Books About Social Issues

Novels that deal with issues of class/gender/race or discrimination:

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan (Scholastic, 2004)

*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan (Scholastic, 2000)

*Rules* by Cynthia Lord (Scholastic, 2007)

*A Friendship For Today* by Patricia C. McKissack (Scholastic, 2007)

*The Color of My Words* by Lynn Joseph (Harper Trophy, 2002)

Picture books that deal with similar themes:

*Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman and Carline Binch (Scholastic, 1991)—Race/Gender

*Amelia's Road* by Linda Jacobs Altman and Enrique O. Sanchez (Lee & Low, 1993)—Class/Labor

*An Angel for Solomon Singer* by Cynthia Rylant (Orchard Books, 1992)—Class/Homelessness/Money

*Baseball Saved Us* by Yukio Tsuchiya (Lee & Low, 1995)—Fairness/Race

*Cheyenne Again* by Eve Bunting (Sandpiper, 2002)—Power/Race

*Coming On Home Soon* by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam, 2004)—Labor/Money

*A Day's Work* by Eve Bunting (Sandpiper, 1997)—Labor/Class

*Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting (Sandpiper, 1993)—Class/Homelessness/Money

*Grandmama's Pride* by Becky Birtha (Albert Whitman & Company, 2005)—Race/Fairness/Power

*Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine (Scholastic, 2007)—Race/Fairness

*Horton Hatches The Egg* by Dr. Seuss (Random House, 1968)—Social Responsibility/Fairness

*One Green Apple* by Eve Bunting (Clarion Books, 2006)—Groups

*The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam Juvenile, 2001)—Race/Fairness

*Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam, 2005)—Race/Fairness/Gender

*The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss (Random House, 1961)—Power/Fairness

*The Table Where Rich People Sit* by Byrd Baylor (Aladdin, 1998)—Money/Class

*Tight Times* by Barbara Shook Hazen (Puffin, 1983)—Money/Class

*The Wall* by Eve Bunting (Sandpiper, 1992)—War

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Novels that deal with environmental issues/ethical issues:
*Flush* by Carl Hiasson (Knopf, 2007)
*Hoot* by Carl Hiasson (Knopf, 2004)
*Scat* by Carl Hiasson (Knopf, 2009)
*Home, and Other Big Fat, Lies* by Jill Wolfson (Henry Holt, 2006)
*Elephant Tears: Mask of the Elephant* by Richard Trout (Pelican, 2006)

Picture books that deal with similar themes:
*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein (HarperCollins, 1964)—Fairness/Environment
*Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust* by Eve Bunting (Jewish Publication Society, 1989)—Fairness/Groups
*Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People, and War* by Yukio Tsuchiya (Sandpiper, 1997) —War/Fairness/Power
*In My Mother’s House* by Ann Nolan Clark (Puffin Books, 1991)—Native Americans/Fairness/Environment
*The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss (Random House, 1998)—Environment/Power
*Just a Dream* by Chris Van Allsburg (Houghton Mifflin, 1990)—Environment
*The Desert is Theirs* by Byrd Baylor (Aladdin, 1987)—Native Americans/Environment