

Around the World in 80 Books

Selected Literature from the Past Decade for Children and Young Adults

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This bibliography is arranged by geographic region of the world, and includes recommend books published between 2001 and 2011.

The books include depict both contemporary and historical life. Some of the books on this list were originally published in other nations, and in other languages, giving readers here a glimpse not only of life in or the history of other parts of the world, but also of what children and teens elsewhere may be reading.

The Americas

Picture Books

Croza, Laurel. *I Know Here*. Illustrated by Matt James. Groundwood Books / House of Anansi Press, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 5-8)

Highway, Tomson. *Fox on the Ice / Maageesees Maskwameek Kaapit*. Illustrated by Brian Deines. Fifth House, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 4-7)

Medina, Meg. *Tía Isa Wants a Car*. Illustrated by Claudio Muñoz. Candlewick, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 4-7)

Schimmel, Lawrence. *Let's Go See Papá!* Translated by Elisa Amado. Illustrated by Alba Marina Rivera. Groundwood, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 3-7)

Winter, Jeanette. *Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia*. Beach lane, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 3-7)

Zepeda, Gwendolyn. *Growing Up with Tamales = Los tamales de Ana*. Illustrated by April Ward. Spanish translation by Gabriela Baeza Ventura. Piñata Books / Arte Público Press, 2008. 32 pages (Ages 6-9)

Fiction

Cheng, Andrea. *Only One Year*. Illustrated by Nicole Wong. Lee & Low, 2010. 97 pages (Ages 6-8)

Engle, Margarita. *Hurricane Dancers*. Henry Holt, 2011. 143 pages (Ages 11-14)

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *The Dreamer*. Illustrated by Peter Sís. Scholastic, 2010. 372 pages (Ages 10 and older)

Stork, Francisco. *Last Summer of the Death Warriors*. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, 2010. 344 pages (Age 13 and older)

Non-Fiction/Traditional Literature

Myers, Walter Dean. *We Are America: A Tribute from the Heart*. Illustrated by Christopher Myers. HarperCollins, 2011. 40 pages (Ages 6 and up)

Tonatium, Duncan. *Diego Rivera: His World and Ours*. Abrams, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 5-9)

Africa

Picture Books

- Atinuke. *Anna Hibiscus's Song*. Illustrated by Lauren Tobia. Kane Miller, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 3-7)
- Diakit , Penda. *I Lost My Tooth in Africa*. Illustrated by Baba Wagu  Diakit . Scholastic Press, 2006. 32 pages (Ages 5-8)
- Javaherbin, Mina. *Goal!* Illustrated by A. G. Ford. Candlewick Press, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 5-8)
- Roth, Susan L. and Cindy Trumbore. *The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families*. Illustrated by Susan L. Roth. Lee & Low, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 3-9)
- Rumford, James. *Rain School*. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 4-7)
- Sisula, Elinor. *The Day Gogo Went to Vote*. Illustrated by Sharon Wilson. London: Little, Brown, 2006. 32 pages (Ages 7-10)

Fiction

- Atinuke. *The No. 1 Car Spotter*. Illustrated by Warwick Johnson Cadwell. Kane Miller, 2011. 110 pages (Ages 5-9)
- Naidoo, Beverley. *Out of Bounds*. U.S. edition: HarperCollins, 2003. 175 pages (Age 12 and older)
- Okorafor, Nnedi. *Akata Witch*. Viking, 2011. 349 pages (Ages 11-14)
- Stratton, Allan. *Chanda's Wars*. HarperTeen / HarperCollins, 2008. 384 pages (Ages 12-15)
- Williams, Michael. *Now Is the Time for Running*. U.S. edition: Little, Brown, 2011. Little, Brown, 2011. 233 pages (Age 12 and older)

Non-Fiction

- Diakit , Baba Wagu . *A Gift from Childhood: Memories of an African Boyhood*. Groundwood Books / House of Anansi Press, 2010. 134 pages (Ages 11-15)
- Napoli, Donna Jo. *Mama Miti: Wangari Maathi and the Trees of Kenya*. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Simon & Schuster, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 6-10)

Asia/Pacific

Picture Books

- Bridges, Shirin Yim. *Ruby's Wish*. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Chronicle Books, 2002. 32 pages (Ages 6-9)
- Gerdner, Linda, and Sarah Langford. *Grandfather's Story Cloth = Yawg Daim Paj Ntaub Dab Neeg*. Illustrated by Stuart Loughridge. Shen's Books, 2008. 32 pages (Ages 6-9)
- Kajikawa, Kimiko. *Tsunami!* Illustrated by Ed Young. Philomel, 2009. 32 pages (Ages 6-9)
- Park, Linda Sue. *The Firekeeper's Son*. Clarion Books, 2003. 37 pages (Age 5-8)
- Takabayashi, Mari. *I Live in Tokyo*. Houghton Mifflin, 2001. 32 pages (Ages 5-9)

Fiction

- Kadohata, Cynthia. *A Million Shades of Gray*. Atheneum, 2010. 216 pages (Age 11 and older)
- Krishnaswami, Uma. *The Grand Plan to Fix Everything*. Atheneum, 2011. 266 pages (Ages 8-12)
- Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out & Back Again*. HarperCollins, 2011. 260 pages (Ages 9-13)
- Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. Little, Brown, 2009. 278 pages (Ages 7-11)
- Perkins, Mitali. *Bamboo People*. Charlesbridge, 2010. 272 pages (Age 13 and older)
- Sheth, Kashmira. *Boys without Names*. Balzer & Bray/HarperCollins, 2010. 316 pages (Ages 13 and older)

Non-Fiction

- Levine, Karen. *Hana's Suitcase*. Albert Whitman, 2003. 109 pages (Ages 9-12)
- Say, Allen. *Drawing from Memory*. Scholastic, 2011. 64 pages (Ages 9-14)
- Young, Ed. *The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood*. Little, Brown, 2011. 48 pages (Ages 5-11)

Australia / New Zealand

Picture Books

- Belton, Robyn. *Herbert: The Story of a Brave Sea Dog*. U.S. edition: Candlewick, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 5-8)
- Gleeson, Libby. *Half a World Away*. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood. Arthur A. Levine / Scholastic, 2007. 32 pages (Ages 3-7)
- Lester, Alison. *Are We There Yet?* U.S. edition: Kane/Miller, 2005. 32 pages (Ages 5-9)
- Toft, Michelle. *The World That We Want*. U.S. edition: Charlesbridge, 2005. 32 pages (Ages 2-5)

Fiction

- Clarke, Judith. *One Whole and Perfect Day*. U.S. edition: Front Street, 2006. 250 pages (Age 15 and older)
- Hartnett, Sonya. *Stripes of the Sidestep Wolf*. U.S. edition: Candlewick, 2005. 200 pages (Age 14 and older)
- Ihimaera, Witi. *The Whale Rider*. U.S. edition: Harcourt, 2003. 152 pages (Age 13 and up)
- Zusak, Markus. *Fighting Ruben Wolfe*. U.S. edition: Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, 2001. 219 pages (Ages 13-16)

Europe

Picture Books

- Hole, Stian. *Garmann's Summer*. Translated from the Norwegian by Don Bartlett. U.S. edition: Eerdmans, 2008. 40 pages (Ages 6-10)
- Holmes, Mary Tavener and John Holmes. *A Giraffe Goes to Paris*. Illustrated by Jon Cannell. Marshall Cavendish, 2010. 30 pages (Ages 7-11)
- Lindenbaum, Pija. *Mini Mia and Her Darling Uncle*. Translated from the Swedish by Elisabeth Kallick Dyssegaard. U.S. edition: R&S / Farrar Straus Giroux, 2007. 32 pages (Ages 4-8)
- Radunsky, Vladimir. *Mannenkin Pis: A Simple Story of a Boy Who Peed on a War*. Atheneum, 2002. 28 pages (Ages 4-8)
- Shulevitz, Uri. *How I Learned Geography*. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008. 32 pages (Ages 5-8)

Fiction

- Boyce, Frank Cotrell. *The Unforgotten Coat*. U.S. edition: Candlewick, 2011. 42 pages (Ages 8-12)
- Morgenstern, Susie. *A Book of Coupons*. Translated from the French by Gill Rosner. Illustrated by Serge Bloch. U.S. edition: Viking, 2001. 62 pages (Ages 9-12)
- Sepetys, Ruta. *Between Shades of Gray*. Philomel, 2001. 352 pages. (Age 14 and older)
- Tak, Bibi Dumon. *Soldier Bear*. Translated from the Dutch by Laura Watkinson. Illustrated by Philip Hopman. U.S. edition: Eerdmans, 2011. 145 pages (Ages 7-11)
- Thompson, Kate. *Creature of the Night*. U.S. edition: Roaring Brook Press, 2009. 250 pages (Age 12 and older)

Non-Fiction / Poetry

- Rasmussen, Halfdan. *A Little Bitty Man, and Other Poems for the Very Young*. Translated from the Danish by Marilyn Nelson and Pamela Espeland. Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. U.S. edition: Candlewick, 2011. 29 pages. (Ages 2-7)
- Sís, Peter. *The Wall: Growing up behind the Iron Curtain*. Frances Foster / Farrar Straus Giroux, 2007. 48 pages (Age 9 and older)

Middle East

Picture Books

- Addasi, Maha. *Time to Pray*. Arabic translation by Nuha Albitar. Illustrated by Ned Gannon. Boyds Mills, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 6-10)
- Alalou, Elizabeth, and Ali Alalou. *The Butter Man*. Illustrated by Julie Klear Essakalli. Charlesbridge, 2008. 32 pages (Ages 5-9)

Gilani-Williams, Fawzia. *Nabeel's New Pants: An Eid Tale*. Illustrated by Proiti Roy. U. S. edition: Marshall Cavendish, 2010. 32 pages (Ages 4-8)

Rumford, James. *Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad*. A Neal Porter Book / Roaring Brook Press, 2008. 32 pages (Ages 7-10)

Williams, Karen Lynn, and Khadra Mohammed. *My Name is Sangoel*. Illustrated by Catherine Stock. Eerdmans, 2009. 32 pages (Ages 5-10)

Fiction

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. *Where the Streets Had a Name*. Arthur A. Levine / Scholastic, 2010. 313 pages. (Age 12 and older)

Carter, Anne Laurel. *The Shepherd's Granddaughter*. Greenwood Books / House of Anansi Press, 2008. 224 pages (Age 13 and older)

Ellis, Deborah. *Parvana's Journey*. Greenwood, 2002. 199 pages (Ages 10- 14)

Reedy, Trent. *Words in the Dust*. Arthur A Levine / Scholastic, 2011. 264 pages (Age 10-14)

Stein, Tammar. *Light Years*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2005. 263 pages (Age 15 and older)

Non-Fiction/Poetry

Ellis, Deborah. *Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak*. Greenwood, 2004. 110 pages (Age 12 and older)

Nye, Naomi Shihab. *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems from the Middle East*. Greenwillow/HarperCollins, 2002. 142 pages (Age 12 and older)

O'Brien, Tony, and Mike Sullivan. *Afghan Dreams: Young Voices of Afghanistan*. Photographs by Tony O'Brien. Bloomsbury, 2008. 69 pages

Zenatti, Valérie. *When I Was a Soldier: A Memoir*. Translated from the French by Adriana Hunter. U.S. edition: Bloomsbury, 2005. 235 pages (Ages 15-18)

And Back Again...

Picture Books

Bernhard, Durga. *While You Are Sleeping: a Lift the Flap Book of Time around the World*. Charlesbridge, 2011. 24 pages (Ages 3-7)

Global Babies. Charlesbridge, 2007. 14 pages (Birth to age 3)

Vyner, Tim. *World Team*. Roaring Brook Press, 2002. 32 pages (Ages 4-9)

Fiction

Free? Stories about Human Rights. Amnesty International. U.S. edition: Candlewick, Press, 2010. 202 pages (Age 11 and older)

Non-Fiction / Poetry

Greenberg, Jan, editor. *Side by Side: New Poems Inspired by Art from Around the World*. Abrams, 2008. 88 pages

Jenkins, Martin. *Can We Save the Tiger?* Illustrated by Vicky White U.S. edition: Candlewick, 2011. 32 pages (Ages 4-9)

We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures. Frances Lincoln, 2008. 62 pages
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