

Jane Addams Peace Association



Allies in Support of Black Lives Matter



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The Jane Addams Peace Association deeply honors and supports the Black Lives Matter mass movement and protests. Our vision is of a future where people actively work to dismantle injustices and build a more peaceful, equitable world. This is what we believe is unfolding today! The work will be ongoing. Visit our website to search through our Jane Addams Children's Book Award database for important children's literature featuring voices of Black educators, authors, and activists to whom to turn to listen, and from whom to learn from at this time of transformative change.

Social Justice At The Forefront

The start of a new school year always presents an opportunity for educators, students, and families to set new goals, relish in new beginnings, and plan to grow academically and socially. Unfortunately, with COVID-19 infection rates still alarmingly high in many American communities, most families and educators will begin their new school year through a myriad of learning plans. We recognize potential hardships educators and families will experience in adjusting to a cautious new school year, and offer our support via our Jane Addams Children's Book Award and our encouragement to educators and families to continue uplifting the voices of authors and illustrators who deepen an understanding of social justice, peace, and equity for all.



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"Action is indeed the sole medium of expression for ethics."

-Jane Addams

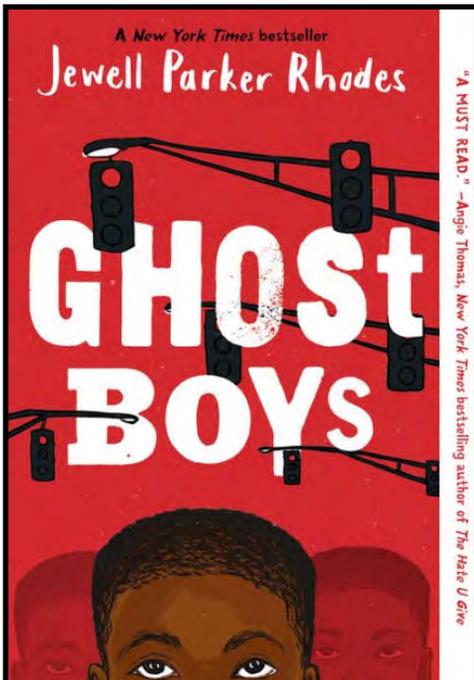
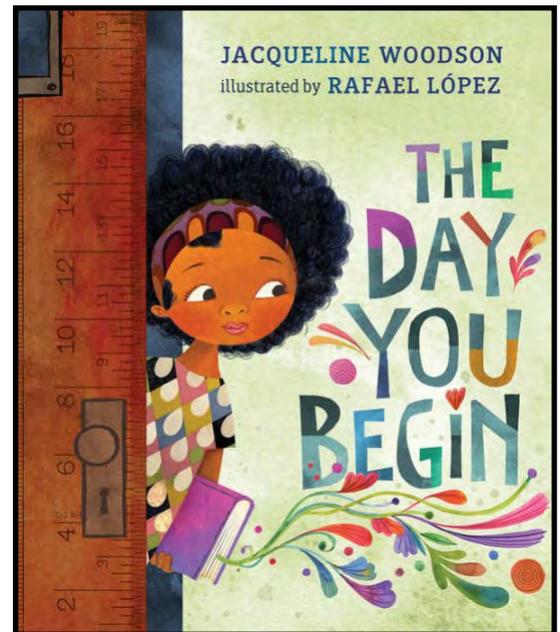
Democracy and Social Ethics (1907)

Back to School

Begin a discussion with the young people
in your lives with the 2019 Jane Addams
Children's Book Award Winners

***The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López (2018)**

The Day You Begin, written by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López, and published by Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers, is the Winner in the Books for Younger Children category. *The Day You Begin* demonstrates the power of sharing stories to break down barriers and build community. The Selection Committee noted that "the lovely, lyrical lilt of Woodson's unrhymed verse cradles young readers as they bear witness to explicit othering."



***Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes (2018)**

Ghost Boys written by Jewell Parker Rhodes and published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Hachette, is the Winner in the Books for Older Children category. *Ghost Boys* is a timely and haunting depiction of two African American boys who die before reaching manhood, victims of violence. Drawing on traditions that view ancestors as guides to the living, author Parker Rhodes imagines these dead boys as healers righting the wrongs of this world. This complex work of magical realism leaves readers wondering about what might have been if these 'ghost boys' and others had lived to adulthood. The book imagines a young Emmett Till as a guide to one of these boys and provides the reader with a context to understand the historical nature of the fear-based violence against Black men and boys.

Latinx Experiences

Hispanic? Latino? Latinx?
What exactly does Latinx mean?



People with cultural backgrounds going back to many different parts of Latin America and Spain can find themselves baffled when filling out official documents which requires to identify race and ethnicity. Spanish is a gendered language, and in recent years many have sought to move away from the masculine *Latino* and feminine *Latina* and opt for a more gender-inclusive Latinx. Throughout the early and mid-2000s there were variations in search of more inclusive language such as Latina/o or Latino@. For many, Latinx is a form of resistance and solidarity to push back on the default term of Latino and is an identifier meant to be non-gendered, non-binary and inclusive. As far as a distinction between Latinx and Hispanic, Latinx is a cultural or ethnic category, whereas Hispanic is more associated with linguistics. However, there are individuals who identify with Hispanic or use Latinx interchangeably, but overall each person has the opportunity to self-identify how they want and recognize that identity is also a fluid experience.

United Nations International Day of Peace



As COVID-19 affects our way of life, coming together on a global scale to celebrate international peace has more significance than every this year on **Monday, September 21, 2020**. This year's theme is Shaping Peace Together and the UN General

Assembly invite communities and individuals around to world to uphold the foundations of peace through a 24 hours of non-violence, cease fire, and actions of peace.

This year Peace One Day Live will invite millions of people around the world to participate in a digital experience with live broadcast of engaging speakers, musical performances, and live action from all corners of the world. Register today for free to participate!
<https://peaceoneday.org/Main/PeaceDayLive>

Additional Resources for Educators & Families

Recommended Titles for Latino Heritage Month

Conkling, W. (2011). *Sylvia & Aki*. Tricycle Press.

Krull, K. (2003). *Harvesting Hope: The Story of César Chávez*. Harcourt Press.

Love, J. (2018). *Julián is A Mermaid*. Candlewick Press.

Muñoz Ryan, P. (2000). *Esperanza Rising*. Scholastic.

Tonatiuh, D. (2014). *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Méndez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation*. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Recommended Titles for International Peace Day

Haskins, J. (2005). *Delivering Justice: W. W. Law and the Fight for Civil Rights*. Candlewick Press.

Hines, A. (2011). *Peaceful Pieces: Poems and Quilts About Peace*. Henry Holt & Co.

Rappaport, D. (2001). *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Hyperion Books.

Warren, S. (2012). *Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers*. Marshall Cavendish Children.

Online Resources

Holocaust Museum Houston Virtual Latinx Lecture & Film Series

This five-part series will host authors and scholars who have contributed to highlighting Latinx history, identity, culture, social justice, and cross-cultural collaborations. All lectures and films will be translated to Spanish.

<https://hmh.org/events/>

Freedom Reads: Anti-Bias Book Talk Series

This online book talk series was designed with parents in mind, with episodes under ten minutes and providing a synopsis of the book, relevant resources, and key points from an anti-bias, critical literacy lens.

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/freedom-reads/>

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