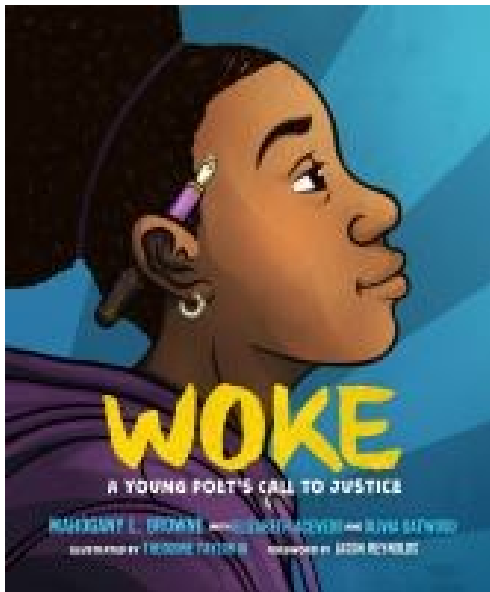


# WOKE: A YOUNG POET'S CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE



## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains references to sexuality; and alternate gender ideologies.

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5	<p>I'd even go so far as to say the obligation- to talk back, to speak up, to connect with the fortifying elements outside of them, as well as those that exist within. Mahogany L. Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo, and Olivia Gatwood are, together, beacons of shining light on prejudice, resistance, self-acceptance, friendship, intersectionality, and inclusion.</p>
6	<p><b>WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE WOKE</b>          ...The idea of being aware of your surroundings, especially in a time when we are taught to be quiet and not rock the boat, can be difficult to embrace, but this is where our freedom begins.          The idea of WOKE resurfaced with a vengeance in 2016, as a new generation fought for social justice and community accountability.</p>
9	<p><b>ACTIVISM, EVERYWHERE</b>          ...We understand activism happens online and offline          In the streets picketing          And in the classroom teaching          On the blogs writing          On the internet sharing information          It happens everywhere          It is active          It is energy          It is resisting to be comfortable</p>
20	<p>if you are denied a job because of your height or your educational background because of your skin color or the enunciation of your name</p>
25	<p>Say the names of leaders who came before and made the world better; say their names, so that uttering letters might lend you courage.          Say the name:          Malcolm X.          Cesar Chavez          Liliuokalani.          Say the name:          Ida B. Wells.          Sonia Sotomayor.          Mama Tingo.          Say the name:          Malala Yousafzai.          Frida Kahlo          Colin Kaepernick</p>
26	<p>Now imagine that someone points to this rainbow and says, "There are only two colors!" Imagine that this person says that one color is a boy and the other color is a girl. What would you say? Maybe you would run your hand along it like a river, point to all the hues and tones, maybe you would ask, "How can you say that? Look at how many there are!"          The truth is, there are so many shades between boy and girl- People who are neither, people who are both, people who live somewhere in the middle. We don't have to choose.</p>

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36	<p>BLOWN-OUT STARS WHISPER ABOUT JUSTICE            ...but the wind remembers their names and someone somewhere whispers            “injustice”</p>
38	<p>When my friends walk through the convenience store almost always someone follows them            It’s like a shadow of distrust looming above their bronze skin they say it’s ‘cause we look different            When I try to explain to my little brother what it means to be judged            What it means to be ignored            What it means to be silenced            I can only think of Brown v. Board            I can only think of Jim crow            I can only think of the 13th Amendment</p>
39	<p>I try to explain to my little brother what I learned in history class and why I’m so sad and I want to tell him about Jordan Davis or Trayvon Martin or Emmett Till stories from long ago and just yesterday that I read about people who look like us and our friends and our neighbors</p>
40	<p>When a person has privilege, it is a toolbox they were born with, hammers and nails that make it easier for them to walk through the world because the world, in all it’s beauty and excitement and variety, can still be a very hard place in which to live.            Privilege makes it feel easier for some people- a white person can walk down the street and not worry about being discriminated against while a person of color cannot.</p>
42	<p>If we must live- and we must- let it be with fists in the air to remind the people that we will speak up for what is right we will always stand up against that which brings harm            We will demand what is just not only for our own lives but for the lives that are impacted by injustice.</p>
43	<p>The illustration is that of several fists raised in the “Black power” fist.</p>
45	<p>The illustration is that of several children protesting. One of the children is holding a sign that says, “Black Lives Matter”</p>
47	<p>WE MAKE A FIST</p>
54	<p>WOKE            ...but look here            Beside the above quote, is large, brightly colored illustration in graffiti lettering which says, “STAY WOKE.”</p>
31	<p>The illustration depicts a girl with a Black Lives Matter bracelet on over another girl’s hand with a rainbow LGBTQ bracelet on.</p>