

“Read Woke” Booklist



By Cicely Lewis, with numerous additions from *School Library Journal* readers. The list includes fiction and nonfiction YA and adult titles for young adults. Be sure to add your favorites!

“Read Woke” It’s a feeling. A form of education. A call to action, and our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with the knowledge to better protect your rights. It’s learning about others to ensure you treat all people with respect and dignity that they deserve.

A Woke Book Must:

- Challenge a social norm
- Give voice to the voiceless
- Provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised
- Seek to challenge the status quo
- Include a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group.”

—Cicely Lewis

[*All American Boys*](#) by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tehereh Mafi

[*Dear Martin*](#) by Nic Stone

[*Girl Mans Up*](#) by M-E Girard

[*The Hate U Give*](#) by Angie Thomas

Hunger by Roxane Gay

[*I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*](#) by Malala Yousafzai

I Have a Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope by Chessy Prout

Darius The Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Juliet Takes a Breath by Gabby Rivera

The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe

[*I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*](#) by Erika L. Sánchez

Sugar by Deirdre Riordan Hall

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

[*Turtles All the Way Down*](#) by John Green

[*Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*](#) by Meg Medina
Super Late Bloomer: My Early Days in Transition by Julia Kaye
How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon
The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
Fire in the Streets by Kekla Magoon
The Border by Steve Schafer
I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
Refugee by Alan Gratz
A Girl Like That by Tanaz Bhathena
Fire Song by Adam Garnet Jones
Roughneck by Jeff Lemire
Love, Hate and Other Filters by Samira Ahmed
American Street by Ibi Zoboi
American Panda by Gloria Chao
Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson
Mexican White Boy by Matt de la Peña
We Were Here by Matt de la Peña
Rani Patel In Full Effect by Sonia Patel
[*Jaya and Rasa: A Love Story*](#) by [Sonia Patel](#)
The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by [Dashka Slate](#)
The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez by Alan Lawrence Sitomer
The Brothers Torres by Coert Voorhees
Stay With Me by Paul Griffin
Dark Dude by Oscar Hijuelos
Muchacho: A Novel by Louanne Johnson
Disappeared by Francisco X. Stork
The Last Summer of the Death Warriors by Francisco X. Stork
Marcelo In the Real World by Francisco X. Stork
Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick
Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero

Moonrise by Susan Crossan
We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson
The “Shadowshaper” series by Daniel José Older
The Inexplicable Logic of My Life by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
The Education of Margot Sanchez by Lilliam Rivera
The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind by Meg Medina
Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx by Sonia Manzano

The Mysterious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
The Miseducation of Cameron Post by Emily M. Danforth
Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults) by Bryan Stevenson
Fresh Ink edited by Lamar Giles
Nevertheless, We Persisted with a foreword by Amy Klobuchar
We Say #NeverAgain edited by Melissa Falkowski and Eric Garner
Flying Lessons & Other Stories edited by Ellen Oh
The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
One Half from the East by Nadia Hashimi
The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Outcasts United : The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town by Warren St. John
The Pants Project by Cat Clarke
Dream Country by Shannon Gibney
How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

And additional titles by: Paul Volponi, Jason Reynolds, Sharon Draper, Ellen Oh, Kwame Alexander, and Carole Boston Weatherford

Rebel with a green card
Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native Voices
If I ever Get out of Here
Give Me some truth
#notyourprincess: Voices of Native American Women
Faking Normal by Courtney C. Stevens