

OUR SKIN: A FIRST CONVERSATION ABOUT RACE



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Book Summary:

This book teaches very young children to notice skin color and be activists for racial justice.

Summary of Concerns:

This book contains controversial racial and social commentary.

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19	...and said that white people were better, smarter, prettier, and that they deserve more than everybody else.
22	Racism is also the things people do and the unfair rules they make about race so that white people get more power, and are treated better, than everybody else.
26	The illustration on this page depicts a young light-skinned girl with a cape placing a mask on a darker-skinned boy who has a sad expression on his face. <i>See Figure 1.</i>
29	The illustration on this page depicts several individuals of varying ages, standing together with shocked and angry faces. Many of the children are holding signs. They read: SPEAK OUT!, PROTESTS ARE PROGRESS, BLACK LIVES MATTER. <i>See Figure 2.</i>
32	Racial categories were invented to advantage white people and to justify slavery, colonialism, and genocide. ...Racism is baked into the culture of the United States.

Racism can be by mistake,
like if the same friend always
has to play the bad guy.



Figure 1

All the time, even right now,
people are working for racial
justice, by telling the truth and
sharing feelings. By treating people
the way they want to be treated.



Figure 2