

## **Creating “The Sprout” A Radical Picture Book for Young Critical Thinkers**

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This Human Rights Project produced a picture book to be used as a resource for talking about systems of power and oppression with children. The project consisted of three parts: research, creation, and implementation. The research is grounded in critical race theory, postcolonial theory, intersectionality, critical childhood studies and radical children’s literature. The creation process proved challenging yet rewarding, and led to the discovery of many wonderful radical pedagogical materials and communities. Implementation took place at a bilingual English/German Kita in Berlin, where the author of this study finds herself employed. The final product offers much for reflection, inspiration for future experimentation, and an entry point in to abolitionist work in early childhood education. The text of the picture book, entitled “The Sprout,” is included in the appendix.