

Worlds of Words 2026

Grade K-1 Global Information Books

	Global Books	Level Info	Genre Date	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Science	<i>Amazing Gorillas</i> , Sarah Thomson	I Can Read 2 (N)	Info 2006	Africa	Gorillas and their habitats and life. Photos. Also, <i>Amazing Whales</i> and <i>Amazing Tigers</i>
	<i>Animals Work</i> , Ted Lewin	I Like to Read, (C)	Info 2015	Global	The types of work animals do in different global locations.
	<i>Arctic Animals</i> , Jennifer Szymanski	Nat'l Geographic Readers 2	Info 2023	Arctic	Animal species that live in the ice-covered Arctic and how they survive. Photographs
	<i>Baby Whales Drink Milk</i> , Barbara Esbensen	32 pp (M) Science 1	Info 2000	Global	Behaviors of humpback whales, with focus on their characteristics as mammals.
	<i>Building a Beak</i> , Becca Mcmurdie	32 pp	Info 2024	Costa Rica	When a toucan's beak is shattered by human violence, people work to find a solution and new anti-animal cruelty laws are passed.
	<i>Can You See Me?</i> Ted Lewin	I Like to Read (C)	Info 2015	Costa Rica	The ways that rainforest animals blend into their environments.
	<i>A Day in the Sun</i> , Diana Ejaita	RL 1.3 400 L	Info 2023	Global	Children in different countries enjoy the universal benefits of the sun from sunup to sundown.
	<i>A Dream for Every Season</i> , Haddy N'jie & Lisa Aisato	RL 2.8	Concept 2022	Norway Tr	Highlights the beauty of seasons including the changes and special qualities of each season in Norway. Uses poetic rhymes in a bedtime lullaby.

	<i>A Gift of Dust</i> , Martha Brockenbrough & Juana Martinez-Neal	32 pp	Info	W. Africa Global	Reveals how the Saharan dust begins in Chad, West Africa and is carried by wind over the ocean to nourish the Amazon rain forest and to slow down hurricane. Interconnectedness of the planet.
	<i>In the Rainforest</i> , Kate Duke	32 pp Science 2	Info 2014	South America	Plants and animals in rainforest ecosystem
	<i>Listen to Our World</i> , Bill Martin Jr.	32 pp 540 L	Info 2016	Global	Humans and animals start the day by greeting their babies. Repetitive text that rhymes
	<i>Look!</i> , Ted Lewin	I Like to Read (D)	Info 2014	Global	The actions of animals around the world.
	National Geographic Kids & National Geographic Readers	Level 2 (L to O)	Info	Global	Photos and brief text. Titles include <i>Frogs!</i> (L), <i>Snakes</i> (M), <i>Penguins</i> (N), <i>Weird Sea Creatures</i> (N), <i>Pandas</i> (N), <i>Safari</i> (D)
	Nic Bishop Animal Series	Scholastic Level 2 (N)	Info	Global	Beginner reader series each on one animal – <i>Lizards</i> , <i>Snakes</i> , <i>Spiders</i> , <i>Butterflies</i>
	<i>Red-Eyed Tree Frog</i> , Joy Cowley and Nic Bishop.	490L (I) 32 pp	Info 2006	Central America	Frog in a rainforest spends the night searching for food. Outstanding photos.
	Scholastic Discover More Readers	Level 1 and 2	Info	Global	Photos and brief text. Titles include <i>Planets</i> (N), <i>Fantastic Frogs</i> (O)
	<i>Slow, Slow Sloths</i> , Bonnie Bader	Penguin Young Readers 2	Info 2016	Latin America	Photos and facts about the life of sloths. Also, <i>Giraffes</i> , Jennifer Dussling
	<i>What Am I? Where Am I?</i> Ted Lewin	I Like to Read (C)	Info 2014	Global	Guessing games of names of animals and where they live

	<i>To Change a Planet</i> , Christina Soontornvat	32 pp 260 L	Info 2022	Global	Reveals the causes of climate change and suggests possible solutions.
	<i>Water Land: Land and Water Forms Around the World</i> , Christy Hale	32 pp	Info 2018	Global	Die-cut pages identify water bodies and corresponding land masses to see how connections between earth and water.
	<i>Welcome Home, Bear</i> , Il Sung Na	32 pp 350 L (H)	FAN 2015	Global	Bear is tired of his home and roams the world, visiting animals in their habitats. An intro to animal habitats.
	<i>Wind: Discovering Air in Motion</i> . Ol'ga Fadeeva	32 pp	Info 2023	Russia Tr	Explores the wind's role on our planet and history, from carrying pollen to shaping sand dunes and pushing ships across the ocean.
Social Studies	<i>A-Ztec: A Bilingual Alphabet Book</i> , Emmanuel Valtierra	32 pp	ABC 2025	Mexico	An alphabet book that teaches Aztec and Mayan culture through words, art, and poetry in English and Spanish.
	<i>And There Was Music</i> , Marta Pantaleo. Debbie Bibo Tr	32 pp 450L	Fic/Info 2025	Global Italian Tr	A tribute to how music shapes and reflects our culture and the unique ways it binds humanity – goes across global cultures and a wide range of musical genres and instruments.
	<i>Back to School: A Global Journey</i> , Maya Ajmera	RL 1.5	Info 2019	Global	What, where and how children experience school in different parts of the world.
	<i>Boozhoo!</i> Joshua M. Pawis-Steckley	32 pp	Info 2024	Canada Ojibwe	Introduces animals living in the Woodlands of North America. Written in Anishinaabemowin and English.
	<i>The Camel Library</i> , Marzieh & Anain Shaikh	32 pp	Info 2025	Pakistan	A camel carries firewood until the pandemic creates a need for books and he has a new mission, carrying books to rural areas.
	<i>Chinese Kite Festival</i> , Rich Lo	32 pp	Concept 2021	China	Introduces animal names and their significance in Chinese culture through kites. English and simplified Chinese.

	<i>Chinese New Year Colors</i> , Rich Lo	32 pp	Info 2019	China	Colors to highlight different New Year's traditions. English and simplified Chinese
	<i>Color Makes the World Go Round!</i> Chris Nielsen	32 pp	Concept 2024	Global	Lyrical and whimsical exploration of color, showing the world both with and without color.
	<i>Come Out and Play</i> , Maya Ajmera	350 L	Info 2020	Global	Photos of children playing games from over 35 countries. It's a Kid's World series.
	<i>First Experiences Series</i> , Ifeoma Onyefulu	32 pp	Info	Ghana Ethiopia	First experiences of young children. Photos. <i>Devon Goes to Nursery School, Grandma Comes to Stay, Vicky Goes to the Doctor, Omer's Favorite Place, New Shoes for Helen, Ife's First Haircut</i>
	<i>From My Window</i> , Otavio Junior & Vanina Starkoff	32 pp (L)	Info 2020	Brazil	The author's experiences of growing up in a favela in Rio de Janeiro.
	<i>Henna Is . . .</i> Marzieh Abbas & Ann Chouhan	32 pp	Concept 2024	Global	Celebrates henna, a traditional plant-based form of temporary tattooing in South Asian, North African and Middle Eastern cultures.
	<i>I am You: A Book about Ubuntu</i> , Robin Refiloe and Zinelda McDonald	32 pp RL 1.7	Concept 2022	South Africa	Ubuntu is the belief that "I am because you are"—the idea we are all connected. This abstract concept is conveyed through illustrations of situations familiar to young children. Xhosa and Zulu.
	<i>I Have the Right</i> , Reza Dalvand	32 pp RL 1.6	Concept 2023	Global France Tr	Introduces children to the universal rights they are entitled to under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
	<i>I'll Believe You When...</i> Susan Schubert	32 pp 280 L	Info 2020	Global	Collection of idioms from around the world, in both English and the original language.
	<i>Is This a Plum? A Peek-through Picture Book</i> , Dar Ojari & Finn Ojari	32 pp	Concept 2026	UK	Die-cut pages are set up with visual tricks and rhyming to ask readers to guess what they are seeing through a hole in the page – a plum or a spider or a spoon?

	<i>Kids Around the World - Game On</i> , Maria Le <i>Getting All Dressed Up</i> , Patty Michaels <i>Celebrate Every Day</i> , Gloria Cruz <i>Schools in Session</i> , Elizebeth Dennis	32 pp Ready to Read, Level 2	Info 2026	Global	In this series, each book takes on a topic, like going to school, celebrations, clothing, and games children play, and shows children from around the world to portray both the shared humanity and unique cultural experiences. Level 2 is considered K-2.
	<i>Let's Celebrate</i> , Kate DePalma	32 pp RL 2.4	Info 2019	Global	Introduces festivals from different parts of the world and out of many traditions.
	<i>Living in Around the World</i> , Chloe Perkins	Ready-to-Read, 2	Info	Global	Each book focuses on people, places, and history narrated by a child. Series includes Brazil, South Korea, China, Egypt, Australia
	<i>One Sun and Countless Stars: A Muslim Book of Numbers</i> . Hena Khan & Mehrdokht Amini	32 pp 510 L	Counting 2022	Muslim World	A young boy uses numbers in this counting book to celebrate diverse traditions of the Muslim world-e.g. "One is the morning sun." Includes a glossary of key terms and focuses on concrete terms.
	<i>Our World is a Family</i> , Miry Whitehill & Nomar Perez	32 pp	Info 2022	Global	An exploration of migration for young readers that conveys why people need to leave their countries and welcome can be provided in their new locations. Includes multiple languages.
	<i>Seven Samosas: Counting at the Market</i> , Kabir Sehgal & J.J. Tsong	32 pp	Counting 2024	India	An Indian grandfather and child, Dada and Sona, head to the market to stock up for a party – counting backwards from twenty to one as they buy delicious Indian and South Asian treats.
	<i>Taro Gomi's Big Book of Words</i> , Taro Gomi	32 pp	Concept 2024	Japan Tr	An introduction to language, with pages on words and phrases used for different purposes – hellos, goodbye, storytelling, naming, etc.

	<i>UP! How Families Around the World Carry Their Little Ones.</i> Susan Hughes	32 pp 500L 2.3	Info 2017	Global	Explores the different ways families carry their babies in settings around the world.
	<i>Whoever You Are,</i> Mem Fox	32 pp 490 L (I)	Info 2006	Global	The similarities that connect children of the world, such as joy, love and pain.
	<i>You and Me Together,</i> Barbara Kerley	32 pp	Info 2010	Global	Photos from around the world about families spending time together.
	<i>Yum! Yuck! People Sounds,</i> Linda Sue Parks	32 pp	Info 2022	Global	A foldout book that describes the sounds people make for feelings in many languages.

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 the 2-3 grade level.

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