We Need Diverse Booktalking Kit

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WE NEED DIVERSE BOOKS™'s mission is to address the lack of diverse, non-majority narratives in children’s literature. In an effort to change the perception that diverse books have trouble finding audiences, this kit is designed to help shed light on lesser-known books that are about diverse characters and/or written by diverse authors, and to give teachers, librarians and booksellers the tools they need to “booktalk” these books to their students, patrons, and customers.

This kit was initially inspired by the “Cheat Sheet for Selling Diversity” that Newbery Honor-winning author Grace Lin presented at the We Need Diverse Books panel at the inaugural BookCon in 2014. In her tenure as a bookseller, Grace saw firsthand how easy it was for people to pigeonhole diverse books into a “special interest” box. She found that pitching books using their universal hooks was by far the most effective way to sell them to readers.

What this kit is not:
- The We Need Diverse Books (WNDB™) toolkit is not a comprehensive list. Due to the limits of a physical print run, we cannot include every worthy title. WNDB™ plans to provide an expanded list of books we love at http://diversebooks.org/edkit (make sure to sign up for our mailing list at http://eepurl.com/T-XGz to get updates!).
- The WNDB™ toolkit is not a year’s best list. Given our mission, we’ve made a conscious choice to highlight worthy books that might not otherwise get wide circulation, but we are aware that there are many additional worthy titles. At our website, we have links to a number of “best of” lists from 2014 that emphasize diverse titles.

What this kit is:
- A starting point for discovery. Our WNDB™ librarians have done the legwork for you – they have read hundreds of diverse books. They’ve gone beyond the obvious New York Times bestsellers and award-winners to bring you wonderful books that may have flown under your radar.
- A way to draw readers in by providing them with comparative book and film titles.
- A tool to target books at specific kids with our “perfect for...” suggestions.
- A source that will identify the universal themes in a title, to show your readers that a diverse book is just a good book.

What’s in the kit?
- A brief overview of WNDB™ – who we are, what our initiatives are, and how to reach us.
- A WNDB™ sign you can use for your own diverse books display (go to http://diversebooks.org/edkit to find downloadable templates for #WeHaveDiverseBooks & #WeReadDiverseBooks signs, and more!)
- Three book lists containing: 10 picture books, 10 middle grade, and 10 YA titles with quick “pitches.”
- Shelftalker cards to place on your bookshelves to draw attention to each listed diverse book.
- “If you like___, then try___” shelftalker cards for the comparative titles.
- A QR code/link to a survey so we can hear from you. Found on the bottom of the “About Us” page of this kit, this is your opportunity to both shape future WNDB™ educational kits and enter to win a $50 Powell’s gift card.
ABOUT US

WNDB: More than just a hashtag

We Need Diverse Books™ is a grassroots organization created to address the lack of diverse, non-majority narratives in children's literature. WNDB™ is committed to the ideal that embracing diversity will lead to acceptance, empathy, and ultimately equality. We recognize many kinds of diversity, including (but not limited to) LGBTQIA, people of color, gender diversity, people with disabilities, and ethnic/culture/religious minorities.

Our Mission is to:
- Promote or amplify diversification efforts
- Increase visibility for diverse books and authors
- Empower a wide range of readers, including (but not limited to) librarians, educators, parents, and students as part of this goal

WNDB™'s initiatives include:
- The Walter Dean Myers Award and Grant program
- A Diversity in the Classroom program to bring diverse authors into Title I schools across the country
- Development of an educational kit to introduce teachers, librarians & booksellers to select diverse books
- WNDB™'s inaugural Kidlit Diversity Festival to be held in summer of 2016

We could not do this without our dedicated core of volunteers, and every bit helps. JOIN US!

Please give us feedback!

The WNDB™ team would love to hear from you regarding how we can make our Educational Toolkit even more useful! Go to http://diversebooks.org/edkit or scan this QR code to find our survey, which you can think of as your opportunity to shape future WNDB™ educational kits. By completing the survey, you’ll also be automatically entered to win a $50 Powell’s gift card. Help us make this kit yours!

OUR PARTNERS
Violet
Tania Dupre Stehlik, Vanja Jovanovic
Violet feels different from everyone else at school because she’s not blue like her father or red like her mother. But she learns that all colors can be mixed, and all colors are beautiful.

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As CJ and his grandmother journey through the grittiness of the city, Nana teaches CJ to see, hear, and smell the beauty all around.

The Gumazing Gum Girl: Chews Your Destiny
Rhode Montijo
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We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers
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Bill Thomson
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My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay
Cari Best, Vanessa Brantley-Newton
1/13/2015 FSG (ISBN: 9780374388195)
Zulay doesn’t like it when she stands out because she’s blind. She wants to stand out for something else — running a race in the upcoming track and field day at school.

Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same
Grace Lin
Ling and Ting are identical twins, but that doesn’t mean they are the same in every way. It doesn’t mean they’re entirely different, either.
MIDDLE GRADE BOOK SELECTIONS

**How I Became a Ghost**
Tim Tingle
When 10-year-old Isaac’s family is forcibly removed from their Mississippi homeland and marched to a reservation, Isaac does not survive the Trail of Tears. However, he finds that as a ghost, he can help his family and friends continue their own lives and stories.

**The Truth About Twinkie Pie**
Kat Yeh
12-year-old Gigi finds that even though she and her older sister (who takes care of her) are now rich, life is not easy when she moves from a trailer park in South Carolina to the Gold Coast of New York.

**A Game for Swallows**
Zeina Abirached
Zeina and her younger brother spend a long, tense day waiting and hoping for their parents to return from an errand in their war-torn city.

**The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher**
Dana Alison Levy
Four brothers struggle with different problems but always enjoy their hectic, family-centric life together with their steady, level-headed dads.

**T4**
Ann Clare LeZotte
Paula must rely on the kindness of brave strangers to keep her safe and hidden away from Nazis in this novel-in-verse.

**Secret Saturdays**
Torrey Maldonado
Justin’s best friend Sean has changed—he’s acting mean, and he and his mother keep disappearing on the weekends. Can Justin repair their friendship and figure out where Sean goes on Saturdays?

**Handbook for Dragon Slayers**
Merrie Haskell
Princess Tilda would rather write adventure stories than be part of them. But when her cousin steals her lands, Tilda will go on the hunt of a lifetime to win them back—and she’ll learn a thing or two about herself, friendship, and dragons in the process.

**Bayou Magic**
Jewell Parker Rhodes
It’s Maddy’s turn to visit her grandmother this summer. Her older sisters have warned her that Grandmère is strange, but Maddy finds her—and the bayou in which she lives—magical and full of discoveries.

**George**
Alex Gino
8/1/2015 Scholastic (ISBN: 9780545812542)
Other people look at George and see a boy, but George knows she’s a girl. With a little help from a friend and the school play, George comes up with a plan to reveal who she really is.
### YOUNG ADULT BOOK SELECTIONS

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<td>Una LaMarche</td>
<td>2014 Razorbill (ISBN: 9781595146748)</td>
<td>Devorah and Jax spend their lives on opposite sides of the same street until fate brings them together. With their worlds opposing, can they make their risky relationship last?</td>
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<td>Kamala is a normal girl — until she is imbued with superpowers. Not only does she have a new responsibility to protect her community, but she’s at liberty to change her appearance with her powers. Does she really want a new identity, or can she find strength in herself?</td>
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<td>The Elementals</td>
<td>Saundra Mitchell</td>
<td>2013 HMH (ISBN: 9780547853147)</td>
<td>Kate has a dream—to become a director of the new moving pictures that are taking 1917 America by storm. Julian has a dream, too—to follow his wanderlust to Los Angeles. There, the two meet and discover the secrets hidden inside themselves.</td>
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<td>James Klise</td>
<td>2014 Algonquin (ISBN: 9781616201951)</td>
<td>A tragedy turns a high school student into a celebrity as the community rallies to help her family. But when a donated artwork for a charity auction turns out to be worth a fortune, the community turns against her family as they try to determine who deserves the money for it.</td>
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<td>2011 Speak (ISBN: 9780142419434)</td>
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<td>Renee Watson</td>
<td>2/13/2015 Bloomsbury (ISBN: 9781599906683)</td>
<td>Nikki and Maya are twins who have always been on the same side of things. But changes in their community leave them on opposite sides of the fight.</td>
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By Margarita Engle, Rafael López
DESCRIPTION:
Everyone tells Millo that only boys play the drums, but she won’t listen!
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ love music and poetry
❖ like stories about beating the odds

Violet
By Tania Duprey Stehlik, Vanja Jovanovic
DESCRIPTION:
Violet feels different from everyone else at school because she’s not blue like her father or red like her mother. But she learns that all colors can be mixed, and all colors are beautiful.
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ have ever felt different from others
❖ like stories about loving families

If you liked
read this next.

BECAUSE
Both are about children learning to be secure in their family’s love.

If you liked
read this next.

BECAUSE
Both are about young girls who know what they want and don’t let anyone stop them from following their musical dreams.
We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers
By Julie Flett

DESCRIPTION:
Aunties laugh, fireflies flicker, and owls burrow. Children have plenty to count in this gentle celebration of Cree language and culture.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ are learning to count
❖ love being outdoors

Last Stop on Market Street
By Matt de la Peña, Christian Robinson

DESCRIPTION:
As CJ and his grandmother journey through the grittiness of the city, Nana teaches CJ to see, hear, and smell the beauty all around.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ have ever learned something from your grandparents
❖ ride the bus

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE
Both have vibrant cityscapes and feature observant, imaginative children.
Katie Fry, Private Eye: The Lost Kitten
By Katherine Cox, Vanessa Brantley Newton
DESCRIPTION:
When an adorable, and very lost, kitten shows up, only Detective Katie Fry can find where it comes from. Kids can work along with Katie to find clues in the artwork.
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like solving mysteries
❖ have big brains

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DESCRIPTION:
Gabby loves to chew gum but is forbidden to chew it after a gum-in-hair incident requires the peanut butter treatment. Forced to chew in secret, Gabby has a freak accident that transforms her into a gum-based superhero.
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ love superheroes
❖ love to laugh

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read this next.
BECauses
Both are mysteries that feature very intelligent kid detectives and are perfect for kids who are beginning or transitional readers.

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read this next.
BECauses
Both are fun and funny visually based chapter books about strong-willed girls.
**Chalk**
*By Bill Thomson*

**DESCRIPTION:**
Three children walk through a playground and discover a bag of magical chalk — whatever they draw comes to life. The kids can’t resist experimenting, but regret it when a full-size dinosaur chases them into the tunnel slide. How will they escape?

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**DESCRIPTION:**
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**YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:**
❖ have siblings
❖ have parents who don’t always understand

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**If you liked**
*read this next.*

**BECAUSE**
Both books are about kids who get in trouble because an ordinary-looking object turns out to be magical.

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**If you liked**
*read this next.*

**BECAUSE**
Both books deal skillfully with sibling rivalry and how siblings who love each other can still fight and upset one another sometimes.
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Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same  
By Grace Lin

DESCRIPTION: Ling and Ting are identical twins, but that doesn’t mean they are the same in every way. It doesn’t mean they’re entirely different, either. Ling and Ting do like it when she stands out because she’s blind. She wants to stand out for something else—running a race in the upcoming track and field day at school.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU: ❖ love silly books ❖ have siblings ❖ have ever worked hard to achieve a goal ❖ like to run

BECAUSE Both early chapter books feature two similar-looking characters with distinct personalities.

My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay  
By Cari Best, Vanessa Brantley-Newton

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YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU: ❖ have ever worked hard to achieve a goal ❖ like to run

BECAUSE Both are about staying determined and doing your best.

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DESCRIPTION:
12-year-old Gigi finds that even though she and her older sister (who takes care of her) are now rich, life is not easy when she moves from a trailer park in South Carolina to the Gold Coast of New York.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ love to cook
❖ like stories about quirky families

How I Became a Ghost
By Tim Tingle

DESCRIPTION:
When 10-year-old Isaac’s family is forcibly removed from their Mississippi homeland and marched to a reservation, Isaac does not survive the Trail of Tears. However, he finds that as a ghost, he can help his family and friends continue their own lives and stories.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like spooky stories
❖ like adventure stories about heroic kids

If you liked
read this next.

BECAUSE
In both, kids solve food-related mysteries and learn about friendship, family, and food.

If you liked
read this next.

BECAUSE
Both are surprisingly funny adventure stories about kids dealing with forces larger than themselves, and finding they are also powerful in unexpected ways.
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher
By Dana Alison Levy

DESCRIPTION:
Four brothers struggle with different problems but always enjoy their hectic, family-centric life together with their steady, level-headed dads.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like books about hectic, boisterous families
❖ have siblings

A Game for Swallows
By Zeina Abirached

DESCRIPTION:
Zeina and her younger brother spend a long, tense day waiting and hoping for their parents to return from an errand in their war-torn city.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ love graphic novels with interesting art
❖ are interested in reading about friends working through difficulties together

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE
Both are nostalgic, funny, and touching stories about the love in big families, especially between siblings.

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE
In both, characters who are surrounded by difficult circumstances and hard times find strength and courage in friendships with neighbors.
Secret Saturdays
By Torrey Maldonado
DESCRIPTION:
Justin’s best friend Sean has changed—he’s acting mean, and he and his mother keep disappearing on the weekends. Can Justin repair their friendship and figure out where Sean goes on Saturdays?
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ have helped friends through tough times
❖ are curious about untold histories
❖ like poetry

If you liked this, read this next.
BECAUSE
Both take place during WWII and tell the story of brave girls in the face of danger.

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BECAUSE
Both are about what it means to be a boy, a friend, and a son.
Handbook for Dragon Slayers
By Merrie Haskell

DESCRIPTION:
Princess Tilda would rather write adventure stories than be part of them. But when her cousin steals her lands, Tilda will go on the hunt of a lifetime to win them back—and she'll learn a thing or two about herself, friendship, and dragons in the process.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ love making up adventures
❖ love stories about friendship
❖ like fearless, sassy heroines

BECAUSE
Both are gripping stories of kids who love adventures, friendships, and dragons.

If you liked this, read this next:

Princeless: Vol. 1: Save Yourself
By Jeremy Whitley

DESCRIPTION:
Princess Adrienne's father has stashed her in a tower to keep her safe and untouched until a prince can find her. But Adrienne has other ideas.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like fractured fairy tales
❖ like adventure
❖ like a sassy character

BECAUSE
Both feature sassy, outspoken princesses who don't wait for boys to save the day.
George
By Alex Gino
DESCRIPTION:
Other people look at George and see a boy, but George knows she's a girl. With a little help from a friend and the school play, George comes up with a plan to reveal who she really is.
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like performing arts
❖ have felt like other people don't understand you

Bayou Magic
By Jewell Parker Rhodes
DESCRIPTION:
It’s Maddy's turn to visit her grandmother this summer. Her older sisters have warned her that Grandmère is strange, but Maddy finds her—and the bayou in which she lives—magical and full of discoveries.
YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ see things that other people miss
❖ love the magic of summer vacation

If you liked George, read this next.
BECAUSE
Both are about staying true to yourself, helping your friends, and enjoying being on and offstage.

If you liked Bayou Magic, read this next.
BECAUSE
Both are about storytelling, elders, and unexpected friendships.
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*By Jenny Torres Sanchez*

**DESCRIPTION:**
After Frenchie’s crush commits suicide, she has to face the fact that she unknowingly helped him during their one night of adventure.

**YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:**
❖ like all-night adventures
❖ love music

**Like No Other**
*By Una LaMarche*

**DESCRIPTION:**
Devorah and Jax spend their lives on opposite sides of the street until fate brings them together. With their worlds opposing, can they make their risky relationship last?

**YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:**
❖ have struggled with best friends
❖ love to read

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**BECAUSE**

Both novels take readers on a wild adventure where the characters discover things about themselves and each other.

**BECAUSE**

Both tell the love stories of misfit teens that might not have normally found each other.
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By James Klise

DESCRIPTION:
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YOU'LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ love mind-bending mysteries
❖ like books with multiple narrators

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YOU'LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ appreciate unlikely heroes
❖ like classic comics

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE Both feature teens who fall into destinities they're not sure they want to fulfill.

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE Both are twisty mysteries told from multiple point-of-views.
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**Five Flavors of Dumb**  
*By Antony John*

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Piper has one chance to land her band, Dumb, a gig, but will she be able to do it?

**YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:**  
❖ love music  
❖ enjoy funny, tongue-in-cheek narrators

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*By Eric Gansworth*

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Lewis really needs a friend, but is it a good idea to make friends with George, the new kid who doesn’t seem to understand the social lines that are drawn at school?

**YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:**  
❖ enjoy books about friendship  
❖ have ever been obsessed with a band

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If you liked **The Disenchantments** by Nina LaCour, read this next.  

**BECAUSE**  
Both feature underdog bands.

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If you liked **If I Ever Get Out of Here** by Eric Gansworth, read this next.  

**BECAUSE**  
Both are historical fiction about middle-school boys dealing with the trials of being a middle-school boy.
This Side of Home
By Renee Watson

DESCRIPTION:
Nikki and Maya are twins who have always been on the same side of things. But changes in their community leave them on opposite sides of the fight.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like stories about community
❖ enjoy complex moral debates

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DESCRIPTION:
As leader of a movement of young people deemed dangerous because of their superpowers, Ashala Wolf is public enemy #1. When she’s captured, she must learn whom she can trust if she’s going to escape the government holding facility and keep her secrets from being discovered by a terrifying interrogation machine.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ like dystopian adventures
❖ appreciate stories about fighting against oppressive governments

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE
Both are about trying to retain childhood friendships when growing up presents complex challenges.

If you liked read this next.

BECAUSE
Both take place in environmentally ravaged futures and have no black-and-white answers to tough questions.
The Kidney Hypothetical
By Lisa Yee

DESCRIPTION:
Higgs makes one misstep with his girlfriend — one tiny thing — and goes from Harvard-bound high school senior to bullied loser in seven days. In that same week, meeting a quirky girl named Monarch sets him on a journey of grief, acceptance, and self-discovery.

YOU’LL LIKE THIS IF YOU:
❖ have been told your goals are impossible
❖ dream of big cities
❖ watch romantic comedies

If you liked this, read this next.
BECAUSE
Both are about teenage boys who break up with their girlfriends...to hilarious and poignant effect.

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BECAUSE
Both are about the motion picture industry and have a touch of magic.
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