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### **Diversity Meets Picture Books**

What You Need to Know to Select Inclusive Materials April 27, 2022







## What messages are you sending?

- You belong
- You don't belong
- You can become anything
  - You can't do that

## **Bias:** Research and Theory

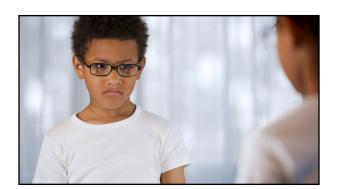
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## "Biases are not taught... They are caught."

— Sandra Waxman







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## Implicit Bias...

#### We all have them.

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Italians are...

Girls are...

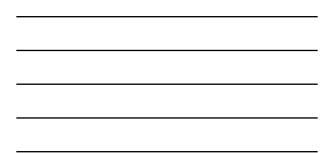
Men are...

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### Intent vs. Impact







## Children's Books and Bias

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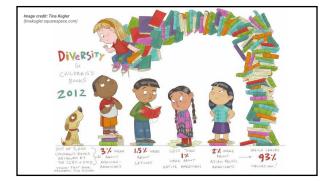
#### "The All-White World of Children's Books"

1965 article by Nancy Larrick





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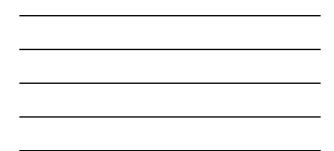


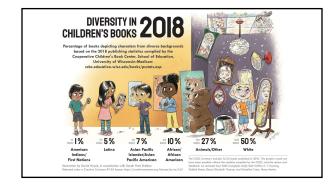
#### 50 Years Later...

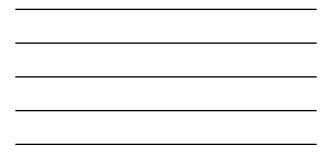
- 2014: Walter Dean Myers, NYT article, "Where are the People of Color in Children's Books?"
- "Of 3200 children's books published in 2013, just 93 were about black people..."
- 2014: Christopher Myers, "The Apartheid of Children's Literature"





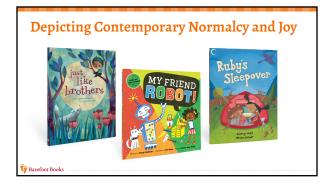






#### Publishers' Responses





## Identifying & Bridging Gaps in your Anti-bias Literacy Practices

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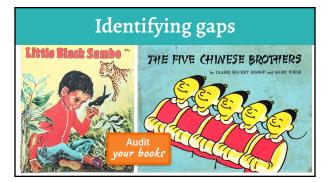
- Take an implicit bias questionnaire
- Become curious about yourself
- Notice your assumptions

What is my comfort level when children talk about differences?

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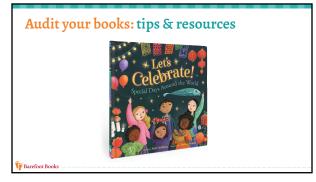


Project Implicit



#### Audit your books: tips & resources





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Resources for diverse book reviews:

We Need Diverse Books

- Reading While White
- The Brown Bookshelf
- The Open Book Blog
- Latinxsinkidlit
- Hijabi Librarians

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American Indians in Children's Literature

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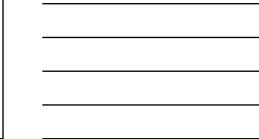
#### Audit your conversations: tips & resources

Ask "high-level" questions:

- How do you think the child in this book is feeling?How would you feel if this
- happened to you?What kinds of things do you love to do with your family?

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#### Audit your conversations: tips & resources



Normalize Validate

> Become aware Offer vocabulary

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## Audit your conversations: tips & resources Be honest

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Include discussions in your planning



# Poll!

#### Audit your activities: tips & resources







#### Learning Hub: www.barefootbooks.com/educators

Find free activities and resources online!

This month's focus is on activities to correspond with some of our bestselling diverse and inclusive books.





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