

Worlds of Words 2024

Grade 11-12 Recommended Global Information Books

Science, Mathematics and Technical Subjects

| Global Books | Level Info | Genre Date | Global Context | Themes/Plot of Global Books |
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| <i>Building Big</i> , David Macaulay | 1260L 192 pp | Info 2000 | Global | Focuses on the planning, design problems, and solutions of bridges, tunnels, skyscrapers, and dams. |
| <i>The Elephant Scientist</i> , Caitlin O'Connell | 1260L 70 pp | Info 2016 | Namibia | Chronicles a scientist's experiences studying African elephants in their natural habitat. |
| <i>Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95</i> , Phillip Hoose | 1150L (Y) 148 pp | Info 2012 | Global | Chronicles a year in the life of a rufa redknot B95 migrating from Tierra del Fuego to the Canadian Arctic. |
| <i>Plasticus Maritimus: An Invasive Species</i> , Ana Pego and Bernardo Carvalho | 169 pp 1040 L | Info 2020 | Global Portuguese Tr. | Presents evidence on the presence of plastics in oceans, lakes and streams and explains the problems they create along with providing suggestions for how to reduce the amount of plastics in oceans. |
| <i>What the World Eats</i> , Peter Menzel | 1150L 160 pp | Info 2008 | Global | Photos from 25 families in 21 countries show what they eat in day, costs, and culture info. |
| <i>Wonder Women</i> , Sam Maggs | RL 11.2 238 pp | Bio/COL 2016 | Global | Chronicles female pioneers of innovation, science, medicine, espionage, and adventure. |

History and Social Studies

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| <i>All Rise: Resistance and Rebellion in South Africa</i> , Richard Conyngham | 220 pp | HF GN 2022 | South Africa 1910-1948 | An account of how ordinary citizens resisted government oppression. Each chapter highlights a different act of pre-apartheid resistance, telling hard stories. Includes the artwork of 7 South African artists. |

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| <i>Beyond Courage</i> , Doreen Rappaport | 1030 L 228 pp | Info 2014 | Europe WWII | Provides detailed accounts of defiance by Jews in Nazi-occupied countries in World War II. |
| <i>Call Me American: True Story of a Somali Immigrant</i> , Abdi Nor Aftin | 900L 255 pp | Memoir 2021 | Somalia 1985 US | Memoir of a boy born into privilege in Somalia, whose family loses everything in the civil war, finally making their way to the U.S. He struggles to get a visa, as well to deal with complex racial realities. |
| <i>The Cat I Never Named</i> , Amra Sabic-El-Rayess | 370 pp | Memoir 2020 | Bosnia 1992 | Memoir of a Muslim teen struggling to survive during the Bosnian genocide as they faced starvation and the threat of brutal ethnic violence. |
| <i>Children Growing up with War</i> , Jenny Matthews | 1030L (Y) 48 pp | Info 2014 | Global | Provides a candid look at young lives upended by violence and strife around the world. |
| <i>Corpses, Coffins, and Crypts</i> . Penny Colman | 195 pp 1190 L | Info 2000 | Global | A look at traditions around death and burial across the centuries and global cultures. |
| <i>Courage & Defiance</i> , Deborah Hopkinson | 1040L 339 pp | Info 2015 | Denmark WWII | Danish resistance and the rescue of over 7000 Jews during World War II. |
| <i>Deogratias: A Tale of Rwanda</i> , Jean-Phillipe Stassen | GN 78 pp | Info 2018 | Rwanda 1994 Tr | A graphic novel about the Tutsi genocide through the eyes of Deogratias, a Hutu, in love with a Tutsi. Violence and betrayal. Use of fiction to convey fact. |
| <i>Don't Look Back: A Memoir of War, Survival and My Journey from Sudan to America</i> , Achut Deng and Keely Hutton. | 345 pp 910 L | Memoir 2022 | Sudan | Achut loses her family after an attack when she is 6 years old, living in refugee camps for 10 years before she is relocated to the U.S. She continues to face many obstacles in trying to move ahead, but must also deal her past. |
| <i>Drawn across Borders: True Stories of Human Migration</i> , George Butler | 46 pp | Info 2021 | Global | Collection of 12 illustrated refugee stories drawn by artist George Butler as a reporter conveying a wide range of migration experiences through expressive ink sketches and contextual narratives. |
| <i>Faith and Fury</i> , Ilene Cooper | 132 pp 1120 L | Info 2017 | Israel | The complex history of Jerusalem's Temple Mount, a site sacred to Jews, Muslims, and Christians. |
| <i>The Far Away Brothers</i> , Lauren Markham | 890 L 265 pp | Bio 2020 | El Salvador | Bio of twin brothers who make their way from El Salvador to Mexico and the U.S., falling into the hands of immigration officials and awaiting their day in court. |

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| <i>Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time</i> , Tanya Lee Stone | 1050L 193 pp | Info 2019 | Global | Follows the lives of girls coming of age in the developing world and confronting barriers to their education. Also available as a documentary. |
| <i>The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout</i> , Neal Bascomb | 1070 L 275 pp | Info 2020 | Germany WWI | Allied POWs staged an escape from Germany's most notorious prison camp. A group of pilots dug a tunnel and made it out of enemy territory. Photographs. |
| <i>The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History: The Story of the Monument Men</i> , Robert Edsel | 1200 L 333 pp | Info 2021 | Germany WWII | 12 American and British volunteers risked their lives during WWII to preserve churches, libraries, monuments, and art in a race against time to locate treasures stolen by Hitler and the Nazis. |
| <i>Impossible Escape: A True Story of Survival and Heroism in Nazi Europe</i> . Steve Sheinkin | 243 pp 850 L | History 2023 | Poland 1944 | Two Jewish teens who escaped from Auschwitz to bear witness - bringing the first widely distributed eyewitness accounts of what was happening in the camps. Includes testimony, trial transcripts, documentary evidence. |
| <i>In Search of Safety: Voices of Refugees</i> , Susan Kuklin | 246 pp 700 L | Interview 2020 | Global | Interviews with five refugees who had to flee war, face violent threats and enslavement, and grow up in refugee camps before resettlement in the U.S. South Sudan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Iraq and Burundi. |
| <i>A Long Way Gone</i> , Ishmael Beah | 920L (Z) 229 pp | Memoir 2008 | Sierra Leone | Memoir of a child soldier in Sierra Leone who was removed from fighting and relocated. |
| <i>Maison Rouge: Memories of a Childhood in War</i> , Lilane Leila Juma | 123 pp | Memoir 2020 | Congo, 1993 | Lilane was 16 when her family home was destroyed by rebel soldiers and her family torn apart by civil war and invasion and fleeing through the mountains to Tanzania and eventually to Quebec. |
| <i>Movements and Moments</i> , Drawn and Quarterly | 264 pp | GN/Bios 2022 | Global Indigenous | An anthology that chronicles rebellions led by Indigenous women activists from around the world in fights for social, educational and ecological rights. Variety of artists and illustration styles. |
| <i>The Nazi Hunters</i> , Neal Bascomb | 1000 L (Z+) 245 pp | Info 2018 | Europe | History of the spies, lawyers, and Holocaust survivors who pursued Adolf Eichmann for fifteen years to bring him to justice. |
| <i>No God but God: The Origins and Evolution of Islam</i> , Reza Aslan | RL 11.5 166 pp | Info 2011 | Middle East | A detailed overview of Islam, discussing the religion's origins, beliefs, traditions, and place in world cultures. |
| <i>Persepolis</i> , Marjane Satrapi | 380 L GN 153 pp | Memoir 2004 | Iran | Graphic novel account of author's life in Tehran, Iran when the country came under control of the Islamic Regime. |

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| <i>Persepolis 2</i> , Marjane Satrapi | 500 L GN 187 pp | Memoir 2005 | Iran | Graphic novel of author's life growing up during the Islamic Revolution in Iran. |
| <i>Questions I am Asked about the Holocaust</i> , Hedi Fried | 145 pp | Info 2005 | Romania WWII | The author answers questions about her life as a teenage Jew in Auschwitz, both her experiences and her feelings about what happened to her and her family. Translated from Swedish |
| <i>Stolen Voices: Young People's War Diaries</i> , Zlata Filipovic | RL 11.0 293 pp | Journals 2006 | Global | Fourteen journals written by adolescents about the impact of being caught in the midst of war. From WWI to Iraq. |
| <i>Symphony for the City of the Dead</i> , M.T. Anderson | 990L 456 pp | Info 2017 | Russia WWII | Siege of Leningrad by the Nazis and the role played by composer Dmitri Shostakovich in rallying and commemorating citizens. |
| <i>A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in World War II</i> , Elizabeth Wein | 388 pp | Info 2020 | Soviet Union WWII | True story of the only women to fly in combat in World War II, and the intense pressures and obstacles they faced in the sky and on the ground. |
| <i>Walk toward the Rising Sun</i> , Ger Duany | 1010 L 306 pp | Memoir 2020 | Sudan | Memoir of Duany's experiences in fleeing with family in South Sudan during the Sudanese Civil War, becoming a child soldier and eventually moving across countries until he arrived in the U.S. where he became an actor and peace activist. |

Literature and the Arts

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| <i>Brave Jane Austin</i> , Lisa Pliscou | 32 pp | Bio 2018 | England 1800s | Picturebook biography of Austin provides an overview of her writing and personality. |
| <i>The Bronte Sisters</i> , Catharine Reef | 1080 (Z) 231 pp | Bio 2015 | England | Explores the turbulent lives of the Bronte sisters and the times in which they lived. |
| <i>Charlotte Bronte before Jane Eyre</i> , Glynnis Fawkes | 92 pp | Bio/GN 2019 | England 1800s | A graphic novel of the life of Charlotte Bronte up until the publication of <i>Jane Eyre</i> and how she battled the odds to have her voice heard. |

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| <i>Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native Voices</i> , Lisa Charleyboy | 1040 L 128 pp | Interview 2016 | North America | 46 Indigenous youth present art, prose, song and memoir on themes and life experiences related to contemporary life in Canada and the U.S. |
| <i>From Here: A Memoir</i> , Luma Mufleh | 303 pp 870 L | Memoir 2024 | Jordan 1980s | An activist's experiences of being gay in a culture she loves but is not safe due to her sexuality. Even after applying for asylum in the U.S., she faces many dangers. Questions of choosing between living your truth or your family's. |
| <i>The Great Nijinsky: God of Dance</i> , Lynn Curlee | 112 pp | Bio 2019 | Russia Early 1900 | Nijinsky's life off and on the stage, both the glamour and tragedy. Focus on his dancing and choreography but also his romantic relationships and mental illness. |
| <i>Jane Austen—Her Heart Did Whisper</i> , Manuela Santoni | 90 pp | Bio/GN 2018 | England Italian tr | Graphic novel on the life of Jane Austen, with a focus on her childhood and romance with Thomas Lefroy. |
| <i>The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam</i> , Ann Marie Fleming | RL 11.2 170 pp | Bio/GN 2007 | China | Graphic novel about the life of a world-renowned magician, acrobat, and vaudeville performer. |
| <i>Miguel's Brave Knight</i> , Margarita Engle, Rafael Lopez | 920 L (U) 32 pp | Bio 2017 | Sprain 1500s | Picturebook fictionalized biography of the childhood of Miguel de Cervantes, written in first-person, free |
| <i>#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women</i> , Lisa Charleyboy | 910 L 109 pp | Interview 2017 | North America | A collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that express the experience of being an Indigenous woman. Stories of abuse and stereotyping are countered by the voices of women making themselves heard and acting. |
| <i>Ordinary, Extraordinary Jane Austin</i> , Deborah Hopkinson | 32 pp | Bio 2018 | England 1800s | Picturebook biography of Austin with a focus on her childhood spent observing and reading. |

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

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

Check the recommended reading lists for Grades 9-10, many of these books will be appropriate for 11-12

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