

ReachOut's Book Recommendations

| Title | Author | Description |
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| REACHOUT'S NUMBER ONE RECOMMENDATION | | |
| The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down | Anne Fadiman | 'A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures' |
| CULTURAL COMPETENCY RESOURCE BOOKS | | |
| Cultural Competence Agency Self-Assessment Instrument | CWLA Press | Organizational Assessment Tool |
| Culturally Competent Practice | Doman Lum | 'A Framework for Understanding Diverse Groups and Justice Issues' |
| Readings for Diversity and Social Justice | Maurianne Adams | 'An Anthology on Racism, Sexism, Anti-Semitism, Heterosexism, Classism, and Ableism' |
| Towards a Culturally Competent System of Care, Volume 1 | Terry Cross | Cross' work is often cited as a definition for cultural competence |
| Multiracial Child Resource Book | Maria P.P. Root Matt Kelly | 'Educating Parents and Childcare Providers about Multiracial Youth' Available at www.mavin.net |
| EDUCATION THEMED BOOKS | | |
| Con Respeto | Guadalupe Valdes | 'Bridging the Distances Between Culturally Diverse Families and Schools' |
| A Framework for Understanding Poverty | Ruby K. Payne | 'The hidden rules of economic class' |
| Other People's Children | Lisa Delpit | 'Cultural Conflict in the Classroom' |
| The Skin That We Speak | Lisa Delpit | 'Thoughts on Language and Culture in the Classroom' |
| We Can't Teach What We Don't know | Gary R. Howard | 'White Teachers, Multiracial Schools' |
| Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? | Beverly Daniel Tatum | 'A Psychologist Explains the Development of Racial Identity' |
| Closing the Achievement Gap | Belinda Williams | 'A Vision for Changing Beliefs and Practices' |

GENERAL BOOKS

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| Blink | Malcolm Gladwell | 'The Power of Thinking Without Thinking' |
| This Bridge Called My Back | Cherrie Moraga | 'Writings by Radical Women of Color' |
| Caramelo | Sandra Cisneros | A Story of about a Mexican-American Experience |
| Ceremony | Leslie Marmon Silko | 'A young Native American fights to defeat the demons that have followed him since his return from WWII' |
| Dreams from My Father | Barack Obama | 'A Story of Race and Inheritance' |
| The Genius of Language | Wendy Lesser | 'Fifteen Writers Reflect on Their Mother Tongues' |
| The House on Mango Street | Sandra Cisneros | A Story about Growing up Latina in Chicago |
| The Kite Runner | Khaled Hosseini | A Story of Growing up in Afghanistan |
| Lakota Woman | Dog Mary Crow | An Autobiography |
| Mountains Beyond Mountains | Tracy Kidder | 'The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man who Would Cure the World' |
| The Namesake | Jhumpa Lahiri | Explores topics such as "the immigrant experience, the clash of cultures, the tangled ties between generations" |
| Native Speaker | Chang-Rae Lee | A Story About an Immigrant Experience, an Asian American Perspective |
| Nickel and Dimed | Barbara Ehrenreich | 'On (Not) Getting By in America' |
| The Night My Mother Met Bruce Lee | Paisley Rekdal | 'Observations on Not Fitting In' |
| No Pity | Joseph P. Shapiro | 'People with Disabilities Forging a New Civil Rights Movement' |
| Nothing About Us Without Us | James I. Charlton | 'Disability Oppression and Empowerment' |
| Poisonwood Bible | Barbara Kingsolver | A story of an evangelical Baptist minister's family to the Congo in the late 1950s |

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| Raising Ourselves | Velma Wallis | 'A Gwich' in Coming of Age Story from the Yukon River' |
| Reservation Blues | Sherman Alexie | A story about an all-Indian Catholic rock band called Coyote Springs |
| A Single Square Pictures | Katy Robinson | A Korean Adoptee's Search for Her Roots |
| Uprooting Racism | Paul Kivel | 'How White People Can Work For Radical Justice' |
| The Working Poor | David K. Shipler | 'Invisible in America' |
| Yellow | Frank Wu | 'Race In America Beyond Black and White' |
| ALMOST ANYTHING BY THESE AUTHORS | | |
| Maya Angelou * Bell Hooks * Barbara Kingsolver * Audre Lorde * Toni Morrison * Ronald Takaki * Amy Tan * Alice Walker | | |

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