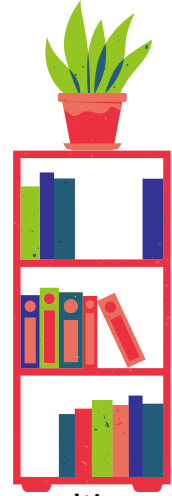


# DECOLONIZE YOUR BOOKSHELF



Anti-racist work begins at home. Take this quiz to assess whether your child's current library has book titles that feature non-white characters and reflects diverse experiences and settings. This is a small step in raising anti-racist children.

- Are the characters on the cover different from you, your family, and/or your children? Y N
- Is the author non-white? Y N
- Is the illustrator non-white? Y N
- Is the story about a topic unfamiliar to you, your family, and/or children? Y N
- Are the characters experiencing joy? Y N
- Is the story about a mundane situation, occurrence, or topic? Y N
- Is a female character the main protagonist? Y N
- Does the main character have dark skin? Y N
- Does the story show a family structure/dynamic different than yours? Y N
- Does the story show a living space or home that is different from yours? Y N

Assess your score on the number of questions you are able to answer "YES" to.

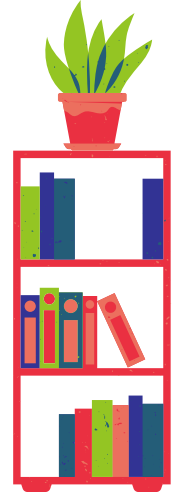
1-4: You've got some serious work to do. Find a list of diverse books curated by a person of color and immediately order them from a black-owned bookstore.

5-7: You are half-way to decolonizing your bookshelf!

8-10: You are making a conscious effort in decolonizing your bookshelf! Your bookshelf is a first step in helping your kids see the world from different points of view. You are working to raise children that will be mindful and do less harm in the world!



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## Tips to Decolonize and Enrich your Child's World Perspective

1. Read out loud to your child every day.
2. Celebrate Black History all year long.
3. Take time to research and share your family history.
4. Use books to discuss racism, biases, explore identities, and teach tolerance and social justice.
5. Ask your local library to carry a more diverse and inclusive collection.
6. Be the change you want to see by decolonizing your library.

