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**A SMALL SELECTION of BOOKS for CRITICAL LITERACY and
SOCIAL ACTION WRITING (K-5)**

Picture Books:

- *Alma Flor Ada. *Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet Book in Spanish and English.* & *My Name is Maria Isabel.*
- Ruby Bridges, *Through My Eyes.*
- Anthony Browne, *Piggybook.*
- Eve Bunting, *Flyaway Home; A Day's Work; Smoky Nights; Going Home.*
- Miriam Cohen. *First Grade Takes a Test.*
- * Diana Cohn, *Si, Se Puede! Yes We Can!: Janitor Strike in L.A.*
- * Gavin Curtis, *Bat Boy and His Violin.*
- Nikki Giovanni, *Rosa.*
- * Eloise Greenfield. *When the Horses Ride By: Children in the Times of War.*
- * Barbara Shook Hazan, *Tight Times.*
- Mary Hoffman, *Amazing Grace.*
- James Howe, *Pinky and Rex* series.
- * Jim Hubbard, *Lives Turned Upside Down.*
- Francisco Jimenez, *La Mariposa*
- * Margy B. Knight. *Talking Walls & Talking Walls: The Story Continues.*
- * Kurusa, *The Streets are Free.* (Based on a true story)
- * Jacob Lawrence, *The Great Migration: An American Story.*
- Marybeth Lorbiecki, *Sister Anne's Hands.*
- David McPhail, *The Teddy Bear.*
- Jane Medina, *My Name is Jorge on Both Sides of the River.*
- * Toni Morrison, *Remember.*
- *Peggy Moss. *Say Something.*
- Todd Parr, *The Peace Book.*
- Tomie de Paolo, *Oliver Button is a Sissy.*
- * Patricia Polacco, *Thank You Mr. Falker.*
- Dr. Seuss, *The Sneetches and Other Stories.*
- Ntzosake Shange, *Whitewash.*
- Joseph Slate, *I Want To Be Free.*
- * David Smith, *If the World Were a Village.*
- * Velma Maia Thomas, *Lest We Forget.*
- * Martin Waddell, *Farmer Duck.*
- * Deborah Wiles, *freedom summer.*
- Taro Yashima, *Crow Boy.*

Jane Yolen, *Encounter*.
Charlotte Zolotow, *William's Doll*.

* 2nd grade and up

Novels for Grades 4-6:

Sandra Cisneros, *House on Mango Street*.
Andrew Clements, *The Janitor's Boy*.
Jane Leslie Conly, *Crazy Lady*.
Christopher Paul Curtis, *Bud Not Buddy*, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963*, *Elijah of Buxton*, *The Mighty Miss Malo*.
Louise Erdrich, *The Birchback House*.
Carol Fenner, *Yolanda's Genius*.
Paul Fleischmann, *Seedfolks*.
Rita Williams-Garcia, *One Crazy Summer*.
Nikki Grimes, *Bronx Masquerade*.
James Howe, *The Misfits*.
Francisco Jimenez, *The Circuit*.
Lynn Joseph, *The Color of My Words*.
Jerry Spinelli, *Crash*; *Maniac McGee*; *Stargirl*; *Wringer*.
Deborah Wiles, *Countdown*.
Jacqueline Woodson, *From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun*.