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Books about Inclusive Language

Below please find a list of books on that topic that our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team compiled. We hope you'll find it useful if you decide to further your investigation of inclusive, intentional language.

Difficult Conversations

- **I Never Thought of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times**, Mónica Guzmán
- **Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race**, Derald Wing Sue
- **I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations**, Derald Wing Sue

Inclusive Language

- **Speaking Peace in a Climate of Conflict Hardcover**, Marilyn McEntyre
- **Say What You Mean: A Mindful Approach to Nonviolent Communication**, Oren Jay Sofer

Linguistics

- **On Language: Chomsky's Classic Works Language and Responsibility and Reflections on Language**, Noam Chomsky
- **Because Internet: Understanding the New Rules of Language**, Gretchen McCulloch
- **The Language Hoax**, John McWhorter
- **Language in the Trump Era: Scandals and Emergencies by Janet McIntosh**, Norma Mendoza-Denton

Political Correctness/Woke, Microaggressions, Free Speech

- **The Dictionary of Woke**, Kevin Donnelly (this offers a conservative perspective)
- **Political Correctness: A History of Semantics and Culture**, Geoffrey Hughes
- **Speechless: Controlling Words**, Controlling Minds, Michael Knowles (this offers a conservative perspective)
- **Offensive Language: Taboo, Offense and Social Control**, Jim O'Driscoll
- **Microaggressions in Everyday Life**, Derald Wing Sue

Social/Cultural

- **The Skin That We Speak: Thoughts on Language and Culture in the Classroom**, eds. Lisa Delpit and Joanne Kilgour Dowdy
- **How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk**, Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish
- **Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know**, Malcolm Gladwell
- **How You Say It: Why We Judge Others by the Way They Talk**, Katherine Kinzler
- **How You Say It: Why You Talk the Way You Do—and What It Says About You**, Katherine D Kinzler
- **Words That Work: It's Not What You Say, It's What People Hear**, Frank Luntz
- **Words Matter: Meaning and Power**, Sally McConnell-Ginet
- **The Words We Choose: Your guide to How and Why Words Matter**, Terre Short