
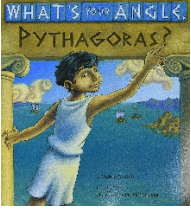
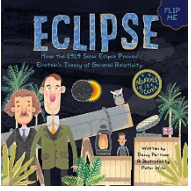


**Buffalo State University Global Book Hour**  
**Annotated Bibliography**  
(as of 12/20/23)

**Theme:** Curiosity

Location	Book Title	Author & Illustrator	Genre	Suggested Age Range	Book Cover	Brief description
Malawi	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind	William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer & Anna Hymas	Memoir	Ages 9-12		This exciting memoir shows how, even in a desperate situation, one boy's brilliant idea can light up the world. The book includes photographs, illustrations, and an epilogue that will bring readers up to date on William's story.
China	Grandfather Tang's Story: A Tale Told with Tangrams	Ann Tompert & Robert Andrew Parker	Folktale	Ages 3-9		When Little Soo asks for a story, Grandfather Tang arranges the tangram pieces and two magic fox fairies spring to life. The foxes change shapes from rabbits to dogs to squirrels and geese. This folktale will delight readers as the wonder of the tangram puzzle – and an endearing game between a grandfather and his granddaughter – reveals a story of magic, clever animals, and, ultimately, true friendship.
Central America	Mayans Count	Xavier Gómez Ariac & Alexandre Campos	Informational	Ages 4-8		This book explains the Mayan number system and helps Latino children identify with the characters of the book, develop math skills regarding positional systems, and honor their cultural background.
Tanzania	Fossil Huntress: Mary Leakey, Paleontologist	Andi Diehn & Katie Mazeika	Biography	Ages 4-8		Even as a young girl, Mary Leakey asked questions such as, What was the world like millions of years ago? Did early humans walk on all fours? Did giant sloths lie in trees? Did dinosaurs have feathers? In this fascinating biography, readers meet Mary as a girl growing up in France and visiting the sites of archeological wonders. As an adult, Mary

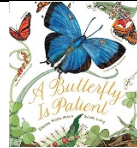
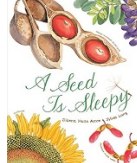
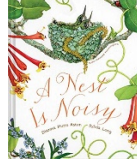
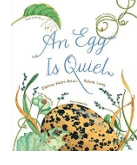
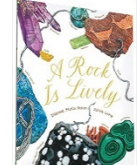
						spends much of her life working in the field in Tanzania, making discoveries that change the face of paleontology forever.
Italy and England	Secrets of the Sea: The Story of Jeanne Power, Revolutionary Marine Scientist	Evan Griffith & Joanie Stone	Biography	Ages 6-9		Jeanne Power was a nineteenth-century dressmaker who wanted to learn about the creatures that swim beneath the ocean waves, so she built glass tanks and changed the way we study underwater life forever.
Greece and Egypt	What's Your Angle, Pythagoras?	Julie Ellis & Phyllis Hornung	Biography	Ages 7-10		Readers can test their math skills and learn the Pythagorean Theorem alongside young Pythagoras in this STEM adventure. Pythagoras' curiosity takes him from Samos to Alexandria, where he meets a builder named Neferheperhersekeper, who introduces him to the right angle. While building, Pythagoras uses geometry to learn how to measure angles and discovers all he needs to know about right triangles.
Brazil and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe	Eclipse: How the 1919 Solar Eclipse Proved Einstein's Theory of General Relativity	Darcy Pattison & Peter Willis	Informational	Ages 6-12		In 1915, British astronomer Arthur Stanley Eddington was fascinated with Einstein's new theory of general relativity. The theory talks about how forces push and pull objects in space. Einstein said that the sun's gravity could pull and bend light. It seemed like a crazy idea. To test this, astronomers decided to photograph stars before and during the solar eclipse. If the star's position moved, then it was evidence that that light had bent. Eddington and his team traveled from England to the island of Príncipe, just off the African coast, to photograph the eclipse.

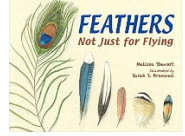
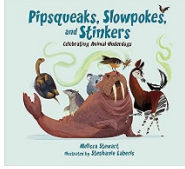
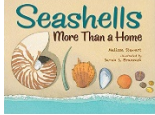

England, Germany, and Madagascar	Pollen: Darwin's 130-Year Prediction	Darcy Pattison & Peter Willis	Informational	Ages 6-9		This book explores how long it can take for science to find an answer to a problem. On January 25, 1862, naturalist Charles Darwin received a box of orchids. One flower, the Madagascar star orchid, fascinated him. It had an 11.5” nectary, the place where flowers make nectar, the sweet liquid that insects and birds eat. How, he wondered, did insects pollinate the orchid? It took 130 years to find the answer.
United States	Rachel Carson and Her Book that Changed the World	Laurie Lawlor & Laura Beingessner	Biography	Ages 6-9		Determined and curious even as a child, Rachel Carson's fascination with the natural world led her to study biology and pursue a career in science at a time when very few women worked in the field. This biography follows Carson's journey – from a girl exploring the woods, to a woman working to help support her family during the Great Depression, to a journalist and pioneering researcher, investigating and exposing the harmful effects of pesticide overuse.
United States	The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin	Julia Finely Mosca & Daniel Rieley	Biography	Ages 4-9		When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe.
Locations around the globe	Born Curious: 20 Girls Who Grew Up to Be Awesome Scientists	Martha Freeman & Katy Wu	Biography	Ages 7-12		Read about the histories of 20 incredible female scientists in this inspiring biography collection. The scientists and mathematicians in this book sought answers to many fascinating questions. Without their vision, insight, and hard work, the world would be a sicker, dirtier, and more dangerous place. The 20 groundbreaking women came from many

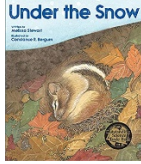
						different backgrounds and had all kinds of life experiences, but all had one thing in common: They were born curious.
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**Theme:** Natural World


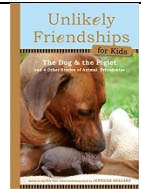

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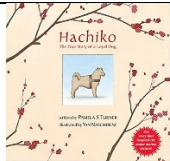
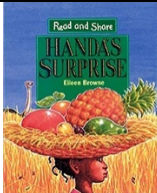
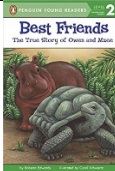


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Around the globe through an author study and exploration of nature	A Butterfly is Patient	Dianna Hutts Aston & Sylvia Long	Informational	Ages 5-8		Through beautiful illustrations and text, this book provides an informative introduction to the world of butterflies. An incredible variety of butterflies are celebrated here in all their beauty and wonder, from the tiny Arian Small Blue to the grand Queen Alexandra's Birdwing.
	A Seed is Sleepy					This book offers a beautiful and informative look at the intricate, complex, and often surprising world of seeds. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, the book introduces readers to a fascinating array of seed and plant facts.
	A Nest is Noisy					This carefully researched book shares a captivating array of nest facts from those of tiny bee hummingbirds to those of orangutans high in the rainforest canopy to spark the imaginations of readers.
	An Egg is Quiet					This beautiful and informative book makes for a fascinating introduction to the vast and amazing world of eggs. Full of wit and charm this book with spark the imagination and cultivate a love of science.
	A Rock is Lively					From dazzling blue Lapis Lazuli to volcanic Snowflake Obsidian, an incredible variety of rocks are showcased in all their splendor.

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Around the globe through an author study and exploration of nature	Feathers: Not Just for Flying	Melissa Stewart & Sarah Brannen	Informational	Ages 6-9		Young naturalists explore sixteen birds in this introduction to the many, remarkable uses of feathers. A concise main text highlights how feathers are not just for flying. More curious readers are invited to dig deeper with informative sidebars that underscore how feathers of all shapes and sizes help birds with warming or cooling, protect them from the sun, help them swim, glide or even dig.
	Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs	Melissa Stewart & Stephanie Laberis		Ages 4-8		This book introduces young readers to a variety of animal “underdogs” and explains how characteristics that might seem like weaknesses are critical for finding food and staying safe. Along with engaging animal facts, the book weaves in a gentle message of understanding and celebrating differences.
	Seashells: More Than a Home	Melissa Stewart & Stephanie Laberis		Ages 6-9		Young naturalists discover 13 seashells in this introduction to the remarkable versatility of shells. Dual-layered text highlights how shells provide more than a protective home. The informative secondary text underscores characteristics specific to each shell. Watercolor illustrations depict children from around the world observing and sketching seashells.
	A Place for Bats	Melissa Stewart & Higgins Bond		Ages 7-10		This book explains ways human action or inaction can affect bat populations and explores a wide range of environmental issues. The book discusses the ecosystems that support bats’ survival, and at the efforts of some people to save them. The author offers

						readers a list of things they can do to help protect these special creatures in their own communities.
	Under the Snow	Melissa Stewart & Constance Bergum		Ages 4-8		A look at the amazing ways animals behave and interact with their environments on a snowy day. The author explores a variety of habitats, providing readers with vivid glimpses of animals as they live out the winter beneath the snow and ice.

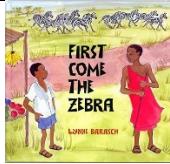
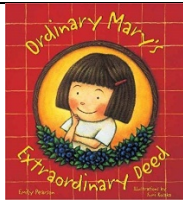
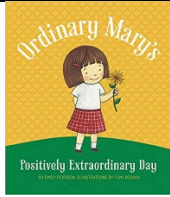
**Theme:** Friendship

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Madagascar	Thank You, Baobab Tree	Mi-hwa Joo & Yun-heu Park	Informational	Ages 6-10		There are eight species of baobab tree and they are all found in Madagascar, a country called the 'home of the baobab'. This story follows a family who rely on baobab trees for many things.
Not specified	Unlikely Friendships: The Dog and the Piglet	Jennifer Holland	Informational	Ages 7-18		This book contains five heartwarming true stories of animal friendship: a hippo and the goat who is his best friend, an iguana that snuggles with a cat, a dog that takes care of a blind deer, a cat and orangutan who become friends, and a mother dog who cares for a tiny piglet.
Korea	The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from.


Japan	Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog	Pamela S. Turner & Yan Nascimbene	Biography	Ages 4-7		Hachiko was a real dog who lived in Tokyo, a dog who faithfully waited for his owner at the Shibuya train station long after his owner could not come to meet him. This is Hachiko's story through the eyes of Kentaro, a young boy whose life is changed forever by his friendship with this very special dog.
East Africa	Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne	Narrative	Ages 5-9		Handa carries seven delicious fruits to her friend Akeyo as a surprise. But thanks to some hungry animals she meets along the way it's Handa who's in for a surprise!
Southeast Asia	Best Friends: The True Story of Owen and Mzee	Roberta Edwards & Carol Schwartz	Informational	Ages 6-7		After the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia, a little hippo named Owen was discovered orphaned and alone, far from home. This is the true and heartwarming story of the animal sanctuary that provided a new home for Owen, where he found an unlikely best friend in a 130 year-old tortoise named Mzee.
Iraq and Greece	Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey	Doug Kuntz, Amy Shrodes & Sue Cornelison	Narrative	Ages 4-8		When an Iraqi family is forced to flee their home, they can't bear to leave their beloved cat, Kunkush, behind. So they carry him with them from Iraq to Greece, keeping their secret passenger hidden away. But during the crowded boat crossing to Greece, his carrier breaks and the frightened cat runs from the chaos, disappearing. A few days later, aid workers in Greece find the lost cat. Knowing how much his family has sacrificed already, they are desperate to reunite them.
Not specified	Little Blue and Little Yellow	Leo Lionni	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Little Blue and Little Yellow are best friends, but one day they can't find each other. When they finally do, they give each other such a big hug that they turn green! How they find their true colors again concludes a wonderfully

						satisfying story told with colorful pieces of torn paper and very few words.
Not specified	Frog and Toad Are Friends	Arnold Lobel	Narrative	Ages 6-8		This book contains five engaging, warm and very funny stories about Frog and Toad. From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other - just as best friends should be.
Bilingual (Spanish/English)	Margaret and Margarita / Margarita y Margaret	Lynn Reiser	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Margaret speaks English but not Spanish. Margarita speaks Spanish but not English. Can they still play? Of course they can! Join two girls who aren't about to let <i>anything</i> spoil their fun.
Korea	Dear Juno	Soyung Pak & Susan Kathleen Hartung	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Juno's grandmother writes in Korean and Juno writes in drawings, but that doesn't mean they can't exchange letters. From the photo his grandmother sends him, Juno can tell that she has a new cat. From the picture he makes for her, Juno's grandmother can tell that he wants her to come for a visit. So she sends Juno a miniature plane, to let him know she's on the way.
Not specified	The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler	Narrative	Ages 3-7		When a tiny snail meets a humpback whale, the two travel together to far-off lands. It's a dream come true for the snail, who has never left home before. But when the whale swims too close to shore, will the snail be able to save her new friend?
France	Mirette on the High Wire	Emily Arnold McCully	Narrative	Ages 4-8		One day, a mysterious sad-faced stranger arrives at a boardinghouse of the widow Gateau. When the widow's daughter, Mirette, discovers him crossing the courtyard on air, she begs him to teach her how he does it. But Mirette doesn't know that the stranger was once the Great Bellini—master wire-walker. Or that Bellini has been stopped by a terrible


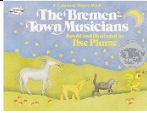
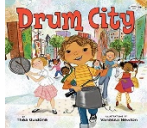
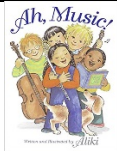
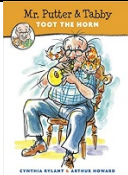


						fear. And it is she who must teach him courage once again.
Kenya	First Come the Zebra	Lynne Barasch	Narrative	Ages 6-9		One day when Abaani, a Maasai boy, takes his family's cattle out to graze, he is surprised to see a Kikuyu boy, Haki, tending a new fruit and vegetable stall alongside the road. The boys know of the traditional conflicts between the Maasai and the Kikuyu. They take an immediate dislike to each other. A short while later, as customers surround Haki's stall, a dangerous situation suddenly arises. Abaani calls to Haki, and together they act quickly. Little do the boys know they have also taken the first step in overcoming their differences and forging a path to friendship.
Locations around the globe	Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed	Emily Pearson & Fumi Kosaka	Narrative	Ages 4-12		Can one child's good deed change the world? It can when she's Ordinary Mary—an ordinary girl from an ordinary school, on her way to her ordinary house—who stumbles upon ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, she starts a chain reaction that multiplies around the world.
Not specified	Ordinary Mary's Positively Extraordinary Day	Emily Pearson & Fumi Kosaka	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Join Ordinary Mary and the kindness crew on their quest to change the world, one school at a time. Follow Mary in this feel-good story as she once again inspires others with positivity and kindness through a variety of ordinary deeds!

**Theme: Music**

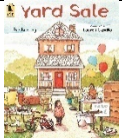


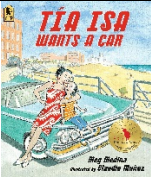
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Cuba	Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa	Veronica Chambers	Biography	Ages 5-8		This inspirational life story chronicles the life of an extraordinary salsa singer from Cuba. Readers learn about Celi's childhood and her

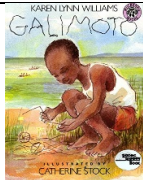
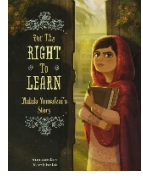
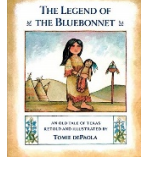
						rise to worldwide fame and recognition as the Queen of salsa.
Caribbean nations	Kenya's Song	Linda Trice	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Kenya's homework is to pick her favorite song, but with all that beautiful music in the world, how can she possibly choose? For inspiration, Kenya accompanies her father to the Caribbean Cultural Center where she hears music from many places and in different languages.
Mexico	Esquivel! Space-age Sound Artist	Susan Wood	Biography	Ages 6-9		This lively biography follows Juan García Esquivel from Mexico to New York City. Juan grew up to the sounds of mariachi bands; he loved music and became a musical explorer. This account honors Esquivel as one of the great composers of the 20th century.
France	Berlioz the Bear	Jan Brett	Biography	Ages 4-8		Berlioz and his bear orchestra are playing the gala ball in the village square at eight o'clock. But a strange buzzing sound coming from inside Berlioz's double bass causes him to steer the mule-driven bandwagon of musicians into a hole in the road. Who will rescue the wagon? Readers will enjoy the surprise ending.
Unspecified	Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin	Lloyd Moss	Informational	Ages 4-8		As the book opens, the trombone is playing by itself. But soon a trumpet makes a duet, a French horn a trio, and so on until the entire orchestra is assembled on stage. Written in verse, this unique counting book is a joyous celebration of classical music and the perfect introduction to musical groups
Canada	Mortimer	Robert Munsch	Narrative	Ages 4-7		The story of a little boy who won't go to sleep at night and who drives his family crazy with his rowdiness. The book has tremendous appeal to kids and parents and is one of Munsch's most popular and beloved books.

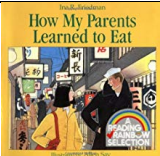
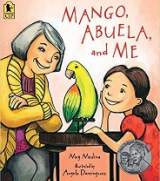
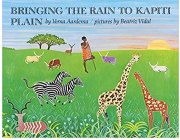
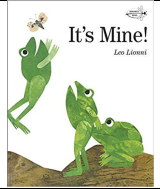
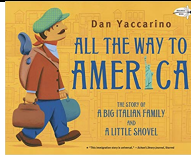
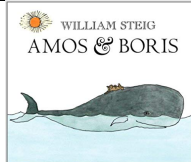
Various locations around the globe	Music Is Everywhere!	Maya Ajmera, Elise Hofer Derstine, & Cynthia Pon	Informational	Ages 4-8		Photographs from around the world celebrate the universal joy that kids get from making music, whether they're playing instruments, clapping their hands, stomping their feet, or singing. Music can help express one child's feelings—or it can bring a whole community together.
Germany	The Bremen-Town Musicians	Isle Plume	Folktale	Ages 3-7		A donkey, a dog, a cat, and a rooster have grown too old to be useful to their masters. Because their masters want to get rid of them, they run away. Soon, they meet on the road and decide to go to Bremen-Town to be street musicians. There, they discover a cozy cabin occupied by robbers. It's up to the four friends to scare the robbers away in the most inventive way they can.
Unspecified	Drum City	Thea Guidone	Narrative	Ages 3-7		What begins with one boy's beat on a kettle soon spreads to pots and pans and cartons and cans all across the neighborhood. When everyone joins in, together they create the catchy, driving tempo of a bright, hot Drum City!
Unspecified	Ah, Music!	Aliki	Informational	Ages 4-8		Everything you would ever want to know about music is in this compendium, from how to define it, to types of instruments, the voice as an instrument, how dance and music work together, its history and diversity, music as therapy, and the importance of practice. The joy of music is not lost in all the information, however, as the book conveys the power of music to inspire.
Unspecified	Mr. Putter and Tabby Toot the Horn	Cynthia Rylant	Narrative	Ages 6-9		Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby, like sharing music with their neighbors Mrs. Teaberry and her dog, Zeke. But when Mrs. Teaberry decides they should join a band, Mr. Putter

						isn't so sure. He doesn't even play an instrument – in fact, neither does Mrs. Teaberry. But they aren't going to let that stop them!
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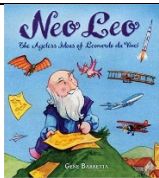
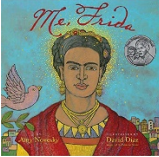

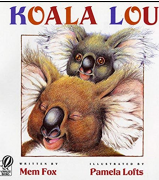
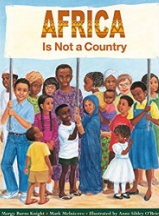

**Theme:** Resilience

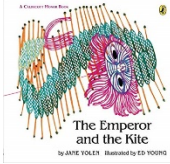
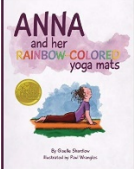


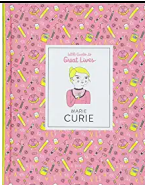
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United States	Yard Sale	Eve Bunting	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Almost everything Callie's family owns is in their front yard. They can't stay in this house and are moving to a smaller apartment where most of their things won't fit, so today they are having a yard sale.
China	Ruby's Wish	Shirin Yim Bridges	Narrative	Ages 5-8		Ruby is unlike most little girls in old China. Instead of aspiring to get married, Ruby is determined to attend university when she grows up, just like the boys in her family. Based on the true story of the author's grandmother.
Tanzania	Babu's Song	Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen	Narrative	Ages 5-6		Bernardi lives with his grandfather, Babu, who supports them by making toys. Bernardi wishes he could go to school, but they can't afford it. When a tourist offers a handsome price for the music box Babu gave him as a present, Bernardi regretfully sells it, giving the money to Babu. Babu uses the money to pay for his grandson's school, and he starts working on a new music box.
United States	Tía Isa Wants a Car	Meg Medina	Narrative	Ages 3-7		While Tía Isa wants to save money for a car that will take the whole family to the beach, her niece does odd jobs for neighbors. But it's hard to save enough when half the money is set aside to someday bring family members who live far away to join them.

Malawi	Galimoto	Karen Lynn Williams	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Kondi is determined to make a <i>galimoto</i> —a toy vehicle made of wires. His brother laughs at the idea, but all day Kondi goes about gathering up the wire he needs. By nightfall, his wonderful <i>galimoto</i> is ready for the village children to play with in the light of the moon.
Unspecified	Fish is Fish	Leo Leoni	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Two best friends, a minnow and a tadpole, are practically inseparable until the tadpole grows legs and decides to explore the world beyond the pond. When the tadpole, now a frog, returns to tell his friend of the extraordinary things he's seen, the minnow, now a fish, tries to follow in his footsteps, but quickly finds that land is not what he expected.
Pakistan	For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story	Rebecca Ann Langston George	Biography	Ages 9-12		She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent and changed the world.
United States	The Legend of the Bluebonnet: An Old Tale of Texas	Tomie dePaola	Legend	Ages		When a killing drought threatens the existence of the tribe, a courageous little Comanche girl sacrifices her most beloved possession – and the Great Spirit's answer results not only in much needed rain but a very special gift in return.
United States	A Chair for My Mother	Vera Williams	Narrative	Ages 4-8		After their home is destroyed by a fire, Rosa, her mother and grandmother save their coins to buy a really comfortable chair for all to enjoy. (This book will provide an introduction to the Resilience theme.)
United States, Alaska	Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod	Robert Blake	Narrative	Ages 5-8		When she hurts her paw on the fourth day of the race, Akiak can no longer compete in the Iditarod, the famed dogsledding race through 1,151 miles of Alaskan terrain. Her musher has no choice but to leave her behind;

						however, nothing will stop Akiak from catching up to her team.
Japan	How My Parents Learned to Eat	Ina Friedman & Allen Say	Narrative	Ages 4-7		An American sailor courts a young Japanese woman and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.
Cuba	Mango, Abuela, and Me	Meg Medina & Angela Dominguez	Narrative	Ages 5-8		Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. While they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English, and Mia learns some Spanish, too. A parrot helps them find a way to communicate better.
Kenya	Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Verna Aardema & Beatriz Vidal	Folk tale	Ages 5-8		A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.
The Netherlands	It's Mine!	Leo Lionni	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Three selfish frogs live together on an island in the middle of Rainbow Pond. All day long they bicker: <i>It's mine! It's mine! It's mine!</i> But a bad storm and a big brown toad help them realize that sharing is much more fun.
Italy	All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel	Dan Yaccarino	Narrative	Ages 5-9		The author's great-grandfather arrived at Ellis Island with a small shovel and his parents' good advice: "Work hard, but remember to enjoy life, and never forget your family."
Ivory Coast	Amos & Boris	William Steig	Narrative	Ages 5-8		Amos the mouse and Boris the whale: a devoted pair of friends with nothing at all in common, except good hearts and a willingness to help their fellow mammal.

**Theme:** Discovery



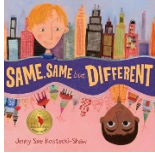
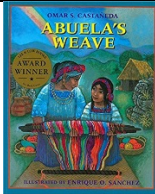
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Italy	Neo Leo: The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo Di Vinci	Gene Barretta	Biography	Ages 4-8		At once an artist, inventor, engineer, and scientist, da Vinci wrote and drew detailed descriptions of what would later become hang gliders, automobiles, robots, and much more.
Mexico	Me, Frida	Amy Novesky & David Diaz	Biography	Ages 5-7		Like a tiny bird in a big city, Frida Kahlo feels lost and lonely when she arrives in San Francisco with her husband, the famous artist Diego Rivera. But as Frida begins to explore San Francisco on her own, she discovers the inspiration she needs to become one of the most celebrated artists of all time.
Pacific Ocean	Hello Ocean	Pam Muñoz Ryan & Mark Astrella	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Relive a day at the beach with this lovely book of memories. The inspiration of the ocean will make learning the five senses easy and wonderful.
Australia	Koala Lou	Mem Fox & Pamela Lofts	Narrative	Ages 4-7		When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time.
Various countries in Africa	Africa Is Not a Country	Margy Burns Knight & Anne Sibley O'Brien	Informational	Ages 8-12		Enter into the daily life of children in the many countries of modern Africa. Countering stereotypes, this book celebrates the extraordinary diversity of the African continent as experienced by children at home, at school, at work, and at play.
France	The Magical Garden of Claude Monet	Laurence Anholt	Biography	Ages 6-9		Julie lives in Paris, but she longs to walk in a beautiful country garden. When her mother takes her on a visit to rural Giverny, Julie discovers a beautiful garden and befriends the immortal artist Claude Monet.

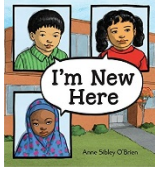

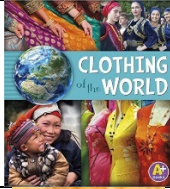
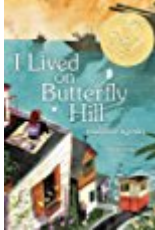
China	The Emperor and the Kite	Jane Yolen & Ed Young	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Largely ignored by her own family, Princess Djeow Seow spends her days playing with a kite made from paper and sticks. But when the Emperor is imprisoned in a high tower, only the Princess can save the day, flying her kite high up into the sky to rescue her father.
India	Anna and her Rainbow-Colored Yoga Mats	Giselle Shardlow & Paul Wrangles	Narrative	Ages 5-6		Anna finds happiness practicing yoga at recess. She imagines traveling the world and exploring new places. Will her new classmates accept her and join the fun?
Various locations around the world	Mistakes that Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions and How They Came To Be	Charlotte Foltz Jones & John O'Brien	Informational	Ages 8-12		Hilarious cartoons and weird amazing facts, make up this fun-filled book about everyday items that had surprisingly haphazard beginnings.
Various locations around the world	This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of 7 Kids from around the World	Matt Lamothe	Informational	Ages 5-6		This book provides a window into traditions that may be different from our own as well as mirrors reflecting our common experiences. Inspired by his own travels, the author transports readers across the globe and back with this luminous and thoughtful picture book.
Poland	Little Guides to Great Lives: Marie Curie	Isabel Thomas & Anke Weckmann	Biography	Ages 8-11		Marie Curie was a brilliant scientist who coined the term 'radioactivity', discovered polonium and radium, and helped develop treatments for cancer. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, but her dedication to physics ultimately caused her death from radiation.



Japan	I Live in Tokyo	Mari Takabayashi	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Seven-year-old Mimiko lives in Tokyo, and here you can follow a year's worth of fun, food and festivities in Mimiko's life, month by month.
Italy	Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei	Peter Sis	Biography	Ages 6-10		In every age there are courageous people who break with tradition to explore new ideas and challenge accepted truths. Galileo Galilei was just such a man--a genius--and the first to turn the telescope to the skies to map the heavens.
France	Manfish: Story of Jacques Cousteau	Jennifer Berne & Eric Puybaret	Biography	Ages 6-9		As a boy, Jacques fell in love with the sea and dreamed of breathing beneath the waves and swimming as gracefully as a fish. Jacques Cousteau grew up to become a champion of the seas and one of the best-known oceanographers in the world.
Saudi Arabia	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors	Hena Khan & Mehrdokht Amini	Informational	Ages 5-6		With vivid illustrations and informative text, this book captures the world of Islam, celebrating its beauty and traditions for even the youngest readers.
Kenya and Tanzania	Masai and I	Virginia Kroll & Nancy Carpenter	Narrative	Ages 4-7		A young girl learns about East Africa and the Masai people and begins to wonder what her life would be like if she were Masai.
Various locations around the world	Women in Science	Rachel Ignotofsky	Informational	Ages 6-9		This book highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from the ancient to the modern world.


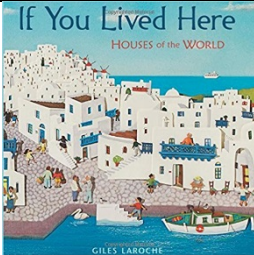
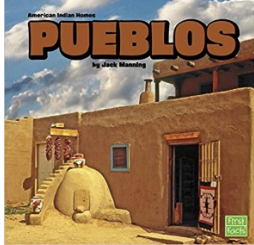

**Theme:** Clothing


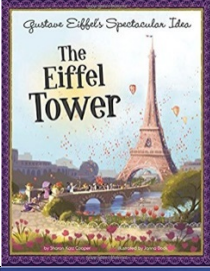
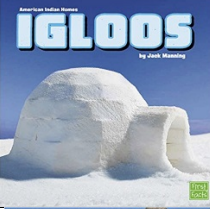
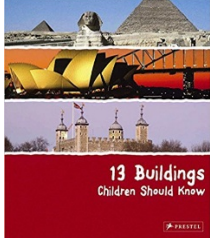
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Scandinavia	The Hat	Jan Brett	Narrative	Ages 1-3		Hedgie the hedgehog's curiosity gets him into a pickle when he sticks his nose into a woolen stocking and his prickles prevent him from pulling out of it. Soon all the farm animals are chuckling at silly Hedgie's stocking cap. But in the end, nimble-witted Hedgie gets the last laugh.
Japan	Suki's Kimono	Chieri Uegaki & Stephane Jorisch	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Suki's Kimono is the joyful story of a little girl whose spirit leads her to march -- and dance -- to her own drumbeat.
India & United States	Same, Same, but Different	Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that although their worlds might look different, they are actually similar.
Guatemala	Abuela's Weave	Omar Castaneda & Enrique Sanchez	Narrative	Ages 6-9		A story about the importance of family pride and personal endurance which introduces children to the culture of Guatemala through the eyes of little Esperanza, who works with her abuela--her grandmother--on weavings to sell at the public market.

Guatemala, Korea, & Somalia	I'm New Here	Anne Sibley O'Brien	Narrative	Ages 5-8		Three students are immigrants from Guatemala, Korea, and Somalia and have trouble speaking, writing, and sharing ideas in English in their new U.S. elementary school. Through self-determination and with encouragement from their peers and teachers, the students learn to feel confident and comfortable in their new school without losing a sense of their home country, language, and identity.
Iraq	The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story	Rebecca Hickox & Will Hillenbrand	Folk tale	Ages 5-8		In this Iraqi folk tale, Maha suffers under a mean stepmother until a benevolent fish helps her prepare for a grand henna celebration. The shoe that ultimately saves Maha from a cruel fate is a golden sandal.
Various locations around the globe	Clothing of the World	Nancy Loewen & Paula Skelley	Informational	Ages 4-8		We wear clothing to protect ourselves from the environment, to celebrate special occasions, to honor traditions, and to express ourselves. With rhyming text and vibrant photographs, this book celebrates our global heritage.
Chile	I lived on Butterfly Hill	Marjorie Agosin & Lee White	Historical fiction	Ages 10-14		An eleven-year-old's world is upended by political turmoil in this searing novel from an award-winning poet, based on true events in Chile.

**Theme:** Buildings and Homes Around the World

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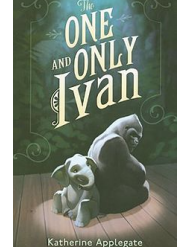
Various locations around the globe	Home	Carson Ellis	Narrative	Ages 4-8		This picture book explores the concept of home in realistic and fanciful ways.
Various locations around the globe	If You Lived Here: Houses of the World	Giles Larouche	Informational	Ages 6-9		Step into unique homes from around the world and discover the many fascinating ways in which people live and have lived.
Mexico/Southwest U.S.	Pueblos	Jack Manning	Informational	Ages 6-9		American Indians used adobe, sandstone, and other materials to build pueblos. Learn all about pueblos, including the tools used to build them and the people who called them home.
Egypt	Pyramids	Laura Marsh	Informational	Ages 4-6		Travel to ancient Egypt to learn all about its amazing pyramids.

Various locations around the globe	Skyscrapers	Libby Romero	Informational	Ages 6-9		Learn all about the world's most amazing skyscrapers – from the first, to the tallest, to how they are built.
France	The Eiffel Tower: Gustav Eiffel's Spectacular Idea	Sharon Katz Cooper & Jana Bock	Informational (biography)	Ages 7-10		Paris' famous Eiffel Tower is one of the most recognized landmarks in the world, but it wasn't easy to build. Follow along with Gustave's Eiffel's beginnings as a bridge designer and engineer behind the Statue of Liberty to the criticism and personal attacks he faced while building the tower.
Northern U.S. & Canada	Igloos	Jack Manning	Informational	Ages 6-9		Indigenous Americans and Canadians cut blocks of snow to build igloos. Learn all about igloos, including the tools used to build them and the people who called them home.
Various locations around the globe	13 Buildings Children Should Know	Annette Roeder	Informational	Ages 8-12		The world's most iconic buildings are made accessible and exciting for young readers in this colorful introduction to architecture that changed the world.

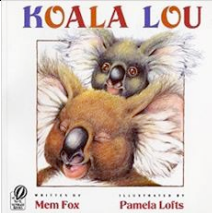
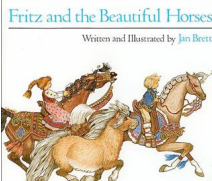
**Theme:** Animals, Part I

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England	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter	Narrative	Ages 3-7		The original classic by Beatrix Potter endures as her most popular story, chronicling the tale of a very mischievous rabbit and the trouble he encounters in Mr. McGregor's vegetable garden.
United Republic of Tanzania	We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey through Tanzania	Laurie Krebs & Julia Cairns	Narrative	Ages 5-8		A group of children set out on a counting journey through the grasslands of Tanzania where they encounter a wide array of animals while counting from one to ten in both English and Swahili.
The Arctic	National Geographic Readers: Polar Bears	Laura Marsh	Informational	Ages 4-6		Learn about the lives of polar bears as well as their threatened habitat.
Antarctica	National Geographic Readers: Penguins	Anne Schreiber	Informational	Ages 5-8		Learn about the lives and habits of these interesting birds.
North Atlantic Ocean	See What a Seal Can Do	Christine Butterworth & Kate Nelms	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 4-8		Discover the underwater lives of seals by journeying through their world.

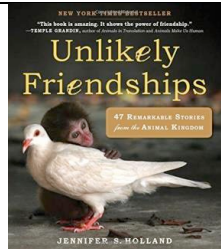
China	Tracks of a Panda	Nick Dowson & Yu Rong	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 4-8		A giant panda and her baby search for a safe, sustaining home.
Canada (Yukon Territory)	Walk with a Wolf	Janni Howker & Sarah Fox-Davies	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 4-8		This poetic picture book takes readers into snowy and cold northern Canada where wolves still roam despite being hunted nearly to extinction.
India	Tigress	Nick Dowson & Jane Chapman	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 5-8		Follow the story of a mother tiger who nurtures her two young cubs in the forest and prepares them to survive on their own. This book presents an interesting combination of fierce predator and gentle parent who is an endangered species.
Israel	Stork's Landing	Tami Lehman-Wilzig & Anna Shuttlewood	Narrative (based on a true story)	Ages 5-8		Set in the context of Israel's large bird migrations, one stork breaks its wing when caught in a net protecting the kibbutz fishpond. A young girl wonders if she can find a way to nurse it back to health and send it back into the wild. The book teaches ethical treatment of animals and perseverance.
Peru	Moon Rope: Un lazo a la luna	Lois Ehlert	Folktale	Ages 4-8		In this bilingual (English and Spanish) version of an ancient Peruvian tale, readers learn why moles live underground.
United States	The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate & Patricia Castelao	Narrative (based on a true story)	Ages 8-12		A silverback gorilla named Ivan lives in a cage at a mall. The novel is written in first person from the point of view of Ivan.

**Theme: Animals, Part II**

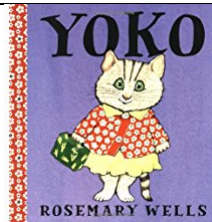

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Australia	Koala Lou	Mem Fox & Pamela Lofts	Narrative	Ages 4-7		When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time.
Medieval Europe	Fritz and the Beautiful Horses	Jan Brett	Narrative	Ages 3-5		Fritz, a pony excluded from the group of beautiful horses within a walled city, becomes a hero when he rescues the children of the city.
The Kalahari Desert	National Geographic Readers: Meerkats	Laura Marsh	Informational	Ages 4-6		Readers are introduced to the world of meerkats, where groups of these creatures work together to survive in the wild.
India	National Geographic Readers: Elephants	Avery Hurt	Informational	Ages 3-5		Learn about these intriguing, large animals of the African savanna and forests of India.
Atlantic Ocean	One Tiny Turtle	Nicola Davies & Jane Chapman	Informational	Ages 4-8		Follow the female loggerhead turtle's journey from beach to wide ocean where she grows and travels and eventually returns to the beach of her birth to lay her own eggs.

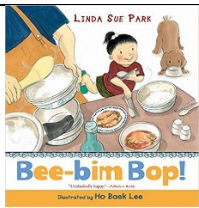
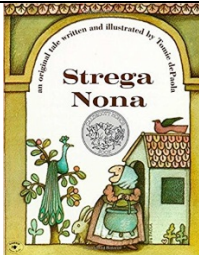
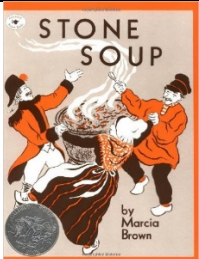
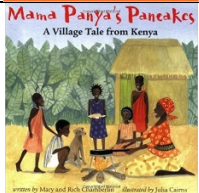


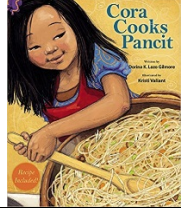

The Sargasso Sea	Think of an Eel	Karen Wallace & Mike Bostock	Informational	Ages 4-8		Although often viewed as ugly and scary, this book provides many details about the life cycle of an eel.
Egypt	Camels	Kate Riggs	Informational	Ages 5-6		An introduction to camels, covering their growth process, behaviors, the deserts they call home, and such defining features as their humps.
Canada	Bears in the Forest	Karen Wallace & Barbara Firth	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 4-8		Readers take a journey through the forest to learn about the lives of two bear cubs who learn from their mother how to survive.
Madagascar	Chameleons Are Cool	Martin Jenkins & Sue Shields	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 4-8		A boy explains his fascination with chameleons by describing their unique physical and behavioral characteristics.
Mexico	Cuckoo/ Cucú	Lois Ehlert	Folktale	Ages 3 and up		In this bilingual (English and Spanish) retelling of a Mexican folktale, readers learn the reason for the Cuckoo's distinctive sound.

Various places around the globe	Unlikely Friendships	Jennifer Holland	Narrative (realistic)	Ages 7-12		This book documents 47 tales of amazing friendships between species of animals who bond in surprising ways.
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**Theme:** Nourishment

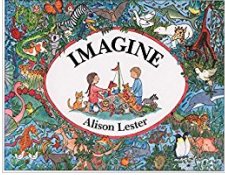
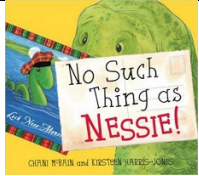
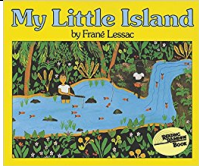
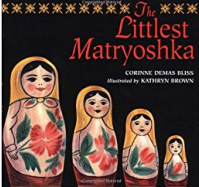
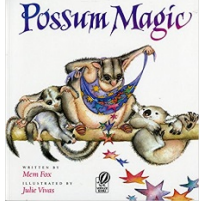
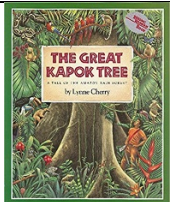
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Japan	Yoko	Rosemary Wells	Narrative	Ages 3-6		When Yoko brings sushi and red bean ice cream for lunch, her classmates tease her. Yoko's teacher plans an International Food Day requiring the students to try everything, but only one student is willing to eat Yoko's sushi. This leads to an important friendship and future plans.
China	Fortune Cookie Fortunes	Grace Lin	Narrative	Ages 3-7		While eating at a restaurant serving Chinese food, a young girl wonders if the fortunes in the cookies come true. A brief history of fortune cookies is included.
Mexico	Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes	Rosemary Thong & John Parra	Narrative	Ages 4-7		The children in this book discover shapes all around them. Many of the featured objects are Latino in origin and named in Spanish. The text uses rhyming and includes an informative glossary.
Various places around the globe	Bread, Bread, Bread	Ann Morris & Ken Heyman	Informational	Ages 4-8		Bread is eaten by people across the globe. This world tour of bread illustrates and explains its many shapes, sizes, textures, and colors.


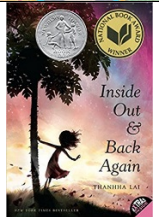
England	The Giant Jam Sandwich	John Vernon Lord & Janet Burroway	Narrative	Ages 4-7		In a silly and fun tale told through verse, the people of Itching Down fight an invasion of wasps by trapping them in a large strawberry-jam sandwich.
Korea	Bee Bim Bop	Linda Sue Park & Ho Baek Lee	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Bee-bim bop ("mix-mix rice") is a traditional Korean dish. Through rhyme, a child tells of helping her mother make bee-bim bop from shopping, preparing ingredients, setting the table, and sitting down to enjoy a delicious meal. The book includes Linda Sue's own bee-bim bop recipe.
Italy	Strega Nona	Tomie de Paolo	Folktale	Ages 4-8		Strega Nona ("Grandma Witch") provides potions and cures. She has a magic pasta pot which intrigues her helper, Big Anthony. While Strega Nona is away, Anthony recites the magic verse over the pot and nearly floods the town in pasta.
France	Stone Soup	Marcia Brown	Folktale	Ages 4-8		Three clever soldiers outwit a group of townspeople by making soup out of stones and creating a feast for the village.
Kenya	Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya	Mary and Rich Chamberlain & Julia Cairns	Narrative	Ages 4-7		On market day, Mama Panya's son Adika invites everyone he sees to a pancake dinner. How will Mama Panya feed them all? This story teaches the importance of generosity. A recipe, map, details about daily life, and facts about Kiswahili and Kenya are included.

The Philippines	Cora Cooks Pancit	Dorina Lazo Gilmore & Kristi Valiant	Narrative	Ages 5-7		Cora finally gets the chance to be Mama's assistant chef as they cook her favorite noodle dish, pancit.
France	Julia Child: An Extraordinary Life in Words and Pictures	Erin Hagar & Joanna Gorham	Informational (biography)	Ages 9-12		After traveling the world working for the U.S. government, Julia's love of cooking led her to enroll in a cooking school and then devote her life to learning, perfecting, and sharing the art of French cuisine. This illustrated biography recounts the life of a remarkable woman, author, and TV personality.


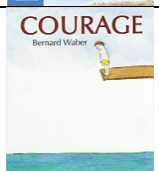

**Theme: Imagination**

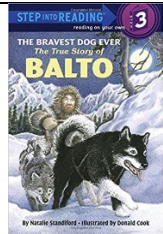

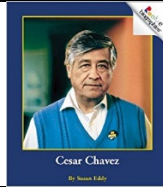
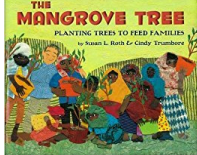
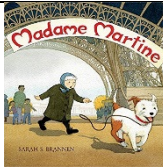

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World of imagination	Journey	Aaron Becker	Wordless narrative	Ages 4-8		This wordless picture book follows the travels of a girl with a crayon and imagination as she faces wonder, adventure, and danger.
India	Ganesha's Sweet Tooth	Emily Haynes & Sanjay Patel	Folktale	Ages 8-12		A funny retelling of how Ganesha came to help write the epic poem of Hindu literature, the Mahabharata.
World of imagination	Dragons Love Tacos	Adam Rubin & Daniel Salmieri	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Dragons are easily lured to a party where tacos are served; however, there are fiery consequences when they eat the salsa in this funny, silly book.

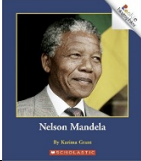
Various places around the globe	Imagine	Alison Lester	Narrative (w/ information about animals included)	Ages 4-8		A vivid introduction to animals from all parts of the world, portraying them in their specialized environments with very detailed pictures.
Scotland	No Such Thing as Nessie	Chani McBain & Kirsteen Harris-Jones	Narrative	Ages 3-6		While visiting his Gran, who lives beside Loch Ness, Finlay seeks proof that Nessie, the famous Loch Ness Monster, really does exist.
Montserrat	My Little Island	Frane Lessac	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Two boys visit the Caribbean island where one of them was born. Readers learn about the island's culture along with them.
Russia	The Littlest Matryoshka	Corinne Demas Bliss & Kathryn Brown	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Nina, the smallest of a group of Russian nesting dolls, is separated from her sisters as she begins a dangerous journey that eventually brings her back home.
Australia	Possum Magic	Mem Fox & Julie Vivas	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Grandma Poss uses bush magic to make Hush invisible, but when Hush wants to see herself again, Grandma can't remember the Australian food necessary to reverse the spell. Traveling around the continent in search of an antidote, Grandma and Hush sample indigenous foods.
Amazon Rain Forest	The Great Kapok Tree	Lynne Cherry	Narrative	Ages 4-7		A man beginning to cut down a great kapok tree falls asleep at its roots. While he dreams, the animals that depend on the tree beg him to reconsider.

France	William and the Missing Masterpiece	Helen Hancocks	Narrative	Ages 3-7		When the <i>Mona Cheesa</i> is stolen from a Parisian gallery, cat-detective William puts the clues together to solve the crime.
Vietnam and United States	Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	Narrative verse	Ages 8-12		Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee who fled Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrated to Alabama, this coming-of-age novel provides a child's view of immigration.



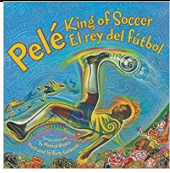
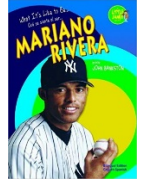
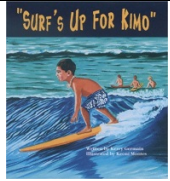
**Theme: Heroes**

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Various places around the globe	Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change	Garth Sundem	Informational (biography)	Ages 9-13		Thirty true stories profile kids who have helped others and made extraordinary accomplishments.
Not specified	Courage	Bernard Waber	Narrative	Ages 4-7		This book explores what it means to act courageously in both big and small ways.
Various places around the globe	All the Colors We Are/Todos los colores de nuestra piel	Kate Kissinger	Informational	Ages 3+		Explore how skin color is an important feature of a way we are all special and different from one another. This bilingual (English/Spanish) book offers children a simple, scientifically accurate explanation about how our skin color is determined by our ancestors, the sun, and melanin.

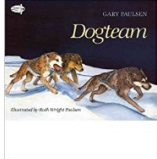
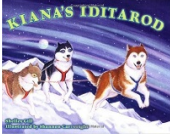
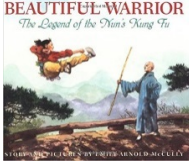

Alaska	The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto	Meghan McCarthy & Donald Cook	Informational (based on a true story)	Ages 5-8		Based on a true story, sled dog Balto leads his team through snow and ice over 53 miles of northern Alaska wilderness to deliver some medicine in 1925 during an outbreak of diphtheria, when the closest medicine was 800 miles away in Anchorage.
Pakistan	Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan/ Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan	Jeanette Winter	Informational (biography)	Ages 6-10		In a two-in-one book that readers can begin from either end, the author introduces us to the two young heroes of Pakistan who stood up for the rights to freedom and education.
United States	Cesar Chavez	Susan Eddy	Informational (biography)	Ages 6+		Readers learn about Cesar Chavez, the Mexican-American union leader who fought for better wages and working conditions among migrant farm workers.
Eritrea	The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families	Susan Roth & Cindy Trumbone	Informational (biography)	Ages 6-11		Using both verse and prose, readers learn how Dr. Gordon Sato's mangrove tree-planting project transformed an impoverished village into a self-sufficient community.
France	Madame Martine	Sarah Brannen	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Madame Martine follows the same routine every day taking for granted the beautiful things that exist all around her. A dog she befriends helps her discover what she has been missing.
Puerto Rico	Clemente!	Willie Perdomo & Bryan Collier	Narrative	Ages 6-10		A little boy named Clemente learns about his namesake, the great baseball player Roberto Clemente who was an exceptional athlete and humanitarian.

South Africa	Nelson Mandela	Karima Grant	Informational (biography)	Ages 6-7		Learn about Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and lifelong political activist.
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**Theme:** Sports and Games

Location	Book Title	Author & Illustrator	Genre	Suggested Age Range	Book Cover	Brief description
Various places around the globe	Games	Lisa Easterling	Informational	Ages 4-6		Readers learn about games around the world, including board games, ball games, string games, and how people play them.
China	Kite Flying	Grace Lin	Narrative	Ages 3-7		This book celebrates the Chinese tradition of kite making and kite flying depicting a family bonded by this ancient and modern pleasure.
Brazil	Pele, King of Soccer/El rey de fútbol	Monica Brown & Rudy Gutierrez	Informational (biography)	Ages 4-8		This bilingual (English/Spanish) will inspire and amaze readers as they learn about the man who revolutionized the sport of soccer. The dynamic illustrations bring energy to Pele's story.
Panama	What It's Like to Be/ Qué se siente al ser Mariano Rivera	John Bankston	Informational (biography)	Ages 7-10		This bilingual (English/Spanish) biography informs readers about the exciting life of Panamanian baseball player, Mariano Rivera.
Hawaii	Surf's Up for Kimo	Kerry Germain & Keoni Montes	Narrative	Ages 3-8		Young Kimo longs to be a surfer like his brothers, two of the best wave riders. With their help, he learns the steps to becoming a surfer. Factual information about Hawaiian flora is included.

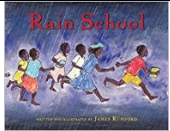


North America	Dog Team	Gary Paulsen & Ruth Wright Paulsen	Narrative	Ages 3-7		On a moonlit winter night, a team of dogs pulls a sled, taking the narrator and readers on an exciting ride through the snow, into and out of the woods.
Alaska	Kiana's Iditarod	Shelley Gill & Shannon Cartwright	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Kiana leads her team of huskies on a journey unlike any other. The Iditarod includes 1,049 miles from Anchorage to Nome. The trail is full of obstacles the team must overcome to reach the finish line. The author brings her firsthand experience as the fifth woman to complete the Iditarod.
Mongolia	Horse Song: The Naadam of Mongolia	Ted & Betsy Lewin	Narrative (travelogue)	Ages 6-10		With energy and emotion, readers watch young boy and girl jockeys race horses in the traditional Naadam summer festival of Mongolia.
China	Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu	Emily Arnold McCully	Folktale	Ages 4-8		This is the dramatic, multilayered story of two legendary women warriors, Wu Mei, the "beautiful warrior," and her most famous pupil, Mingyi.
Various places around the globe	When Children Play: The Story of the Right to Play	Gina McMurchy Barber	Informational	Ages 10-15		Founded in 2000 by Norwegian Olympic medalist Johann Olav Koss, Right to Play begins at the grassroots community level, using sports and games to teach children around the world values like self-esteem, empathy, and peace. Samples of Right to Play games are also included.

**Theme:** Resolution. Problem Solving. Pay it Forward.

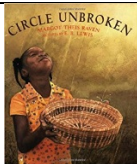
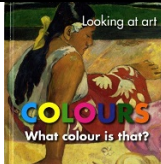


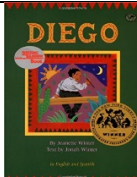
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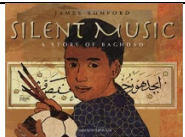
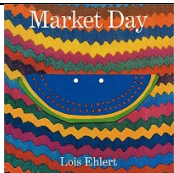
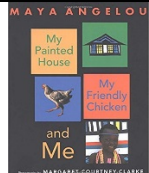

Various places around the globe	Because Amelia Smiled	David Ezra Stein	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Putting a unique spin on "what goes around comes around," the story reminds us that adding even a small dose of kindness into the world can spur more kindness, which could eventually make its way back to you.
Various places around the globe	I Have the Right to Be a Child	Alain Serres	Informational	Ages 4-7		A young narrator describes what it means to be a child with rights (that come from the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1989). The book emphasizes that these rights belong to every child on the planet and also notes that knowing and talking about these rights are the first steps toward making sure that they are respected.
India & United States	Same, Same, but Different	Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that although their worlds might look different, they are actually similar.
Colombia	Waiting for the Biblioburro	Monica Brown & John Parra	Narrative (based on a true story)	Ages 5-8		This story was inspired by the heroic efforts of real-life librarian Luis Soriano who journeyed on his burro over mountains and through valleys to bring books to rural Colombia. (Also available in Spanish.)
Norway	Cecil the Pet Glacier	Matthea Harvey & Giselle Potter	Narrative	Ages 4-8		This unique book explores the desire to be normal, then coming to appreciate being different. Ruby would love to be like everyone else, but her parents are very eccentric. On a family vacation she finds herself adopted by a small, affectionate glacier who proves his devotion and changes Ruby's mind.
South Africa	Desmond and the Very Mean Word	Desmond Tutu & Douglas Abrams	Narrative (based on a true story)	Ages 6-9		Based on a true story from Archbishop Desmond Tutu's childhood in South Africa, this book explores the power of words and the secret of forgiveness.

Mexico	Frida	Jonah Winter & Ana Juan	Informational (biography)	Ages 4-8		Throughout her life, artist Frida Kahlo turned the challenges of her life into art. (Also available in Spanish.)
Chad	Rain School	James Rumford	Narrative	Ages 4-7		It is the first day of school in Chad, but when the children arrive at the schoolyard, they find no classroom, no desks. Just a teacher. "We will build our school," she says. "This is our first lesson."
Kenya	Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	Jeanette Winter	Informational (biography)	Ages 4-7		The story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, exemplifies how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.
France	The Bathing Costume: Or My Worst Vacation Ever	Charlotte Moundlic & Olivier Tallec	Narrative	Ages 5-8		An 8-year-old boy prepares to have the worst vacation of his life at his grandparents. With his rowdy brother and cousins but without his mother, this funny story explores the freedom of being away from home and the satisfaction of overcoming fears.
Afghanistan	Extra Credit	Andrew Clements	Narrative	Ages 8-12		Abby and Sadeed become pen pals as part of an extra credit assignment. As letters travel between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of central Asia a small group of children begin to speak and listen to each other making important discoveries about their communities, their world, and themselves.

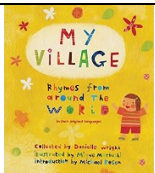
**Theme:** The Arts

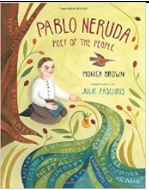
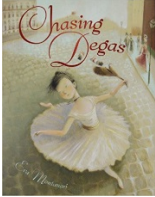

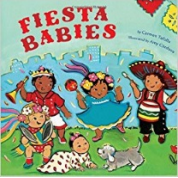
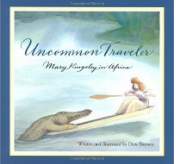
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West Africa, South Carolina, Georgia	Circle Unbroken	Margo Theis Raven & E.B. Lewis	Narrative	Ages 4-8		A grandmother teaches her granddaughter to make a sweet grass basket while she weaves a story that goes back generations to her grandfather's village in Africa. Includes information about “coil” or “Gullah” baskets as well as the region of Africa where this art form originated.
Various places around the globe	Looking at Art Colours: What Colour is That?	National Gallery of Australia	Poetry	Ages 2-6		Part of a series of books that encourages children to think about art through poems. In this book, children explore famous paintings from the Musee d'Orsay in Paris.
Germany	Gutenberg and the Printing Press	Kay Melchisedech Olson & Todd G. Smith	Informational (biography)	Ages 8-14		Tells the story of Johann Gutenberg and the invention of the printing press in a graphic novel format.
Central & West Africa	Songs from the Baobab: African Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes	Chantal Grosleziat, Elodie Nouhen & Paul Mindy	Song/verse	Ages 3-5		Representing 11 languages, this collection of rhymes and lullabies are reproduced in the original language and translated into English followed by notes on the origin and cultural context of each song. The accompanying CD features 29 songs from 10 countries.
Mexico	Diego	Jonah Winter & Jeanette Winter	Informational (biography)	Ages 3-7		This story of Diego Rivera, the great Mexican muralist, is told in Spanish and English and conveys his passion for painting and love for his country.


China	Liu and the Bird: A Journey in Chinese Calligraphy	Catherine Louis, Feng Xiao Min, & Sibylle Kazeroid	Narrative	Ages 6+		This innovative book combines the story of Liu who visits her grandfather with a rebus-style look at the evolution of Chinese written language from pictures to today's modern calligraphy characters.
Iraq	Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad	James Rumford	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Ali loves soccer, music and dancing, but most of all, he loves the ancient art of calligraphy. When bombs fall on his city, Ali uses his pen to create the silent music that drowns out the war around him.
Various places around the globe	Market Day	Lois Ehlert	Informational	Ages PreK+		Visit a farmer's market created entirely from folk-art objects and textiles and learn what happens during a day's journey to the market. A reference guide describes each object's origin.
South Africa	My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken and Me	Maya Angelou & Margaret Courtney-Clark	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Meet Thandi, a South African Ndebele girl, her mischievous brother, her beloved chicken, and the mural art produced by the women of her tribe.
Various places around the globe	Under the Spell of the Moon	Patricia Aldana (editor)	Various genres included	Ages 4+		Many of the world's greatest illustrators for children have donated art based on a text of their choice drawn from their childhood and culture. The result is a book that celebrates art created for children from around the world. The texts in the book are in both the original language and in English.

**Theme:** Poetry and Nonfiction

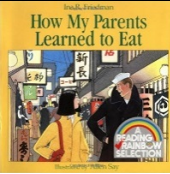
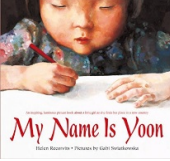

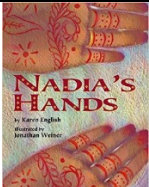
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Various places around the globe	My Village: Rhymes from around the World	Danielle Wright, Mique Moriuchi, &	Poetry	Ages 8-12		This collection includes 22 nursery rhymes from around the world which have been illustrated. Each poem appears in its original

		Michael Rosen				language (19 languages are included) next to an English translation.
Chile	Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People	Monica Brown & Julie Paschikis	Informational (biography)	Ages 6-9		Once there was a little boy named Neftalí who loved the natural world and words. At 16 he began publishing his poems as Pablo Neruda. Pablo wrote poems about the things he loved and saw in nature. He wrote about the people of Chile and their stories of struggle and eventually won the Nobel Prize for Literature.
France	Chasing Degas	Eva Motanari	Narrative	Ages 5-7		Monsieur Degas likes to paint the students while they practice in ballet class, but one day he mistakenly leaves his bag of paints in the dance studio and instead takes a young ballerina's bag. As she searches the streets of Paris, the ballerina encounters many other Impressionist painters, who are in the process of painting some of their great works.
Various places around the globe	Powerful Pieces	Anna Grossnickle Hines	Poetry	Ages 4-8		In this collection of poems illustrated by handmade quilts, the author explores peace in all its various and sometimes surprising forms: from peace at home to peace on a worldwide scale to peace within oneself.
Mexico	Fiesta Babies	Carmen Tafolla & Amy Cordova	Narrative	Ages 2-3		These Fiesta Babies dance, march on parade, and sing along to mariachi songs as children are introduced to the many colorful aspects of a lively Latino cultural tradition. An English/Spanish glossary is included.
Various places on the African continent	Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa	Don Brown	Informational (biography)	Ages 6-9		The author profiles a fascinating and relatively unknown 19th-century British woman, Mary Kingsley, who visited Africa several times. There, in Victorian attire, she collected insects, scratched a hippo behind the ear with her umbrella, fell into a spike-filled pit and went back home to write and lecture about all she had seen and done.

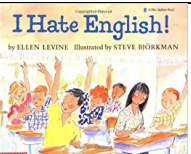

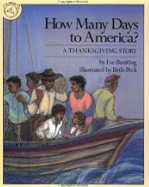
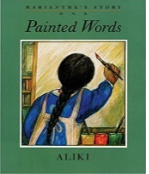
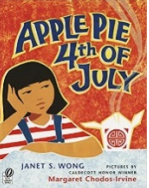
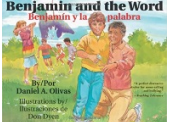
West Africa	Never Forgotten	Patricia McKissack, Leo Dillon, & Diane Dillon	Narrative	Ages 9+		Set in West Africa, this lyrical story-in-verse is about a young black boy who is kidnapped and sold into slavery, and his father who is left behind to mourn the loss of his son. This book presents a powerful story about family, memory, and freedom.
Honduras	The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough	Kate Smith Milway & Sylvie Daigneault	Narrative (based on a true story)	Ages 8-12		Based on the real story of farm transformation in Honduras and many other countries, this book offers children ways they can be part of the movement to grow "good gardens" and foster food security. Maria Luz and her classmates learn sustainable farming practices which transform their community.
Bali	Cycle of Rice, Cycle of Life: Sustainable Farming	Jane Reynolds	Informational	Ages 8+		The author explores the traditional world of rice farming on the island of Bali. Readers of all ages will come away with an enhanced awareness of how we farm, eat, and live today, and the effects these practices have on the world of tomorrow.
Cambodia	A Path of Stars	Ann Sibley O'Brien	Narrative	Ages 5-8		Dara's grandmother tells many wonderful stories about her life growing up in Cambodia before she immigrated to the United States. Because of her close relationship with her grandmother, young Dara is the one who can comfort her when her only surviving brother dies in Cambodia.
Various places around the globe	Skip across the Ocean: Nursery Rhymes from around the World	Fioella Benjamin	Poetry	Ages 4+		This is a collection of 32 international nursery rhymes some of which appear in their original language. Some of the verses will be familiar, but most are less well known.

The diversity of the United States	Amazing Faces	Lee Bennett Hopkins (editor) & Chris Soentpiet	Poetry	Ages 6-12		The 16 selections included in the book reveal the common universal emotions and feelings we all have. The poems reflect the great variety of people in our society
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**Theme:** The Immigrant Experience

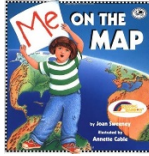
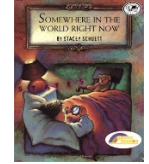
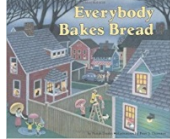
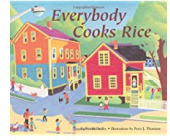
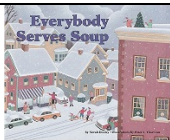
Cultural Background	Book Title	Author & Illustrator	Genre	Suggested Age Range	Book Cover	Brief description
Japanese	How My Parents Learned to Eat	Ina Friedman & Allen Say	Narrative	Ages 4-7		An U.S. sailor courts a Japanese woman and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.
Korean	My Name is Yoon	Helen Recorvits & Gabi Swiatkowska	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Yoon's name means "shining wisdom," and when she writes it in Korean, it looks happy, like dancing figures. But her father tells her that she must learn to write it in English. In English, all the lines and circles stand alone, which is just how Yoon feels in the United States.
Korean	The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi	Narrative	Ages 3-7		Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will pick a name by the following week. Her new classmates decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to choose.
Pakistani	Nadia's Hands	Karen English & Jonathan Weiner	Narrative	Ages 5-7		When Nadia is chosen to be a flower girl in Auntie Laila's traditional Pakistani wedding, her hands are decorated with beautiful designs made with mehndi, and she comes to understand the rich culture she has inherited.

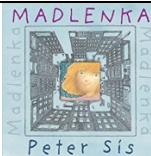


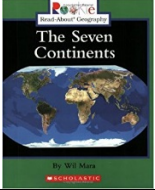
Hong Kong	I Hate English	Ellen Levine & Steve Björkman	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Mei Mei, is having difficulty adjusting to the new language and culture at school in New York City. A teacher takes Mei Mei under her wing, literally bombarding the girl with words, and succeeds in breaking through her fear of losing her identity.
Muslim	One Green Apple	Eve Bunting & Ted Lewin	Narrative	Ages 4-7		It is hard to be the new kid in school, especially when you're from another country and do not know the language. Farah feels alone, listening and nodding but not speaking. Then, on a field trip to an apple orchard, Farah discovers there are lots of things that are familiar.
Caribbean	How Many Days to America: A Thanksgiving Story	Eve Bunting & Beth Peck	Narrative	Ages 4-7		After the police come, a family is forced to flee their Caribbean island and set sail for the United States in a small fishing boat. This modern-day exodus story tells the story of people who are willing to risk everything for freedom.
Greek	Marianthe's Story: Painted Words and Spoken Memories	Aliki	Narrative	Ages 4-8		One picture book tells two stories and two aspects of the immigrant experience from the perspective of a child.
Chinese	Apple Pie, Fourth of July	Janet Wong & Margaret Chodos Irvine	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Shocked that her parents are cooking Chinese food to sell in the family store during an American holiday, a Chinese American girl tries to tell her mother and father how things really are. But as the parade passes by and fireworks light the sky, she learns a surprising lesson.
Latino	Benjamin and the Word/	Daniel Olivas & Don Dyan	Narrative	Ages 5-8		While Benjamin waits for his father to pick him up from school, he doesn't hear the screams of the kids playing dodge ball on the playground. The only thing he hears is, "a

	Benjamín y la palabra					word. The word." This bilingual (English and Spanish) book explores issues of bigotry and cultural differences.
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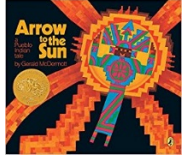
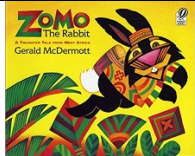
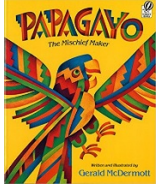
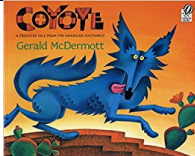
**Theme:** Crossing Borders

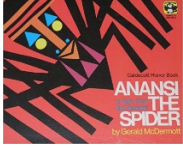
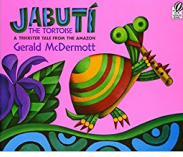
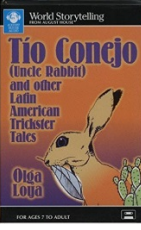

Location	Book Title	Author & Illustrator	Genre	Suggested Age Range	Book Cover	Brief description
The globe	Me on the Map	Joan Sweeney & Annette Cable	Informational	Ages 3-7		Using a step-by-step approach, a young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house, her house on the map of her street--all the way to her country on a map of the world. She then demonstrates how readers can find their own country, state, and town--all the way back to their room--on each colorful map.
Various places around the globe	Somewhere in the World Right Now	Stacey Shuett	Narrative	Ages 3-7		This story takes children around the world to show what's going on at the exact same moment in other areas. A time-zone map on the endpapers, which includes the times and names of places shown in the pictures, allows readers to follow the action around the globe.
Various cultures from around the globe	Everybody Bakes Bread	Norah Dooley & Peter Thornton	Narrative	Ages 6-9		A rainy-day errand introduces Carrie to many different kinds of bread, including chapati, challah, and pupusa. Includes recipes.
Various cultures from around the globe	Everybody Cooks Rice	Norah Dooley & Peter Thornton	Narrative	Ages 6-9		A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures by encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the households visited. Includes recipes.
Various cultures from around the globe	Everybody Serves Soup	Norah Dooley	Narrative	Ages 6-9		While trying to earn money by shoveling snow so she can buy her mother a Christmas present, Carrie comes up with an idea for just the right gift. Includes soup recipes.

Various cultures from around the globe	Everybody Brings Noodles	Norah Dooley	Narrative	Ages 6-9		The block party was Carrie's idea, but when it arrives she can only think about two things: the talent show and the delicious noodle dishes from many countries that her neighbors are bringing. Includes recipes.
Various cultures from around the globe	Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from around the World	Selby Beeler & G. Brian Kalas	Informational	Ages 4-7		Travel around the world and discover the surprising things children do when they lose a tooth.
Various cultures from around the globe	Madlenka	Peter Sis	Narrative	Ages 4-8		On the surface, Madlenka's world looks like an ordinary city block, but as we meet her neighbors and look through die-cut windows to the images and memories they have carried from old country to new, we can see that Madlenka's block is as richly varied as its inhabitants.
Various cultures from around the globe	Madlenka's Dog	Peter Sis	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Madlenka wants a dog, but her mother and father say no. With some imagination as her friends on the block all play along by remembering the dogs of their childhood, Madlenka's dog comes to life.
Various places around the globe	Children around the World	Donata Montarnari	Informational	Ages 3-7		Exploring the themes of commonality and diversity, this informational picture book introduces young readers to 12 children from around the world. Speaking in the first person, the children briefly describe the language, food, clothing, schooling and daily life of their region.
Around the world	The Peace Book	Todd Parr	Narrative	Ages 4-8		This book delivers positive and hopeful messages of peace in an accessible, child-friendly format.



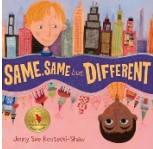
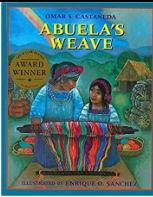
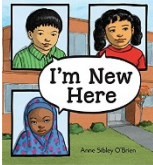
Around the globe	The Seven Continents	Wil Mara	Informational	Ages 6-7		Young readers learn the basic facts about geography. Colorful maps and photos illustrate simple text that includes information about terrain, climate, and people.
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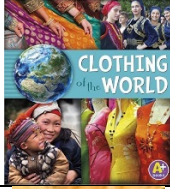

**Theme:** Folk Tales

Location	Book Title	Author & Illustrator	Genre	Suggested Age Range	Book Cover	Brief description
Southwest United States	Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale	Gerald McDermott	Folktale	Ages 3-7		A young boy searches for his father, but before he can claim his heritage he must first prove his worthiness by passing through the four ceremonial chambers: the kiva of lions, the kiva of snakes, the kiva of bees, and the kiva of lightning.
West Africa	Zomo the Rabbit: A Trickster Tale from West Africa	Gerald McDermott	Folktale	Ages 4-7		Zomo the rabbit, a trickster from West Africa, wants wisdom, but he must first fool three animals.
Brazil	Papagayo the Mischief Maker	Gerald McDermott	Folktale	Ages 4-7		The mischievous parrot Papagayo spends his days playing in the jungle and disturbing the sleeping night creatures with his raucous cries. But when the ferocious moon-dog begins to devour the moon, only Papagayo knows how to save it.
Southwest United States	Coyote: A Trickster Tale of the American Southwest	Gerald McDermott	Folktale	Ages 4-7		Wherever Coyote goes you can be sure he'll find trouble. Now he wants to sing, dance, and fly like the crows, so he begs them to teach him how. The crows agree but soon tire of Coyote's bragging and boasting. They decide to teach the great trickster a lesson.

Ghana	Anansi the Spider: A Trickster Tale from the Ashanti	Gerald McDermott	Folktale	Ages 4-7		In trying to determine which of his six sons to reward for saving his life, Anansi the Spider is responsible for placing the moon in the sky.
Amazon Rain Forest	Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon	Gerald McDermott	Folktale	Ages 4-7		This tale explains why the tortoise has cracks in his shell.
Latin America	Tío Conejo: Uncle Rabbit and Other Latin American Trickster Tales	Olga Loya	Folktale	Ages 7+		In these four stories, told in Spanish and English, the trickster takes the animal form of a monkey, an opossum, a dog, and a rabbit.
China	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China	Ed Young	Folktale	Ages 4-8		This version of the Red Riding Hood story features three daughters left at home when their mother goes to visit their grandmother. The wolf Lon Po Po pretends to be the girls' grandmother until the clever eldest daughter suspects the greedy wolf's real identity.
Korea	The Sun Girl and the Moon Boy: A Korean Folktale	Yangsook Choi	Folktale	Ages 6+		Reminiscent of the Little Red Riding Hood story, this ancient tale features a hungry tiger who tries to trick a young boy and girl into thinking that he is their mother. But their sharp wits and good luck save the children and reunite them with their mother, high above in the sky. Together, they bring the first rays of sunlight and moonlight to the world below.

**Theme: Clothing**

Location	Book Title	Author & Illustrator	Genre	Suggested Age Range	Book Cover	Brief description
Scandinavia	The Hat	Jan Brett	Narrative	Ages 1-3		Hedgie the hedgehog's curiosity gets him into a pickle when he sticks his nose into a woolen stocking and his prickles prevent him from pulling out of it. Soon all the farm animals are chuckling at silly Hedgie's stocking cap. But in the end, nimble-witted Hedgie gets the last laugh.
Japan	Suki's Kimono	Chieri Uegaki & Stephane Jorisch	Narrative	Ages 4-8		Suki's Kimono is the joyful story of a little girl whose spirit leads her to march -- and dance -- to her own drumbeat.
India & United States	Same, Same, but Different	Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	Narrative	Ages 4-7		Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that although their worlds might look different, they are actually similar.
Guatemala	Abuela's Weave	Omar Castaneda & Enrique Sanchez	Narrative	Ages 6-9		A story about the importance of family pride and personal endurance which introduces children to the culture of Guatemala through the eyes of little Esperanza, who works with her abuela--her grandmother--on weavings to sell at the public market.
Guatemala, Korea, & Somalia	I'm New Here	Anne Sibley O'Brien	Narrative	Ages 5-8		Three students are immigrants from Guatemala, Korea, and Somalia and have trouble speaking, writing, and sharing ideas in English in their new U.S. elementary school. Through self-determination and with encouragement from their peers and teachers, the students learn to feel confident and comfortable in their new school without losing

						a sense of their home country, language, and identity.
Iraq	The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story	Rebecca Hickox & Will Hillenbrand	Folk tale	Ages 5-8		In this Iraqi folk tale, Maha suffers under a mean stepmother until a benevolent fish helps her prepare for a grand henna celebration. The shoe that ultimately saves Maha from a cruel fate is a golden sandal.
Various locations around the globe	Clothing of the World	Nancy Loewen & Paula Skelley	Informational	Ages 4-8		We wear clothing to protect ourselves from the environment, to celebrate special occasions, to honor traditions, and to express ourselves. With rhyming text and vibrant photographs, this book celebrates our global heritage.
Chile	I lived on Butterfly Hill	Marjorie Agosin & Lee White	Historical fiction	Ages 10-14		An eleven-year-old's world is upended by political turmoil in this searing novel from an award-winning poet, based on true events in Chile.