



***This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work* by Tiffany Jewell and Aurelia Durand**

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\*Age Range: Ages 11 to 15

Grade Range: Grades 6+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Learn about identities, histories, and anti-racism work in 20 carefully laid out chapters.

Who are you? What is racism? Where does it come from? Why does it exist? What can you do to disrupt it? Learn about social identities, the history of racism and resistance against it, and how you can use your anti-racist lens and voice to move the world toward equity and liberation.

“In a racist society, it’s not enough to be non-racist—we must be ANTI-RACIST.” —Angela Davis

Gain a deeper understanding of your anti-racist self as you progress through 20 chapters that spark introspection, reveal the origins of racism that we are still experiencing, and give you the courage and power to undo it. Each lesson builds on the previous one as you learn more about yourself and racial oppression. An activity at the end of every chapter gets you thinking and helps you grow with the knowledge. All you need is a pen and paper.

Author Tiffany Jewell, an anti-bias, anti-racist educator and activist, builds solidarity beginning with the language she chooses—using gender neutral words to honor everyone who reads the book. Illustrator Aurélia Durand brings the stories and characters to life with kaleidoscopic vibrancy.

After examining the concepts of social identity, race, ethnicity, and racism, learn about some of the ways people of different races have been oppressed, from indigenous Americans and Australians being sent to boarding school to be “civilized” to a generation of Caribbean immigrants once welcomed to the UK being threatened with deportation by strict immigration laws.

Find hope in stories of strength, love, joy, and revolution that are part of our history, too, with such figures as the former slave Toussaint Louverture, who led a rebellion against white planters that eventually led to Haiti’s independence, and Yuri Kochiyama, who, after spending time in an internment camp for Japanese Americans during WWII, dedicated her life to supporting political prisoners and advocating reparations for those wrongfully interned.

Learn language and phrases to interrupt and disrupt racism. So, when you hear a microaggression or racial slur, you’ll know how to act next time.

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This book is written for EVERYONE who lives in this racialized society—including the young person who doesn't know how to speak up to the racist adults in their life, the kid who has lost themselves at times trying to fit into the dominant culture, the children who have been harmed (physically and emotionally) because no one stood up for them or they couldn't stand up for themselves, and also for their families, teachers, and administrators.

With this book, be empowered to actively defy racism and xenophobia to create a community (large and small) that truly honors everyone.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ “A visually exciting and well-crafted antiracist guide for all children.”—[School Library Journal](#), Starred Review

★ “Essential.”—[Kirkus Reviews](#), Starred Review

★ “deftly explain[s] progressive understandings of identity, history, action, and solidarity as tools to encourage antiracist reflection, thought, and action.”—[Publishers Weekly](#), Starred Review

“gives...language to understand how racism was created, how it continues to work, and why it's important to fight against it.”—[Booklist](#)

“I know firsthand the profound impact her teachings have. Now young people everywhere can benefit from Tiffany's wisdom...this book is a gift to our future.”—National Book Award Finalist and author of *Hey, Kiddo*

“...bold in its honesty, and brilliant in its illustrative breakdown of an essential vocabulary on race and identity. This racial and intersectional literacy tool models what creative anti-racist work can look like.” —Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi, authors of *Tell Me Who You Are: Sharing Our Stories of Race, Culture, and Identity* and co-founders of [CHOOSE](#)

“...an essential introspective journey about understanding—and disrupting—one's place in a racist society.”—[Oprah Daily](#)

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- 2020 EUREKA! Nonfiction Children's Honor Book
- 2020 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Finalist, Older Children
- 2020 Julia Ward Howe Prize, Young Readers
- 2020 *Kirkus Reviews* Best Middle Grade of the Year
- 2020 *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Discussion Guide](#)
- [The Children's Podcast Author Interview with Matthew Winner](#)
- [Kirkus Reviews Author Interview](#)
- [School Library Journal Author Interview](#)
- [We Need Diverse Books Author Interview](#)

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## **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.