

## Books about female and minority education equality:

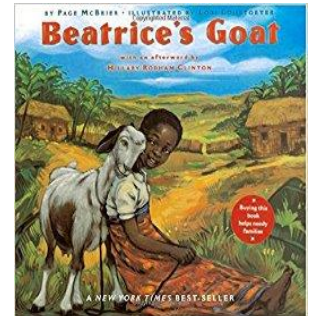
### Fiction:

#### ***Beatrice's Goat* by Page McBrier, illustrated by Lori Lohstoeter**

Grades 3 - 5

The story of a young girl who receives a goat through an international organization. She is able to sell milk and afford books, which allows her to go to school for the first time.

- Teacher Resources
  - <https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/beatrices-goat>
  - <https://www.sadlier.com/school/ela-blog/interactive-read-aloud-lesson-plan-beatrices-goat>
  - <https://globalschoollibrary.wordpress.com/2016/02/13/beatrices-goat/>



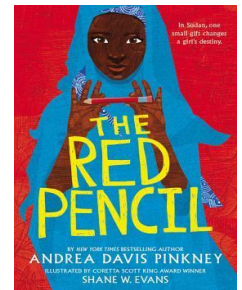
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#### ***The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Shane Evans**

Grades 3 - 6

As Amira turns twelve, her one birthday wish is to finally be able to attend school. However, when the Janjaweed arrive, she and her family find themselves in a refugee camp.

- Teacher Resources
  - <http://www.theclassroombookshelf.com/2014/10/the-red-pencil/>
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=40771>
  - <https://www.perma-bound.com/static/TPR/000457838.pdf>



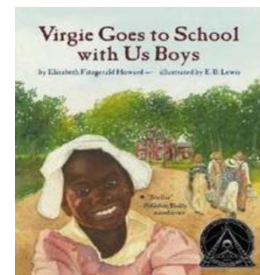
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#### ***Virgie Goes to School with us Boys* by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard**

Grades K - 5

After the Civil War, all Virgie wants is to go to school like her brothers. Together, the siblings make the seven mile trip to school and celebrate their newfound freedom.

- Teacher Resources
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=7115>



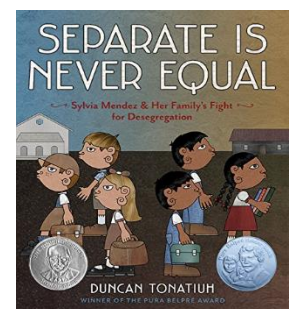
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#### ***Separate is Never Equal* by Duncan Tonatiuh**

Grades 2 - 6

Set in 1944, a family who moves to California is not allowed to send their daughter, Silvia, to a traditionally "white school."

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://laili.unm.edu/info/k-12-educators/assets/documents/literature-guides/separate-is-never-equal-educators-guide.pdf>
  - <https://www.sadlier.com/school/ela-blog/interactive-read-aloud-lesson-plan-template-of-separate-is-never-equal>
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=39129>
  - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/separate-never-equal/>

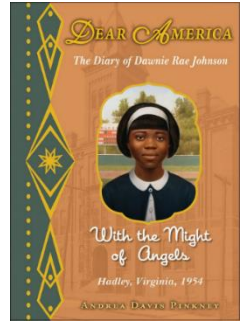


**Dear America: The Diary of Dawnie Rae Johnson- With the Might of Angels by Andrea Davis Pinky**

Grades 3 - 6

The fictional diary of a girl living in 1950's America after the Brown vs. Board of Ed. Supreme Court case.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/discussion-questions-dear-america-might-angelsthe-diary-dawnie-rae-johnson-hadley-virgin/>

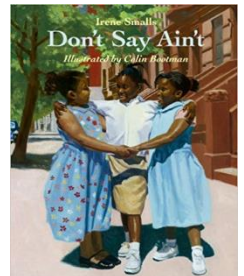


**Don't Say Ain't by Irene Smalls, illustrated by Colin Bootman**

Grades 1 - 5

Set in 1950's Harlem, Dana's test scores allow her to attend a prestigious school, where she is ridiculed and discriminated against due to her race.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachervision.com/childrens-book/dont-say-aint-discussion-guide>

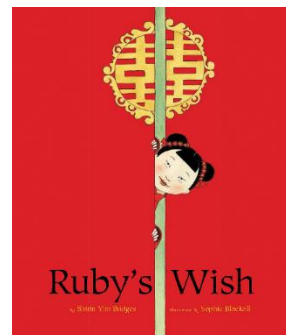


**Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges**

Grades K - 3

Set in China at the turn of the century, Ruby is determined to attend university like her brothers, but has to balance her education and expectations to keep up with housework and chores.

- Teacher Resources:
  - [https://www.chroniclebooks.com/landing-pages/pdfs/Ruby\\_wish.pdf](https://www.chroniclebooks.com/landing-pages/pdfs/Ruby_wish.pdf)
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=5838>



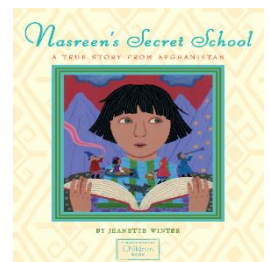
**Nonfiction:**

**Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan by Janette Winter**

Grades 3 - 5

Nasreen is a young girl growing up in Afghanistan during the occupation of the Taliban, who ban education for girls. When her parents are removed from their home, she attends a secret school for girls run by her neighbor.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=16502#ActivityGuides>
  - <https://commoncoresuccess.ededucation.org/curriculum/ela/grade-3/module-1/unit-1/lesson-6>



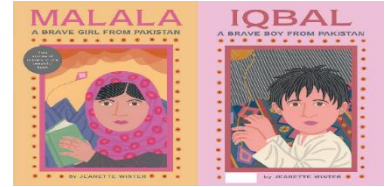
***Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan/ Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan* by Jeanette Winter**

Grades 3 - 6

A picture book about two heroes for education rights in Pakistan.

- Teacher Resources:

- [https://highlandliteracy.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/bgelessonplan\\_malala-and-iqbal.pdf](https://highlandliteracy.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/bgelessonplan_malala-and-iqbal.pdf)
- <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=42474>



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***Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words* by Karen Leggett Abouraya**

Grades 1 - 5

A picture book biography of Malala Yousafzai.

- Teacher Resources:

- <https://kidworldcitizen.org/books-about-girls-in-school-fighting-for-their-education/>

