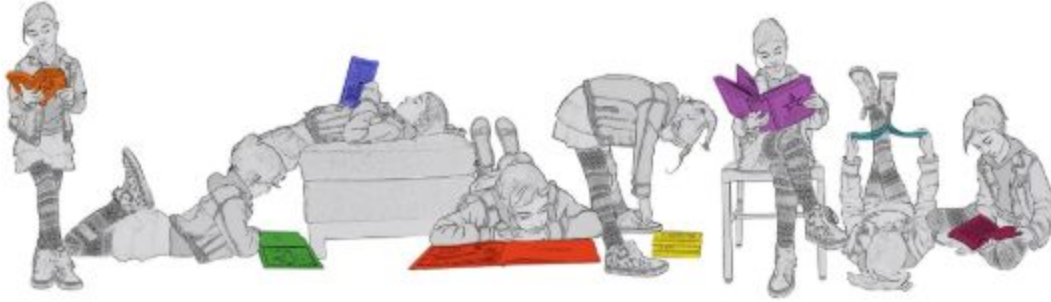


Windows, Mirrors & Sliding Glass Doors:



- Image by Dev Petty

“Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created and recreated by the author. When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror. Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience. Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.” - Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop

For Elementary School Mentees:

Picture Books featuring BISOC (Black/Indigenous/Students of Color):

- “Crown an Ode to the Fresh Cut” by Derrick D. Barnes
- “Don’t Touch My Hair!” by Sharee Miller
- “Ada Twist, Scientist” by Andrea Beaty
- “The Day You Begin” by Jacqueline Woodson
- “We Are Grateful/Otsaliheliga” by Traci Sorell

Picture Books featuring LGBTQIA+ Youth:

- “Julián Is a Mermaid” by Jessica Love
- “Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress” by Christine Baldacchino
- “Red: A Crayon’s Story” by Michael Hall
- “Stella Brings the Family” by Miriam Baker Schiffer

Picture Books featuring Immigrants and Refugees:

- “Drawn Together” by Minh Lê & Dan Santat
- “Dreamers” by Yuyi Morales
- “Carmela Full of Wishes” by Matt de la Peña & Christian Robinson
- “Her Right Foot” by Dave Eggers & Shawn Harris

Additional Picture Book Recommendations:

- “Not my Idea: a book about whiteness” by Anastasia Higginbotham
- “Love” by Matt de la Peña & Loren Long

For Middle School Mentees:

Books featuring BISOC (Black/Indigenous/Students of Color):

- “Ghost Boys” by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- “Blended” by Sharon Draper
- “Stars Beneath Our Feet” by David Barclay Moore
- “Amal Unbound” by Aisha Saeed
- “The First Rule of Punk” by Celia C. Pérez
- “Hearts Unbroken” by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Books featuring LGBTQIA+ Youth:

- “George” by Alex Gino
- “The Prince and the Dressmaker” by Jen Wang
- “Lily and Dunkin” by Donna Gephart

Books featuring Immigrants and Refugees:

- “Refugee” by Alan Gratz
- “Escape from Aleppo” by N. H. Senzal
- “Return to Sender” by Julia Alvarez
- “A Long Walk to Water” by Linda Sue Park

Additional Book Recommendations:

- “The Benefits of Being an Octopus” by Ann Braden
- “Out of My Mind” by Sharon Draper
- “El Deafo” by Cece Bell
- “The Seventh Wish” by Kate Messner

For High School Mentees:

Books featuring BISOC (Black/Indigenous/Students of Color):

- “Love, Hate and Other Filters” by Samira Ahmed
- “Dear Martin” by Nic Stone
- “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas
- “Long Way Down” by Jason Reynolds
- “#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women” by Charleyboy

Books featuring LGBTQIA+ Youth:

- “Odd One Out” by Nic Stone
- “The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali” by Sabina Khan
- “Check, Please! Book 1: # Hockey” by Ngozi Ukazu
- “What If It's Us” by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera

Books featuring Immigrants and Refugees:

- “Internment” by Samira Ahmed
- “Escape from Aleppo” by N. H. Senzal
- “Illegal” by Eoin Colfer

Additional Book Recommendations:

- “The Poet X” by Elizabeth Acevedo
- “Speak: The Graphic Novel” by Laurie Halse Anderson
- “Hey, Kiddo” by Jarrett J. Krosoczka