

Worlds of Words 2020

Grade 6-8 Informational Books: Paired Common Core and Global Texts

Science, Mathematics and Technical Subjects

CC Title/Author	Level Info	Themes/Plot	Global Pairs	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
<i>Cathedral</i> , David Macauley	1120 L 77 pp	Text and detailed drawings on planning and construction of French cathedral	<i>Bridges</i> , Didier Cornille	RL 7.2 93 pp	Global	An introduction to ten of the most important bridges in the world and their designers. Step-by-step drawings.
			<i>Mosque</i> , David Macauley	1340 L 96 pp	Turkey, 1500s	Methods and materials to construct 16 th century mosque in Turkey.
			<i>Exploring Space</i> , Martin Jenkins	RL 7.1 59 pp	Global	A history of space exploration with detailed cross-sections of space vessels and dwellings.
			<i>Overview: A New Way of Seeing Earth</i> , Benjamin Grant	1210 L RL 6.5 149 pp	Global	Satellite photographs capture the Earth's natural beauty and the destructive ways humans have impacted the environment.
<i>The Building of Manhattan</i> , David Mackay	1240 L 148 pp	Detailed line drawings and text below and above ground constructions over time in Manhattan.	<i>The Story of Buildings</i> , Patrick Dillon and Stephen Biesty	1060 L 95 pp	Global	Details on the construction of buildings across time and place from the Egyptian pyramids to the Sydney Opera House, providing detailed drawings and stories of the constructions.
			<i>Curious Constructions</i> , Michael Hearst	1120 (Y) 102 pp	Global	Illustrated depictions of 50 unique structures, such as tree houses in Costa Rica, the Great Wall of China, and a hotel in North Korea.

<i>The Number Devil</i> , Hans Enzensberger Tr. German	580 L 262 pp	A boy who hates math discovers the world of numbers in his dreams.	<i>Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank</i> , Paula Yoo and Jamel Akib	1010 L 40 pp	Bangladesh	A biography of a Nobel Peace Prize winner who transformed global antipoverty efforts by developing the concept of micro-loans.
			<i>How to Save a Species</i> , Marilyn Baillie	1060 L 48 pp	Global	Highlights the efforts of scientists and communities to save 17 of the most endangered animals and plants.
			<i>The Road to There</i> , Val Ross	1140 L 146 pp	Global	Stories of history's great map-makers, including those who distorted maps for political gain as they charted our way in the world, under the sea, and on to the stars.
<i>Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho</i> , John Katz	1070 L 208 pp	Two teens who used technology skills to create a new future	<i>It's Our World, Too!</i> Phillip Hoose	840 L 166 pp	Global	A collection of essays about teens who acted to make a difference in the world. Also includes a handbook for young activists on how to plan, organize, publicize and raise funds for social action projects.
			<i>Mimi's Village</i> , Kate Smith Milway	980L 32 pp	Kenya	Combines fiction/nonfiction to describe a teen's efforts to bring basic health care to her village. Info on how to get involved.
Scientific investigation and field study			<i>Digging for Bird-Dinosaurs</i> , Nic Bishop	1000 L (V) 48 pp	Madagascar	Scientists in the field with a focus on the work of paleontologists on an expedition to search for fossil birds. Photo-documentary.
			<i>The Tapir Scientist</i> , Sy Montgomery	970 L 80 pp	Brazil	Focus on a scientist in the field who studies and protects tapirs. Photo-documentary.
			<i>Chasing Cheetahs</i> , Sy Montgomery	1000 L 74 pp	Nambia	A scientific team works to save cheetahs from extinction. Photo-documentary

			<i>Amazon Adventures</i> , Sy Montgomery	RL 7.7 65 PP	Brazil	Expedition into the rainforest to document the role of a tiny fish in preserving the Amazon. Photo-documentary.
			<i>Kakapo Rescue</i> , Sy Montgomery	950 (W) 74 pp	New Zealand	The work of naturalists to save a parrot from extinction on a remote island.
			<i>The Plant Hunters</i> , Anita Silvey	1170 L 88 pp	Global	Explorers in 1700 and 1800s who traveled the world to discover and collect unusual plants.
			<i>The Hyena Scientist</i> , Sy Montgomery	71 pp RL 7.5	Kenya	A scientist challenges hyena myths, showing their high intelligence and complex behaviors.
			<i>Saving the Tasmanian Devil</i> , Dorothy H. Patent	1170 L RL 6.8 79 pp	Australia Tasmania	Scientists in the field try to stop a gruesome disease before it's too late to save Tasmanian devils. Study of genetic diseases.

History and Social Studies

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<i>A Night to Remember</i> , Walter Lord	950 L 182 pp	An account of the sinking of the Titanic in 1912	<i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i> , Deborah Hopkinson	1040 L (V) 289 pp	Global	The sinking of the Titanic with backmatter on artifacts and facts. Primary focus is the stories told in the first-person voices of survivors.
			<i>Trapped</i> , Marc Aronson	1070 L 124 pp	Chile	Story of how people from around world offered their expertise in the rescue of 33 miners 2000 feet below the desert in Chile.
			<i>Hidden Like Anne Frank</i> , Marcel Prins	211 pp 790 L	Dutch Tr WWII	14 true stories of children who went into hiding during WWII to escape the Holocaust.

			<p><i>Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story</i>, Caren Stelson</p> <p><i>Terezin: Voices from the Holocaust</i>, Ruth Thomson</p> <p><i>The Silk Roads</i>, Peter Frankopan</p> <p><i>Rising Water</i>, Marc Aronson</p> <p><i>Voices from the Second World War</i></p> <p><i>Torpedoed</i>, Deborah Heiligman</p>	<p>850 L 144 pp</p> <p>64 pp 980 L (Y) RL 7.0</p> <p>RL 8.8 126 pp</p> <p>1090 L 148 pp</p> <p>980 L 300 pp</p> <p>840 L 292 pp</p>	<p>Japan</p> <p>Czech 1942- 1945</p> <p>Global</p> <p>Thailand</p> <p>Europe</p> <p>England WWII</p>	<p>Spans 50 years in the life of Sachiko, 6 years old at the time of the bomb, chronicling the effects of the bomb and her search for peace.</p> <p>The experiences of Jewish people in a Nazi transit camp are shared through art and firsthand accounts.</p> <p>World history by way of silk roads to trace the flow of ideas, culture and commerce through human interaction. Illustrations/maps</p> <p>The backstory of the Thai cave rescue of the 12 boys by an international team.</p> <p>A collection of personal narratives about WWII as told by survivors to children. Vintage photos</p> <p>The true story of the WWII sinking of a ship of British children being evacuated to Canada.</p>
<p><i>A Short Walk around the Pyramids and through the World of Art</i>, Phillip Isaacson</p>	<p>1110 L 120 pp</p>	<p>Components of art through paintings, sculpture, and architecture.</p>	<p><i>I.M. Pei</i>, Jill Rubalcaba</p> <p><i>At Home in Her Tomb</i>, Christine Liu-Perkins</p>	<p>1070 (Y) 92 pp</p> <p>80 pp 1110 L</p>	<p>China</p> <p>China 220 AD</p>	<p>A biography of the life and work of the Chinese architect with a focus on 7 of his signature buildings in different parts of the world.</p> <p>Archaeological dig of the Mawangdui tombs, uncovering a mummy and artifacts that shed light on life during the Han dynasty.</p>
<p><i>The Great Fire</i>, Jim Murphy</p>	<p>1130 L (W) 144 pp</p>	<p>Photos and text about the Great Fire of</p>	<p><i>Blizzard of Glass</i>, Sally M. Walker</p>	<p>1100 (W) 148 pp</p>	<p>Canada 1917</p>	<p>An account of the devastation when two ships carrying munitions collided in the Halifax Harbor and exploded, leveling two towns.</p>

		1871 in Chicago	<i>Black Potatoes</i> , Susan Bartoletti	1040 L (Y) 184 pp	Ireland, 1845-50	The great Irish famine was caused by a blight that attacked potatoes, the main food source, causing hunger and disease. Told through the voices of Irish people and primary sources.
			<i>Bodies from the Ash</i> , James Deem	1120 50 pp	Pompeii, 79 AD	Describes the volcanic explosion that completely buried the city and the archaeological dig that uncovered the remains. A photo-essay. See also <i>Bodies from the Ice</i> (Italy) and <i>Bodies from the Bog</i> (Denmark).
<i>Vincent Van Gogh</i> , Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan	1100 L (Z) 132 pp	Life of Van Gogh in Holland and France and his artistic vision	<i>The Poet King of Tezcoco</i> , Francisco Serrano	1140 L (X) 35 pp	Mexico Tr. 1400s	Examines the life of Nezahualcoytl, ruler of the Mexican kingdom of Tezcoco and his cultural achievements as a poet and architect.
			<i>Su Dongpo: Chinese Genius</i> , Demi	1060 L 49 pp	China 1000s	Illustrated biography of a Chinese poet, civil engineer, and statesman whose appreciation of nature and justice was evident in his works.
			<i>Diego Rivera: An Artist for the People</i> , Susan G. Rubin	980 L 56 pp	Mexico 1900s	Insights into the life and art of the famous Mexican painter and muralist. Discusses how he constructed his art, using archival photos of him at work, sketches, and photos of his art.
			<i>The Old Man Mad about Drawing</i> , Francois Place	RL 6.3 106 pp	Japan 1800s	A boy interacts with the famous Japanese artist Hokusai, learning his woodblock engraving technique and his use of line and composition. Reproductions as well as detailed illustrations.
<i>This Land Was Made for You and Me</i> , Elizabeth Partridge	1020 L 217 pp	The life and songs of Woody Guthrie, folk singer	<i>How the Beatles Changed the World</i> , Martin Sandler	1160 L (Z) 176 pp	England	Text and illustrations examine The Beatles dramatic rise to fame and their impact on rock and roll music as well as cultural phenomena.

			<i>Alicia Alonso,</i> Carmen Bernier-Grand	RL 6.8 64 pp NV	Cuba	A biography in verse telling the life story of a famous Cuban prima ballerina who overcame blindness and led the Ballet Nacional de Cuba.
<i>Words We Live By,</i> Linda Monk	1340 L 288 pp	Explains the Constitution line by line, discusses new rulings.	<i>People Who Said No: Courage Against Oppression,</i> Laura Scandiffio	RL 6.4 168 pp	Global	Examines the actions of individuals who did the right thing by ignoring or breaking rules in countries such as Germany, Russia, El Salvador, U.S., South Africa, Burma, and Egypt.
			<i>Our Rights: How Kids are Changing the World,</i> J. Wilson	RL 6.8 33 pp	Global	The ways in which children around the world have stood up for their rights and the rights of others.
			<i>Rise Up! The Art of Protest,</i> Jo Rippon	1130 L RL 6.8 60 pp	Global	Photographs of protest posters over the last 100 years around a range of human rights
<i>Freedom Walkers: The Montgomery Bus Boycott,</i> Russell Freedom	1110 L (X) 114 pp	Photo-essay on the strike to end segregated busing and the actions of everyday citizens.	<i>After Gandhi: 100 Years of Nonviolent Resistance,</i> Anne Sibley O'Brien	1080 L 181 pp	Global	Profiles of 15 activists inspired by Gandhi to use nonviolent protest to bring about social change. Includes less well-known activists Vietnam, Australia, Belfast, and Buenos Aires.
			<i>We Will Not Be Silent,</i> Russell Freedman	830 L 104 pp	Germany	A photo-history of the White Rose, a student-led resistance movement in Nazi Germany with a focus on Hans and Sophie Scholl.
			<i>Kids of Kabul,</i> Deborah Ellis	800L (W) 143 pp	Afghanistan	Interviews with 27 children and teens living in Afghanistan and their experiences, hopes, and fears in living in a war-torn country.
			<i>Afghan Dreams,</i> Tony O'Brien	RL 6.5 (Y) 69 pp	Afghanistan	Photo-essay that presents children's words and images and their longing for peace.
			<i>Fantastic Failures,</i> Luke Reynolds	1080 L 288 pp.	Global	Stories of people who changed the world by first failing, on their way to success.

			<i>Peace and Me</i> , Ali Winter	1090 L	Global	The lives and work of Nobel Peace Prize recipients. Intros to their lives and struggles. Fabric collages.
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Language Arts

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<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> , Frederick Douglass	1070 L 100 pp	Autobiography of Douglass's experiences as a slave and reflection on slavery effects	<i>Five Thousand Years of Slavery</i> , Marjorie Gann & J. Willen	1150 L 168 pp	Global	Chronicles the history of slavery around the world up until the present. Includes personal accounts, photos, and maps.
			<i>Speak a Word for Freedom</i> , Janet Willen & M. Gann	RL 8.3 205 pp	Global	Profiles of 14 women who, from the 1700s to the present, stood in opposition to slavery in places like Haiti, Nigeria, U.S., and India.
			<i>Stormy Seas</i> , Mary B. Leatherdale	890 L 56 pp	Global	Profiles of 5 children in different time periods forced to flee as refugees on the open seas.
<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i> , Ann Petry	1000 L 247 pp	Biography of Tubman about her life as a slave and her work helping others to freedom	<i>The Poet Slave of Cuba</i> , Margarita Engle	RL 6.8 184 pp NV	Cuba Early 1800s	A biography in verse of Juan Francisco Manzano, who used poetry to write about beauty and courage in a brutal world.
			<i>Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London</i> , Andrea Warren	1160 L (Z) 156 pp	England, 1800s	A biography of Dickens describing his experiences working as a child in a factory and his use of writing to bring attention to the plight of children living in poverty.
			<i>I am Malala</i> , Malala Yousafzai	830L (Z) 240 pp	Pakistan	Autobiography describing Malala's fight for education for girls and the Taliban retaliation.

			<i>How Dare the Sun Rise</i> , Sandra Uwiringyimana	RL 7.8 288 pp	Congo	Autobiography of how Sandra was forced to flee the Congo due to ethnic conflict and her experiences in a Burundi camp and as a refugee in a U.S. middle school.
			<i>Lives of Extraordinary Women</i> , Kathleen Krull	95 pp 1150 L	Global	Profiles of 20 historically significant women, highlighting their accomplishments and unique quirks. Range from famous to less well-known women.
			<i>HerStory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook the World</i> , Katherine Halligan	1080 L RL 6.2 112 pp.	Global	Stories of 50 woman around the world and across time and how each managed to change the world in some way. Short vignettes with collages of photos and folk-style illustrations and quotes. Scrapbook style, visually appeal
			<i>The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler</i> , John Hendrix	980 L RL 6.7 175 pp	Germany WWII	Bonhoeffer was a German pastor who spoke out against Hitler and decided to try and stop Hitler in an attempt to free the German people from oppression.
			<i>Girl Under a Red Moon</i> , Da Chen	1120 L RL 7.3 197 pp	China 1960s	Memoir of the author's resolute older sister and their childhood together during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.
<i>Travels with Charley</i> , John Steinbeck	1010 L 206 pp	Observations of life and nature in traveling across the U.S. with his dog.	<i>Shackleton's Journey</i> , William Grill	1140 L 68 pp	Antarctica 1914	Illustrated account of the Shackleton expedition when their frozen ship led to a perilous journey on foot across ice and seas.
			<i>A Gift from Childhood</i> , Babe Wague Diakite	980 (Y) 134 pp	Mali	Story of growing up in rural Mali with grandparents and journey to becoming an author/illustrator. Paintings on ceramic tiles.

			<i>The Dreamer</i> , Pam Muñoz Ryan and Peter Sis	650 L (V) 372 pp	Chile	Fictionalized biography of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who was ridiculed by his father, but loved the beauty of words and nature.
			<i>Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People</i> , Monica Brown	970 L 32 pp	Chile	Picturebook biography of the life of Pablo Neruda, describing his childhood, his love of his people, and his desire to write poetry.
			<i>Maria Sibylla Merian</i> , Sarah Pomeroy.	95 pp 1150 L RL 6.6	Germany Late 1600s	German artist, scientist and adventurer who journeyed around the world to record her observations of nature in detailed drawings.
			<i>The Girl Who Drew Butterflies</i> , Joyce Sidman	1110 L RL 7.7 120 pp	Germany 1647- 1716	Bio of Maria Merian and how her art changed science as one of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly. Richly illustrated with original paintings by Maria. Award
			<i>Magellan: Over the Edge of the World</i> , Laurence Bergeen	1190 L RL 7.6 211 pp	Portugal 1500s	Magellan's daring circumnavigation of the globe at a time when the world was believed to be flat. Triumph and tragedy.
			<i>With a Star in My Hand: Ruben Dario, Poetry Hero</i> , Margarita Engle	NV 144 pp	Nicaragua 1867- 1916	Novel in verse of the life story of Dario, a poet who founded the movement of Modernismo. Tells about his sad and lonely childhood and how he poured himself into writing poetry.

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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