

One World, Many Stories

Non-Fiction



Adams, Simon and Lisa Swerling and Ralph Lazer, illus. *The Most Famous Atlas of the Whole Wide World by the Brainwaves*. New York: DK, 2008. Colorful and funny look at world geography: has large foldout pages.



Bial, Raymond. *Ellis Island: Coming to the Land of Liberty*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Using contemporary and historic photographs, this non-fiction picture book tells the history of Ellis Island as an arrival point for millions of immigrants and now as a national park and museum.



De Rothschild, David. *Earth Matters: and Encyclopedia of Ecology*. New York: DK, 2008.



Dodge, Abigail Johnson. *Around The World Cookbook*. New York: DK Publishing, 2008. Spiral binding.



Geyer, Flora. *Saladin: The Muslim Warrior Who Defended His People*. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2006. One of the National Geographic World History Biographies. Includes glossary, bibliography and index.



Hopkins, Lee Bennett, ed. and Philip Stanton, illus. *Got Geography: Poems*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2006.



Houston, James. *James Houston's Treasury of Inuit Legends*. New York: Harcourt, 2006.



Laroche, Giles. *What's Inside? Fascinating Structures around the World*. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. Skyscrapers, stone barns, limestone tombs, and grand castles are presented in this very cool guide to structures from around the world along with their unique purposes, an examination of how they were built, and profiles of the people who work and live within their walls.



Menzel, Peter and Faith D'Aluisio. *What the World Eats*. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2008.



My Space Community with Jeca Taudte. *My Space/Our Planet: Change is Possible*. New York: HarperTeen, 2008.



National Geographic Beginner's World Atlas. Washington, DC: National Geographic, Society, 2005. Oversized book with striking photographs.



Ollhoff, Jim. *Martial Arts around the World*. Edina, MN: ABDO, 2008. Part of the World of Martial Arts series.



Osborne, Mary Pope and Michael McCurdy, illus. *American Tall Tales*. New York: Alfred a Knopf, 1991.



Penn, Briony. *The Kids Book of Canadian Geography*. Tonawanda, NY: Kids Can Press, 2008.



Philip, Neil. *Mythology of the World*. Boston: Kingfisher, 2004.



Weitzman, David. *Pharaoh's Boat*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. A non-fiction picture book showing the building of boat to carry the great Pharaoh Cheops to the land of the dead. Details illustrations provide a look into the construction techniques and life in **Ancient Egypt** and the boat's discovery and restoration by Egyptian archeologists in the present day.

Picture Books



Ashby, Ruth and Bill Slavin, illus. *Caedmon's Song*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for young Readers, 2006. The story of the first English poet.



Brown, Tricia and Ken Cardwell, photo. *Salam: A **Muslim American** Boy's Story*. New York: Henry Holt, 2006.



Bunting, Eve and Emily Arnold McCully, illus. *The Banshee*. Boston: Clarion, 2009. In present day **Ireland**, young Terry wakes up to the sound of terrible screeching. He is sure the Banshee has come to pay his family an unwelcome visit.



Bryon, Ashley and Jan Spivey Gilchrist. *My **America***. New York: HarperCollins, 2007. This is a beautiful book, illustrating Gilchrist's stirring poem.



Choi, Yangsook. *Behind the Mask*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2006. A young **Korean American** boy can't decide what to wear on Halloween until he discovers his grandfather's secret.



Daly, Niki. *Pretty Salma: a Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa*. New York: Clarion Books, 2006. A clever retelling set in modern **Ghana**.



Demi. *The Girl Who Drew a Phoenix*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2008. Gorgeous picture book in which a young girl in **ancient China** learns the wisdom of the Phoenix.



Demi. *The Magic Pillow*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2008. Beautifully illustrated tale of **ancient China**.



Diakite, Baba Wague. *The Magic Gourd*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2003. A folktale from **Mali**.



Ferrin, Wendy Wakefield. *Grandmother's Alligator...a Tail in Two Sittings*. Sevierville, TN: Wakefield Connection, 2000. A two sided book with the same story printed on one side in English and the other in **Swahili**. (check for In Print status)



Ferrin, Wendy Wakefield. *The Girl Who Didn't Mind*. Sevierville, TN: Wakefield Connection, 2002. A two sided book with the same story printed on one side in English and the other in **Irish Gaelic**. (Check for In Print status).



Gerdner, Linda, Sarah Langford and Stuart Loughridge, illus. *Grandfather's Story Cloth*. Walnut Creek, CA: Shen's Books, 2008. **Laotian Hmong** in America, text in English and Hmong.



Gershator, Phillis and Holly Meade, illus. *The Sky Sweeper*. New York: Melanie Kroupa Books, 2007. An inspiring story of **Old Japan**.



Grandits, John and R. W. Alley, illus. *The Travel Game*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Every Saturday after lunch at Tad's family's tailor shop, Tad and Aunt Hattie plan a game where they travel all over the world using a globe and the book "1001 Pictures from around the World". ("1001 Pictures ... "is make believe, I checked.)



Haugaard, Kay and Carolyn Reed Barrett. *The Day The Dragon Danced*. Fremont, CA: Shen's Book, 2006. An **African/American girl** takes her grandmother the New York City's Chinese New Year Parade.



Hawes, Louise and Rebecca Guay, illus. *Muti's Necklace: The Oldest Story in the World*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2006. A beautifully illustrated story of **Ancient Egypt** based on a text from an ancient papyrus.



Johnston, Tony and Yuyi Morales, illus. *My Abuelita*. New York: Harcourt Children's Books, 2009. With great gusto, a **Mexican** child's grandmother performs deep knee bends, consumes a breakfast of "huevos estrellados," and practices vocal exercises before going to work as a storyteller.



Lin, Grace. *Bringing in the New Year*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. A **Chinese/American** family celebrates the Lunar New Year.



Lipp, Frederick and Jason Gaillard, illus. *Running Shoes*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2007. A poor girl in **modern Cambodia** goes to school, with the help of running shoes.



Lumry, Amanda and Laura Hurwitz, illus. *South Pole Penguins*. New York: Scholastic, 2008. One of the “Adventures with Riley” series. Fate-filled story of nine-year-old Riley’s trip to **Antarctica**



Lumry, Amanda and Laura Hurwitz, illus. *Polar Bear Puzzle*. New York: Scholastic, 2008. One of the “Adventures with Riley” series. Fate-filled story of nine-year-old Riley’s trip to Churchill, Ontario, **Canada** to observe the polar bear migrations.



McDermott, Gerald. *Pig Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawai’i*. New York: Harcourt Children’s Books, 2009. A mischievous shape-shifting pig boy manages to get in trouble with both the king and Pele, goddess of fire. In both cases he does what his grandmother has taught him and “just slips away”.



McDonald, Margaret Read and Alik Arzoumanian, illus. *Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!: A Palestinian Folktale*. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish, 2006.



Nethery, Mary and John Manders, illus. *The Famous Nini: A Mostly True Story of How a Plain White Car Became a Star*. Boston: Clarion Books, 2010. In **1890’s Venice, Italy**, a stray cat draws attention to a humble coffee shop and inspires Giuseppe Verdi, solves a royal disagreement, blesses the Pope, and meets all manner of interesting and note worthy people. The historical notes in the back talk about Verdi, and all the real historical characters Nini met.



Niemann, Christoph. *The Pet Dragon: A Story about Adventure, friendship, and Chinese Characters*. New York: Greenwillow Books. **Chinese** characters help illustrate this cute story.



Pittman, Rickey E. and Connie McLennan, illus. *Scottish Alphabet*. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing, 2008. Beautiful illustrations highlight this alphabet book in rhyme that features **Scotland's** history and culture.



O'Brien, Anne Sibley. *The Legend of Hong Kil Dong: The Robin Hood of Korea*. Watertown, MA; Charlesbridge, 2006. Graphic novel-style picture book.



Recorvits, Helen and Gabi Swiatkowska. *Yoon and the Jade Bracelet*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2008. Instead of the jump rope she wanted, Yoon's mother gives her a **Korean** storybook and her grandmother's jade bracelet.



Santore, Charles. *The Silk Princess*. New York: Random House, 2007. Sumptuous paintings illustrate the legend of how an **ancient Chinese** princess discovers the secrets of making silk. Author's notes on the legend are included.



Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth and Bob Douchet, illus. *The Great Lei Race: A Story about Hawaii*. Edina, MN: ABDO publishing, 2010. One of the Super Sandcastle State Stories series, this fact and fiction picture book contains a cute story of Hawaiian sea creatures on a scavenger hunt around the islands



Smith, Icy and Gayle Garber Roski, illus. *Mei Ling in China City*. Manhattan Beach: CA, 2008. A **Chinese/American** girl grows up in the China City area of Los Angeles in the 1940's. Contains historical notes and photographs.



Thomas, Joyce Carol and Faith Ringgold, illus. *The Three Witches: Collected by Zora Neale Hurston*. New York: HarperCollins, 2006. Faith Ringgold's illustrations lend a Caribbean feel to this **African-American** folktale.



Tsinajinnie, Veronica and Ryan Singer, illus. *Johonaa'ei: Bringer of Dawn*. Flagstaff, AZ: Salina Bookshelf, 2007. The sun slowly rises and sends his gentle warmth and light to wake the creatures of the desert. He wakes a **Navajo** family who greet him with a morning prayer. The text is in English and Navajo.



Whitaker, Zai and Srividya Natarajan, illus. *Kali and the Rat Snake*. La Jolla, CA; 2006. Kali is an Irula (an indigenous tribe in **India**) who feels isolated at his school until his knowledge of his people's traditions make him a hero to his classmates.



Yi, Hu Yong. *Good Morning China*. New York: Roaring Press, 2007. Children play in a park in **China**.

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Henderson, Kathy and Jane Ray, illus. *Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2006. An epic tale of **ancient Iraq** that predates the stories of Gilgamesh.



Hollyer, Belinda. *River Song*. New York: Holiday House, 2007. **Maori** culture in modern **New Zealand**.



Park, Linda Sue. *Archer's Quest*. New York: Clarion Books, 2006. Present day America collides with **ancient Korea** when middle-schooler Kevin Kim must help legendary Chu-Mong return to his own time.



Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry*. New York: Clarion Books, 2005. Julia Song, a **Korean American** and her friend Patrick learn about patience, tolerance, prejudice and friendship as they work on their science project of raising silkworms. Between each chapter are short dialogues between the author and the main characters about writing the book.



Perkins, Mitali. *The Not-So-Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen*. New York: Little Brown, 2005. Thirteen-year-old Sunita is living the life of a typical American girl, until her grandparents from **India** come for a visit.



Perkins, Mitali. *Rickshaw Girl*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2007. Although Naimi is talented at painting traditional designs called alpanas, she runs away from her village in **Bangladesh** and disguises herself as a boy to earn money for her family by training to be a rickshaw boy.



Taylor, Theodore. *Ice Drift*. New York: Harcourt, 2005. Two **Inuit** brothers must fend for themselves while stranded on an ice floe adrift in the **Greenland** Straight.



Thurlo, Aimee and David. *The Spirit Line*. New York: Viking, 2004. Required by her **Navajo** people to take part in a womanhood ceremony, Crystal is disheartened when the rug she has been weaving for the event is stolen and believes that someone in her tribe who disagrees with her beliefs is to blame.



Watkins, Yoko Kawashima. *So Far from the Bamboo Garden*. New York: HarperTrophy, 2008. Fictionalized autobiography of a **Japanese** family in WWII **Korea**.

Professional Resources

All professional materials listed are available from Interlibrary Loan from the West Virginia Library Commission.



Adamson, Lynda G. *Literature Links to World History, K – 12: Resources to Enhance and Entice*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 2010. Arranged by geographic and time period, this reference covers titles in print that were positively reviewed by major Journals. Each section includes lists of historical and fantasy fiction, non-fiction history, biographies and collective biographies, graphic materials including novels, biographies and histories, DVD' and CDs. The resources range from prehistory and the ancient world to the present. The majority of the material

focuses on Europe and the British Isles. Adamson has also written *Literature Links to American History, K – 12*.



Alexander, Linda B. and Nahyun Kwon, editors. *Multicultural Programs for Tween and Teens*. Chicago: ALA, 2010. This volume collects projects from students at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida. They outline several programs that librarians can use with their patrons to introduce different cultures. Each entry lists objectives, target age ranges, costs, activities, and a reading list. Within these parameters, there is a wide range of programs and quality. Some outlines are extremely detailed, include handouts, and walk readers through preparation, sometimes in too-great detail. Others are too vague, and many programs will require modification. For instance, one film series lists mostly R-rated movies, and several programs exceed two hours. Many of the reading lists require resources that are out-of-date or not age appropriate. A reading-club program recommends that 12- to 13-year-olds read the adult title *Bless Me Ultima* (TQS Publications, 1972); another recommends a 22-year-old book to describe modern teenage life in Japan. One list of books on African-American music focuses on artists who were popular in the mid-1990s. Despite the requisite alterations required to employ many of these programs, the volume contains several good ideas. (Review from the November, 2010 *School Library Journal*)



Barchers, Suzanne I. *Multicultural Folktales: Readers Theater for Elementary Students*. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 2000. Representing more than 30 countries and regions, the 40 reproducible scripts are accompanied by presentation suggestions and recommendations for props and delivery. Each has been assessed for readability using the Flesch-Kincaid Readability Scale and is grouped for grades one through five.



Cole, Sonja. *Booktalking around the World: Great Global Reads for Ages 9 – 14*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 2010. This is a collection of book talk and book lists for titles published from 2000 to 2010. Each section covers an area of the world from Africa to the Arctic and Antarctic. The first part of each chapter contains booktalks for fiction and non-fiction books about the areas. There are book lists at the end of each chapter of additional titles. The entries include a brief

annotation and symbols indicating if the book is a prize winner, reading level and the listening level.



Keane, Nancy J. *The Big Book of Children's Reading Lists: 100 Ready-to-Use lists for Educators, Librarians, Parents, and Children*. Westport, CN: Libraries Unlimited, 2006. Each entry contains page numbers and a brief annotation. The folklore section has books from all over the world including lists for Native American, Central and South American, Asian, and Slavic themed books.



Kriesberg, Daniel A. *Think Green, Take Action: Books and Activities for Kids*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 2010. This book combines a wide variety of techniques to help students understand environmental issues. The children's literature and classroom activities suggested are appropriate for elementary school students from grades three through seven, covering three major environmental issues: endangered species, resource depletion, and pollution. Educators in museums and nature centers, home-school children, and their parents comprise an appropriate secondary audience.



Polette, Nancy. *Books Every Child Should Know: The Literature Quiz Book*. Westport, CN: Libraries Unlimited, 2006. This book contains lots of reproducible games and puzzles, including cryptograms, word searches, scavenger hunts, plays and more. Each chapter also includes a bibliography. Chapter titles include "Mother Goose", "Greek and Roman Myths", "Folktales from France", "Folktales and Fairytales from the British Isles", "Native American Tales", and more.



Polette, Nancy J. *Reading the World with Picture Books*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 2010. Reading the World with Picture Books presents collection of booktalks options with picture books that are set in the major countries of each continent. Children's books with an international flavor are organized by continent and then by country. Suggested activities accompany the titles. Activities range early elementary to middle school. All of the activities are keyed to selected national standards in language arts and social studies.



Stan, Susan. *The World through Children's Books*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2002. Designed as a companion to *Children's Books from Other Countries* (Scarecrow, 1998), this book includes international children's books published from

1996 to 2000. It also list selected books published in the U.S. but set in other countries.



Wesson, Lindsey Patrick. *Green Reads Best Environmental Resources for Youth, K – 12*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 2009. This resource organizes and describes more than 500 current fiction and nonfiction titles about the environment, including some alternative media. Information for each title includes complete bibliographic information, an annotation, a list of subjects, and other information. It also has complete story times on green subjects for different ages.

Other Media



Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales, Volume 2. The White Cat and The Fool and the Flying Ship. New York: Listening Library, 2000.



Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales, Volume 3. The Bremen Town Musician and Koi and the Kola Nuts. New York: Listening Library, 1997.



Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales, Volume 4. The Firebird and The Emperor's New Clothes. New York: Listening Library, 1996.



Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales, Volume 5. Pinocchio and Tom Thumb. New York: Listening Library, 1996.