

YA Books about Voting Rights in the United States

Suggested reading in alphabetical order for young adults about voting rights and the struggle to advance our democracy.

***Democracy in One Book or Less: How it Works, Why It Doesn't, and Why Fixing It Is Easier Than You Think* by David Litt**

This substantive approach to explaining how our government functions (or, doesn't) is like a self-help book. *Democracy In One Book or Less* by a former Obama speechwriter and humorist is about how we, the people, can fix our democracy.

***Every Vote Matters: The Power of Your Voice, From Student Elections to the Supreme Court* by Thomas A. Jacobs**

This timely book encourages teens to recognize the importance of voting and making their voices heard in the democratic process and stresses involvement in local and national elections as well as other ways to be an engaged citizen.

***The Fight to Vote* by Michael Waldman**

A succinct, comprehensive look at a crucial American struggle: the drive to define and defend government based on “the consent of the governed.” From the beginning, and at every step along the way, as Americans sought to right to vote, others have fought to stop them. Waldman recounts the entire story, from the founders' debates to gerrymandering and voter ID laws.

***Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle For Voting Rights in America* by Ari Berman**

Journalist Ari Berman's informative narrative account examines the impact of the Voting Rights Act through the lens of today: how it boosted voter registration by the millions; led to more Black elected officials; and why the Republican Party has spent the last decade implementing new voting restrictions to ensure the electorate remains older, whiter, and more conservative.

***Our Time Is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for A Fair America* by Stacey Abrams**

New York Times bestselling author and political leader Stacey Abrams provides a blueprint to end voter suppression, empower our citizens, and take back our country.

***Thank You for Voting: The Maddening, Enlightening, Inspiring Truth About Voting in America* by Erin Geiger Smith**

Both a brief history of voting rights in the United States—to keep the people informed—and a proactive primer on how to vote and, more importantly, how to become more politically engaged online and off.

***Votes of Confidence: A Young Person's Guide to American Elections* by Jeff Fleischer**

Fleischer explains the past, present, and future of American elections; how the election process actually works and why it matters; and how young people can become involved-- not just this year, but for years to come.

***What You Need to Know About Voting—and Why* by Kimberly Wehle**

Law professor and constitutional scholar Kimberly Wehle offers informative and practical, advice on the mechanics of voting and an enlightening survey of its history and future.