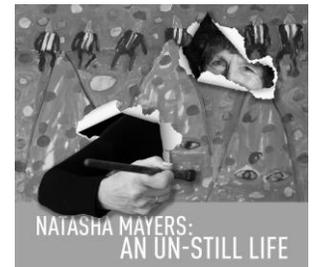


## **Natasha Mayers: an Un-Still Life**

### **BOOKS AND WEBSITES**

April 2021

This list of books and websites was compiled to accompany the resources aligned with the film **Natasha Mayers: an Un-Still Life**. Understand that these lists are starting places to assist in the development of lessons and/or creating a community event.



#### **SUGGESTED BOOKS (Partial list)**

##### Primary and Elementary School Grades

- Bridges, Ruby: [Through My Eyes](#)
- Bryan, Ashley: [Beautiful Blackbird](#), [Freedom Over Me](#), [Infinite Hope](#)
- Dillon, Leo and Diane: Several books
- Heiligman, Deborah: [She Persisted: Clara Lemlich](#)
- Keats, Ezra Jack: Several books
- Lester, Julius: [Let's Talk About Race](#)
- Lionni, Leo: [Swimmy](#)
- Markel, Michelle and Sweet, Melissa: [Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909](#)
- McKee, David: [Elmer books](#)
- Pinkney, Jerry and Andrea Davis: Several books
- Polacco, Patricia: [Pink and Say](#), [Chicken Sunday](#), [Holes in the Sky](#)
- Santat, Dan: [After the Fall](#)

##### Middle School Grades

- Craft, Jerry: [New Kid](#)
- Moore Ramée, Lisa: [A Good Kind of Trouble](#)
- Parker Rhodes, Jewell: [Ghost Boys](#)
- Schmidt, Gary D.: [Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy](#)
- Stevenson, Bryan: [Just Mercy - Adapted for Young Adults](#)

##### High School Grades/Young Adults

- Medina, Tony: [I am Alfonso Jones](#)
- Reynolds, Jason and Kiely, Brendan: [All American Boys](#)
- Stone, Nic: [Dear Martin](#)

Other books available at [Books to Teach White Children and Teens How to Undo Racism and White Supremacy](#)

**WEBSITES** (alphabetical order except for the first 3)

**Natasha Mayers:** Resources on the film *Natasha Mayers: an Un-Still Life*. Information and links to education and community information.

<https://natashamayers.org>

**Artists' Rapid Response Team (ARRT!):** The Artists' Rapid Response Team is a group of artists who create banners and props to promote the work of progressive non-profits across Maine.

<https://www.rrteam.org>

**Americans Who Tell the Truth (AWTT):** Portraits and narratives highlight citizens who courageously address issues of social, environmental, and economic fairness. By combining art and other media, AWTT offers resources to inspire a new generation of engaged Americans who will act for the common good, our communities, and the Earth.

<https://www.americanswhotellthetruth.org>

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**Anti-Racist Art Teachers:** Working towards removing biases, stereotypes, and false narratives in art education. Resources, lessons, conversation starters, and other curriculum related materials. <https://sites.google.com/view/antiracistartteachers/>

**Art21:** 65 hours of full episodes from each of the Art21's television and digital series.

<https://art21.org>

**Art.350.org:** Offers resources, inspiration, and how-to's for everyone to use the arts to protect our climate and communities, and resist injustice. Goal is to help massively utilize arts organizing—visuals arts, performance, and music—and integrate it into the heart of our organizing, campaigns, and mobilizations to strengthen movement-building, innovate new forms of resistance, and win positive change.

<https://art.350.org>

**Artolution:** Focused on developing local leaders in the arts to use collaborative art-making as a tool for communities to share their stories with the world.

<https://www.artolution.org>

**Audubon article:** [Harriet Tubman, an Unsung Naturalist, Used Owl Calls as a Signal on the Underground Railroad](#)

**Bread and Puppet Theatre:** Politically active puppet theater, founded by Peter Schumann in New York City in 1963 and based in Glover, Vermont since 1974. The name Bread and Puppet is derived from the theater's practice of sharing its sourdough rye with the audience, and from its

central principle that art is as basic as bread. The Bread and Puppet Theater participates in parades and is active at many statehouse marches in Montpelier.

<https://vermontstudiocenter.org/exhibitions/bread-and-puppet>

**California for the Arts:** Anti-racism resources that are continually updated. The majority of the resources have been contributed by the Arts Administrators of Color Network.

<https://www.californiansforthearts.org/anti-racism-resources>

**Creative Resistance:** A showcase for activist art.

<http://creativeresistance.org>

**Embrace Race:** The goal is: Let's Raise a Generation of Children Who Are Thoughtful, Informed, and Brave About Race. Embrace Race is funded by the non-profit Proteus Fund.

<https://www.proteusfund.org>

**Equal Justice Initiative:** Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, subject of Rob Shetterly's *Americans Who Tell the Truth*, work in Education, Racial Justice and Criminal Justice Reform.

<https://eji.org>

**Global Oneness Project:** Free multimedia platform for educators and students. Through immersive storytelling and curricula, they explore the deeper issues facing humanity. Award-winning films, photo essays, and essays to learn about social, cultural, and environmental issues from people and communities worldwide. For grades 3-12, stories and lessons encourage students to broaden their perspectives and worldviews while fostering inquiry, empathy, resilience, and a sacred relationship to our planet. Aim to bring universal values into the lives of educators and students.

<https://www.globalonenessproject.org>

**Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine:** Promotes universal respect for human rights through outreach and education. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other events, past and present, encourages individuals and communities to reflect and act upon their moral responsibilities to confront prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination.

<https://hhrcmaine.org>

**Inspired Teaching:** Partner with teachers as the leverage point for change in the education system. Provide innovative professional learning programs to help teachers build their practice to actively engage students as empathetic, critical thinkers.

<https://inspiredteaching.org>

**Just Seeds:** Artists' Cooperative with a decentralized network of 41 artists committed to social, environmental, and political engagement.

<https://justseeds.org>

**Learning for Justice:** Provide free resources to educators—teachers, administrators, counselors, and other practitioners—who work with children from kindergarten through high school. Educators use the materials to supplement curriculum, inform their practices, and create inclusive school communities where children and youth are respected, valued, and welcome participants.

<https://www.learningforjustice.org>

**Maine Initiatives** is a network of individuals supporting greater social, economic, and environmental justice in Maine through informed, intentional, and collective philanthropy.

<http://maineinitiatives.org/>

**National Memorial for Peace and Justice:** The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which opened to the public on April 26, 2018, is the nation’s first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved Black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence.

<https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/memorial>

**National Museum of African American History and Culture:** Talking about Race

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race?fbclid=IwAR21Z-evB8lWSjIQBQwoCg-Yxfp6MTQMvA2HNhs2ChnE-Y02CmwnLGT8Lv>

**Podcast:** Schooled for Democracy

<https://www.sceneonradio.org/s4-e10-schooled-for-democracy/>

**Public Art Archive:** Database of public art projects throughout the world.

<https://www.publicartarchive.org>

**Sesame Street in Communities:** Resources provided to support racial justice for teachers, parents, communities.

*Never Too Young: Ages and Stages of Racial Understanding*

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/activities/never-too-young-ages-and-stages-of-racial-understanding/>

*Coming Together: Talking to Children About Race and Identity*

<https://www.sesameworkshop.org/what-we-do/racial-justice>

*CNN/Sesame Street racism town hall archive from June 6, 2021*

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/06/app-news-section/cnn-sesame-street-race-town-hall-app-june-6-2020-app/index.html>

**Sutori - Social Justice Poetry:** Collaborative instruction and presentation tool for the classroom. For all age groups, Social Studies, English Language and Arts (ELA), multimedia assignments.

<https://www.sutori.com/story/social-justice-poetry--z3seVY7hxHxFfAKQKcsBicZS>

**Teacher2Teacher:** Born from the belief that no one knows teaching like teachers, Teacher2Teacher is a growing community where you can connect to share resources, learn from one another, and solve the big problems that no one can solve alone.

<https://www.teacher2teacher.education>

**Teach For America** has curated materials on “wellness and navigating racism, violence, and civil unrest.”

<https://www.teachforamerica.org/stories/resources-to-help-teachers-heal-learn-and-listen>

**Teaching About Race and Creating an Anti-Racist Climate:** VT Middle School teacher created this padlet with resources.

<https://padlet.com/mmoore276/d15r42ijc2r3dwml>.

**Teaching for Change:** Teaching for Change provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write, and change the world. By drawing direct connections to real world issues, Teaching for Change encourages teachers and students to question and re-think the world inside and outside their classrooms, build a more equitable, multicultural society, and become active global citizens.

<https://www.teachingforchange.org>

#### **TED Education Talks**

- The importance of affirming student identity presented by Educator Jeewan Chanicka <https://youtu.be/E6ZAhWj2GGM>
- How can you be an ally in the fight for racial justice by Deray Mckesson from Ideas. [https://ideas.ted.com/how-you-can-be-an-ally-in-the-fight-for-racial-justice/?utm\\_source=TED-Ed+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=31e68ba57a-2013\\_09\\_219\\_19\\_2013\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1aaccdd48-31e68ba57a-53623365&mc\\_cid=31e68ba57a&mc\\_eid=efe9c39fcd](https://ideas.ted.com/how-you-can-be-an-ally-in-the-fight-for-racial-justice/?utm_source=TED-Ed+Subscribers&utm_campaign=31e68ba57a-2013_09_219_19_2013_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1aaccdd48-31e68ba57a-53623365&mc_cid=31e68ba57a&mc_eid=efe9c39fcd)
- How students of color sharing their truths impacted one educator presented by Educator Jini Forcucci [https://youtu.be/KrpVBg\\_Rjfl](https://youtu.be/KrpVBg_Rjfl)

**the conscious kid:** Education, research, and policy organization dedicated to equity and promoting healthy racial identity development in youth. Support organizations, families, and educators in taking action to disrupt racism in young children.

[https://www.theconsciouskid.org/?fbclid=IwAR3c0iisigYCB0vo-QwrRHA4Lw65PDQficSoH1pv8FP9d\\_1JWgoURgpc5pY](https://www.theconsciouskid.org/?fbclid=IwAR3c0iisigYCB0vo-QwrRHA4Lw65PDQficSoH1pv8FP9d_1JWgoURgpc5pY)

**Welcoming Schools:** Comprehensive bias-based bullying prevention program in the nation to provide LGBTQ and gender inclusive professional development training, lesson plans, booklists, and resources specifically designed for educators and youth-serving professionals.

<https://www.welcomingschools.org>