

30 Years and Counting of Diverse Books

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In 1991, Lee & Low Books began with a simple mission: to publish beautiful books about everyone, for everyone. Three decades on, we are proud to be the largest and most trusted multicultural children's book publisher in the United States.

WHO WE ARE

We are family-owned, independent, and a certified 100% Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE). We are dedicated to promoting equity both within our company and in the publishing industry at large.

WHAT WE DO

We work with schools, libraries, universities, and nonprofit organizations across the country to help them build libraries and collections that reflect their students and the world around them. Educators, librarians, and families trust us to deliver high-quality, authentic books that fit their children's needs.



WHAT WE OFFER

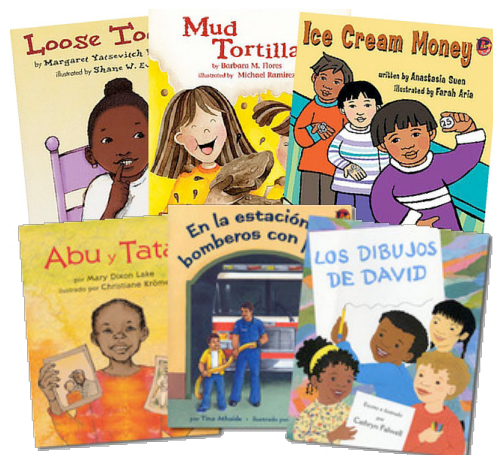
Customized Book Collections and Bookrooms

Customized book collections and bookrooms supplement your PreK–12 curriculum and suit your readers and literacy initiatives. Bebo Books® offers leveled books that support literacy learning content for beginning readers in small group and intervention settings—with the same commitment to diversity and cultural authenticity that sets all Lee & Low Books apart. Our titles cover a wide range of concepts, themes, and interest areas that appeal to children and work with your daily reading block.

Curated Themed Collections

Lee & Low's popular downloadable book lists are curated by our in-house literacy experts, organized by grade, and offer recommended books for the following themes:

- Social and Emotional Learning
- Trauma-Informed Education
- Anti-Racism
- LGBTQ+
- BIPOC Joy
- STEM
- and more!



Authentic Spanish and Bilingual Books

We pride ourselves on publishing culturally and linguistically authentic books that all children can enjoy. We are proud to showcase stories that celebrate cultures, voices, and experiences of communities historically underrepresented or misrepresented in children's literature. High-quality bilingual and Spanish books help build a solid foundation to achieve Spanish literacy or bilingualism while also affirming and validating a child's identity, culture, and home language.



Teacher's Guides

Lee & Low Books offers free, standard-aligned Teacher's Guides for more than 900 of our books. Our Teacher's Guides are developed by professional educators, cultural and content experts, and our in-house literacy team alongside the book's author. Each guide offers extensive teaching ideas, ready-to-go student questions, curricular and SEL connections, and activities that can be adapted to different educational settings.

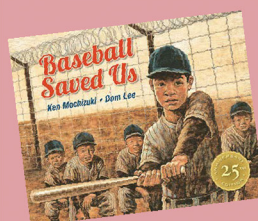


1991

Dismayed by the lack of diversity in children's books, Tom Low and Philip Lee create a new publishing company to produce books "about everyone, for everyone."

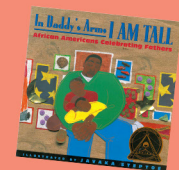
1993

The first Lee & Low book, *Baseball Saved Us*, is published and receives a full-page review in the *New York Times*.



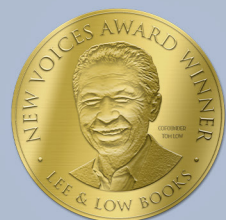
1998

In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers, receives the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award from the American Library Association.



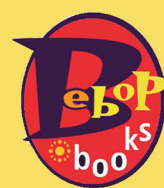
2000

Lee & Low creates its New Voices Award for unpublished authors of color and Native nations for a picture book manuscript.



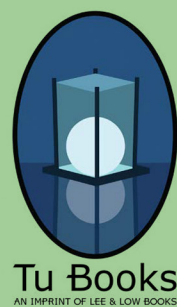
2000

Heeding educators' calls, Lee & Low establishes its Bebo Books imprint, offering leveled books for beginning readers in English and Spanish.



2010

With its new Tu Books imprint, Lee & Low expands into publishing books for older readers.



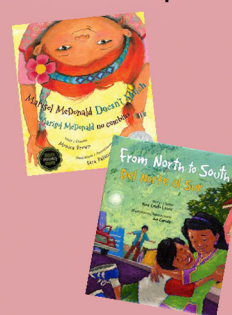
2010

Lee & Low establishes the New Visions Award for unpublished BIPOC authors of middle grade and young adult manuscripts.



2012

Lee & Low Books acquires Children's Book Press, bringing its award-winning list of diverse and bilingual books back into print.



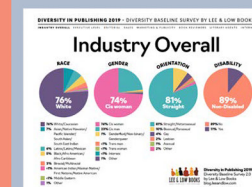
2014

Foreword Magazine names Lee & Low Books Indie Publisher of the Year for its commitment to diverse books and advocacy work.



2016

Lee & Low Books sponsors and organizes the Diversity Baseline Survey, the first large-scale study of employee diversity in the publishing industry.



2019

Oprah Winfrey reads *The Hula-Hoppin' Queen* aloud for Storyline Online, one of several celebrities to choose Lee & Low titles.



2021

The company celebrates 30 years of beautiful diverse books!

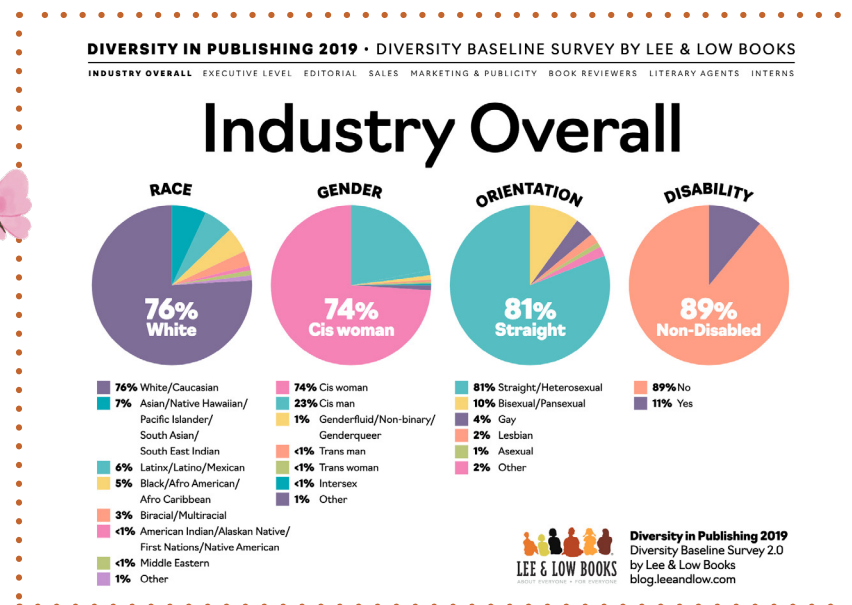
Lee & Low Books acquires award-winning publisher Cinco Puntos Press, adding adult titles to its catalog for the first time.



COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Lee & Low Books has been committed to diversity and equity throughout our 30 years in the publishing industry.

The **Diversity Baseline Survey (DBS)**: Lee & Low Books conducted the first Diversity Baseline Survey (DBS 1.0) in 2015 and the second Diversity Baseline Survey (DBS 2.0) in 2019. Before the DBS, people suspected publishing had an inclusion and representation problem, but without hard numbers, the extent of that problem was anyone's guess. Our goal was to survey publishing houses and review journals regarding the racial, gender, sexual orientation, and ability makeup of their employees, and establish concrete statistics about the diversity of the publishing workforce. Through these efforts, we would be able to track what progress our industry shows over time in improving representation and inclusion.



leeandlow.com/about-us/the-diversity-baseline-survey

New Voices & New Visions Awards

Lee & Low Books offers two annual writing contests that encourage writers of color and Indigenous writers to submit their manuscripts to a publisher that takes pride in nurturing new talent. Winners of each contest receive a cash prize of \$2,000 and a standard publishing contract with Lee & Low Books. Honor Award winners receive a cash prize of \$1,000.

leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators



Classroom Library Questionnaire

How diverse and culturally responsive is your classroom library? Does your library reflect and mirror the students in your classroom? Lee & Low Books created the popular Classroom Library Questionnaire as a tool to analyze school and classroom libraries and determine where there are strengths and gaps in diversity and culturally responsive resources.

leeandlow.com/uploads/loaded_document/408/Classroom-Library-Questionnaire_FINAL.pdf

Webinars and Extended Learning

Throughout the year, Lee & Low Books offers a range of free webinars to an audience of thousands that provide a variety of professional development opportunities. Each Lee & Low webinar includes examples of relevant classroom activities, pedagogical approaches, and books that are related to each critical topic.

leeandlow.com/educators/webinars





REACH OUT!

We offer fast, responsive, and personalized service from our knowledgeable team throughout the purchasing process. Let us help you build a customized list of culturally responsive and diverse books for your students!

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Estamos comprometidos a apoyarte tanto en la escuela como en el hogar, a través de libros, guías de estudio y otros recursos de calidad.
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