

Worlds of Words 2020

Grades 4-5 Additional Recommended Global Information Books

Title and author	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot	Possible Pairings
<i>A Beginner's Guide to Immortality</i> , Maria Birmingham.	1100 L 48 pp	Global	Accounts of the many ways that people have sought to achieve immortality throughout world history.	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
<i>A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky</i> , Michael Driscoll	1120 L 93 pp	Universe	Presents a study of the constellations, planets, and the night sky along with rockets and satellites.	
<i>A Year Without Mom</i> , Dasha Tolstikova	690 L 167 pp GN	Russia	Graphic novel memoir of a girl in Moscow after her mother leaves for America in the early 1990's.	<i>The Dogs of Winter</i> , Bobbie Pyron
<i>Ada Lovelace, a Poet of Science</i> , Diane Stanley	810L 32 pp	England	Illustrated biography of Ada Lovelace who wrote the first computer program a hundred years before the dawn of the digital age.	
<i>All Stations! Distress!: April 15 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank</i> , Don Brown	880L 32 pp	England 1912	Illustrated account of the Titanic's deadly voyage, when passengers fought to survive the tragedy.	<i>The Sinking of the Vasa</i> , Russell Freedman
<i>Animalium</i> , Jenny Broom	1260L 95 pp	Global	An introduction to grouping animals according to where they appear on the evolutionary tree of animal life and the common characteristics of each group.	
<i>Animals Nobody Loves</i> , Seymour Simon	860L 46 pp	Global	Profiles 20 animals from around the world considered dangerous or unattractive.	
<i>Around the World</i> , Matt Phelan	710L 235 pp GN	Global 1800s	Graphic novel account of the first three people who attempted to travel around the world.	
<i>Barbarians!</i> , Steven Kroll	950L 48 pp	Europe/Asia	Introduction to nomadic warriors called barbarians, including Goths, Huns, Vikings, and Mongols.	

<i>Biggest Bugs Life Size</i> , George Beccaloni	RL, 6.0 84 pp	Global	Life sized photographs of the world's largest bugs with facts about their discovery and life cycles.	
<i>Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean</i> , Maris Wicks	890L 119 pp GN	Global	Graphic novel on the biology of coral reefs and their inhabitants and threats to their livelihood.	
<i>Confucius: Great Teacher of China</i> , Demi	32 pp 1020 L	China	Illustrated bio of Confucius, 551-479 BC, ancient teachers, politician, thinker, and philosopher.	
<i>Danza: Amalia Hernandez and el Ballet Folklorico de Mexico</i> , Duncan Tonatiuh	980 L (s) 29 pp	Mexico 1952	A picturebook biography of the dancer and choreographer who founded the Mexican Folkloric Ballet, a dance organization that continues today.	
<i>Earth Friendly Buildings, Bridges, and More</i> , Etta Kaner	910L 64 pp	Global	Green design around the world through the scrapbook of a boy, via postcards, brochures, and other memorabilia.	
<i>Everything Soccer</i> , B.A Hoena-Blake	1040L 64 pp	Global	A comprehensive look at the sport of soccer and its global popularity.	<i>Pele, King of Soccer</i> , Monica Brown
<i>Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes</i> , Kathy Furgang	1040L 64 pp	Global	Introduces plate tectonics and forces beneath the Earth's surface. Includes information about the biggest volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.	
<i>Far North</i> , Jan Reynolds	4.9 32 pp	Finland (Lapland)	Uses text and photographs to describe the vanishing culture of the Samis, the reindeer herders of Lapland.	
<i>Frog Song</i> , Brenda Guiberson	950L 33 pp	Global	Introduces 11 frogs and toads from all over the globe and describes their habitats, behaviors, and songs.	
<i>From the Heart of Africa: A Book of Wisdom</i> , Eric Walters	32 pp	Africa	Text and illustrations of proverbs, wise sayings, from African cultures, to provide guidance on life issues.	
<i>Gandhi: A March to the Sea</i> , Alice McGinty	40 pp 880 L	India 1930	Gandhi and protesters marched across India to protest the laws and taxes leveraged by England on salt.	

<i>Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog</i> , Pamela Turner	830L 32 pp	Japan	A dog named Hachiko who accompanied his owner to the train station every day continued to wait for him for ten years after his owner's death.	
<i>Haunted Histories: Creepy Castles, Dark Dungeons, and Powerful Palaces</i> , J.H. Everett	950L 144 pp	Global	Collection of stories, trivia, maps, and illustrations of various haunted locations throughout history.	
<i>Himalaya</i> , Jan Reynolds	5.4 32pp	Asia (Himalayas)	Uses photographs and texts to describe the customs and daily life of a family in the Himalaya Mountains.	
<i>Historical Animals: The Dogs, Cats, Horses, Goats, Rats, Dragons, Bears, Elephants, Rabbits, and Other Creatures That Changed the World</i> , Julia Moberg	940 L 91 pp	Global	Brief biographies of history's most influential creatures to highlight the symbiosis between humans and their animal companions.	
<i>Hey there, Earth Dweller!</i> Marc Horst	840 L, 175 p RL 5.2	Global Dutch Tr	An engaging introduction to the history and facts about Earth and its wonders.	
<i>Howard and the Mummy</i> , Tracey Fern	RL 5.6 40 pp	Egypt 1922	Biography of British archaeologist Howard Carter and his search for King Tut's tomb.	<i>The Secrets of Tutankhamun</i> , Patricia Cleveland-Peck
<i>I and I: Bob Marley</i> , Tony Medina	RL 4.1 42pp	Jamaica	Biography written in prose about the reggae singer's life including key themes and events.	
<i>If...: A Mind-bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers</i> , David Smith	1250L 40 pp	Global	Illustrates how to scale down concepts, including space, time, inventions, quantities, humanity, and size.	
<i>In Focus</i> , Libby Walden	RL 6.8 32 pp	Global	Illustrations of subjects under the microscope, such as famous landmarks, fruit, vehicles, and nature.	
<i>In Focus: Cities</i> . Libby Walden	RL 8.2 40 pp	Global	An illustrated introduction to 10 iconic cities and their cultural, social, and historical identities.	

<i>Little White Duck: A Childhood in China</i> , Na Liu	710L 108pp GN	China 1970s	A graphic novel memoir of growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i> , Ji-li Jiang <i>Revolution is Not a Dinner Party</i> , Y. C. Compestine
<i>Lost Cities</i> , Giles Laroche	1360 L 32 pp	Global	Introductions to 13 lost cities around the world. Illustrations of layers of cut paper.	
<i>Migrations: Open Hears, Open Borders</i> . Candlewick	109 pp	Global	50 artists created postcards with images of birds and messages of hope in a show of strength for migrants.	
<i>My Name is Celia</i> , Monica Brown and Rafael Lopez	850L 32 pp	Cuba	The life story of singer Celia Cruz, from Havana, Cuba to the U.S., and her creation of salsa music.	
<i>My Name is Gabito</i> , Monica Brown and Raul Colon	RL 4.6 32 pp	Colombia	The life story of author Gabriel Garcia Marquez from childhood to adulthood in Colombia using imagery from his novels.	
<i>My Name is Gabriela, Mistral</i> , Monica Brown and John Parra	860L 32 pp	Chile	Bilingual biography of poet, Gabriela Mistral, describes his life as a teacher and children's author.	
<i>Our Heroes: How Kids Are Making a Difference</i> , Janet Wilson	6.2 30 pp	Global	Biographies of ten children around the world who saw injustices in the world and took action, changing the world for the better.	<i>Iqbal</i> , Francesco D'Adamo
<i>Planet Ark: Preserving Earth's Biodiversity</i> , Adrienne Mason	1060 L 32 pp	Global	Explains why biodiversity is important to the earth and its inhabitants and the need for protection.	
<i>Red Scarf Girl</i> , Ji-li Jiang	780L (Z) 285 pp	China 1966-69	The author's experiences and internal struggles as a child during the Cultural Revolution. Memoir.	<i>Revolution is Not a Dinner Party</i> , Y. C. Compestine
<i>A Royal Ride: Catherine the Great's Great Invention</i> , Kristen Fulton	640 L RL 4.6 32 pp	Russia 1784	Bio of the Queen of Russia who loved snowy winters and giant ice slides and so wanted to create the same experience year-round, inventing the roller coaster.	
<i>Saving the Baghdad Zoo</i> , Kelly M. Halls	64 pp RL 6.0	Iraq 2003	A photo-documentary of how soldiers and volunteers saved animals in the zoo during war.	

<i>Strange Mysteries from Around the World</i> , Seymour Simon	960L 58 pp	Global	Eleven cases of natural and historical events that have yet to be explained by scientists or investigators.	
<i>The East-West House</i> , Christy Hale	600 L (T) 32 pp	Japan	A biography of the early years of Isamu Noguchi, famed sculptor/designer/landscape architect.	
<i>The Elephant Keeper</i> , Margriet Ruurs	880L 32 pp	Zambia	A friendship, career, and lifelong passion emerge when a teen saves a baby elephant from drowning. Lilayi Elephant Sanctuary.	
<i>The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China</i> , Jane O'Connor	980L 48 pp	China	Describes the archaeological discovery of thousands of life-sized terracotta warrior statues in northern China in 1974.	<i>If Stones Could Talk</i> , Marc Aronson
<i>The Pilot and the Little Prince</i> , Peter Sis	880 L 40 pp	France	Visually stunning picturebook of French aviator and writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery is interspersed with the history of airplanes and facts about his world.	<i>The Little Prince</i>
<i>In Search of the Little Prince</i> , Bimba Landmann]690 L 34 pp	France Tr.	A picturebook bio that draws on Saint-Exupry;s writings and illustrations of his hopeful imaginings.	
<i>The Secrets of Tutankhamun</i> , Patricia Cleveland-Peck	64 pp RL 6.8	Egypt	The life, death, and discovery of the pharaoh Tutankhamun, Howard Carter's discovery to the tomb, and discusses unanswered questions.	<i>Howard and the Mummy</i> , Tracey Fern
<i>The Sinking of the Vasa</i> , Russell Freedman	970 L 44 pp	Sweden 1628	Built as the greatest warship in the Swedish navy, the Vasa sank a mile into her maiden voyage.	<i>All Stations! Distress!: April 15, 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank</i> , Don Brown
<i>The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest</i> , Steve Jenkins	890L (R) 32 pp	Nepal	Describes the conditions and terrain of Mount Everest, attempts that have been made to scale the peak, information about mountain climbing.	
<i>Toulouse-Lautrec</i> , Robert Burleigh	930 L 32 pp	France	The life and work of French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and how he overcame childhood illness.	
<i>Tricky Vic</i> , Greg Pizzoli	1230 L 39 pp	France Early 1900s	A con man who pulled off schemes around the world, including selling the Eiffel Tower to scrap dealers.	

<i>Underworld: Exploring the Secret World Beneath Your Feet</i> , Jane Price	1050L 96 pp	Global	Explores the underground, including volcanoes, dinosaur bones, tombs, city works, caves, and buried treasure.	
<i>What Makes a Monster?</i> Jess Keating	1030 L (V) 32 pp	Global	Introduction to the world's scariest creatures and why they are considered monsters.	
<i>When the Stars Come Out</i> , Nicola Edwards	RL 4.1 70 pp	Global	Explores how different habitats around the world come to life when the sun sets. Also examine sleep and dream patterns.	
<i>Wangari's Trees of Peace</i> , Jeanette Winter	600 L 32 pp	Kenya	These five picturebooks tell the story of Wangari Maathai, an environmental activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize. She founded the Green Belt Movement in which she organized women to replant trees, cut down for fuel. The books differ in what aspects of her life are depicted as well as how her activism is portrayed, providing for an interesting comparison on author perspective and intention in writing nonfiction.	
<i>Mama Miti</i> , Donna Napoli	710 L 32 pp			
<i>Seeds of Change</i> , Jen C. Johnson	820 L (S) 40 pp			
<i>Planting the Trees of Kenya</i> , Claire Nivola	870 L 32 pp			
<i>Wangari Maathai</i> , Franck Prevot	970 L 45 pp			

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

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