DEAR EDUCATOR,

As a teacher, you already know that teaching books that depict experiences beyond our own not only teaches empathy but also encourages students to examine the world around them with a critical eye. Through discussion, students can learn to recognize and speak out against injustice in all its forms. But in order to speak up, students must first believe in the power of their own voices.

Use our Culturally Responsive Tool Kit and the activities that correspond to our titles as a way to include, affirm, and celebrate diverse voices—including the voices of your students. When we invite students to bring their own experiences and cultural references to the books they read, we create more equitable outcomes for learners. Be sure to incorporate stories with tough topics, which are vital to culturally responsive teaching, as well as stories that joyfully depict the experiences of marginalized people.

Your friends,

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Set your class up for deep discussions by introducing students to how privilege, power, and literature intersect.