

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

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Pan Out

Diversity in US Children's Books

Pan Out Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors

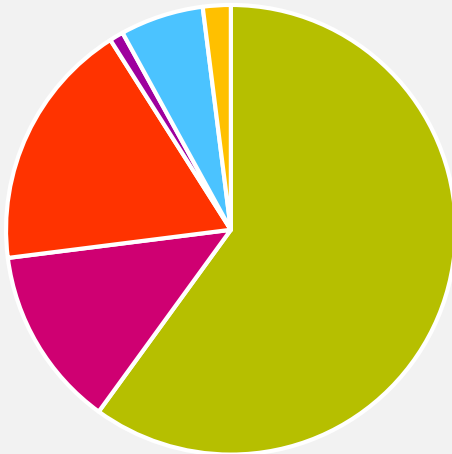
Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. **When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror.** Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience. **Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.**



Pan Out Population Demographics

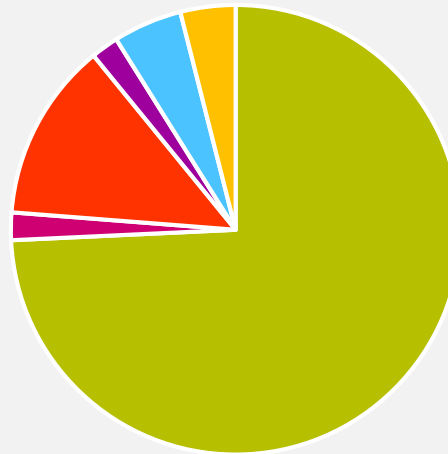
United States

- White (60.4%)
- Black (13.4%)
- Latinx (18.3%)
- American Indian (1.3%)
- Asian & Pacific Islander (6.1%)
- Mixed Race (2.7%)



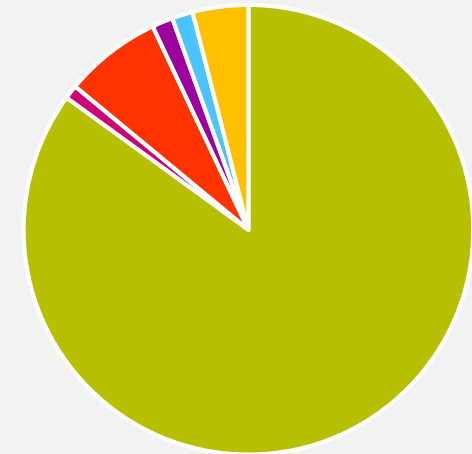
Oregon

- White (75.3%)
- Black (2.2%)
- Latinx (13.3%)
- American Indian (1.8%)
- Asian & Pacific Islander (5.3%)
- Mixed Race (3.9%)

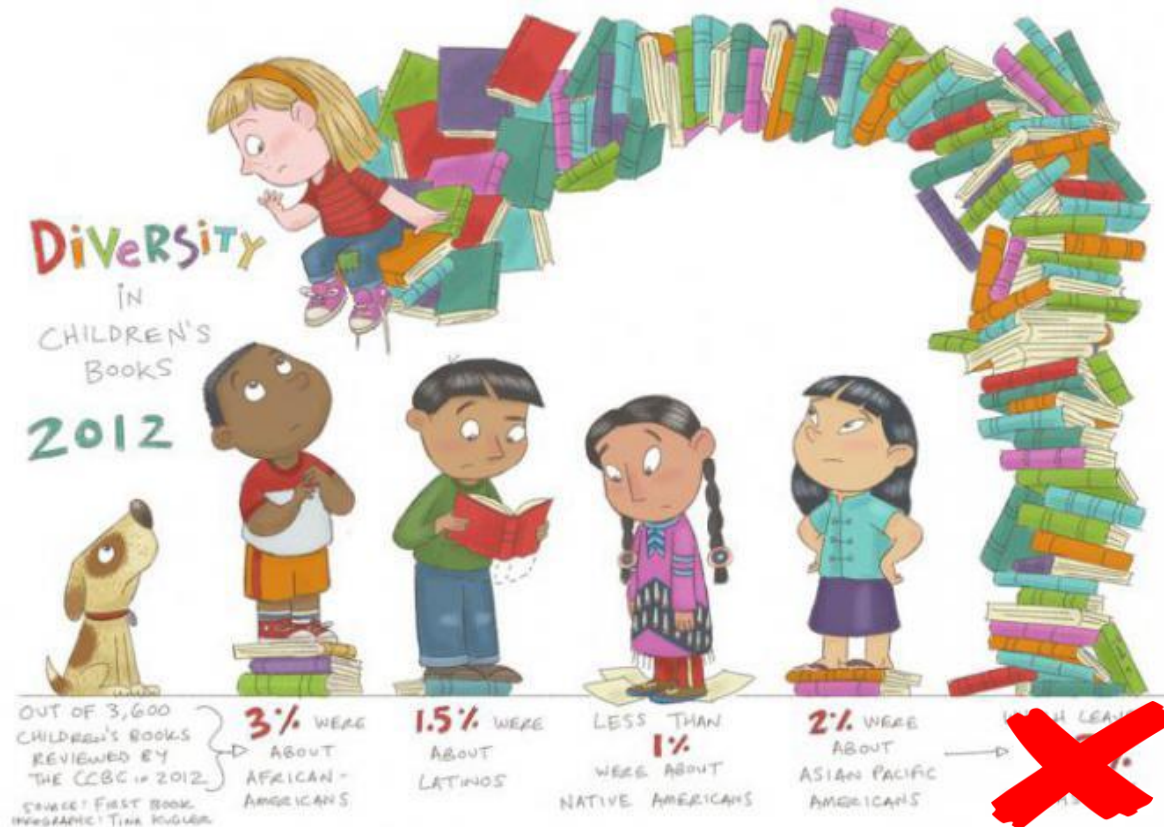


Oregon City

- White (85.1%)
- Black (1.2%)
- Latinx (7.1%)
- American Indian (1.4%)
- Asian & Pacific Islander (1.4%)
- Mixed Race (3.9%)



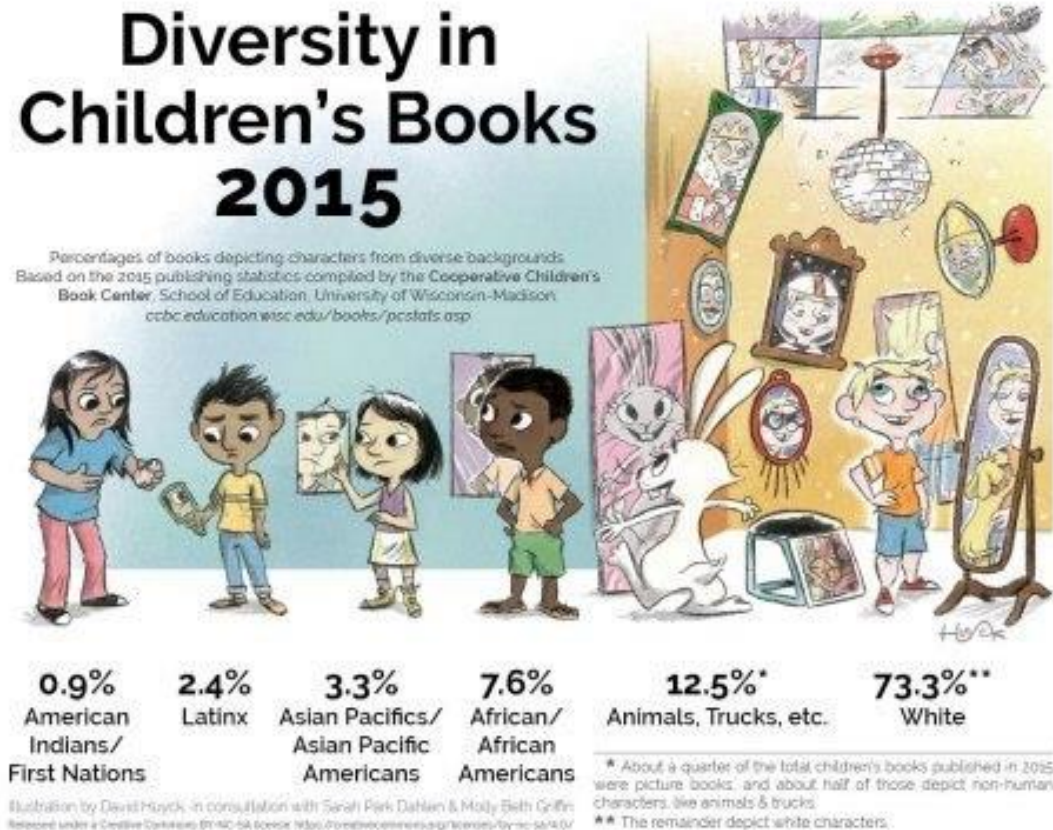
Pan Out Diversity by the Numbers, 2012



93% about white people AND animals and nonfiction topics like math, cars, LEGOs, etc.

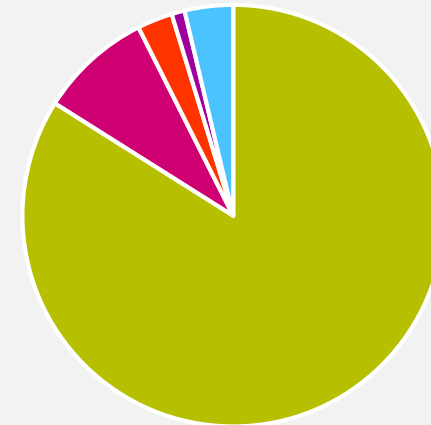


Pan Out Diversity by the Numbers, 2015

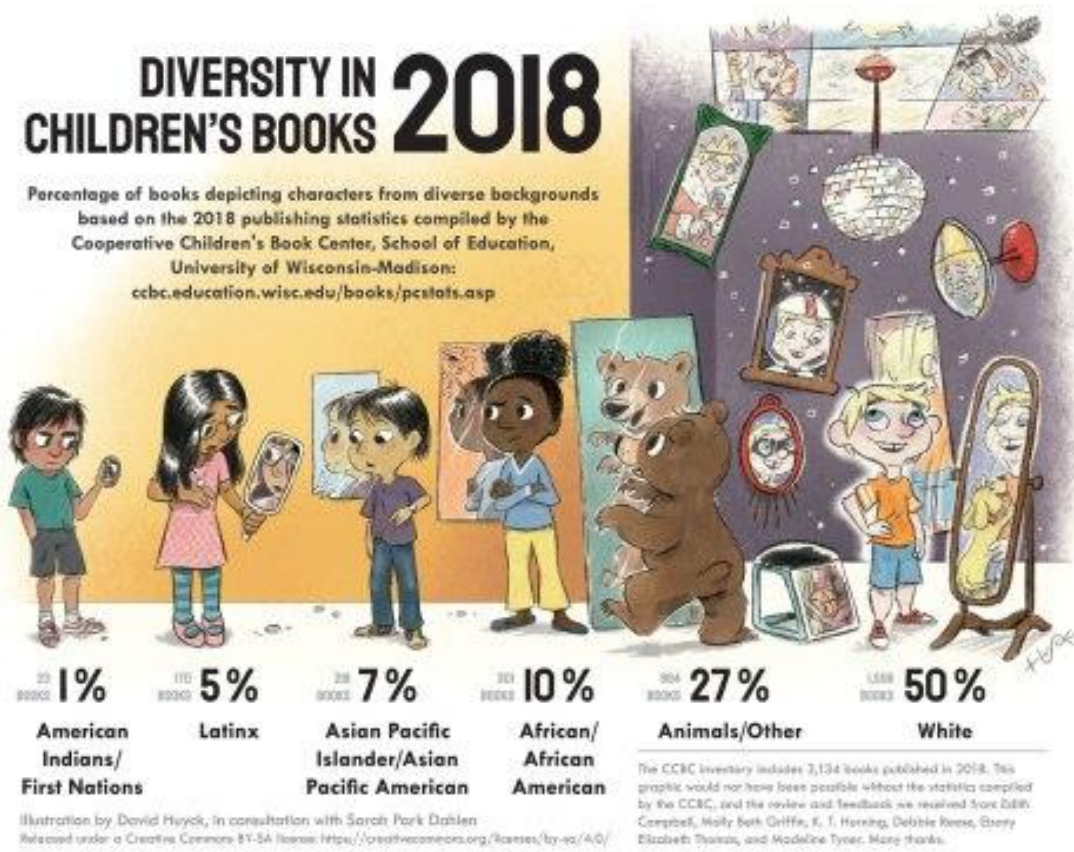


Human Protagonists

- White (83.7%)
- Black (8.6%)
- Latinx (2.7%)
- American Indian (1%)
- Asian & Pacific Islander (3.7%)

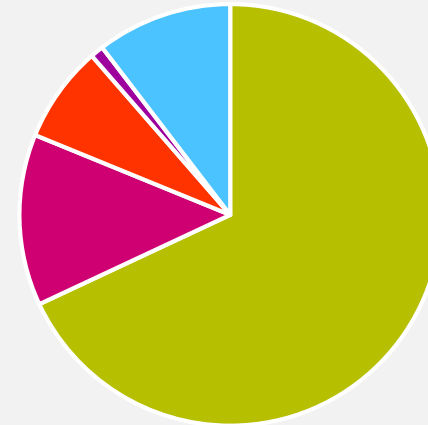


Pan Out Diversity by the Numbers, 2018



Human Protagonists

- White (68%)
- Black (13%)
- Latinx (7%)
- American Indian (1%)
- Asian & Pacific Islander (10%)



Pan Out #ownvoices

“Own voices” means that if you are writing a **main character** who is part of marginalized group, **you** are part of that marginalized group.

From [Blue Crow Publishing](#), 2018

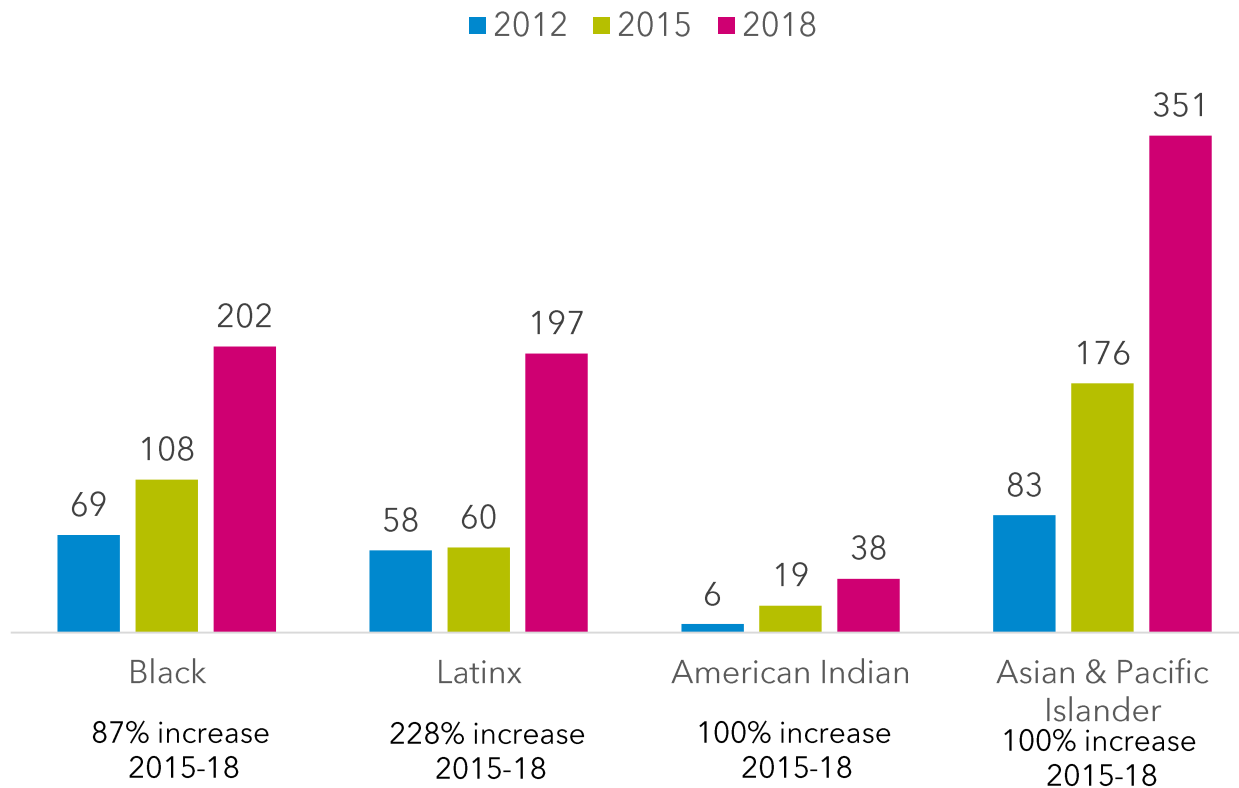
The [original hashtag](#) was created by YA author Corinne Duyvis on Twitter in 2015

Use of #ownvoices among authors, publishers, and readers supports marginalized authors—who are still underrepresented in publishing!

Some #ownvoices authors may have an “invisible” identity and experience challenges navigating the hashtag.



Pan Out Nonwhite Authors, 2012-18



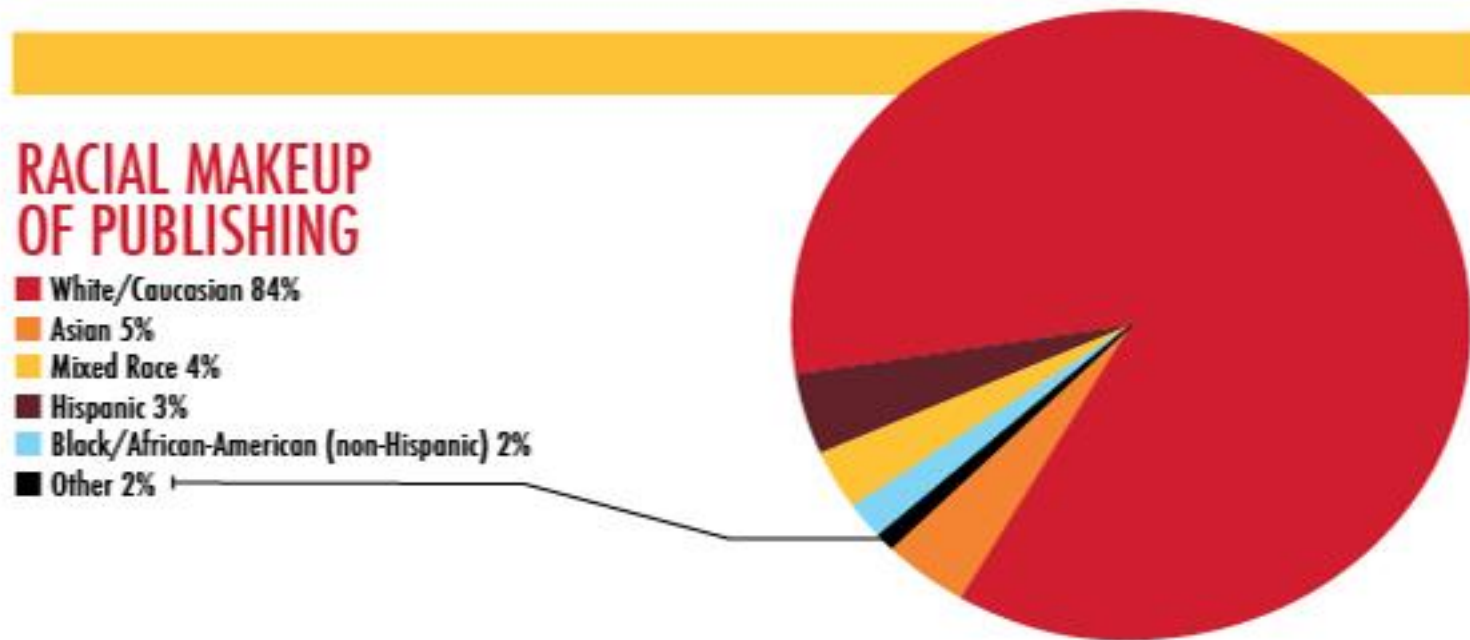
CCBC's public data tables don't include statistics on white authors.

Based on [statistics gathered and reported annually](#) since 1994 by the [Cooperative Children's Book Center \(CCBC\)](#) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison



Pan Out

Nonwhite Publishing Employees, 2018



From Publishers Weekly's [Publishing Industry Salary Survey](#), 2019



Pan Out Who Can Tell My Story?

My belief is that there is room in the world for all stories, and that everyone has one. My hope is that those who write about the tears and the laughter and the language in my grandmother's house have **first sat down at the table with us** and dipped the bread of their own experiences into our stew.





Zoom In

Diverse Identities in Children's Literature

Zoom In Key



Subjects

[Library of Congress Subject Headings](#)

Linked to LINCC catalog for easy searching

- Managed by Library of Congress
- Often use outdated terminology
- Individual libraries must use as-is and cannot modify



Book Suggestions

Click on a book cover to find it in the library!



#ownvoices
author

Grades K-2



audiobook
available

Grades 3-5



graphic
novel

Grades 6-8



Oregon author
or setting

Grades 9-12



Spanish
available



Awards

Award Book Lists with
more book
recommendations

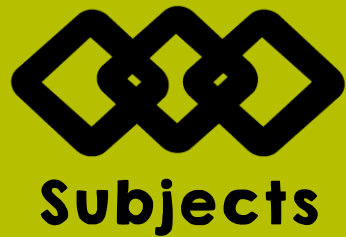


Online Resource

Websites with more book
recommendations and other
useful information



Zoom In Citizenship Status



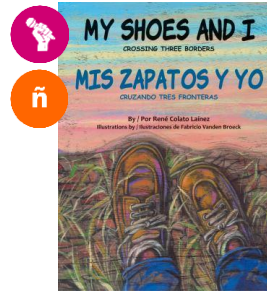
["Illegal aliens"](#)

[Immigrant](#)

[Refugee](#)



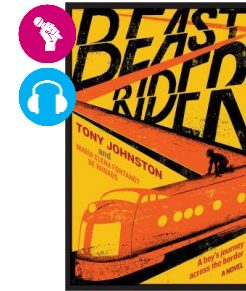
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Suggestions**



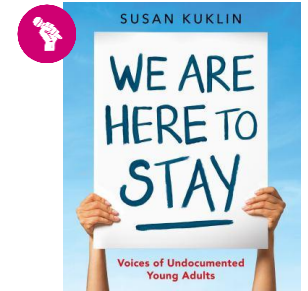
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

None

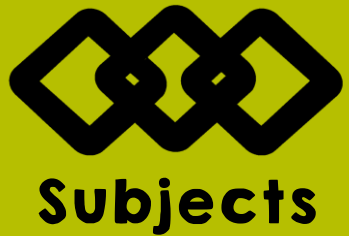


**Online
Resource**

[LINCC Refugee & Immigrant
Experience Book List](#)



Zoom In Disability

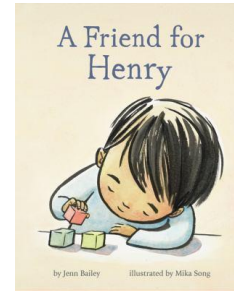


["People with disabilities"](#)

Note: May also be under a type of disability (e.g. blindness or autism), a mobility device (e.g. wheelchair), or include the words disabled or disability



**Book
Suggestions**



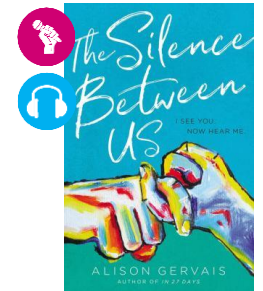
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Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Schneider Family
Book Award](#)



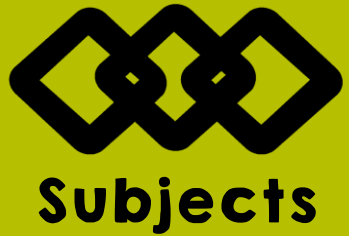
**Online
Resource**

[Disability in KidLit](#)

by Corinne Duyvis, Kayla Whaley, Natasha Razi, Yahong Chi, and Kody Keplinger

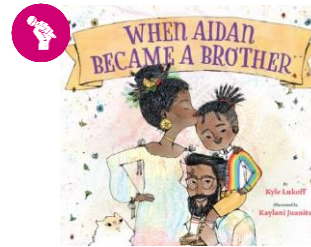


Zoom In Gender Identity & Sexuality

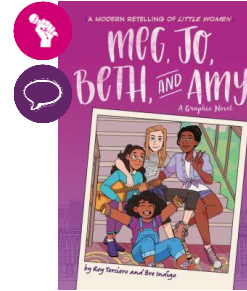


["Gender identity"](#)
["Sexual orientation"](#)

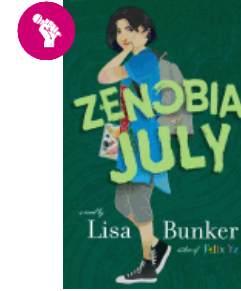
Note: Most books use more specific terminology, but it's currently applied very inconsistently. Other terms to try include homosexuality, bisexuality, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, "gay men", and "intersex people".



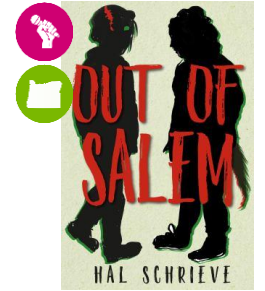
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[Lambda Literary Award](#)

[Rainbow List](#)

[Stonewall Award](#)



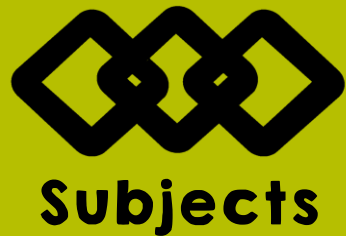
[I'm Here, I'm Queer, What the Hell Do I Read?](#)

by Lee Wind

Note: OC has a [Teen LGBTQ](#) collection as well as [book club kits](#) for a few LGBTQ+ YA books.



Zoom In Income Inequality



"Homeless persons"

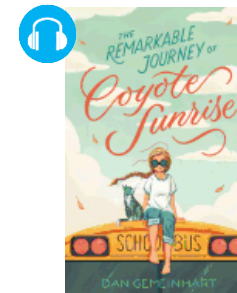
Poverty



**Book
Suggestions**



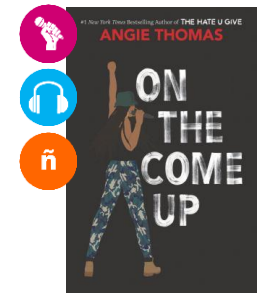
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Awards

None

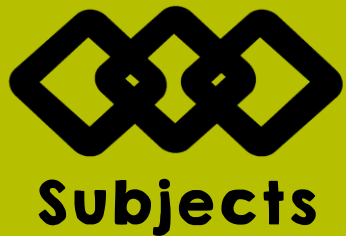


**Online
Resource**

None



Zoom In Language (Spanish)



["Spanish language materials"](#)

["Bilingual books"](#)

Note: We also have ["Russian language materials"](#) and ["Braille language materials"](#) at OC. Chinese, Vietnamese, and Ukrainian language materials are available at other LINCC libraries



**Book
Suggestions**



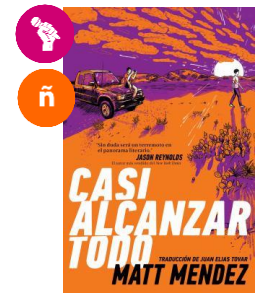
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Grades 6-8



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Awards

None

Note: Many [Pura Belpré Award](#) books are available in Spanish or bilingual editions



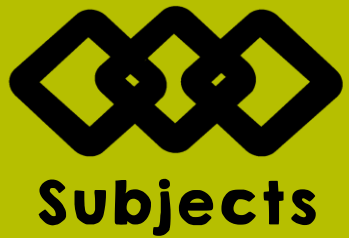
**Online
Resource**

[Libros for Oregon](#)

by the Reforma Round Table of the
Oregon Library Association



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: American Indian

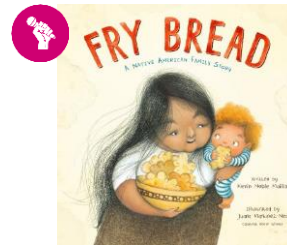


["Indians of North America"](#)

Note: Federally-recognized tribes are sovereign nations whose members have dual citizenship status. Books by or about Native Americans should always include the name of a specific tribe in the author's biography and/or source notes.



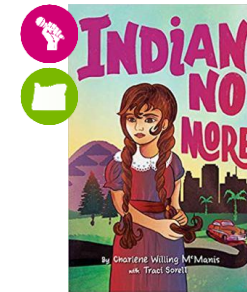
Book Suggestions



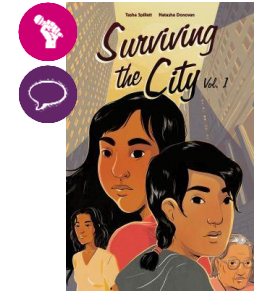
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[American Indian Youth Literature Award](#)



Online Resource

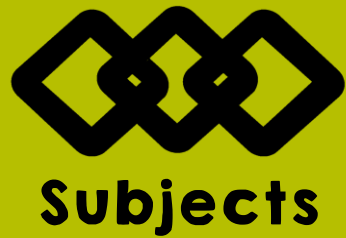
[American Indians in Children's Literature](#)

by Debbie Reese (Nambe Owingeh)



Zoom In

Race & Ethnicity: Asian & Pacific Islander

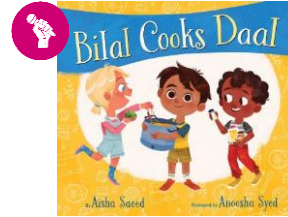


"Asian Americans"

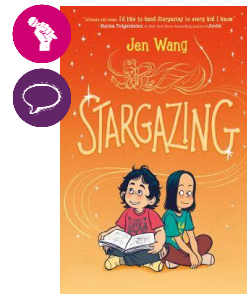
Note: Some records use only more specific terminology. Try Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans, Indian Americans, Japanese Americans, Korean Americans, etc.



Book Suggestions



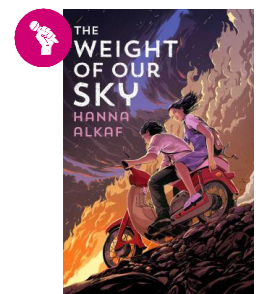
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature](#)

[South Asia Book Award](#)



Online Resource

None



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: Black

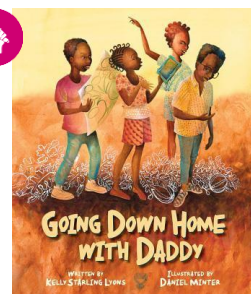


Subjects

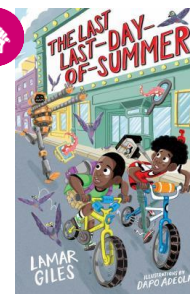
["African Americans"](#)



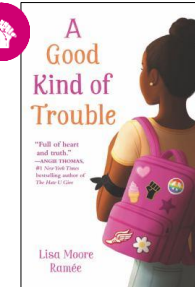
**Book
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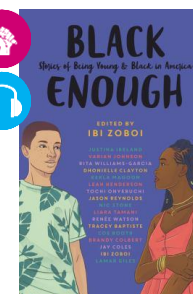
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Children's Africana
Book Award](#)

[Coretta Scott King
Award](#)

[NAACP Image Award](#)



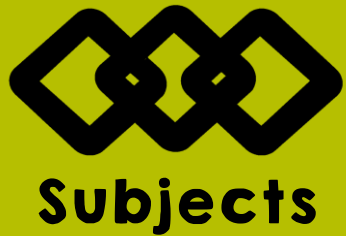
**Online
Resource**

[The Brown Bookshelf](#)

by Paula Chase-Hyman, Varian Johnson,
Kelly Starling Lyons, Don Tate, Crystal
Allen, Tameka Fryer Brown, Gwendolyn
Hooks, Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich,
Tracey Baptiste, and Jerry Craft



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: Latinx



"Hispanic Americans"

Note: Note: Some records use only more specific terminology. Try Cuban Americans, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, etc.



Book Suggestions



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Américas Award](#)
[Pura Belpré Award](#)
[Tomás Rivera Book Award](#)
[Reforma Oregon Mock
Belpré Workshop](#)



Online Resource

[Latinxs in KidLit](#)

by Cindy L. Rodriguez, Ashley Hope Pérez, Lila Quintero Weaver, Sujei Lugo, Cecilia Cackley, and Sonia Alejandra Rodriguez



Zoom In Religion: Jewish

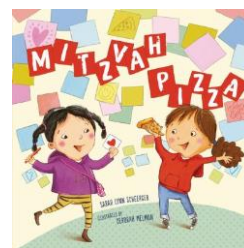


Subjects

[Jews](#)



Book Suggestions



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Sydney Taylor
Book Award](#)

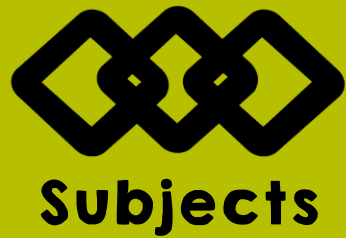


Online Resource

None



Zoom In Religion: Muslim

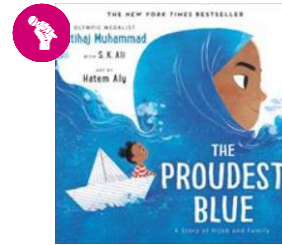


[Muslim](#)
[Islam](#)

Note: While many representations of Muslims in America focus on traditions from the Middle East, there are majority-Muslim countries in central Asia, southeast Asia, and Africa as well.



**Book
Suggestions**



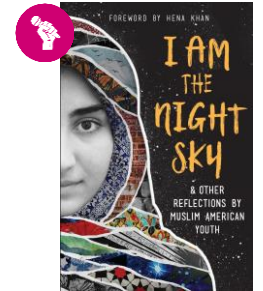
Grades K-2



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Grades 9-12



Awards

[Arab American
Book Award](#)

[Middle East Book
Award](#)

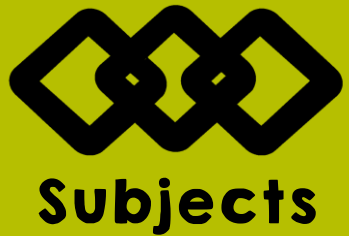


**Online
Resource**

None



Zoom In Intersectionality

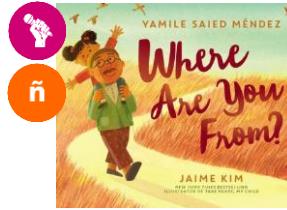


"Intersectionality is a sociological theory describing multiple threats of discrimination when an individual's identities overlap with a number of minority classes – such as race, gender, age, ethnicity, health and other characteristics."

From [*"What Is Intersectionality?"*](#)
by Steve Williams, August 21,
2014



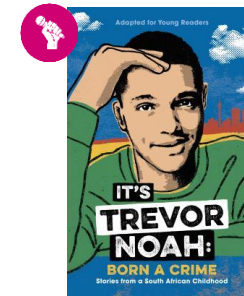
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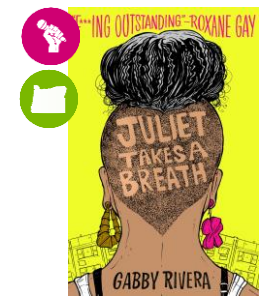
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Carter G. Woodson
Award](#)

[Walter Award](#)



**Online
Resource**

[We Need Diverse Books](#)

by Ellen Oh, Dhonielle Clayton, and
Judy Shricker





Training Montage

Using the Library Catalog



Training Montage Basic Search



Log In | My Account | My Lists | About My Library || ?

LINCC

Everything All Fields watsons go to birmingham 1963 curtis Search Advanced Search

Go to www.lincc.org and use the "All Fields" dropdown to search by title and/or author.



Training Montage

Basic Search

The screenshot shows the LINCC library website. At the top, there's a green header with the LINCC logo and navigation links: Log In, My Account, My Lists, About My Library, and a help icon. Below the header is a search bar with a home icon, a dropdown menu set to 'Everything', another dropdown set to 'All Fields', and the search text 'watsons go to birmingham 1963 curtis'. A yellow 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced Search' are to the right.

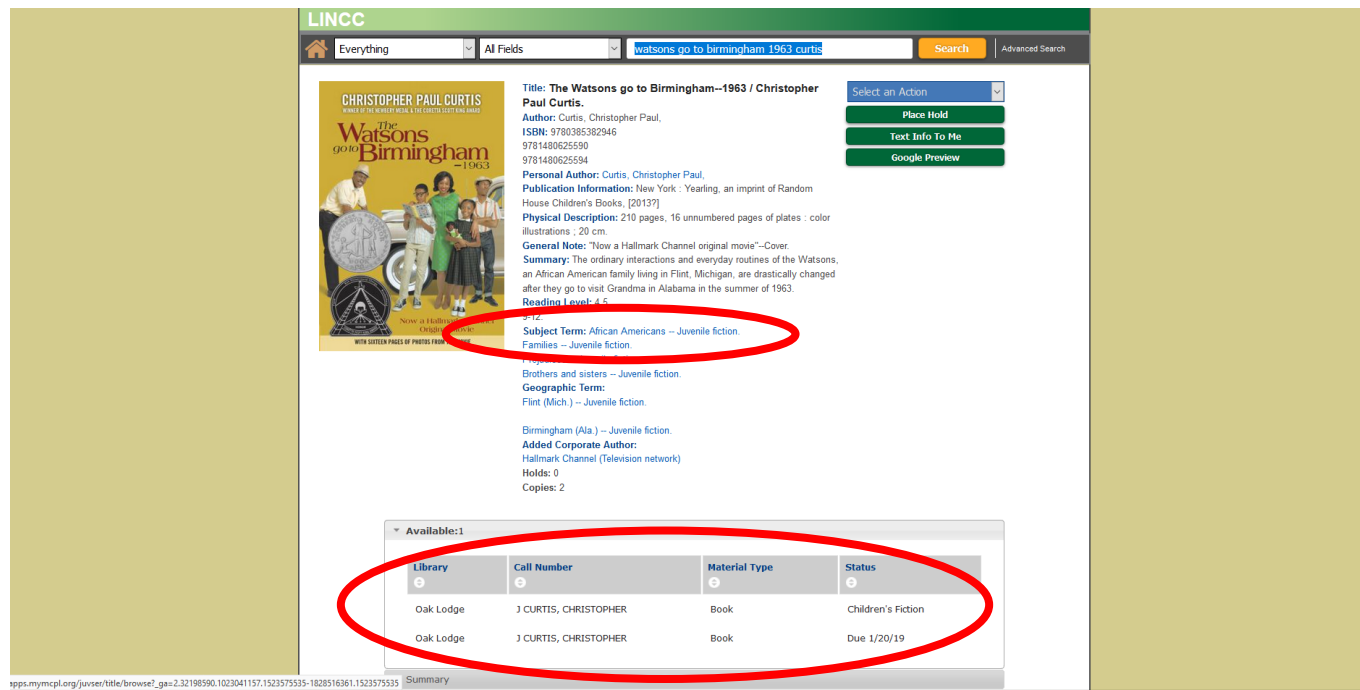
Below the search bar, the results section shows '12 Results Found' with a RSS icon. On the left, there's a 'Limit Search Results' section with a green button 'Only Show Available'. Below that is a 'Library' list with checkboxes for various locations: Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Hoodland, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oak Lodge, Oregon City, Sandy, and West Linn. There are 'Include' and 'Exclude' buttons next to the list.

The main results area shows a list of results. The first result is circled in red and includes a book cover, the title 'The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963 / Christopher Paul Curtis.', the author 'by Curtis, Christopher Paul,', the publication date 'Publication Date: 2013', the format 'Format: Book', a summary excerpt, and availability information: 'Available: 1' and 'Holds: 0'. To the right of the result are four green buttons: 'Place Hold', 'Text Info To Me', 'Google Preview', and 'Details'.

Click on the book's title to learn more about the book and where to find it in the library.



Training Montage Basic Search



LINCC

Everything AI Fields Search Advanced Search

Title: The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963 / Christopher Paul Curtis.

Author: Curtis, Christopher Paul,
ISBN: 9780385382946
9781480625590
9781480625594

Personal Author: Curtis, Christopher Paul,
Publication Information: New York : Yearling, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, [2013?]
Physical Description: 210 pages, 16 unnumbered pages of plates : color illustrations : 20 cm.
General Note: "Now a Hallmark Channel original movie"--Cover.
Summary: The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
Reading Level: 4.5

Subject Term: African Americans -- Juvenile fiction.
Families -- Juvenile fiction.

Geographic Term:
Flint (Mich.) -- Juvenile fiction.
Birmingham (Ala.) -- Juvenile fiction.
Added Corporate Author:
Hallmark Channel (Television network)
Holds: 0
Copies: 2

Available:1

Library	Call Number	Material Type	Status
Oak Lodge	J CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER	Book	Children's Fiction
Oak Lodge	J CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER	Book	Due 1/20/19

Click on the author's name or the subject terms to find more books with those tags. The book's location and status are listed at the bottom of the screen.



Training Montage Place a Hold

The screenshot shows the LINCC website interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "watsons go to birmingham 1963 curtis". Below the search bar, the book details for "The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963" by Christopher Paul Curtis are displayed. A red circle highlights the "Place Hold" button. A login modal is open in the center, showing fields for "Library Card #" (with the value "90616863") and "PIN" (with four dots). Below these fields are links for "Forgot my PIN" and a "Log In" button. The LINCC Libraries logo is also visible. To the right, a "Place Hold(s)" modal is shown, containing fields for "Title" (The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963) and "Pickup Library:" (Oregon City), with a "Place Hold(s)" button below them.

Book Details:

- Title: The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963 / Christopher Paul Curtis.
- Author: Curtis, Christopher Paul,
- ISBN: 9780385382946
- 9781480625590
- 9781480625594
- Personal Author: Curtis, Christopher Paul,
- Publication Information: New York : Yearling, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, [2013?]

Login Modal:

Library Card #: 90616863
PIN: ●●●●
Forgot my PIN Log In

Place Hold(s) Modal:

Title: The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963
Pickup Library: Oregon City
Place Hold(s)

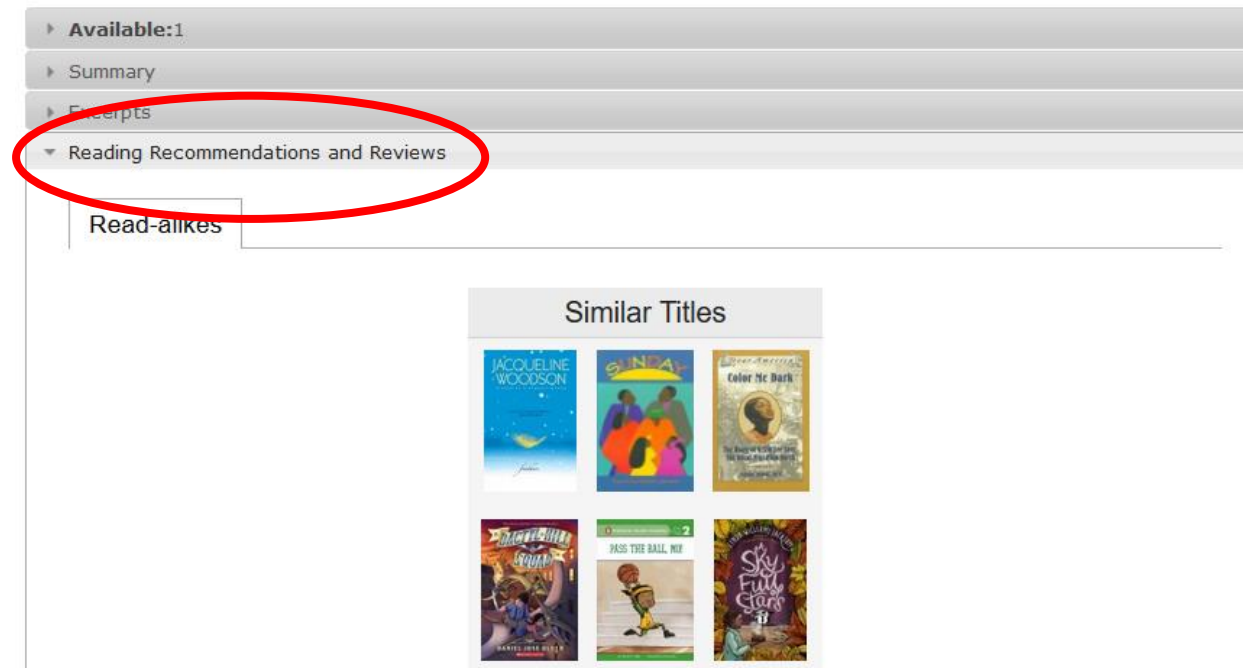
Library	Author	Format	Due Date
Oak Lodge	J CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER	Book	Children's Fiction
Oak Lodge	J CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER	Book	Due 1/20/19

Click the "Place Hold" button, then enter your library card number and PIN—usually the last 4 digits of your phone number. If the book is checked in, it will arrive at the LINCC library of your choice within 3 days.



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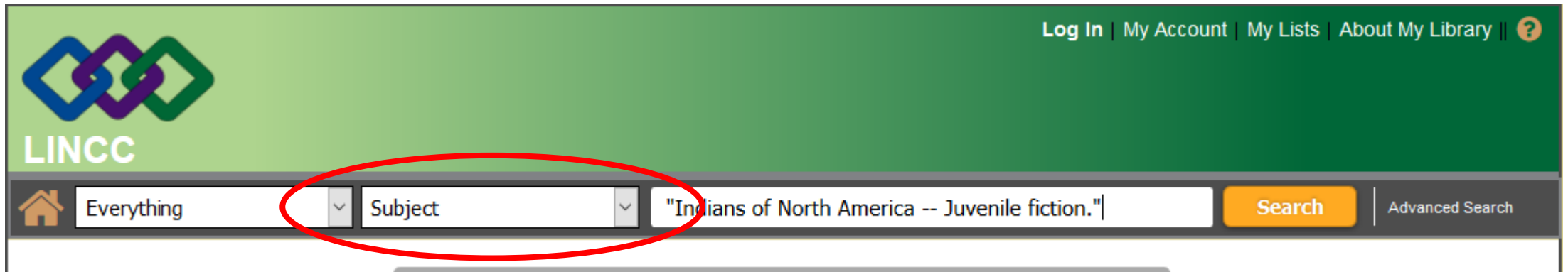
Find Similar Books



Click on the "Reading Recommendations and Reviews" tab at the bottom of the page to find similar books. Use the [Novelist](#) database (log in with your library card # and PIN) for full recommendation features.



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The screenshot shows the LINCC library search interface. The header is green with the LINCC logo on the left and navigation links (Log In, My Account, My Lists, About My Library) on the right. Below the header is a search bar with a home icon, a dropdown menu set to 'Everything', another dropdown menu set to 'Subject' (highlighted with a red circle), a search input field containing the text '"Indians of North America -- Juvenile fiction."', an orange 'Search' button, and a link to 'Advanced Search'.

Use the "Subject" dropdown **only** when you know the exact wording and punctuation of the Library of Congress Subject Heading—the approved search terms used in library catalogs throughout the US. (Hint: These are linked in the "Zoom In" sections in this PowerPoint.)



Training Montage Narrow Using Facets

Library	Book or Electronic	Fiction or Nonfiction	Audience
<input type="checkbox"/> Canby <input type="checkbox"/> Estacada <input type="checkbox"/> Gladstone <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Valley <input type="checkbox"/> Hoodland <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Oswego <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukie <input type="checkbox"/> Molalla <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lodge <input type="checkbox"/> Online Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon City <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy <input type="checkbox"/> West Linn <input type="checkbox"/> Wilsonville	<input type="checkbox"/> Books (1926) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Resources (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction (1368) <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction (561)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults
	Format <input type="checkbox"/> DVD (119) <input type="checkbox"/> CD Audiobook (66) <input type="checkbox"/> Compact Disc (49) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Print (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Online Resource (13) ▶ More ▶ View All	Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Indians of North Ame... (195) <input type="checkbox"/> Indians of North Ame... (106) <input type="checkbox"/> Indians of North Ame... (91) <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction. (90) <input type="checkbox"/> Feature films. (72) ▶ More ▶ View All	Language <input type="checkbox"/> English (2145) <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish (28) <input type="checkbox"/> No linguistic content (17) <input type="checkbox"/> French (6) <input type="checkbox"/> North American India... (5) ▶ More ▶ View All

Use the “facets” on the left side of the search results screen to narrow books by availability, location, format, audience, etc.





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Getting a Library Card

Deux Ex Machina Educator Library Card

- All OCSD classroom teachers (e.g. responsible for lesson planning) are eligible!
- 80 checkouts, 30 holds, 6-week loan period, and no late fees on items **for your classroom!**
- Valid until June 30 each year and can be renewed annually
- Visit any [LINCC library](#)—including Oregon City—with your driver's license AND school ID to apply
- Need more info? Visit www.lincc.org/educators for the full policy



Deux Ex Machina Regular Library Card

- All residents of Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah, Hood River, and Clark Counties are eligible—including students, families, and OCSD staff!
- 50 checkouts, 15 holds, 7-28 day loan periods, \$0.25 per item per day late fees
- Valid indefinitely, but will be deleted if inactive for 3 years
- Visit any [LINCC library](#) with photo ID to apply
 - Children 12 and younger must be signed up by a parent or legal guardian
 - Teens 13-17 can sign up with school ID
 - If photo ID doesn't have current address, we mail the card for address verification





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