

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 (HarperTrophy, 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)

The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo by Jean Craighead George (HarperCollins, 1993)

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