

Social Justice in Young Adult Literature

Recommended Reading

Anthologies

- *Our Stories, Our Voices: 21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Up Female in America edited by Amy Reed
- *How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation edited by Maureen Johnson
- *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices edited by Wade Hudson, Cheryl Willis Hudson
- *Hope Nation: YA Authors Share Personal Moments of Inspiration edited by Rose Brock
- *Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi
- *#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale
- *Life Inside My Mind: 31 Authors Share Their Personal Struggles edited by Jessica Burkhart
- *Here We Are: Feminism for the Real World edited by Kelly Jensen

Activism

- *Steal This Country: A Handbook for Resistance, Persistence, and Fixing Almost Everything by Alexandra Styron
- *Wake, Rise, Resist: The Progressive Teen's Guide to Fighting Tyrants and A*holes by Kerri Kennedy, Joanna Spathis
- *Girls Resist!: A Guide to Activism, Leadership, and Starting a Revolution by Kaelyn Rich
- *You Are Mighty: A Guide to Changing the World by Caroline Paul

Gun Control and Gun Violence

- *#NeverAgain: A New Generation Draws the Line by David Hogg, Lauren Hogg
- *How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon
- *Glimmer of Hope: How Tragedy Sparked a Movement by The March for Our Lives Founders

Sexual Violence

- *Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Girl Made of Stars by Ashley Herring Blake
- *Exit, Pursued by a Bear by E.K. Johnston
- *The Nowhere Girls by Amy Reed

Gentrification

- *This Side of Home by Renée Watson
- *Pride by Ibi Zoboi

Police Violence

- *The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- *All American Boys by Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely
- *Dear Martin by Nic Stone
- *I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina, Stacey Robinson, John Jennings

Refugees and Immigrants

- *The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah
- *The Secret Side of Empty by Maria Andreu
- *We Set the Dark on Fire by Tehlor Kay Mejia
- *We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults by Susan Kuklin
- *Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
- *The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees by Don Brown
- *Dream Country by Shannon Gibney

Muslims

- *All-American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney
- *The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan
- *Love, Hate and Other Filters by Samira Ahmed
- *Internment by Samira Ahmed

Poverty

- *Barely Missing Everything by Matt Mendez
- *Perfectly Good White Boy by Carrie Mesrobian
- *All the Rage by Courtney Summers
- *Panic by Lauren Oliver

Homelessness

- *Where I Live by Brenda Rufener
- *What You Hide by Natalie D. Richards
- *The Long Run by Joseph Bruchac
- *Behind Closed Doors by Miriam Halahmy

Disability

- *This Is Not a Love Scene by S. C. Megale
- *Our Year of Maybe by Rachel Lynn Solomon
- *Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens edited by Marieke Nijkamp
- *The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily by Laura Creedle

Mental Health

- *More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera
- *Girl in Pieces by Kathleen Glasgow
- *Tiny Pretty Things by Sona Charaipotra, Dhonielle Clayton
- *Underwater by Marisa Reichardt

Feminism

- *Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu
- *What Girls Are Made Of by Elana K. Arnold
- *The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *Watch Us Rise by Renée Watson, Ellen Hagan

LGBTQIA+

*Brave Face by Shaun David Hutchinson

*A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns by Archie Bongiovanni and Tristan Jimerson

*I Wish You All The Best by Mason Deaver

*If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo

Incarceration

*We'll Fly Away by Bryan Bliss

*Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka

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