

Worlds of Words 2020

Grade 2-3 Informational Books: Paired Common Core and Global Texts

CC Title/Author	Level Info	Themes/Plot	Global Pairs	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
<i>A Medieval Feast</i> , Aliko	840 L 32 pp	Middle Ages Feast	<i>A Year in the Castle</i> , Rachel Coombs	500L (M) 24 pp	Europe	A year in a medieval castle showing the same scene but different activities
			<i>Castle: How It Works</i> , David Macaulay	570 L 31 pp	Europe	An intro to a medieval castle, who lives there, defense strategies (see How It Works series)
			<i>Where Will I Live?</i> Rosemary McCarney	32 pp RL 2.3	Global	Photos of how refugee children from around the world are forced to flee and live.
			<i>Welcome to Country</i> , Wandin Murphy	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>From Seed to Plant</i> , Gail Gibbons	660L 32 pp	Plant cycle	<i>Our Apple Tree</i> , Gorel K. Naslund	32 pp 3.2 RL	Sweden	Life cycle of an apple tree as observed by 2 children, whimsical illustrations
			<i>Nature</i> , Thomas Hegbrook (Story Worlds series)	32 pp	Global	Complex wordless book, capturing the lives of animals and bugs in natural environments and showing their changes over time.
			<i>Agua, Aguita = Water, Little Water</i> , Jose Argueta	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, Fueguito = Fire, Little Fire = Tit, Titchin</i> , Jose Argueta	32 pp	Global	Bilingual poem about power of fire in English, Spanish and Nahuat. Culture and nature

<p><i>Bats: Creatures of the Night</i>, Joyce Milton</p>	<p>510 L RL 2.7</p>	<p>Describes characteristics of bats</p>	<p><i>Gorilla: Gentle Giants of the Forest</i></p>	<p>530 L (L) 47 pp.</p>	<p>Africa</p>	<p>Intro to behavior of gorillas, Step into Reading 3</p>
			<p><i>Mad about Monkeys</i>, Owen Davey</p>	<p>1060 L 37 pp</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>Different kinds of monkeys around the world; engaging writing style, appealing illustrations</p>
			<p><i>Creaturepedia</i>, Adrienne Barman</p>	<p>590 L 208 pp</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>Illustrations/facts about 600 creatures around the world, grouped by characteristic, with quirky and playful illustrations.</p>
			<p><i>Panda Kindergarten</i>, Joanne Ryder</p>	<p>830 32 pp</p>	<p>China</p>	<p>Photo essay on panda cubs in a Chinese nature preserve, compared with children's activities.</p>
			<p><i>Sea Horse</i>, Chris Butterworth</p>	<p>930 L (O) 26 pp</p>	<p>Australia</p>	<p>Stunning illustrations and engaging facts about the unusual life of a sea horse.</p>
<p><i>Throw Your Tooth on the Roof</i>, Sally Beeler</p>	<p>770 L 32 pp.</p>	<p>Traditions around the world for losing a tooth</p>	<p><i>Throw Your Tooth on the Roof</i>, Sally Beeler</p>	<p>770 L 32 pp</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>Different cultural traditions for what you do when you lose a tooth. Lively comical art.</p>
			<p><i>Wish</i>, Roseanne Thong</p>	<p>570 L (O) 38 pp</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>Wishing customs and folklore from 15 countries with detailed mixed-media illustrations.</p>
			<p><i>This is How We Do It</i>, Matt Lamothe</p>	<p>810 L. (P) 32 pp</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>One day in the lives of 7 kids from Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, Russia. Detailed large format comparative illustrations.</p>
			<p><i>Children Just Like Me</i>, Catherine Saunders</p>	<p>900 L 80 pp.</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>Photographical introduction to world cultures through depictions of 44 children engaged in traditional activities as well as daily life.</p>

			<i>Healthy Kids</i> , Maya Ajmera	32 pp 840 L	Global	The different ways that children from around the world stay healthy. Photos
			<i>Little Treasures</i> , Jacqueline Ogburn	32 pp RL 3.8	Global	Endearments for young children to express a parent's love in 14 different languages.
			<i>Earth Hour: A Lights-Out Event for Our Planet</i> , Nanette Hefferman	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>Art around the World</i> , Heather Leonard	580 L 24 pp.	Art and craft projects from around the world (Discovery World Series)	<i>School Days around the World</i> , Margriet Ruurs	680 L 40 pp	Global	Describes what a typical school day is like for children in 14 countries. Cut-paper collage illustrations.
			<i>Families around the World</i> , Margriet Ruurs	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>Birthdays around the World</i> , M. Ruurs	780 L 40 pp	Global	The celebrations of birthdays in 17 countries around the world.
			<i>I am Different!</i> Marjula Padmanabhan	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>Ada's Violin</i> , Susan Hood	820 L. 32 pp	Paraguay	True story of an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash. Gorgeous layered artwork.
			<i>The World in a Second</i> , Isabel Martins and Bernardo Carvalho	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

			<i>The Music of Life</i> , Elizabeth Rusch	47 pp.	Italy	Italian harpsichord builder who created the first piano to play loud and soft sounds. Detailed gouache illustrations, dynamic design.
			<i>Yayoi Kusama</i> , Sara Suzuki	32 pp RL 3.9	Japan	Introduction to the Japanese artist known for her use of dots.
			<i>Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos</i> , Monica Brown & John Parra	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>Everything & Everywhere: A Fact-Filled Adventure for Curious Globe-Trotters</i> , Marc Martin	RL 2.3 (P) 40 pp	Global	A journey to cities around the world that shows what each makes each unique
			<i>The Key from Spain: Flory Jagoda and Her Music</i> , Debbie Levy	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>If You Come to Earth</i> , Sophie Blackall	520 L 32 pp	Global	A young boy describes all the things a visitor from Outer Space would see in visiting the earth, celebrates the rich diversity of life.
<i>Martin Luther King and the March on Washington</i> , Frances Ruffin	480 L (M) 48 pp.	Washington DC 1963 civil rights march and "I Have a Dream" speech	<i>Grandfather Gandhi</i> , Arun Ghandi	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	760 L. 32 pp.	Egypt 2011	Demonstrators join hands in a human chain around the Library of Alexandria to save it.

			<i>One Plastic Bag,</i> Miranda Paul	480 L (P) 34 pp	Gambia	Isatou Ceesay recycled plastic bags into purses. Environmental activism. Textured collages.
			<i>Emmanuel's Dream,</i> Laurie Thompson	770 (N) 36 pp.	Ghana	Childhood of Yeboah, born with one functional leg, who became an athlete and disability activist. Expressive collages.
			<i>The Librarian of Basra,</i> Jeanette Winter	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>Malala: A Brave Girl/ Iqbal: A Brave Boy from Pakistan,</i> Jeannette Winter	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>I Have the Right to Be a Child,</i> Alain Serres	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>We Are All Born Free,</i> John Burningham	3.5 RL 32 pp	Global	Illustrated intro to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 30 articles that declare the basic rights of all human beings
			<i>Mama Africa!</i> Kathryn Erskine	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>Manjhi Moves the Mountain,</i> Nancy Chumin	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>Doctor Esperanto and the Village of Hope</i> , Mara Rockoff	RL 2.2 32 pp	Poland	In a town of many languages, Dr. Esperanto decided to create a new language so that people could understand each other. 1860s
			<i>Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes</i> , Wab Kinew	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>Hooray for Women!</i> Marcia Williams	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>So You Want to Be President?</i> Judith St. George	730 L 56 pp.	Interesting facts/stories about US Presidents	<i>Nelson Mandela</i> , Kadir Nelson	960 L 40 pp	South Africa	Picturebook biography of S. African president from childhood to political activism. Large-scale oil paintings showing strength and emotions.
			<i>Granddad Mandela</i> , Zindzi Mandela	610 L RL 3.9	South Africa	Zazi and Ziwelene ask their grandmother about the life of her father Nelson Mandela.
<i>Boy, Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs</i> , Kathleen Kudlinkski	900 L (O) 32 pp	How ideas about dinosaurs keep changing with new discoveries	<i>Lost City: The Discovery of Machu Picchu</i> , Ted Lewin.	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>The Boy Who Loved Math</i> , Deborah Heiligman	550 L 37 pp	Hungary	Biography of mathematician Paul Erdos and his fascination with numbers. Illustrations contain puzzles to solve and math concepts.
			<i>Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci</i> . Joseph D'Agnese	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	32 pp	India	A young mathematical genius searches for the secrets inside numbers and for someone to understand him.
			<i>Joan Proctor, Dragon Doctor</i> , Patricia Valdez	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>Mario and the Hole in the Sky</i> , Elizabeth Rusch	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>Bat Loves the Night</i> , Nicola Davies	560 L (M) 28 pp	Reasons behind behavior of bat	<i>Lesser Spotted Animals</i> , Martin Brown	3.6 RL (T) 52 pp	Global	Focus on seldom seen and unfamiliar animals with fascinating facts and descriptions of behaviors. Double-page spreads with inset cartoons provide both information and humor.
			Great Migration Series (e.g. <i>Elephants, Whales</i>), Laura Marsh	770-790L	Global	National Geographic series with each book focusing on an animal who travels great distances and the reasons why
<i>Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11</i> , Brian Floca	990 L 42 pp.	Account of first manned mission to land on the moon	<i>The International Space Station</i> , Franklyn Branley	720 L 32 pp	Global	Description of the construction of the international space station and the activities of astronauts at the station.
			<i>Home Address: ISS</i> , James Buckley	620 L 48 pp.	Global	Daily life at the International Space Station
			<i>The Darkest Dark</i> , Chris Hadfield	530 L (N) RL 3.0	Canada	Story inspired by the childhood of Chris Hadfield, an astronaut from Canada.
<i>Where do Polar Bears Live?</i> Sarah Thomson	690 L 37 pp.	Describes a polar bear's habitat	<i>Earth: Feeling the Heat</i> , Brenda Guiberson	3.9 RL 32 pp	Earth	Effects of global warming on animal habitats around the world and how people can help.

			<i>Circle</i> , Jeannie Baker	770 L 32 pp.	Australia	Textured collages of the migration of godwits between New Zealand/Australia to Alaska and issues of habitat loss.
			<i>The Long, Long Journey</i> , Sandra Markle	710 L 34 pp	New Zealand, Alaska	Annual migration of the bar-tailed godwit across 7000 miles. Provides more information on the journey and habitats. Paper collages.
			<i>Whose Eyes Are These?</i> Virginia Gobert-Martin	32 pp RL 3.1	Global France Tr	Identify animals by their eyes and then follow them into their natural habitats.
			<i>Rainforest</i> , Julia Groves	32 pp RL 2.8	Latin America	Text identifies animals that live in the Amazon rainforest Textured woodblock illustrations.
			<i>Hidden Dangers</i> , Lola Schaefer	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>Birrarung Wilam</i> , Andrew Kelly	32 pp	Aboriginal Australia	A descriptive portrait of the lush land and life in all forms along the Birrarung, Yarra River.

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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