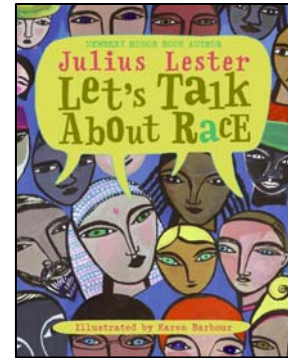


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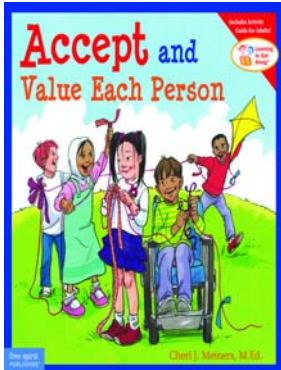
"Let's Talk About Race" by Julius Lester

Lester starts this picture book for older children with the inviting words "I am a story. So are you." He goes on to talk about how each person has many elements in their story – from family names and places to likes and dislikes. Race is just part of your story. Many people think and say their race is better than others, but under the skin we are all the same. He explains that people may have those beliefs because they feel bad about themselves or are afraid. He says very clearly that they are wrong about one race being better than others. The illustrations by Karen Barbour are vibrant and beautiful.



"Accept and Value Each Person" by Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed.

In this simple to read picture book, an average looking school aged girl shows us different ways to make and keep old and new friends. The book uses children from different ethnic groups and those with physical disabilities. The settings change as the young girl shows difference approaches to what we should do in a variety of diverse situations. We venture into classrooms, playgrounds, and go on a field trip. We watch as the children read books aloud, make creative artwork from shells, play games, and work together to create a masterpiece. The illustrations by Meredith Johnson bring the characters' emotions to life through facial and physical characteristics, including a picture of the children clapping and laughing on page 26, or our young friend crying on page 23. We could feel their happiness and their pain.



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