

Worlds of Words 2026

Grade 4-5 Recommended Global Information Books

Themes	Global Books	Level Info	Genre Date	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Global cultures and traditions	<i>Africa: Amazing Africa</i> Atinuke & Mouni Feddag	78 pp	Info 2021	Africa	Explores the continent of Africa, country by country, related to geography, people, animals, history, resources, and diversity.
	<i>Child of the Flower-Song</i> <i>People: Luz Jimenez,</i> <i>Daughter of the Nahua,</i> Gloria Amescua & Duncan Tonatiuh	32 pp RL 5.3 (U)	Bio 2021	Mexico Indigenous Early 1900s	Fictionalized biography of a Nahua woman in the early 1900s who became a model for artists and worked with scholars to preserve the Nahuatl language and stories. She became known as the “soul of Mexico.” Includes a timeline, glossary, and bibliography.
	<i>Chinese Menu: The History, Myths and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods,</i> Grace Lin	288 pp RL 5.6	Info 2023	China	A celebration of Chinese cuisine and culture that combines personal memories, food-related customs/superstitions, and Chinese folktales. Ranges from ancient to modern times. Sections on chopsticks, tea, appetizers, soup, main dishes, side dishes and desserts.
	<i>Dragons: Legendary Monsters of Mythology,</i> Calt Stevenson & Cinthya Alvarez	80 pp	Myth Info 2025	Global	A guide to the history and mythology of dragons from around the world, including fire-breathing monsters from Europe and water gods from Asia. Includes real-life creatures giving rise to dragon myths.
	<i>The Great Big Book of Museums,</i> Eve Bensard & Benjamin Chaud. K. Snelson	32 pp	Info 2025	Global French Tr	A tour of 13 museums around the world, illustrating the museum’s architecture and inside views with facts on history and mysteries. Bilbao to Beijing to Marseille to Mexico and St. Petersburg.
	<i>If the World Were a Village,</i> David Smith	840 L (R) 32 pp	Info 2020	Global	Describes the world as a village of 100 people and covers languages, ages, religions, foods, air, schooling and possession. Vivid illustrations
	<i>If You Lived Here,</i> Giles Laroche	930 L 32 pp	Info 2011	Global	Unique houses from around the world, in intricate cut-paper collages.

<i>Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin: My Story of Cinco de Mayo</i> , Jose Angel Gutierrez	97 pp RL 5.0	Bio 2021	Mexico 1862	Bilingual biography about the life of the Mexican general who beat the French at the Battle of the Puebla in 1862, now celebrated as Cinco de Mayo.
<i>Kindred Spirits: Shilombish Ittibackvffa</i> . Leslie Widener	850 L	History 2024	Ireland Choctaw	Emotional kinship and share injustice between the Irish and Choctaw. The Choctaw sent money to Ireland during the potato famine and the Irish sent money during COVID to Navajo and Hopi peoples. Context boxes provide additional historical and cultural info.
<i>Lessons from Our Ancestors</i> , R. Dave & K. Clinthome-Wong	64 pp	History 2024	Global Ancient cultures	Uses 50 artifacts as entry points into 14 ancient civilizations, spanning 40,000 years and how past cultures addressed social problems and celebrated equity and sustainability. Archaeological perspective.
<i>Let's Get Festive! Celebrations around the World</i> , Joanna Konczak	173 pp	Holidays 2024	Global Polish Tr	Introduces celebrations around the world, including welcoming the new year, celebrating nature, observing religious holidays, carnivals, and ceremonies related to the dead.
<i>Lost Cities</i> , Giles Laroche	1360 L 32 pp	Info 2020	Global	Introductions to 13 lost cities around the world. Illustrations of layers of cut paper.
<i>Migrations: Open Hearts, Open Borders</i> . Candlewick	109 pp	Info 2019	Global	50 artists created postcards with images of birds and messages of hope in a show of strength for migrants.
<i>Nacho's Nachos</i> . Sandra Nickel & Oliver Dominguez	32 pp RL 4.5	Bio 2020	Mexico	Nacho (Ignacio) Anaya, a waiter in Mexico in 1940, improvised a quick snack for a group of regular customers and nachos were born.
<i>Origin: Indigenous Peoples and Their Connection to the Natural World</i> . Nat Cardozo	32 pp	Info 2025	Global	Portraits of 22 Indigenous children and their communities from around the world. Each double-page features a child and stunning illustrations that blur the lines between the child and environment.
<i>Vanishing Cultures series</i> by Jan Reynolds	32 pp RL 5.8	Info	Global	Photographs/text in each book of a culture with an endangered way of life-- <i>Far North</i> (Samis, reindeer herders of Lapland), <i>Amazon Basin</i> (Yanomana people), <i>Down Under</i> (Tiwi Aborigines), <i>Frozen Land</i> (Inuit, Canada Northwest Territories), <i>Mongolia</i> (nomads), <i>Sahara</i> (Tuaregs)

	<i>We All Celebrate!</i> Chitra Soundar & Jenny Bloomfield	RL 5.4 32 pp	Info 2022	Global	Introduces and explores celebrations and holidays around the world, including less familiar ones. Lots of details in text and illustrations.
	<i>What Makes Us Human,</i> Victor Santos & Anna Forlati	32 pp	Info 2024	Global Brazil Tr	This illustrated riddle introduces the impact of language on human culture and history – how language connects people across the world.
	<i>A World Full of Journeys and Migrations,</i> Howard Martin and Christopher Corr	RL 4.8 127 pp	Info 2022	Global	An illustrated introduction to the history of human migration, from ancient times as people left home to travel across the world up until the journeys of today. Includes the many reasons people migrate.
	<i>A Year Full of Celebrations and Festivals,</i> Grace Claire & Christopher Corr	127 pp RL 5.0	Info 2020	Global	Journey around the world to find out how different festivals are celebrated throughout the year in global cultures. Facts and bright illustrations.
Maps and geography	<i>Borders: Understanding the Lines that Unite and Separate Us,</i> Karim Ressouni-Demigneux	72 pp	Info 2026	Global	Borders map cities, countries, and territories. Some are flexible and others impenetrable. The book explores who created various borders and why and how borders affect culture, economy, politics, and the environment. Borders bring us together and keep us apart.
	<i>Geo-graphics,</i> Regina Gimenez	87 pp RL 7.0	Info 2022	Global Spain Tr	Combines science and art to create infographics focusing on the universe, earth, water, and climate. Facts with stimulating visuals.
	Lands, Peoples, and Cultures series	950- 1160 L 32 pp	Info	Global	Series with books on many countries—India, Russia, Brazil, China, Vietnam, Iran, Iraq, South Africa. Series includes Culture and People
	<i>Maps,</i> Aleksandra Mizielinska	RL 6.4 105 pp	Info 2013	Global Poland Tr	52 world maps, focusing on geographical features, political borders, plants, animals, cultural events, interesting facts, etc.
	<i>Where We Live,</i> Margriet Ruurs & Wenjia Tang	RL 5.6 970 L 40 pp	Info 2022	Global	Explores the neighborhoods of 16 children around the world with maps of important locations in each child’s life—where they live, go to school, and favorite places.

Money and time	<i>Everything Money (National Geographic Kids)</i> , Kathy Furgang	980 L 64 pp	Info 2013	Global	Facts about money around the world, including the history of money, many photographs.
	<i>If...: A Mind-bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers</i> , David Smith	1250L 40 pp	Info 2014	Global	Illustrates how to scale down concepts, including space, time, inventions, quantities, humanity, and size.
	<i>Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude</i> , Louise Borden	910 L 48 pp	Info 2004	England	Englishmen John Harrison's 40-year quest to make an accurate sea clock so sailors could measure longitude.
	<i>The Story of Money</i> , Betsy Maestro	890 L 48 pp	Info 2000	Global	History of money from barter to modern monetary system.
Inventions and inventors	<i>Cai Lun: The Creator of Paper</i> , Jian Li	1030 L RL 4.2	Bio 2016	China Tr	Biography of Cai Lun, regarded as the inventor of paper to find a replacement for expensive bamboo strips. Bilingual
	<i>From Here to There: Inventions that Changed the Way the World Moves</i> , Vivian Kirkfield	RL 6-7 93 pp	Info 2021	Global	Collective biography of people who changed the way we move across air, water, and land. Includes 12 inventors and innovators who changed how people travel. Use of full-color cartoon illustrations. Supplemental info
	<i>Girls Think of Everything</i> , Catherine Himesh	960 L (S) 64 pp	Info 2018	Global	Bios of 12 women with ingenious inventions; what inspired them and how they turned their ideas into reality. Collages and watercolors.
	<i>Mistakes that Worked</i> , Charlotte Jones	1040 (T) 84 pp	Info 2000	Global	Stories behind the inventions of items that were the result of accidents – foods, clothing, toys, medical equipment, etc.
	<i>A Royal Ride: Catherine the Great's Great Invention</i> , Kristen Fulton	640 L RL 4.6 32 pp	Bio 2019	Russia 1784	Bio of the Queen of Russia who loved snowy winters and giant ice slides and so wanted to create the same experience year-round, inventing the roller coaster.

The Arts and Architecture	<i>Arthur Who Wrote Sherlock</i> , Linda Bailey	RL 4.0 570 L	Bio 2022	UK	Picturebook about the incredible life of Arthur Conan Doyle, a doctor, adventurer, campaigner for justice and creator of detective stories.
	<i>Before They Were Artists: Famous Illustrators as Kids</i> Elizabeth Haidle	64 pp RL 6.0 GN	Bio COL 2021	Global	Graphic format profiles the childhood experiences of six artists and illustrators--Maurice Sendak, Jerry Pinkney, Yuyi Morales, Tove Jansson, Wanda Gag, Hiya Miyazaki.
	<i>Cantora: Mercedes Sosa, the Voice of Latin America</i> , Melissa Fernandez Nitsche	700 L RL 4.2 32 pp	Bio 2023	Argentina	Mercedes Sosa was a Latin America folk singer who was exiled from Argentina and became the voice of the voiceless in the late 1970s and dedicated her life to singing about social justice.
	<i>Danza: Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklórico de Mexico</i> , Duncan Tonatiuh	980 L (s) 29 pp	Bio 2017	Mexico 1952	A picturebook biography of the dancer and choreographer who founded the Mexican Folklórico Ballet, a dance organization that continues today.
	<i>The East-West House</i> , Christy Hale	600 L (T) 32 pp	Bio 2018	Japan	A biography of the early years of Isamu Noguchi, famed sculptor/designer/landscape architect.
	<i>Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist</i> , Susan Wood	910 L 32 pp	Bio 2016	Mexico	A Mexican musician who defied convention and created out-of-this-world sounds. Collage illustrations.
	<i>Funny Bones</i> , Duncan Tonatiuh	RL 5.1 48 pp	Bio 2015	Mexico 1800s	A bio of a Mexican printer and artist who drew calaveras, skeletons used in Day of the Dead celebrations. Collages and sidebars.
	<i>How Was That Built: The Stories Behind Structures</i> , Roma Agrawal & K. Hickey	RL 7.0 80 pp	Info 2022	Global	A structural engineer offers an insider's view on how renowned skyscrapers and other large constructions on 7 continents were designed and built. Portraits with cutaway diagrams.
	<i>My Name is Celia</i> , Monica Brown and Rafael Lopez	850L 32 pp	Bio 2004	Cuba	The life story of singer Celia Cruz, from Havana, Cuba to the U.S., and her creation of salsa music. Bilingual Spanish/English
	<i>My Name is Gabito</i> , Monica Brown and Raul Colon	RL 4.6 32 pp	Bio 2007	Colombia	The life story of author Gabriel Garcia Marquez from childhood to adulthood in Colombia using imagery from his novels. Bilingual

	<i>Pele, King of Soccer</i> , Monica Brown and Rafael Lopez	820 L 34 pp	Bio 2017	Brazil	A tribute to the Brazilian soccer star with high energy illustrations. Bilingual English/Spanish.
	<i>Rumi: Poet of Joy and Love</i> . Rashin Kheirinyeh	32 pp	Bio 2024	Persia/Iran 13 th C	Introduction to the life and teachings of the Persian mystic and poet Rumi, describing his life as a child. Persian-inspired illustrations.
	<i>The Book of Whys</i> , Gianni Rodari & JooHee Yoon	141 pp	Poetry 2024	Italy Tr	Rodari's answers to 80 questions from children, featuring facts, rhymes, little stories, and poems on nature, technology and culture.
History	<i>All Stations! Distress!: Day the Titanic Sank</i> , Don Brown	880L 32 pp	Info 2008	England 1912	Illustrated account of the Titanic's deadly voyage, when passengers fought to survive the tragedy.
	<i>Around the World</i> , Matt Phelan	710L 235 pp	Bio GN 2014	Global 1800s	Graphic novel account of the first three people who attempted to travel around the world.
	<i>Bandoola: The Great Elephant Rescue</i> , William Grill	83 pp RL 7.0 1000 L	Bio 2021	Myanmar WWII	When a world war forces people to leave their homes, Bandoola, a working Asiatic elephant, and a British man undertake a difficult journey leading refugees over mountains to get to safety.
	<i>Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky</i> , Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond & Daniel Minter.	32 pp RL 4.8	Info 2022	Global	The journey of the color blue from ancient Afghan painters to 1905 when the chemical dye was created. Previously, blue was created from sapphire rocks, snails, and indigo, a cash crop on U.S. plantations. Blue was associated with royalty and luxury due to the difficulties of early methods to create the color.
	<i>Born Naughty: My Childhood in China</i> . Jin Wang & Anisi Baigude	98 pp 650 L	Memoir 2024	China Mongolia 1982	The author describes growing up in a one-room hut in Inner Mongolia. The episodic chapters engage readers in the cultural traditions of her village and her own love of fun and mischief.
	<i>A Bowl Full of Peace</i> , Caren B. Stelson & Akira Kusaka	650 L (S) 32 pp	Info 2021	Japan	Sachiko and her family suffered devastating loss in the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and, over the years, the survival of a ceramic bowl became a message of peace and new traditions for the family.

<i>Confucius: Great Teacher of China</i> , Demi	32 pp 1020 L	Bio 2023	China	Illustrated bio of Confucius, 551-479 BC, ancient teachers, politician, thinker, and philosopher.
<i>Crimes through Time</i> , Rosie McCornick	80 pp	Info 2026	Global	Criminals from different times and places are featured , showing their misdeeds as they happen on streets of great cities of the past. Readers are thrust into city scenes to locate clues of crimes and pushishments.
<i>The Deadliest Diseases: Then and Now</i> , Deborah Hopkinson	206 pp 1060 L	Info 2021	Global	Deadly pandemics have always been part of the world, from the Great Mortality in the Middle Ages, the Spanish Influenza in 1918 and COVID-19. Graphics, photos, and facts from the past to now.
<i>Dung for Dinner. Christine Virnig & Korwin Briggs</i>	266 pp 980 L	Info 2020	Global	A humorous look at the history of animal poop, pee, vomit, and secretions that people have eaten. History, science, and gross facts.
<i>Escape: One Day We Had to Run</i> , Ming Chen & Carmen Mela	1060 L 32 pp	Bio COL 2021	Global	Uses action verbs to share 12 stories of ordinary people forced to leave their families and homes because of war, famine, slavery, intolerance, upheaval, or climate change. Goes across time and place.
<i>Finding Home: The Journey of Immigrants and Refugees</i> , Jen Sookfong Lee & Drew Shannon	1200 L RL 7.6 113 pp	Info 2021	Global	Explores the history of human migration due to war, persecution, and opportunity. Sections include the history of human migration, migration today, racism and hardship, and life in a new country. Each section includes vignettes from immigrants.
<i>A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken</i> , Hannah Holt & Korwin Briggs	32 pp RL 4.3	Info 2022	Global	A comprehensive nonfiction picturebook about the complicated history of underwear, from Paleolithic loincloths to Henry VII's wives wearing underwear on their heads—all modeled by chickens.
<i>Horse Power: How Horses Changed the World</i> , Jennier Thermes	32 pp RL 6.8 (U)	Info 2021	Global	Describes how horses powered the world for centuries. Colorful spreads include maps, sidebars and other info on the relationships with humans and track their migration across six continents.
<i>Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II</i> , Lia Levi	135 pp	Memoir 2022	Italy Tr	The author's experiences of growing up Jewish in Fascist Italy during WWII and her longing to be "just a girl" as she and her sisters are sent to hide in a convent.

	<i>Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers</i> , Juliet Menendez	102 pp RL 6.8	Bio COL 2021	The Americas	Celebration of 40 Latinas and Latin American women who worked hard to follow their dreams with portraits and short bios for each one. 1651-Present. Spanish Edition
	<i>Little White Duck: A Childhood in China</i> , Na Liu	710L 108pp	Memoir 2012	China 1970s	A graphic novel memoir of growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.
	<i>The Story of Salt</i> , Mark Kurlansky	1110 L (V) 48pp	Info 2014	Global	Illustrations, sidebars, and maps tell the story of the history of salt, how it shaped ancient civilizations, and its global influence today.
	<i>Timeline: A Visual History of Our World</i> , Peter Goes	32 pp	Info 2016	Global Tr.	A journey through history showing major scenes of global events from the Big Bang to modern times. Focus on Europe and the U.S.
	<i>Waist-deep in Dung</i> , Christine Virnig & K. Briggs	210 pp	History 2024	Global	The most revolting jobs in history, dealing with blood, medicine, dead bodies, and all things disgusting.
Activists and Activism	<i>The Elephant Keeper</i> , Margriet Ruurs	880L 32 pp	Info 2017	Zambia	A friendship, career, and lifelong passion emerge when a teen saves a baby elephant from drowning. Lilayi Elephant Sanctuary.
	<i>Gandhi: A March to the Sea</i> , Alice McGinty	40 pp 880 L	Bio 2013	India 1930	Gandhi and protesters marked across India to protest the laws and taxes leveraged by England on salt.
	<i>The Good Garden</i> , Katie Smith Milway	820 L (O) 30 p	Info 2020	Honduras	A family learns how to grow enough food to meet their needs. Info on food security efforts.
	<i>Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives during the Holocaust</i> . Elisa Boxer	32 pp RL 6.8	Bio 2023	France WWII	A Jewish teen involved in the French Resistance provided hundreds of Jews with forged documents so they could get to safety by carrying them hidden in a toy, a wooden duck, past the Nazi soldiers.
	<i>Kidstory: 50 Children and Young People Who Shook Up the World</i> , Tom Adams & Sarah Walsh	112 pp RL 6.3	Bio COL 2021	Global	Short biographies with many illustrations of young people who have changed the world, from a wide range of disciplines including visual arts, science, activism, drama, and music. Goes across time and global locations.

<i>Looking at the Sky: How Dr. Jausz Korszak Fought for Children's Rights</i> , Amanda Lewis & Abigail Rajunov	79 pp	GN BIO 2026	Poland 1923-1945	Poland's pioneering educator and child advocate, Korszak, changes conditions within an orphanage in Warsaw around diet, play, chores, and learning. His respect of children and their ideas included establishing a court and newspaper run by children.
<i>Malala: Activist for Girl's Education</i> , Raphaela Frier	840 L 45 pp	Bio 2017	Pakistan Tr.	Picturebook bio of Malala's life in Pakistan and her later efforts to speak up for girls around the world. Vibrant illustrations.
<i>Maria Orosa: Freedom Fighter, Scientist and Inventor</i> , Norma Olizon-Chikiamco & Mark Salvatus	30 pp RL 4.5	Bio 2022	Philippines 1900s	Marisa Orosa was a scientist and a culinary chemist who created super-nutritious foods to help her war-torn country in the early 1900s and smuggled food to Filipinos in Japanese prison camps during WWII.
<i>Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust</i> , Peter Sís	32 pp RL 4.8	Bio 2021	Czecho-slovakia, WWII	Visual biography of a British man who saved the lives of 700 children trapped in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and the TV appearance that reunited the children with him. See also <i>Stars of the Night</i> .
<i>Old Enough to Save the Planet</i> , Loli Kirby & A. Linur	32 pp RL6.7(R)	Info 2020	Global	12 children who take action against climate change--the work they do, obstacles they face, and how their work affects the climate.
<i>One Hen</i> , Kate Smith Milway	810 L (P) 32 pp	Info 2020	Ghana	The story of a boy who turns a small loan into a thriving farm and village. Explains microloans. Combines fiction and info.
<i>Noisemakers: 25 Women Who Raised Their Voices and Changed the World</i> , Kazoo	RL 6.6 223 pp	Bio COL GN 2020	Global	Collection of 25 comic strips by different cartoonists about notable women who used their voices to speak out and take action.
<i>Real Princesses Change the World</i> , Carrie Pearson & Dung Ho	RL 5.2 970 L 32 pp	Bio COL 2023	Global	Biographical information on 11 princesses, highlighting their achievements and contributions in their global and local communities.
<i>Stars of the Night</i> , Caren Stelson & Selina Aiko	32 pp	History 2023	Czech 1939	The Czech Kindertransport rescued 669 Jewish children from the Nazis, taking them by train from Prague to England. Narrated in children's voices. See also <i>Nicky and Vera</i> by Peter Sís.

	<i>Walking for Water: How One Boy Stood Up for Gender Equity</i> , Susan Hughes & Nicole Miles	620 L RL 4.5 30 pp	Bio 2021	Malawi	After being introduced to gender equity in school, Victor realizes that his sister must walk so far for water that she can no longer attend school and so shares the responsibility with her, leading to other changes in the village.
Scientific, Mathematical and Historical Inquiry	<i>The Big Book of Pi: The Number You Can Never Know</i> , Anita Lehmann & Joones Sildre	87 pp	Info 2026	Global	Tells the story of the many mathematicians from across time and place who sought to define Pi and what has made Pi so intriguing, unknowable, and important.
	<i>Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World</i> , Elizabeth Rusch	840 L (S) 39 pp	Bio 2015	Serbia	An inventor and electrical engineer from Serbia whose scientific inquiry led to the radio and to a means of generating electricity.
	<i>Eruption!</i> Elizabeth Rusch	1000 L 76 pp	Info 2017	Global	Volcano crisis teams and their life-saving work and scientific study in Colombia, Philippines, Chile and Indonesia.
	<i>Gorilla Doctors</i> , Pamela Turner	910L (W) 64 p	Info 2008	Rwanda	Scientists study ways to protect mountain gorillas from human diseases and poachers.
	<i>Iqbal and His Ingenious Idea</i> , Elizabeth Suneby	32 pp	Info 2018	Bangladesh	During monsoons, Iqbal's mother must cook inside over an open fire. Iqbal designs a stove without smoke for his school science fair.
	<i>Life on Surtsey</i> , Loree G. Burns	980 L 80 pp	Info 2021	Iceland	Volcanic eruption under the sea created a new island, providing a way for scientists to study how life takes hold.
	<i>Maryam's Magic: The Story of Mathematician Maryam Mizakhani</i> , Megan Reid	32 pp RL 4.8	Bio 2021	Iran	Biography of an Iranian mathematician who was the only woman to win the world's most prestigious honor in mathematics. She loved story and connected to the field of geometry and tough problems.
	<i>Molly and the Mathematical Mysteries: Ten Interactive Adventures</i> , Eugenia Cheng & A. Artymowska	RL 4.3 32 pp	Math 2021	UK	Molly follows a trail of clues from one mystery to another through notes hidden beneath flaps, dealing with mathematical concepts such as symmetry, fractals, Latin squares, and logical paradoxes. Illustrations create a maze of shapes and infinite hallways.

	<i>The Next Scientists</i> , Kate Messner & Julia Kuo	51 pp 1020 L	Bio 2024	Global	Explores what scientists did before they became scientists and the unexpected beginnings behind fascinating scientific discoveries.
	<i>Queen of Physics</i> , Teresa Robeson	960 L 32 pp	Bio 2019	China	Bio of Wu Chien Shiung who helped unlock the secrets of the atom and battles sexism in China and racism in the U.S. 1913-1997.
	<i>Saving the Ghost of the Mountain</i> , Sy Montgomery	840 L 74 pp	Info 2012	Mongolia	Scientific expedition to study snow leopards and save them from extinction.
	<i>Sharuko: El arqueologo Peruano/Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello</i> , Monica Brown & E. Chavarri	32 pp RL 4.4 (R)	Bio 2021	Peru Indigenous	Biography of the founder of Peruvian archaeology tracing his life from his early interest in ancient cultures to his rise as the most distinguished Indigenous social scientist of the 20 th century. Quechua, 1880-1947. Bilingual.
	<i>A Shot in the Arm</i> , Don Brown	136 pp	Info/GN 2021	Global	The history of vaccinations and the struggle to protect people from infectious diseases -- from smallpox to COVID-19. Includes the science of immune systems, work of scientists, and anti-vaccine movements.
	<i>Sound: Discovering the Vibrations We Hear</i> , Olga Fadeeva	32 pp 1030 L	Info 2025	Global Russian Tr	Explores the role of sound in the world through science and history and how sound is produced and used by animals and humans, along with the development of music and influence of technology.
	<i>Three Weeks in a Rainforest</i> , Jennifer Swanson	80 pp	Info 2025	Colombia	For 22 years, a team of scientists have raced to gather data in 3 weeks to do a Rapid Inventory to count every animal and plant and speak with local villagers to help conserve the Amazon rainforest.
	<i>Tu Youyou's Discovery: Finding a Cure for Malaria</i> , Songju Ma Daemicke & Lin	32 pp 5.4 RL	Bio 2021	China 1970s	Tu Youyou worked to find a remedy for malaria, which was inflicting people worldwide. After many failed experiments over years of research, she tried natural Chinese remedies, finally finding a cure.
	<i>Wildlife Crossings of Hope</i> , Teddi Chichester	156 pp	Info 2024	Global	An exploration of wildlife crossings projects around the world and the scientists, engineers, and everyday people behind these projects.

Science of animals and Insects	<i>Animalium</i> , Jenny Broom	1260L 95 pp	Info 2017	Global	An introduction to grouping animals according to where they appear on the evolutionary tree of animal life and common characteristics of each group.
	<i>Big Cats</i> , Seymour Simon	1050 L 32 pp	Info 2017	Global	The behaviors and characteristics of lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetah, and pumas. Their behaviors and characteristics. See other books by Simon such as <i>Gorillas</i> , <i>Penguins</i> , etc.
	<i>Elephants: Living Large</i> , Jason Viola. Science Comics	116 pp	Info GN 2024	Africa	Science Comic book on the world's largest land animals, African elephants, follows a herd over several years. Challenges of survival.
	<i>Journey of the Humpback</i> , Juliana Munoz Toro & Dipacho	37 pp 1000 L	Info 2025	Colombia Spanish Tr	Follows the migration of the humpback whale through their 5000-mile journey from the Antarctic to the warm waters of the Colombian Pacific through lyrical language, infographics and illustrations.
	<i>A Kunwinjku Counting Book</i> , Gabriel Maralngurra	RL 4.8 32 pp	Info 2022	Australia Aborigine	Words for numbers and animals in the Kunwinjku language and illustrations in traditional Kunwinjku art to introduce 12 animals and their habitats from the Wester Arnhem Land.
	<i>Like No Other: Earth's Coolest One-of-a-Kind Creatures</i> , Sneed Collard & Christopher Neal	1000L 32 pp	Info 2024	Global	13 unusual animals, unique in their adaptations and isolation on their own branch of the evolutionary tree. They are a one-of-a-kind species. Striking visual illustrations. Map, glossary, recommended resources.
	<i>A Meerkat Diary</i> , Suzi Eszterhas	900 L 40 pp	Info 2024	Botswana	Observations of meerkats in diary-style entries in the Kalahan Desert. Photographs of meerkats at every stage of life.
	<i>What Makes a Monster?</i> Jess Keating	1030 L (V) 32pp	Info 2017	Global	Introduction to the world's scariest creatures and why they are considered monsters.
	<i>Wild Babies</i> , Seymour Simon	1000 L (O) 32pp	Info 2000	Global	Parenting techniques of different types of wild animals and the behaviors of their babies. Photographs

	<i>Wildlife of the Arctic for Kids</i> , Wayne Lynch	32 pp	Info 2024	Arctic	Info on the animals and birds living in the Arctic—polar bears, muskoxen, caribou, foxes, loons, cranes, puffins, owls. Photos
Environment and Conservation	<i>Atlas of Endangered Animals</i> , Radek Maly and Pavla Dvorska	87 pp	Info 2021	Global Czech Tr	True stories of 40 critically endangered animal species with full-page drawn illustrations, maps, and descriptions.
	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> , W. Kamkwamba	860 L (P) 293 pp	Bio 2015	Malawi	Memoir of a teen who explores science books in the library to create a windmill to pump water at his family's farm. Also in picturebook form.
	<i>City Streets are for People</i> , Andrea Curtis & Emma FitzGerald	40 pp	Info 2022	Global	Explores sustainable transportation in cities around the world, such as electric vehicles, public transit, bicycles, walking and more.
	<i>Our Cities Depend on Us: Rethinking Our Urban Areas to Fight Climate Change</i> , Victoria Tentler-DKylov	40 pp	Info 2026	Global	An architect surveys the innovative ways that 13 cities worldwide are making themselves greener and coping with climate change. From living roofs in Singapore to floating parks in the Netherlands made of recycled trash, the book depicts large and small conservation efforts.
	<i>Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean</i> , Maris Wicks	890L 119 pp	Info GN 2016	Global	Graphic novel on the biology of coral reefs and their inhabitants and threats to their livelihood.
	<i>Every Last Drop</i> , Michelle Mulder	1050 L 48 pp	Info 2022	Global	History of water, water cycle, access to water, and conservation efforts around the world.
	<i>The Girl Who Heard the Music</i> , Marni Fogelson & Marta Alvarez	RL 4.5 32 pp	Bio 2023	Easter Island/ Rapa Nui	Mahani Teave's talent as a pianist leads to worldwide fame, which she uses to get rid of the trash left by tourists and build a school of music and art that is solar powered on Rapa Nui.
	<i>The Global Ocean</i> , Rochelle Strauss	32 pp 1140 L	Info 2022	Global	Overview of the ocean's influence on the planet and the negative affect of humans as well as initiatives underway to restore the ocean. Uses many sidebars and detailed illustrations.

<i>The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem</i> , Colleen Paeff	32 pp RL 4.2 950 L	Info 2021	UK	The story of an engineer in the 1800s who designed London's first comprehensive sewage system and saved thousands of lives from cholera outbreaks. Includes how to prevent pollution today.
<i>I am Wind</i> , Rachel Poliquin & Rachel Wada	73 pp 950 L	Info 2024	Global	Mock-autobiography of wind telling stories about wind's cultural, historical, and technical importance to humans.
<i>It's Up to Us: Building a Better Future for Nature, People and the Planet</i> , Christopher Lloyd	56 pp 1020 L	2022	Global/UK	Picturebook version of the Terra Carta, a UK document addressing climate change by King Charles. 33 artists depict scenes of Nature, People, and Planet to indicate the effects of climate change and present action plans based on this document.
<i>Kids Fight Climate Change</i> , Martin Dorey & Tim Wesson	127 pp RL 6.0	Info 2022	Global	Tips on ways kids can help save planet Earth in 60 missions to become superheroes. Climate statistics, resources, and stories of change.
<i>The Mangrove Tree</i> , Susan Roth	34 pp 1190L	Info 2015	Eritrea	Ecological and social transformations resulting from a scientist planting mangrove trees.
<i>Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean</i> , Sigrid Schmalzer	32 pp RL 5.8	Info 2020	China 1970s	Scientist Pu Zhelong helped farmers develop sustainable alternatives to pesticides to kill the insects threatening their rice crops.
<i>No World Too Big: Young People Fighting Global Climate Change</i> , Jeanette Bradley	32 pp RL 4.6 990 L	Bio 2023	Global	Poems about 12 young activists and several organizations who speak up to fight global climate change. Poems are written by a range of authors, and additional information on each is also presented.
<i>One Well: The Story of Water</i> , Rochelle Strauss	32 pp 960 L (R)	Info 2007	Global	Interconnectedness of all water on Earth, importance of water for life and need for conservation.
<i>Our World Out of Balance: Understanding Climate Change and What We Can</i>	66 pp	Info 2021	Global Italian Tr	Introduces the topic of climate change with clear facts and positive solutions, showing clear before and after segments on air pollution, rising seas, plastics, waste, and wildfires. Focuses on the whats and

	<i>Do</i> , Andrea Minoglio & Laura Fanelli				whys of environmental degradation with facts and solutions and on the scientists, young activists, and groups working for change.
	<i>Planting Hope: A Portrait of Photographer Sebastio Salgado</i> . Philip Hoetzel & Renato Alarcao	32 pp	Bio 2024	Chile	As a young boy, Sebastio loved to explore the forests of Brazil. As an adult, he took photographs to tell the stories of unseen people, eventually returning to Brazil to rebuild the rainforest and photograph its beauty for the world.
	<i>The Red Bicycle</i> , Jude Isabella	800 L 32 pp	Info 2015	Burkina Faso, Africa	A bicycle sent by a boy from Canada to Burkina Faso journeys through many hands and uses. Combines fic/info on bicycle donations.
	<i>Saving H'non: Chang and the Elephant</i> . Trang Nguyen	128 pp RL 5.1	GN Info 2023	Vietnam Tr	A young conservationist overcomes the odds to save and return an abused elderly elephant to its natural habitat. Gorgeous illustrations.
	<i>Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear</i> , Trang Nguyen	112 pp	GN Info 2021	Vietnam Tr	A young conservationist returns a sun bear to its natural habitat after it is rescued from a bear-bile farm. Gorgeous rainforest illustrations
	<i>Universal Guide to the Night Sky</i> . Lisa Harvey-Smith	144 pp	Info 2024	Global	Tour through the universe by an astrophysicist to explore comets, meteors, stars, planets and moons.
	<i>Water: The Precious Resource</i> , Ol'ga Fadeeva	1020 L 32pp	Info 2024	Russia Tr Global	Explores water at work in our world from lakes to rainstorms to sea gods. Fact-filled tour of water through science and history.
Wangari Maathai	<i>Wangari's Trees of Peace</i> , Jeanette Winter <i>Mama Miti</i> , Donna Napoli <i>Seeds of Change</i> , Jen C. Johnson	600 L 32 pp 710 L 32 pp 820 L (S) 40 pp	Bio 2018 2010 2010	Kenya	These six picturebooks tell the story of Wangari Maathai, an environmental activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize. She founded the Green Belt Movement in which she organized women to replant trees, cut down for fuel. The books differ in what aspects of her life are depicted as well as how her activism is portrayed, providing for an interesting comparison on author perspective and intention in writing nonfiction.

	<i>Planting the Trees of Kenya</i> , Claire Nivola	870 L 32 pp	2008		
	<i>Wangari Maathai</i> , Franck Prevot	970 L 45 pp	2017		
	<i>Planting Peace</i> , Gwendolyn Hooks	32 pp	2021		
	<i>Wangari Speaks Out</i> , Eulalia de Ahumada Batlle	78 pp	2023		

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