

# KidCitizen Engagement: Selected Books for K-5 about Community, Conflict Resolution and Voting

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Books on this list offer examples of literature that can encourage K-5 students to reflect on what it means to be a member of a community (Community Engagement), as well as how they relate to and engage with others (Civil--and Not-so-Civil--Discourse). Additional books look at the history and importance of voting and voting rights. You can find CCBC descriptions of most of these books by using the Quick Search box on the CCBC web site at <http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/>

## Community Engagement

### Picture Book Stories

Boelts, Maribeth. *Those Shoes*. Illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. Candlewick Press, 2007. 32 pages. Ages 5-8

Borden, Louise. *The A+ Custodian*. Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2004. 38 pages. Ages 5-8

Campoy, F. Isabel, and Theresa Howell. *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood*. Illustrated by Rafael López. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016. 32 pages. Ages 5-8

Cumpiano, Ina. *Quinito's Neighborhood = El Vecindario de Quinito*. Illustrated by José Ramírez. Children's Book Press, 2005. 22 pages. Ages 3-5

Danticat, Edwidge. *Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation*. Illustrated by Leslie Staub. Dial, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 4-8

de la Peña, Matt. *Last Stop on Market Street*. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Putnam, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 3-8

Graham, Bob. *A Bus Called Heaven*. U.S. edition: Candlewick Press, 2012. 40 pages

Meyer, Susan Lynn. *New Shoes*. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Holiday House, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 5-8

Mora, Pat. *I Pledge Allegiance*. Illustrated by Patrice Barton. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. 32 pages. Ages 5-9

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore*. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Carolrhoda, 2015. 36 pages. Age 8 and older

Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk. *The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood*. Illustrated by Ellen Beier. Holiday House, 2011. 32 pages. Ages 4-8

Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for My Mother*. Greenwillow, 1982. Ages 3-8

### Chapter Books

Balliett, Blue. *Hold Fast*. Scholastic, 2013. 288 pages. Ages 8-11

Booth, Coe. *Kinda Like Brothers*. Scholastic Press, 2014. 256 pages. Ages 9-13

DiCamillo, Kate. *Raymie Nightingale*. Candlewick Press, 2016. 263 pages. Ages 8-11

Fleischman, Paul. *Seedfolks*. HarperCollins, 1997. 69 pages. Ages 9-13

Han, Jenny. *Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream*. Illustrated by Julia Kuo. Little, Brown, 2011. 149 pages. Ages 6-9

Jukes, Mavis. *The New Kid*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. 277 pages. Ages 7-9

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer*. Amistad / HarperCollins, 2010. 218 pages. Ages 8-12

### Informational Books

Hagar, Erin. *Doing Her Bit: A Story About the Woman's Land Army of America*. Illustrated by Jen Hill. Charlesbridge, 2016. 32 pages. Ages 6-9

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table*. Illustrated by Eric-Shabazz Larkin. Afterword by Will Allen. Readers to Eaters, 2013. 32 pages. Ages 5 – 14

Paul, Miranda. *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia*. Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Millbrook Press, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 7-10

Yoo, Paula. *Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank*. Lee and Low, 2014. 40 pages. Ages 7-10

### **Civil (and Not-So-Civil) Discourse**

#### Picture Book Stories

Bang, Molly. *When Sophie Gets Angry ... Really, Really Angry*. Blue Sky Press / Scholastic, 1999. Ages 3-7

Bang, Molly. *When Sophie's Feelings Are Really, Really Hurt*. The Blue Sky Press / Scholastic, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 4-8

Cousins, Lucy. *I'm the Best*. U.S. edition: Candlewick Press, 2010. 32 pages. Ages 3-6

English, Karen. *Hot Day on Abbott Avenue*. Illustrated by Javaka Steptoe. Clarion, 2004. Ages 5-9

Isol, *Petit, the Monster*. Translated by Elisa Amado from the Spanish. U.S. edition: Greenwood Books, 2010. 32 pages. Ages 4-8

Muth, Jon J.. *Stone Soup*. Scholastic Press, 2003. 32 pages. Ages 5 – 8

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *Bully*. A Neal Porter Book / Roaring Brook Press, 2013. 32 pages. Ages 3-7

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *What If?* A Neal Porter Book / Roaring Brook Press, 2010. 32 pages. Ages 3-7

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Each Kindness*. Illustrated by E. B. Lewis. Putnam, 2012. 32 pages. Ages 5-9

#### Chapter Books

Clements, Andrew C. *No Talking*. Illustrated by Mark Elliott. Simon & Schuster, 2007. 146 pages. Ages 8-11

Dowell, Francis O'Roark. *The Kind of Friends We Used to Be*. Atheneum, 2009. 234 pages. Ages 10-13

Mills, Claudia. *Zero Tolerance*. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2013. 240 pages. Ages 9-12

Nilsson, Ulf. *A Complicated Case*. Illustrated by Gitte Spee. Translated from the Swedish by Julia Marshall. (Detective Gordon) U.S. edition: Gecko Press, 2016. 104 pages. Ages 5-8

Palacio, R.J. *Wonder*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. 315 pages. Ages 10–13

Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry*. Clarion, 2005. 225 pages. Ages 9-12

Robertson, Robbie. *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker*. Illustrated by David Shannon. Abrams, 2015. 40 pages. Ages 9-13

Informational Books

Radunsky, Vladimir. *What Does Peace Feel Like?* An Anne Schwartz Book / Atheneum, 2004. 16 pages. Ages 4-8

Thomas, Shelley Moore. *Somewhere Today: A Book of Peace*. Photographed by Eric Futran. Albert Whitman, 1998. 24 pages. Ages 3 - 7

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down*. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Little, Brown and Company, 2010. 40 pages. Ages 7 - 10

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras*. Abrams, 2015. 40 pages. Ages 8-12

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation*. Abrams, 2014. 40 pages. Ages 6-10

**Elections and Voting Rights**Picture Book Stories

Bandy, Michael S. and Eric Stein. *Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box*. Illustrated by James E. Ransome. Candlewick Press, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 6-9

Cronin, Doreen. *Duck for President*. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Simon & Schuster, 2004. 40 pages. Ages 5-8

Davies, Jacqueline. *Tricking the Tallyman*. Illustrated by S. D. Schindler. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. 32 pages. Ages 6-10

McCully, Emily. *The Ballot Box Battle*. Alfred A. Knopf, 1996. 32 pages. Ages 5-8

Winter, Jonah. *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965*. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Schwartz & Wade, 2015. 32 pages. Ages 7-10

Chapter Books

Draper, Sharon M. *Stella By Starlight*. Atheneum, 2015. 320 pages. Ages 8-11

Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. Arthur A. Levine Books / Scholastic, 2014. 226 pages. Ages 9-13

Informational Books

Christelow, Eileen. *Vote!* Clarion, 2003. 52 pages. Ages 7-10

Lowery, Linda Blackmon. *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March*. Illustrated by PJ Loughran. Dial, 2015. 127 pages. Age 11 and older

Robbins, Dean. *Miss Paul and the President: The Creative Campaign for Women's Right to Vote*. Illustrated by Nancy Zhang. Alfred A. Knopf, 2016. 40 pages. Ages 5-8

Rockliff, Mara. *Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles*. Illustrated by Hadley Hooper. Candlewick Press, 2016. 40 pages. Ages 6-9

St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be President?* Updated edition: Scholastic, 2004. 56 pages. Ages 7-12

Shelton, Paula Young. *Child of the Civil Rights Movement*. Illustrated by Raul Colón. Schwartz & Wade, 2010. 44 pages. Ages 5-10

Thimmesh, Catherine. *Madam President: The Extraordinary, True (and Evolving) Story of Women in Politics*. Illustrated by Douglas B. Jones. Revised and expanded edition: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008. 80 pages. Ages 9-13

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement*. Illustrated by Ekua Holmes. Candlewick Press, 2015. 34 pages. Age 10 and older

White, Linda Arms. *I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote*. Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. Melanie Kroupa Books / Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. 32 pages. Ages 5-8

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Among the specific lists we drew from in compiling this bibliography are:

[Civic Engagement: Selected K-5 Books for Reflecting on One's Place in the World](#)

[Images of Community: Selected Books for Children and Young Adults](#)

[Marching On: Selected Books about the Civil Rights Movement for Children and Teens](#)

[Thick-skinned, Thin-skinned, The Skin I'm In: Books about Bullying, Teasing, Relational Aggression and School Violence](#)

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