everyone who he truly is.