**This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work**

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**Book Description from Tiffany Jewell:**

*This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work* is a love of labor for liberation. It is the book I wished I had when I was 9 and it is the book my children will read to help them understand systemic racism, to stand-up, and to resist. This book is for everyone.

**More from the publisher:** <https://www.quartoknows.com/books/9780711245211/This-Book-Is-Anti-Racist.html>

[Educator guide](https://www2.quartoknows.com/dynamic/files/product_file/TBIAR-teaching-guideV3-2-4013.pdf)

[Family guide](https://www2.quartoknows.com/dynamic/files/product_file/This-Book-Is-Anti-Racist-Family-Guide-97807112452114065.pdf)

**Video & Resource Links:**

Interview with the author: <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/fall-2020/this-conversation-is-anti-racist>

Note: Transcript of interview is excerpted and condensed, see embedded video for full conversation.

**Common Sense Media Summary:**

Parents need to know that Tiffany Jewell didn’t write This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work for readers who want to continue to sit back and do nothing. This is a tough, in your face, stand up and be heard book that challenges the idea that young readers (even those in grade school) can’t make a difference in the fight against racism. It’s organized into four sections that focus on identity, history, taking action and responding to racism, and working in solidarity with others. These are tough topics — most kids have never thought about their “social identity” or how they might spend their “privilege” — but Jewell presents everything in a way that both remains accessible and never talks down to readers. This is a book that parents can, and hopefully will, read along their kids. The Activities section at the end of each chapter (for example, create a list of your identities, notice who has power in the world, write a family history, make a list of all the possible outcomes when two young Black men are stopped by the police, describe your vision of justice) will give both adults and young readers an opportunity to reflect and act on what they’ve learned. References to violence include the stabbing death of a young Black British man by a gang of White men, the police bombing of a townhouse in Philadelphia where members of a Black liberation group lived, and the killings of Trayvon Martin, Philandro Castile, and Sandra Bland.

See additional information: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/this-book-is-anti-racist-20-lessons-on-how-to-wake-up-take-action-and-do-the-work>

**Journalist/Author Reviews (excerpts, see links for full information):**

“The clear title and bold, colorful illustrations will immediately draw attention to this book, designed to guide each reader on a personal journey to work to dismantle racism. In the author’s note, Jewell begins with explanations about word choice, including the use of the terms ‘folx,’ because it is gender neutral, and ‘global majority,’ noting that marginalized communities of color are actually the majority in the world. She also chooses to capitalize Black, Brown, and Indigenous as a way of centering these communities’ voices; “white” is not capitalized. Organized in four sections — identity, history, taking action, and working in solidarity — each chapter builds on the lessons of the previous section. Underlined words are defined in the glossary, but Jewell unpacks concepts around race in an accessible way, bringing attention to common misunderstandings. Activities are included at the end of each chapter; they are effective, prompting both self-reflection and action steps from readers. The activities are designed to not be written inside the actual book; instead Jewell invites readers to find a special notebook and favorite pen and use that throughout. Combining the disruption of common fallacies, spotlights on change makers, the author’s personal reflections, and a call to action, this powerful book has something for all young people no matter what stage they are at in terms of awareness or activism. Essential.” – [Kirkus Reviews](https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/tiffany-jewell/this-book-is-anti-racist/)

“A visually exciting and well-crafted antiracist guide for all children. A work that fills a much-needed gap between the feel-good but vague messages of empathy and acceptance in some picture books, and the advanced terminology and theory in young adult nonfiction on racial justice.” – [School Library Journal](https://www.slj.com/review/this-book-is-anti-racist-20-lessons-on-how-to-wake-up-take-action-and-do-the-work#:~:text=VERDICT%20A%20visually%20exciting%20and,adult%20nonfiction%20on%20racial%20justice.)