

Worlds of Words 2024

Grade 2-3 Recommended Global Fiction Books

Themes	Global Books	Genre Date	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Everyday Adventures	<i>Adventures with Waffles</i> , Maria Parr	RF 2015	720 L (R) 232 pp.	Norway Tr	Two friends in a small town in Norway share rollicking adventures and poignant moments.
	<i>All the Way to Havana</i> , Margarita Engle	RF/PB 2017	32 pp. 890 L	Cuba	A boy helps his father keep their old car running on a trip to Havana. Vibrant snapshot of modern Cuba.
	<i>Anna Hibiscus</i> , Atinuke	RF 2022	540-680L 112 pp	Nigeria	Series of 8 chapter books include episodes from Anna Hibiscus’s life in a warm family in contemporary Nigeria.
	<i>Bruno</i> , Catharina Valckx	FAN 2017	86 pp 600 L	France, Tr	Bruno the cat recounts six interesting days of adventures in his life, told in brief chapters.
	<i>Broken Butterfly Wings</i> , Raquel Ortiz & Carrie Salazar	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 2.6	Puerto Rico	When Gabriela is unable to fly with paper butterfly wings, her father encourages her to use her imagination to fly to El Yunque rainforest in Puerto Rico. Bilingual Spanish/English.
	<i>Count on Me</i> , Miguel Tanco	RF/PB 2019	RL 2.3 32 pp	Italy Tr	A girl sees the beauty of the world through math and geometric shapes, keeping detailed notes in her journal.
	<i>A Daydreamy Child Takes a Walk</i> , Gianni Rodari & Beatrice Alemagna	FAN PB 2023	32 pp	Italy Tr	Despite his best intentions, Giovanni gets distracted as he walks, gradually losing body parts, which neighbors return to his mother, saying “that’s just the way children are.”
	<i>The Herd Boy</i> , Niki Daly	RF/PB 2020	750 L(Q) 32 pp	South Africa	A boy has adventures caring for grandfather’s sheep but has bigger dreams for his life.

<i>I Need All of It</i> , Petra Postert	RF/PB 2018	540L 32p RL 2.3	Germany Tr	A boy empties his pockets full of “treasures” with stories about each one as he and his father do the wash.
<i>In the Meadow of Fantasies</i> , Muhammad Muhammadi	FA/PB 2021	32 pp	Iran Tr	A bedridden girl watches a mobile of spinning horses, using her imagination to give the horses life in a fantasy world.
<i>The Invisible Elephant</i> , Anna Anisimova	100 pp 490 L	RF 2023	Finland Tr	A blind girl joyfully explores her environment, using her senses and vivid imagination in 4 short stories.
<i>Juana & Lucas</i> , Juana Medina	RF 2019	870 (P) 88 pp	Colombia	Friendship between a girl and her dog as she struggles to learn a new language. Also <i>Juana & Lucas: Big Problemas</i>
<i>My Beijing</i> , Nie Jun	RF/GN 2018	RL 4.0 128 pp	China Tr	4 stories in the life of a child in modern Beijing whose grandfather finds ways to overcome her physical challenges.
<i>My First Day</i> by Nguyen Q. Phung & Kim L. Huynh	RF/PB 2021	680L 32p RL 3.3 (N)	Vietnam Tr	A young boy sets out alone in a boat for his first day of school in the Mekong Delta on a journey of fear and imagination. Visually stunning illustrations.
<i>The No. 1 Car Spotter and the Firebird</i> , Atinuke	RF 2011	550 L 93 pp	Nigeria	Humorous adventures of a young boy who makes mistakes and saves the day in his village. Also, <i>The No. 1 Car Spotter</i> .
<i>The Pencil</i> , Susan Avingaq	RF/PB 2019	RL 4.0 32 pp.	Indigenous Inuktitut	A young girl uses her mother’s only pencil to draw, worrying as it becomes a short stub.
<i>Ratty’s Big Adventure</i> , Lara Hawthorne	FAN 2022	RL 3.1 32 pp	Papua New Guinea	Ratty is an enormous rat who lives deep inside an extinct volcano in the rain forest. When he ventures outside, he realizes that there is no place like home.
<i>Sato the Rabbit</i> <i>Sato the Rabbit: The Moon</i> Yuki Ainoya	FA/PB 2021	RL 3.4 58 pp	Japan Tr	Each book contains 7 vignettes about the imaginative play of a boy in a rabbit costume. Highlights imaginative adventures in nature.

	<i>Song of the Old City</i> , Anna Pellicoli & Merve Atilgan	RF/PB 2020	RL 2.9 32 pp	Turkey	A day in the life of a young girl in the old city of Istanbul as she interacts with others. Includes famous sights.
	<i>A Story about Afiya</i> , James Berry	FA/PB 2020	670 L 32 pp	Jamaica	Afiya's dress records childhood memories from roses to pigeons to tigers at the zoo.
	<i>There Must Be More Than That?</i> Shinsuke Yoshitake	RF/PB 2020	RL 2.8 32 pp	Japan Tr	When her brother tells her the future of Earth is bleak, a girl's grandmother assures her that there are many possible futures and encourages her imagination.
	<i>Too Small Tola</i> , Atinuke & Onyinye Iwu	RF 2021	88 pp RL 3.7	Lagos, Nigeria	Three adventures of Tola who lives in an apartment in Lagos with her sister, brother, and grandmother.
	<i>Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls</i>	RF 2022	88 pp RL 3.5		Three more adventures of a little girl with a mighty will and charm as she helps her family and figures out how to be just as fine as three girls she admires.
	<i>Why Do We Cry?</i> Fran Pintadera & Ana Sender	RF/PB 2020	590 L 32 pp	Spain Tr	A mother explains the different reasons why people cry in response to her son's questions. Evocative imagery.
	<i>Why Are We Afraid?</i> By Fran Pintadera & Ana Sender	RF/PB	540 L 32 pp		A father says that everyone is afraid sometimes and explains the many reasons people feel fear. Surreal imagery.
Strength through Relationship	<i>Across the Bay</i> Carlos Aponte	RF/PB 2019	570 L (N) RL 2.8 32 pp	Puerto Rico	Carlitos lives happily with his mother and abuela but wonders about his father. He goes to San Juan, across the bay, to search for him.
	<i>Angela's Glacier</i> , Jordan Scott & Diana Sudyka	RF/PB 2024	32 pp	Iceland	A girl grows up in the shadow of a glacier that is always there to listen. Respect for nature. Climate change.
	<i>Agnes's Place</i> , Marit Larsen & Jenny Lovlie	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 3.1	Norway, Tr	A child rejects an invitation for friendship from a newcomer who makes small changes in her building.

<i>All the Families in My Town</i> , Ophelie Celier & Ariane Caldin	RF/PB 2022	RL 2.8 32 pp	French Canadian Tr	There are only 9 houses in the village, but each contains an entire universe in a family. Introduces a wide range of family structures and characteristics.
<i>Alone Like Me</i> , Rebecca Evans	RF/PB 2022	RL 2.6 (P) 560 L 32 pp	China	Liling moves to a city where her parents cannot afford school. She spots a possible friend in another building and searches for a way to reach out to her. Includes Mandarin.
<i>At the Drop of a Cat</i> , Elise Fontenaille & Violeta Lopez	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.3	France Tr	A young boy loves spending time with his grandfather, an immigrant who loves nature and playful unusual language.
<i>The Bear and the Little Green Thing</i> , Diandian	FA/PB 2022	32 pp	Australia	A little green thing finds a home on a bear, needing his heat to survive and listing how the green thing can help.
<i>Bibi</i> , Jo Weaver	FA/PB 2023	32 pp RL 2.9	Tanzania	An elderly flamingo looks out for the flock, especially the babies, until one day she falls behind and they help her.
<i>The Caiman</i> , Maria E. Manrique & Ramon Paris	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 3.8	Venezuela, Tr	Fabio the clockmaker adopts a baby alligator who becomes a beloved member of the community. True story.
<i>Cherry Blossom and Paper Planes</i> , Jef Aerts.	RF/PB 2020	32 pp	Dutch Tr	Two best friends love to plant cherry seeds until Adin moves away to the city. They search for a way to connect.
<i>Coffee, Rabbit, Snowdrop, Lost</i> , Betina Birkjaer	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 2.3	Denmark Tr	Stump has a special relationship with his grandfather, who is struggling with forgetting things, so Stump gathers objects to help his grandfather remember.
<i>Daniel and Ismail</i> Juan Pablo Iglesias	RF/PB 2019	32 pp	Israel	A Palestinian and Israeli boy meet by chance on a soccer field. Trilingual – English, Arabic, Hebrew
<i>Days with Dad</i> , Nari Hong	RF/PB 2017	520L 32p RL 2.6	South Korea Tr	A young girl treasures the special moments with her father, despite his worry about what he cannot do in a wheelchair.

<i>A Drop of the Sea</i> , Ingrid Chabbert	RF/PB 2018	590L 32p RL 2.6	France Tr	Ali's great-grandmother longs to see the sea but can no longer walk, so he sets out to bring the sea to her.
<i>A Gift from Abuela</i> , Cecilia Ruiz	RF/PB 2018	520L 32p RL 2.2	Mexico	A grandmother saves money for a special gift for Niña but her savings become worthless due to a change in currency.
<i>Grandma Lives in a Perfume Village</i> , Fang Suzen	RF/PB 2015	710L 32 pp	China Tr.	Xiao Le visits his dying grandmother. When she passes, he finds a way to comfort his mother.
<i>Grandparents</i> , Chema Heras	RF/PB 2020	530 L 32 pp	Spain Tr	A grandfather shows his love for a grandmother as they prepare for a dance.
<i>The Happiest Tree</i> , Hyeon-Ju Lee	FA/PB 2019	RL 3.3 32 pp	S. Korea Tr	A ginkgo tree's experiences as it grows upwards outside an apartment building.
<i>The Hare-Shaped Hole</i> , John & Thomas Dougherty	FA/PB 2024	32 pp	UK	Hertle has a hole in his life when his friend dies, but Gerda the bear explains that the hole can be filled with memories.
<i>Home of the Wild</i> , Louise Greig & Julia Moscardo	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 2.5	Scotland	A boy finds an orphaned fawn and cares for her, developing a strong bond, but she must return to the wild.
<i>The House of Lost and Found</i> , Martin Widmark	RF/PB 2018	RL 1.9 40 pp	Sweden, Tr	Niles lives alone in an old house full of dust and memories that comes alive with hope when a young boy asks him to care for his plant.
<i>Hundred Years of Happiness</i> , Thanhha Lai & Nguyen Quang	RF/PB 2022	32 pp RL 3.5	Vietnam	An and her grandfather come up with a plan to help her grandmother remember her wedding wish for a hundred years of happiness. Integrates Vietnamese words.
<i>In the Neighborhood</i> , Rocio Bonilla	FA/PB 2022	32 pp RL 3.9 760 L	Spain Tr	The animals who all live on the same street never talk to one another until one day Mrs. Paquita asks for help and starts a chain reaction of connections across neighbors.

<i>Letters from Bear</i> , David Gauthier & Marie Gauthier	FA/PB 2020	610 L (P) RL 2.4 32 pp	France Tr	Bear misses Bird who has gone south and sets out to visit Bird, sending updates on her adventures through letters.
<i>Little Tigers</i> , Jo Weaver	RF/PB 2019	520 L RL 2.6 32 pp	India	A tiger and her cubs must find a new home away from the men and dogs that hunt them. Includes info on their endangered status
<i>Lolo's Sari-Sari Store</i> . Sophie Le & Christine Almeda	RF/PB 2023	RL 3.6 32 pp	Philippines	Recalling how his grandfather made everyone feel welcome, a boy reaches out in his new community.
<i>Mii maanda ezhi-gkendmaanh/This Is How I Know</i> . Brittany Luby & Joshua M. Pawis-Steckley	RF/PB 2021	600 L RL 3.8 (N)	Canada Indigenous Ojibwe	Bilingual in Anishinaabemowin and English. A grandmother teaches a child how to observe the natural world to know when seasons change from one to the next.
<i>Mikis and the Donkey</i> , Bibi Tak Dumon	RF 2014	640 L 93 pp	Greece Tr	Friendship between a boy and his grandfather's donkey in a close community.
<i>Mommy's Hometown</i> , Hope Lim & Jaime Kim	RF/PB 2022	RL 3.5 32 pp	S. Korea	When a young boy and his mother travel to visit her hometown in Korea, the town has become a city and they search for the places of her happy memories.
<i>The Moon is a Ball</i> , Ed Franck & Tjong Khing	FAN 2023	77 pp RL 2.3	Belgium Dutch Tr	Short stories about friends Panda and Squirrel as they try to capture the moon and deal with friendship issues.
<i>The Moose of Ewenki</i> , G. Blackcrane & Jiu Er	RF/PB 2019	610L 32 p RL 3.4	Mongolia Tr	An elder hunter raises an orphaned moose, with many mishaps, before returning it to the forest. Traditional Indigenous way of life.
<i>My Grandfather's Song</i> , Nguyen Quang Phung	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.2 630 L	Vietnam	A grandfather teaches his grandson nature's song to appreciate and conserve the beauty of the lush land.

<i>My Happy Life</i> , Rose Lagercrantz	RF 2013	500 L 134 pp	Sweden Tr	Short, illustrated chapters on a girl's experiences of family and friendship. Also, <i>My Heart is Laughing</i> , <i>When I am Happiest</i> , <i>Life According to Dani</i> , <i>See You When I See You</i> .
<i>On the Edge of the World</i> , Anna Desnitskaya	RF/PB 2023	RL 3.4 32 pp	Russia Tr	Mirroring stories set in Russia and Chile about two children who each long for a friend to share adventures. Flip book.
<i>On the Other Side of the Garden</i> , Jairo Buitrago	RF/PB 2018	32 pp RL 2.0	Mexico Tr	A young girl experiences confusion and fear when her father leaves her with her grandmother.
<i>One Day</i> , Lee Juck	RF/PB 2021	48 pp	S. Korea Tr	"Grandpa is gone" – a child explores feelings of grief as he searches for his grandfather, finding comfort in objects that connect to memories of his grandfather.
<i>A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends</i> , Philip Waechter	FA/PB 2022	32 pp RL 2.4 560 L	Germany Tr	In a chain reaction, five animal friends visit each other, having fun and then together completing their postponed work. Detailed line drawings.
<i>The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden</i> , Heather Smith	RF/PB 2019	490 L (R) RL 2.2	Japan	Mr. Hirota puts a phone booth on a hill so villagers can talk "in the wind" to family members lost in a tsunami. Grief
<i>The Remembering Stone</i> , Carey Sookocheff	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.2	Canada	Alice loses a skipping stone, kept as a memory of her grandfather, but her friends help her find another way.
<i>The Runaways</i> , Ulf Stark	RF 2019	480 L RL 2.2 129 pp	Sweden Tr	A boy helps his grandfather run away from the hospital so he can visit his home on an island one last time.
<i>The Secret Elephant</i> , Ellen Rankin	HF PB	590 L 32 pp	N. Ireland, WWII	During WWII, a baby elephant in Belfast is comforted by her keeper, who spends her nights at the zoo with her.

<i>Snoozie, Sunny, and So-So,</i> Dafna Ben Zvi & Ofrah Amit	FAN 2020	38 pp RL 3.0	Israel Tr	A cat and dog, who are very different but are the best of friends, encounter a small timid dog who feels so-so.
<i>Something about Grandma,</i> Tania De Regil	RF PB 2022	32 pp RL 3.6	Mexico	Staying with her Grandma for the first time near Mexico City, Julia discovers what makes Grandma so special.
<i>Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister?</i> Chitra Soundar	RF 2021	102 pp RL 3.3	India	Sona enjoys being an only child and is not sure about the new baby in her family until the naming ceremony.
<i>The Song that Called Them Home,</i> David Robertson & Maya McKibbin	PB FAN 2023	RL 3.6 630 L	Cree Canada	Two Cree children are pulled through a portal in the lake and must resist the lure of the Meemekwesawak to hear the songs that will pull them home.
<i>The Speckled Feather,</i> Johanna Reis	FA/PB 2020	32 pp RL 2.2	E. Africa German Tr	Three birds live on the back of an elephant, each helping the other, until a speckled feather leads to quarreling.
<i>The Stray and the Strangers,</i> Steven Heighton	RF 2020	107 pp 780 L RL 4.5	Greece	A stray dog befriends an orphan boy in a refugee camp on the Greek island of Lesbos, comforting him when he has nightmares. Based on a true story.
<i>Tiger Boy,</i> Mitali Perkins	RF 2015	770 L 140 pp	Island near India	Environmental adventure as a boy rescues a valuable tiger cub from being captured for the black market. Sunderbans of Bengal.
<i>Tish,</i> Edwina Wyatt & Odette Barberousse	FAN 2022	199 pp RL 3.9	Australia	An imaginary friend gets tired of being passed from child to child as he is outgrown or forgotten and needs a solution.
<i>Two Green Birds,</i> Geraldo Valerio	RF 2023	RL 3.5 84 pp	Brazil	A child and his grandmother can't get their two new parakeets to eat, until they realize their need to be free.
<i>Walk with Me,</i> Jairo Buitrago	FA/PB 2015	490 L 32 pp	Mexico Tr	A young girl, whose father is absent, asks an imaginary lion to accompany her on the streets. Tied to the 1985 event, Families of the Disappeared.

	<i>We are Lions!</i> Jens Mattson & Jenny Lucander	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.2 32 pp	Sweden Tr	When his big brother gets sick and stays at the hospital, the narrator transforms their game of lions to comfort him.
	<i>Weekend Dad,</i> Naseem Hrab & Frank Viva	RF/PB 2020	540 L (M) 32 pp RL 3.3	Canada	Confused and sad by his parent's separation, a boy visits his father on weekends, unsure of their new relationship and what it means to have two homes.
	<i>Who Will Make the Snow?</i> Mar'iana Prokhas'ko	FAN 2023	79 pp	Ukraine Tr	The two newest moles learn to dig themselves out of their comfort zones and experience the world around them.
Family Stories and Cultural Traditions	<i>The Amazing and True Story of Tooth Mouse Perez,</i> Ana C. Herreros & Violeta Perez	FAN PB 2023	RL 3.7	Spain Tr	An origin story of both the Tooth Mouse and the Tooth Fairy tracing the changing habits to the forces of urbanization, migration, and capitalism.
	<i>Auntie Luce's Talking Painting,</i> Francie Latour	RF/PB 2018	RL 2.8 (P) 32 pp	Haiti	A child's memories of her visits to Auntie Luce, an artist, who paints her history and identity.
	<i>Benjamin's Thunderstorm,</i> Melanie Florence & Hawlil Pichette	RF/PB 2023	RL 3.0 560 L 32 pp	Cree Canada	Playing in the rain and thunder reminds Benjamin of the drum his grandfather plays at powwow as he imagines himself as a powwow dancer.
	<i>Birdsong,</i> Julie Flett	RF/PB 2019	560 L RL 3.0	Cree Canada	A lonely young girl meets an elderly woman who shares her love of nature. Cree.
	<i>Bisa's Carnival,</i> Joana Pastro & Carolina Coroa	RF/PB 2021	32p 630L RL 2.9	Brazil Tr	Clara's great-grandmother is too old to follow the Carnival parade even though she makes everyone's costumes, so Clara must find a way to bring the parade to her Bisa.
	<i>Big Red Lollipop,</i> Rukhsana Khan	RF/PB 2010	410L 32 pp	Canada	Rubina's Pakistani mother forces her to take her little sister to a birthday party, not realizing the difference in cultural traditions.

<i>The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name</i> , Sandhya Parappukkaran	RF/PB 2022	32 pp RL 3.8	India/ Australia	Zimdalamashkermishkada is going to a new school and knows his long name will cause problems, so decides to shrink it to Zim—but it just doesn't feel right.
<i>Cora Cooks Pancit</i> , Dorina Lazo Gilmore & Kristi Valient	RF/PB 2014	RL 3.0 32 pp	Philippines	When her older siblings are away, Cora's mother lets her help make pancit, a Filipino noodle dish.
<i>A Day with Yayah</i> Nicola Campbell & Julie Flett	RF/PB 2017	RL 2.5 32 pp	Canada Indigenous	A Salish girl in British Columbia forages for herbs and mushrooms with her grandmother. Translingual
<i>Dancing in Thatha's Footsteps</i> , Srividhya Venkat & K. Ramchandran	RF 2021	32 pp RL 2.5 670 L	India/US	Varun is fascinated by Bharatanatyam, a dance from India, at his sister's dance class but is convinced dancing is not for boys until his grandfather shows him otherwise.
<i>Deep in the Sahara</i> , Kelly Cunnane	RF/PB 2018	890L (P) 34 pp	Mauritania	A Muslim girl wants to wear a malafa, a colorful cloth used to cover women's heads, but she must first understand the meanings of a malafa.
<i>A Dog Named Haku</i> , Margarita Engle	RF/PB 2018	32 pp	Nepal	2 brothers in Nepal search for a dog they can honor with gratitude and food for a Hindu festival.
<i>Eighteen Vats of Water</i> , Ji-li Jiang and Nadia Hsieh	RF/PB 2022	RL 3.5 960 L	China	Xian wants to be a great calligrapher, like his father, and begins his long years of practice when he turns six.
<i>Empanadas for Everyone</i> . Jackie A. Kramer & L. Wen	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.7 32 pp	Global	Carina visits her Tia, helping make empanadas, but realizes that neighbors have related foods from their own cultures.
<i>A Feast for Joseph</i> , Terry Farish & Ken Daley	RF/PB 2021	32 pp (N) 580 L. RL 2.2	E. Africa Canada	Joseph misses cooking and eating together in the refugee camp and so invites everyone he knows in the hopes of serving a feast with new friends in Canada.
<i>Freedom Soup</i> , Tami Charles	RF/PB 2021	RL 3.1 32 pp	Haiti	Belle learns how to make Freedom Soup, a New Year's tradition based in Haitian history.

<i>Goodnight Ganesha</i> , Nadia Salomon & Poonam Mistry	RF/PB 2021	32 pp, RL 3.1, 510 L	India	Goodnight story celebrating nighttime rituals of young children visiting grandparents in India. Hinduism
<i>Grandpa Cacao</i> Elizabeth Zunon	RF/PB 2019	820 L RL 4.5 32 pp	Ivory Coast	A father tells his daughter the story of her grandfather harvesting cacao beans in the Ivory Coast as they bake a cake.
<i>Heart Berry Bling</i> , Jenny Kay Dupuis	RF 2023	720 L 32 pp	Canada Indigenous	A grandmother teaches her granddaughter about Anishinaabe culture through beading and also shares her story of gender discrimination.
<i>The Heart Never Forgets</i> , Ana Otani & H. Goodman	RF 2024	32 pp	Nigeria	A girl pays tribute to the memory of her grandfather during a West African masquerade festival.
<i>Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust</i> , Loic Dauvillier	RF/HF GN 2014	530L 76 pp	France Tr.	Dounia tell her granddaughter the story of her childhood in Paris and how she was hidden to save her life during the Holocaust. Graphic Novel.
<i>Home is In Between</i> , Mitali Perkins & Lavanya Naidu	RF/PB 2021	32 pp	India/U.S.	A Bengali immigrant navigates between her family's traditions and the culture of her new country, wishing for a space where she would not have to choose between them.
<i>I'll Go and Come Back</i> , Rajani LaRocca & Sara Palacios	RF/PB 2022	32 pp RL 2.3	India/U.S.	Jyoti visits her grandmother in India, gradually forming a special bond even though she does not speak Tamil, her grandmother's language. In turn, her grandmother later visits her in the U.S. Integrates Tamil phrases.
<i>Islandborn</i> , Junot Diaz	RF/PB 2018	600 L RL 2.5 32 pp	Dominican Republic	Lola is asked to draw the place she is from and gathers memories from family and friends.
<i>Kamishibai Man</i> , Allen Say	HF/PB 2005	690L (Q) 32 pp	Japan	After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man decides to make his rounds once more.

<i>The Katha Chest</i> , Radhiah Chowhury & Lavanya Naidu	RF/PB 2022	32 pp	Bangladesh	At Nanu's house, Asiya explores the Katha chest with quilts that tell stories of the brave women in her family.
<i>A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters</i> , Duncan Tonatiuh	HF/PB 2022	RL 3.7 32 pp	Mexico Indigenous	A Mexihcah girl tells her brother how her parents create beautiful manuscripts/codices to record their history and culture long before European colonizers. Nahuatl words.
<i>Leila in Saffron</i> , Rukhsanna Guidroz	RF/PB2 2019	32p 550L RL 2.7	Pakistan	Shy and unsure, Leila's Naani helps her discover and celebrate her cultural identity.
<i>Magic Candies</i> , Heena Baek	FA/PB 2021	RL 2.3 32 pp	S. Korea, Tr	A young boy discovers that hard candies give him magical powers allowing him to hear everyone's thoughts.
<i>Malaika's Winter Carnival</i> , Nadia Hohn	RF/PB 2017	32 pp 530 L RL 2.3	Jamaica	Malaika has difficulty adjusting to cold Quebec when her family moves from her warm island home. Also <i>Malaika's Costume</i> about celebrating Carnival in Jamaica. And <i>Malaika, Carnival Queen</i> is about her late father.
<i>Mama Shamsi at the Bazaar</i> , Mojdeh Hassani & Maya Fidawi	RF/PB 2022	520 L RL 2.2 32 pp	Iran	A child hides under her grandmother's chador as they visit a bazaar in Tehran, afraid of the bustling city, but reassured by her grandmother that she will keep her safe.
<i>Mango Memories</i> , Sita Singh & Nabi Ali	RF 2024	560 L 32 pp	India	A young girl is finally old enough to help her family harvest mangoes and to share in their memories of past years.
<i>The Monster in the Bathhouse</i> , Sina Merabian	RF/PB 2022	32 pp	Iran	On the eve of the Persian New Year, Nowruz, three boys go to an Iranian bathhouse, but something is causing havoc.
<i>My Dadima Wears a Sari</i> , Kashmir Sheth	RF/PB 2022	600L (M) 32 pp	India	Two young sisters learn about the beauty and art of wearing a sari from their grandmother. Soft watercolor illustrations with sari borders.

<i>My Paati's Saris</i> , Jyoti Rajan Gopal & Art Twink	RF/PB 2022	RL 5.3 780 L 32 pp	India	A Tamil boy explores his love for his grandmother and her colorful sari collection as they spend the day preparing for a party. Gender expression.
<i>Nana Akua Goes to School</i> , Tricia E. Walker	RF/PB 2020	(O) 32 pp	Ghana/U.S.	Zura is worried about her grandmother's visit to school because of the Inbal tribal markings on her face.
<i>A New Year's Day Reunion</i> Li-Qiong Yu	RF/PB 2013	490 L 32 pp	China Tr	A young girl's father, who works far away, returns to celebrate Chinese New Year with the family.
<i>Night of the Moon</i> , Hena Khan	RF/PB 2018	32 pp 660 L	Pakistan	A young girl celebrates the Muslim holy month of Ramadan with her family and friends.
<i>The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story</i> , Tina Cho and Jess Snow	RF/PB 2020	32 pp RL 2.7	S. Korea	A young girl trains to be a haenyeo diver but needs to find the courage to dive deep into the sea for shellfish as her family has done for generations.
<i>Ojiichan's Gift</i> , Chieri Uegaki	RF/PB 2019	RL 4.8 32 pp	Japan	A girl gives a traditional Japanese garden to her grandfather who is entering a care facility.
<i>Plátanos are Love</i> , Alyssa Reynoso-Morris & Mariyahd Rahman	RF/PB 2023	RL 3.6 630 L 32 pp	Puerto Rico	An Afro-Latinx girl cooks a beloved comfort food with her grandmother, learning about her family history and writing down the recipes. Integrates Spanish words.
<i>Playing Loteria</i> , Rene Colato Lainez	RF/PB 2006	530 L 32 pp	Mexico	A boy learns to play Loteria with his grandmother in Mexico as they communicate across languages. Bilingual.
<i>Playing with Lanterns</i> . Yage Wang & Cheng-Liang Zhu	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 3.6	China Tr	A group of friends go out at night with paper lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year in rural northern China.
<i>Runs with the Stars</i> , Darcy Whitecrow	RF/PB 2022	32 pp RL 2.4	Canada Indigenous	A grandfather teaches a child about Ojibwe horses that once roamed Ontario and his role in keeping a small herd alive.

<i>Sankofa: A Culinary Story of Resilience and Belonging</i> , Eric Adjepong & L. Watkins	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.8 720 L	Ghana US	Tasked to bring a dish to school that represents his family's culture, Kofi is unsure about bringing Ghanaian food until his grandfather connects that food to his family's history.
<i>Saudade</i> , Ana Crespo	RF 2024	32 pp	Brazil	Saudade is a Portuguese word for a longing for something you once had. A girl and her mother reflect on what makes them feel saudade, including memories of Brazil.
<i>Sing to the Moon</i> , Nansubuga N. Isdahl	RF/PB 2019	770 L RL 2.9	Uganda	A grandfather shares stories and memories with his grandson on a rainy day.
<i>Stolen Words</i> , Melanie Florence	RF/PB 2017	32 pp RL 2.1	Canada Indigenous	A young girl helps her grandfather remember his native Cree language, lost in residential school.
<i>The Story of Chopsticks/ Kuai Zi De Gu Shi</i> , Ying Chang Compestine	HF/PB 2016	RL 2.2 32 pp	China	When Kuia cannot get enough to eat, he uses sticks to grab food too hot for his hands, and soon all of China is using chopsticks.
<i>The Truth about Dragons</i> , Julie Leung & Hanna Cha	RF/PB 2023	RL 4.6 910 L	China/US	A mother tells her biracial child the story of two forests inhabited by two different dragons, pulling from the Eastern and Western mythologies of the grandmothers.
<i>Under My Hijab</i> , Hena Khan	RF/PB 2019	710 L (K) RL 3.4	Muslim world	A young girl observes that each of the women in her life wears her hijab and hair in a different way.
<i>When I Found Grandma</i> , Saumiya Balasubramaniam	RF/PB 2019	RL 2.0 32 pp	India Canada	A girl in Canada and her grandmother from India find a way to honor both of their cultural traditions and embrace their differences.
<i>When the Sakura Bloom</i> , Narisa Togo	RF/PB 2022	RL 2.9 32 pp	Japan Tr	As people rush by, the bare branches of the sakura, flowering cherry trees, come into bloom, leading to a festival and cultural celebration of cherry blossoms.

	<i>The Yellow Áo Dáí</i> , Hanh Bui & Minnie Phan	RF/PB 2023	RL 3.1 600 L	Vietnam/ US	Naliah accidentally tears her grandmother's special Vietnamese yellow áo dáí and comes to understand honoring memories as well as creating new traditions.
	<i>The Yellow Suitcase</i> , Meera Sriram and Meera Sethi	RF/PB 2019	32 pp RL3.7 (M) 650 L	India	Asha travels to India to mourn her grandmother, bringing the yellow suitcase that she and her grandmother always filled with gifts for each other. Loss, love, and belonging.
	<i>Zahra's Blessing: A Ramadan Story</i> . Shirin Shamsi & Manal Mirza	RF/PB 2022	32 pp RL 2.5	Muslim Pakistan US	Zahara, who wishes for a sister, finds one while volunteering at a refugee center during Ramadan. Importance of sharing as embedded in Islamic traditions.
Forced and Chosen Journeys	<i>189 Canaries</i> , Dieter Boge & Elsa Klever	HF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 2.9 (P)	Germany US, 1800s Tr	Caged canaries travel from the Harz Mountains in Germany to a new home in New York. Includes a history of canaries and their use in mines.
	<i>9 Kilometers</i> , Claudio Aguilera & Gabriela Lyon	RF/PB 2023	560 L 32 pp	Chile Tr	A boy leaves his house at dawn, counting his steps on his long journey to school. Includes info on distances children around the world take to school. Detailed illustrations.
	<i>Along the Tapajos</i> , Fernando Vilela	RF/PB 2019	RL 2.8 32 pp	Brazil Tr	Children go to higher ground along the Tapajos River during flooding but return for their pet.
	<i>Anita and the Dragons</i> , Hannah Carmona & Anna Cunha	RF/PB 2021	800 L 32 pp	Dominican Republic	A young girl faces her fears of the dragon that will fly her to a distant land and her anxiety over the many things she will miss in her beautiful life on her island.
	<i>Baba's Peach Tree</i> , Marie Tang & Seo Kim	RF 2024	32 pp	China	Tao and her father, a migrant worker, find hope in an old peach tree, but are forced to move to the city.
	<i>Comings and Goings</i> , Anna Kontoleon & Fotini Tikkou	RF/PB 2021	32p (M) 640 L RL 202	Greece, Tr	Alex and his parents prepare for his trip to visit family and his extended family eagerly prepare for his arrival.

<i>The Day Saida Arrived</i> , Susana Redondo Gomez & Sonja Wimmer	RF/PB 2020	32 pp	Spain Tr	Saida, a refugee from Morocco, and a classmate teach each other words in Arabic and English (Spanish in original book). Values each child's knowledge and competence.
<i>The Day War Came</i> , Nicola Davies	RF/PB 2018	RL 2.0 32 pp	Middle East/UK	A child fleeing war finally finds refuge but is told there is no room in the school. Children take action by bringing chairs.
<i>Desert Girl, Monsoon Boy</i> Tara Daiman	RF/PB 2020	32 pp	India	Two families in different places flee extreme weather and come together on a mountaintop.
<i>Dounia and the Magic Seeds</i> , Marya Zarif	RF/FA 2023	860 L 32 pp	Syria French Tr	Dounia and her family flee Aleppo on a perilous journey in which baraka seeds provide magic at critical moments.
<i>Dreams of Near and Far</i> , Martin Widmark	RF/PB 2022	32 pp	Swedish, Tr	Two parallel stories that intersect at the end of the book. Noah grieves for his beloved dog, while Mia and her cat search for food and safe sleeping as they move from place to place. Heartbreak, love, and home.
<i>Empty and Me: A Tale of Friendship and Loss</i> . Azam Mahdavi & M.Tahmasebi	FAN PB 2023	32 pp RL 2.6	Iran Tr	After the death of her mother, a girl learns to live with a figure named Empty that personifies her journey of grief. Bilingual in Persian/English
<i>Finding Papa</i> , Angela Pham Krans & Thi Bui	HF PB 2023	32 pp RL 2.2	Vietnam Late 1970s	Mai and her mother embark on a long dangerous journey to find Papa who left ahead to find them a new home.
<i>From the Tops of the Trees</i> , Kao Kalia Yang & Rachel Wada	RF/PB 2021	32 pp 601L (R)	Thailand/ Hmong	A young Hmong girl has never known life outside a refugee camp in Thailand. Her father is determined to help her dream beyond the fences that confine them.
<i>Ga's/The Train</i> , Jodie Callaghan & Georgia Lesley	HF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 3.3	Canada M'gmaq	Uncle tells of the day that he and other children were forced to board a train for a residential school that took them from their M'gmaq community. Bilingual.

<i>I am the Subway</i> , Kim Hyo-un	RF/PB 2021	RL 2.9 700 L	S. Korea, Tr	A subway tells stories about the lives of the people who travel each day on the train from dawn to dusk in Seoul.
<i>I Dream of a Journey</i> , Akiko Miyakoshi	FA/PB 2020	530L 32p RL 3.0	Japan Tr	An innkeeper welcomes guests, always dreaming of packing his bag and setting out on his own journey.
<i>I Know Here</i> , Laurel Croza	RF/PB 2013	760L 32 pp	Canada	A little girl in Saskatchewan is upset by the news that their family will be moving to Toronto.
<i>From There to Here</i> , Laurel Croza		580 L 28 pp	Canada	A young girl tries to adjust to living in Toronto.
<i>I Talk Like a River</i> , Jordan Scott & Sydney Smith	RF/PB 2020	RL 2.4 (O) 32 pp	Canada	A boy describes how it feels to stutter and how his father's words help him through a "bad speech day."
<i>Idriss and His Marble</i> , Rene Gouichoux	RF/PB 2019	RL 2.7 (P) 32 pp	Africa	A boy and his mother flee from Africa to Europe, as he clutches a marble, bringing him comfort in their journey.
<i>The Journey</i> , Francesca Sanna	RF/PB 2016	630 L 32 pp	Middle East/Syria	A mother and two young children are forced to flee from danger, facing fear and hope (see also, <i>Me and My Fear</i>).
<i>The Lady with the Books</i> , Kelly Stinson & Marie Lafrance	HF/PB 2020	620 L RL 2.8 32 pp	Germany 1945	After WWII, two German children in search of food find a hall filled with books in Munich. Inspired by true events and the work of Jella Lepman.
<i>Lear</i> , Sandra Dieckmann	FAN 2017	RL 3.6	UK	Animals fear a polar bear who arrives in the woods, until they watch as he attempts to fly with leaves to go home.
<i>The Map of Good Memories</i> , Fran Nuño & Zuzanna Celej	HF/PB 2016	820 L 32 pp	E. Europe Spain Tr	Zoe flees from her city because of war, but before she leaves draws a map of the places that remind her of good memories so they will always be with her.

<i>Marwan's Journey</i> , Patricia Arias	RF/PB 2018	520L 32 pp RL 3.3	Syria Tr	A child walks across the desert fleeing conflict and promising to return someday.
<i>Meanwhile Back on Earth</i> , Oliver Jeffers	FA/PB 2022	RL 4.1 850 L	Global	A father and his children blast into space to look back at Earth and the conflicts that have taken place since the beginning of time. A guide to history and to the universe.
<i>Mexique: A Refugee Story from the Spanish Civil War</i> , Maria Jose Ferrada & Ana Penyas	HF/PB 2020	500 L RL 2.4 32 pp	Mexico Tr Spain, 1937	456 children were sent to Mexico from Spain by their families during the Spanish Civil War on what was supposed to be a short stay but stretched into many years.
<i>Migrant</i> , Maxine Trottier	RF/PB 2011	880L 34 pp	Mexico Canada	Anna's family travels north each year to harvest crops. She compares herself to animals and wonders what it would be like to be a tree.
<i>Migrants</i> , Issa Watanabe	FA/VN 2020	32 pp Wordless	Peru Tr	The journey of animals who flee a leafless forest, followed by death and hope.
<i>Mnoomin maan'gowing/The Gift of Mnoomin</i> . Brittany Luby & J. M. Pawis-Steckley	RF/PB 2023	RL 3.3 32 pp	Canada Anishinaabe	Journey of a precious mnoomin seed and the circle of life that seed sustains. Explores the cultural and ecological importance of mnoomin. Authors note. Bilingual.
<i>Molly & Mae: A Friendship Journey</i> , Danny Parker	RF/PB 2017	32 pp 470 L RL 2.8	Australia	Two girls experience the highs and lows of friendship on a train journey. Railways signs are metaphors for the stages of their journey.
<i>The Moon from Dehradun</i> , Shirin Shamsi & Tarun Lak	HF 2022	530 L 32 pp	India Pakistan 1947	A young girl accidentally leaves her doll behind when she must make the journey from India to Pakistan due to their partition by the British government. Farsi words
<i>My Beautiful Birds</i> , Suzanne Del Rizzo	RF/PB 2017	32 pp 620 L	Syria	A Syrian refugee struggles with what he has lost, finding comfort in the birds he cares for.

<i>My Name is a Blessing</i> , Eric Walters	RF/PB 2013	630 L 32 pp	Kenya	Muthini's grandmother sends him to a school when she cannot help him due to a physical disability.
<i>My Two Border Towns</i> . David Bowles & Erika Meza	RF/PB 2021	32 pp RL 3.1 680 L	Mexico US	A boy and his father travel across the border on Saturdays to visit favorite places and family and to share in caring for those unable to enter the U.S. Integrates Spanish.
<i>My Words Flew Away</i> , Debra Pearson & Shrija Jain	RF/PB 2021	RL 2.7 530 L 32 pp	Canada	A refugee finds that the words she knew fly away when she goes to live in an English-speaking country. She gradually learns to live in a new language. Refugee perspective.
<i>A New Home</i> , Tania De Regil	RF/PB 2019	RL 3.2 (K) 32 pp	Mexico US	A boy moving to Mexico City and a girl moving to New York City express their fears about living in an unfamiliar place.
<i>The Notebook Keeper</i> , Stephen Biseno & Magdalena Mora	RF/PB 2022	RL 1.7 32 pp	Mexico US	A family from Mexico is denied entry at the border and told to find the refugee in charge of the notebook, a ledger of those waiting to cross into the U.S. Spanish Ed.
<i>Nya's Long Walk: A Step at a Time</i> , Linda Sue Park	HF/PB 2019	530 L (O) 32 pp	Sudan	Nya's little sister becomes sick when returning from the water hole and Nya must carry her and the water.
<i>The Paper Boat</i> , Thao Lam	HF/VN 2020	32 pp Wordless	Vietnam	A family flees war-torn Vietnam on a small boat, with ants taking a parallel journey.
<i>The Pebble: An Allegory of the Holocaust</i> , Marius Marcinkevicius & I. Dagile	HF/PB 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Lithuania Tr 1943	A boy describes love and devastating loss who are enclosed by walls in a ghetto, from which people disappear to never come home. Allegory.
<i>Pina</i> , Elif Yemenici	FAN, 2022	32 pp 630 L RL 2.2	Turkey Tr	A puppet-like figure is extremely anxious about stepping outside his place of safety, his home, until he ventures out to find a favorite food. Techniques to overcome fear.
<i>The Real Boat</i> , Marina Aromshtam	FA/PB 2019	RL 2.3 32 pp	Russia Tr	Modern fable of a paper boat on a dangerous journey to the ocean. Striving to go beyond your comfort zone.

<i>Room on Our Rock</i> , Kate & Jol Temple	FA/PB 2019	RL 2.0 32 pp	Australia	Two seals perched on a rock respond to seals needing shelter. Reading the book in reverse provides a different response and perspective.
<i>Sadako</i> , Eleanor Coerr and Ed Young	HF/PB 1997	500L 48 pp	Japan 1950s	Hospitalized with leukemia after Hiroshima, a girl races to fold one thousand paper cranes.
<i>Saving the Butterfly</i> , Helen Cooper and Gill Smith	RF 2022	RL 2.0	UK	Two siblings rescued from the sea begin a new life, but the sister is depressed and afraid to go outside until her brother finds a way to help her gain the courage she needs.
<i>A Sky Without Lines</i> , Kryslia Basil	RF/PB 2019	RL 3.9 32 pp	Mexico US	A boy divided from his family by the border dreams of flying through a sky of no lines.
<i>Simone</i> . Viet Thanh Nguyen & Minnie Phan	RF/PB 2024	32 pp	Vietnam US	Climate change brings wildfires that force a mother and her daughter to flee and also brings memories of fleeing floods in Vietnam.
<i>Sleeping with the Lights On</i> , David Unger	HF 2020	RL 3.6 620 L 93 pp	Guatemala 1950s	David and his family enjoy their life running a restaurant but are forced to leave when violence and war erupts.
<i>Some Days</i> , Maria Wernicke	RF/PB 2020	RL 2.0 32 pp	Argentina Tr	A girl tells her mother about a passageway in their yard where, some days, she glimpses the father she is grieving.
<i>Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey</i> , Margriet Ruurs	RF/PB 2016	660 L (S) 32 pp.	Syria	A young girl and her family are forced to flee to escape civil war, encountering both danger and support. Beach stone collages by Syrian artist, text in Arabic/English.
<i>Still Dreaming/Seguimos sonando</i> , Claudia Martinez & Magdalena Mora	HF/PB 2022	RL 3.5 32 pp	Mexico/US 1930s	A child dreams of a life without borders when the family is forced to leave the U.S. for Mexico during the Mexican Repatriation in the 1930s, an overlooked part of history.

<i>Story Boat</i> , Kyo Maclear & Rashin Kheiriyeh	FA/PB 2020	RL 2.3 32 pp	Middle East	As a family flees, children find hope in small items, like a cup and a flower, to hold dreams.
<i>Sugar in Milk</i> , Thrifty Umrigar & Khoa Le	RF 2020	RL 2.3 740 L	Persia	An immigrant girl is lonely and sad, until her aunt tells her an ancient Persian tale about how immigrants can sweeten lives just as sugar added to milk.
<i>These Olive Trees</i> , Aya Ghanameh	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.7 32 pp	Palestine	Oraib loves the olive trees outside her refugee camp, but they are left behind when war forces the family to flee.
<i>Tomorrow</i> , Nadine Kaadan	RF/PB 2018	540 L RL 2.7	Syria Arabic Tr	Yazan is no longer allowed to play outside due to war and questions why his world has changed.
<i>The Ugly Place</i> , Laura Deal & Emma Pedersen	RF 2022	RL 3.0 32 pp	Canada Indigenous	A child walks along the Arctic shoreline seeing everything as ugly as their mood until the child closes their eyes and breathes, transforming the world to one of beauty.
<i>Vanishing Colors</i> , Constance Orbeck-Niessen & Akin Duzakin	RF/PB 2019	520 L (S) 32 pp	Norway Tr	A refugee girl and her mother take refuge for the night in a dark, bleak world, but the girl finds courage and color in her memories to hope for a better future.
<i>Wall</i> , Tom Clohosy Cole	HF/PB 2014	480L (Q) 32 pp	Germany	When a wall suddenly divides Berlin, a boy searches for a way to reunite his now separated family.
<i>The Wall: A Timeless Tale</i> , Giancarlo Macri	FA/PB 2019	510 L RL 2.8	Italy	A king banishes anyone who is different from him to the other side of a wall. Pop-up wall.
<i>Where Butterflies Fill the Sky</i> , Zahra Marwan	RF/PB 2022	RL 2.2 32 pp	Kuwait/ US	Fictionalized memoir of a child whose family is forced to leave the home of her heart, Kuwait, but who eventually comes to love her new home and traditions.
<i>Wherever I Go</i> , Mary W. Copp & Munir Mohammed	RF/PB 2019	32 pp	Ethiopia	Abia is the self-proclaimed Queen of the Shimelba refugee camp and worries when her father says it is time to move on to a permanent home.

	<i>Wishes</i> , Muon Van & Victo Ngai	HF/PB 2021	32 pp	Vietnam 1980s	Stunning illustrations and poetic text tell the story of a family packing to embark on a dangerous voyage. Told through a series of wishes by inanimate objects.
	<i>Wolf Girl</i> , Jo Loring-Fisher	FA/PB 2022	32 pp RL 2.4	UK	A shy girl struggles, hiding at home in her wolf suit, until she goes on a magical adventure with a real wolf and discovers her inner confidence. Pair with <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> .
	<i>Yellow Butterfly: A Story from Ukraine</i> , Oleksandr Shatokhin	VN/PB 2023	32 pp	Ukraine Tr	A child's eye view of military conflict is viewed through dark images of barbed wire and missiles that are disrupted by a girl following a yellow butterfly signaling hope.
Taking Action	<i>Abuelita and Me</i> , Leonardo Carranza & Rafael Mayani	RF 2022	530 L RL 3.9 32 pp	Canada	A young girl decides not to leave home to go into the city with her grandmother after they experience racism. She has to find the courage to face a frightening world.
	<i>Ayobami and the Names of the Animals</i> , Pilar L. Avila	FA/PB 2018	550 (N) 32 pp	Africa Spanish Tr	After war ends, Ayobami returns to school on a dangerous path through the jungle, armed only with paper and pencil.
	<i>Beatrice's Goat</i> , Page McBriar	RF/PB 2004	640L 33 pp	Uganda	A young girl's dream of attending school is fulfilled after her family is given an income-producing goat.
	<i>The Best Tailor in Pinbaue</i> , Eymard Toledo	RF/PB 2017	660 L (P) RL 3.6	Brazil, Tr	A town is ruined by a factory that puts his uncle out of work until a boy finds a way to give the town some hope.
	<i>The Big Bad Wolf in My House</i> , Valerie Fountaine	FA/PB 2021	32 pp, 510 L (Z)	French Canadian	Her mom's new friend is a big bad wolf who gets angry and abusive without warning. Fable on domestic violence that ends with the mother acting to get them to a safe house.
	<i>Book Uncle and Me</i> , Uma Krishnaswami	RF 2016	580 L 149 pp	India	Yasmin takes action when Book Uncle's stand, her source of free books, is closed by the city.

<i>The Boy and the Whale</i> , Mordicai Gerstein	RF/PB 2017	610L 32p RL 3.4	Latin America	A boy defies his father and sets out to rescue a whale caught in their tangled fishing net.
<i>The Cat Man of Aleppo</i> , Irene Lathan	RF/PB 2020	32 pp	Syria	Based on the true story of a man who took care of Aleppo's abandoned cats during the Syrian War.
<i>Colorful Mondays: A Bookmobile Spreads Hope</i> , Nelson Rodriguez & R. Faria	RF/PB 2023	32 pp	Honduras Spanish Tr	A bookmobile arrives on Mondays in a remote village, bringing stories that burst with life, laughter, and color. Every Monday brings joy and stories.
<i>The Dam</i> , David Almond	FA/PB 2018	RL 2.0 32 pp	England	A haunting story of the power of music as a girl and her father return to play their fiddles in memory of a village buried beneath the waters of a dam.
<i>The Day Gogo Went to Vote</i> , Elinor Sisulu	HF/PB 1999	780L (P) 28 pp	South Africa	Thembi and her great grandmother go together to vote on the momentous day when black South Africans are allowed to vote for the first time.
<i>A Dream of Birds</i> , Shenaz Parel & E. Tchoukriel.	RF/PB 2022	RL 3.4 32 pp	Mauritius French Tr	A girl who shares a love of birds with her grandfather sets free a neighbor's caged parakeets, risking punishment.
<i>Drum Dream Girl</i> , Margarita Engle & Rafael Lopez	HF/PB 2015	RL 3.8 32 pp	Cuba 1920a	A multiracial girl in the 1920s strives to be a drummer, despite being reminded that only boys play the drums.
<i>The Firekeeper's Son</i> , Linda Sue Park	HF/PB 2009	490L (O) 37 pp	Korea 1800s	A boy takes on the task of lighting the evening fire which signals to the palace that all is well.
<i>First Come the Zebra</i> , Lynne Barasch	RF/PB 2013	600L 32 pp	Kenya	Two boys become friends despite the feud between the Kikuyu and the Maasai people of Kenya
<i>Flowers for Sarajevo</i> , John McCutcheon	HF/PB 2017	570 (W) 32 pp	Bosnia 1992	A boy discovers the power of music upon witnessing a cellist's actions after the bombing of Sarajevo.

<i>Four Feet, Two Sandals</i> , Karen Lynn Williams	RF/PB 2007	620L 32 pp	Pakistan	Two young girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a pair of sandals brought by relief workers.
<i>A Hero Like Me</i> , Angela Joy & Leire Salaberria	RF/PB 2023	32 pp	UK	A girl takes a stand for justice after witnessing the 2020 toppling of the statue of a slave trader in Bristol, England.
<i>It's So Difficult</i> , Raul Nieto Guridi	RF/PB 2022	RL 2.7 500 L	Spain Tr	A boy who experiences severe anxiety tries to navigate the outside world. Emotionally chaotic drawings
<i>Kozo the Sparrow</i> , Allen Say	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.2 34 pp	Japan	A young boy saves a baby bird from local bullies and keeps it alive but realizes it must fly free to truly be safe.
<i>Letters in Charcoal</i> , Irene Vasco & Juan Palomino	RF/PB 2023	780 L 32 pp	Colombia Tr	No one in a remote village is able to read, but two sisters gradually teach themselves in order to read love letters sent to the older sister. Historical context of enslavement.
<i>The Library Bus</i> , Bahram Rahman & G. Grimard	RF/PB 2020	32p 560L RL 2.9	Afghani- stan	Pati and her mother drive a library bus to a refugee camp to provide lessons and books to teach girls to read.
<i>Madani's Best Game</i> , Fran Pintadera & R. Catalina	RF/PB 2022	RL 3.8 730 L	Syria/Spain Tr	An immigrant who is the best soccer player in the neighborhood saves money, not for shoes but a sewing machine so his mother can come to games.
<i>My Little Small</i> , Linda Bondestam	FA/PB 2018	32 pp 540 L	Sweden Tr	A lonely Creature hides from the sun in a cave without color until a stray sun spark enters.
<i>Night Market Rescue</i> , Charlotte Cheng & A. Ren	FAN PB 2023	RL 4.2 710 L	Taiwan	A stray dog comes upon a little girl separated from her parents in a bustling night market, leading both home.
<i>Pablo Finds a Treasure</i> , Andree Poulin	RF/PB 2016	570 L 32 pp	Latin America	Two children comb through a trash landfill, avoiding bullies to help their family survive. Expressionistic charcoals.

<i>The Peach Tree Brother</i> , Tao Xue	RF/PB 2020	RL 2.9 32 pp	China Tr	Xiaoke's father planted a peach tree years ago in his hutong neighborhood now marked for destruction so he must act.
<i>The Promise</i> , Nicola Davies	RF/PB 2017	32 pp RL3.6 (O)	UK	A young girl who tries to snatch an old woman's bag instead goes on a journey of change and hope.
<i>Rice from Heaven</i> , Tina Cho & Keum Jin Song	RF/PB 2018	32 pp RL 1.9	S. Korea	True story of a young girl and her community in S. Korea who deliver rice in balloons across the border into N. Korea where people are starving.
<i>Ruby's Wish</i> , Shirin Yim Bridges	HF/PB 2015	600L 32 pp	China	Ruby perseveres in her dreams, even though girls are not allowed to go to the university.
<i>Sami and the Time of Troubles</i> , Florence Parry Heide and Ted Lewin	HF/PB 1995	600L 33 pp	Lebanon	A Lebanese boy deals with his life in a war-torn city and considers his responsibility to speak for peace.
<i>Shelter</i> , Celine Claire	FA/PB 2017	32 pp 530 L RL 2.5	France Tr	Two strangers arrive in the forest as a storm arrives, asking for shelter, to be turned away, until a fox family must ask the outsiders for help.
<i>A Sky-Blue Bench</i> , Bahram Rahman & Peggy Collins	RF/PB 2021	32 pp 690 L RL 3.9	Afghan-istan	A young amputee figures out how to remove a barrier to her education by building a bench so she can sit in school with her "helper-leg."
<i>Sparrow Girl</i> , Sara Pennypacker	HF/PB 2009	590L 32 pp	China 1950s	Ming-Li tries to save as many sparrows as possible when Chairman Mao banishes them as pests.
<i>Sunflower Sisters</i> , Monika Singh Gangotra	RF/PB 2022	32 pp	India/UK	Amitra's relatives provide advice on how to lighten her dark skin, but her parents reassure her that she is beautiful as she is. Issues of colorism in Indian and African cultures.

	<i>There's Room for Everyone</i> , Anahita Taymourian	RF/PB 2019	RL 2.7	Iran	A boy wonders why people fight for space when he sees that there's room for everyone wherever he goes.
	<i>Threads: Zlata's Ukrainian Shirt</i> , Lina Maslo	HF/PB 2024	32 pp	Ukraine	Zlata faces starvation and oppression in 1930s Ukraine from Stalin but refuses to give up her Ukrainian culture.
	<i>The Young Teacher and the Great Serpent</i> , Irene Vasco & Juan Palomino	RF/PB 2023	32 pp	Amazon Spanish Tr.	A young teacher arrives in the Amazon rainforest, eager to share her books and knowledge, doubting children's tales of a great serpent, until she discovers their wisdom.
	<i>What the Kite Saw</i> , Anne L. Carter & Alan Duzakin	RF/PB 2021	600L 32p RL 3.4	Palestine	Children living under the threat of military occupation fly kites as a symbol of resistance and hope.
	<i>When I Colored in the World</i> , Ahmad R. Ahmadi	Poem 2019	530L 32p RL 2.0	Iran Tr	A child uses a crayon to change the world, creating a more hopeful place.
	<i>When the Rain Comes</i> , Alma Fullerton	RF/PB 2017	32 pp RL 3.0	Sri Lanka	When a flash flood threatens her village's rice seedlings, a young girl must summon her courage to save the crop.
	<i>The Words We Share</i> , Jack Wong	RF/PB 2023	RL 2.6 720 L	Canada	Angie is an English translator for her Chinese community and father, but realizes he also has valuable language skills.
	<i>Wounded Falcons</i> , Jairo Buitrago & Rafael Yockteng	RF/PB 2021	32 pp 560L RL 2.8	Mexico Tr	Adrian is always in trouble but changes when he and a friend find a wounded falcon. Both begin to heal from the pain in their lives.
Folklore	<i>Bahar the Lucky</i> , Rashin Kheiriyeh	PB 2021	RL 790 32 pp	Iran	Original tale of a girl who decides to become a fortune teller but finds herself in trouble with the king.
	<i>The Blue Bird's Palace</i> , Orianne Lallemand & Carole Henaff	PB 2016	RL 5.3 32 pp.	Russia French Tr	An old woman and a magic bluebird grant Natasha's selfish wish to have her own palace, leading her to experience gratefulness. Stylized blue acrylic paintings.

<i>Brush of the Gods</i> , Lenore Look	PB 2013	580L 34 pp	China	During the Tang dynasty, master painter Wu Daozi creates an extraordinary mural for the emperor.
<i>Chicken in the Kitchen</i> , Nnedi Okorafor	PB 2017	560L 32p RL 2.3	Nigeria	An Igbo girl must trick the chicken spirit who eats food her family has prepared for the New Yam Festival of harvest.
<i>The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes</i> , Ying Chang Compestine	PB 2017	32 pp 650 L RL 2.9	China	A young emperor, taken advantage of by his advisors, enlists honest tailors to reveal their misdeeds. A twist on the classic tale, based on Chinese Cultural Revolution.
<i>Coyote Tales</i> , Thomas King	TradLit 2019	59 pp 570 L	Canada Indigenous	Two tales about Coyote's vanity, one involving singing to the moon and the other focuses on his new suit.
<i>The Dragon Slayer</i> , Jaime Hernandez	GN 2018	40 pp 570L	Latin America	Graphic novel retellings of 3 Latin American folktales -- Dragon Slayer, Cucarachita Martinez, Tup and the Ants.
<i>El niño de maiz: The Boy of Maize</i> . Mario Bencastro	PB 2022	32 pp	Maya Central Am	A child born of maize travels to a village on a large turtle proceeded by animals announcing his arrival. Bilingual.
<i>Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns</i> , Duncan Tonatiuh	PB 2020	32 pp RL 3.8	Mexico	Mesoamerican myth about the creation of human beings by Quetzalcoatl, the god of knowledge. Author's note.
<i>The Girl of the Wish Garden</i> , Uma Krishnaswami	PB 2013	24 pp 810 L (P)	Iran	Retelling of Thumbelina about a girl who is one inch tall in poetic language and luminous illustrations.
<i>The Girl with a Brave Heart</i> , Rita Jahan Foruz	PB 2013	620L (M) 40 pp	Iran	Shiraz receives a gift of beauty through her kindness to an old woman, but her unkind stepsister has a different fate.

<i>Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal</i> , Paul Fleischman	PB 2017	32 pp 700 L	Global	Cinderella retelling integrating elements from many global cultures into one story. Folk-style art identifies each culture. Also, <i>First Light, First Life</i> , a world-wide creation story, and <i>Fearsome Giant, Fearless Child</i> , a worldwide Jack and the Beanstalk story.
<i>The Golden Sandal</i> Rebecca Hickox	PB 1999	870L (0) 32 pp	Iraq	An Iraqi variant of the Cinderella tale. Illustrations establish a strong sense of place.
<i>Gondra's Treasure</i> , Linda Sue Park	PB 2019	540L 32p RL 2.4	Global	Combines cultural traditions of dragons. Gondra has a mother from the east and a father from the west.
<i>The Gothamites</i> , Eno Raud	PB 2019	44 pp RL 2.5	Estonia Tr	A town decides to play the fool so that people will leave them alone. Noodlehead tales.
<i>Itzel and the Ocelot</i> , Rachel Katstaller	PB 2022	32 pp 710 L RL 3.6	El Salvador Indigenous	Itzel searches for a giant snake that must be awakened to bring the rain desperately needed in the jungle and her village. Includes Nawat words. Environmental themes.
<i>Jaya's Golden Necklace</i> , Peter Linenthal	PB 2015	510 L (L) 48 pp	Asia Silk Road	Jaya joins her father on a royal mission and discovers her strengths through a magical necklace. Buddhist traditions
<i>Legend of the Chinese Dragon</i> , Marie Sellier	PB 2008	RL 3.6 28 pp	China	Tired of their tribes fighting, the children create one spirit, a dragon, to bring peace to the country.
<i>Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story</i> , Ed Young	PB 2016	670L (S) 32 pp	China	Three sisters are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.
<i>Mangoes, Mischief and Tales of Friendship</i> , Chitra Soundar	COL 2021	600 L RL 2.2 179 pp	India	8 traditional Indian folktales are retold in new original settings as a young prince attempts to solve the villager's problems by dispensing wisdom when his father falls ill.

<i>Martina, The Beautiful Cockroach</i> , Carmen Agra Deedy	PB 2014	32 pp 610 L (P) RL 3.1	Cuba	Humorous Cuban folktale about a cockroach who interviews prospective suitors to decide who to marry. Spanish ed.
<i>The Matatu</i> , Eric Walters	PB 2013	510 L 32p RL 3.6	Kenya	Grandfather's story of why dogs chase the bus told to a boy riding the bus for the first time.
<i>Moon Pops</i> , Heena Paek	PB 2021	32 pp RL 2.9 540 L	S. Korea Tr	On a hot night, Granny catches the melting moon to make popsicles, moon pops, for neighbors. But the rabbits on the moon have lost their home.
<i>Nasreddine</i> , Odile Weulersse	PB 2021	680 L (O) 32 pp	Middle East	Traditional fool's tale of a boy who listens to criticism of his father and their donkey and makes foolish decisions.
<i>Never Trust a Tiger</i> , Lari Don	PB 2012	RL 3.1 32 pp	Korea	A merchant helps a tiger out of a hole but protests when the tiger threatens to eat him.
<i>The Nian Monster</i> , Andrea Wang	PB 2016	32 pp 550 L	China	A girl outsmarts the legendary Nian monster who returns at Chinese New Year to devour Shanghai.
<i>The Origin of Day and Night</i> , Paula Ikuutaq Rumbolt	PB 2018	RL 4.5 29 pp	Canada Inuit	A traditional Inuit tale in which the actions of a hare and fox change the Arctic by creating day and night.
<i>The Parrot and the Merchant</i> , Marjan Vafaeian	PB 2019	RL 3.2 32 pp	Iran Tr	Based on an ancient tale by Rumi, the famous Persian poet and Sufi mystic, about a rich merchant who learns a lesson about putting parrots in cages and the desire for freedom.
<i>The Phoenix of Persia</i> , Sally Clayton	PB 2020	530 L (L) 48 pp	Iran Ancient	A folktale of an albino prince who is banished by his father. Epic story from Shahnameh.
<i>The Princess and the Warrior</i> , Duncan Tonatiuh	PB 2016	32 pp 770 L	Mexico	Legend about two great volcanoes formed when a warrior and a princess refuse to be separated. Mixtec symbols.

<i>Riding a Donkey Backwards</i> , Sean Taylor	COL 2019	RL 2.5 48 pp	Muslim world	21 classic tales from different parts of the Muslim world about a much-loved character who is both wise and a fool.
<i>The Rise of the Halfling King</i> , David Bowles & Charlene Bowles	GN 2020	63 pp	Mexico Maya	A graphic novel retelling of the adventures of a magical boy from Maya mythology. The boy is a halfling child who challenges a cruel king.
<i>Ronan and the Mermaid: A Tale of Old Ireland</i> , Marianna McShane	PB 2020	32 pp	Ireland	A boy is washed up to shore with a story of being carried by a mermaid. He grows up to be a musician by the seaside. An ode to music and mermaids.
<i>The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet</i> , Carmen Agra Deedy & Eugene Yelchin	PB 2017	550 L 32 pp	Cuba/ Latin America	Allegorical tale about courage and voices that cannot be silenced. A mayor, who forbids noise, is challenged by a brave rooster who sings, despite punishment.
<i>The Shade Tree</i> , Suzy Lee	PB 2023	570 L	S. Korea Tr	Retelling of a folk tale about a young traveler who outwits a rich selfish man so villagers can rest in the shade of a tree.
<i>The Shadow in the Moon</i> , Christina Matula	PB 2018	640 L RL 2.5 32 pp	China	Two girls decorate their mooncakes as their Ah-ma tells the ancient legend of how the Mid-Autumn Festival began. See also, <i>A Big Mooncake for Little Sister</i> .
<i>Stars & Poppy Seeds</i> , Romana Somanysyn	PB 2019	RL 4.4 32 pp	Ukraine Tr	Dora loves to count and worries she'll never count all the stars in the sky.
<i>Tiny Feet Between the Mountains</i> , Hanna Cha	PB 2019	RL 2.4 32 pp	Korea	A tiny girl is ridiculed in her village, but when the sun disappears, she goes on a quest to find the spirit tiger.
<i>The Tooth Mouse</i> , Susan Hood	PB 2012	580 L 32 pp	France	Sophie must prove she is brave, honest, and wise to be the next Tooth Mouse, France's version of the tooth fairy.
<i>The Tortoise's Gift</i> , Lari Don	PB 2012	630L 32p RL 2.8	Zambia	A drought sends hungry animals in search of a magical tree that they must name to get food.

	<i>The Turtle Ship</i> , Helena Rhee	PB 2018	RL 4.0 (0)	Korea 1500s	Legend of a boy in the 16 th century who designs a great battleship, inspired by his pet turtle. History/folktale.
	<i>The Very True Legend of the Mongolian Death Worms</i> , Sandra Fay	PB 2021	RL 3.6 32 pp	Mongolia	A family of death worms attempts to right their reputation as terrifying creatures found in the Gobi Desert. But do these creatures actually exist?
	<i>When Apples Grew Noses and White Horses Flew</i> , Jan Andrews	PB 2011	520 L 67 pp	French Canadian	Collection of stories featuring Ti-Jean, Quebec's traditional hero, a character who is both wise and foolish.
	<i>Wrath of the Rain God</i> , Karla Arenas Valenti	Myth 2024	144 pp	Mexico	Legendarios is a series based in Mexican myth and history about twins who are swept back in time to the legends in their book. Book 1 involves the god of rain and thunder.
	<i>Yaffa and Fatima</i> , Fawzia Gilani-Williams	PB 2017	530 L RL 2.0, 32 pp	Jerusalem	Retelling in which two friends, one Jewish and one Muslim, find ways to support each other in hard times.
	<i>Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story</i> , Ai-Ling Louie & Ed Young	PB 1996	840L 32 pp	China	A young girl overcomes the wickedness of her stepsister and stepmother to become the bride of a prince.
Series books and transitional chapter books	<i>Bicycling to the Moon</i> , Timo Parvela	FAN 2016	700 L 128 pp	Finland Tr	Short stories of friendship between a cat with big dreams and a dog with endless patience.
	<i>Detective Gordon: The First Case</i> , Ulf Nilsson	FAN 2015	500 L 92 pp	Norway Tr	Detective Gordon, a toad, takes on a new assistant to track down who is stealing the squirrel's nuts. Series
	Dodsworth in ... series, Tim Egan	FAN 2014	500 L (L) 48 pp	London Paris Rome Tokyo	Each book features an adventure of Dodsworth and his friend duck in a different city. Humorous

<i>Duck's Backyard</i> , Ulrich Hub & Jorg Muhle	FAN 2022	RL 2.3 540 L 82 pp	German Tr	A duck on crutches and a blind chicken team up to find a place where their wishes can come true, discovering that their own backyard offers as much adventure as the world.
<i>Good Night, Sleep Tight</i> , Kristina Andres	FAN 2018	640 L RL 3.3 59 pp	Germany Tr	Eleven-and-a-half goodnight stories of best friends Fox and Rabbit who help each other get to sleep—sometimes
<i>Isla of Adventure</i> , Dela Costa and Ana Sebastian	FAN 2022	540 L RL 2.9 115 pp	Caribbean island	A series set on a Caribbean island, Sol, in which Isla Verde lives an adventurous life and has a secret—she can talk to animals. 6 books.
<i>Little Animal Rescue series</i> Rachel Delahaye & Jo Anne Davies	FAN 2020- 2021	680-720L 120 pp RL 2-3	Global	A time travel series where Callie goes on magical adventures to rescue wild animals in danger all over the world. <i>Little Tiger Rescue</i> – Flood in rainforest in India <i>Little Lion Rescue</i> – Lost cub in Serengeti <i>Little Penguin Rescue</i> – Lost penguin in Antarctic
<i>Mango & Bambang: The Not-a-Pig</i> , Polly Faber.	RF 2016	690 L (N) 135 pp	UK	In a busy city, a lonely girl meets and rescues a Malaysian tapir who comes home and becomes a true friend.
<i>The Most Beautiful Place in the World</i> , Ann Cameron	RF 1993	700 L 128 pp	Guatemala	A boy and his grandmother are connected by their love of learning and the beauty of the place they live.
<i>Ms. Frogbottom's Field Trips</i> Nancy Krulik & Harry Briggs	FAN 2021	510 L (M) 138 pp	Global	Ms. Frogbottom has a magic map that takes students all over the world to battle with mythical monsters. Book 1 goes to Egypt and Book 2 to Scotland.
<i>Nguyen Kids</i> , Linda Trinh & Clayton Nguyen	FAN 2022	107 pp RL 3.4 530 L	Canada	A series in which a girl receives a gift from her Vietnamese grandmother, a jade bangle, that provides cultural connection and strength to stand up to racism.

	<i>Shu-Li and Tamara</i> , Paul Yee	RF 2008	660 L RL 4.6 71 pp	Canada	A friendship between two girls in Vancouver, one of whom comes from a Chinese immigrant family. <i>Shu-Li and Diego</i>
	<i>Surviving the World</i> series by Remy Lai <i>Rainbow the Koala</i> <i>Star the Elephant</i>	RF/GN 2022	105 pp RL 3.4	Australia Malaysia	Graphic novel adventure series featuring heroic animals and environmental issues. Rainbow the Koala is ready to live on his own but gets caught in a huge bush fire (2019 Australian bushfires) Star is separated from his mother as they search for food due to deforestation and tries to avoid capture by humans.
	<i>Yours Sincerely, Giraffe.</i> Megumi Iwasa	FAN 2017	510 L RL 4.3 102 pp	Japan Tr.	Short stories that involve letters between a lonely giraffe and a penguin. See also, <i>Dear Professor Whale</i> .
Easy-to-Read Wonder Tales and Easy-to-Read Spooky Tales, by Veronkia Martenova Charles (Tundra Books)	RL 2.9-3.3 56 pp	Global	Easy-to-read books that involve a conversation among a group of children from different global cultures about a situation that leads each to share their version of a familiar folktale. Spooky Tales include titles such as <i>Don't Go In There!</i> , <i>Don't Talk to Strangers!</i> , and <i>Don't Open the Door!</i> 9 different titles. Wonder Tales include <i>It's Not About the Beanstalk!</i> , <i>It's Not about the Straw!</i> , and <i>It's Not about the Tiny Girl!</i> 9 different titles		

Examples of Possible Pairings of Classic Novels with Global Literature

Theme	Classic Novel	Global Literature
Children taking action in their families and everyday lives	<i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i> , Patricia MacLachlan	<i>Book Uncle and Me</i> , Uma Krishnasawami <i>My Happy Life</i> , Rose Lagercrantz <i>The Runaways</i> , Ult Stark
Children telling stories about their lives	<i>The Stories that Julian Tells</i> , Ann Cameron	Anna Hibiscus series, Atinuke <i>The No. 1 Car Spotter and the Firebird</i> , Atinuke <i>Juana & Lucas</i> , Juana Medina <i>Too Small Tola</i> , Atinuke
Children rescuing an animal	<i>My Father's Dragon</i> , Ruth Garnett	<i>Tiger Boy</i> , Mitali Perkins <i>Mikis and the Donkey</i> , Bibi Tak Dumon

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

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

Note: There are many global books for read-alouds to Grade 2-3 children listed under the 4-5 grade level

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