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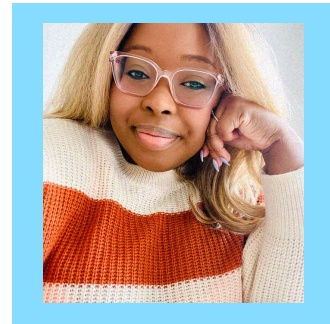
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## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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- Anisha Angella, RECE and in the field of early education for over 10+ years
- Played various roles in the field: Lead Educator, Assistant Supervisor, Supervisor, Online Instructor, Senior Area Director for Corporate Childcare Centres
- Author of "Zoey has an Allegy"
- Currently the founder and owner of Anisha Angella Books & Consulting. Providing coaching and consulting for early childhood professionals, entrepreneurs and leaders



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### Books

#### **ANISHA ANGELLA - ZOEWY HAS AN ALLERGY**

a sweet, spunky and smart five-year-old girl. She's curious, full of adventure and always having fun. However, there's something about Zoey that makes her unique. She's making her debut appearance to the world in Zoey has an Allergy.

You'll be taken on Zoey's journey of self-assurance as she discovers she has food allergies and learns how to understand them. Zoey learns that allergies are nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed by, and learns how to keep herself happy and safe.

#### **LATASHIA M. PERRY - HAIR LIKE MINE( KIDS LIKE MINE)**

Hair Like Mine is a fun and easy read following a little girl who doesn't like that her naturally curly hair looks different from the other kids around her. On her quest to find someone with hair like hers, she soon realizes we are all unique and special in our own way.

#### **GABRIELLE UNION - WELCOME TO THE PARTY**

Inspired by the eagerly awaited birth of her daughter, Kaavia James Union Wade, New York Times bestselling author and award-winning actress Gabrielle Union pens a festive and universal love letter from parents to little ones, perfect for welcoming a baby to the party of life!

#### **BELL HOOKS- HAPPY TO BE NAPPY**

Bell hooks and Chris Raschka join together to create an exuberant, rhythmic, read-aloud celebration about the joy and beauty of "nappy" hair.

#### **TAYE DIGGS- MIXED ME**

Mom and Dad say I'm a blend of dark and light:  
"We mixed you perfectly, and got you just right." Mike has awesome hair. He has LOTS of energy! His parents love him. And Mike is a PERFECT blend of the two of them. Still, Mike has to answer LOTS of questions about being mixed. And he does, with LOTS of energy and joy in this charming story about a day in the life of a mixed-race child.

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#### **DR. THOMISHIA BOOKER - BLACK BOY JOY**

This book is filled with all the things little brown boys love

#### **GRACE BYERS - I AM ENOUGH**

Actress and activist Grace Byers and artist Keturah A. Bobo return with another gorgeously illustrated new classic that's the perfect gift for baby showers, birthdays, or just for reading at home again and again

#### **WE'RE DIFFERENT, WE'RE THE SAME: SESAME STREET**

A colorful characters from Sesame Street teach young children about racial harmony. Muppets, monsters, and humans compare noses, hair, and skin and realize how different we all are. But as they look further, they also discover how much we are alike.

#### **TODD PARR - THE PEACE BOOK**

The Peace Book delivers positive and hopeful messages of peace in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes. Perfect for the youngest readers, this book delivers a timely and timeless message about the importance of friendship, caring, and acceptance

#### **TODD PARR - IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT**

t's Okay to Be Different cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.

#### **TODD PARR - THE FAMILY BOOK**

The Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two moms or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, every family is special in its own unique way.

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#### **LESLEA NEWMAN-MOMMY, MAMA, AND ME**

Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its mommies. From hide-and-peek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Shares the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.

#### **LESLEA NEWMAN - DADDY, PAPA, AND ME**

Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-peek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.

#### **HARRY BELAFONTE - WE ARE THE CHANGE: WORDS OF INSPIRATION FROM CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS**

Sixteen award-winning children's book artists illustrate the civil rights quotations that inspire them in this stirring and beautiful book. Featuring an introduction by Harry Belafonte, words from Eleanor Roosevelt, Maya Angelou, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. among others, this inspirational collection sets a powerful example for generations of young leaders to come. It includes illustrations by Selina Alko, Alina Chau, Lisa Congdon, Emily Hughes, Molly Idle, Juana Medina, Innosanto Nagara, Christopher Silas Neal, John Parra, Brian Pinkney, Greg Pizzoli, Sean Qualls, Dan Santat, Shadra Strickland, Melissa Sweet, and Raúl the Third. #Books

#### **MATTHEW A. CHERRY - HAIR LOVE**

I love that Hair Love is highlighting the relationship between a Black father and daughter. Matthew leads the ranks of new creatives who are telling unique stories of the Black experience. We need this." - Jordan Peele, Actor & Filmmaker It's up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters, from Academy-Award winning director and former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry and New York Times bestselling illustrator Vashti Harrison. Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her -- and her hair -- happy. Tender and empowering, Hair Love is an ode to loving your natural hair -- and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere

#### **VASHTI HARRISON - LITTLE LEADERS: BOLD WOMEN IN BLACK HISTORY**

This beautifully illustrated board book edition of instant bestseller Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History showcases women who changed the world and is the perfect goodnight book to inspire big dreams.

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#### **NICOLA I. CAMPBELL - STAND LIKE A CEDAR**

Award-winning storyteller Nicola I. Campbell shows what it means "to stand like a cedar" on this beautiful journey of discovery through the wilderness. Learn the names of animals in the Nte7kepmxcín or Halq'emeylem languages as well as the teachings they have for us. Experience a celebration of sustainability and connection to the land through lyrical storytelling and Carrielynn Victor's breathtaking art in this children's illustrated book.

#### **RICHARD VAN CAMP - LITTLE YOU**

Richard Van Camp, internationally renowned storyteller and bestselling author of the hugely successful Welcome Song for Baby: A Lullaby for Newborns, has partnered with award-winning illustrator Julie Flett to create a tender board book for babies and toddlers that celebrates the potential of every child. With its delightful contemporary illustrations, Little You is perfect to be shared, read or sung to all the little people in your life-and the new little ones on the way!

#### **CAROLE LINDSTROM - WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS**

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, We Are Water Protectors issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption-a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade

#### **PENNY M. THOMAS - POWWOW COUNTING IN CREE**

This unique counting book introduces Cree numbers, from one to ten. Featuring powwow imagery that reflects the rich culture and tradition of the Cree people, rhyme, rhythm, and glowing illustration combine to make language learning a joyful experience for young readers. A pronunciation guide is included in the back of the book.

#### **SETSU BRODERICK, WILLAMARIE MOORE - JAPANESE TRADITIONS: RICE CAKES, CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND MATSURI**

A wonderful look at Japanese culture and family life, Japanese Traditions is an intricately illustrated romp through the childhood reminiscences of author/illustrator Setsu Broderick. Told via a series of short text blocks and lighthearted illustrations based on cats, Japanese Traditions displays seasonal festivals and activities such as O-Bon (Festival of the Souls), O-hanami (cherry blossom viewing) and preparing for the New Year.

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#### **SHELLY ANAND - LAXMI'S MOOCH**

Laxmi never paid much attention to the tiny hairs above her lip. But one day while playing farm animals at recess, her friends point out that her whiskers would make her the perfect cat. She starts to notice body hair all over--on her arms, legs, and even between her eyebrows.

With her parents' help, Laxmi learns that hair isn't just for heads, but that it grows everywhere, regardless of gender. Featuring affirming text by Shelly Anand and exuberant, endearing illustrations by Nabi H. Ali, Laxmi's Mooch is a celebration of our bodies and our body hair, in whichever way they grow.

#### **JOANNA HO - EYES THAT KISS IN THE CORNERS**

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future.

Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. This powerful, poetic picture book will resonate with readers of all ages.

#### **SUPRIYA KELKAR - BINDU'S BINDIS**

This charming picture book is about a little girl who loves her bindis (and the many creative shapes they come in!). The bindis are also a connection to her Nani who lives in India. When Nani comes to visit Bindu and brings the bindis to her, it is just in time to wear something new to the school talent show. Bindu and Nani work together to shine their brightest and embrace their sparkle, even when they stand out from the crowd.

#### **M. O. YUKSEL - IN MY MOSQUE**

No matter who you are or where you're from, everyone is welcome here. From grandmothers reading lines of the Qur'an and the imam telling stories of living as one, to meeting new friends and learning to help others, mosques are centers for friendship, community, and love.

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#### **IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD - THE PROUDEST BLUE: A STORY OF HIJAB AND FAMILY**

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.

#### **PARKER CURRY, JESSICA CURRY - PARKER LOOKS UP: AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT**

When Parker Curry came face-to-face with Amy Sherald's transcendent portrait of First Lady Michelle Obama at the National Portrait Gallery, she didn't just see the First Lady of the United States. She saw a queen—one with dynamic self-assurance, regality, beauty, and truth who captured this young girl's imagination. When a nearby museum-goer snapped a photo of a mesmerized Parker, it became an internet sensation. Inspired by this visit, Parker, and her mother, Jessica Curry, tell the story of a young girl and her family, whose trip to a museum becomes an extraordinary moment, in a moving picture book.

#### **IBRAM X. KENDI - ANTIRACIST BABY**

Take your first steps with Antiracist Baby! Or rather, follow Antiracist Baby's nine easy steps for building a more equitable world.

With bold art and thoughtful yet playful text, Antiracist Baby introduces the youngest readers and the grown-ups in their lives to the concept and power of antiracism. Providing the language necessary to begin critical conversations at the earliest age, Antiracist Baby is the perfect gift for readers of all ages dedicated to forming a just society.

#### **INNOSANTO NAGARA - A IS FOR ACTIVIST**

A is for Activist is an ABC board book written and illustrated for the next generation of progressives: families who want their kids to grow up in a space that is unapologetic about activism, environmental justice, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, and everything else that activists believe in and fight for.

The alliteration, rhyming, and vibrant illustrations make the book exciting for children, while the issues it brings up resonate with their parents' values of community, equality, and justice. This engaging little book carries huge messages as it inspires hope for the future, and calls children to action while teaching them a love for books.



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### Toys & Materials

#### **MELISSA & DOUG 48PC FLOOR PUZZLE - CHILDREN OF THE WORLD**

BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN OF THE WORLD PUZZLE: The Melissa & Doug Children of the World Floor Puzzle includes 48 extra-thick cardboard pieces that are easy for children to put together. The finished puzzle displays beautiful original artwork.

#### **CRAYOLA MULTI-CULTURAL CRAYONS, LARGE, 7/16 X 4 INCHES, ASSORTED SKIN TONE COLORS, PACK OF 8**

Celebrate diverse ethnicities and skin tones with Crayola's Multi-Cultural Crayons! Storage box comes with 8 assorted colors that allow children to draw themselves and others around the world in realistic skin tone hues. A black and white crayon are added to blend with other colors for lightening or darkening shades as kids see fit. Large sized crayons are perfect for extra grip comfort and thicker lines. Non-toxic.

#### **CRAYOLA ULTRA CLEAN WASHABLE MULTICULTURAL MARKERS, BROAD LINE, 10 COUNT**

SKIN TONE MARKERS: Features 10 broad line markers in long-lasting, realistic hues.

#### **SEEK & PEEK EXPRESSIONS MEMORY GAME**

Nurture young children's social and emotional growth as they peek and seek different facial expression cards. Young children world-wide understand that there are distinct types of facial expressions and that they each have different meanings (e.g. they understand that "sad" faces are different from happy faces). Contains 64 laminated Seek & Peek Expression Circle Cards of 32 different photo images of children around the world, showing facial expressions. This resource is recommended for small group play or individual play. Ages 1.5 - 5.

#### **KIDS AROUND THE WORLD SET OF 8**

Soft and friendly characters are a wonderful addition to block play or anytime creative fun! Chunky, plastic figures measure approx. 5" x 2" x 2". Cleans easily with soap and water. Set of 8.

#### **INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES (GOODMINDS.COM)**

GoodMinds.com is a First Nations family owned business, who is passionate about Indigenous education.

Browse our store for all your First Nations, Metis, Inuit and Native American educational resources and products.

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#### **CHILDREN OF THE WORLD POSTERS 12/PK**

children's eyes, hair, nose, skin colors and facial expressions, are only a few of the observations children will notice with this set of world children posters. Learning cultural physical differences along with similarities among each other will be fun with these colorful posters. 12 Pieces. 8.5" X 11". All Ages.

#### **FAMILY OF TODAY SET OF 8**

This 8 piece puzzle set will introduce children to the diverse structure of a family unit. Each puzzle measures 12" x 9" x 0.25" thick. 7 to 9 pieces per puzzle. Set of 8 puzzles. Ages 3 and up.

#### **PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TRIMMER**

Trimmer measures 35'

#### **MULTICULTURAL PUPPETS - SET OF 8**

Use our Multi-Cultural Puppets to spark imaginations and introduce kids to other cultures. These puppets have very authentic detailing and are machine washable and dryable. Puppets are 9" tall. Includes White boy, Polynesian girl, Muslim boy, African girl, Indian girl, Inuit boy, Chinese girl and Mexican boy. Machine washable, dryable. Ages 3 years and up.

#### **MULTI-ETHNIC SCHOOL DOLLS**

These playmates are designed to encourage identification and positive self concept. These all-vinyl dolls have accurate ethnic features and coloring. Dolls are 13" with movable arms, legs and heads. Girl dolls have beautiful rooted hair and the boy have molded hair. Ages 19 months and up.

#### **BLOCK PLAY PEOPLE - COMPLETE SET**

Our multi-ethnic people are perfect for populating play cities and towns...and they're so durable, we guarantee them for 10 full years! Sturdy figures feature up-to-date styling and lots of authentic details...plus they're specially molded to actually stand-for added realism and frustration-free play! Complete set of all 5 families shown, for a total of 40 high-quality vinyl figures.

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#### **BLOCK PLAY PEOPLE - COMPLETE SET (WINTERGREEN.CA)**

Inspire daily writing and group conversations about fairness, knowing yourself, doing the right thing and more with our easy-to-use prompt cards! Simply select a prompt from the box for the class to write about or discuss...or let students choose and respond on their own. Set includes 100 grade-appropriate prompt cards covering 4 categories and a 7 1/2" w x 7 1/2" d x 6 1/2" h storage box.

#### **INSTRUMENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD COLLECTION**

Add rhythm and music to your multicultural lessons...with easy-to-play instruments from around the globe! Our diverse collection features 10 lively instruments-from beautifully woven Ghanaian rattles & rhythmic Peruvian maracas to a fun, frog-shaped Asian rasp! The instruments are sized just for little hands...and each is made of authentic, classroom-tough materials. Gong measures 8-3/4" tall.

#### **HERSTORY DOLL**

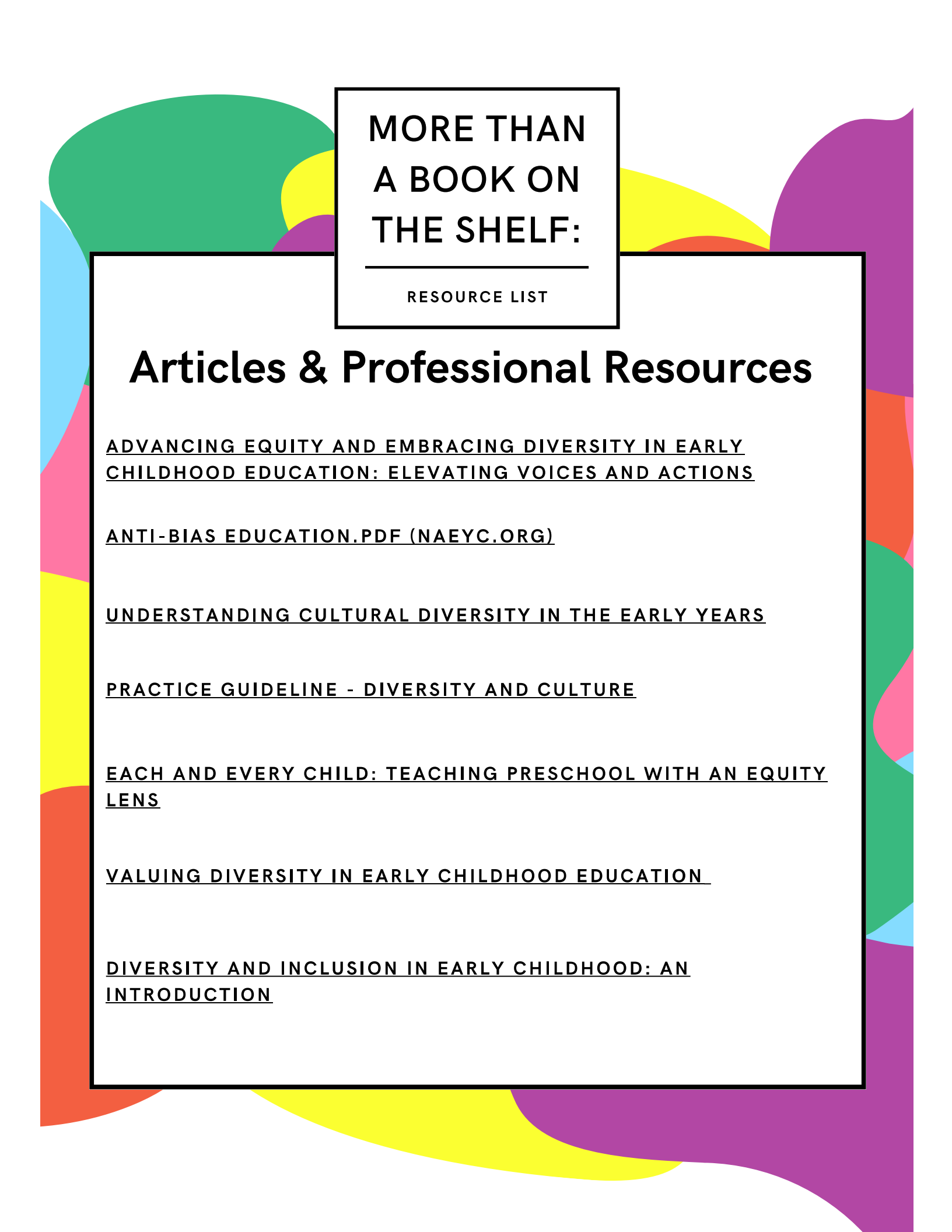
Herstory Doll is an 18 inch articulated play doll line. Herstory Doll is a reflection of diversity within kids of African Descent with different brown skin tones, more true facial features, and textured hair of different types. The added bonus to the doll line is the joint articulation and our building of a platform to allow those who purchase them to use their own creativity and imagination to build further on the character THEY choose to create, in a reflection they can identify with and be proud of, as opposed to buying something that is already given an identity by a company. Herstory is more than a beautiful representation of girl characters (and eventually boys), it is also about putting creativity into the hands of kids encouraging them use their imaginations and artistic abilities through creative writing, storytelling, photography, videography, crafting, sewing and more.

#### **SPEAK THE WORDS STORYTELLERS**

Speak the Words Storytellers is an impact-driven organization with a vision to serve children, youth and their families through the power of story. Our website is designed to empower young voices to impact positive change. We have a special interest in sharing true stories which open up conversations on tough issues and encourage resilience and self-determination for young readers.

-Note Books: Currently, we are starting out with notebooks that feature inspirational quotes on them. Notebooks are sent out to those who donate \$15 or more to our organization. Orders of more than one can be submitted by email to [info@speakthewords.com](mailto:info@speakthewords.com).

- Book Box: We also have a "Book Box" Product available for sale.



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## **Articles & Professional Resources**

[ADVANCING EQUITY AND EMBRACING DIVERSITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: ELEVATING VOICES AND ACTIONS](#)

[ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION.PDF \(NAEYC.ORG\)](#)

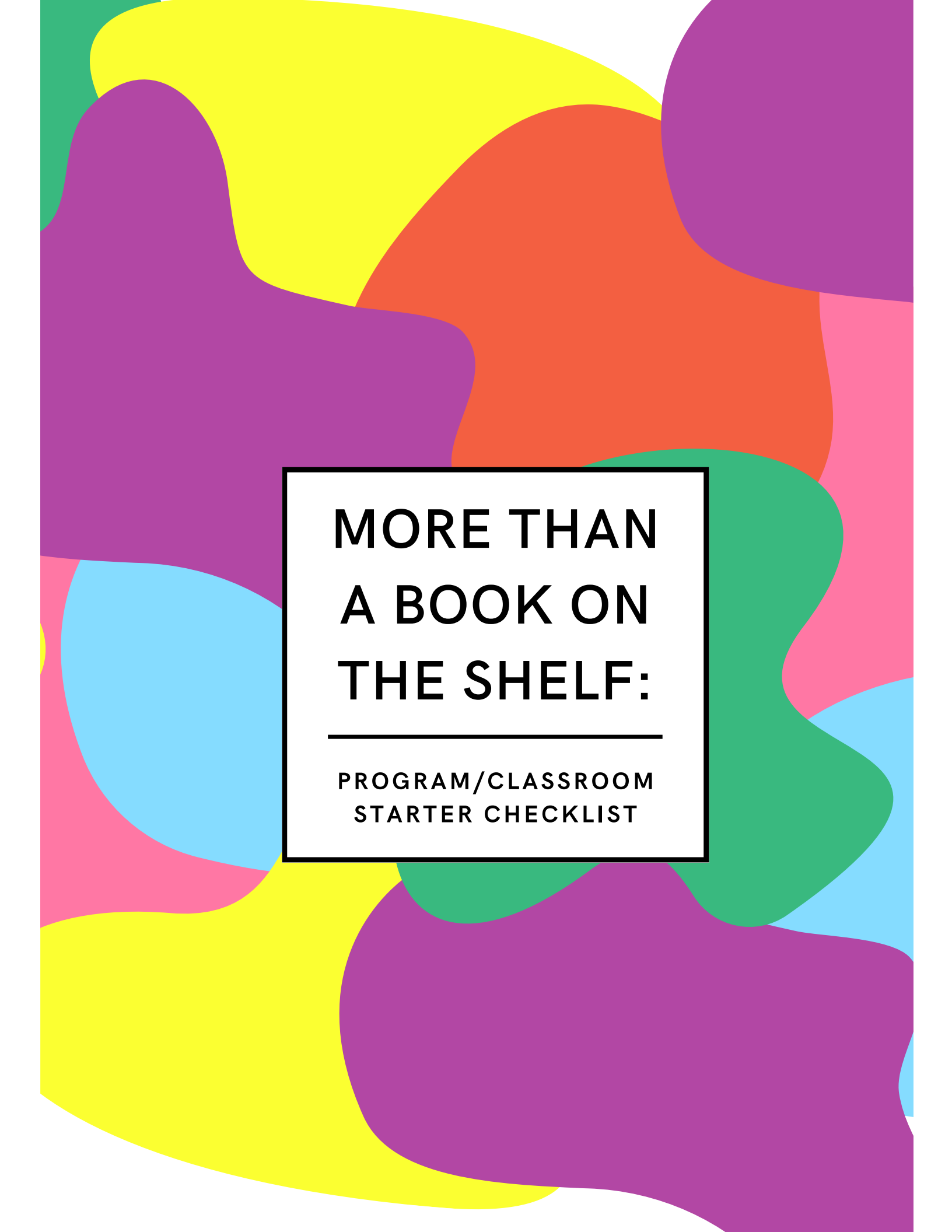
[UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE EARLY YEARS](#)

[PRACTICE GUIDELINE - DIVERSITY AND CULTURE](#)

[EACH AND EVERY CHILD: TEACHING PRESCHOOL WITH AN EQUITY LENS](#)

[VALUING DIVERSITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION](#)

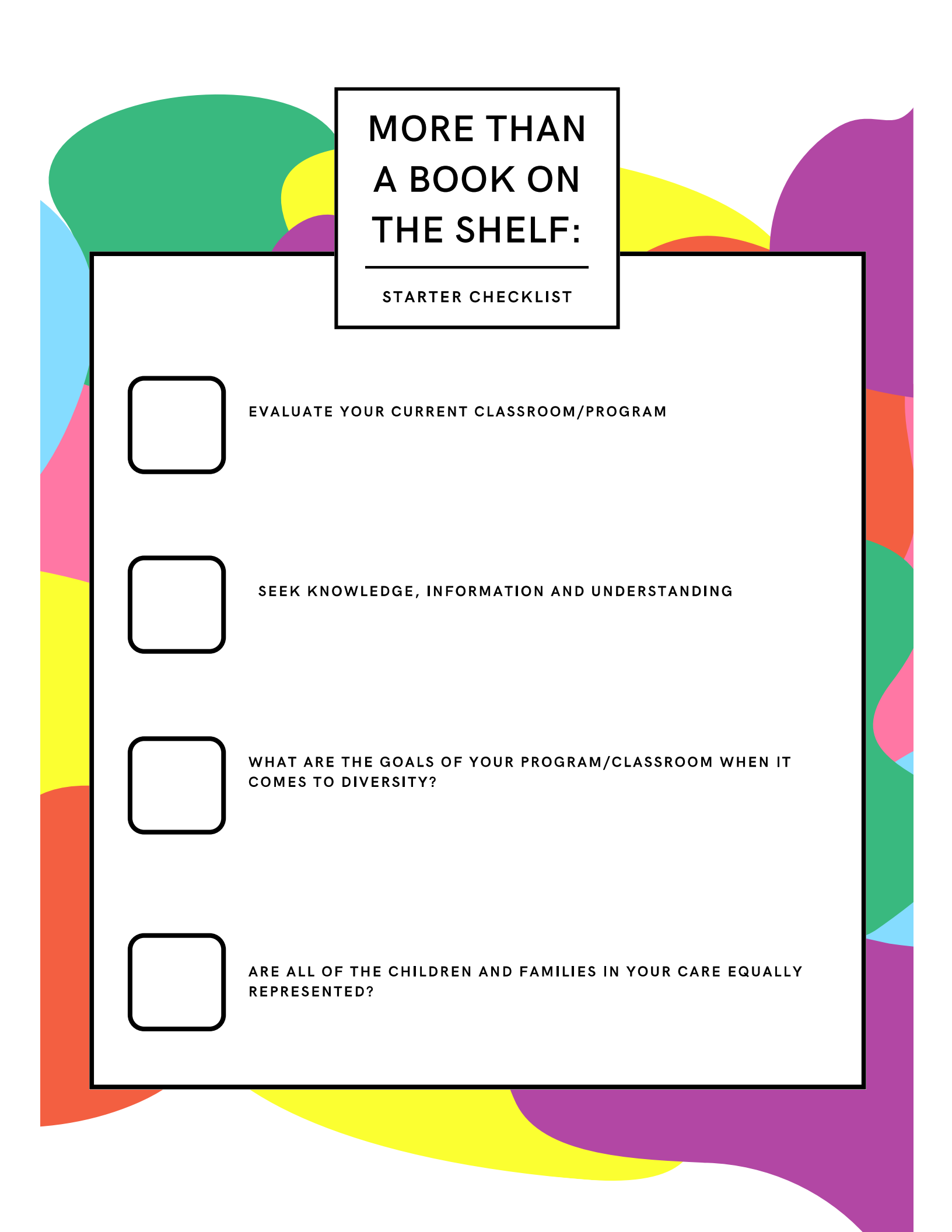
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**PROGRAM/CLASSROOM  
STARTER CHECKLIST**



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## STARTER CHECKLIST

EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT CLASSROOM/PROGRAM

SEEK KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF YOUR PROGRAM/CLASSROOM WHEN IT COMES TO DIVERSITY?

ARE ALL OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN YOUR CARE EQUALLY REPRESENTED?

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Anisha to build MORE  
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