

## A Sampling of Titles in Which Characters Display Agency

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(Country indicates the setting and not necessarily where it was published.)

### Personal Agency

#### A Sampling of Picture Books

Asare, Meshack. *Sosu's Call*. Africa.

Ahmad Akbarpour. *Good Night, Commander*. Translated by Shadi Eskandani and Helen Mixte. Iran

Beake, Lesley. *Home Now*. UK/South Africa

Coffelt, Nancy. *Fred Stays with Me*. US

Daly, Niki. *Ruby Sings the Blues*. South Africa

Elvgren, Jennifer. *Josias Hold the Book*. Haiti

Lofthouse, Liz. *Ziba Came on a Boat*. Australia/setting unknown

Malaspina, Ann. *Yasmin's Hammer*. Bangladesh

Pin, Isabel. *When I grow up I will win the Nobel Peace Prize*. Germany

Prats, Joan de Déu. *Sebastian's Roller Skates*. Spain

Reich, Susanna. *Jose, Born to Dance, the Story of Jose Limon*. US/Mexico

Williams, Karen and Khadra Mohammed. *My Name is Sangoel*. Sudan

Youth at Lajee Centre in Aida Refugee Camp. *The Boy and the Wall*. Palestine

### A Sampling of Chapter Books

Anteau, Kim. ***Broken Moon***. Pakistan

Baeh, Ishmael. ***A Long Way Gone***. Sierra Leone

Barakat, Ibsitam. ***Tasting the Sky***. Palestine

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. ***Anything But Typical***. US

Cofer, Judith. ***Call Me Maria***. US/Puerto Rico

Combres, Élisabeth. ***Broken Memory: A Novel of Rwanda***. Tr. by Shelley Tanaka. Rwanda.

Ellis, Deborah. ***Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees***. Canada/set in Iraq

Khan, Rukhsana. ***Wanting Mor***. Afghanistan

Millard, Glenda. ***The Naming of Tishkin Silk***. Australia

Nicholls, Sally. ***Ways to Live Forever***. Great Britain

Robert, Na'ima Bint. ***From Somalia with Love***. Somalia

Ryan, Pam. ***Esperanza Rising***. Mexico/US

Thor, Annika. ***A Faraway Island***. Tr. by Linda Schenck. Sweden

Venkatraman, Padma. ***Climbing the Stairs***. India

Yan, Ma. ***Diary of Ma Yan***. France/set in China

## Social Agency

### A Sampling of Picture Books

Anzaluda, Gloria (1993). *Friends from the Other Side*. US/Mexico

Carmi, Daniella. *Samir and Yonatan*, Translated by Yael Lotan. Palestine

Judge, Lita. *One Thousand Tracings*. US and Germany

McBrier, Page. *Beatrice's Goat*. Central Africa

Milway, Katie Smith. *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference*. West Africa.

Parks, Linda Sue. *The Firekeeper's Son*. Korea.

Rubin, Susan & Weissberger Ela. *The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin*. Germany

Shoveller, Herb. *Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa that Brought Them Together*. Canada/Africa.

Williams, Mary, *Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan*. Sudan/Africa

### A Sampling of Chapter Books

Carter, Anne Laurel. *The Shepherd's Granddaughter*. Canada/set in Palestine

Dowd, Siobhan. *Bog Child*. Ireland

Frost, Helen. *The Braid*. Scotland.

Lee, Ingrid. *Dog Lost*. UK.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. China

Meehan, Kierin. *Hannah's Winter*. Australia /set in Japan

Mordecai, Martin. *Blue Mountain Trouble*. Canada/set in Jamaica

Paterson, K. (2009). *The Day of the Pelican*. Kosovo/US

Pellegrino, Marge. *Journey of Dreams*. Frances Lincoln. UK/ Guatemala

Scarmeta, Antonio. ***The Composition***. Latin America

## Cultural Agency

### A sampling of picture books:

Hall, Bruce E., ***Henry and the Kite Dragon***. US/Chinatown & Little Italy

Nelson, Marilyn, ***Sweethearts of Rhythm***. US

Yee, Paul. ***A Song for Ba***. Canada/Chinese population

### A Sampling of chapter books:

Bartinelli, Susan. ***The Boy Who Dared***. US/set in Germany

Carvell, Marlene, ***Sweetgrass Basket***. US/Native American

Engle, Margarita. ***Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom***. Cuba

Joseph, Lynn. ***The Color of My Words***. Dominican Republic

Park, Linda Sue. ***When My Name Was Keoko***. Korea

Zenatti, Valerie. ***When I Was a Soldier***. Israel