Non-fiction

OUR RIGHTS: HOW KIDS ARE CHANGING THE WORLD
By Janet Wilson
J 303.484 WIL 2013
An overview of introducing children and teens who have worked to make positive changes in the realms of politics, social equality, disability, and women’s rights, around the world.
Right to equality, Education, Freedom from discrimination, Right to life, liberty and personal security, Freedom from slavery, Right to marriage and family

WHEN ELEPHANTS FIGHT: THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT IN AFGHANISTAN, BOSNIA, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, AND UGANDA
By Eric Walters and Adrian Bradbury
J 305.23086 WAL 2008
When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers.
This ancient proverb means that when the large fight, it is the small who suffer most. Here are five very different and personal stories of children caught in a conflict.
Right to education

FIVE THOUSAND YEARS OF SLAVERY
By Marjorie Gann & Janet Wilson
J 306.36209 GAN 2011
An introduction to slavery practices, customs, uprisings, and revolts as well as antislavery efforts from ancient Greece and Rome to today’s world.
Right to equality, Freedom from slavery, Right to life, liberty, and personal security

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE A CHILD
By Alain Serres
J 323.352 SER 2012
A young narrator describes what it means to be a child with rights; from the right to food, water, and shelter, the right to go to school, the right to be free from violence, the right to breathe clean air, and much more.
Right to equality, Rights to education, Right to life, liberty, and personal security, Right to adequate living standard

OFF TO CLASS: INCREDIBLE AND UNUSUAL SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD
By Susan Hughes
J 371 HUG 2011
Travel to India, Burkina Faso, Brazil, Russia, China, Uganda, and a dozen other countries to visit incredible schools and meet the students who attend them.
Right to education

SHANNEN AND THE DREAM FOR A SCHOOL
By Janet Wilson
J 971.004973 WIL 2011
This is the story of Shannen and her community, the Attawapiskat First Nation. They create a YouTube video describing the poor conditions of their school, and their plea attracts attention from community leaders and children across the country.
Right to education

VIOLA DESMOND WON’T BE BUDGED
By Jody Nyasha Warner
J B DESMOND 2010
The true story of Viola Desmond, a black woman from Nova Scotia, who refused to give up her seat in a “whites only” section of a movie theatre. Her story became the catalyst for protests that led to racial segregation becoming illegal.
Right to equality, Freedom from discrimination

FATTY LEGS: A TRUE STORY
By Christy Jordan-Fenton
J B POKIAK-FENTON 2010
The moving memoir of 8-year-old Margaret, an Inuit girl, who refuses to be intimidated by a cruel nun at a residential school and emerges with her spirit intact.
Right to equality, Freedom from discrimination, Freedom from torture and degrading treatment, Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion

DE TOI À MOI
J 305.23 DET 2005
Aux quatre coins de notre planète, viens à la rencontre des enfants du monde et découvre comment ils vivent.
Droit à la vie, à la liberté et à la sécurité personnelle

LÉON ET LES DROITS DES ENFANTS
Par Annie Groovie
J 323.352 GRO 2009
Un outil d’intervention parfaitement adaptée aux plus jeunes qui propose une introduction originale, hable et rafraîchissante de la Convention relative aux droits de l’enfant des Nations Unies. Comprend plusieurs droits

LES ENFANTS INVISIBLES: HISTOIRES D’ENFANTS DES RUES
Par Marie-José Lallart et Olivier Villepreux
J 362.775692 LAL 2012
Recueil de huit récits poignants dans lesquels des enfants des rues de divers pays témoignent de leurs conditions de vie difficiles, mais aussi des actions de solidarité qui leur a permis d’améliorer leur situation.
Droit à un niveau de vie suffisant

BIENVENUE DANS MON ÉCOLE
J 372 BIE 2009
Aux quatre coins du monde, toutes les écoles sont différentes!
Droit à l’éducation

This list is a sample of the many resources available at the Library on the topic of human rights. These books can be used by parents, caregivers and educators to start conversations and to share with youth the many ways people are different; while equal in rights to every other human being.

Each title is followed by our suggestion of the human rights encompassed in the themes of the book. The list is not comprehensive, nor exhaustive. It serves as an introduction to learning about human rights - library staff are happy to help you find additional resources that are more in-depth and cover more specific topics.
WHOEVER YOU ARE
By Mem Fox
Right to equality, Freedom from discrimination

IT’S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT
By Todd Parr
With simple text and playful illustrations, this picture book celebrates diversity and focuses on acceptance and individuality. (2009)

THE PEACE BOOK
By Todd Parr
Todd Parr describes Peace in many ways, including: making new friends, listening to different kinds of music, and helping your neighbour. (2009)

CHEZ MOI, C’EST LA GUERRE
Par Fatima Sharafeddine
Avec les mots, la simplicité et l’innocence de ses huit ans, une fillette raconte sa vie quotidienne telle qu’elle se déroule dans une petite ville hors du temps et de l’espace, au cours d’un pays occupé. (2008)

MIMI’S VILLAGE: AND HOW BASIC HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMED IT
By Katie Smith Milway
In simple language, the author explains the dangers faced by millions of children without access to fundamental health care such as vaccinations, medicine, proper pre- and postnatal care, and clean drinking water. This is the story of how Mimi and her family help to bring basic health care to their community. (2012)

FACTORY GIRL
By Barbara Greenwood
It is 1912, and Emily is a factory girl. Her family depends on the four dollars a week she earns to survive. Emily’s story is interwoven with non-fiction descriptions of family life in a slum, the fight to improve social conditions, and the plight of working children then and now. (2007)

PIECES OF THE PAST: THE HOLOCAUST DIARY OF ROSE RABINOWITZ, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA 1948
By Carol Matas
As Rose begins her diary, she is in her third home since coming to Winnipeg. Traumatized by her experiences in the Holocaust, she struggles to connect with others, and above all, to trust again. (2013)

FACTORY GIRL
By Eva Wiseman
Alexandra’s life is turned upside down when she discovers her family is Jewish. A gentle and moving introduction to the legacy of the Holocaust. (2004)

TU ME PRENDS EN PHOTO
Par Marie-France Hébert
Une histoire où nous sommes les témoins d’une rencontre entre un photographe et deux victimes de guerre. (2011)

MON PETIT FRÈRE SUPERHÉROS
Par Dorothée Roy
Lors d’un exposé oral portant sur un superhéros de son choix, une fillette choisit de parler de son jeune frère atteint d’autisme... (2010)

PAS D’ÉCOLE POUR TISHA
Par Quitterie Simon
La maman de Tisha n’a pas le choix : elle confie sa fille à une dame, à la ville, qui promet de prendre soin d’elle. Mais qu’est-ce qu’on fait quand on ne va pas à l’école. (2010)

MORRIS MICLEWHITE AND THE TANGERINE DRESS
By Christine Baldacchino
Right to equality, Freedom from discrimination

SHI-SHI-ETKO
By Nicola Campbell
Right to equality, Freedom from discrimination

IF KIDS RAN THE WORLD
By Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon
Right to equality, Freedom from discrimination

DRESS AND THE TANGERINE
By Christine Baldacchino

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Interdiction de l’esclavage.