

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

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Material Title: **15 Things Not to Do with a Baby**

Author: Margaret McAllister

Books

2016

Congratulations! You have a new baby in your family. Just follow our simple tips and you'll all be very happy...

Don't send your baby to play with an elephant, lend him to a kangaroo, or give the baby to an octopus to cuddle. And never let your baby take the dog for a walk!

This funny, warm-hearted picture book is perfect for the whole family to share.

Material Title: **Adopted (DVD)**

Author: Barb Lee

DVDs

2008

80 minutes

This DVD, by first-time director Barb Lee, reveals the grit rather than the glamour of transracial adoption, going deep into the intimate lives of two well-meaning families and showing us the subtle challenges they face. One family is just beginning the process of adopting a baby from China, the other family's Korean daughter is now 32 years old. Prompted by her adoptive mother's terminal illness, she tries to create the bond they never had. The results are riveting, unpredictable and telling. While the two families are at opposite ends of their respective journeys, their stories converge to show us that love alone isn't enough to make a family work.

Includes the companion DVD, "Adopted: We Can Do Better", with more than two hours of experts' advice to help families clarify their intentions, cope with grief, identify themselves as a mixed-race family, foster identity for their transracial adopted children, and become educated about the politics of international adoption.

Material Title: **African-American and Biracial Hair Care: A parent's practical guide to managing hair care -- for adoptive & foster care parents (DVD)**

Author: DVD

DVDs

2004

Master stylists use live models to help you work with a texture that is different than your own, with practical advice and suggestions for new styling techniques.

Material Title: **After Tupac and D Foster**

Author: Jaqueline Woodson

Books

2010

192 pages

The day D Foster enters Neeka and her best friend's lives, the world opens up for them. Suddenly they're keenly aware of things beyond their block in Queens, things that are happening in the world—like the shooting of Tupac Shakur—and in search of their Big Purpose in life. When—all too soon—D's mom swoops in to reclaim her, and Tupac dies, they are left with a sense of how quickly things can change and how even all-too-brief connections can touch deeply.

Material Title: **All Are Welcome**

Author: Alexandra Penfold

Children's Books

2018

44 pages

Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yarmulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year. "All Are Welcome" lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

Material Title: **All the Colors of the Earth**

Author: Sheila Hamanaka

Books

1999

32 pages

Celebrate the colors of children and the colors of love—not black or white or yellow or red, but roaring brown, whispering gold, tinkling pink, and more.

Included in Brightly's list of recommended diverse poetry picture books for kids, this beautifully illustrated book "celebrates the beauty of diversity to the fullest through engaging, rhyming text," commented Charnaie Gordon in her Brightly review. All the Colors of the Earth "would be a wonderful book to use in multicultural classrooms in schools."

Material Title: **And That's Why She's My Mama**

Author: Tiarra Nazario

Children's Books

2018

31 pages

What is a Mama? A mama is someone who is always there for you. She makes you your favorite food, takes you to the park, and kisses your boo-boos better. Some mamas didn't hold you in their belly, but they will forever hold you in their hearts. Mamas come in all different shapes, colors, and ages, but they all have one thing in common. They love you!

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Material Title: **Assessing a Family's Ability to Adopt Transracially (DVD)**
Author: Dr. Joseph Crumbley *DVDs* 36 minutes

This video provides techniques for assessing adoptive parents' experience and understanding with regard to the role of race and ethnic heritage; a family's motivation and support systems; the family's ability to provide a community and opportunities for same-race role models and peer relationships, and life-styles and parenting abilities.

There are three other videos in this series: "The Special Needs of Minority Children Adopted Transracially," "The Impact of Transracial Adoptions on the Adopted Child and Adopted Family," and "Parenting Tasks in Transracial Adoptions."

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Material Title: **Be Bold! Be Brave! 11 Latinas who made U.S. History**
Author: Naibe Reynoso *Children's Books* 2019 32 pages

"Be Bold! Be Brave! 11 American Latinas who made U.S. History", "Sé Audaz! Sé Valiente!: 11 Latinas que hicieron historia en los Estados Unidos" is a bilingual book that highlights 11 Latinas who excelled in their professions and made U.S. History by accomplishing something that hadn't been done before in various fields including medicine, science, sports, art and politics. By presenting the true biographical stories of these outstanding Latinas in rhyming verses, young readers will easily follow their journey to success. Some of the women highlighted include Antonia Novello (first female Surgeon General in the U.S.), Ellen Ochoa (first Latina to go to space), Sonia Sotomayor (first Latina Supreme Court Justice,) Rita Moreno (first Latina to win an Oscar), and Pura Belpre (first Latina to incorporate and promote bilingual literacy in Public Libraries).

Material Title: **Beautiful, Wonderful, Strong Little Me!* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Hannah Dias Carmona *Children's Books* 2019 32 pages

Dark skin, curly hair, freckles, and full lips. Smart, strong, funny, and friendly. Lilly knows that she does not look like her friends, and others have noticed. Through playful, lyrical lines, Lilly speaks up for every child who has been asked What are you? in this celebration of self-love and acceptance.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: For Parents Adopting Internationally**
Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1984 to 1996

This collection of articles from 1984 to 1996 includes pieces on explaining abandonment; cultural identity, stereotypes; and issues specific to Chinese, Korean and Romanian children.

Material Title: **Birth Marks: Transracial Adoption in Contemporary America**
Author: Sandra Patton *Books* 2000 191 pages

Through in-depth interviews with adoption workers and adult transracial adoptees, Patton, herself an adoptee, explores the social construction of race, identity, gender, and family and the ways in which these interact with public policy about adoption. She discusses recent changes in adoption and social welfare policy to show how the lives of transracial adoptees have been shaped by the policies of the U.S. child welfare system.

Material Title: **Black Anthology: Adult Adoptees Claim Their Space**
Author: Daine Rene Christian & Susan Harris O'Connor & Mei-Mei Akwa *Books* 2016 102

We are diverse. In no way could anyone simply summarize our beginnings. The historical, socio-political contexts from which countries we come from are culturally varied. Our identities are connected to Haiti, Germany, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Korea, Sweden, Canada, the USA and many other places not mentioned within this publication. People who identify as Black adoptees are vaguely known within both adoption circles as well as universal discussions. We are just beginning to be introduced to one another. This anthology allows for the opportunity to see the rich diversity of a people; the uniqueness within the individual stories. Inside this book, you will read the depth of struggle, and the pure grace, dignity and accomplishments achieved, sometimes connected to the privileges afforded us while in the midst of insurmountable odds

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Material Title: **Black Baby White Hands: A View from the Crib**

Author: Jaiya John

Books

2002

378 pages

July 15, 1968. It is only three months following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the nation is burning. Black and White America are locked in the tense grip of massive change. Into this inferno steps an unsuspecting young White couple. Neither significantly knew even a single African American person while growing up. Now, a child will change all of that forever. In this fateful moment, a Black baby becomes perhaps the first in the history of New Mexico to be adopted by a White family. Here is a brazenly honest glimpse into the mind and heart of that child, a true story for the ages that flows like a soulful river—separated from his mother at birth, placed into foster care, adopted, and finally reunited with his biological family in adulthood—an astounding journey of personal discovery. Jaiya John has opened the floodgates on his own childhood with this piercing memoir. *Black Baby White Hands*, a waterfall of jazz splashing over the rocks of love, pain and the honoring of family. Magically, this book finds a way to sing as it cries, and to exude compassion even as it dispels well-entrenched myths. This story is sure to find itself well worn, stained by tears, and brushed by laughter in the lap of parents, adolescents, educators, students and professionals. Here comes the rain and the sunshine, all at once.

Material Title: **Black is Brown is Tan**

Author: Arnold Adoff

Children's Books

2004

40 pages

Brown-skinned momma, the color of chocolate milk and coffee pumpkin pie, whose face gets ginger red when she puffs and yells the children into bed. White-skinned daddy, not white like milk or snow, lighter than brown, With pinks and tiny tans, whose face gets tomato red when he puffs and yells their children into bed. Children who are all the colors of the race, growing up happy in a house full of love. This is the way it is for them; this is the way they are, but the joy they feel extends to every reader of this book.

Black is brown is tan is a story poem about being, a beautiful true song about a family delighting in each other and in the good things of the earth.

Material Title: **Black, White, Just Right!* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Marguerite Davol W.

Children's Books

2019

32 pages

This simple story celebrates how the differences between one mother and father blend to make the perfect combination in their daughter. As this little family moves through the world, the girl notes some of the ways that her parents are different from each other, and how she is different from both of them. With each difference she lists, she highlights the ways that their individual characteristics join together to make her family. The fact that her mother is African American and her father is white is just one of the many interesting things that make this little girl and her family "just right."

Material Title: **Can I Tell You About Adoption?; A Guide for Friends, Family, and Professionals**

Author: Anne Braff Brodzinsky

Children's Books

8/28/2013

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Meet Chelsea - a young girl who was adopted. Chelsea invites you to learn about adoption from her perspective and introduces us to two friends of hers who were also transracially adopted. Chelsea and her friends help children understand what it means to be adopted, the experiences and challenges that follow the adoption process, and how they can help.

Accessible and informative, this illustrated book is an ideal introduction to adoption for children aged 7+ and is a great tool for encouraging discussions for families, teachers and professionals working with adopted children.

Material Title: **Coco & Olive: The Color of Love**

Author: Michelle Madrid-Branch

Children's Books

2019

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Explore the colors of love and the beauty of family diversity with *Coco & Olive*, a doggie mother and daughter pair who come together through adoption. Filled with imaginative characters and stunning illustrations, this is a story about finding home, not in a building, but within each other's hearts. *Coco & Olive: The Color of Love* is a 1st place winner of the 2019 Royal Dragonfly Award, recognizing excellence in children's literature. Written by international adoptee and mother-by-adoption, Michelle Madrid-Branch.

Material Title: **Colors of Us, The**

Author: Karen Katz

Books

2002

32 pages

A positive and affirming look at skin color, from an artist's perspective.

Seven-year-old Lena is going to paint a picture of herself. She wants to use brown paint for her skin. But when she and her mother take a walk through the neighborhood, Lena learns that brown comes in many different shades.

Through the eyes of a little girl who begins to see her familiar world in a new way, this book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people.

Karen Katz created this book for her daughter, Lena, whom she and her husband adopted from Guatemala six years ago.

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Material Title: **Cool Salsa**

Author: Lori M. Carlson

Books

2013

123 pages

Growing up Latino in America means speaking two languages, living two lives, learning the rules of two cultures. Cool Salsa celebrates the tones, rhythms, sounds, and experiences of that double life. Here are poems about families and parties, insults and sad memories, hot dogs and mangos, the sweet syllables of Spanish and the snag-toothed traps of English. Here is the glory—and pain—of being Latino American.

Latino Americans hail from Cuba and California, Mexico and Michigan, Nicaragua and New York, and editor Lori M. Carlson has made sure to capture all of those accents. With poets such as Sandra Cisneros, Martín Espada, Gary Soto, and Ed Vega, and a very personal introduction by Oscar Hijuelos, this collection encompasses the voices of Latino America. By selecting poems about the experiences of teenagers, Carlson has given a focus to that rich diversity; by presenting the poems both in their original language and in translation, she has made them available to us all.

As you move from memories of red wagons to dreams of orange trees to fights with street gangs, you feel Cool Salsa's musical and emotional cross rhythms. Here is a world of exciting poetry for you, y tú también.

Material Title: **Cross-Cultural Adoption: How to Answer Questions from Family, Friends, and Community**

Author: Amy Coughlin and Caryn Abramowitz

Books

2004

148 pages

This book, geared toward families who have adopted internationally, might offer insights to families who have adopted US kids. The first chapter "The Questions Kids Ask," presents 18 typical questions with ideas for answering them on both a little kid level and on a more mature level. The second chapter, "Do's and Don'ts for Grown-Ups," offers just that. The final chapter gives factual information about 8 countries.

Material Title: **Culturally Competent Parenting (DVD)**

Author: Foster Parent College

DVDs

2009

Dr. Tanya M. Coakley offers insight and practical solutions for the unique challenges faced by majority culture parents caring for minority culture children. The course focuses on helping children appreciate and maintain their cultural identity, building children's confidence in dealing with prejudice and racism, and advocating on behalf of children. The course also explores how a child's life experiences and the status of his culture influence the way he views and experiences the world. Dr. Coakley is a professor of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a specialist in helping transcultural foster, kinship, and adoptive families.

Material Title: **Daddy and Papa: A Story About Gay Fathers in America (DVD)**

Author: Johnny Symons

DVDs

2003

57 minutes

Through the stories of four families, including the filmmaker's own, this film explores the growing phenomenon of gay fatherhood and its impact on American culture. It delves into the particular challenges facing gay men who decide to become dads, including surrogacy, interracial adoption, the complexities of gay divorce, and the battle for full legal status as parents.

Material Title: **Different and Wonderful: Raising Black Children in a Race Conscious Society**

Author: Darlene Hopson

Books

1990

207 pages

These renowned psychologists explore the sometimes tough, sometimes unspoken questions that face the black middle-class today, particularly parents. Thanks to this book, parents of black children can now prepare their children for the race consciousness that still pervades American society, and at the same time, inspire them with positive values, productive lifestyles, and all-important self-respect.

Material Title: **Different Home, A* (Children's Materials)**

Author: John and Kelly Degarmo

Children's Books

2014

48 pages

A sensitive picture book to help ease the anxieties of foster children aged 4 to 10 entering placement.

In A Different Home, Jessie tells us her story of being placed in foster care. At first she is worried and has lots of questions. The new home is not like her old home — she has a different bedroom, different clothes, and there's different food for breakfast. She also misses her family. When Jim and Debbie, her foster parents, answer her questions she begins to feel better and see that this different home is kind of nice.

Written in simple language and fully illustrated in color, this storybook is designed to help children in care, or moving into care, to settle in and answer some of the questions they may have. Accompanied by notes for adults on how to use the story with children, it will be a useful book for foster parents and caseworkers, as well as social workers, teachers and anyone else working with children in foster care.

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Material Title: **Dim Sum, Bagels, and Grits: A Sourcebook for Multicultural Families**
Author: Myra Alperson *Books* 2001 183 pages

This book, for families adopting multiculturally, offers personal as well as professional insights into such topics as combining cultures, confronting prejudice, developing role models, and locating multicultural resources. It contains a 47-page list of publications and a 33-page list of "Goods and Services."

Material Title: **Does Anybody Else Look Like Me? A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children**
Author: Donna Jackson Nakazawa *Books* 2003 200 pages

This book, written by a Caucasian woman whose husband is a Japanese American, is not about adoption. It is about raising children who have a racially mixed genetic heritage. However, it covers many of the same issues and circumstances faced by adopted kids (multiracial or not) who have a parent or parents of a different race.

Material Title: **Empowering the Black Family**
Author: Sylvia Sims Gray, Ann Hartman, & Ellen S. Saalberg *Books* 1985 107 pages

This book presents excerpts from five presenters, Barbara Bryant Solomon, Carol B. Stack, Elaine Pinderhughes, James W. Leigh, and Jacquelynn A. Moffett, at a seminar at the University of Michigan and also a roundtable discussion among the same five and editor, Ann Hartman.

Material Title: **Exceptional Hair**
Author: BS1 Network Project *DVDs*

Material Title: **Families Are Different* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Nina Pellegrini *Children's Books* 1991 26 pages

Nico doesn't like looking different than her parents, who adopted her from Korea, until her mother points out that there are "different kinds of families . . .glued together" by love. Soon Nico starts to notice the differences in the families she sees. Now she doesn't feel so bad. She's just like everyone else – she's different!

Material Title: **Family Therapy Magazine: May/June 2004**
Author: Periodical *Periodicals* May/June 2004 8 articles

This issue of Family Therapy Magazine, a journal of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, is dedicated to "Adoption Trends and the Role of Family Therapy." It contains eight articles on adoption. The magazine can be checked out of the ORPARC library just as books or tapes can. Contact us by phone or email if you would like to borrow a copy of this unique issue.

Material Title: **Flying Lessons and Other Stories**
Author: Ellen Oh *Children's Books* 2018 240 pages

Great stories take flight in this adventurous middle-grade anthology crafted by ten of the most recognizable and diverse authors writing today. Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander delivers a story in-verse about a boy who just might have magical powers; National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson spins a tale of friendship against all odds; and Meg Medina uses wet paint to color in one girl's world with a short story that inspired her Newbery award-winner Merci Suárez Changes Gear. Plus, seven more bold voices that bring this collection to new heights with tales that challenge, inspire, and celebrate the unique talents within us all.

AUTHORS INCLUDE: Kwame Alexander, Kelly J. Baptist, Soman Chainani, Matt de la Peña, Tim Federle, Grace Lin, Meg Medina, Walter Dean Myers, Tim Tingle, Jacqueline Woodson

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Material Title: **For Black Girls Like Me**

Author: Mariama Lockington

Books

2019

336 pages

In this lyrical coming-of-age story about family, sisterhood, music, race, and identity, Mariama J. Lockington draws on some of the emotional truths from her own experiences growing up with an adoptive white family.

I am a girl but most days I feel like a question mark.

Makeda June Kirkland is eleven years old, adopted, and black. Her parents and big sister are white, and even though she loves her family very much, Makeda often feels left out. When Makeda's family moves from Maryland to New Mexico, she leaves behind her best friend, Lena— the only other adopted black girl she knows— for a new life. In New Mexico, everything is different. At home, Makeda's sister is too cool to hang out with her anymore and at school, she can't seem to find one real friend.

Through it all, Makeda can't help but wonder: What would it feel like to grow up with a family that looks like me?

Through singing, dreaming, and writing secret messages back and forth with Lena, Makeda might just carve a small place for herself in the world.

For Black Girls Like Me is for anyone who has ever asked themselves: How do you figure out where you are going if you don't know where you came from?

Material Title: **Forever Sky, The* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Thomas Peacock

Children's Books

2019

32 pages

"Nooko's spirit is there in the stars," says Niigaanii to his younger brother, Bineshiinh, as they sprawl in a meadow, gazing skyward. "Uncle said when Nooko's spirit left this world it went there." Nooko was their grandmother, and they miss her. But Uncle helps them find comfort in the night sky, where all the stars have stories.

Indeed, there are so many stars and so many stories that the boys spend night after night observing and sharing, making sense of patterns and wisdom in "the forever sky." They see a moose, a loon, a crane, the Path of Souls, and so much more.

One night, a beautiful show of lights fills the sky. Niigaanii explains that the northern lights are the spirits of the relatives who have passed on. The boys imagine different relatives dancing, lighting up the sky with their graceful movements. And then they see her: Nooko is one of the elders leading the dance. She has a message for them. One they can share with their parents and their uncle and everyone else who remembers her. One that lends power to the skies and brings smiles to the stargazers' faces.

Material Title: **Gift Children: A Story of Race, Family, and Adoption in a Divided America**

Author: J. Douglas Bates

Books

1993

270 pages

In 1970 Doug and Gloria Bates of Eugene, OR adopted a four-year-old black girl as a sister to their two biological white sons. Two years later, they adopted another black girl. The 23 year interracial journey that ensued is a story that helps illuminate race relations in America today while depicting both the harsh difficulties and the heartwarming rewards that followed.

Material Title: **Growing up Black in White**

Author: Kevin D. Hofmann

Books

2017

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Growing Up Black in White by Kevin D. Hofmann is a moving and sometimes humorous look into the life of one man with a fascinating past. Born into the racially-charged Detroit of 1967 to a white mother and a black father, the author was placed into foster care and then adopted by a white minister and his wife, the parents of three biological children. Hofmann's memoir reveals the racial tensions, the difficulties of feeling neither black nor white, his family's loving support, and his struggles to define and embrace his own identity as he grew to be a man. This is a story of hope and promise, and how we are able to define ourselves not through the racism and judgments of a challenging society, but through our own sense of self-respect and personal identity. Kevin Hofmann came to this memoir after a lifetime of contemplation and self-analysis. After attending a national conference on adoption, he found his voice and wove it into this emotional and often amusing story. Hofmann lives with his wife and two sons in Toledo, Ohio.

Material Title: **Handful of Buttons, A**

Author: Carmen Parets Luque

Children's Books

2018

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Not all families are the same. Each family is different, unique and special. This is the beginning of a children's book about family diversity. What types of families are there? And what special thing makes them a family? These are some of the answers we want to offer to encourage tolerance towards others.

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Material Title: **Happy in Our Skin**

Author: Fran Manushkin

Children's Books

2018

32 pages

Is there anything more splendid than a baby's skin? For families of all stripes comes a sweet celebration of what makes us unique—and what holds us together.

Look at you!

You look so cute

in your brand-new birthday suit.

Just savor these bouquets of babies—cocoa-brown, cinnamon, peaches and cream. As they grow, their clever skin does too, enjoying hugs and tickles, protecting them inside and out, and making them one of a kind. Fran Manushkin's rollicking text and Lauren Tobia's delicious illustrations paint a breezy and irresistible picture of the human family—and how wonderful it is to be just who you are.

Material Title: **Harris Narratives, The: An Introspective Study of a Transracial Adoptee**

Author: Susan Harris O'Connor

Books

2012

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This book consists of five autobiographical narratives by Susan Harris O'Connor, a social worker and transracial adoptee. These monologues were developed and performed around the United States in academic, clinical and child welfare settings to wide acclaim over the last sixteen years. They will be of immediate interest to scholars of race, identity, emotional intelligence, adoption, child welfare, as well as clinicians and those directly impacted in families created by adoption. The book will also speak to writers, performers and individuals interested in developing their voice through self-exploration. In her narratives the author explores in depth: the impact of foster care during the first 14 months of her life; her relationship with her unknown birth father; the role of race and racism for transracial adoptees who grow up in white communities; the development of her racial identity and a model derived from these experiences, and the relationships between her different identities or mind constructs, her inner strengths and vulnerabilities, and the outside world. There is a progression one chapter to the next, chronicling greater understanding, deeper reflection, and a developing voice. This is an original and sophisticated exploration of the inner life of a transracial adoptee and the forces that helped shape her life. It is at once a case study and an observation of the human condition with universal appeal.

Material Title: **Heart Knows Something Different, The: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Al Desetta

Children's Books

1996

211 pages

Divided into four sections, "Family," "Living in the System," "Who Am I," and "Looking to the Future," the more than three dozen personal narratives here were written by young people, ages 15 to 20, who have lived in the foster care system. These less often heard voices might provide insight to parents and professionals, and a sense of normalcy and community to adopted adolescents.

Material Title: **Hello, Goodbye Window, The**

Author: Norton Juster

Books

2005

32 pages

This is a love song devoted to that special relationship between grandparents and grandchild.

The kitchen window at Nanna and Poppy's house is, for one little girl, a magic gateway. Everything important happens near it, through it, or beyond it. Told in her voice, her story is both a voyage of discovery and a celebration of the commonplace wonders that define childhood, expressed as a joyful fusion of text with evocative and exuberant illustrations. The world for this little girl will soon grow larger and more complex, but never more enchanting or deeply felt.

Material Title: **How Culture Shapes Social-Emotional Development: Implications for Practice in Infant-Family Programs**

Author: Monimalika Day, Ph.D., and Rebecca Parlakian

Books

2004

26 pages

Suitable for program leaders and practitioners, this book examines how culture shapes children's fundamental learning about themselves, their emotions, and their way of interacting and relating to others. It also includes recommendations for providing culturally responsive services.

Material Title: **I Am... (Positive Affirmations for Brown Girls)**

Author: Ayesha Rodriguez

Books

2016

30 pages

In this book, author Ayesha Rodriguez uses rhyming verses, followed by a positive affirmation. I am and the words that follow are powerful. Repeated affirmations will build up your child's self-esteem and transform her sense of self!

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Material Title: **I Love My Hair!**
Author: Natasha Tarpley Anastasia *Books* 2001 32 pages

A modern classic, this whimsical story has been celebrating the beauty of African-American hair for 20 years!

In this imaginative, evocative story, a girl named Keyana discovers the beauty and magic of her special hair, encouraging black children to be proud of their heritage and enhancing self-confidence.

I Love My Hair! has been a staple in African-American picture books for 20 years, and now has a fresh, updated cover that shines on the shelves!

Material Title: **I Love Saturdays y domingos**
Author: Alma Ada Flor *Books* 2004 32 pages

Saturdays and Sundays are very special days for the child in this story. On Saturdays, she visits Grandma and Grandpa, who come from a European-American background, and on Sundays -- los domingos -- she visits Abuelito y Abuelita, who are Mexican-American. While the two sets of grandparents are different in many ways, they also have a great deal in common -- in particular, their love for their granddaughter.

While we follow our narrator to the circus and the pier, share stories from her grandparents' pasts, and celebrate her birthday, the depth and joy of both cultures are conveyed in Spanish and English. This affirmation of both heritages will speak to all children who want to know more about their own families and ethnic backgrounds.

Material Title: **I Wonder...Teenagers Talk About Being Adopted (VHS)**
Author: Families Adopting in Response *Videotapes* 1996 45 minutes

Fourteen adopted teenagers respond to such topics as "difficult times," "special memories," "birth families," "transracial/transcultural issues," "how much they think about adoption," and others. The range of answers is certain to provide insight and compassion to anyone who interacts with adopted people.

Material Title: **I Wonder...Teenagers Talk About Being Adopted (DVD)**
Author: Families Adopting In Response F.A.I.R. *DVDs* 1996 45 Minutes

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Material Title: **I'm Brown and My Sister Isn't* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Robbie O'Shea *Children's Books* 2002 16 pages

In this book for very young children, illustrated by Matthew Ambre, we are exposed to the daily similarities and differences between an adopted boy of color and his older, white adopted sister.

Material Title: **I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World**
Author: Marguerite A. Wright *Books* 1998 264 pages

This book is intended to teach parents and educators of black and biracial children how to reduce racism's impact on a child's development "from preschool through adolescence" and, in doing so, to raise emotionally healthy children. It is divided into three parts; "That Magical Place: Race Awareness in the Preschool Years;" "The Waning of Racial Innocence: The Early School Years;" and "Reality Bites: Race Awareness in Middle Childhood and Adolescence."

Material Title: **I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Book about Understanding and Appreciating Each Other**
Author: Cindy Gainer *Children's Books* 2013 48 pages

"It's fun to find ways I'm like you and you're like me. It's fun to find ways we're different." In this colorful, inviting book, kids from preschool to lower elementary learn about diversity in terms they can understand: hair that's straight or curly, families with many people or few, bodies that are big or small. With its wide-ranging examples and fun, highly detailed art, I'm Like You, You're Like Me helps kids appreciate the ways they are alike and affirm their individual differences. A two-page adult section in the back provides tips and activities for parents and caregivers to reinforce the themes and lessons of the book.

Material Title: **Impact of Transracial Adoptions on the Adopted Child and Adoptive Family (DVD)**
Author: Dr. Joseph Crumbley *DVDs* 54 minutes

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Material Title: **In Our Mother's House**
Author: Patricia Polacco *Books* 2009 48 pages

Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? But Marmee and Meema's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.

Here is a true Polacco story of a family, living by their own rules, and the strength they gain by the love they feel.

Material Title: **In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**
Author: Joseph Marshall III *Children's Books* 2015 176 pages

Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present. Includes historical note and glossary.

Material Title: **In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories**
Author: Rita J. Simon & Rhonda M. Roorda *Books* 2000 392 pages

After a brief introduction and some background information, this book is a series of 24 pointed interviews with young men and women of color who were adopted into white or partially white families. The interviews (except for the interview of Rhonda M. Roorda, who was interviewed by Rita J. Simon) were conducted by Rhonda M. Roorda who was herself adopted into a white family.

Material Title: **In Their Parents' Voices: Reflections on Raising Transracial Adoptees**
Author: Rita Simon *Books* 2007 240 pages

Rita J. Simon and Rhonda M. Roorda's *In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories* shared the experiences of twenty-four black and biracial children who had been adopted into white families in the late 1960s and 70s. The book has since become a standard resource for families and practitioners, and now, in this sequel, we hear from the parents of these remarkable families and learn what it was like for them to raise children across racial and cultural lines.

These candid interviews shed light on the issues these parents encountered, what part race played during thirty plus years of parenting, what they learned about themselves, and whether they would recommend transracial adoption to others. Combining trenchant historical and political data with absorbing firsthand accounts, Simon and Roorda once more bring an academic and human dimension to the literature on transracial adoption.

Material Title: **In Their Siblings' Voices**
Author: Rita J. Simon *Books* 2009 248 pages

In Their Siblings' Voices shares the stories of twenty white non-adopted siblings who grew up with black or biracial brothers and sisters in the late 1960s and 1970s. Belonging to the same families profiled in Rita J. Simon and Rhonda M. Roorda's *In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories* and *In Their Parents' Voices: Reflections on Raising Transracial Adoptees*, these siblings offer their perspectives on the multiracial adoption experience, which, for them, played out against the backdrop of two tumultuous, politically charged decades. Simon and Roorda question whether professionals and adoption agencies adequately trained these children in the challenges presented by blended families, and they ask if, after more than thirty years, race still matters. Few books cover both the academic and the human dimensions of this issue. *In Their Siblings' Voices* helps readers fully grasp the dynamic of living in a multiracial household and its effect on friends, school, and community.

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Material Title: **In Their Voices: Black Americans on Transracial Adoption**
Author: Rhonda M. Roorda *Books* 2015 352

While many proponents of transracial adoption claim that American society is increasingly becoming "color-blind," a growing body of research reveals that for transracial adoptees of all backgrounds, racial identity does matter. Rhonda M. Roorda elaborates significantly on that finding, specifically studying the effects of the adoption of black and biracial children by white parents. She incorporates diverse perspectives on transracial adoption by concerned black Americans of various ages, including those who lived through Jim Crow and the Civil Rights era. All her interviewees have been involved either personally or professionally in the lives of transracial adoptees, and they offer strategies for navigating systemic racial inequalities while affirming the importance of black communities in the lives of transracial adoptive families.

In Their Voices is for parents, child-welfare providers, social workers, psychologists, educators, therapists, and adoptees from all backgrounds who seek clarity about this phenomenon. The author examines how social attitudes and federal policies concerning transracial adoption have changed over the last several decades. She also includes suggestions on how to revise transracial adoption policy to better reflect the needs of transracial adoptive families.

Perhaps most important, In Their Voices is packed with advice for parents who are invested in nurturing a positive self-image in their adopted children of color and the crucial perspectives those parents should consider when raising their children. It offers adoptees of color encouragement in overcoming discrimination and explains why a "race-neutral" environment, maintained by so many white parents, is not ideal for adoptees or their families.

Material Title: **Inside Transracial Adoption: Strength-based, Culture-sensitizing Parenting Strategies for Inter-country or Domestic Adoptive Families That Don't "Match"**
Author: Gail Steinberg and Beth Hall *Books* 2000 384 pages

This book is the authoritative guide to navigating the challenges and issues that parents face when they adopt a child of a different race or from a different culture. Drawing on research, the authors' decades of experience as adoption professionals, and their own personal experience of adopting transracially, the book features real-life examples and strategies for success, and explores in depth the realities of raising a child transracially, whether in a multicultural or predominantly white community. Readers will learn how to help children build a strong sense of identity, so that they will feel at home both in their new family and in their racial groups or culture of origin.

Material Title: **Is That Your Sister?: A True Story of Adoption* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Catherine Bunin *Children's Books* 1992 31 pages

This illustrated children's book tells about the feelings of a child who was adopted into a multiracial family and who explains adoption as a chosen way of life that is positive, compassionate and civilized.

Material Title: **Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Sonia Sotomayor *Children's Books* 2019 32 pages

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and award-winning artist Rafael Lopez create a kind and caring book about the differences that make each of us unique.

Feeling different, especially as a kid, can be tough. But in the same way that different types of plants and flowers make a garden more beautiful and enjoyable, different types of people make our world more vibrant and wonderful.

In Just Ask, United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges--and looks at the special powers those kids have as well. As the kids work together to build a community garden, asking questions of each other along the way, this book encourages readers to do the same: When we come across someone who is different from us but we're not sure why, all we have to do is Just Ask.

Material Title: **Keepers of the Children: Native American Wisdom and Parenting**
Author: Laura M. Ramirez *Books* 2004 208 pages

This book uses little known Native American secrets to teach parents how to raise children who know their nature and use their strengths to create lives of meaning and contribution. By raising children to unfold the uniqueness in their hearts, parents touch the depths of their own. By teaching children the secrets of genuine fulfillment, they grow up to lead purposeful lives and cherish their parents for this gift.

Material Title: **Keeping it Real (DVD)**
Author: DVD *DVDs* 2009 hr. 36 min.

This DVD is about supporting the needs of African American children in out-of-home care. It gives insight on the difficulties faced by African American children in out-of-home care. This DVD was created to candidly discuss some of the less than fair treatment that African American people experience daily, often without White people even knowing it occurs...Black children are often placed in the home of White caregivers, who, while well-intentioned, lack some basic knowledge about the real risks and struggles Black children face. This DVD addresses issues such as white privilege, how to deal with racism, words to know, awareness and safety. The DVD also includes two sections on hair care for African American children. The DVD comes with a booklet that summarizes the points..

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Material Title: **Knowing Who You Are, Helping Youth in Care Develop their Racial and Ethnic Identity**
Author: Casey Family Programs *DVDs*

Material Title: **Kunu's Basket: A Story from Indian Island**
Author: Lee Francis DeCora *Children's Books* 2015 36 pages

Kunu wants to make a pack basket, just like the other men on Indian Island. But making the basket is difficult, and Kunu gets frustrated. He is ready to give up when his grandfather intervenes. This is not only a story about a family tradition, but also a story about learning to be patient and gentle with yourself. A story about contemporary Native American life. This new paperback edition includes a new Author's Note about the traditions and importance of basketmaking in Penobscot Nation culture.

Material Title: **Last Stop on Market Street**
Author: Matt De La Pena *Books* 2015 32 pages

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them. This energetic ride through a bustling city highlights the wonderful perspective only grandparent and grandchild can share, and comes to life through Matt de la Pena's vibrant text and Christian Robinson's radiant illustrations.

Material Title: **Let's Talk About Race**
Author: Julius Lester *Children's Books* 2008 32 pages

In this acclaimed book, the author of the Newbery Honor Book *To Be a Slave* shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special. A strong choice for sharing at home or in the classroom.

Karen Barbour's dramatic, vibrant paintings speak to the heart of Lester's unique vision, truly a celebration of all of us. "This stunning picture book introduces race as just one of many chapters in a person's story" (School Library Journal). "Lester's poignant picture book helps children learn, grow, discuss, and begin to create a future that resolves differences" (Children's Literature).

Julius Lester said: "I write because our lives are stories. If enough of these stories are told, then perhaps we will begin to see that our lives are the same story. The differences are merely in the details."

I am a story. So are you. So is everyone.

Material Title: **Living on the Fault Line: Where Race and Family Meet (DVD)**
Author: Jeff Farber *DVDs* 2007 78 minutes

This documentary film by Jeff Farber profiles nine Vermont families involved in transracial adoption. It addresses some of the complex challenges and emotional costs transracial families face as children of color grow up in communities where racial discrimination, stereotyping, misconceptions, and white privilege are often unspoken and undeniable realities.

Material Title: **Love Makes a Family**
Author: Sophie Beer *Books* 2018 24 pages

This fun, inclusive board book celebrates the one thing that makes every family a family . . . and that's LOVE. Love is baking a special cake. Love is lending a helping hand. Love is reading one more book. In this exuberant board book, many different families are shown in happy activity, from an early-morning wake-up to a kiss before bed. Whether a child has two moms, two dads, one parent, or one of each, this simple preschool read-aloud demonstrates that what's most important in each family's life is the love the family members share.

Material Title: **Loving Across the Color Line**
Author: Sharon E. Rush *Books* 2000 176 pages

As Sharon Rush invites us into her world as the white mother of an adopted black child, we share her delights in her smart and perceptive daughter and her shock and dismay during repeated encounters with racial prejudice. She provides the reader with deep insights into how racism works its evil in U.S. society. We learn what she has learned the hard way, the tough lessons known by every black American.

Material Title: **Lucy's Umbrella**
Author: Sara Madden *Children's Books* 2017 48 pages

Lucy has vitiligo. She finds beauty in the patterns on her skin. She also finds beauty in the patterns she notices out in nature. Follow Lucy as she goes on a walk through nature, admiring everything she sees.

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Material Title: **Making Cultural Connections: Hair and Skin Care for Children of African Descent**
Author: Jeanne M. Costa *Books* 2003 22 pages

This practical guide to the unique hair and skin care needs of children of African heritage is written specifically for adoptive or foster families who are caring for children of African or Caribbean descent. It covers normal hair maintenance, avoiding hair damage and caring for damaged hair, normal skin care, and skin conditions, both benign and potentially harmful, that are common in people with darker skin.

Material Title: **Mango, Abuela, and Me**
Author: Meg Medina *Books* 2017 32 pages

"Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words inside. So while they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English ("Dough. Masa"), and Mia learns some Spanish too, but it's still hard for Abuela to learn the words she needs to tell Mia all her stories. Then Mia sees a parrot in the pet-shop window and has the perfect idea for how to help them all communicate a little better. An endearing tale from an award-winning duo that speaks loud and clear about learning new things and the love that bonds family members."-- From Amazon.com.

Material Title: **Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Monica Brown *Children's Books* 2011 32 pages

My name is Marisol McDonald, and I don't match. At least, that's what everyone tells me.

Marisol McDonald has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin. Polka dots and stripes are her favorite combination. She prefers peanut butter and jelly burritos in her lunch box. And don't even think of asking her to choose one or the other activity at recess—she'll just be a soccer playing pirate princess, thank you very much. To Marisol McDonald, these seemingly mismatched things make perfect sense together.

Unfortunately, they don't always make sense to everyone else. Other people wrinkle their nose in confusion at Marisol—can't she just be one or the other? Try as she might, in a world where everyone tries to put this biracial, Peruvian-Scottish-American girl into a box, Marisol McDonald doesn't match. And that's just fine with her.

A mestiza Peruvian American of European, Jewish, and Amerindian heritage, renowned author Monica Brown wrote this lively story to bring her own experience of being mismatched to life. Her buoyant prose is perfectly matched by Sara Palacios' engaging acrylic illustrations.

Material Title: **Mitzi Tulane Preschool Detective in What's That Smell?*(Children's Materials)**
Author: Lauren McLaughlin *Children's Books* 2016 32 pages

Mitzi Tulane may be only three years old, but she sure knows how to follow a trail of evidence and solve tough mysteries. From the strange happenings in the kitchen to the sudden arrival of every family member she's ever met, Mitzi pieces together the clues and (finally) realizes that she's . . . in the middle of her own surprise birthday party!

Kids and parents will laugh along as Mitzi sorts through not-so-subtle hints and comes to her conclusions. Readers will love figuring out the surprise ahead of the private-eye protagonist! Debbie Ridpath Ohi's bouncy illustrations bring an extra layer of fun to Lauren McLaughlin's clever story.

Material Title: **Mother for Choco, A* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Keiko Kasza *Children's Books* 1992 31 pages

This illustrated book tells the story of a motherless bird who searched for a mother from Africa to the Arctic. But all the animals he encountered reminded him that he didn't look like him so they couldn't be his mother. Finally he meets Mrs. Bear who hugs and kisses him and takes him home to her adopted family. They both realize that she is the perfect mother for Choco.

Material Title: **Multiracial Child Resource Book: Living Complex Identities**
Author: Maria Root *Books* 2003 266

Census 2000 marked the first time that Americans could indicate more than one race to describe themselves. As the U.S. experiences a multiracial baby boom, parents, educators, and child welfare professionals must be equipped to serve these youth with compassion and competence. This book provides a comprehensive and groundbreaking portrait of the mixed race experience from birth to adulthood.

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Material Title: **Multiracial Cultural Attunement**

Author: Kelly Jackson Faye

Books

2019 208 pages

In this book, Jackson and Samuels draw from their own research and direct practice with multiracial individuals and families, and also a rich interdisciplinary science and theory base, to share their model of multiracial cultural attunement. Core to this model are the four foundational principles of critical multiraciality, multidimensionality and intersectionality, social constructivism, and social justice. Throughout, the authors demonstrate how to collaboratively nurture clients emerging identities, identify struggles and opportunities, and deeply engage clients strengths and resiliencies. Readers are challenged to embrace this model as a guide to go beyond the comfort zone of their own racialized experiences to disrupt the stigma and systems of racism and monoracism that can inhibit the well-being of multiracial people and families. With case studies, skill-building resources, tool kits, and interactive exercises, this book can help you leverage the strengths and resilience of multiracial people and families and pave the way to your own personal growth and professional responsibility to enact socially just practices.

Material Title: **My New Mom & Me**

Author: Renata Galindo

Books

2016 32 pages

Told from the point of view of a puppy who is adopted by a cat, this gentle and reassuring tale is perfect for very young readers and listeners. When the puppy comes to live with his new mom, he is nervous. After all, his mom has stripes and he doesn't. But his mom says she likes that they look different, and soon the puppy likes it, too. (And who cares what anyone else thinks!) The puppy's new mom does all the things other parents do. She plays with him, takes care of him, and sometimes even makes him mad! But that's okay, because when he's feeling sad, she knows just what to say.

"A gentle, comforting story about nontraditional families."--Booklist

Material Title: **My Two Moms and Me**

Author: Michael Joosten

Children's Books

2019 22 pages

Families with same-sex parents are celebrated in this board book that follows busy moms and their kids throughout their day—eating breakfast, going on a playdate, heading to the pool for a swim, and settling back in at night with a bedtime story and a good-night lullaby. LGBTQ+ parents and their friends and families will welcome this inclusive and cheerful book that reflects their own lives and family makeup.

Material Title: **Night is Yours, The**

Author: Abdul-Razak Zachariah

Books

2019 28 pages

From the New York Times bestselling illustrator of *I Am Enough*, this glowing, empowering picture book about a nighttime hide-and-seek game celebrates blackness and self-confidence.

Little one, so calm and so happy, the darkness of the night is yours like the darkness of your skin.

This lyrical text, narrated to a young girl named Amani by her father, follows her as she plays an evening game of hide-and-seek with friends at her apartment complex. The moon's glow helps Amani find the last hidden child, and seems almost like a partner to her in her game, as well as a spotlight pointing out her beauty and strength.

This is a gorgeous bedtime read-aloud about joy and family love and community, and most of all about feeling great in your own skin.

Material Title: **Not My Idea: A Book about Whiteness**

Author: Anastasia Higginbotham

Children's Books

2018 64 pages

Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness is a picture book about racism and racial justice, inviting white children and parents to become curious about racism, accept that it's real, and cultivate justice.

Material Title: **Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families**

Author: Peggy Gillespie

Books

1987 138 pages

This coffee-table book, based on an award-winning photo exhibit, documents the feelings and experiences of thirty-nine multiracial families. Parents and children speak candidly about their lives, their relationships, and the ways they have dealt with issues of race.

Material Title: **One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dads* (Children's Material)**

Author: Johnny Valentine

Children's Books

1994 27 pages

This humorous book for elementary age children uses the concept of blue dads to introduce the idea of how there are similarities among all dads even if they are a different color. It allows a child to examine differences in light of how people still share common traits.

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Material Title: **One Family**
Author: George Shannon *Children's Books* 2015 32 pages

Just how many things can "one" be?

One box of crayons.

One batch of cookies.

One world.

One family.

From veteran picture book author George Shannon and up-and-coming artist Blanca Gomez comes a playful, interactive book that shows how a family can be big or small and comprised of people of a range of genders and races.

Material Title: **Our Native American Child: A Guide for Those Who Adopt and Their Supporters**
Author: Carolyn McPherson *Books* 1994 39 pages

This booklet is one in a series of four booklets based on adoption in different religious communities. It is a guidebook style introduction to adoption as it touches our Native American children today.

Material Title: **Outside Looking In: Transracial Adoption in America (VHS)**
Author: Phil Bertelsen *Videotapes* 2001 56 minutes

African American filmmaker, Phil Bertelsen, who was adopted by a white family, examines the bonds and strains experienced when white families adopt black children. We look back at his own adoption, his adoptive sister's adoption of a black child, and a couple in the process of adopting a black child.

Material Title: **Parenting in Transracial Adoption: Real Questions and Real Answers**
Author: Jane Hoyt-Oliver & Hope Haslam Straughan & Jayne E. Sch *Books* 2016 174

An essential resource for transracially adoptive parents and the professionals who serve them, this book offers practical strategies for helping a transracially adopted child through the challenges he or she may face.

- Includes advice and questions for discussion and thought by parents considering transracial adoption; for parents already on the journey with older children, the authors examine racial identity development
 - Offers concrete strategies for parents parenting a child from a different race
 - Provides practical steps related to managing influences and opinions from within the extended family and the community
 - Suggests ways parents can learn from members of their child's racial community—and how to manage challenges that arise in transracial adoption situations
 - Shares the stories of three adults who were transracial adoptees as well as vignettes from (and interviews with) dozens of parents who were involved in transracial adoptions
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Material Title: **Parenting Tasks in Transracial Adoptions (DVD)**
Author: Dr. Joseph Crumbley *DVDs* 20 minutes

This video presents a psychosocial rationale explaining the parenting tasks with minority children; parental tasks, resources and capabilities; and information and networks parents must access and provide their adopted child.

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Material Title: **Peace, Locomotion**

Author: Jaqueline Woodson

Books

2009

176 pages

The stunning companion to the National Book Award finalist--from a three-time Newbery Honor winning author

Jacqueline Woodson is the 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature

Twelve-year-old Lonnie is finally feeling at home with his foster family. But because he's living apart from his little sister, Lili, he decides it's his job to be the "rememberer"—and write down everything that happens while they're growing up. Lonnie's musings are bittersweet; he's happy that he and Lili have new families, but though his new family brings him joy, it also brings new worries. With a foster brother in the army, concepts like Peace have new meaning for Lonnie. Told through letters from Lonnie to Lili, this thought-provoking companion to Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award finalist *Locomotion* tackles important issues in captivating, lyrical language. Lonnie's reflections on family, loss, love and peace will strike a note with readers of all ages.

Material Title: **Princess Hair**

Author: Sharee Miller

Children's Books

2018

32 pages

Princesses with curls wear pearls. Princesses with head wraps take long naps. And princesses with teeny-weeny Afros wear teeny-weeny bows.

Celebrate different hair shapes, textures, and styles in this self-affirming picture book! From dreadlocks to blowouts to braids, *Princess Hair* shines a spotlight on the beauty and diversity of black hair, showing young readers that every kind of hair is princess hair.

Debut author-illustrator Sharee Miller encourages confidence and pride in this playful, colorful picture book that teaches readers to love every bit of themselves.

Material Title: **Rabbit-Proof Fence (DVD)**

Author: DVD

DVDs

2003

94 min

At a time when it was Australian government policy to train aboriginal children as domestic workers and integrate them into white society, young Molly Craig decides to lead her little sister and cousin in a daring escape from their internment camp. Molly and the girls, part of what would become known as Australia's "Stolen Generations," must then elude the authorities on a dangerous 1,500-mile adventure along the rabbit-proof fence that bisects the continent and will lead them home.

*English SHD subtitles available

Material Title: **Race Matters**

Author: Cornel West

Books

1994

159 pages

These accessible, pointed essays on race in America by esteemed African-American intellectual West, professor of religion and director of Princeton's Afro-American Studies program, offer a compelling blend of philosophy, sociology and political commentary, directly taking on some of the most volatile issues facing American society today. Most have been previously published in earlier versions.

Material Title: **Raising A Child of a Different Race or Ethnic Background (Audiotape)**

Author: Lois Melina

Audiotapes

1990

92 minutes

This presentation helps parents understand and meet the needs of transracial and international adopted children. Among the topics discussed: what to do when children are teased about their race, how to counter negative media images of a child's country of origin, how to integrate a child's heritage into the adoptive family.

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CDs

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Material Title: **Raising Biracial Children**

Author: Kerry Ann Rockquemore

Books

2005

240 pages

As the multiracial population in the United States continues to rise, new models for our understanding of mixedrace children and their conception of racial identity must be developed. *Raising Biracial Children* provides parents, educators, social workers, and anyone interested in multiracial issues with an accessible framework for understanding healthy mixedrace identity development and to translate those findings into practical caregiving strategies.

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Material Title: **Raising Healthy Multiracial Adoptive Families: A Question and Answer Guide for Adoptive Parents**
Author: Harriet Fancott *Books* 1999 69 pp

This booklet addresses the issues of multiracial adoptive families in question-and-answer form. It covers everything from culture and heritage to how to deal with racism to what to look for in choosing a school. It is filled with anecdotes and questions from real life people.

Material Title: **Raising Multiracial Children: Tools for Nurturing Identity in a Racialized World**
Author: Farzana Nayani *Books* 2020 288 pages

In a world where people are more likely to proclaim color-blindness than talk openly about race, how can we truly value, support, and celebrate our kids' identities? How can we assess our own sense of Racial Dialogue Readiness and develop a deeper understanding of the issues facing multiracial children today?

Raising Multiracial Children gives caregivers the tools for exploring race with their children, offering practical guidance on how to initiate conversations; consciously foster racial identity development; discuss issues like microaggressions, intersectionality, and privilege; and intentionally cultivate a sense of belonging. It provides an overview of key issues and current topics relevant to raising multiracial children and offers strategies and developmentally appropriate milestones from infancy through adulthood. The book ends with resources and references for further learning and exploration.

Material Title: **Raising Resilient Rascals Takes Flight! 2010: Disc 4 (DVD)**
Author: DVD *DVDs* 2010 2 hours

Disc 4 DVD includes the following presentations from the Raising Resilient Rascals Takes Flight! 2010 Conference: "Transcultural Issues of Children in Foster Care," presented by Mary-Carter Creech, MA, LMHC; "Transracial/Transcultural Adoption," presented by Suzanne Engelberg, Ph.D.; "Panel Discussion: Transracial, Transcultural Adoption."

Material Title: **Real Sisters Pretend**
Author: Megan Lambert Dowd *Books* 2016 32 pages

Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," stepsisters Mia and Tayja improvise an imaginary adventure with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms.

Material Title: **Red in the Flower Bed: An Illustrated Children's Story about Interracial Adoption**
Author: Andrea Nepa *Children's Books* 2008 28

The journey of adoption is beautifully depicted with the comforting imagery of a poppy flower who is welcomed into a garden family. It is a charming story of "seeds" being planted in the perfect place - exactly where they belong. Children and adults will enjoy this simple yet meaningful story and homespun illustrations. The book's loving approach helps children to understand adoption. Andrea Nepa has captured the essence of adoption and family, and has illustrated it beautifully with images and poetry that even a small child can comprehend and enjoy.

Material Title: **Road to Paris, The**
Author: Nikki Grimes *Children's Books* 2008 160

Material Title: **Secret Thoughts of an Adoptive Mother**
Author: Jana Wolff *Books* 2000 163 pages

Wolff, whose interracial, open adoption of an infant at birth is the source of this volume's content, shares her experiences with wit and fearless honesty. She addresses such personal fears and questions as: What if I don't like the kid I get? Will my child ever feel like mine? Why am I so sad when I'm supposed to be so happy? Are people staring, or am I paranoid? Will she want him back? What if I want to return him?

Material Title: **Serving Biracial and Multiethnic Children and Their Families (DVD)**
Author: DVD *DVDs* 2003 plus 98 pp

This videotape and 98 page Educator's Guide are designed to assist providers in the task of developing in their children a sense of positive racial and cultural identity. Topics include stages of identity development, identifying and responding, racial and cultural labeling, the impact of environmental factors, ensuring cultural sensitivity in child care, and integrating materials and activities.

Material Title: **Single Square Picture, A: A Korean Adoptee's Search for Her Roots**
Author: Katy Robinson *Books* 2002 297 pages

One day she was Kim Ji-yun, a seven-year-old, growing up in Seoul, Korea. The next day she was Catherine Robinson, living in Salt Lake City, not knowing the language, the customs, any of the people, or even why. Twenty years later, with the blessings of her adoptive family, Katy Robinson returned to Seoul in search of her birth mother -- and found herself an American outsider in her native land. What transpired in this world -- at once familiar and strange, comforting and sad -- left her conflicted, shattered, exhilarated and moved in ways she had never imagined. This is her story.

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Material Title: **Skin Like Mine**
Author: Latashia Perry M. *Books* 2016 24 pages

From the Creators of Hair Like Mine, Skin Like Mine is a fun, easy-to-read for beginners as well as advanced readers. An entertaining yet creative way to address and celebrate diversity among young children. Guaranteed to make you smile and a bit hungry.

Material Title: **Skin You Live In, The**
Author: Michael Tyler *Children's Books* 2005 32

With the ease and simplicity of a nursery rhyme, this lively story delivers an important message of social acceptance to young readers. Themes associated with child development and social harmony, such as friendship, acceptance, self-esteem, and diversity are promoted in simple and straightforward prose. Vivid illustrations of children's activities for all cultures, such as swimming in the ocean, hugging, catching butterflies, and eating birthday cake are also provided. This delightful picturebook offers a wonderful venue through which parents and teachers can discuss important social concepts with their children.

Material Title: **SkySisters**
Author: Jan Waboose Bourdeau *Children's Books* 2002 32 pages

Two Ojibway sisters set off across the frozen north country to see the SkySpirits' midnight dance. It isn't easy for the younger sister to be silent, but gradually she begins to treasure the stillness and the wonderful experiences it brings. After an exhilarating walk and patient waiting, the girls are rewarded by the arrival of the SkySpirits --- the northern lights --- dancing and shimmering in the night sky.

This powerful story, with its stunning illustrations, captures the chill of a northern night, the warmth of the family circle and the radiance of a child's wonder.

Material Title: **Special Needs of Minority Children Adopted Transracially, The (DVD)**
Author: Dr. Joseph Crumbley *DVDs* 52 minutes

This video discusses the minority child's need for cultural and positive racial identity; surrogate role models, cultural and community interaction, skills and explanations to cope with prejudice and discrimination; and parent(s) with specific skills to address the minority child's needs.

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Material Title: **Star People, The: A Lakota Story**
Author: S.D. Nelson *Children's Books* 2003 36 pages

When Young Wolf and his older sister wander from their village and face the danger of a prairie fire, Elk Tooth Woman, their deceased grandmother who is now one of the Star People, appears to guide them.

Material Title: **Struggle for Identity: Issues in Transracial Adoption (VHS)**
Author: NY State Citizens' Coalition for Children *Videotapes* 1998 20 minutes

This powerful video is for adoptive and foster parents who adopt transracially and the professionals who work with them. Through sequences of adoptees and their parents discussing similar issues, the viewer is able to hear the compelling and thought provoking voices of experience.

Material Title: **Struggle for Identity: Issues in Transracial Adoption and A Conversation 10 Years Later (Special Edition) (DVD)**
Author: DVD *DVDs* 2007 40 minutes

This powerful DVD, for adoptive and foster parents who adopt transracially and the professionals who work with them, contains the original Struggle for Identity: Issues in Transracial Adoption, plus a new twenty-minute follow up video, "A Conversation 10 Years Later". Through sequences of adoptees and their parents discussing similar issues, the viewer is able to hear the compelling and thought provoking voices of experience.

*English SDH subtitles available

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Material Title: **Sulwe* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Lupita Nyong'o *Children's Books* 2019 48 pages

From Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colorism, self-esteem, and learning that true beauty comes from within.

Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

In this stunning debut picture book, actress Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.

Material Title: **The Adoption Reader: Birth Mothers, Adoptive Mothers, and Adopted Daughters Tell Their Stories**

Author: Susan Wadai-Ells *Books* 1995 272 pages

With eloquence and conviction, more than thirty birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters explore what is a deeply emotional, sometimes controversial and always compelling experience that affects millions of families and individuals. These personal essays and stories are informed by the contemporary adoption movement and raise timely issues that illustrate its complexity, among them: open and closed adoption, cross-cultural adoption, the birth record debate, the experience of biracial adoptees, adoption by lesbian couples, and the search for identity.

Material Title: **This Book is Gray**

Author: Lindsay Gray *Books* 2019 40 pages

Gray just wants to be included. But the other colors are always leaving him out. So he decides to create his own project: an all-gray book. Once upon a time, there lived a wolf, a kitten, and a hippo...

Gray just knows it's going to be perfect. But as he adds page after page, the Primary and Secondary colors show up...and they aren't quite so complimentary.

A book within a book, this colorful tale explores the ideas of fitting in, appreciating others, and looking at things from another perspective and also uses personality and wit to introduce basic color concepts.

Material Title: **Thunder Boy Jr.* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Sherman Alexie *Children's Books* 2016 40 pages

From New York Times bestselling author Sherman Alexie and Caldecott Honor winning Yuyi Morales comes a striking and beautifully illustrated picture book celebrating the special relationship between father and son.

Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as big Thunder, but little thunder doesn't want to share a name. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder.

But just when Little Thunder thinks all hope is lost, dad picks the best name...Lightning! Their love will be loud and bright, and together they will light up the sky.

Material Title: **Transracial Adoption and Foster Care: Practical Issues for Professionals**

Author: Dr. Joseph Crumbley *Books* 1999 114 pages

The purpose of this book is to show professionals how to help children and families make transracial adoptions and foster placements work. It describes specific ways that practitioners can work with transracial families to ensure that children develop positive racial and cultural identities. Cultural competence, recruitment of minority adoptive parents, and myths of transracial adoption are also addressed.

Material Title: **Transracial Adoptive Parenting: A Black/White Community Issue**

Author: Leora Neal and Al Stumph *Books* 2003 25 pages

The authors discuss the state of adoption for black children in the U.S., addressing such issues as why a disproportionate number of the children in the child welfare system are African American; problems encountered by African Americans when they attempt to adopt; the importance of preserving racial connections and identity; etc.

Material Title: **Transracial Parenting**

Author: ORPARC *Information Packet* 37 pages

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Material Title: **Transracial Support Groups: Gaining Cultural Confidence through Community Connections (CD)**
Author: Jeri Okamoto Floyd and Clara Chiu *CDs* 2006 90 minutes

This presentation, from the 2006 NACAC Conference, focuses on how transracial adoptive family support groups and parents can create positive ties to a child's birth heritage and facilitate racial, ethnic, and cultural connections through community outreach and programming.

Material Title: **Tribal Customary Adoption: Achieving Culturally Appropriate Permanency FOR American Indian Children (CD)**
Author: Nancy Currie *CDs* 2010 90 minutes

California's Tribal Customary Adoption (TCA) bill was signed into law in October 2009. TCA allows Indian children and families to realize the permanency and support of adoption without terminating parental rights. The work-shop will provide insight into CA's history, purpose, and potential challenges, and will explore how to implement TCA at tribal, county, and state levels and how TCA will affect private agencies.

Material Title: **Twenty Yawns* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Jane Smiley *Children's Books* 2016 32 pages

From Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley and Caldecott Honor artist Lauren Castillo.

As her mom reads a bedtime story, Lucy drifts off. But later, she awakens in a dark, still room, and everything looks mysterious. How will she ever get back to sleep?

Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley's first picture book, illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist Lauren Castillo, evokes the splashy fun of the beach and the quietude of a moonlit night, with twenty yawns sprinkled in for children to discover and count.

Material Title: **Two Dads: A Book about Adoption**
Author: Carolyn Robertson *Children's Books* 2014 26 pages

Having Two Dads is double the fun! Many families are different, this family has Two Dads. A beautifully illustrated, affirming story of life with Two Dads, written from the perspective of their adopted child.

Material Title: **Understanding Race, Ethnicity, and Power: The Key to Efficacy in Clinical Practice**
Author: Elaine Pinderhughes *Books* 1989 241 pages

This book explores the pervasive influence of race, ethnicity and power on the practitioner's own identity and in interactions with others--peers, subordinates and superiors, as well as clients. The author emphasizes the role of power in the dynamics of cross-cultural communication.

Material Title: **Viva la adopción! A Guide to Adoption for Hispanic Christians and Their Congregations**
Author: Carolyn McPherson *Books* 1993 22 pages

One in a series of four books based on adoption in different religious communities, this English language guidebook is an introduction to adoption as it touches Hispanic Christians today--those contemplating adoption, those who have already adopted, and those who wish to encourage and support someone who is adopting.

Material Title: **Weaving a Family: Untangling Race and Adoption**
Author: Barbara Katz Rothman *Books* 2006 234 pages

Weaving together the sociological, the historical, and the personal, Rothman looks at the contemporary American family through the lens of race, race through the lens of adoption, and all--race, family, and adoption--within the context of the changing meanings of motherhood.

Material Title: **What Color is My World?**
Author: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar *Books* 2013 96 pages

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, basketball legend and the NBA's all-time leading scorer, champions a lineup of little-known African-American inventors in this lively, kid-friendly book. Offering profiles with fast facts and framed by a funny contemporary story featuring two feisty twins, here is a tribute to black inventors whose ingenuity and perseverance against great odds made our world safer, better, and brighter.

Back matter includes an authors' note and sources.

Material Title: **What My White Parents Didn't Know and Why I Am OK in Spite of It (CD)**
Author: CD *CDs* 2007 90 minutes

Transracially adopted co-presenters at the NACAC Conference offer firsthand experiences and practical ideas related to the inevitable race and diversity challenges within adoption and foster care. Issues presented include dating, dealing with racial jokes, and other everyday issues that transracial adoptees face.

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Material Title: **What's the Difference? Being Different is Amazing**

Author: Doyin Richards

Children's Books

2017

32 pages

What's the difference if she has light skin and yours is a little darker?
All that matters is the artwork you create together is as colorful as possible . . .

As he did in *I Wonder*, Upworthy.com and Today Show parenting expert parenting guru Doyin Richards tackles a timely and universal subject—diversity and acceptance—and distills it for the youngest readers. Because what matters most is not our differences, but what we do together as friends, as families, as colleagues, as citizens. Perfect for sharing as a family or in the classroom, *What's the Difference?* Should find a place in homes and in hearts.

Material Title: **Where Are You From?**

Author: Yamile Mendez Saied

Books

2020

40 pages

This resonant picture book tells the story of one girl who constantly gets asked a simple question that doesn't have a simple answer. A great conversation starter in the home or classroom—a book to share, in the spirit of *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers and Keturah A. Bobo.

When a girl is asked where she's from—where she's really from—none of her answers seems to be the right one.

Unsure about how to reply, she turns to her loving abuelo for help. He doesn't give her the response she expects. She gets an even better one.

Where am I from?

You're from hurricanes and dark storms, and a tiny singing frog that calls the island people home when the sun goes to sleep....

With themes of self-acceptance, identity, and home, this powerful, lyrical picture book will resonate with readers young and old, from all backgrounds and of all colors—especially anyone who ever felt that they don't belong.

Material Title: **White Parents, Black Children; Experiencing Transracial Adoption**

Author: Darron T. Smith & Cardell K. Jacobson & Brenda G. Juarez

Books

2017

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With increasing numbers of transracial adoptions in the U.S., *White Parents, Black Children* brings to light the difficult racial issues that are often challenging for families to talk about. This book is written to help parents, educators, and others working with children understand the issues and help children develop a healthy understanding of themselves.

Material Title: **Who's in My Family?*** (Children's Materials)

Author: Robie Harris H.

Children's Books

2012

40 pages

Join Nellie and Gus and their family — plus all manner of other families — for a day at the zoo, where they see animal families galore! To top off their day, Nellie and Gus invite friends and relatives for a fun dinner at home. Accessible, humorous, and full of charming illustrations depicting families of many configurations, this engaging story interweaves conversations between the siblings and a matter-of-fact text, making it clear to every child that whoever makes up your family, it is perfectly normal — and totally wonderful.

Material Title: **Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race**

Author: Beverly Daniel Tatum

Books

1997

242 pages

"Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black youth seated together in the cafeteria — and the White, Latino, Asian . . . youth clustered in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem we should try to fix, or a coping strategy we should support? How can we get past our reluctance to talk about racial issues?" This updated (2003) edition provides innovative ways to think and talk about race.

Material Title: **With Eyes Wide Open: A Workbook for Parents Adopting International Children Over Age One**

Author: Margi Miller

Books

1996

155 pages

Although this series of intellectual and emotional exercises in workbook format is intended for those about to adopt internationally, much of the book is relevant to the adoption of any child over the age of one, especially a transracial adoption. It addresses acting out, adjustment issues, testing, culture shock, separating from caretakers, bonding to a rejected child, and consequences of early childhood rejection.
