

Worlds of Words 2020

Grades 6-8 Additional Recommended Global Information Books

Title and author	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot	Possible Pairings
<i>10 Plants that Shook the World</i> , Gillian Richardson	RL 6.7 129 pp	Global	Discusses how the use or trade of ten plants changed the course of history and shaped the world.	<i>The Plant Hunters</i> , Anita Silvey
<i>After Life: Ways We Think about Death</i> , Merrie-Ellen Wilcox	1120 L RL 6.9 88 pp	Global	History, beliefs, and customs surrounding death in cultures around the world. Photos, illustrations, side bars.	
<i>Before the World was Ready</i> , Claire Earner	RL 6.5 125 pp	Global	Describes nine scientists and inventors ahead of their time.	
<i>Charles Darwin</i> , Kathleen Krull	1110L 144 pp	England	Examines life and accomplishments of Charles Darwin, including his theory of evolution. See the entire Giants of Science series.	
<i>Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees</i> , Deborah Ellis	820 L (Z) 122 pp	Iraq	Interviews with 20 Iraqi children on how war has affected their lives.	
<i>China: A History</i> , The Field Museum and Cheryl Bardoe	176 pp	China	Traces the 7000 year history of China, explores the role of women and children in every day life, the factors shaping traditions, and changes in modern China, using full color maps, photos, illustrations.	
<i>The Diary of Ma Yan</i> , Yan Ma	720L (W) 166 pp	China Tr.	The journal of a 13-year-old girl from a rural impoverished area and her struggles to stay in school. The diary was published by a French journalist, establishing a charity for schooling.	<i>Kampung Boy</i> , Lat
<i>Dickens: His Work and His Word</i> , Michael Rosen	1130L (V) 95 pp	England	Life and times of Charles Dickens, and inspirations for his writing style, stories, and characters.	<i>Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London</i> , Andrea Warren

<i>Extraordinary People</i> , Michael Hearst	1130L (W) 110 pp	Global	50 short biographies of historical figures, artists, athletes, scientists, daredevils, criminals.	<i>The Poet King of Tezcoco</i> , Francisco Serrano
<i>Every Falling Star</i> , Sungju Lee	88L 314 pp	North Korea	The memoir of a boy, the son of the elite, who was forced to live on the streets when his parents disappear as he struggles to survive.	
<i>Gaia Warriors</i> , Nicola Davies	(W) 192 pp	Global	Explores how and why the world's climate is changing, and describes how people are trying to stop global warming.	
<i>Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein</i> , Marfe Ferguson Delano	RL 7.6 63 pp	Germany/US	Life of physicist whose theories revolutionized views of the space time continuum, as well as his political, social, and cultural interests. Photos.	
<i>Historium</i> , Jo Nelson	RL 8.9 95 pp	Global	Explores 160 historical artifacts from around the world that introduce ancient civilizations.	
<i>How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous</i> , Georgia Bragg	950L (Y) 184 pp	Global	An overview of the sometimes gruesome deaths of nineteen famous historical figures.	<i>They Lost Their Heads!</i> Carolyn Beccia
<i>It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired, & Get Going!</i> , Chelsea Clinton	1330L 418 pp	Global	Combines facts, charts, photographs, and stories from children and teens around the world who made a difference in their families and communities.	<i>It's Our World, Too!</i> Philip Hoose
<i>Kampung Boy</i> , Lat	RL 6.8 141 pp GN	Malaysia	A graphic novel memoir of childhood memories and adventures in a small village	<i>The Diary of Ma Yan</i> , Yan Ma
<i>Kubla Khan: The Emperor of Everything</i> , Kathleen Krull	1080L 42 pp	China	Portrait of the progressive and tolerant Mongol ruler, Kubla Khan, who ruled the greatest civilization of the time.	
<i>Laika</i> , Nick Abadzis	370L 205 pp GN	Soviet Union	A graphic novel account of Laika, a puppy launched into space by the Russians in 1957 as the first sentient creature to leave Earth's orbit.	

<i>Leonardo da Vinci</i> , Kathleen Krull	1010 (Z) 124 pp	Italy	Biography of da Vinci with a focus on his scientific notebooks and inventions. Giants of Science series.	
<i>Little Green</i> , Chun Yu	900 L 112 pp	China 1966-76	A memoir of growing up as a child during the Cultural Revolution in small city in China.	
<i>Lives of the Artists</i> , Kathleen Krull	RL 7.8 (V) 154 pp	Global	The humor and tragedy in the lives of twenty artists in short biographical sketches.	
<i>Lives of the Musicians</i> , Kathleen Krull	1010 L 93 pp	Global	Historical life stories of musicians, both their musical abilities and their humorous characteristics.	
<i>More Deadly Than War: The Hidden History of the Spanish Flu and WWI</i> , Kenneth Davis	1170 L RL 8.9 291 pp	Europe/U.S. 1918	Presents the argument that the Spanish flu pandemic had more of an effect on the outcome of WWI than military strategy. Also documents medical misunderstandings of the flu and how it spread.	
<i>Mummies Exposed!</i> Kerrie Holihan	RL 6.5 (Z) 194 pp	Global	Introduces compelling examples of mummies from all over the world. Humor, illustrations, light tone.	
<i>Pele, the King of Soccer</i> Eddy Simon	GN 139 pp	Brazil Tr	A graphic novel on the life of soccer star Pele from his childhood to his soccer fame and his UNICEF work.	
<i>Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune</i> , Pamela Turner	950L 236 pp	Japan	Life and career of samurai Minamoto Yoshitsune, including exile as a child, running away as a teenager, and becoming a military genius.	
<i>Snow Falling in Spring</i> , Moying Li-Marcus	1020L (Z) 176 pp	China	Memoir on events of her life from age twelve to adulthood when the Cultural Revolution destroyed family customs and everyday life.	
<i>SOS: Stories of Survival</i> , Edward Butts	RL 5.3 120 pp	Global	Stories of people who survived devastating events, including floods, tsunamis, fires, and volcanoes.	<i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i> , Deborah Hopkinson
<i>The Inker's Shadow</i> , Allan Say	580L 79 pp	Japan	Memoir in image and word of being the first Japanese student at a military academy in Southern California eight years after World War II.	<i>The Old Man Mad about Drawing</i> , Francois Place

<i>They Lost Their Heads!</i> Carolyn Beccia	RL 6.0 182 pp	Global	The true but strange stories about what happened to the body parts of famous people, such as Einstein's brain, Galileo's fingers and Louis XIV's heart.	<i>How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous</i> , Georgia Bragg
<i>Will's Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk</i> , Jane Sutcliffe	750L 32 pp	England	Looks at how William Shakespeare's plays were originally written and performed, and the effect of his writing on society.	

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

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

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