

An Eclectic Array of Diversity Resources

From AAUW: ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club Reading List

Spotlights engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds and connects members to some featured authors through web discussions.

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>

Lee & Low Books

Award-winning, multicultural book publisher—largest in the U.S. “We are your diversity source.” Search their site by language, theme, or imprint. <http://www.leeandlow.com/>

CBS This Morning, *Armando*: <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/i-wish-my-teacher-knew-exercise-makes-personal-impact-in-classrooms/>

<http://blog.leeandlow.com/2015/03/05/the-diversity-gap-in-childrens-publishing-2015/>

Internet School Library Media Center (ISLMC)—Multicultural Page

Multicultural Materials for Children and Young Adults

Dr. Linda Alexander, University of Florida

<http://www.cas.usf.edu/~lalexand/multicultural.htm>

Children's Multicultural Literature Resource

<http://members.aol.com/mcsing29/>

National Education Association

<http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm#preschool%20>

CCBC, Cooperative Children's Book Center

Google: **50 Multicultural Books Every Child Should Know**

CCBC, the Cooperative Children's Book Center, University of Wisconsin

Many resources for multicultural books (including *Armando*!)

<http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/multicultural.asp>

We Need Diverse Books

Google the Association for Library Service to Children's “White Paper on the Importance of Diversity in Library Programs and Materials Collections for Children.

(There's a link at We Need Diverse Books site.) <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>

SCBWI—Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

San Diego Chapter (active, inviting) meets second Saturday at USD, 2–4 p.m.

www.scbwi.org

Diversity Resources: <https://www.scbwi.org/diversity-resources/>

Director Lin Oliver's letter on diversity:

<http://www.scbwi.org/scbwi-executive-director-speaks-out-on-diversity/>

A Sampling of Authors with Diverse Books

NF = nonfiction YA = Young Adult

From our San Diego SCBWI Chapter:

Carolyn Marsden's middle grade novels reflect many cultures.

Virginia Loh-Hagan and Helen Foster James, *Lee's Journey to America*

Salina Yoon (author/illustrator with endearing animal characters)

Lori Mitchell (*Different Just Like Me*, a girl with vitiligo encounters others with differences)

Judith Pinkerton Josephson (*Jesse Owens*, biography)

Suzanne Santillan (*Grandma's Pear Tree*)
Kathleen Long Bostrom
Susan Traugh (*Edge of Brilliance*, YA, mental health)
Sally Pla (*Someday Birds*)

Other Authors and Illustrators to know:

Alma Flor Ada	Alexis O'Neill
Kwame Alexander	Kadir Nelson
Sherman Alexie	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Laurie Halse Anderson	Patricia Palacio
Matt de la Peña	PJ Palacio
David Diaz	Linda Sue Park
Taye Diggs	Jerry Pinkney
Nikki Grimes	Brian Pinkney
Cynthia Kadohata	Andrea Davis Pinkney
Ezra Jack Keats	Faith Ringgold
Betsy Lewin	Smith, Cynthia Leitich
Ted Lewin	Javaka Steptoe
Meg Medina	John Steptoe
Walter Dean Meyers	Mildred D. Taylor
Pat Mora	Jacqueline Woodson
Christopher Myers	Ed Young

What Can I Do?

Read widely yourself. Read in school libraries. Start kids' book groups.
Give diverse books as holiday and birthday gifts.
Give diverse books to schools and libraries, especially in districts where books are needed.
Speak up! If you hear inappropriate jokes: "That's just not funny."

IMPORTANT!

If buying books from AMZN, please do it through our Del Mar-Leucadia Branch website.
<http://delmarleucadia-ca.aauw.net/>

Some of My Books—Edith Hope Fine

www.edithfine.com Info about me and my books, plus info. for young writers and artists.
www.bluetarpschool.com Info about *Armando and the Blue Tarp School*.
www.responsibilityonline.org For more about David Lynch and his work in Tijuana and Matagalpa.
www.theparkdaleplayers.com To see a preview of the children's musical of *Armando*, search for "Blue Tarp School" at YouTube—in three parts.)
Sleepytime Me, Random House. Illustrations by Christopher Denise: www.christopherdenise.com.
www.cryptokids.com Five CryptoKids explore 200 roots and affixes. You'll find a *Cryptomania! Educator's Guide*; ideas for teaching Greek and Latin roots through the **CryptoKids Decoder Program**, a 34-week program for schools; the Tumbling Tetrahedron pattern; and many other extension activities. *Greek and Latin for Cryptomaniacs!* is the student workbook to pair with the book *Cryptomania!*: 300 Greek and Latin roots.
www.grammarpatrol.com Information on the two light-hearted *Nitty-Gritty Grammar* guides. Co-author Judith Josephson and I blog monthly as the Grammar Patrol at www.efrogpress.com
Gary Paulsen: Author and Adventurer and **Barbara McClintock: Nobel Prize Geneticist**, my two biographies for older readers are now out as eBooks. AAUW was one of the first national organizations to recognize McClintock's research with a financial prize. Their \$2,500 Achievement Award cited work that "yielded epoch-making results . . . with brilliant promise of still further achievement."

Jump Froggies! Writing Children's Books: 89+ Beginner's Tips is available both in paperback and as an ebook.

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