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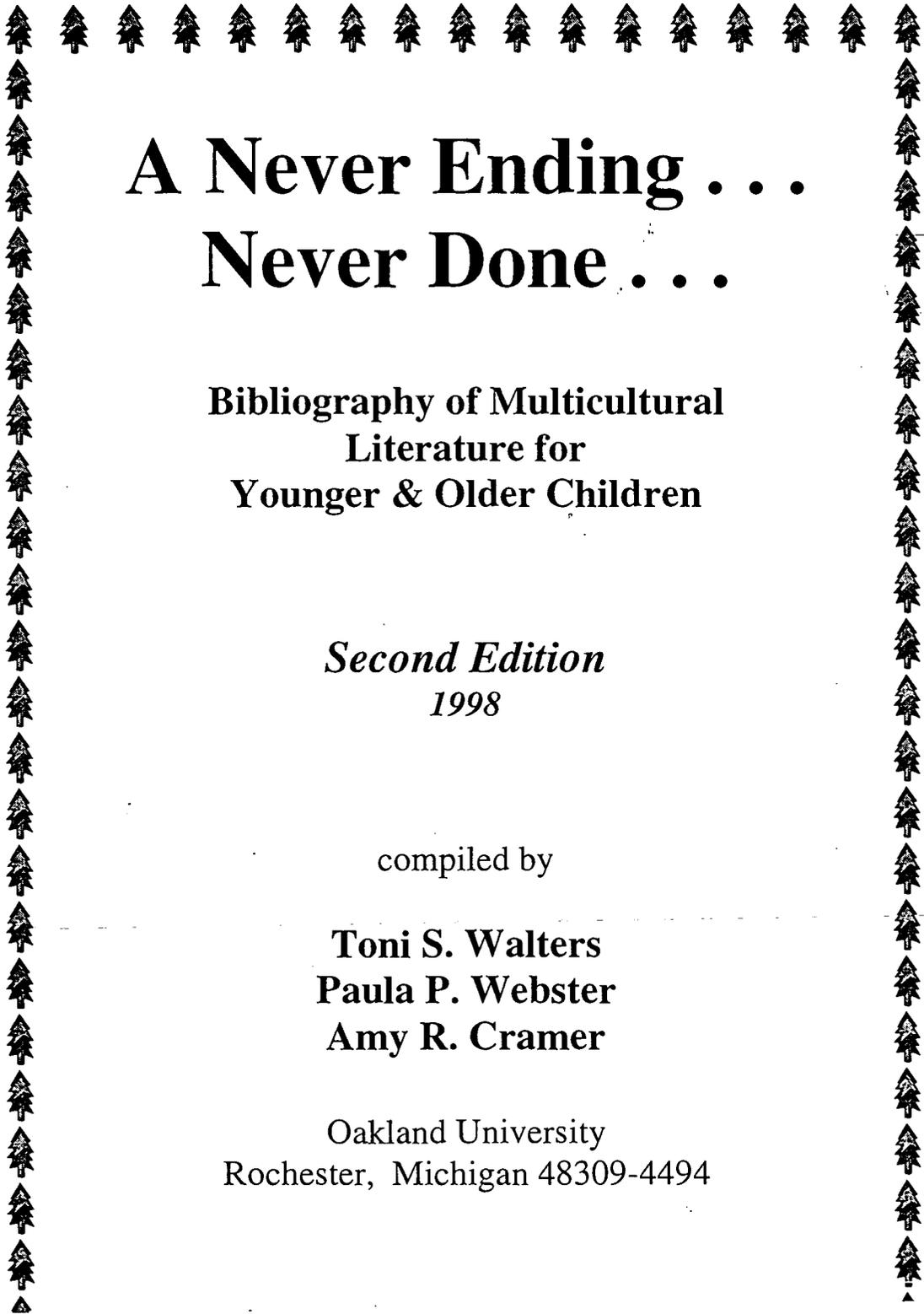
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## ABSTRACT

This bibliography of multicultural children's literature emphasizes a range of authentic voices, with respect for some realistic voices for African Americans, Asian Americans, Latina/o Americans, and Native Americans. The over 1,400 titles for younger and older children more than double the number of selections in the first edition. An introduction introduces the first and second editions of the book. The first section, African Americans, presents "Books by African Americans and Other Africans in Diaspora," "African American and Other African Diaspora Authors," "Books by Caribbean Writers and Illustrators in Diaspora," and "The Caribbean and Its People in Literature--Caribbean Writers." The second section, Asian Americans, presents "Books by Asian Americans" and Asians and a "List of Asian Americans and Other Asian Diaspora Authors with Writing in English." The third section, Latino Americans, presents "Books by Latinos about Latinos" and "Books by Writers/Artists of the Three Largest Latino Groups: Puerto Ricans, Mexican-Americans/Chicanos, and Cuban-Americans." The fourth section, Native Americans, presents "Books by Native Americans about Native Americans" and a "List of Native American Authors." The three appendixes present multiethnic/multicultural literature references and analyses, voices, and sources that sell multiethnic/multicultural books. (SM)

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## Introduction

to Second Edition  
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This second edition retains an emphasis on a range of *authentic* voices with respect for some *realistic* voices for African Americans, Asians Americans, Latina/o Americans and Native Americans. Authentic voices, compare to diamonds in that they provide genuine perspectives from individuals who have the expertise, life experiences and group identity membership to provide genuine realism to the diverse text interpretations they create. Realistic voices compare to zircons in that they are the voices of keen observers who often provide brilliant presentations, but, nonetheless, such accounts are not authentic.

The over 1400 titles for younger and older children more than double the number of selections in the first edition. Since embarking on this project a number of years ago, I have engaged in many discussions, attended lectures and talks, and read much about authentic and realistic voices. Thus, the *diamond - authentic* and *zircon - realistic* distinction that I made in the introduction to the first edition, and at times elsewhere in my numerous lectures and talks (see Appendix B) remains ever so important as we continue this work of identifying voices in literature. Also, like the earlier edition, this one is an ongoing effort to respect the ethnic and cultural integrity of the authors and illustrators and any unintentional errors will be subject to correction in future editions.

Many relatively recent titles have been added and it has been a pleasure identifying them. Admittedly, some titles on this bibliography may be difficult to find for any number of reasons such as: only limited editions were available from a small independent publisher; a larger publisher's marketing strategies failed to yield the profit margin desired so publication of a work ceased; or local librarians and book store owners believed there wasn't a demand amongst their readership. As a consequence of limited availability, it is a challenge to find some selections and a reward to be able to read these literary treasures. It's ironic how often that both majority and minority group members, in spite of how schooled/educated they are, demonstrate personal amazement after reading or hearing works by authors who were omitted from their childhood, high school, and college canonical experiences. Maybe by discovering, uncovering or recovering a work of art that you didn't know existed, you will become a part of a movement that generates a demand for reprinting as well as copyright renewals of particular works for distribution to a wider and larger audience. The author lists which follow each of the **five** major bibliographical sections should also be helpful in identifying additional selections in your future.

My final introductory remarks to this second edition pertain to inquiries about literature which are often couched in award winning status commentaries. Although "winning selections" are certainly entitled to accolades, such recognition is merely the reflection of being recognized by a few and then catapulted publicly to the attention of many. Keep an open mind that for every award winner, there are probably other books that are as enriching to a readership. Some selections, for whatever the reasons, just don't appeal to a particular set of critics. As a reader, let the freedom of your own

independent thinking decide the worth of a book or story. Continue to experience and share those literature encounters which nurture the hearts, minds and dreams of younger and *older* children.

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## Introduction

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Compiling a bibliography for others is an idiosyncratic, yet, well meaning practice. Such is the case for this effort and here are the reasons.

**1. This bibliography focuses on four major ethnic groups: African Americans, Asian Americans, Latino Americans and Native Americans.**

This is done with the understanding that none of these groups are monolithic and each group has an infinite range of diversity. This bibliographical effort is respectful that the people within these groups have been inculcated with ethnic and cultural connections, as well as, with universal practices and patterns of behavior.

**2. This bibliography emphasizes authentic and realistic voices.**

Authentic voices are likened to diamonds because they provide genuine perspectives from individuals who have the expertise, life experiences and group identity membership to provide authentic realism to the words, tenets, accounts, and interpretations of the text they are creating. Within the parameters of authenticity there is diverse latitude of representative voices. Realistic voices are likened to zircons. They are voices of keen observers whose discourse may be excellent or superb; their discourse, whatever the genre may appear real, and in some cases they may give brilliant presentations which outshine authentic voices. Nonetheless, like a zircon, which looks and functions in many respects like a diamond, but is not a diamond, so are the cases of realistic accounts in both fiction and non fiction discourses. This resource presents authentic and realistic voices. The authentic works (authors and illustrators) are identified with an asterisk (\*). Any errors noting authentic voices are unintentional and all attempts will be made to correct them in future editions.

Avoided in this compilation were the detached observers, the authors, whose discourse echoed a non-vested interest. Unlike authentic and realistic voices, detached observers tend to view certain people, events, and activities as remote objects of the discourse rather than subjects within the genre. Any one or a combination of the following human constraints: ignorance, naivete, supremacy conditioning or privileged status enables such voices to marginalize - impersonalize - minimize information about the people, events, settings, themes, differentness, and historical connectedness so integral to any discourse. Certainly, point of view is a basic literary element. However, too often, many people become comfortable getting their understanding of others, who are culturally and ethnically unlike themselves, from secondary sources. They read, listen, and use descriptions provided by those whose observations, at best, provide a remote point of view.

**3. This bibliography supports a literary challenge that is never ending ... never done ...**

The work of locating, creating, disseminating, and understanding multicultural / multiethnic literature is an ongoing process because such work cannot be definitive. This is how it must be, much to the chagrin of some and to the delight of others.

**4. This bibliography transcends age groups.**

It is easy to define young children as bigger than infants though not yet adolescents. It is also easy to define older children because no matter how old one becomes, he or she is always someone's child. Because there are so many aspects of literature written for children that capture the sensibilities of adults, and, because literature written for adults often contains gems of wisdom and vignettes about life to be treasured by children, this source is for younger and older children. Rather than judge mentally what is chronologically suitable for a specific audience, that decision is left to the individual (which in many cases will be a teacher, librarian, parent, or other significant person in a young child's life). Obviously, there are portions and selections in books which are generally written for adults that are not suitable for children. However, within those very same books there are often passages and stories which can delight the hearts, challenge one's own and other's thought, align the past, explain the present, and predict the future of both the young, the old, and those who are somewhere in between. It is the individual who must decide how to allow literature, such as the selections included here, to nurture the hearts, inform the minds, and ignite the dreams of younger and *older* children.

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Awiakta, Marilou - Cherokee

Begay, Shonto - Navajo  
Bennett, Kay - Navajo  
Brant, Beth (aka - Degonwadonti) - Mohawk.  
Browne, Vee. - Navajo  
Bruchac, Joseph - Abenaki

Dauenhauer, Nora - Tlinglit  
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Dorris, Michael - Modoc  
Dunn, Anne M. - Ojibwe

Fawcett, Melissa Jayne - Mohegan  
Forbes, Jack - Powhatan/Delaware

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George-Kanentiio, Douglas M. - Mohawk Iroquois  
Goodbird, Edward - Hidatsa  
Green, Richard G. - Mohawk

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Johnson, Basil H. - Ojibway

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# Voices

*Whose voice is telling the story?*

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**OBSERVERS**

**REALISTIC**

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(appear real and will,  
suffice but they are not real)

- Objectify
- Marginalize
- Impersonalize
- Minimize

### Sources that sell multiethnic/multicultural books

Teachers, parents and librarians frequently must search beyond the local book stores and libraries to find a diverse collection of books for their needs. Here are a few sources to get your list started

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**Children's Book Press**  
246 First Street, Suite 101  
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(415) 995-2200  
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**Creative Press Works**  
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**Just Us Books**  
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P.O. Box 19730  
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3817 San Pablo Dam Road. #336  
El Sobrante, CA 94803  
Phone: 510-223-7089

**Winston-Derek Publishers**  
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