

## Worlds of Words 2023

### Grade 2-3 Recommended Global Information Books

	<b>Global Book</b>	<b>Genre Date</b>	<b>Level Info</b>	<b>Global Context</b>	<b>Themes/Plot of Global Books</b>
<b>Global Traditions and Cultures</b>	<i>African Proverbs for All Ages</i> , Nelda LaTeef	Proverbs 2021	32 pp 570 L	Africa	The power of proverbs, how they evolve over time, and the wisdom of various cultures in Africa.
	<i>Arab Arab All Year Long!</i> Cathy Camper & Sawsan Chalabi	Info 2022	RL 3.2 32 pp	Arab World	Celebrates beauty and diversity of Arab life and traditions throughout the year in the world. Focus on variety of language, culture, and ethnicity for those who consider themselves Arab.
	<i>Birthdays around the World</i> , Margriet Ruurs	Info 2017	780 L 40 pp	Global	The celebrations of birthdays in 17 countries around the world.
	<i>Children of the World</i> , Tessa Strickland	Info 2016	3.0 RL 32 pp.	Global	Children’s lives around the world, with a focus on shared experiences, needs and wants. Common humanity.
	<i>Children Just Like Me</i> , Catherine Saunders	Info 2016	900 L 80 pp.	Global	Photographical introduction to world cultures through depictions of 44 children engaged in traditional activities as well as daily life.
	<i>Everything &amp; Everywhere: A Fact-Filled Adventure for Curious Globe-Trotters</i> , Marc Martin	Info 2018	RL 2.3 (P) 40 pp	Global	A journey to cities around the world that shows what each makes each unique
	<i>Families around the World</i> , Margriet Ruurs	Info 2017	660 L. 40 pp.	Global	The lives of children in 14 different families with a range of homes, locations, customs, and activities. Cut-paper collage illustrations.

<i>Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns</i> , Hena Khan	Concept 2015	32 pp RL 2.5	Global Muslim	A young Muslim girl and her family introduce the traditions and colors of Islam
<i>Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets</i> , Hena Khan	2018	32 pp 600 L (M)		Celebrates the shapes and traditions in the artwork of Muslims from around the world  Also see <i>One Sun and Countless Stars</i> (2022) on numbers
<i>How to Greet Grandma</i> , Donna Bhatt & Aura Lewis	Info 2021	32 pp RL 2.3	Global	A celebration of grandmothers around the world with each explaining how to greet one another in love and her traditions.
<i>I am Different!</i> Marjula Padmanabhan	Info 2011	590 L. 40 pp.	Global	Can you find me? picture puzzles in one of 16 languages. Brief discussions of each language. Bold colors and a visual game.
<i>I Have the Right to Be a Child</i> , Alain Serres	Info 2012	730 (N) 42 pp.	Global	Universal rights of children from the UN Convention in the first-person voice of a child along with bold acrylic paintings.
<i>If You Come to Earth</i> , Sophie Blackall	Info/FA 2020	520 L 32 pp	Global	A young boy describes all the things a visitor from Outer Space would see in visiting the earth, celebrates rich diversity of life.
<i>In My Mosque</i> , M.O. Yuksel & Aly Hatem	Info 2021	RL 2.9 32 pp	Global	Highlights the varying activities and services that take place in mosques as places for Muslims to be together in community. Includes a list of historic mosques from around the world.
<i>Journey of the Midnight Sun</i> , Shazia Afzal & Aliya Ghare	RL 4.6 840 L	Info 2022	Canada	Follows the journey of the Midnight Sun Mosque that traveled 4000 kilometers to become the most northern mosque in the Arctic Circle.
<i>Little Treasures</i> , Jacqueline Ogburn	Info 2012	32 pp RL 3.8	Global	Endearments for young children to express a parent's love in 14 different languages.
<i>My Name is Bana</i> , Bana Alabed & Nez Fiaz	Bio 2021	32 pp 790 L	Syria Turkey	A girl from Syria who became an activist documenting the war in Aleppo and their escape to Turkey. Provides a child's perspective on the war and the rights of refugees.

	<i>Same Here! The Differences We Share</i> , Susan Hughes & Sophie Casson	Info 2022	63 pp RL 4.6 660 L	Global	Cites 9 basic needs of communication, love and protection, shelter, education, food, families, community, play and dreams and offers examples from many countries and cultures to show differences in how these needs are met.
	<i>School Days around the World</i> , Margriet Ruurs	Info 2020	680 L 40 pp	Global	Describes what a typical school day is like for children in 14 countries. Cut-paper collage illustrations.
	<i>This is How We Do It</i> , Matt Lamothe	Info 2017	810L (P) 32 pp	Global	One day in the lives of 7 kids from Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, Russia. Detailed large format comparative illustrations.
	<i>Throw Your Tooth on the Roof</i> , Sally Beeler	Info 2001	770 L 32 pp	Global	Different cultural traditions for what you do when you lose a tooth. Lively comical art.
	<i>We Are All Born Free</i> , John Burningham	Info 2016	3.5 RL 32 pp	Global	Illustrated introduction to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 30 articles that declare the basic rights of all human beings
	<i>Wish</i> , Roseanne Thong	Info 2007	570L (O) 38 pp	Global	Wishing customs and folklore from 15 countries with detailed mixed-media illustrations.
	<i>The World in a Second</i> , Isabel Martins and Bernardo Carvalho	Info 2015	3.4 RL 48 pp	Global Portugal Tr	Natural and human events happening all over the world in the same second. Colorful graphic double-page spreads with unique perspectives
<b>Social Studies</b>	<i>111 Trees: How One Village Celebrates the Birth of Every Girl</i> , Rina Singh & Marianne Ferrer	Bio 2020	950 L RL 3.5 2020	India	Sundar Paliwal is determined to live in a place where girls are treated equally with girls and so he persuades people in his village to welcome every girl born with the planning of 111 trees, turning a desert village into a green oasis.
	<i>Breaking the Ice: The First Woman to Play in the National Hockey League</i> , Angie Bullaro & C. F. Payne	Bio 2020	RL 3.5 32 pp	Canada	A biography of Manon Rheaume from Quebec, the first and only woman to play a game in the National Hockey Leagues.

<i>Castle: How It Works</i> , David Macaulay	Info 2015	570 L 31 pp	Europe	An intro to a medieval castle, who lives there, defense strategies (see How It Works series)
<i>City Streets are for People</i> , Andrea Curtis	Info 2022	32 pp	Global	Looks at how urban areas can move away from traffic congestion and fossil-fueled vehicles in cities around the world.
<i>Digging for Words: Jose Alberto Gutierrez and the Library He Built</i> , Angela Kunkel & Paola Escobar	Bio 2020	730 L (N) 32 pp	Colombia	A garbage collector builds a library based on a book he found in the trash. He continues collecting books for years to add to his collection and opens the library on Saturdays for neighborhood children.
<i>Doctor Esperanto and the Village of Hope</i> , Mara Rockliff	Bio 2019	RL 2.2 32 pp	Poland 1860s	In a town of many languages, Dr. Esperanto decided to create a new language so that people could understand each other. 1860s
<i>Emmanuel's Dream</i> , Laurie Thompson	Bio 2015	770 (N) 36 pp.	Ghana	Childhood of Yeboah, born with one functional leg, who became an athlete and disability activist. Expressive collages.
<i>Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes</i> , Wab Kinew	Bio COL 2018	R.L. 1.9 32 pp	Canada and U.S.	Highlights a diverse group of historic and modern Indigenous leaders and heroes from the U.S. and Canada.
<i>Grandfather Gandhi</i> , Arun Ghandi	Bio 2014	600 L 48 pp	India	Gandhi shares with his grandson how to turn darkness into light and to channel anger for good. Vivid mixed-media illustrations.
<i>Hands around the Library</i> , Susan Roth	Info 2012	760 L. 32 pp.	Egypt 2011	Demonstrators join hands in a human chain around the Library of Alexandria to save it.
<i>Hooray for Women!</i> Marcia Williams	Bio COL 2019	RL 3.6	Global	Comic-type style used to highlight 16 strong, trailblazing women with brief info on 59 more women at the back.
<i>Joan Proctor, Dragon Doctor</i> , Patricia Valdez	Bio 2018	32 pp 800 L (O)	UK	A love of reptiles led Joan to become a curator of reptiles in London, bringing her Komodo dragon to events to change people's minds.

<i>Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of the Mexican Freedom Fighter</i> , Aida Salazar & Molly Mendoza	Bio 2023	RL 3.1 32 pp	Mexico	A freedom fighter challenges traditional gender roles as Mexico's poor resist a crackdown on religious freedom. Jovita becomes a leader in the Cristero Revolution, 1920s.
<i>The Librarian of Basra</i> , Jeanette Winter	Bio 2019	640 L 32 pp	Iraq	The actions of a librarian to save her library's collection when war comes to her city. Quiet heroism.
<i>Lion Lights: My Invention that Made Peace with Lions</i> , Richard Turer	Bio 2022	RL 2.9 32 pp	Kenya	A young Maasai boy in Kenya invented a system of blinking lights to protect farm animals from lions that prowled at night.
<i>Lost City: The Discovery of Machu Picchu</i> , Ted Lewin.	Info 2012	670 L 40 pp	Peru	Discovery of a lost Incan city in 1911 by Hiram Bingham and a young Peruvian boy. Full-page watercolor spreads of stunning vistas.
<i>Malala: A Brave Girl/ Iqbal: A Brave Boy from Pakistan</i> , Jeannette Winter	Bio 2014	640 L 32 pp	Pakistan	Two-in-one book that links two courageous child activists from Pakistan who took stands on child labor and education for girls.
<i>Mandela</i> , Floyd Cooper	Bio 2000	890 L 38 pp	South Africa	Focus on Mandela's childhood and young adult years. Impressionistic illustrations.
<i>Manjhi Moves the Mountain</i> , Nancy Chumin	Bio 2017	610 L RL 3.5 32 pp	India	A man spends 20 years carving a path by hand through a mountain to connect his poor village with village full of resources.
<i>Nelson Mandela</i> , Kadir Nelson	Bio 2016	960 L 40 pp	South Africa	Bio of S. African president from childhood to political activism. Large-scale oil paintings showing strength and emotions.
<i>Neymar: A Soccer Dream Come True</i> , Mina Javaherbin	Bio 2018	RL 2.3 32 pp	Brazil	Bio of the childhood and professional career of the Brazilian soccer star, Neymar.

	<i>One Plastic Bag</i> , Miranda Paul	Bio 2015	480L (P) 34 pp	Gambia	Isatou Ceesay recycled plastic bags into purses. Environmental activism. Textured collages.
	<i>Peace</i> , Baptiste and Miranda Paul, Esteli Meza	Concept 2021	32 pp RL 2.2	Global	Explores different definitions of peace and the actions that foster peace, made concrete through visual scenarios.
	<i>Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma</i> , Joanna Ho & Teresa Martinez	Bio 2021	32 pp RL 4.3	China Mexico US	Yo-Yo Ma, a celebrated cellist, believes that music can build bridges to unite communities. He decides to play a concert on the U.S./Mexico border with feet planted in both nations.
	<i>Serengeti: Plains of Grass</i> , Leslie Bulion & Becca Stadtlander	Info 2022	32 pp RL 5.3	E. Africa	Explores the rainy season of East Africa's Serengeti Plain through a look at an ecosystem in motion by documenting the annual migration of animals through the Serengeti.
	<i>Ten Blocks to the Big Wok</i> , Ying-Hwa Hu	Counting 2022	32 pp	China/US	A bilingual counting book in Mandarin and English of Mia and her Uncle walking 10 blocks through Chinatown for dim sun.
	<i>Two at the Top: A Shared Dream of Everest</i> , Uma Krishnaswami	Bio 2021	32 pp RL2.2 (O) 840 L	Nepal	Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hilary each tell their story of their thrilling ascent of Mount Everest. From different cultures and backgrounds, they shared a love of mountaineering.
	<i>Welcome to Country</i> , Wandin Murphy	Info 2018	32 pp RL 3.8	Australia Aborigine	Aboriginal ceremony to welcome visitors to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri People. Interrelationship of people and land.
	<i>What Is a Refugee?</i> Elise Gravel	Info 2019	680L (O) RL 2.8 32 pp	Global	An illustrated explanation to define what is meant by the term refugee.
<b>Science</b>	<i>1,001 Creatures</i> , Laura Merz & Aino Jarvinen	Info 2020	59 pp RL 2.7	Global Finnish Tr	A collection of facts about animals around the world in free verse paired with free style illustrations
	<i>A is for Axoloti: An Unusual Animal ABC</i> , Catherine Macorol	ABC 2022	32 pp RL 2.8	Global	A rhyming ABC book that introduces the most unique and strangest animals from around the world.

<i>Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals</i> , Steve Jenkins	Info 2006	3.4 RL 33 pp	Global	Profiles animal species around the world that have gone extinct within human history or are at risk.
<i>Almost Nothing, Yet Everything: A Book about Water</i> , Hiroshi Osada & Ryoji Arai	Info Poetic 2021	32 pp	Japan Tr	An ode to water through a lyrical moment between a child and parent in a boat on the river. Examines water and the nature and life sustained by water.
<i>Anna &amp; Samia: The True Story of Saving the Black Rhino</i> , Paul Meisel	Info 2019	RL 3.1 32 pp	Kenya	The story of two conservationist Anna Merz and the baby black rhino she adopted and raised in a wildlife conservatory in Kenya
<i>Birrarung Wilam</i> , Andrew Kelly	Info 2020	32 pp	Aboriginal Australia	A descriptive portrait of the lush land and life in all forms along the Birrarung, Yarra River.
<i>Border Crossings</i> , Sneed Collard & Howard Gray	Info 2023	790 L RL 5.3	Mexico	Follows endangered ocelots as they face obstacles in crossing the border to convey the environmental impact of the Wall.
<i>Circle</i> , Jeannie Baker	Info 2020	770 L 32 pp.	Australia	Textured collages of the migration of godwits between New Zealand/Australia to Alaska and issues of habitat loss.
<i>Agua, Aguila = Water, Little Water</i> , Jorge Argueta & Felipe Ugalde Alcantara	Info Poetry 2017	470 L 32 pp	Global	Bilingual poem with information on the water cycle across different global landscapes. Also in Nahuat, Indigenous language of El Salvador.
<i>Fuego, Fuego = Fire, Little Fire = Tit, Titchin</i>	2019	32 pp	Global	Trilingual poem about power of fire in English, Spanish and Nahuat. Culture and nature
<i>Viento, Vientito = Wind, Little Wind =</i>	2022	32 pp	Global	The power of wind from the perspective of a mischievous child. Trilingual in English, Spanish, Nahuat.
<i>Tierra, Tierrita = Earth, Little Earth</i>	2023	32 pp	Global	An homage to Mother Earth who tells her story and that of the forms of life that call her home. Trilingual.

<i>Destiny Finds Her Way</i> , Margarita Engle & Sam Trull	Info 2023	RL 5.0 1230 L	Costa Rica	Photographs document the story of a little sloth with an injured eye who is rescued. Despite her poor eyesight, she eventually learns how to survive in the forest.
<i>A Dream of Flight</i> , Rob Poluka	Bio 2019	830 L RL 4.4	Brazil France	The story of Brazilian Alberto Santos-Dumont who built an early airship.
<i>Ducks Overboard! A True Story of Plastic in Our Oceans</i> , Markus Motum	Info 2021	RL 4.0 32 pp	Global Pacific Ocean	A rubber duck is washed away on ocean currents, encountering endangered whales and sea turtles and passing through the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a floating island of trash.
<i>Earth Hour: A Lights-Out Event for Our Planet</i> , Nanette Hefferman	Info 2020	620 L RL 4.7	Global	An annual event that honors energy conservation and addresses climate change by encouraging everyone to turn out their lines for one hour on a specific date in March.
<i>Footprints across the Planet</i> , Jennifer Swanson	Info 2022	590 L	Global	Every footprint—from the physical to the digital and the permanent to the fleeting—leaves a mark on the earth. Photos.
<i>The Forest Keeper: The True Story of Jadav Payeng</i> . Rina Singh & Ishita Jain.	Bio 2023	750 L RL 3.1	India	In northeastern India, a boy planted a forest after a river flooded the island of Majuli in 1979, killing the snakes washed ashore. He learned to balance the needs of humans, animals, and the river with his work unnoticed until 2009.
<i>Fourteen Monkeys: A Rain Forest Rhyme</i> , Melissa Stewart & Steve Jenkins	Info Counting 2021	32 pp RL 4.1 850 L	Peru	Explore how fourteen different species of monkeys live together in Manu National Park in Peru and their habits, diet and home.
<i>Galapagos Girl = Galapaguena</i> , Marsha Arnold	Bio 2018	700 L RL 3.6 32 pp	Ecuador	Bilingual biography of Valentina Cruz and her promise to protect the islands and animals.
Go Wild! National Geographic Series	Info 2023	760 L RL 3.1	Global	Each book focuses on an animal – lions, pandas, elephants, lemurs, sea turtles – with information on the animal, how they hunt, what their lives are like.



Great Migration Series (e.g. <i>Elephants, Whales</i> ), Laura Marsh	Info	770- 790L	Global	National Geographic series with each book focusing on an animal who travels great distances and the reasons why
<i>Healthy Kids</i> , Maya Ajmera	Info 2013	32 pp 840 L	Global	The different ways that children from around the world stay healthy. Photos
<i>Hidden Dangers</i> , Lola Schaefer	Info 2017	850L (R) 32 pp	Global	13 of the world's deadliest animals are hidden in the illustrations of their environment as they hide in plain sight.
<i>If You Take Away the Otter</i> , Susannah Buhrman-Deever & Matthew Trueman	Info 2020	910 L (O) 32 pp	North America	Examines the food chain on the Pacific coast of North America and what happened with sea otters were hunted to near extinction. Shows how the removal of a single element affects an entire habitat.
<i>A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla</i> . Azadah Westergaard	Bio 2021	32 pp 990 L	Serbia	Tesla was born in Serbia and became an important electrical inventor with patents for radar, remote-control technology, and wireless communications. Also loved pigeons as messengers.
<i>The Lion Queens of India</i> , Jan Reynolds	Info 2020	32 p (R) RL 3.3	India	Introduction to the Asiatic lion and the female forest rangers in a wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat, India.
<i>Mad about Monkeys</i> , Owen Davey	Info 2015	1060 L 37 pp	Global	Different kinds of monkeys around the world; engaging writing style, appealing illustrations
<i>Mario and the Hole in the Sky</i> , Elizabeth Rusch	Bio 2019	RL 3.7 32 pp	Mexico	Bio of a chemist who discovered that CFCs, a chemical used in spray cans, was destroying Earth's protective ozone layer.
<i>Who's Looking: How Animals See the World</i> , Carol Matas & Cornelia Li	Info 2022	RL 4.6 810 L	Canada	Two girls explore while animals and insects look on. The art reflects how each animal views the world versus how a human would see along an explanation of the science of their vision.
<i>Migration</i> , Gail Gibbons	Info 2021	RL 4.1 32 pp	Global	30 species of animals that migrate, including mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and fishes. See Explore the World series.

<i>Nature</i> , Thomas Hegbrook (Story Worlds series)	Info2016	32 pp VN	Global	Complex wordless book, capturing the lives of animals and bugs in natural environments and showing their changes over time.
<i>Odd Boy Out: A Young Albert Einstein</i> , Don Brown	Bio 2008	32 pp RL 4.0	Germany 1879	Describes the childhood of Einstein as an introspective child who struggled at school. Brief intro to his theories and work.
<i>Olinguito, de la A a la Z!</i> <i>Olinguito from A to Z</i> , Lulu Delacre	Info ABC 2016	32 pp 730 L	Ecuador	An introduction to the plants and animals in the cloud forest in the Andes of Ecuador. Beautiful mixed-media illustrations, includes a glossary. Bilingual Spanish/English.
<i>Panda Kindergarten</i> , Joanne Ryder	Info 2015	830 L 32 pp	China	Photo essay on panda cubs in a Chinese nature preserve, compared with children's activities.
<i>The Penguin of Ilha Grande</i> , Shannon Earle & Renato Alarcao	Bio 2023	540 L 32 pp	Brazil	A man rescues an oil-soaked Magellanic penguin on a beach who stays after recovering, becoming a close companion and returning annually to visit.
<i>Rainforest</i> , Julia Groves	Info 2018	32 pp RL 2.8	Latin America	Text identifies animals that live in the Amazon rainforest Textured woodblock illustrations.
<i>Save the .... Series</i>	Info 2023	79 pp RL 4.4	Global	Each book in this series focuses on an endangered animal with information on their habitats, why they are endangered, and efforts to save them. Books include Koalas, Rhinoceroses, Elephants, Tigers.
<i>Sea Horse</i> , Chris Butterworth	Info 2009	930 L (O) 26p	Australia	Stunning illustrations and engaging facts about the unusual life of a sea horse.
<i>Sea Lions in the Parking Lot: Animals in the Move in a Pandemic</i> . Lenora Todaro & Annika Siems	Info 2021	32 pp RL 4.4	Global	Twelve stories of what happened in different parts of the world when people stayed inside due to the pandemic and animals reclaimed their habitats and changed their behaviors.

<i>Seasons: A Year in Nature</i> , Hannah Pang & Clover Robin	Info 2021	RL 3.3 32 pp	Global	Uses different sizes of pages to depict changing seasons in Europe, Alaska, Australia, China, and Kenya with information about the animals and plants of each region at different times.
<i>Sisters In Science: Marie Curie, and Bronia Dluska</i> , Linda Marshall & Elena Balbusso	Bio 2023	RL 3.3 800 L	Poland France	Explores the life and work of Marie Curie and her sister Bronia and their impact on chemistry and health care. Focus is on how the sisters informed and relied on each other. Detailed illustrations that integrate math, science, and images.
<i>Sound: Shhh...Bang..Pop.. Boom!</i> Romana Romanyshyn & Andri Leslv	Info 2020	RL 3.9 620L (M) 32 p	Ukraine Tr	Scientific explanation of the phenomenon of sound with connections along with a philosophical reflection on the nature of sound. Bright colors and many infographics.
<i>Sight: Glimmer, Glow, Spark, Flash!</i>	Info 2021	RL 3.5 (U) 960L		Combines scientific and historical explorations to sight along with philosophical reflections on the nature of sight.
<i>Stand as Tall as the Trees</i> , Patricia Gualinga	Bio 2023	660 L 32 pp	Ecuador Indig.	The true story of a Kichwa activist in the Amazon who worked with Indigenous communities to protect and preserve sacred lands and forests.
<i>Stinkiest! 20 Smelly Animals</i> , Steve Jenkins	Info 2018	40 pp 870 L (P)	Global	Colorful illustrated guide to animals who use odors to stay safe. Part of the Extreme Animal series by Jenkins. Includes <i>Speediest</i> , <i>Deadliest</i> , and <i>Trickiest</i> .
<i>The Secret Life of Trees</i> , Moira Butterfield & Vivian Mineker	Info Fiction 2020	47 pp 800 L	Global	An old oak tree shares science facts and folk tales about trees. A collection of traditional stories from around the world and engaging facts. Detailed illustrations.
<i>The Three Water Drop Brothers</i> , Eun-Hee Lee and Yuni Mi-Sook	Fic/Info 2021	32 pp RL 2.9	S. Korea Tr	A fictionalized information book that follows three raindrop brothers who come from clouds to cool the hot earth. Follows their journeys to show how water travels on earth.

	<i>Walk This Underground World</i> , Kate Baker	Info 2019	RL 2.9 32 pp	Global	A journey around the globe of the curious worlds hidden beneath our feet.
	<i>What Happens While You Sleep</i> , Anna Russelmann	Info 2021	32 pp RL 3.5	German Tr	In a playful style, the book explains why it is important for children to get enough sleep.
	<i>Volcano Rising</i> , Elizabeth Rusch	Info 2013	1090 L 32 pp	Global	Profiles of 8 volcanos around the world to show their destructive and creative forces. Dramatic artwork
	<i>Young Zoologist series</i>	Info 2023	RL 3.2 980 L	Global	Field guides to animals aiming to inspire the next generation of biologists and conservationists. Books include Koala, Humpback Whale, Giant Panda, African Elephant, Emperor Penguin
	<i>Your Place in the Universe</i> , Jason Chin.	Info 2020	RL 3.5 (V) 32 p	Universe	Introduction to the massive scale of the known universe through concepts of size, scale, and distance.
	<i>Zero Waste: How One Community is Leading the World Recycling Revolution</i> , Alan Drummond	Info 2023	RL 3.0 760 L	Japan	A town in Japan takes a stand against its throwaway past and develops a zero waste plan based on careful recycling, reuse of what they have, and reduction of further purchasing. Follows two children visiting their grandmother in Kamikatsu.
<b>The Arts</b>	<i>A is for Bee: An Alphabet Book in Translation</i> , Ellen Heck	ABC 2022	32 pp	Global	An animal ABC with 68 non-English languages for animal names that begin with different letters or sounds than their English counterparts – e.g. G is for Cat in Spanish, Ojibwe, and Korean.
	<i>Ada's Violin</i> , Susan Hood	Info 2016	820 L. 32 pp	Paraguay	True story of an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash. Gorgeous, layered artwork.
	<i>Copycat: Nature-Inspired Design around the World</i> , Christy Hale	Info 2022	RL 4.3 32 pp	Global	A collection of tanka poems, illustrations, and photographs show how plants, animals, and objects in the natural world have inspired human-made inventions and designs.

<i>Drummer Boy of John John</i> , Mark Greenwood	Bio 2018	32 pp 820 L	Trinidad	An imagined story from the childhood of Winston Simon, a musician who invented steel drums.
<i>The Fabled Life of Aesop</i> , Ian Lendler	Bio Fable 2020	RL 4.0 63 pp	Greece Ancient	Bio of how a child born into slavery found a way to speak out about injustice using storytelling. Includes a collection of tales.
<i>Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos</i> , Monica Brown & John Parra	Bio 2017	32 pp 780 L RL 3.8	Mexico	Frida Kahlo had many pets who inspired her art and gave her comfort in her life.
<i>The Girl Who Heard the Music</i> , Marni Fogelson & Marta Alvarez	Bio 2023	RL 4.5 32 pp	Easter Island/ Rapa Nui	Mahani Teave's talent as a pianist leads to worldwide fame, which she uses to get rid of the trash left by tourists and build a school of music and art that is solar-powered on Rapa Nui.
<i>Itzhak: A Boy Who Loved the Violin</i> , Tracy Newman & Abigail Halpin	Bio 2020	RL 4.6 (0) 32 pp	Israel	Born into a poor immigrant family in Tel Aviv, Itzhak loved music, begging for an instrument. Despite obstacles, including polio, he persevered to turn his dream into reality.
<i>The Key from Spain: Flory Jagoda and Her Music</i> , Debbie Levy	Bio 2019	RL 2.3	Spain	Bio of the keeper of the flame for Sephardic Jewish culture and Ladino music, as they move from Spain to Bosnia to the US during WWII
<i>Mama Africa!</i> Kathryn Erskine	Bio 2017	32 pp 630 L RL 3.5	South Africa	Miriam Makeba, a famous South African singer, raised her voice to fight for equality during a apartheid.
<i>The Music of Life</i> , Elizabeth Rusch	Bio 2017	47 pp.	Italy	Italian harpsichord builder who created first piano to play loud and soft sounds. Detailed gouache illustrations, dynamic design.
<i>Rock by Rock: The Fantastical Garden of Nek Chand</i> , Jennifer Bradbury & Sam Boughton	Bio 2021	RL 3.1 870 L 32 pp	India	True story of Nek Chand and how his secret but illegal sculpture garden made of found objects was hidden in the jungle and later became one of India's treasured wonders.

	<i>A Thousand Glass Flowers: Marietta Barovier and the Invention of the Rosetta Bead</i> , Evan Turk	Bio 2020	RL 5.3 32 pp	Italy 1400s	Biography of the groundbreaking Renaissance artisan who helped shape Venetian glassmaking on the island of Murano. Trained in her father's glass workshop, she created beads with glowing colors inside.
	<i>Viva Frida</i> , Yuyi Morales	Bio 2014	34 pp	Mexico	Text captures moments in Frida Kahlo's life, which incorporate references to her art.
	<i>Yayoi Kusama</i> , Sara Suzuki	Bio 2017	32 pp RL 3.9	Japan	Introduction to the Japanese artist known for her use of dots.
<b>Math</b>	<i>Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci</i> . Joseph D'Agnese	Bio 2010	570 L (S) 40 pp	Italy	Set in 1178 Italy, a boy daydreams of numbers leading to discovery of the numerical sequence in nature. Illustrations include math patterns.
	<i>The Boy Who Dreamed of Infinity</i> , Amy Andrews	Bio 2020	32 pp	India	A young mathematical genius searches for the secrets inside numbers and for someone to understand him.
	<i>The Boy Who Loved Math</i> , Deborah Heiligman	Bio 2013	550 L 37 pp	Hungary	Biography of mathematician Paul Erdos and his fascination with numbers. Illustrations contain puzzles and math concepts.
	<i>Can You See Me?: A Book about Feeling Small</i> , Gokce Irten	Concept 2021	RL 2.2 620 L 32 pp	Turkey, Tr	Concepts of point of view, perspective and size are conveyed by showing that whether something is seen as large or small depends on what it is being compared to.
	<i>One Moment in Time</i> , Ben Lerwill, Alette Straathof	Info 2021	32 pp RL 3.3	Global	A global journey to show how children in different parts of the world are doing different things at the exact same moment.
	<i>Everybody Counts</i> , Kristin Roskift	Info 2020	RL 2.3 32 pp	Norway Tr	Counting from 0 to 7.5 billion by following characters' stories and seeing how their lives intersect and why everybody counts as having value.

	<i>A Million Dots</i> , Sven Volker	Info 2019	32 pp	Germany Tr	Counting from one to a million by doubling the numbers on each page through different arrangements of dots.
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<i>Pocket Bios</i>	RL 2.0-3.6 24 pp	Global France Tr	A series of short biographies for young readers with each book on a different global figure – e.g. Pablo Picasso, Anne Frank, Albert Einstein, Cleopatra, Blackbird, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks		
<i>Little People Big Dreams series</i>	24 pp RL 4.0	Global UK	Short biographies of the lives of outstanding people from designers and artists to scientists with a focus on their lives as children with a dream—e.g. Zaha Hadid, Rudolf Nureyev, Pele, Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa, Greta Thunberg.		

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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