BUT I don’t know the broader context for talking about these issues in various types of media!

Here are some sites that will get you acquainted with that.

• NativeAppropriations.com (views on pop culture from the perspective of the marginalized)
• Racebending.com (talk about regular Joes rising up to demand change!)
• Racialicious.com (started out with a media and race/ethnicity focus; now includes sexuality, politics, and more)
• TheSocietyPages.org/SocImages (very little editorializing; just “hmm, this is interesting, isn’t it?”)

We need to broaden and reframe our discussions on “diversity” and “multicultural literature” if we’re going to move forward. Consider these terms as you read, write, and move forward as bloggers:

• Equity vs. Equality
• Intersectionality
• Orientalism
• Privilege

NO EXCUSES!
A HANDBOOK FOR READING AND BLOGGING DIVERSELY

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Visit http://bit.ly/notgonna to view our slideshow and links to the quotes’ original texts.

THANKS
for attending our session. We’re Not Going to Take It And Neither Should You: Why Book Bloggers DO Have the Power to Make Diverse Books Happen. Here are some additional resources so that you can feel empowered to blog better when you get home. No ifs, ands, or buts – diversity is happening!

Handout by Sarah Hannah Gómez
BUT I don’t know where to find diverse books!

Well, that’s bull. But here you are, with a disclaimer: there are many fantastic individuals writing blogs about aspects of diversity in literature. With a few exceptions, indicated by asterisks*, we have limited this list to collaborative blogs. It’s in alphabetical order.

AmericanIndiansInChildrensLiterature.blogspot.com*
AuthorsOfColor.tumblr.com
TheBrownBookshelf.com
CCBC.education.wisc.edu
TheDarkFantastic.blogspot.com*
DisabilityInKidLit.com
DiversifYA.com
DiversityInYA.tumblr.com
GayYA.org
LatinosInKidLit.com
LeeWind.org*
MirrorsWindowsDoors.org
ThePirateTree.com
RichInColor.com
Silver-Goggles.blogspot.com*
StreetLiterature.com
SVYAlitchat.tumblr.com
WeNeedDiverseBooks.tumblr.com

A lot, silly! There can never be too many voices in this conversation. But if you’re curious, here are some subject areas and themes in KidLit and YA that we think deserve more attention and blogger energy devoted to them.

- Fatphobia/fat acceptance
- Religious diversity
- Sex+ (sex-positivity)
- Social class/socioeconomic status

And remember, even what may seem like tired, overdone topics or areas others are more expert on doesn’t mean you shouldn’t highlight them. It’s your blog. You have your readers. You may be opening their eyes up to something they haven’t considered yet.

BUT what can I really add to this conversation at this point, anyway?

Reading begets reading, as you know. If you find an author or book you like, start moving backwards! Read that author’s previous titles. When you’re on a blog like the ones we listed, see which blogs THOSE bloggers read. See whose accounts they follow on Twitter. Delve into hashtags. Join Twitterchats. Like pages on Facebook. Get your name out there, even if you start out quietly, as someone involved in these issues. Network, network, network!

BUT I’m white/cisgendered/heterosexual/able-bodied/male/middle class/Christian/slim/etc… am I allowed to be part of this conversation?

Take time to assess your privilege, consider what marginalized groups you may be a part of, and learn the vocabulary. Be prepared to misstep, and be open to criticism and correction. And then YES, you are welcome! Here is some background reading:

- Bit.ly/PrivDiv
- DerailingForDummies.com
- "Unpacking the Knapsack" by Peggy McIntosh (article)
- WritingWithColor.tumblr.com

Mirror texts let you see yourself in a book. Window texts open up your world. In your reading life, do you have a glut of mirrors or a glut of windows?