

# Social Justice Voices | Elementary books available thru York Public Library

**Read Woke is a movement.** It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color.



### Ways to make sunshine

by Renée Watson

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.



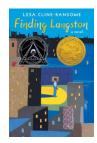
### One crazy summer

by Rita Williams-Garcia
In the summer of 1968, while visiting the mother they barely know, Delphine and her two younger sisters discover that their mother is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp



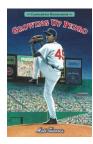
#### **Meet Yasmin!**

by Saadia Faruqi
Pakistani American second grader
Yasmin learns to cope with the small
problems of school and home, while
gaining confidence in her own skills and
creative abilities.



# Finding Langston

by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Discovering a book of Langston Hughes'
poetry in the library helps Langston cope
with the loss of his mother, relocating
from Alabama to Chicago as part of the
Great Migration, and being bullied



# **Growing up Pedro**

by Matt Tavares

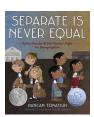
Traces the champion Red Sox pitcher's improbable rise from a baseball-loving youth in the Dominican Republic to a World Series star, describing how his enduring bond with his older brother shaped his athletic dreams



## Merci Suárez changes gears

by Meg Medina

Alienated from her more privileged classmates at a Florida private school, sixth-grade scholarship student Merci Suarez is targeted by a competitive rival at the same time her beloved grandfather begins to develop memory problems.



# Separate is never equal: Sylvia Mendez & her family's fight for desegregation

by Duncan Tonatiuh Shares the triumphant story of young Civil Rights activist Sylvia Mendez, an American citizen of Mexican and Puerto

Rican heritage who, at the age of 8, worked with her parents and other community members to file a landmark lawsuit in federal district court to end segregated education in mid-20th-century California.



# The banana-leaf ball : how play can change the world

by Katie Smith Milway
Separated from his family when they are
forced to leave their home in East Africa,
Deo is sent to a refugee camp in
Tanzania, where he endures bullying until
a coach organizes a soccer team that

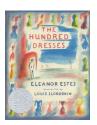
helps the boys at the camp find friendship and a sense of belonging.



# The first rule of punk

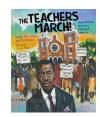
by Celia C. Pérez

After María Luisa O'Neill-Morales moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago, she violates her school's dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurns the school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded friends



#### The hundred dresses

by Eleanor Estes
In winning a medal she is no longer there
to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl
teaches her classmates a lesson.
Includes a note from the author's
daughter, Helena Estes



# The teachers march! : how Selma's teachers changed history

by Sandra Neil Wallace "Reverend F.D. Reese was a leader of the Voting Rights Movement in Selma, Alabama. As a teacher and principal, he

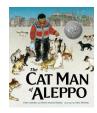
recognized that his colleagues were viewed with great respect in the city. Could he convince them to risk their jobs--and perhaps their lives--by organizing a teachers-only march to the county courthouse to demand their right to vote? On January 22, 1965, the Black teachers left their classrooms and did just that, with Reverend Reese leading the way. Noted nonfiction authors Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace conducted the last interviews with Reverend Reese before his death in 2018 and interviewed several teachers and their family members in order to tell this story, which is especially important today"



#### I Am Jazz

by Jessica Herthel
Based on the young co-author's real-life
experiences, the story of a transgender
child traces her early awareness that she
is a girl in spite of male anatomy and the

acceptance she finds through a wise doctor who explains her natural transgender status.



### The cat man of Aleppo

by Irene Latham

"In the midst of the Syrian Civil War, Alaa takes care of Aleppo's abandoned cats"