

Worlds of Words 2026

Grade K-1 Global Fiction

Themes	Global Books	Date Genre	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Adventures of Imagination, Emotions, and the Everyday	<i>9 Little People</i> , Regina Feldman	RF 2025	32 pp	Global German Tr	9 children born on the same day to different families become friends who enjoy the everyday together.
	<i>Avocado Magic</i> , Taltal Levi	RF 2024	32 pp	Israel Tr	A young girl's impatience with growing up turns to wonder as she and her avocado tree gradually change together.
	<i>Bedtime for Bo</i> , Kjersti Skomsvold & Mari Johnsen	RF/FAN 2022	32 pp	Sweden Tr	Bo is not ready to go to bed so his mother joins the fun with imagination and love as he imitates various animals, with his mother one step ahead in their bedtime ritual.
	<i>Blue Sky Morning</i> , Jihyun Kim	RF 2025	32 pp	S. Korea, Tr	Eunny and her mother take the time to notice the beauty of an ordinary day in a busy city.
	<i>The Boring Book</i> , Shinsuke Yoshitake	RF 2019	502L (M), RL 1.7	Japan, Tr.	A bored child is curious about boredom – What is it? Does everyone experience it?
	<i>A Boy, His Dog, and the Sea</i> , Anthony Browne	RF 2024	32 pp	UK	Danny and his dog set off on a boring walk along the sea shore, when an unexpected adventure occurs.
	<i>A Boy Named Isamu</i> , James Yang	HF 2021	32 pp	Japan	A fictional biography of the sculptor Isamu Noguchi as a boy and how he imaginatively sees his world.
	<i>The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky</i> , Jihyun Kim	VN/RF 2022	Wordless	Korea Tr	A boy on a summer trip to the countryside plunges into a lake, discovering the wonder of nature. Monochromatic illustrations with shifting perspectives. Gorgeous.

	<i>The Dog Walk</i> , Sven Nordqvist	VN/FAN 2021	VN	Sweden Tr	A boy takes his grandmother's dog for a walk through a detailed visual feast of parks, forests, cities, and castles.
	<i>Dropbear</i> , Philip Bunting.	FAN 2025	32 pp	Australia	All of the woodland animals share spooky stories about the scary Dropbear, who turns out to be a koala.
	<i>The Gale</i> , Yan Mo & Cheng-Liang Zhu	RF 2024	32 pp	China Tr	A young boy goes with his yeye to a grassy field to cut saintail for the livestock, when a sudden storm arises.
	<i>Honk Honk, Beep Beep, Putter Putt!</i> Rukhsana Khan & Chaaya Prabhat	RF 2024	32 pp 370 L	Pakistan	A young child goes on a noisy rickshaw trip around town, enjoying the sounds of the vehicles around him.
	<i>How to Reach the Moon</i> , Nicholas Schuff & Ana Sender	RF 2025	32 pp	Argentina Spanish Tr	Emilio loves spending vacations with his grandfather and hearing his stories. One evening, his grandfather suggests they set off to meet the moon.
	<i>I Won't Give Up My Rubber Band</i> , Shinsuke Yoshitake	RF 2022	470 L 32 pp	Japan Tr.	A young girl who feels she has nothing of her own imagines all the things she can do with her rubber band—until it breaks.
	<i>Lali's Feather</i> , F. Zia and Stephanie Coleman	RF 2020	32 pp (F)	India/U.S.	Lali finds a feather and sets out to find it a home. Integrates Hindi expressions.
	<i>Let's Build a Dam</i> , Danile Fehr & M. DiGiorgio	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 1.6	German Tr	Lily and May build a dam as imagination takes over to involve ships, kings, and pirates, until a stone is removed.
	<i>Little Bird's Day</i> , Sally Morgan & Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr	FAN 2021	32 pp 520 L	Australia Aboriginal	A joyful story of a day in the life of Little Bird, who sings the world alive and travels with Wind. Call and Response. Author is Palyku and illustrator is Ganalbingu clan.
	<i>Men Cry</i> , Joan Turu, Anyeliz P. Munoz, Tr	RF 2026	32 pp	Spain Tr.	Neil is trying to figure out what it means to be a "man," especially why men don't cry.

<i>Nunu and the Sea</i> , Isabella Kung	FAN 2026	32 pp	Hong Kong	A misunderstood girl with big feelings creates an origami boat and journeys to the sea (<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>)
<i>Oh, No, Ojó</i> , Ib Njn	RF 2025	32 pp	Nigeria	Ojó loves to draw but gets in trouble when he draws places he shouldn't.
<i>Pepper & Me</i> , Beatrice Alemagna	RF 2024	540 L 32 pp	Italy Tr	A girl scrapes her knee, leading to a scab that causes worry, but she names her scab Pepper and won't let it go.
<i>Pencil</i> , Hye-Eun Kim	VN FAN	32 pp	Korea Tr	The visual images follow a pencil from its origins as a tree to a factory, art store, and the imagination of a young artist
<i>Pitch Black</i> , Takuma Takasaki	RF 2026	32 pp	Japan Tr.	A boy fills paper after paper with pitch black, worrying his teacher and parents, until his drawings reveal his intent.
<i>Rainbow Hands</i> , Mamta Nainy & Jo Loring-Fisher	RF 2022	32 pp 510 L Luli	India	A young boy paints his nails different colors to reflect his moods and feelings.
<i>The Secret Cat</i> , Katarina Stromgard	FAN 2019	32 pp 540L RL 1.5 (L)	Sweden Tr	Lucy yearns for a pet and follows a mysterious cat on an Imaginative adventure.
<i>The Snow Theater</i> , Ryoli Arai	FAN 2025	32 pp	Japan Tr.	A boy learns to cope with making mistakes, while having a magical experience in the snow.
<i>The Sock Thief</i> , Ana Crespo	RF 2015	32 pp, 530L RL 1.8	Brazil	Felipe does not have a soccer ball, so "borrows" socks to make one.
<i>Sunday</i> , Marcelo Tolentino	RF 2025	32 pp 410 L	Brazil Portuguese Tr	Martin spends every Sunday in the same routines with his family so he invents a world adventure with his dog, recounting his magical adventure to his grandmother.
<i>Tiger in My Soup</i> , Kashmira Sheth	FAN 2015	32 pp RL 1.5	India	A boy begs his sister to read to him, but she is too busy to notice a tiger who is threatening him.

	<i>Through the Forest</i> , Yijing Li	FAN 2022	32 pp 480 L	China	A young boy enters the forest alone and lost, meeting Emptiness who guides him to his memories of the past.
	<i>Together, Right Now</i> , Ol'ga Fadeeva	RF 2026	32 pp	Global Russian Tr	Right now, on earth, many things are happening near and far in vignettes set in everyday life around the globe.
	<i>The Visit</i> , Nuria Figueras & Anna Font. L. Schimel, Tr.	FAN 2026	32 pp	Spain Tr	Little Fox spends time alone in the den, visited by Silence, gradually realizing Silence can be a friend. Allegory.
	<i>The Wave</i> , Suzy Lee	VN/RF 2008	Wordless	S. Korea Tr	A young girl enjoys a day at the beach.
	<i>The Way Home in the Night</i> , Akiko Miyakoshi	FAN 2017	32 pp 440 L	Japan Tr.	A mother rabbit carries her sleepy child home at night as the child wonders about each lighted window.
	<i>Waaa Waaa Goes Tawa</i> , Alaba Onajin	RF 2023	310 L 32 pp	Nigeria	Tawa's temper tantrums throughout the day frustrate everyone but grown-ups return the tantrum at bedtime.
	<i>Wanjiku, Child of Mine</i> , Ciiku Ndung'u-Case	RF 2024	32 pp	Kenya	A girl is known by two names as she goes about daily tasks with her grandfather and at school. Some Gikuyu words.
Strength through relationships	<i>100 Chapatis</i> , Derek Mascarenhas & Shantala Robinson	RF 2023	32 pp 540 L	India Canada	A boy makes 100 chapatis with his grandfather while they wait for news of his baby sibling's arrival. Waiting is so hard, especially if you are not sure about a new sibling.
	<i>Amah Faraway</i> . Margaret Chu Greanias & Tracy Subisak	RF 2022	32 pp	Taiwan U.S.	Kylie is nervous about visiting her Amah who lives far away, where she does not know the language or the customs, until she sees Taiwan through her grandmother's eyes.
	<i>Arthur's Cat</i> , Johan Leynaud. S Ardizzone, Tr	RF 2026	32 pp	French Tr	Arthur loves his cat so much, but after a big hug Zeffo runs away and the two must find and respect boundaries.
	<i>Asha and the Toymaker</i> , Sakshi Magal	RF 2023	32 pp 520 L	India Jodhpur	Papa is struggling to find buyers for his wooden toys, until Asha shows him how her art can help.

<i>B is for Baby</i> , Atinuke	RF 2019	32pp, (F) RL 0.9	Nigeria	Each page begins with the letter B in a story of a baby who crawls into a basket his brother is taking to market.
<i>L is for Love</i> , Atinuke & Angela Brooksbank	RF 2024	32 pp	Nigeria	A family travels from their farm to Lagos to sell lemons. Each step of their journey is documented in L is for
<i>M is for Mango</i>	RF 2025	32 pp	Nigeria	A mischievous toddler munches across the day, enjoying m words, especially mangoes.
<i>Baby Goes to Market.</i> Atinuke	RF 2017	32 pp, 470L RL. 2.0	Nigeria	When Baby goes to market carried on his mother's back, he is given many sample treats
<i>Banana Dream</i> , Hasan Namir & Zainab Faidhi	RF 2023	32 pp	Iraq	Mooz hates his name, which means bananas in Arabic, until he learns the story of his name from his mother.
<i>The Bear and the Wildcat</i> , Kazumi Yumoto & Komako Sakai	FAN 2023	RL 2.0 570 L	Japan Tr	When Bear's friend bird dies, he locks himself into his house. He finally ventures out and other animals remind him that he is not alone and is comforted by memories.
<i>Bear's Lost Glasses</i> , Leo Trimmers	FAN 2024	32 pp	Netherlands Tr	A bear has lost his glasses and goes to visit his friend Giraffe, marveling at the unusual sights along the way.
<i>A Big Juicy Earthworm</i> , Katarina Macurova	FAN 2024	32 pp 590 L	Slovenia Tr	3 chicken buddies always find new ways to play until one day Pipo finds an unusual earthworm and an epic battle.
<i>Bitter Tea and Rock Candy</i> , Yan Gu	RF 2025	32 pp	China	Mimi thinks her grandmother's tea is too bitter and resists drinking it until her grandmother finds a sweet solution.
<i>The Boy, the Troll and the Chalk</i> , Anne Booth & David Litchfield	RF 2025	32 pp	UK	A troll warns everyone away from his cave on a playground, until one child begins to draw inviting the boy to emerge and join him in drawing together.
<i>Champ</i> , Payam Ebrahimi & Reza Dalvand	RF 2024	32 pp 570 L	Iran Farsi Tr	Despite the pressure to conform, Abtin is nothing like his family, who expect him to be an athlete, not a reader.

	<i>Come Closer, Tatita,</i> Impala	RF 2024	310 L	Spain Tr	A young girl shares her memories of her tatita, her grandmother, who lives in her heart.
	<i>Croco,</i> Azul Lopez	FAN 2025	32 pp	Mexico Spanish Tr	A crocodile falls into a hole and all the animals try to help him but he must find his own way out.
	<i>Dancing Hands: A Story of Friendship.</i> Joanna Que & Fran Alvarez	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.5 460 L	Philippines Tr	A child is introduced to Filipino sign language when he sees his new neighbors signing to each other. The two children become close friends and Sam's hands learn to dance.
	<i>A Day with Mousse,</i> Claire LeBourg	FAN 2024	79 pp	France Tr	Mousse lives a solitary life by the sea, until one day an expected visitor, Barnacle washes up in his living room.
	<i>Every Wrinkle Has a Story,</i> David Grossman & Ninamasina	RF 2024	32 pp	Israel Tr	Yotam asks his grandfather about the lines on his face who explains that they are wrinkles and each one tells a story that is a memory from his life.
	<i>Everyone Gets a Turn,</i> Marianne Dubuc	FAN 2024	32 pp	French Tr Canada	4 animal friends take turns caring for a precious egg they find, which then hatches into a chick requiring more care.
	<i>Faraway Family,</i> Padma Venkatraman & N. Wong	RF 2026	32 pp	India	A young girl visits family in India who feel like strangers rather than family, connecting through imaginary play.
	<i>Finding Moose,</i> Sue Farrell Holler & Jennifer Faria	RF 2022	32 pp, 480L RL 1.9	Canada Indigenous	A boy and his grandfather take a quiet walk in the woods, enjoying nature and looking for a moose. Ojibwe.
	<i>First There Was Me, Then There Was You,</i> Yvonne Sewankambo & A McLeod	RF 2026	32 pp	Australia Uganda	A boy and his new sister grow up together and experience friendship, imagination and rivalry in a Ugandan family in Australia.
	<i>A Gift for Amma</i> Meera Sriram	RF 2020	32 pp	India	A girl visits street markets in Chennai, searching for a gift for her mother.

<i>A Gift for Nai Nai</i> , Kim-Hoa Ling	RF 2023	32 pp 490 L	China	Lyn Lyn is struggling to crochet a hat for her beloved grandmother. Some words in Chinese.
<i>Golden Threads</i> , Suzanne De Rizzo	RF 2026	32 pp 670 L	Japan	A bellowed stiffed fox is blown away, ending up tattered on a distant shore where Kiko loving repairs the fox with golden thread, eventually returning the fox.
<i>Grandfather Bowhead, Tell Me a Story</i> , Aviaq Johnston	FAN 2020	25 pp	Arctic Inuk	A bowhead whale tells the marvelous stories of his life to his grandchild, but nothing compares to their love.
<i>Grandma's Roof Garden</i> , Wei Tang	RF 2024	32 pp	China Tr	Grandma grows a garden on the roof of her Chengdu building, providing food for her community.
<i>Grandpa Across the Ocean</i> , Hyewon Yum	RF 2021	32 pp (K)	Korean/US	A little boy visits his grandfather on the other side of the ocean, where everything is unfamiliar and boring.
<i>Grumble Boats</i> , Susannah McFarlane & T. Ainslie	RF 2025	32 pp 520 L	Australia	Emma is grumpy about spending the day with her grandmother who shows her how to let go of the grumps.
<i>The Hatful of Dreams</i> , Bob Graham	RF 2025	32 pp	Australia	At the end of a deserted street, a grandfather in a loving family tells stories of dreams he keeps under his hat.
<i>The Hawk Shadow</i> , Jan B. Waboose & K. Harvey	RF 2024	32 pp 510 L	Canada Ojibwe	Two siblings make their way through the woods to go fishing, helped by a hawk when one gets in trouble.
<i>Her Muddy Majesty of Muck</i> , Beatrice Alemagna	FAN 2026	32 pp	Italian Tr	Yuki is in a dark mood on her way home from school and enters manhole to discover the world of Mudland, where she works through her anger to connect with her brother.
<i>Holding on</i> , Sophia Lee	RF 2022	32 pp	Philippines	A young girl uses music, Tagalog love songs, to connect with her grandmother whose memory is fading.

	<i>How Far Do You Love Me?</i> Lulu Delacre	RF 2014	32 pp	Global Spanish, Tr	A message of love between a child and mother goes across cultures and continents.
	<i>How My Family Says I Love You</i> , Yvonne Sewankambo & Aurore McLeod	RF 2025	32 pp	Australia Uganda	A Ugandan family in Australia finds many ways to say “I love you” without saying anything at all as they go about their daily lives.
	<i>I Can Be All Three</i> , Salima Alikhan & Noor Sofi	RF 2023	32 pp	Global	At the school Multicultural Day, a girl with three identities resists choosing only one – Indian, German, American.
	<i>I Dream of Popo</i> , Livia Blackburne & Julia Kuo	RF 2021	32 pp RL 2.2	Taiwan/US	Popo and her granddaughter hold each other in their hearts even though they are oceans apart.
	<i>In This Family</i> , Shelly Anand & Meenal Patel	RF 2024	32 pp	Global	A young girl learns about her diverse cultural and linguistic heritage as her multiracial family welcomes a new baby.
	<i>Julie and the Mango Tree</i> , Sade Smith & Sayada Ramdial	RF 2023	600 L	Jamaica	Mangoes are Julie’s favorite fruit, but the tree won’t drop any fruit for her to eat -- until the wind brings down too many and she must find a way to share.
	<i>Lola’s Nana-Bibi Comes to Visit</i> , Anna McQuinn & Rosalind Beardshaw	RF 2023	RL 1.6 460 L	Tanzania/ UK	When Lola’s grandmother comes to visit, the family spends the week doing special activities and enjoying their time together.
	<i>The Memory Cake</i> , Caroline Perry & Jennifer Bricking	RF 2025	32 pp	Malta	As a girl bakes a special cake with her grandmother, she share the story of her life as a child under siege in Malta during WWII.
	<i>The Muéganos</i> , Jaque Jours	FAN 2026	32 pp	Mexico Spanish Tr	A family is so lose that they are stuck together like the traditional Mexican candy until one daughter breaks free.
	<i>My Abuela is a Bruja</i> , Mayra Cuevas & Lorena Alvarez	RF 2025	32 pp	Puerto Rico	Child shares a special bond with her Abuela who infuses every activity with stories and magic.

	<i>My Best Friend's Bangles</i> , Thushanthi Ponweera	RF 2024	32 pp	Sri Lanka	Two best friends whose mothers work overseas experience jealousy when one receives bangles from her mother.
	<i>My Dad is the Best</i> , Eve Pintadera & Joan Turu	RF 2025	32 pp 400 L	Spain Tr	Two boys argue about whose dad is the best and strongest, taking the competition to the extreme.
	<i>My Friend May</i> , Julie Flett	RF 2026	32 pp 620 L	Canada Cree	One day a girl's cat does not appear for dinner, leaving her upset, especially on the day her auntie has moved away.
	<i>My GrandMom</i> , Gee-eun Lee	RF 2022	RL 1.9 32 pp	S. Korea, Tr	Gee-eun spends her days with her grandmother. Their trip to the family sports day does not go as planned.
	<i>Nosotros Means Us: Un cuento bilingue</i> , Paloma Valdivia	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.5 290 L (I)	Chile Tr	A bilingual ode to the unshakeable bond between a parent and a child.
	<i>On My Papa's Shoulders</i> , Niki Daly	RF 2022	RL 1.7 32 pp	South Africa	A young boy walks to school each day with different family members, but the view from Papa's shoulders is the best.
	<i>Otter's New Neighbors</i> , Xingming Li. Shan Chen Tr	FAN 2026	32 pp	China Tr.	Otter moves into a new lake neighborhood, where everyone turns up with something to offer, until a surprise guest raises a new problem.
	<i>Our Building</i> , Joseph Coelho & Richard Johnson	FAN 2024	32 pp	UK	Friends in an apartment building travel to a magical world inside a tree, realizing the magic of community.
	<i>Paws + Edward</i> , Espen Dekko	FAN 2019	32 pp RL 1.3	Norway, Tr	Relationship of a boy and his old dog, who both dream of better days.
	<i>The Playdate</i> , Uje Brandelius & Clara Dackenberg. N. Smalley Tr	RF 2025	32 pp	Swedish Tr	A girl is excited by her playdate with Henry as the illustrations reveal that her mother is the housekeeper and there are wide socioeconomic disparities.
	<i>Rez Kid</i> , Andrea Landry	RF 2025	32 pp	Canada Indigenous	An Indigenous girl taunted on the bus is given advice from her family on how to stop the taunts and feel safe.

<i>Quiet Time with My Seeya</i> , Dinalie Dabarera	RF 2023	RL 2.0 440 L	Australia/ Sri Lanka	Even though they do not speak the same language, a young child and her Sinhalese grandfather enjoy time together.
<i>Rain School</i> , James Rumford	RF 2010	32 pp 420 L	Chad	Children must work together to build their mud school before the rainy season begins.
<i>Red</i> , Jan De Kinder	RF 2020	32 pp 330 L	Netherland Tr	A girl is torn between her sympathy for a peer who is being bullied and her fear of a bully.
<i>Rock</i> , Laurel Croza & Matt James	FAN 2025	32 pp	Canada	A seagull bullies a rock on the beach, insisting it's just a pebble, but a child sees the rock differently.
<i>Say Hello!</i> Rachel Isadora	RF 2010	32 pp RL 1.6	Global	A young girl greets people in her neighborhood in many different languages to say hello.
<i>The Sour Cherry Tree</i> , Naseem Hrab and Nahid Kazemi	RF 2021	32 pp 520L RL 2.2	Iran Canada	After her grandfather's death, a girl wanders his house, finding objects that bring back memories of her beloved Baba Bozorg.
<i>Step into My Shoes</i> , Alkisti Halikia & F. Tikkou	RF 2024	32 pp (O)	France Greek Tr	Matou imagines the lives of people who leave shoes outside the mosque, helping her understand her mother.
<i>Stormy</i> , Guojing	VN/RF 2019	Wordless	China Tr	A stray, scared dog searches for a home and a human connection during a storm.
<i>The Tale of the Tiny Man</i> , Barbro Lindgren	FAN 2022	32 pp 540 L	Sweden, Tr	A lonely man finds a friend with a stray dog. All is well until a young girl visits and he fears he has lost his only friend.
<i>Telling Stories Wrong</i> , Gianni Rodari & Beatrice Alemagna	RF 2022	32 pp	Italy Tr	A grandfather playfully recounts "Little Red Riding Hood," while his granddaughter tries to get him back on track when he keeps adding new details.
<i>Tios and Primos</i> , Jacqueline Alcantara	RF 2025	32 pp 620 L	Honduras	When a girl visits her father's homeland, she is excited to meet many family members but worries about her Spanish.

	<i>Toto</i> , Hyewon Yum	RF 2025	32 pp	S. Korea	A young girl is self-conscious about the birthmark on her face until a new friend helps her see it in a new light.
	<i>The Visitor</i> , Antje Damm	RF 2018	32 pp 470L RL 1.9	Germany Tr	An old woman is afraid of everything until the visit of a boy brings color into her home.
	<i>What Lolo Wants</i> , Cristina Oxta & Jamie Bauza	RF 2024	32 pp 580 L	Philippines	Lolo and her beloved grandfather draw together every day, until he withdraws and she must find a way to reach him.
	<i>What to Bring</i> , Laura S. Nicholson & Ellen Rooney	RF 2023	RL 1.8 470 L	Canada	When their home is threatened by wildfire, Malia has a hard time choosing what will fit into a backpack as they flee
	<i>Ways Papi Says I Love You</i> , Delia Ruiz & C. V. Aguilera	RF 2026	32 pp	Mexico	Papi finds many ways to say I love you without words through his actions big and small on a trip to town.
	<i>When We Find Her</i> , Mia Garcia & Andre Ceolin	RF 2025	32 pp	Puerto Rico	Lita misses her late grandmother and works with her abuelo to cook her abuela's favorite recipe.
	<i>Where Three Oceans Meet</i> Rajani LaRocca, Archana Sreenivasan	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.8	India	A child, mother, and grandmother travel to the tip of India where three oceans meet. Multigenerational journey of creating family memories.
	<i>The Wonderful Fluffy Little Squishy</i> , Beatrice Alemagna	RF 2015	32 pp RL 1.8	Italy Tr	Eddie is determined to get the perfect gift for her mother, scouring her neighborhood.
Family Stories and Cultural Traditions	<i>Abuelo, the Sea, and Me</i> . Ismee Williams & T Gardel	RF 2024	32 pp	Cuba	Season by season, a young girl walks with her abuelo along the beach as he shares stories about his life in Havana.
	<i>100 Days: A Story of Sisterhood</i> . Kimberly Lee & Michelle Jing Chan	RF 2025	32 pp	China	Anya feels overlooked now that her baby sister has arrived, especially as the family prepares for the baby's 100 th Day celebration and she learns to love her sister.

<i>Amira's Picture Day</i> , Reem Faruqi & Fahmida Azim	RF 2021	32 pp (L)	Muslim US Pakistan	Amira is excited about celebrating Eid with her family, but that means missing picture day at school.
<i>Archie Celebrates Diwali</i> , Mitali Banerjee Ruths & Parwinder Singh	RF 2021	32 pp 600 L	India U.S.	Diwali is Archie's favorite holiday, and she wants to introduce the festival of lights to her new friends, but a storm knocks out the electricity during the party.
<i>Babo: A Tale of Armenian Rug-Washing Day</i> . Astrid Kamalyan	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.9, 470 L	Armenia	A group of children help their grandmother wash their Armenian rugs on rug-washing day as they jump, scrub, and play with bubbles. Some Armenian words.
<i>The Beautiful Layers of Me</i> , Sophie Payne & Ruchi Mhasane	RF 2025	32 pp	UK Guyana	A biracial child receives her first salwar kameez to her auntie's Muslim wedding but is embarrassed when a friend calls her outfit pajamas. Clothing as culture.
<i>Benjamin Grows a Garden</i> , Melanie Florence	RF 2025	32 pp	Canada Indigenous	A Cree child plans plants and cares for his garden along with mother and imagines the harvest to come.
<i>Bee-Bim Bop!</i> , Linda Sue Park	RF 2008	31 pp (L)	S. Korea	A young girl helps her mother shop and prepare a special Korean rice dish. Rhymes.
<i>Bhangra Baby.</i> , Kabir & S. Sehgal & Ani Bushry	RF 2023	32 pp	India	Dance with Bhangra Baby as he learns to move to the rhythms of a Punjabi folk dance.
<i>A Big Bed for Little Snow</i> , Grace Lin	FAN 2019	32pp, 430 L (K), RL 1.6	China	Little Snow jumps on his new feather bed in the sky, causing snow to fall.
<i>A Big Mooncake for Little Star</i> , Grace Lin	FAN 2018	32pp, 430 L (J), RL 1.6	China	Mother bakes a big mooncake that Little Star eats, causing the cycles of the moon. Mid-Winter Moon Festival
<i>Bilal Cooks Daal</i> , Aisah Saeed	RF 2019	32 pp, 520L RL 2.3	Pakistan US	Bilal invites his friends to make his favorite dish, but all must wait patiently as it cooks.

	<i>A Bindi Can Be.....</i> Suma Subramaniam & K. Nair	RF 2024	32 pp	India	A young girl learns how to make a bindi with the help of her grandmother, discovering what wearing one means.
	<i>Boys Don't Fry.</i> Kimberly Lee & Charlene Chua	RF 2023	32 pp 770 L	China	A Peranakan Chinese boy would love to help cook for Lunar New Year but must find a way around his aunties to do so.
	<i>Bracelets for Bina's Brothers,</i> Rajani LaRocca & Chaaya Prabhat	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.6 (L)	India	Bina makes bracelets for her brothers for an Indian holiday that celebrates siblings. She creates patterns with the beads for each one. Storytelling Math.
	<i>The Carpet,</i> Dezh Azaad & Nan Cao	RF 2023	32 pp	Afghanistan	A day in the life of an Afghan refugee child, where every moment revolves around a carpet that connects the family.
	<i>Charlotte's New Moccasins,</i> Jenn Moudahi & Rhael McGregor	RF 2025	32 pp	Canada Indigenous	A Metis child outgrows her moccasins and so travels to her grandmother who shows her how to make her new mocs step by step.
	<i>Dancing the Tinikling.</i> Bobbie Peyton & D. Cerna	RF 2023	RL 1.8, 500L (M)	Philippines US	Jojo's grandmother invites him to join her to learn the rhythmic tinikling dance. Some Tagalog words.
	<i>Dumplings for Lili,</i> Melissa Iwai	RF 2021	32 pp (N)	Global U.S.	Lili needs ingredients to cook dumplings called baos with her Nai Nai. As she visits apartments, she helps other grandmothers create dumplings from other cultures.
	<i>A Dupatta is.....,</i> Marzieh Abbas	RF 2023	32 pp	South Asia	A loving and lyrical ode to the significance of the dupatta, a shawl worn by women throughout South Asia.
	<i>Egyptian Lullaby,</i> Zeena Pliska and Hatem Aly	RF 2023	630 L 32 pp	Egypt	A young child is sung a lullaby by a great aunt that paints a vivid portrait and love letter to Cairo.
	<i>Festival of Colors,</i> Kabir Sehgal	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.8	India	Two children create colorful powders from flowers during Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors.

	<i>A Festa for Luana.</i> Joana Pastro & Duda Oliva	RF 2025	32 pp	Brazil	When Luana visits her grandparents in Brazil, she feels out of place, but learns to appreciate her bicultural heritage.
	<i>Filo's Butterflies,</i> Litea Fuata and Myo Yim	RF 2025	32 pp	Samoa	Filo is nervous about doing a special dance for the first time at his auntie's Samoan wedding. Siva fa'ataupati
	<i>A Garden in My Hands,</i> Meera Sriram & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2023	RL 2.9 530 L	India	A mother shares family memories and stories with her daughter as she applies henna to the young girl's hands, conveying the cultural significance of the patterns.
	<i>Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush,</i> Patrice Lawrence	RF 2023	32 pp	Trinidad/ UK	A young Black girl learns about her beloved Trinidadian grandmother's immigrant story. Importance of sharing memories and of unseen moments of courage.
	<i>The Gift of Eid,</i> Shifa Saltagi Safadi & A. Jaleel	RF 2025	32 pp	Syria	Retelling of the Gift of the Magi, set in Damascus, when a Muslim child and her mother cannot afford gifts for Eid.
	<i>Granny's Kitchen: A Jamaican Story of Food and Family,</i> Sade Smith & Ken Daley	RF 2022	32 pp	Jamaica	Shelly-Ann lives with her grandmother in Jamaica, who is teaching her to cook when she gets hungry, but something always goes wrong. Includes recipes and facts about Jamaica.
	<i>How to Eat a Mango,</i> Paola Santos & Juliana Perdomo	RF 2024	32 pp	Venezuela	Carmencita does not like eating mangoes, but her grandmother shows her how to appreciate the fruit through her senses and family memories. Spanish ed.
	<i>How to Wear a Sari,</i> Darshana Khiani & Joanne Lew-Vriethoff	RF 2021	32 pp	India	A young girl sets out to prove herself to her multigenerational family by putting on a sari all by herself, leading to an unexpected outcome.
	<i>Hummingbird/Aamobinashee,</i> Jennifer Leason	RF 2024	32 pp 520 L	Canada Ojibwe	Feelings in insecure, a girl feels lost until her grandmother sends a message of hope and a hummingbird to remind her

	<i>Jollof Day</i> , Bernard Mensah & A. Barber-Opp	RF 2025	32 pp 610 L	Ghana	A father and son joyfully spend the day making Jollof, a traditional Ghanaian dish, for their family.
	<i>Insha'allah, No, Maybe So</i> , Rhonda Roumani & Olivia Aserr	RF 2024	32 pp	Muslim world	Ranya is frustrated her mother says "Insh'allah" when she asks for something, until her mother explains why the phrase is used by Muslims to talk about the future.
	<i>It's Holi</i> . Sanyukla Mathur & C. Pippin-Mathur	RF 2024	32 pp	India	Nikhil is nervous about getting ready for Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors, until his family finds a solution.
	<i>The Jade Bracelet</i> , Ha Dinh & Yong Ling Kang	RF 2025	32 pp	Vietnam	Tien, a Vietnamese immigrant, is embarrassed by her jade bracelet at school, where others wear shiny new bracelets.
	<i>Kantiga Finds the Perfect Name</i> , Mabel Mnensa & Chantelle Thorne	RF 2023	32 pp	South Africa	Unhappy with her name, a girl tries to find the perfect name with her grandmother's help, finding out more about her identity and the origin of her name.
	<i>Kente for Jojo</i> , Bernard Mensah	RF 2025	32 pp	Ghana	A boy's family travels to pick out a special Kente for the new baby, recounting the origin story for this cloth.
	<i>Laolao's Dumplings</i> , Diane Liu & ShinYeon Moon	RF 2023	32 pp	China	When her grandmother is too tired to make dumplings, Millie travels to the market to gather the ingredients.
	<i>Legendary Cakes</i> , Kerisa Greene	RF 2025	32 pp.	Vietnam	Tét, Vietnamese New Year, means a sleepover at their Ba's house to learn how to make banh chung, traditional cakes.
	<i>Like the Moon Loves the Sky</i> , Hena Khan	RF 2020	32 pp RL 2.2	Muslim Global	Inspired by the Quran, this book celebrates a mother's love and hope for her child.
	<i>Love, Lah Lah</i> . Nailah Blackman-Thornhill	RF 2024	32 pp 400 L	Trinidad & Tobago	Lah Lah and her grandfather enjoy Carnival together, combining African and East Indian traditions and rhythms.

	<i>Luli and the Language of Tea</i> , Andrea Wang & Hyewon Yum	RF 2022	32 pp	Global	While parents attend an English class, Luli connects with other children by sharing her love of tea. Soon children are sharing words for tea in their own languages.
	<i>Mai's Áo Dài</i> , Thai Nguyen & Dung Ho	RF 2025	32 pp	Vietnam	Mai has the perfect dress for Tết celebrations and is upset when her father asks her to wear the traditional áo dài.
	<i>Memory Garden</i> , Zohreh & Susie Ghahremani	RF 2024	32 pp	Iran	A young girl helps her grandmother in the garden, sharing past memories of family and creating new memories.
	<i>The Mochi Makers</i> , Sharon Fujimoto-Johnson	RF 2024	32 pp.	Japan/US	A girl and her grandmother spent the day making mochi together from a recipe passed down for generations.
	<i>Mommy's Khimar</i> , Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow	RF 2018	32 pp RL 2.0	Muslim world/US	A young Muslim girl plays with her mother's khimar (hijab) to become a queen, the sun, and a superhero.
	<i>My Mother's Sari</i> , Sandhya Rao	RF 2009	30 pp 330 L	India	A young girl describes all the things she does with her mother's sari as she engages in imaginative play.
	<i>My Name is Saajin Singh</i> , Kuljinder Kaur Brar and Samrath Kaur	RF 2022	RL 2.2 500 L	India/ Canada	Saajin loves his name but when his teacher pronounces it wrong, he isn't sure if he can correct her. His parents connect his name to his heritage as a Punjabi Sikh.
	<i>Naming Ceremony</i> , Seina Wedlick & J. Mohammed	RF 2023	32 pp	Nigeria	Amira has a name picked out for her baby sister's naming ceremony but wonders if her chosen name is a blessing.
	<i>Once Upon a Sari</i> , Zenia Wadhvani & Avani Dwivedi	RF 2024	32 pp	Canada India	A girl gets into her mother's saris, making a mess. Her mother shares the memories associated with each sari – where it came from and where it was worn.
	<i>Our Day of the Dead Celebration</i> , Ana Aranda	RF 2022	620 L 32 pp	Mexico	A family honors their living and dead relatives as they celebrate the Day of the Dead with food and stories.

	<i>Our Favorite Day of the Year.</i> A.E. Ali & Rahele Bell	RF 2020	32 pp 580 L	Global	Kindergarteners share the traditions of their favorite day of the year, finding connection across difference.
	<i>Patty Dreams,</i> Nadia Hohn & Sahle Robinson	RF 2025	32 pp 620 L	Jamaica	A young boy begs his father to make flaky Jamaican patties, but he is too tired, so the boy decides to make them.
	<i>The Pet Dragon,</i> Christoph Niemann	FAN 2008	32 pp 530 L	China	A girl searches for her pet dragon. Introduces Chinese characters in a meaningful way.
	<i>Popo the Xolo,</i> Angelina Paolma Lopez	FAN 2025	32 pp	Mexico Indigenous	Nana journeys from life to death guided by her bellowed Xolo dog and celebrated by her family. 9 levels of Mictlan
	<i>A Ramadan Night,</i> Nadine Presley & Asma Enayah	RF 2025	32 pp	Syria	A boy experiences the sights, sounds and sensations of a Ramadan night in Damascus.
	<i>Ramen for Everyone,</i> Patricia Tanumihardjja & Shiho Pate	RF 2023	530 L 32 pp	Japan	A young boy aspires to make a bowl of ramen as delicious as his father's and runs into surprises on his first attempt. Includes recipe.
	<i>Rose Weaves a Garden,</i> Rashin Kheiriyeh	RF 2025	32 pp 570 L	Iran	Rose learns the traditional art of Persian rug weaving from her grandfather for a rug based on a drawing of her garden.
	<i>A Salwar Kameez for Ambika,</i> Arti Panday	RF 2026	32 pp	India	Ambika designs her salwar kameez to wear at her cousin's wedding in India. Process of dressmaking in Lucknow.
	<i>Samina Goes to a Wedding,</i> Farida Zarhan	RF 2026	32 pp	Bangladesh	A Canadian girl travels to Bangladesh for her first wedding ceremony, learning about the traditions from her cousin.
	<i>A Sari for Ammi,</i> Mamta Nainy & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2021	32 pp	India	Ammi weaves beautiful saris but never wears them, due to their worth. Her daughters raise enough money to buy one for her. Indian Muslim community. Hindi words.
	<i>Sari Sisters,</i> Anitha Rao-Robinson & A. Syed	RF 2024	32 pp	India	Two sisters bond over their shared experience of learning to tie saris, even when one is told that she is too young.

	<i>Seven Special Somethings</i> , Adib Khorram & Zainab Faidhi	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.9	Iran	It's Nowruz, Persian New Year, and Kian must find 7 special somethings after accidentally ruining his family's haft-seen display of traditional items for the holiday.
	<i>Shivi's Big Leap</i> , Kritika Rao & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2025	32 pp	India	Shiva is afraid of reaching the top of a climbing wall until he summons his favorite Hindu god to give him courage.
	<i>Shoes Off, Please</i> , Helena Ku Rhee & Myo Yim	RF 2025	32 pp	Korea/US	When friends visit, Mina is embarrassed about her family's tradition of removing shoes before entering a home.
	<i>Smile with African Style</i> , Mylo Freeman	RF 2021	32 pp RL 2.4	Africa	Children come to school in their most stylish African clothing, representing many different African countries.
	<i>A Song of Frutas</i> , Margarita Engle & Sara Palacios	RF 2021	32 pp	Cuba	A young girl visits her abuelo and helps sell frutas, singing the names of each fruit as they walk down the street. They continue to share rhymes by exchanging letters. Spanish ed.
	<i>The Spice Box</i> , Meera Sriram & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2024	32 pp 780L	India	When Rishi cooks curry with his dad, he breaks the family spice box that holds the family's heart and history.
	<i>The Suitcase</i> , Daniela Sosa	RF 2024	32 pp	UK	A boy visiting his boring grandparents finds a suitcase of old photos of a young couple on incredible adventures.
	<i>Sundays are for Feasts</i> , Leila Boukarim & Ruaida Mannaa	RF 2025	32 pp	Lebanon	When Yasmine visits her family in Lebanon, she is surprised and worried when they ask her to prepare the hummus for the family Sunday feast.
	<i>Suuban's First Day</i> , Shugri Salh & Alaba Onajin	RF 2026	32 pp	Somalia	In the Somali desert, a girl eagerly awaits her first day to herd goats by herself but must outsmart sneaky foxes.
	<i>A Tanta Wawa for Abuelito</i> , Sara A. Fajardo & Duda Oliva.	RF 2026	32 pp	Peru	A story about a child's grief for her Abuelito as a family celebrates Día de los Muertos in the Andes, recalling special memories and sharing stories as a family.

	<i>A Taste of Home</i> , Richard Ho & T.P. Sibui	RF 2024	32 pp 600 L	U.S.	Children walk through the city streets with their immigrant families, picking up foods from around the world.
	<i>Tea is Love</i> , Adib Khorram & Hanna Cha	RF 2025	32 pp	Global	A celebration of the comfort, warmth, and traditions of tea drinking across countries and cultures.
	<i>Thao</i> , Thao Lam	RF 2021	32 p 420L RL 2.4	Vietnam Canadian	Thao is tired of her name being mispronounced all the time and decides to call herself Jennifer
	<i>Thread of Love</i> , Kabir Sehgal	RF 2018	32 pp 440 L	India	Three siblings celebrate their relationship by making rakhi bracelets. Indian festival. Song
	<i>To Carnival! A Celebration in Saint Lucia</i> , Paul Baptiste & Jana Glatt	RF 2021	32 pp	Saint Lucia	Melba misses her ride to town and must find a new way to reach the big parade and celebration.
	<i>Two New Years</i> , Richard Ho & Lynn Scurfield	RF 2023	32 pp	China Jewish	The author brings together his multicultural family's celebrations of two New Year's, Jewish and Chinese – Rosh Hashanah and Lunar New Year.
	<i>The Vase with the Golden Cracks</i> , Fran Nuno & Zuzanna Celej	RF 2024	32 pp	Japan Spanish Tr	A Japanese boy accidentally breaks a vase in which his father keeps slips of paper with Japanese words. The vase is restored with golden lines in the cracks – the art of kintsugi.
	<i>White Sunday</i> , Lilea Fuata & Myo Yim	RF 2024	32 pp 510 L	Samoa	Samoa families celebrate White Sunday in October with special activities for children at church and a feast.
Forced and Chosen Journeys	<i>Abdullah's Bear Needs a Name</i> , Yasmin Hanif	RF 2026	32 pp	Pakistan Scotland	Abdullah must guess the name of the teddy bear from his father, but nothing feels right until hearing a family story.
	<i>Alicia and the Hurricane</i> , Leslea Newman	RF 2022	32 pp RL 2.2	Puerto Rico	Alicia is afraid for the tiny coquis, little frogs that sing her to sleep, when a hurricane hits. Bilingual Spanish/English.

	<i>Aisha's Colors</i> , Nabila Adani	RF 2024	32 pp	Indonesia	Aisha reluctantly travels from Jakarta to visit her grandmother but learns to appreciate the beauty of nature.
	<i>Arctic Adventure</i> , Jyoti Gopal & Alexandra Cook	RF 2026	32 pp	Norway	A journey through the frozen Arctic tundra following a pair of Arctic foxes and a human mother and child.
	<i>Brown Girl in the Snow</i> , Yolanda Marshall & Marianne Ferrer	RF 2025	32 pp	Guyana Canada	When Amina moves from Guyana to the ice and snow of Toronto, she desperately misses her garden but comes up with a solution when she learns about greenhouses.
	<i>Caged</i> , Kao Kalia Yang	RF 2024	32 pp	Hmong Thailand	A young Hmong child in a Thai refugee camp feels that she lives in a cage but uses her imagination to travel beyond the borders of the walls—as a child of hope, not despair.
	<i>Carolito's Butterfly</i> , Angelo Delaunois & Augusto Mora	RF 2025	32 pp	Mexico Canada Spanish Tr	When Carolito sees monarch butterflies in the park, he is reminded of his journey from Mexico and the journey of the butterflies to arrive in Canada.
	<i>The Cat Way</i> , Sara Lundberg	FAN 2024	32 pp 510 L	Sweden Tr	A cat asks her human why she is always in charge of their daily walks. Change brings new perspectives to both.
	<i>Ciao, Sandro!</i> Steven Varni and Luciano Lozano	FAN 2021	32 pp (N)	Italy Venice	Sandro is a loyal first mate to gondolier Nicola but is on a secret mission through the canals of Venice.
	<i>Elephant Island</i> . Leo Trimmers	FAN 2022	32 pp. 520L RL 2.2	Belgium Dutch Tr	Elephant, stranded on an island, is approached by other animals and boats who also become stranded, leading to an innovative structure and a joyous community.
	<i>Esma Farouk, Lost in the Souk</i> , Lisa Boerson & Annelies Vandenbosch	RF 2024	32 pp	Morocco Dutch Tr	Esma visits family in Morocco, excited to explore the souk, but loses track of her mother and aunt. She creates a plan with the help of shopkeepers to find her mother.

	<i>Hilwa's Gifts</i> , Safa Auleiman & Amail Semirfzhyan	RF 2025	32 pp	Palestine	A young boy travels to Palestine just in time for the annual olive harvest and the making of olive oil by his grandparents.
	<i>Home Away from Home</i> , Nazneen Akbari	RF 2026	32 pp	Oman	Nuha is nervous about spending the summer in Oman with her grandmother and then forgets her beloved doll.
	<i>I Will Swim Next Time</i> , Emily Joof & Matilda Ruta	RF 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Sweden Tr	A small child who is afraid of swimming gradually becomes familiar with water and curious about lakes and rivers.
	<i>It's Okay, Just Ask</i> , Monique Carlos & Salini Perera	RF 2024	32 pp 540 L	Philippines	As a family travels from the Philippines to Canada, the mother assures the child to just ask questions when she's curious or does not understand what is happening.
	<i>Kende! Kende! Kende!</i> Kirsten Cappy & R. Dariah	RF 2024	32 pp	Congo French Tr	Lola's family flees soldiers, going from the Congo to a refugee camp and then to the U.S. and another journey to the hospital to welcome a new baby. French/English
	<i>The Last Last</i> , Wendy Whittingham & Brianna McCarthy	RF 2025	32 pp	Jamaica Canada	Before her family leaves Jamaica, a girl gathers last memories to carry with her to Toronto, where she experiences her first first with a blue jay.
	<i>Later, When I'm Big</i> , Bette Westera & Mattias de Leeuw	RF 2023	32 pp	Netherlands Tr	As a child and her mother walk to the swimming pool, she dreams of everything she will do when she's older. A journey of fantastical futures. Batchelder Honor.
	<i>Lubna and Pebble</i> , Wendy Maddour & Daniel Egneus	RF 2019	32 pp, 450L RL 1.6	Syria	A child in a refugee camp finds comfort in telling her stories to her best friend, a pebble.
	<i>The Mango Tree/Le Mata de Mango</i> . Edel Rodriguez	VN FAN 2024	32 pp	Cuba	Two close friends are separated when a storm carries one clinging to their favorite mango tree to a new land. A fantastical take on an immigrant experience.

	<i>Mi Ciudad Sings</i> , Cynthia Harmony & Teresa Martinez	RF 2022	32 pp 760 L	Mexico	After a devastating earthquake, a girl and her neighbors help rebuild their city. Integrates Spanish words, based on Mexico City earthquake. Spanish edition.
	<i>Midnight Motorbike</i> , Maureen Tajsar & I. Jain	RF 2025	32 pp.	India	A mother takes her daughter on a magical moonlit motorcycle ride through South India to lull her to sleep.
	<i>Nainai's Mountain</i> , Livia Blackburne	RF 2025	32 pp	Taiwan	A girl travels with her Nainai to visit her old home in Taiwan, creating new memories through their adventures.
	<i>The Quilt of Our Memories</i> , Desiree Acevedo & Victor Jaubert	RF 2025	32 pp	Spain Tr	Every woman in a family has embroidered her identity and journey into a quilt that has been handed down through generations. Who will continue the tradition?
	<i>Room for Everyone</i> , Naaz Khan & Merce Lopez	RF 2021	32 p 620L RL 2.5	Zanzibar, Tanzania	Musa travels to the beach in a crowded minibus, picking up passengers at every stop. Joyous tale in rhyme.
	<i>Rosie Runs</i> , Marika Maijala	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Finland Tr	A racing greyhound escapes the confines of the racetrack and her cage to bound towards freedom.
	<i>A Single Dreadlock</i> , Xaiver Campbell & Eugenie Fernandes	RF 2025	32 pp	Jamaica Canada	When Lovie moves to Newfoundland, his peers make fun of his single dreadlock and he must find the courage to be himself after his grandmother explains the tradition.
	<i>The Slug and the Snail</i> , Oein DeBhairduin & Olya Anima	FAN 2024	32 pp	Ireland	Two slug brothers travel together until one makes himself into a snail and the other continues traveling, coming to call the road as home. Based on Irish traveler traditions.
	<i>Star Fishing</i> , Sang-Keun Kim	FAN 2021	32 pp RL 2.0	S. Korea Tr.	A sleepless child goes on an imaginative journey to the sky, sitting on the moon to fish for others who are wakeful
	<i>The Suitcase</i> , Chris Naylor-Ballesteros	FAN 2020	32 pp RL 1.5	UK	A weary stranger arrives with only a suitcase, which he claims contains a chair, table and house, leading to mistrust

	<i>This is Not My Home</i> , Eugenia Yoh and V. Chang	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.9	Taiwan	Lily is very upset when her family moves back to Taiwan to care for her grandmother, the home of her mother.
	<i>The Tunnel</i> , Sarah Howden & Erika R. Medina	RF/FAN 2023	RL 1.9 460 L	Canada	A child digs a tunnel into the backyard to get the space he needs to deal with loss and to feel his mother's love.
	<i>When We Go Home</i> , Heather Beaumont & Natali de Mello	RF 2026	32 pp	Jamaica	A family visits Jamaica, a place Marlee has never been and so does not feel like home, despite her parents' excitement. She gradually develops a different understanding of home.
	<i>Why?</i> , Nikolai Popov	VN/FAN 2021	Wordless	Russia	A frog enjoying a flower is attacked by a mouse out of jealousy, leading to a battle.
Taking Action	<i>Anna Carries Water</i> , Olive Senior	RF 2014	RL 2.0 40 pp	Jamaica	Anna is upset because she cannot carry water on her head like others in her family.
	<i>Bird House</i> , Bianca Gomez	RF 2021	32 pp (K)	Spain Tr	A young girl and her abuela tend to an injured bird in their home until it is ready to be released to fly free.
	<i>The Boy and the Elephant</i> , Freya Blackwood	FAN 2024	32 pp Wordless	Australia	A boy saves trees in the lot next door, including an elephant he sees in the shapes of the trees. Magical realism
	<i>Call Me Gebyanesh</i> , Arlene R. Schenker & Chiara Fedele	RF 2025	32 pp	Israel	Gebyanesh's family moved from Ethiopia to Israel where the teacher changes her name to something easier to pronounce, until the girl has the courage to speak up.
	<i>Catch that Chicken!</i> Atinuke.	RF 2020	32 pp (K)	Nigeria	Lami is the best chicken catcher in the village until she hurts her ankle, meaning she is no longer best at anything.
	<i>A Circle of Friends</i> , Giora Carmi	VN/RF 2003	Wordless	Israel	A boy starts a cycle of good will by sharing a snack with a homeless man.

	<i>Corner</i> by Zo-O	VN/FAN 2023	Wordless	S. Korea, Tr	A crow makes an empty corner into a space of its own but realizes it needs a connection to the world. Creative problem-solving and use of the gutter.
	<i>Flooded</i> , Mariajo Ilustrajo	FAN 2023	32 pp	UK	Animals ignore the gradual flooding of their city until they finally have to work together to save their city.
	<i>Free</i> , Barroux	RF 2022	32p 240 L RL 0.8	French Tr	A circus wagon of caged birds is stopped at the border due to paperwork until Paloma comes up with a creative solution to take action.
	<i>The Glasshouse</i> , Helen Druvet	RF 2025	32 pp	France Tr	In a barren city, Holly finds a glasshouse, a forgotten place bursting with life and color and begins to care for it, spreading seeds across the city. Lasercut pages
	<i>Hello Hello</i> , Brendan Wenzel	FAN 2018	32 pp RL 1.6	Global	A chain of animals greets each other in a message of global conservation
	<i>How to Heal a Broken Wing</i> . Bob Graham	RF 2017	32 pp (I) RL 1.9	Australia	Will brings an injured bird home to care for it with hope and healing.
	<i>I Forgive Alex: A Simple Story about Understanding</i> , Kerascoet	VN/RF 2022	Wordless	France Tr	Alex is an energetic child who accidentally hits a child on the playground, turning the class against him. About taking responsibility for a mistake and being willing to forgive.
	<i>Late Today</i> , Chong-yun Ho & Myong-ae Yi	RF 2025	32 pp 510 L	S. Korea, Tr	A lost kitten huddles on a busy bridge in the midst of traffic, but no one stops or slows down, until one car pulls over.
	<i>The Line in the Sand</i> , Thao Lam	VN/FAN 2022	Wordless	Canada	A monster dragging a stick down a beach leaves a line in the sand that becomes a point of tension as others debate the meaning of the line. Conflict resolution.
	<i>Look! Look! Uma</i> Krishnaswamy	RF 2024	32 pp	India	A girl discovers an ancient step well, clearing the trash so the well can be refilled with rain, to provide water for all.

	<i>Meena's Saturday</i> , Kusum Mepani & Yasmeen Ismail	RF 2024	32 pp 550 L	India, Gujarati	Immigrants from India gather on Saturdays for food, talk and fun but Meena is trouble by the gender disparity that allows the men to eat first and takes a quiet action.
	<i>Moletown</i> , Torben Kuhlmann	VN/FAN 2015	Wordless	Germany Tr	Below ground, the world of moles is threatened by pollution and industry.
	<i>Nani and the Lion</i> , Alicia Williams & Anna Cunha	FAN 2026	32 pp	Africa	When Lion becomes angry at the sound of Nani's drum, she is determined to stand up to his bullying.
	<i>Not a Monster</i> , Claudia G. Martinez & L. Gonzalez	RF 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Mexico	These picturebooks highlight the life of the endangered axolotl, the Aztec myth about its origins, and the effect of pollution on its natural habitat in the canals of Xochimilco in Mexico City. Action is needed or the world will lose this water-based salamander.
	<i>My Life at the Bottom</i> Linda Bondestam	RF/FAN 2022	32 pp	Mexico Finnish Tr	
	<i>Obioma Plays Football</i> , Chika Unigwe & Chinyere Okoroafor	RF 2023	32 pp	Nigeria	Obioma loves to play football (soccer) and score goals from her wheelchair but a move to a new school sidelines her until a new friend helps her take action.
	<i>The Ocean Gardener</i> , Clara Anganuzzi	RF 2024	32 pp	Seychelles	Ayla notices that corals in the reef on her island are pale and the fish are gone so she and her mother take action.
	<i>One Sweet Song</i> , Jyoti Gopal & Sonia Sanchez	RF 2024	32 pp Counting	Italy	A neighborhood comes together as people step out on their balconies and share a moment of raising one sweet song.
	<i>The Pet Store Window</i> , Jairo Buitrago & Rafael Yockteng	RF 2023	32 pp RL 2.0	Mexico Tr	When a pet store closes, Ana must take action to save the remaining dog, hedgehog, and mouse, offering hope is difficult times.
	<i>Sarang Saves the School</i> , Korena Howley & Joowon Oh	RF 2025	32 pp	S. Korea	A rural school in a small fishing village is threatened with closure due to the small number of students until Sarang realizes that grandmothers were denied school as girls.

	<i>The Tale of the Whale</i> , Karen Swann and Padmacandra	FAN 2022	32 pp	UK	A whale takes a child on an adventure, exploring the wonders as well as the plastic trash of the ocean, returning home with a promise to help.
	<i>Ten Little Dumplings</i> , Larissa Fan & Cindy Wume	RF 2021	32 pp 480 L	China	The text celebrates the 10 sons in a special family. Hidden in the illustrations is one little girl who grows up to create her own path in the world.
	<i>Time to Split</i> , Danile Fehr & Raphael Kolly	FAN 2026	32 pp	Switzerland German Tr	A frog enjoys an easy life inside a greenhouse until he finally gains enough courage to brave the outside world.
	<i>The Walking School Bus</i> , Aaron Friedland & A. Obol	RF 2023	32 pp, 590 L	South Africa	Two children are determined to find a safe way to get to school and can't afford a school bus so make their own.
	<i>The Wombat Reluctant Hero</i> , Christian Trimmer	FAN 2023	32 pp 780 L	Australia	Three picturebooks based on the real actions of the wombat to help other creatures survive drought and wildfires. In these books, the wombat invites her neighbors into her burrow during the wildfires. They convey the grim reality of climate change along with the generosity of spirit. Humorous details in the text and illustrations.
	<i>Wombat Said Come In</i> , Carmen Agra Deedy & Brian Lies	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 2.4		
	<i>Room for More</i> , Michelle Kadarusman & M. Zeng	FAN 2022	RL 2.0 540 L		
	<i>Zonia's Rain Forest</i> , Juana Martinez-Neal	RF 2021	32 pp	Peru Indigenous	A day in the life of an Indigenous girl in the Amazon rainforest and the threat to the destruction of that rainforest. Includes an Ashaninka translation.
Traditional Literature	<i>Big Enough</i> , Regina Linke	Folklore 2025	32 pp	China	A Chinese boy who is so small that he often gets lost must bring home the family's ox from the field.
	<i>Feast of Peas</i> , Kashmira Sheth	Trad. Lit 2020	32 pp, 540L (L), RL 2.3	India	When Jiva's peas are stolen from his garden, he sets out to find the thief.

	<i>The Girl and the Wolf</i> , Katherena Vermette & Julie Flett.	Trad Lit 2019	32 pp, RL 1.5	Indigenous Canada	A lost girl encounters a wolf, reminding her of her own ability to survive and find her way back home.
	<i>Martina Has Too Many Tías</i> , Emma Otheguy & Sara Palacios	PB 2023	32 pp	Caribbean	Riff on the Caribbean folktale, La Cucaracha Martina. Martina is overwhelmed by her boisterous tías and goes on a quiet adventure, returning to her loving tías.
	<i>Minh and the Magic Grains of Rice</i> , Nguyet Ha Do & Quynh Phuong Le	Folktale 2025	32 pp 620 L	Vietnam	Minh refuses to eat his rice until a magical adventure teaches him about the rice harvest and changes his perspective. Mythology and agriculture of rice.
	<i>Mother Goose Goes to India</i> , Kabir Sehgal & Wazza Pink	Nursery Rhymes 2021	32 pp	India	A collection of familiar Mother Goose rhymes reset in India with names, foods, numbers, etc. changed to reflect life in India. Integrates Hindi words.
	<i>Rabbit Moon</i> , Jean Kim	FAN 2018	RL 1.5 410L, 32 p	S. Korea Tr	Influenced by Korean folklore of the rabbit in the moon, a rabbit plays in the moonlight.
	<i>Sleepless Night</i> , Micaela Chiriff	FAN 2024	32 pp	Argentina Tr	A baby's cries become so loud that no one can sleep or figure out what she wants, except Grandmother.
	<i>The Three Little Guinea Pigs and the Andean Fox</i> , Ana Valez	FAN 2024	32 pp	Peru	Retelling of the three pigs in which the fox has come to help, not eat, the guinea pigs. Andes Mountain setting.
	<i>The Three-Year Tumble</i> , Dayeon Auh	Folktale 2025	32 pp	Korea German Tr.	A mountain with a deadly curse, a superstitious grandfather and a clever granddaughter who changes his mindset.
	<i>Under the Great Plum Tree</i> , Sufiya Ahmed & Reza Dalvand.	Trad Lit 2020	32 pp	India	A fable from the Panchatantra about a friendship between a monkey and an old crocodile that is tested.

	<i>The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk</i> , K. Sehgal	Song 2016	32 pp 370 L	India	The wheels on a local bus in India go round and round. Repetitive text.
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Early Readers

	Global Books	Level Info	Date Genre	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Early Readers	<i>Anansi and the Tug of War</i> , Lesley Sims	Read with Usbourne, 1	Trad Lit	Africa	Anansi, the trickster spider, tells Elephant and Rhino he can beat them in a tug of war.
	<i>The Enormous Turnip</i> , A. Tolstoy & Scott Goto	Green Light L2 (H)	Trad Lit	Russia	Traditional Russian folktale of animals trying to pull up a turnip.
	<i>The Good Game</i> , Arihonn David	I Like to Read	Trad. Lit	Canada Mohawk	Origin tale for how two small animals invented the game of lacrosse.
	<i>Grace's Chinese New Year</i> , Jackie Huang	Step into Reading 2, 520L (K)	RF	China	Firecrackers, a Lion Dancer, and loud drums are part of Grace's Chinese New Year's celebration.
	<i>Hill of Fire</i> , Thomas Lewis	I can read 3 (L) 350 L	HF	Mexico	A volcano suddenly appears in the field of a farmer.
	<i>The Koala and the Little Tree</i> , Alissa Malnati	Little Steps	FAN	Australia	A koala and a tree travel together through the ashes of a forest fire, working together to survive.
	<i>Pedro's Burro</i> , Alyssa Capucilli	My First I Can Read RL 1.5	HF	Mexico	Pedro and his father go to the market to select the perfect burro for their family
	<i>The Perfect Gift</i> , Paula Yoo	Dive into Reading, (I) 470L, RL 1.7	RF	China	Mei needs a gift for her brother's 100-day birthday.

	<i>Rabia's Eid</i> , Rukhsana Khan	Step into Reading 2 - J	RF	Canada	Rabia wants to experience Eid the same as her family, even though her sister says she is too little to fast.
	<i>Romulus and Remus</i> , Anne Rockwell	Ready-to-Read, 410 L	Trad Lit	Italy	Legend of the twin brothers raised by wolves and later founded Rome.
	<i>The Snowman</i> , Raymond Briggs	Step into Reading1 (F)	FAN	UK	A snowman comes to life and takes a boy on a flying adventure
	A Sweet Diwali, Harshita Jerath & Geeta Ladi	Step into Reading 2	RF 380L	India	Raina and her dog celebrate Diwali by decorating their home with rangoli designs and sharing sweet treats.
	<i>The Teeny Tiny Woman</i> , Jane O'Connor	Step into Reading 2 (F)	FAN	UK	A teeny tiny woman takes a teeny tiny bone from an angry ghost.

Tr = Translated from that language and country into English

Under Levels, the letters, e.g. (K), in parentheses are Fountas and Pinnell levels

Note: Many global picturebooks for read-alouds to K-1 children are listed under Grades 2-3.

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