



"FAIRNESS" IN ACTION

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Fairness is the foundation of trust, justice, and respect in our communities. It means treating others with honesty, considering different perspectives, and ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed. This month's Character in Action media collection explores fairness in action—how people navigate difficult choices, stand up for what's right, and create a more just world. Through these books, films, and TED Talks, we'll see how fairness shapes relationships, decision-making, and the way we interact with others every day.

Please note: Hyperlinks are included, where applicable, for easy searching.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FILMS

Zootopia (2016)
Akeelah and the Bee (2006)
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (2019)

BOOKS

Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev
Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs
The Colors of Us by Karen Katz

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FILMS

The Great Debaters (2007)
A Wrinkle in Time (2018)

BOOKS

New Kid by Jerry Craft
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

TEDTalks

[What Kids Can Teach Adults About Fairness – Yuko Munakata](#)
[Color Blind or Color Brave? – Mellody Hobson](#)

HIGH SCHOOL & ADULTS

FILMS

Just Mercy (2019)
The Trial of the Chicago 7 (2020)

BOOKS

March (Trilogy) by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box by Evette Dionne

TEDTalks

["The Danger of a Single Story" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie](#)
[We Need to Talk About Injustice – Bryan Stevenson](#)