Use the following prompts as you make book choices. Keep track of each book you read by coloring in the books on the other side. Make sure to label your books to watch your family’s progress.

1. Features a main character who is Black, Indigenous, and/or a person of color (BIPOC)

2. Features a main character who identifies as LGBTQIA+

3. Features a main character with a positive representation of a disability

4. Is written by a BIPOC creator

5. Is illustrated by a BIPOC creator

6. Is written or illustrated by a member of the historically underrepresented group the book depicts

7. Reflects a culture or heritage outside of your family’s own

8. Features a main character who lives outside the U.S.

9. Depicts variety in family structures, including single parent, relative caregiver, or same-sex couples

10. Includes women, BIPOC, and people of various socio-economic statuses and abilities in strong leadership roles (rather than as sidekicks)

11. Celebrates the contributions of historically marginalized groups (including women and BIPOC) to STEM fields

12. Celebrates a range of body types and positive body images

13. Explores the immigrant experience beyond the Ellis Island narrative

14. Features contemporary diverse characters and storylines (as opposed to stereotypes, or inaccurate/outdated portrayals of a group of people)

15. Reflects the richness and diversity of a culture rather than portraying that group as a monolith, i.e., depicting different tribal specificity rather than a generic portrayal of First Nations characters

There are more prompts above than books on the shelf, once you have filled in your shelf, reprint and start all over again!

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family Reading challenge