

We Need Diverse Books

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Looking for middle grade titles written by diverse authors? Check these writers out!*



African American

- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
- *As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds
- *Midnight without a Moon* by Linda Williams Jackson



Asian

- *When the Sea Turned to Silver* by Grace Lin
- *Secret Coders* by Gene Luen Yang [Graphic Novel]
- *The Great Wall of Lucy Wu* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang
- *Listen, Slowly* by Thanhha Lai



Native American Authors of Interest

- Librarian Note: These authors have written many books for children and teens. While their titles are not necessarily middle grade chapter books, the authors' points of view are firmly rooted in explorations of Native American Identity and history.
- Tim Tingle
- Joseph Bruchac
- Cynthia Leitich Smith



*Librarian Note: Many of these authors publish books for children, teens, and adults

South Asian

- *A Time To Dance* by Padma Venkatraman
- *Tiger Boy* by Mitali Perkins
- *The Grand Plan to Fix Everything* by Uma Krishnaswami
- *The Garden of My Imaan* by Farhana Zia

Latin American

- *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez
 - *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosín
 - *Yes! We are Latinos* by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy
 - *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes* by Juan Felipe Herrera
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