Big Conversations About Racism

The books in this list are intended to aid in conversations with children about race.

The Talk	Alicia D. Williams
As a little boy grows into a bigger boy, he first must have the difficult conversation Black families have with their sons, warning them about the challenges they face due to racism.	

Goodnight Racism	Ibram X. Kendi
Goodnight Racism delivers important messages about antiracism, justice, and equality in an easy-to-read format that empowers readers both big and small. Goodnight Racism gives children the language to dream of a better world and is the perfect book to add to their social justice toolkit.	

More than Peach	Bellen Woodard
Penned by the very first Crayon Activist, Bellen Woodard, this picture book will tug at readers' heartstrings and inspire them to make a difference! When Bellen Woodard's classmates referred to "the skin-color' crayon, she knew just how important it was that everyone understood that 'skin can be any number of beautiful colors.'	

I Am Ruby Bridges	Ruby Bridges
When Ruby Bridges was aged just six, she became the first African American student to integrate an elementary school in the South. Based on the pivotal events of 1960 and told from her own point of view for the first time, this is a poetic reflection on her experience that changed the face of history and the trajectory of the Civil Rights movement.	

An American Story	Kwame Alexander
A powerful picture book that tells the story of American slavery through the voice of a teacher struggling to help her students understand its harrowing history.	

That Flag	Tameka Fryer Brown

In That Flag, Tameka Fryer Brown and Nikkolas Smith graciously tackle the issues of racism, the value of friendship, and the importance of understanding history so that we move forward together in a thought-provoking, stirring, yet ultimately tender tale.

Where?	Jordan Collins

When a child is once again on the receiving end of the dreaded question "Where are you from?" their answer takes readers on an intergalactic journey through the cosmos. Traveling across space and time, past collapsing stars and nebulae, the young narrator reminds us not of our differences but of our shared humanity.