

Postscript

What does your bookshelf say about you?
The *Just Read Student Advisory Committee* helps us create a more inclusive library.

Dive into an inclusive bookshelf

How diverse are the literary voices in the lives of Queenwood girls?

After recent widespread media attention on the Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate movements, Queenwood's *Just Read Student Advisory Committee* took a deeper look at their bookshelves and were disturbed to discover that for many of us, the books that featured did not represent diverse voices.

While at school we study books about the refugee experience (Anh Do's *The Happiest Refugee*) or the experiences of women worldwide (Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's *Half the Sky*), our own choices, what we choose to read for enjoyment, is often lacking in diversity.

Members of our committee have taken the first step towards supporting diverse voices and have consciously made the decision to include books written by diverse authors, or that feature diverse characters in our own libraries. In doing so, we came up with some recommendations suitable for young adults (below).

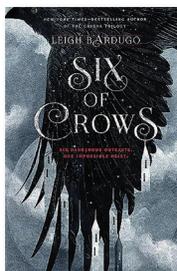
Reading more diversely provides a welcome break from repetitive narratives and ensures that representation is not valued solely for the sake of enlightening those fortunate enough not to live with discrimination themselves.

We encourage you to view your bookshelves critically and diversify your reading choices. You might just surprise yourself! ●

BY RUBY LIVINGSTON, GLORIA GONG, JAHZARA HOOD, MAYA LE HER & EMILY TRAN



The Sun Is Also a Star
by Nicola Yoon



Six of Crows
by Leigh Bardugo



Pachinko
by Min Jin Lee



Ghost Bird
by Lisa Fuller



The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas

“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.”

JOYCE CAROL OATES

