

Worlds of Words 2024

Grade K-1 Global Fiction

Themes	Global Books	Date Genre	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Adventures of Imagination and the Everyday	<i>All You Need</i> , Howard Schwartz & Jasu Hu	RF 2022	32 pp	China	A poem highlighting shared essential needs, such as air, food, and water, is brought to life by illustrations of a young girl's journey to becoming an artist.
	<i>Bedtime for Bo</i> , Kjersti Skomsvold & Mari Johnsen	RF/FAN 2022	32 pp	Sweden Tr	Bo is not ready to go to bed so his mother joins the fun with imagination and love as he imitates various animals, with his mother one step ahead in their bedtime ritual.
	<i>The Boring Book</i> , Shinsuke Yoshitake	RF 2019	502L (M), RL 1.7	Japan, Tr.	A bored child is curious about boredom – What is it? Does everyone experience it?
	<i>A Boy and a House</i> , Maja Kastelic	VN/RF 2018	Wordless	Slovenia	A boy follows a trail of discarded drawings in an old house.
	<i>A Boy Named Isamu</i> , James Yang	HF 2021	32 pp	Japan	A fictional biography of the sculptor Isamu Noguchi as a boy and how he imaginatively sees his world.
	<i>Cornelia and the Jungle Machine</i> , Nora Brech	VN/FAN 2019	Wordless	Norway	Cornelia is unhappy in a new house until a new friend takes her on an imaginative adventure.
	<i>The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky</i> , Jihyun Kim	VN/RF 2022	Wordless	Korea Tr	A boy on a summer trip to the countryside plunges into a lake, discovering the wonder of nature. Monochromatic illustrations with shifting perspectives. Gorgeous.
	<i>Diary of a Wombat</i> , Jackie French	FAN 2009	32 pp (M) 390 L	Australia	A wombat describes his life of eating, sleeping, and visiting neighbors.

<i>The Dog Walk</i> , Sven Nordqvist	VN/FAN 2021	Wordless	Sweden Tr	A boy takes his grandmother's dog for a walk through a detailed visual feast of parks, forests, cities, and castles.
<i>Door</i> , Jihyeon Lee	VN/FAN 2018	Wordless	S. Korea Tr	A child's world opens in unexpected ways through a mysterious door. See also, <i>Pool</i> .
<i>How Dreadful!</i> Claire Lebourg	FAN 2023	32 pp	France	A little moth loses faith in her artistic skills after her friends reject her portrayals of them. Explores what is art.
<i>I Won't Give Up My Rubber Band</i> , Shinsuke Yoshitake	RF 2022	470 L 32 pp	Japan Tr.	A young girl who feels she has nothing of her own imagines all the things she can do with her rubber band—until it breaks.
<i>Lali's Feather</i> , F. Zia and Stephanie Coleman	RF 2020	32 pp (F)	India/U.S.	Lali finds a feather and sets out to find it a home. Integrates Hindi expressions.
<i>Lia & Luis. Puzzled!</i> Ana Crespo & G. Medeiros	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.6	Brazil/US	Two children solve a puzzle from their grandmother with a secret message. Storytelling Math. Portuguese words.
<i>Let's Build a Dam</i> , Danile Fehr & M. DiGiorgio	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 1.6	German Tr	Lily and May build a dam as imagination takes over to involve ships, kings, and pirates, until a stone is removed.
<i>Little Bird's Day</i> , Sally Morgan & Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr	FAN 2021	32 pp 520 L	Australia Aboriginal	A joyful story of a day in the life of Little Bird, who sings the world alive and travels with Wind. Call and Response. Author is Palyku and illustrator is Ganalbingu clan.
<i>Little Mole's Wish</i> , Sang-gun Kim	FAN 2019	32 pp (K) 450 L	S. Korea Tr	Mole is lonely in his new home and tries to turn a snowball into a friend
<i>The Only Child</i> , Guojing	VN/FAN 2015	Wordless	China Tr	Wordless graphic novel of a very lonely girl who becomes lost and enters a fantasy world to find connection.
<i>Pepper & Me</i> . Beatrice Alemagna	RF 2024	540 L 32 pp	Italy Tr	A girl scrapes her knee, leading to a scab that causes worry, but she names her scab Pepper and won't let it go.

	<i>Rainbow Hands</i> , Mamta Nainy & Jo Loring-Fisher	RF 2022	32 pp 510 L Luli	India	A young boy paints his nails different colors to reflect his moods and feelings.
	<i>The Secret Cat</i> , Katarina Stromgard	FAN 2019	32 pp 540L RL 1.5 (L)	Sweden Tr	Lucy yearns for a pet and follows a mysterious cat on an imaginative adventure.
	<i>Sleep Well Siba & Saba</i> , N. N. Isdahl	RF 2017	32 pp, 570L RL 1.5	Uganda	2 sisters lose things each day, but see them in their dreams each night.
	<i>The Sock Thief</i> , Ana Crespo	RF 2015	32 pp, 530L RL 1.8	Brazil	Felipe does not have a soccer ball, so “borrows” socks to make one.
	<i>Tiger in My Soup</i> , Kashmiria Sheth	FAN 2015	32 pp RL 1.5	India	A boy begs his sister to read to him, but she is too busy to notice a tiger who is threatening him.
	<i>The Wave</i> , Suzy Lee	VN/RF 2008	Wordless	S. Korea Tr	A young girl enjoys a day at the beach.
	<i>The Way Home in the Night</i> , Akiko Miyakoshi	FAN 2017	32 pp 440 L	Japan Tr.	A mother rabbit carries her sleepy child home at night as the child wonders about each lighted window.
	<i>Waaa Waaa Goes Tawa</i> , Alaba Onajin	RF 2023	310 L 32 pp	Nigeria	Tawa’s temper tantrums throughout the day frustrate everyone but grown-ups return the tantrum at bedtime.
	<i>When I Listen to Silence</i> , Jean Pendzlwol	FAN 2022	32 pp	Canada	A young girl, tired of being told to be quiet amidst the noise of adults, journeys into the silence of nature.
	<i>Window</i> , Marion Arbona	FAN/VN 2020	32 pp	Canada	A young girl walks home from school, imagining what is happening behind the windows of homes and buildings.
Strength through relationships	<i>100 Chapatis</i> , Derek Mascarenhas & Shantala Robinson	RF 2023	32 pp 540 L	India Canada	A boy makes 100 chapatis with his grandfather while they wait for news of his baby sibling’s arrival. Waiting is so hard, especially if you are not sure about a new sibling.

<i>Amah Faraway.</i> Margaret Chu Greanias & Tracy Subisak	RF 2022	32 pp	Taiwan U.S.	Kylie is nervous about visiting her Amah who lives far away, where she does not know the language or the customs, until she sees Taiwan through her grandmother's eyes.
<i>Aquarium,</i> Cynthia Alonso	VN/RF 2018	Wordless	Argentina Tr	A young girl learns about relationships and the power of letting go when a little fish jumps into her life.
<i>Asha and the Toymaker,</i> Sakshi Magal	RF 2023	32 pp 520 L	India Jodhpur	Papa is struggling to find buyers for his wooden toys, until Asha shows him how her art can help.
<i>B is for Baby,</i> Atinuke	RF 2019	32pp, (F) RL 0.9	Nigeria	Each page begins with the letter B in a story of a baby who crawls into a basket his brother is taking to market.
<i>Baby Goes to Market.</i> Atinuke	RF 2017	32 pp, 470L RL. 2.0	Nigeria	When Baby goes to market carried on his mother's back, he is given many sample treats
<i>Banana Dream,</i> Hasan Namir & Zainab Faidhi	RF 2023	32 pp	Iraq	Mooz hates his name, which means bananas in Arabic, until he learns the story of his name from his mother.
<i>The Bear and the Wildcat,</i> Kazumi Yumoto & Komako Sakai	FAN 2023	RL 2.0 570 L	Japan Tr	When Bear's friend bird dies, he locks himself into his house. He finally ventures out and other animals remind him that he is not alone and is comforted by memories.
<i>Come Closer, Tatita,</i> Impala	RF 2024	310 L	Spain Tr	A young girl shares her memories of her tatita, her grandmother, who lives in her heart.
<i>Dancing Hands: A Story of Friendship.</i> Joanna Que & Fran Alvarez	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.5 460 L	Philippines Tr	A child is introduced to Filipino sign language when he sees his new neighbors signing to each other. The two children become close friends and Sam's hands learn to dance.
<i>Everyone Gets a Turn,</i> Marianne Dubuc	FAN 2024	32 pp	French Tr Canada	4 animal friends take turns caring for a precious egg they find, which then hatches into a chick requiring more care.

<i>Finding Moose</i> , Sue Farrell Holler & Jennifer Faria	RF 2022	32 pp, 480L RL 1.9	Canada Indigenous	A boy and his grandfather take a quiet walk in the woods, enjoying nature and looking for a moose. Ojibwe.
<i>A Gift for Amma</i> Meera Sriram	RF 2020	32 pp	India	A girl visits street markets in Chennai, searching for a gift for her mother.
<i>A Gift for Nai Nai</i> , Kim-Hoa Ling	RF 2023	32 pp 490 L	China	Lyn Lyn is struggling to crochet a hat for her beloved grandmother. Some words in Chinese.
<i>Grandfather Bowhead, Tell Me a Story</i> , Aviaq Johnston	FAN 2020	25 pp	Arctic Inuk	A bowhead whale tells the marvelous stories of his life to his grandchild, but nothing compares to their love.
<i>Grandpa Across the Ocean</i> , Hyewon Yum	RF 2021	32 pp (K)	Korean/US	A little boy visits his grandfather on the other side of the ocean, where everything is unfamiliar and boring.
<i>Grandpa's Top Threes</i> Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egneus	RF 2019	32 pp RL 2.3	UK	A boy's game of naming top 3s coaxes his grieving grandfather to reconnect with the world.
<i>Hello, Jimmy!</i> Anna Walker	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.6	Australia	When Jimmy visits his lonely father, he feels replaced by a new pet.
<i>Holding on</i> , Sophia Lee	RF 2022	32 pp	Philippines	A young girl uses music, Tagalog love songs, to connect with her grandmother whose memory is fading.
<i>How Far Do You Love Me?</i> Lulu Delacre	RF 2014	32 pp	Global Spanish, Tr	A message of love between a child and mother goes across cultures and continents.
<i>I Can Be All Three</i> , Salima Alikhan & Noor Sofi	RF 2023	32 pp	Global	At the school Multicultural Day, a girl with three identities resists choosing only one – Indian, German, American.
<i>I Dream of Popo</i> , Livia Blackburne & Julia Kuo	RF 2021	32 pp RL 2.2	Taiwan/US	Popo and her granddaughter hold each other in their hearts even though they are oceans apart.

<i>I'll Love You from Afar,</i> Racha Mourtada & Sasha Haddad	RF 2020	32 pp RL 2.5	Global	A young girl thinks of creative ways to support and reach out to family and friends from afar, whether the separation is due to the pandemic or other life situations.
<i>In This Family,</i> Shelly Anand & Meenal Patel	RF 2024	32 pp	Global	A young girl learns about her diverse cultural and linguistic heritage as her multiracial family welcomes a new baby.
<i>Jerome by Heart,</i> Thomas Scotto	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.7	France, Tr	A young boy expresses his love for his friend Jerome, even when his father criticizes him.
<i>Julie and the Mango Tree,</i> Sade Smith & Sayada Ramdial	RF 2023	600 L	Jamaica	Mangoes are Julie's favorite fruit, but the tree won't drop any fruit for her to eat -- until the wind brings down too many and she must find a way to share.
<i>Koko and Bo,</i> Lisen Adbage	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.7	Sweden, Tr	"I don't want to" is Koko's response to anything Bo asks him to do. Bo does not lecture, instead letting Koko experience the consequences.
<i>Lali's Flip-Flops,</i> F. Zia and Stephanie F. Coleman	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 2.0	India/US	Lali works hard to earn money for a special treat for herself—but what about her animal friends?
<i>Lola's Nana-Bibi Comes to Visit,</i> Anna McQuinn & Rosalind Beardshaw	RF 2023	RL 1.6 460 L	Tanzania/ UK	When Lola's grandmother comes to visit, the family spends the week doing special activities and enjoying their time together.
<i>My Best Friend's Bangles,</i> Thushanthi Ponweera	RF 2024	32 pp	Sri Lanka	Two best friends whose mothers work overseas experience jealousy when one receives bangles from her mother.
<i>My GrandMom,</i> Gee-eun Lee	RF 2022	RL 1.9 32 pp	S. Korea, Tr	Gee-eun spends her days with her grandmother while her parents are at work. Their trip to the family sports day does not go as planned.

<i>Nosotros Means Us: Un cuento bilingue</i> , Paloma Valdivia	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.5 290 L (I)	Chile Tr	A bilingual ode to the unshakeable bond between a parent and a child.
<i>Olu & Greta</i> , Diana Ejaita	RF 2021	32 pp	Italy and Nigeria	Two cousins in Nigeria and Italy find ways to be together through video calls and mail despite the distance.
<i>On My Papa's Shoulders</i> , Niki Daly	RF 2022	RL 1.7 32 pp	South Africa	A young boy walks to school each day with different family members, but the view from Papa's shoulders is the best.
<i>Other Words for Nonno</i> , Dave Cameron & Y. Kang	RF 2023	RL 2.6 580 L	Canada	A girl and her grandfather enjoy playing with words, until he starts struggling to find the words he is looking for.
<i>Paws + Edward</i> , Espen Dekko	FAN 2019	32 pp RL 1.3	Norway, Tr	Relationship of a boy and his old dog, who both dream of better days.
<i>Quiet Time with My Seeya</i> , Dinalie Dabarera	RF 2023	RL 2.0 440 L	Australia/ Sri Lanka	Even though they do not speak the same language, a young child and her Sinhalese grandfather enjoy time together.
<i>Rain School</i> , James Rumford	RF 2010	32 pp 420 L	Chad	Children must work together to build their mud school before the rainy season begins.
<i>Red</i> , Jan De Kinder	RF 2020	32 pp 330 L	Netherland Tr	A girl is torn between her sympathy for a peer who is being bullied and her fear of a bully.
<i>Say Hello!</i> Rachel Isadora	RF 2010	32 pp RL 1.6	Global	A young girl greets people in her neighborhood in many different languages to say hello.
<i>The Sour Cherry Tree</i> , Naseem Hrab and Nahid Kazemi	RF 2021	32 pp 520L RL 2.2	Iran Canada	After her grandfather's death, a girl wanders his house, finding objects that bring back memories of her beloved Baba Bozorg.

	<i>Stormy</i> , Guojing	VN/RF 2019	Wordless	China Tr	A stray, scared dog searches for a home and a human connection during a storm.
	<i>The Tale of the Tiny Man</i> , Barbro Lindgren	FAN 2022	32 pp 540 L	Sweden, Tr	A lonely man finds a friend with a stray dog. All is well until a young girl visits and he fears he has lost his only friend.
	<i>Telling Stories Wrong</i> , Gianni Rodari & Beatrice Alemagna	RF 2022	32 pp	Italy Tr	A grandfather playfully recounts “Little Red Riding Hood,” while his granddaughter tries to get him back on track when he keeps adding new details.
	<i>The Visitor</i> , Antje Damm	RF 2018	32 pp 470L RL 1.9	Germany Tr	An old woman is afraid of everything until the visit of a boy brings color into her home.
	<i>What to Bring</i> , Laura S. Nicholson & Ellen Rooney	RF 2023	RL 1.8 470 L	Canada	When their home is threatened by wildfire, Malia has a hard time choosing what will fit into a backpack as they flee
	<i>Where Three Oceans Meet</i> Rajani LaRocca, Archana Sreenivasan	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.8	India	A child, mother, and grandmother travel to the tip of India where three oceans meet. Multigenerational journey of creating family memories.
	<i>The Wonderful Fluffy Little Squishy</i> , Beatrice Alemagna	RF 2015	32 pp RL 1.8	Italy Tr	Eddie is determined to get the perfect gift for her mother, scouring her neighborhood.
Family Stories and Cultural Traditions	<i>Abuelo, the Sea, and Me</i> . Ismee Williams & T Gardel	RF 2024	32 pp	Cuba	Season by season, a young girl walks with her abuelo along the beach as he shares stories about his life in Havana.
	<i>Amira’s Picture Day</i> , Reem Faruqi & Fahmida Azim	RF 2021	32 pp (L)	Muslim US Pakistan	Amira is excited about celebrating Eid with her family, but that means missing picture day at school.
	<i>Archie Celebrates Diwali</i> , Mitali Banerjee Ruths & Parwinder Singh	RF 2021	32 pp 600 L	India U.S.	Diwali is Archie’s favorite holiday, and she wants to introduce the festival of lights to her new friends, but a storm knocks out the electricity during the party.

<i>Babo: A Tale of Armenian Rug-Washing Day.</i> Astrid Kamalyan & A. Semirdzhyan	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.9, 470 L	Armenia	A group of children help their grandmother wash their Armenian rugs on rug-washing day as they jump, scrub, and play with bubbles. Some Armenian words.
<i>Bee-Bim Bop!</i> , Linda Sue Park	RF 2008	31 pp (L)	S. Korea	A young girl helps her mother shop and prepare a special Korean rice dish. Rhymes.
<i>Bhangra Baby.</i> , Kabir & S. Sehgal & Ani Bushry	RF 2023	32 pp	India	Dance with Bhangra Baby as he learns to move to the rhythms of a Punjabi folk dance.
<i>A Big Bed for Little Snow,</i> Grace Lin	FAN 2019	32pp, 430 L (K), RL 1.6	China	Little Snow jumps on his new feather bed in the sky, causing snow to fall.
<i>A Big Mooncake for Little Star,</i> Grace Lin	FAN 2018	32pp, 430 L (J), RL 1.6	China	Mother bakes a big mooncake that Little Star eats, causing the cycles of the moon. Mid-Winter Moon Festival
<i>Bilal Cooks Daal,</i> Aisah Saeed	RF 2019	32 pp, 520L RL 2.3	Pakistan US	Bilal invites his friends to make his favorite dish, but all must wait patiently as it cooks.
<i>A Bindi Can Be.....</i> Suma Subramaniam & K. Nair	RF 2024	32 pp	India	A young girl learns how to make a bindi with the help of her grandmother, discovering what wearing one means.
<i>Boys Don't Fry.</i> Kimberly Lee & Charlene Chua	RF 2023	32 pp 770 L	China	A Peranakan Chinese boy would love to help cook for Lunar New Year but must find a way around his aunties to do so.
<i>Bracelets for Bina's Brothers,</i> Rajani LaRocca & Chaaya Prabhat	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.6 (L)	India	Bina makes bracelets for her brothers for an Indian holiday that celebrates siblings. She creates patterns with the beads for each one. Storytelling Math.
<i>The Carpet,</i> Dezh Azaad & Nan Cao	RF 2023	32 pp	Afghanistan	A day in the life of an Afghan refugee child, where every moment revolves around a carpet that connects the family.

<i>Dancing the Tinikling.</i> Bobbie Peyton & D. Cerna	RF 2023	RL 1.8, 500L (M)	Philippines US	Jojo's grandmother invites him to join her to learn the rhythmic tinikling dance. Some Tagalog words.
<i>Dumplings for Lili,</i> Melissa Iwai	RF 2021	32 pp (N)	Global U.S.	Lili needs ingredients to cook dumplings called baos with her Nai Nai. As she visits apartments, she helps other grandmothers create dumplings from many other cultures.
<i>A Dupatta is.....,</i> Marzieh Abbas	RF 2023	32 pp	South Asia	A loving and lyrical ode to the significance of the dupatta, a shawl worn by women throughout South Asia.
<i>Egyptian Lullaby,</i> Zeena Pliska and Hatem Aly	RF 2023	630 L 32 pp	Egypt	A young child is sung a lullaby by a great aunt that paints a vivid portrait and love letter to Cairo.
<i>Festival of Colors,</i> Kabir Sehgal	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.8	India	Two children create colorful powders from flowers during Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors.
<i>Friends are Friends, Forever,</i> Dana Liu & Lynn Scurfield	RF 2021	32 pp	China/US	Dandan's family moves from China to the US right before Chinese New Year, but her best friend gives her a gift to take with her so she can still celebrate the holiday.
<i>A Garden in My Hands,</i> Meera Sriram & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2023	RL 2.9 530 L	India	A mother shares family memories and stories with her daughter as she applies henna to the young girl's hands, conveying the cultural significance of the patterns.
<i>Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush,</i> Patrice Lawrence	RF 2023	32 pp	Trinidad/ UK	A young Black girl learns about her beloved Trinidadian grandmother's immigrant story. Importance of sharing memories and of unseen moments of courage.
<i>Granny's Kitchen: A Jamaican Story of Food and Family,</i> Sade Smith & Ken Daley	RF 2022	32 pp	Jamaica	Shelly-Ann lives with her grandmother in Jamaica, who is teaching her to cook when she gets hungry, but something always goes wrong. Includes recipes and facts about Jamaica.

<i>How to Wear a Sari</i> , Darshana Khiani & Joanne Lew-Vriethoff	RF 2021	32 pp	India	A young girl sets out to prove herself to her multigenerational family by putting on a sari all by herself, leading to an unexpected outcome.
<i>Insha'allah, No, Maybe So</i> , Rhonda Roumani & Olivia Aserr	RF 2024	32 pp	Muslim world	Ranya is frustrated when her mom says "Insh'allah" when she asks for something, until her mother explains why the phrase is used by Muslims to talk about the future.
<i>It's Holi</i> . Sanyukla Mathur & C. Pippin-Mathur	RF 2024	32 pp	India	Nikhil is nervous about getting ready for Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors, until his family finds a solution.
<i>Kantiga Finds the Perfect Name</i> , Mabel Mnensa & Chantelle Thorne	RF 2023	32 pp	South Africa	Unhappy with her name, a girl tries to find the perfect name with her grandmother's help, finding out more about her identity and the origin of her name.
<i>Like the Moon Loves the Sky</i> , Hena Khan	RF 2020	32 pp RL 2.2	Muslim Global	Inspired by the Quran, celebrates a mother's love and hope for her child.
<i>Love, Lah Lah</i> . Nailah Blackman-Thornhill	RF 2024	32 pp 400 L	Trinidad & Tobago	Lah Lah and her grandfather enjoy Carnival together, combining African and East Indian traditions and rhythms.
<i>Luli and the Language of Tea</i> , Andrea Wang & Hyewon Yum	RF 2022	32 pp	Global	While parents attend an English class, Luli connects with other children by sharing her love of tea. Soon children are sharing words for tea in their own languages.
<i>Memory Garden</i> , Zohreh & Susie Ghahremani	RF 2024	32 pp	Iran	A young girl helps her grandmother in the garden, sharing past memories of family and creating new memories.
<i>Mira's Curly Hair</i> , Maryann Al Serkal	RF 2019	32 pp, 480L RL 1.8	Emirates Dubai	Mira does not like her curly hair and wants it straight like her Mama's.
<i>The Mochi Makers</i> , Sharon Fujimoto-Johnson	RF 2024	32 pp.	Japan/US	A girl and her grandmother spent the day making mochi together from a recipe passed down for generations.

<i>Mommy's Khimar</i> , Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow	RF 2018	32 pp RL 2.0	Muslim world/US	A young Muslim girl plays with her mother's khimar (hijab) to become a queen, the sun, and a superhero.
<i>My Mother's Sari</i> , Sandhya Rao	RF 2009	30 pp 330 L	India	A young girl describes all the things she does with her mother's sari as she engages in imaginative play.
<i>My Name is Saajin Singh</i> , Kuljinder Kaur Brar and Samrath Kaur	RF 2022	RL 2.2 500 L	India/ Canada	Saajin loves his name but when his teacher pronounces it wrong, he isn't sure if he can correct her. His parents connect his name to his heritage as a Punjabi Sikh.
<i>Naming Ceremony</i> , Seina Wedlick & J. Mohammed	RF 2023	32 pp	Nigeria	Amira has a name picked out for her baby sister's naming ceremony but wonders if her chosen name is a blessing.
<i>Our Day of the Dead Celebration</i> , Ana Aranda	RF 2022	620 L 32 pp	Mexico	A family honors their living and dead relatives as they celebrate the Day of the Dead with food and stories.
<i>Our Favorite Day of the Year</i> . A.E. Ali & Rahele Bell	RF 2020	32 pp 580 L	Global	Kindergarteners share the traditions of their favorite day of the year, finding connection across difference.
<i>The Pet Dragon</i> , Christoph Niemann	FAN 2008	32 pp 530 L	China	A girl searches for her pet dragon. Introduces Chinese characters in a meaningful way.
<i>Ramen for Everyone</i> , Patricia Tanumihardjja & Shiho Pate	RF 2023	530 L 32 pp	Japan	A young boy aspires to make a bowl of ramen as delicious as his father's and runs into surprises on his first attempt. Includes recipe.
<i>A Sari for Ammi</i> , Mamta Nainy & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2021	32 pp	India	Ammi weaves beautiful saris but never wears them, due to their worth. Her daughters raise enough money to buy one for her. Indian Muslim community. Hindi words.
<i>Seven Special Somethings</i> , Adib Khorram and Zainab Faidhi	RF 2021	32 pp RL 1.9	Iran	It's Nowruz, Persian New Year, and Kian must find 7 special somethings after accidentally ruining his family's haft-seen display of traditional items for the holiday.

	<i>Smile with African Style</i> , Mylo Freeman	RF 2021	32 pp RL 2.4	Africa	Children come to school in their most stylish African clothing, representing many different African countries.
	<i>A Song of Frutas</i> , Margarita Engle & Sara Palacios	RF 2021	32 pp	Cuba	A young girl visits her abuelo and helps sell frutas, singing the names of each fruit as they walk down the street. They continue to share rhymes by exchanging letters. Spanish ed.
	<i>The Spice Box</i> , Meera Sriram & Sandhya Prabhat	RF 2024	32 pp 780L	India	When Rishi cooks curry with his dad, he breaks the family spice box that holds the family's heart and history.
	<i>The Suitcase</i> , Daniela Sosa	RF 2024	32 pp	UK	A boy visiting his boring grandparents finds a suitcase of old photos of a young couple on incredible adventures.
	<i>Thao</i> , Thao Lam	RF 2021	32 pp 420L RL 2.4	Vietnam Canadian	Thao is tired of her name being mispronounced all the time and decides to call herself Jennifer
	<i>Thread of Love</i> , Kabir Sehgal	RF 2018	32 pp 440 L	India	Three siblings celebrate their relationship by making rakhi bracelets. Indian festival. Song
	<i>Thukpa for All</i> , Praba Ram	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.8	Tibet/India	A blind boy invites friends and neighbors for his grandmother's Tibetan noodle soup
	<i>To Carnival! A Celebration in Saint Lucia</i> , Paul Baptiste & Jana Glatt	RF 2021	32 pp	Saint Lucia	Melba misses her ride to town and must find a new way to reach the big parade and celebration.
	<i>Two New Years</i> , Richard Ho & Lynn Scurfield	RF 2023	32 pp	China Jewish	The author brings together his multicultural family's celebrations of two New Year's, Jewish and Chinese – Rosh Hashanah and Lunar New Year.
Forced and Chosen Journeys	<i>Alicia and the Hurricane</i> , Leslea Newman	RF 2022	32 pp RL 2.2	Puerto Rico	Alicia is afraid for the tiny coquis, little frogs that sing her to sleep, when a hurricane hits. Bilingual Spanish/English.

<i>Caged</i> , Kao Kalia Yang	RF 2024	32 pp	Hmong Thailand	A young Hmong child in a Thai refugee camp feels that she lives in a cage but uses her imagination to travel beyond the borders of the walls—as a child of hope, not despair.
<i>Ciao, Sandro!</i> Steven Varni and Luciano Lozano	FAN 2021	32 pp (N)	Italy Venice	Sandro is a loyal first mate to gondolier Nicola but is on a secret mission through the canals of Venice.
<i>Elephant Island</i> . Leo Trimmers	FAN 2022	32 pp. 520L RL 2.2	Belgium Dutch Tr	Elephant, stranded on an island, is approached by other animals and boats who also become stranded, leading to an innovative structure and a joyous community.
<i>I Really Want to See You, Grandma</i> . Taro Gomi	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.4	Japan, Tr	A girl and her grandmother set off to see each other but keep missing each other along the way.
<i>I Will Swim Next Time</i> , Emily Joof & Matilda Ruta	RF 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Sweden Tr	A small child who is afraid of swimming gradually becomes familiar with water and curious about lakes and rivers.
<i>Later, When I'm Big</i> , Bette Westera & Mattias de Leeuw	RF 2023	32 pp	Netherlands Tr	As a child and her mother walk to the swimming pool, she dreams of everything she will do when she's older. A journey of fantastical futures. Batchelder Honor.
<i>Lubna and Pebble</i> , Wendy Maddour & Daniel Egneus	RF 2019	32 pp, 450L RL 1.6	Syria	A child in a refugee camp finds comfort in telling her stories to her best friend, a pebble.
<i>The Mango Tree/Le Mata de Mango</i> . Edel Rodriguez	VN FAN 2024	32 pp	Cuba	Two close friends are separated when a storm carries one clinging to their favorite mango tree to a new land. A fantastical take on an immigrant experience.
<i>Maxy Survives the Hurricane</i> , Ricia Chansky & Olga Barinova	RF 2021	32 pp	Puerto Rico	Maxy, the dog, survives a hurricane, leading to a fear of storms. With help, he overcomes his fears and comes to appreciate the benefits of rain. Bilingual Spanish/English.
<i>Me and My Fear</i> , Francesca Sanna	RF 2018	32 pp RL 1.5	Europe	When a young immigrant goes to a new school, Fear tells her to be alone and afraid. Companion, <i>The Journey</i> .

<i>Mi Ciudad Sings</i> , Cynthia Harmony & Teresa Martinez	RF 2022	32 pp 760 L	Mexico	After a devastating earthquake, a girl and her neighbors help rebuild their city. Integrates Spanish words, based on Mexico City earthquake. Spanish edition.
<i>The Mountains of Mumbai</i> , Labanya Ghosh & Pallavi Jan	RF 2020	32 pp RL 1.6	India	Doma visits her friend in Mumbai, missing the mountains of Ladakh.
<i>The Night Walk</i> , Marie Dorleans	RF 2020	32 PP RL 1.7	France Tr	A sleepy family steps outside on a summer night through the village and into the countryside to witness the sunrise.
<i>Room for Everyone</i> , Naaz Khan & Merce Lopez	RF 2021	32 p 620L RL 2.5	Zanzibar, Tanzania	Musa travels to the beach in a crowded minibus, picking up passengers at every stop. Joyous tale in rhyme.
<i>Rosie Runs</i> , Marika Maijala	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Finland Tr	A racing greyhound escapes the confines of the racetrack and her cage to bound towards freedom.
<i>Star Fishing</i> , Sang-Keun Kim	FAN 2021	32 pp RL 2.0	S. Korea Tr.	A sleepless child goes on an imaginative journey to the sky, sitting on the moon to fish for others who are wakeful
<i>The Suitcase</i> , Chris Naylor-Ballesteros	FAN 2020	32 pp RL 1.5	UK	A weary stranger arrives with only a suitcase, which he claims contains a chair, table and house, leading to mistrust
<i>This is Not My Home</i> , Eugenia Yoh and V. Chang	RF 2023	32 pp RL 1.9	Taiwan	Lily is very upset when her family moves back to Taiwan to care for her grandmother, the home of her mother.
<i>The Tunnel</i> , Sarah Howden & Erika R. Medina	RF/FAN 2023	RL 1.9 460 L	Canada	A child digs a tunnel into the backyard to get the space he needs to deal with loss and to feel his mother's love.
<i>When the Wind Came</i> , Jan Andrews & Dorothy Leung	RF 2022	440 L	Canada	A young girl remembers the day a storm destroyed her home and how her family picked up the pieces of their lives
<i>Why?</i> , Nikolai Popov	VN/FAN 2021	Wordless	Russia	A frog enjoying a flower is attacked by a mouse out of jealousy, leading to a battle.

Taking Action	<i>Anna Carries Water</i> , Olive Senior	RF 2014	RL 2.0 40 pp	Jamaica	Anna is upset because she cannot carry water on her head like others in her family.
	<i>Beyond the Fence</i> , Maria Gulemetova	FAN 2018	32 pp. RL 1.5	UK	Piggy decides to find out what lies beyond the house and all-knowing Thomas. Freedom/friendship.
	<i>Bird House</i> , Bianca Gomez	RF 2021	32 pp (K)	Spain Tr	A young girl and her abuela tend to an injured bird in their home until it is ready to be released to fly free.
	<i>Catch that Chicken!</i> Atinuke.	RF 2020	32 pp (K)	Nigeria	Lami is the best chicken catcher in the village until she hurts her ankle, meaning she is no longer best at anything.
	<i>A Circle of Friends</i> , Giora Carmi	VN/RF 2003	Wordless	Israel	A boy starts a cycle of good will by sharing a snack with a homeless man.
	<i>Corner</i> by Zo-O	VN/FAN 2023	Wordless	S. Korea, Tr	A crow makes an empty corner into a space of its own, but realizes it needs a connection to the world. Creative problem-solving and use of the gutter.
	<i>The Elephant and the Sea</i> , Ed Vere	FAN 2024	32 pp 500L	UK	A determined elephant dreams of being part of the lifeboat crew but is viewed as too small and then too big—until he saves the day in a storm. Cornish coast.
	<i>Every Little Kindness</i> , Marta Bartolj	VN/RF 2021	Wordless	Slovenia Tr	One kind action sparks a chain of selfless acts that lead a girl to reunite with her lost dog.
	<i>The Farmer</i> , Ximo Abadia	FAN 2019	32 pp, RL 1	Switzerland French, Tr.	A farmer (mole) works hard in his field but needs the help of friends when drought arrives.
	<i>Flooded</i> , Mariajo Ilustrajo	FAN 2023	32 pp	UK	Animals ignore the gradual flooding of their city until they finally have to work together to save their city.

<i>Free</i> , Barroux	RF 2022	32p 240 L RL 0.8	French Tr	A circus wagon of caged birds is stopped at the border due to paperwork until Paloma comes up with a creative solution to take action.
<i>Hello Hello</i> , Brendan Wenzel	FAN 2018	32 pp RL 1.6	Global	A chain of animals greets each other in a message of global conservation
<i>How to Heal a Broken Wing</i> . Bob Graham	RF 2017	32 pp (I) RL 1.9	Australia	Will brings an injured bird home to care for it with hope and healing.
<i>I Forgive Alex: A Simple Story about Understanding</i> , Kerascoet	VN/RF 2022	Wordless	France Tr	Alex is an energetic child who accidentally hits a child on the playground, turning the class against him. About taking responsibility for a mistake and being willing to forgive.
<i>The Line in the Sand</i> , Thao Lam	VN/FAN 2022	Wordless	Canada	A monster dragging a stick down a beach leaves a line in the sand that becomes a point of tension as others debate the meaning of the line. Conflict resolution.
<i>Little Rabbit's Questions</i> , Dayong Gan	FAN 2017	32pp RL 1.5	China, Tr.	Little Rabbit is always curious with many questions. Chinese brush painting.
<i>Look Up!</i> , Jung Jin-Ho	VN/RF 2018	Wordless	S. Korea Tr	A lonely child in a wheelchair looks down on the street, calling to those passing by to look up and be seen.
<i>Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match</i> , Monica Brown	RF 2011	32 pp 580 L	U.S., Peru, Scotland	A biracial nonconformist soccer-playing pirate-princess celebrates her uniqueness. Bilingual Spanish/English
<i>Moletown</i> , Torben Kuhlmann	VN/FAN 2015	Wordless	Germany Tr	Below ground, the world of moles is threatened by pollution and industry.
<i>Noor and Bobby</i> . Praline Gay-Para & Lauranne Quentric	RF 2022	32 pp RL 2.2	Middle East French Tr	In a besieged city, Noor watches his neighbors flee their homes. When a dog named Bobby is left behind, Noor sets out to find him, helping others along the way.

<i>Not a Monster</i> , Claudia G. Martinez & L. Gonzalez	RF 2023	32 pp RL 2.3	Mexico	These picturebooks highlight the life of the endangered axolotl, the Aztec myth about its origins, and the effect of pollution on its natural habitat in the canals of Xochimilco in Mexico City. Action is needed or the world will lose this water-based salamander.
<i>My Life at the Bottom</i> Linda Bondestam	RF/FAN 2022	32 pp	Mexico Finnish Tr	
<i>Obioma Plays Football</i> , Chika Unigwe & Chinyere Okoroafor	RF 2023	32 pp	Nigeria	Obioma loves to play football (soccer) and score goals from her wheelchair but a move to a new school sidelines her until a new friend helps her take action.
<i>One Sweet Song</i> , Jyoti Gopal & Sonia Sanchez	RF 2024	32 pp Counting	Italy	A neighborhood comes together as people step out on their balconies and share a moment of raising one sweet song.
<i>The Pet Store Window</i> , Jairo Buitrago & Rafael Yockteng	RF 2023	32 pp RL 2.0	Mexico Tr	When a pet store closes, Ana must take action to save the remaining dog, hedgehog, and mouse, offering hope in difficult times.
<i>The Queen on Our Corner</i> , Lucy Christopher	RF 2021	32 pp 640 L	UK	A young girl notices the unseen queen on the corner who needs a home and the support of the community.
<i>The Tale of the Whale</i> , Karen Swann and Padmacandra	FAN 2022	32 pp	UK	A whale takes a child on an adventure, exploring the wonders as well as the plastic trash of the ocean, returning home with a promise to help.
<i>Ten Little Dumplings</i> , Larissa Fan & Cindy Wume	RF 2021	32 pp 480 L	China	The text celebrates the 10 sons in a special family. Hidden in the illustrations is one little girl who grows up to create her own path in the world.
<i>Usha and the Stolen Sun</i> , Bree Galbraith	FAN 2020	32 pp 590 L	South Asia	A young girl uses peaceful protest to bring down a wall hiding the sun from her village.
<i>The Walking School Bus</i> , Aaron Friedland & A. Obol	RF 2023	32 pp, 590 L	South Africa	Two children are determined to find a safe way to get to school and can't afford a school bus so make their own.

	<i>The Wombat Reluctant Hero</i> , Christian Trimmer	FAN 2023	32 pp 780 L	Australia	Three picturebooks based on the real actions of the wombat to help other creatures survive drought and wildfires. In these books, the wombat invites her neighbors into her burrow during the wildfires. They convey the grim reality of climate change along with the generosity of spirit. Humorous details in the text and illustrations.
	<i>Wombat Said Come In</i> , Carmen Agra Deedy & Brian Lies	FAN 2023	32 pp RL 2.4		
	<i>Room for More</i> , Michelle Kadarusman & M. Zeng	FAN 2022	RL 2.0 540 L		This book adds extensive back matter on the fire and animals.
	<i>Zonia's Rain Forest</i> , Juana Martinez-Neal	RF 2021	32 pp	Peru Indigenous	A day in the life of an Indigenous girl in the Amazon rainforest and the threat to the destruction of that rainforest. Includes an Ashaninka translation.
Traditional Literature	<i>Ariba: An Old Tale about New Shoes</i> , Masha Manapov	Trad Lit 2019	32 pp RL 2.2	Africa	Marcus's grandfather tells him the story of Ariba who has an unusual relationship with a pair of shoes.
	<i>Feast of Peas</i> , Kashmiri Sheth	Trad. Lit 2020	32 pp, 540L (L), RL 2.3	India	When Jiva's peas are stolen from his garden, he sets out to find the thief.
	<i>The Girl and the Wolf</i> , Katherena Vermette & Julie Flett.	Trad Lit 2019	32 pp, RL 1.5	Indigenous Canada	A lost girl encounters a wolf, reminding her of her own ability to survive and find her way back home.
	<i>Gloria's Porridge</i> , Elizabeth Laird & Toby Newsome	PB 2021	32 pp RL 2.2	Ethiopia	Gloria does not want to share her delicious porridge with the cat, scaring the cat away and starting chaos around her that leads to a blame cycle.
	<i>Martina Has Too Many Tías</i> , Emma Otheguy & Sara Palacios	PB 2023	32 pp	Caribbean	Riff on the Caribbean folktale, La Cucaracha Martina. Martina is overwhelmed by her boisterous tías and goes on a quiet adventure, returning to her loving tías.

	<i>Mother Goose Goes to India</i> , Kabir Sehgal & Wazza Pink	Nursery Rhymes 2021	32 pp	India	A collection of familiar Mother Goose rhymes reset in India with names, foods, numbers, etc. changed to reflect life in India. Integrates Hindi words.
	<i>Rabbit Moon</i> , Jean Kim	FAN 2018	RL 1.5 410L, 32 p	S. Korea Tr	Influenced by Korean folklore of the rabbit in the moon, a rabbit plays in the moonlight.
	<i>Stories of the Night</i> , Kitty Crowther	FAN 2018	64 pp, 530L RL 2.0	Germany, Tr	Mother Bear tells 3 gentle bedtime stories to Little Bear. Modern fairy tales.
	<i>Under the Great Plum Tree</i> , Sufiya Ahmed & Reza Dalvand.	Trad Lit 2020	32 pp	India	A fable from the Panchatantra about a friendship between a monkey and an old crocodile that is tested.
	<i>The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk</i> , K. Sehgal	Song 2016	32 pp 370 L	India	The wheels on a local bus in India go round and round. Repetitive text.

Early Readers

	Global Books	Level Info	Date Genre	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
Early Readers	<i>Anansi and the Tug of War</i> , Lesley Sims	Read with Usbourne, 1	Trad Lit	Africa	Anansi, the trickster spider, tells Elephant and Rhino he can beat them in a tug of war.
	<i>Anansi and the Bag of Wisdom</i> , Lesley Sims	Read with Usbourne, 1	Trad Lit	Africa	Anansi, King of the Spiders, receives a gift from the gods of a bag of wisdom to share, but keeps it for himself.
	<i>The Blind Men and the Elephant</i> , Karen Backstein	Hello Reader 3 (K), 470L	Trad Lit	India	Blind men each describe an elephant by feeling only one part.
	<i>The Enormous Turnip</i> , A. Tolstoy & Scott Goto	Green Light L2 (H)	Trad Lit	Russia	Traditional Russian folktale of animals trying to pull up a turnip.

<i>The Fox and the Stork</i> , Gerald McDermott	Green Light 2 (H) 250 L	Trad Lit	France	A stork finds a way to outwit a fox who has tricked him. Fable
<i>Grace's Chinese New Year</i> , Jackie Huang	Step into Reading 2, 520L (K)	RF	China	Firecrackers, a Lion Dancer, and loud drums are part of Grace's Chinese New Year's celebration.
<i>Hill of Fire</i> , Thomas Lewis	I can read 3 (L) 350 L	HF	Mexico	A volcano suddenly appears in the field of a farmer.
<i>Pedro's Burro</i> , Alyssa Capucilli	My First I Can Read RL 1.5	HF	Mexico	Pedro and his father go to the market to select the perfect burro for their family
<i>The Perfect Gift</i> , Paula Yoo	Dive into Reading, (I) 470L, RL 1.7	RF	China	Mei needs a gift for her brother's 100-day birthday.
<i>Romulus and Remus</i> , Anne Rockwell	Ready-to- Read, 410 L	Trad Lit	Italy	Legend of the twin brothers raised by wolves and later founded Rome.
<i>The Snowman</i> , Raymond Briggs	Step into Reading1 (F)	FAN	UK	A snowman comes to life and takes a boy on a flying adventure
<i>The Teeny Tiny Woman</i> , Jane O'Connor	Step into Reading 2 (F)	FAN	UK	A teeny tiny woman takes a teeny tiny bone from an angry ghost.
<i>Why the Frog Has Big Eyes</i> , Betsy Franco	Green Light 2 (G)	Trad Lit	Europe	A staring contest leaves a frog with big eyes.

Tr = Translated from that language and country into English

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

Note: Many global picturebooks for read-alouds to K-1 children are listed under Grades 2-3.

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