| A Sense of Belonging Books List        |  |          |  |
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| Title                                  | Description  | Ages     |  |
| We're Better Together                  | We're better together when we play, when we make music, and when everyone pitches in. This celebration of coming together to solve problems, support communities, and honor everyone's differences is perfect for young children who are learning about empathy and cooperation. With durable cardstock pages and approachable language, this book will help spark meaningful conversations at home or in the classroom. | 2+       |  |
| <u>A World Together</u>                | A World Together features lyrical prose combined with stunning photography of people from dozens of countries. Children can explore geographic and cultural diversity. Learn how people around the world look, dress, and spend their day, and learn that what we enjoy and value-friends, family, food, playmay sometimes look different, but deep down is the same wherever you go.                                    | 4+       |  |
| Children Just Like Me                  | This book shows the many ways children are different and the many ways they are the same—no matter where they live. Learn about children from around the world through engaging photographs, maps and understandable text. Hardcover. This is a picture resource book for all ages.  | All Ages |  |
| You Are Enough: A Book About Inclusion | A beautiful and inclusive picture book all about celebrating being yourself from Down syndrome advocate and viral sensation Sofia Sanchez! It can be hard to be different whether because of how you look, where you live, or what you can or can't do. But wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same? Being different is great! Being different is what makes you YOU.  | 4+       |  |
| Todd Parr's Be Who You Are Book Set    | Bold, bright colors and silly scenes in these books inspire young children to celebrate their unique qualities and embrace inclusion and diversity.  Share messages of positive self-esteem, self-confidence, empathy, and kindness and encourage children to try new things.  | 3+       |  |
| My Food, Your Food, Our Food           | We all like different food, but everybody needs to eat! How Are We Alike and Different?  | 4+       |  |
| <u>I'm New Here</u>                    | Three students are immigrants from Guatemala, Korea, and Somalia and have trouble speaking, writing, and sharing ideas in English in their new American elementary school. Through self-determination and with encouragement from their peers and teachers, the students learn to feel confident and comfortable in their new school without losing a sense of their home country, language, and identity.               | 5+       |  |

| I Am Human: A Book of Empathy             | Being human means we are full of possibility. We learn, we dream, we wonder at the world around us. But we also make mistakes and can feel fearful or sad. I Am Human affirms that we can make good choices by acting with compassion and having empathy for others and ourselves. When we find common ground, we can feel connected to the great world around us and mindfully strive to be our best selves.                                  | 4+ |
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| <u>All Are Welcome</u>                    | Discover a school where all young children have a place, have a space, and are loved and appreciated. Readers will follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions. A school that shows the world as we will make it to be.   | 4+ |
| <u>It's Okay to Be Different</u>          | It's Okay to Be Different cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.   | 3+ |
| <u>Diversity Today Book Set</u>           | Delight in the diversity we see today and every day through the eyes of young and vibrant children with the Diversity Today Book Set! This book set features children of all kinds of different races, cultures, and backgrounds.  | 4+ |
| We're More Alike Than Different           | Celebrate differences with the MVP Kids as they learn to respect the uniqueness of others and build strong friendships. Helpful Teaching Tips guide parents and educators in appropriate ways to speak about differences, how to navigate having a child with visible differences or befriending a person who is different, and how to manage potentially embarrassing moments when children call out differences they see in their community. | 4+ |
| Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You | Feeling different, especially as a kid, can be challenging. But in the same way that different types of plants and flowers make a garden more beautiful and enjoyable, different kinds of people make our world more vibrant and wonderful. In Just Ask, United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor celebrates the different abilities of children and people of all ages.  | 4+ |
| Inclusion Works! Book Set                 | This set of DEI books promotes acceptance of diversity and support inclusive practices.  | 4+ |
| The Family Book                           | Todd Parr's Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two moms or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, every family is special in its own unique way.   | 3+ |

| <u>I Belong</u>       | A sense of belonging is a basic human need. This friendly, reassuring board book shows toddlers what it means to belong at home and in a group. Children see that they have safe places where they feel loved and where they talk, play, share - and help others belong, too. Warm, realistic illustrations illuminate the text, showing children eating, playing, making music, and working together with family and friends. | 2+ |
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| All The Colors We Are | Celebrate the essence of one way we are all special and different from one another - our skin color! This book offers children a simple, scientifically accurate explanation about how our skin color is determined by our ancestors, the sun, and melanin. This book helps children build positive identities as they accept, understand, and value our rich and diverse world.   | 3+ |
| The Way We're Made    | Discover that each person is made to be unique! From physical traits to skills and strengths, children are encouraged to feel good about who they are. From physical traits to skills and strengths, children are encouraged to feel good about who they are. This book inspires development of a positive sense of self in children who are beginning to compare themselves with others and notice differences.               | 4+ |