



#OwnVoices

“Own voices” is a movement in the writing world that seeks to add diversity to books. In Own Voices books, the authors share a diverse, minority, or marginalized trait with their main characters. The following are examples of Own Voices books for teens.

Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Does My Head Look Big In This?	TEEN FICTION ABDEL-FATTAH	Muslim-Australian Experience
Acevedo, Elizabeth	With the Fire on High *†	TEEN FICTION ACEVEDO	Afro-Latinx Experience
Aceves, Fred	The Closest I’ve Come *	TEEN FICTION ACEVES	Latinx Experience
Ahmadi, Arvin	Down and Across	TEEN FICTION AHMADI	Iranian-American Experience
Ahmed, Samira	Internment †	TEEN PB AHMED	Muslim-American Experience
Alexie, Sherman	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian †	TEEN PB ALEXIE	Native American Experience
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Speak †	TEEN PB ANDERSON	Survivor of rape
Chao, Gloria	American Panda	TEEN FICTION CHAO	Taiwanese-American Experience
Coles, Jay	Tyler Johnson was Here †	TEEN FICTION COLES	Black Experience
Girard, M-E	Girl Mans Up *	TEEN FICTION GIRARD	Gender Identity/LGBTQ Experience
Goo, Maureen	I Believe in a Thing Called Love †	TEEN FICTION GOO	Korean-American Experience
Green, John	Turtles All the Way Down †	TEEN FICTION GREEN	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
Haydu, Corey Ann	OCD Love Story	TEEN PB HAYDU	Anxiety & OCD
Khorram, Adib	Darius the Great is Not Okay	TEEN FICTION KHORRAM	Depression & Iranian-American Exper.
Konigsberg, Bill	Openly Straight *	TEEN FICTION KONIGSBERG	LGBTQ Experience
Levithan, David	Boy Meets Boy *†	TEEN PB LEVITHAN	LGBTQ Experience
Mafi, Tahereh	A Very Large Expanse of Sea *†	TEEN FICTION MAFI	Muslim-American Experience
Menon, Sandhya	When Dimple Met Rishi *	TEEN FICTION MENON	Indian-American Experience
Nazemian, Abdi	Like a Love Story *	TEEN FICTION NAZEMIAN	LGBTQ/Iranian-American Experience
Nijkamp, Marieke, ed.	Unbroken: 13 stories starring disabled teens †	TEEN FICTION UNBROKEN	Teens living with disabilities
Parker, Morgan	Who Put This Song On?	TEEN FICTION PARKER	Black Experience
Perkins, Mitali	You Bring the Distant Near	TEEN FICTION PERKINS	Indian-American Experience
Reynolds, Jason	All American Boys †	TEEN PB REYNOLDS	Black Experience
Ribay, Randy	Patron Saints of Nothing †	TEEN FICTION RIBAY	Filipino-American Experience
Rivera, Lilliam	The Education of Margot Sanchez *†	TEEN FICTION RIVERA	Puerto-Rican Experience
Russo, Meredith	If I Was Your Girl	TEEN FICTION RUSSO	Transgender Experience
Safi, Aminah	Tell Me How You Really Feel	TEEN FICTION SAFI	LGBTQ Experience
Sanchez, Erika	I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter	TEEN PB SANCHEZ	Mexican-American Experience
Sugiura, Misa	This Time Will Be Different *	TEEN FICTION SUGIURA	Japanese-American Experience
Silvera, Adam	History is All You Left Me *†	TEEN FICTION SILVERA	OCD & LGBTQ Experience
Stone, Nic	Dear Martin †	TEEN PB STONE	Black Experience
Thomas, Angie	The Hate U Give *†	TEEN FICTION THOMAS	Black Experience
Vizzini, Ned	It’s Kind of a Funny Story *†	TEEN PB VIZZINI	Depression
Zoboi, Ibi, ed.	Black Enough *	TEEN FICTION BLACK	Black Experience
Zoboi, Ibi	American Street *	TEEN FICTION ZOBOI	Immigrant Experience

* Available to download from Hoopla

† Available to download from Overdrive

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