



## Recognizing World Day of Social Justice

[February 20th is the World Day of Social Justice](#), bringing attention to different issues like housing, employment, access, and health care. APA Books for Children and Teens has [several titles that focus on different aspects of social justice including race, gender, homelessness, and sexual orientation](#).

APA also publishes the bestselling and award-winning **Something Happened** series, books that present and explain sensitive and important events happening in communities across the United States and around the world. Told in clear, compelling stories, the books come with the authority of psychological expertise from the American Psychological Association.



### **Something Happened in Our Town** A Child's Story About Racial Injustice

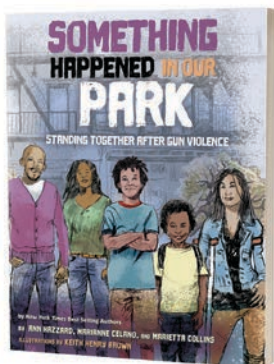
MARIANNE CELANO, PHD, ABPP, MARIETTA COLLINS, PHD,  
AND ANN HAZZARD, PHD, ABPP

Ages 4-8

[“This is a difficult subject, and I think this book handles it well. The language is age-appropriate and gentle. The illustrations are beautiful, and the message is positive: kids can start a “better pattern” by including kids who are different than themselves.”](#)

[—Five Star Review, San Francisco Book Review](#)

This award-winning *New York Times* and *IndieBound* bestseller includes an extensive Note to Parents and Caregivers with guidelines for discussing race and racism with children, child-friendly definitions, and sample dialogues.



## **Something Happened in Our Park** **Standing Together After Gun Violence**

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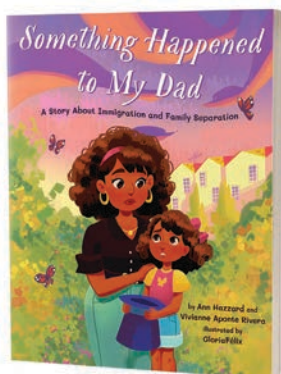
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[“This simply stated story and the note to readers—chock-full of helpful prompts—could be useful to caregivers looking to help children through trauma... A suitable guide to start the conversation about gun violence with children.”](#)

[—Kirkus Reviews](#)

This book can help provide parents with helpful messages of reassurance and empowerment.

Includes an extensive Note to Parents and Caregivers with guidelines for discussing community gun violence with children, and sample dialogues.



## **Something Happened to My Dad** **A Story About Immigration and Family Separation**

ANN HAZZARD, PHD, ABPP AND VIVIANNE APONTE RIVERA, MD

Ages 4-8

In this realistic and empowering tale, Carmen learns that through community and love, she can find strength in herself and maintain her connection with her Papi, who has been detained because of his immigration status.

[This book is also available in Spanish.](#)



**And, coming in April, 2023**

## **Something Happened to Our Planet** **Kids Tackle the Climate Crisis**

MARIANNE CELANO, PHD, ABPP AND MARIETTA COLLINS, PHD

Ages 4-8

Join the Earth Patrol! Written to help parents to begin conversations with their children about a challenging and important topic, *Something Happened to Our Planet* describes the narrator's efforts to help the planet, with her friends, by advocating for reusable plates at her school.

This book is printed with vegetable-based inks on responsibly sourced paper.

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