

Read Around the World Book List (see 2 columns at far right to figure out which books we recommend for a gift to the library (ALA list) and which ones the library already has (In Wedgwood Collection)).

ALA Region	Country	Title	Author (last, first)	# Pages	Grade Level	Short Description	ALA List?	In Wedgwood Collection?
Africa	Africa	Vacation in the Village	Njeng, Pierre Yves		Gr. 1-2	Nwemb, a city boy, visits his grandparents' rural village during summer vacation. There a relative introduces him to the simple pleasures of village life.	Yes	Yes
Africa	Africa	Madoulina: A Girl Who Wanted to Go to School	Bognomo, Joel Eboueme		Gr. 1-2	8-year-old Madoulina has dreams of becoming a doctor, but she must help her mother sell fritters in the marketplace instead of going to school. Happily a new teacher comes up with a solution to the family's dilemma.	Yes	Yes
Africa	Africa	Gift of the Sun: A Tale from South Africa	Stewart, Dianne		Gr. 1-2	Thulani would rather bask in the sun than milk the cow, so he begins a series of exchanges that at first appear disastrous but eventually result in a sunflower crop that brings prosperity.	Yes	Yes
Africa	Africa	My Rows and Piles of Coins	Mollel, Tololwa		Gr. 2-3	Saruni saves his carefully earned money to buy a bicycle. When his parents learn that he wants to use it to help his mother carry things to market, they reward him with the father's old bike.	Yes	Yes
Africa	Africa	Fire on the Mountain	Kurtz, Jane	34	4.4	Folklore: a clever young shepherd boy uses his wits to gain fortune for himself and his sister from a haughty rich man.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Bitter Bananas	Olaleye, Isaac	32	3.3	Baboons are stealing Yusuf's palm sap, so he devises a plan to stop them.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Emeka's Gift: An African Counting Story	Onyefulu, Ifeoma	22	4.1	Emeka goes to visit her grandmother and passes through the market. She'd like to buy her grandmother a gift, but doesn't have money.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	The Orphan Boy	Mollel, Tololwa	32		Folklore	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Africa	Georges, D.V.	44		Describes Africa's regions	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Africa	Petersen, David	47	5.5	Overview of geography, wildlife, history, people.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Come with Me to Africa: A Photographic Journey	Kreikemeier, Gregory Scott	63	7	100 photos with first-person accounts of a 6-month expedition.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book	Feelings, Muriel	60		Brief explanation of each word introduces an East African custom.	No	Yes

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Africa	Africa	African Migrations	Adi, Hakim	48	5.8	Surveys African imigration throughout the centuries and introduces present day migrants who have left their homes for various reasons.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Boundless Grace	Hoffman, Mary		3.8	Grace visits her father in Africa.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Trumpa, the Cheetah	Zingg, Eduard				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Giraffes of Botswana	Zingg, Eduard				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken, and Me	Angelou, Maya				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Egypt	Arnold, Helen				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Egypt: Come on a Journey of Discovery	Jackson, Elaine				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	South Africa	Blauer, Ettagale				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions	Musgrove, Margaret	34	5.3	Explains traditions and customs of various African peoples.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Ethiopia: A Question and Answer Book	Englar, Mary				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Kenya	Jacobsen, Karen				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	South Africa	Blauer, Ettagale				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	South Africa	Dahl, Michael				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	South Africa	Dawson, Zoe				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	South Africa	Canesso, Claudia				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai	Nivola, Claire				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Nelson Mandela	Holland, Gini				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Nelson Mandela	Woodhouse, Jayne				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	The Fortune-Tellers	Alexander, Lloyd				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Juma and the Magic Jinn	Andersen, Joy				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Osa's Pride	Grifalconi, Ann		3.3	Grandmother tells a tale about the sins of pride and helps Osa learn what's important.	No	Yes
Africa	Africa	The Color of Home	Hoffman, Mary				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	At the Crossroads	Isadora, Rachel				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Jafta's Father	Lewin, Hugh				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	A Girl Named Disaster	Farmer, Nancy				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Countdown	Mikaelsen, Ben				No	Yes
Africa	Africa	Monkey for Sale	Stanley, Sanna		PreS-Gr. 1	Luzolo and her friend, Kiese, rescue a captured monkey a the market by trading goods from person to person until everyone has what he most desires, and	Yes	No

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						the monkey is theirs to release back into the trees.		
Africa	Africa	Monkey Sunday: A Story from a Congolese Village	Stanley, Sanna		Gr. 1-2	A monkey and several village animals create a commotion and amuse the congregation at an outdoor thanksgiving celebration where Luzolo's father is preaching.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Sosu's Call	Asare, Meshack		Gr. 1-4	During a storm, a disabled boy saves his fishing village and earns the villagers' respect by calling for help with the chief's drum.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	In a Ghanaian City	Provencal, Francis and Catherine McNamara		Gr. 1-2	7-year-old Nii Kwei lives in his family compound in Accra. During this typical day he does chores, goes to school, plays with friends and family, shops, and eats traditional meals.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Bikes for Rent!	Olaleye, Isaac		Gr. 1-2	In a rain forest village, a young boy finally earns enough money to rent a bicycle; however, when he damages it, he must work even more to pay for the repairs. All ends well when the boy learns to make his own bike from discarded parts.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	One Dark, Dark Night	Beake, Lesley		PreS-K	A boy hears strange sounds in the night and his family imagines the scary creatures that might be outside, but they discover that it is only Nuisance the donkey.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	One Child, One Seed: A South African Counting Book	Cave, Kathryn		PreS-K	In this counting book, a boy plants a pumpkin seed and, together with his family and friends, enjoys the resulting harvest meal at his homestead.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Where's Jamela?	Daly, Niki		Gr. 1-2	Jamela moves with her mother and grandmother to a house in the suburbs. She is happy to see the same star from her new bedroom window that she saw from her old one.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	My Great-Grandmother's Gourd	Kessler, Cristina		Gr. 2-3	There is a new well and water pump in Fatima's village, but her grandmother insists on storing water in the baobab tree as in generations past. Fatima reluctantly assists her and, when the pump breaks, their efforts to help the whole village.	Yes	No

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Africa	Africa	Kele's Secret	Mollel, Tololwa		Gr. 1-2	A little boy collects eggs that his grandmother's chickens lay all over the farm. When he finds a hidden nest full of eggs, he is able to accompany his grandmother to market.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Subira Subira	Mollel, Tololwa		Gr. 2-3	In this variation of a traditional tale, a girl who must look after her little brother learns patience and overcomes her own fears through accomplishing an impossible task.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Babu's Song	Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie		Gr. 1-2	A boy who lives with his mute grandfather longs to go to school and play soccer. When a tourist buys a music box made by his grandfather, his dreams come true.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Elizabethi's Doll	Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie		K-2	Elizabethi cares for her rock named Eva just as her mother cares for hew new baby named Obedi.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Elizabethi's School	Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie		K-2	Although Elizabethi is very excited to start school, she misses her family when she is there. After sharing the things she has learned when she returns home at the end of the day, she decides she can still go to school even though she loves home best.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Gugu's House	Stock, Catherine		Gr. 1-2	Kukamba loves to visit her grandmother's beautiful compound where she helps to mix paints and decorate the walls. When the rains come, their work is washed away and they must start over again, but everyone is happy for the vegetables that will grow and the livestock that will be fed.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Our Stories, Our Songs: African Children Talk about AIDS	Ellis, Deborah		Gr. 6-9	Interviews with children and teens personally affected by the consequences of AIDS.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Memories of Sun: Stories of Africa and America	Kurtz, Jane		Gr. 4-6	12 stories and 3 poems that paint pictures of lives in Africa and the US, especially those that attempt to bridge these cultures.	Yes	No
Africa	Africa	Talking Drums: A Selection of Poems from Africa South of the Sahara	Tadjo, Veronique		Gr. 4-6	Poets from 17 African nations share insights into our universe, the animal kingdom, love and celebrations, people, death, pride and defiance, and the	Yes	No

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						changing times.		
Africa	Cameroon	Oh, No, Toto!	Tchana, Katrin Hyman and Louise Tchana Pami		Gr. 1-2	Toto, a toddler who loves to eat, creates chaos in the marketplace when he goes with his grandmother to get ingredients for a special soup. A glossary of Cameroonian foods and a recipe for egussi soup are appended.	Yes	No
Africa	East Africa	Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book	Feelings, Muriel	30	3.5	Aspects of East African life.	No	Yes
Africa	East Africa	Count on Your Fingers African Style	Zaslavsky, Claudia	32		Describes how finger counting is used for communication of price and quantity in an East African market.	No	Yes
Africa	Egypt	In an Egyptian City	Eldash, Khaled and Dalia Khattab		Gr. 1-2	The typical day of a 7-year-old girl in Cairo is shown as Boushra says her prayers, goes to school, helps her mother shop at the outdoor market, visits her father at his shop, plays with her friends, and eats with her family.	Yes	No
Africa	Ethiopia	Faraway Home	Kurtz, Jane		Gr. 2-3	Before he leaves on a trip to visit his mother in Ethiopia, Desta's Ethiopian-American father tells her some of his memories of his homeland.	Yes	No
Africa	Ethiopia	The Storyteller's Beads	Kurtz, Jane		Gr. 4-6	Two Ethiopian refugee girls befriend each other, despite their differences, as they make the dangerous journey out of war-torn Ethiopia in the 1980s.	Yes	No
Africa	Ethiopia	The Garbage King	Laird, Elizabeth		Gr. 4-6	Two youths from differing social and economic backgrounds find themselves in the same street gang of homeless youth in Addis Ababa. They maintain their friendship even after their circumstances improve.	Yes	No
Africa	Ghana	One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	Milway, Katie Smith	32	4.9	Kojo, a poor boy in Ghana, finds a way out of poverty and helps others do the same.	No	Yes
Africa	Kenya	Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: a Nandi Tale	Aardema, Verna	28	4.6	Ki-pat brings rain to drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.	No	Yes
Africa	Kenya	Facing the Lion: Growing up Maasai on the African Savanna	Lekuton, Joseph Lemasolai		Gr. 7-9	The author describes growing up with his nomadic Maasai family in northern Kenya. He was the only member of his family to receive formal schooling in Kenya and later in the US.	Yes	No

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Africa	Nigeria	The Distant Talking Drum: Poems from Nigeria	Olaleye, Isaac		Gr. 2-3	These 15 poems portray daily life in a Yoruba farming village in the rain forest of Nigeria.	Yes	Yes
Africa	Nigeria	Here Comes Our Bride! An African Wedding Story	Onyefulu, Ifeoma		Gr. 2-3	A young boy tells about a family wedding in Benin City and the preparatory events.	Yes	No
Africa	Nigeria	Ogbo: Sharing Life in an African Village	Onyefulu, Ifeoma		Gr. 1-5	A young girl tells about her "age set" group and also about the "age sets" to which the other members of her family belong.	Yes	No
Africa	Nigeria	Saying Goodbye: A Special Farewell to Mama Nkwelle	Onyefulu, Ifeoma		Gr. 1-3	In this intimate glimpse of an extended family gathering, the author records the funeral of her 102-year-old grandmother and her own son's participation in this event.	Yes	No
Africa	Senegal	Ebele's Favourite: A Book of African Games	Onyefulu, Ifeoma		K-Gr. 2	When Ebele's cousin visits from Senegal, she tries to decide which of her favorite games they should play.	Yes	No
Africa	South Africa	Jamela's Dress	Daly, Niki		Gr. 1-2	Jamela's mother buys some fabric for a special dress and James loves it so much that she can't help parading around her Cape Town neighborhood in it.	Yes	Yes
Africa	South Africa	Once Upon A Time	Daly, Niki		Gr. 1-2	A girl in the dry Karoo region of South Africa leans to read with the help of an elderly neighbor.	Yes	Yes
Africa	South Africa	Where are You Going, Manyoni?	Stock, Catherine		2.2	A child living near the Limpopo River encounters wild animals on her way to school.	No	Yes
Africa	South Africa	No turning back : a novel of South Africa	Naidoo, Beverley	189	Reading level: 5.1	When the abuse at home becomes too much for twelve-year-old Siphso, he runs away to the streets of Johannesburg and learns to survive in the post-apartheid world.	No	Yes
Africa	South Africa	Journey to Jo'burg : a South African story	Naidoo, Beverley	80	Reading grade level: 5.5	Separated from their mother by the harsh social and economic conditions prevalent among blacks in South Africa, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother make a journey of over 300 kilometers to find her in Johannesburg.	No	Yes
Africa	South Africa	South Africa	Heale, Jay		Gr. 3-4	Visits to 17 major South African festivals portray the multi-cultural peoples of the country and show how to make wire toys, a kite, sosaties, and sing the South African	Yes	No

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						national anthem.		
Africa	South Africa	Somewhere in Africa	Menned, Ingrid and Niki Daly		Gr. 1-2	A young boy in Cape Town enjoys his life in the city and visits the library to get books in order to read about the wild animals of his continent.	Yes	No
Africa	South Africa	Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope	Naidoo, Beverley		Gr. 4-6	Short stories from each of the decades from 1940 through 2000 highlight the defining moments of South Africa's descent into and rise out of apartheid.	Yes	No
Africa	South Africa	The Day Gogo Went to Vote: South Africa, April 1994	Sisulu, Elinor Batezat		Gr. 1-2	A child recounts a momentous event in South Africa's history, the day that her grandmother and other relatives were allowed to vote for the first time.	Yes	No
Africa	South Africa	In a South African City	Wulfsohn, Gisele		Gr. 1-2	On this typical day, 7-year-old Bongani from Johannesburg attends school, helps his aunt at her food stand, shops with his uncle, does chores, plays in his neighborhood, and spends an evening making music with his extended family.	Yes	No
Africa	West Africa	Konte Chameleon fine, fine, fine!	Kessler, Cristina	32	2.8	West African folktale.	No	Yes
Africa	West Africa	Bintou's Braids	Diouf, Sylviane		Gr. 1-2	Bintou is a small girl in West Africa who yearns to have beautiful braids like her older sister. When she does a brave deed at the baptismal celebration for her baby brother, her grandmother rewards her with a special hairdo.	Yes	No
Americas	Argentina	The Little Blue House	Comino, Sandra		3-6	Twelve-year-old Cintia and her best friend Bruno are captivated by the magic and mystery of a little white house that turns blue once a year in their town of Azul. Sandra Comino is an Argentinean writer, literary critic, and professor.	Yes	No
Americas	Argentina	Federico and the Magi's Gift: A Latin American Christmas Story	Vidal, Beatriz		K-3	When Federico can't sleep on the Eve of Epiphany, he goes into the garden, and sees the Magi riding through the night sky. Will he get back to bed before they see him watching? The watercolor and gouache illustrations glow with details of the boy's home and holiday. Beatriz Vidal grew up in Argentina and now lives in Buenos Aires.	Yes	No

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Americas	Brazil	From Another World	Machado, Ana Maria		4-6	Four Brazilian children, who are helping their parents turn an old farm into an inn, discover a ghost from a past tragedy. As they read and do research on the identity of the ghost, they discover the history of former slaves on the farm. Ana Maria Machado is the winner of the 2000 Hans Christian Andersen Award. She is a native Brazilian who lives in Rio de Janeiro.	Yes	No
Americas	Brazil	Me in the Middle	Machado, Ana Maria		3-6	Through an old photograph of her great-grandmother, Isabel develops an imaginary companion, Bisa Bea, as well as a contact with an imaginary great-granddaughter of her own.	Yes	No
Americas	Brazil	Tales of the Amazon: How the Munduruku Indians Live	Munduruku, Daniel		2-6	Divided into three parts, the book tells how a Munduruku boy is chosen and trained to become the religious leader of his tribe, describes the Munduruku culture, and discusses the author's life. Oil paintings depict the people and the rain forest setting. The author grew up in Belem, Brazil and still lives in Brazil. The illustrator is also Brazilian.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	Suki's Kimono	Uegaki, Chieri		K-2	Though her older sisters advise her to wear "something cool" on the first day of school, Suki insists on wearing her beautiful blue kimono. Uegaki lives in British Columbia. Jorisch lives in Quebec.	Yes	Yes
Americas	Canada	Wow Canada! Exploring This Land from Coast to Coast to Coast	Bowers, Vivien		3-7	Twelve-year-old Guy writes an entertaining account of his family's road trip across Canada and back, visiting all ten provinces and three territories. Many drawings and photos brighten the pages, while captions and sidebars provide additional information. Vivien Bowers lives in British Columbia.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	Next Stop!	Ellis, Sarah		K	On a Saturday, Claire helps her father, the bus driver, announce the stops the bus makes as it travels through town. Her mother gets on at the college stop, and the bus continues on its merry way, taking	Yes	No

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						them all home. Ruth Ohi's colorful illustrations joyfully depict the diversity of urban life. Sarah Ellis lives in Vancouver. Ruth Ohi lives in Toronto.		
Americas	Canada	Stella, Queen of the Snow	Gay, Marie-Louise		K-1	When little Sam ventures out into the snow for the first time, his older sister Stella becomes his guide. Playful and daring, yet protective of her little brother, Stella answers his many questions with imagination as well as information. Marie-Louise Gay lives in Montreal.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	Amber Waiting	Gregory, Nan		K-1	Amber loves kindergarten right up until the end when she waits for her dad, who often arrives late to pick her up after school. As the minutes tick by, Amber imagines herself telling all the world's fathers not to worry their she even manages to tell him. Nan Gregory lives in British Columbia and Kady MacDonald children this way, and when her dad arrives, Denton lives in Manitoba.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	My Arctic 1,2,3	Kusugak, Michael Arvaarluk		K-3	In this picture book, Kusugak introduces the land, people, and especially the wildlife near his home on Hudson Bay. Appended to the counting book is an informative, five-page note in which the author tells of life in Rankin Inlet, with the tundra to the west and Hudson Bay to the east. Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak lives in Nunavut and Vladyana Krykorka lives in Ontario.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	Willow and Twig	Little, Jean		5-8	Abandoned by their drug-addicted mother in Vancouver, ten-year-old Willow and four-year-old Twig, who is partially deaf, are taken in by their maternal grandmother and her siblings, who live rural Ontario. Familial love provides these biracial children a sense of security and belonging. Jean Little lives in Ontario.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	Awake and Dreaming	Pearson, Kit		4-7	Theo imagines being part of a big, happy family instead of living with her mother, who sometimes keeps her out of school to	Yes	No

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						dance on the sidewalk for money. When she is sent to live with her aunt in Victoria, Theo finds security and even, in a dreamlike altered reality, becomes part of a large family for a while. Kit Pearson lives in British Columbia.		
Americas	Canada	Morning on the Lake	Waboose, Jan Bourdeau		1-4	In the morning a boy and his grandfather canoe on a lake, where they watch and listen to loons. At noon they climb a rocky cliff to observe eagle. At night they walk through the woods, where they encounter a pack of timber wolves. A Nishinawbe Ojibway, Jan Bourdeau Waboose grew up on a reserve in northern Ontario. Karen Reczuch also lives in Ontario.	Yes	No
Americas	Canada	Duncan's Way	Wallace, Ian		2-5	The last of seven generations to fish for cod off the Newfoundland coast, Duncan's father has been out of work for eighteen months, and it looks as though the family will have to leave their Newfoundland home. Duncan has a good idea that allows the family to earn a living by using the old fishing boat in a new way. Ian Wallace lives in Ontario.	Yes	No
Americas	Columbia	Saturday Sancocho	Torres, Leyla		K-3	Maria Lili and her grandmother visit the market, where they trade eggs for all the ingredients they need to make the Saturday sancocho. Watercolor paintings convey the liveliness of the marketplace. A recipe for Mama Ana's Chicken Sancocho is included. Leyla Torres is originally from Bogotá, Colombia.	Yes	No
Americas	Cuba	Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba	Ada, Alma Flor		4-6	The author reminisces about her childhood in Cuba. Family photos are included. Alma Flor Ada was born in Cuba.	Yes	No
Americas	Cuba	Mama Does the Mambo	Leiner, Katherine		K-4	After Sofia's papa died, her mama had no dancing partner. Eduardo, Mama's new friend, can't dance. Illustrations by Cuban-born Rodriguez swirl authentic flavor of old Havana, the cars, the people, and the spirit of Carnival into the story.	Yes	No

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Americas	Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Peru, Guatemala, Argentina	Salsa Stories	Delacre, Lulu		3-6	Carmen Teresa's notebook includes her neighbors' reminiscences about growing up in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Peru, Guatemala, and Argentina. She includes recipes from these countries as well as a glossary. Lulu Delacre was born to Argentinean parents and grew up in Puerto Rico.	Yes	No
Americas	Guatemala	Mama and Papa Have a Store	Carling, Amelia Lau		K-3	In the heart of Guatemala City, Chinese refugees run a store selling buttons, thread, ribbons and sewing goods, paper lanterns, firecrackers, perfume, and soy sauce. Colorful gouache and watercolor paintings by the author portray details of the store and house. Amelia Lou Carling was born in Guatemala.	Yes	No
Americas	Guatemala	Colibrí	Cameron, Ann		5-7	Kidnapped from her mother when she was four years old, twelve-year-old Colibrí summons the courage to prevent a robbery planned, by Uncle and his scheming friend, and escapes to find her own life. Ann Cameron has lived in Guatemala for twenty years.	Yes	No
Americas	Guatemala	Sawdust Carpets	Carling, Amelia Lau		K-3	When the Lau family attends a Chinese cousin's baptism in Antigua, Guatemala, they help make a Guatemalan sawdust carpet for the Good Friday procession. Watercolor illustrations convey the beauty of the procession, the Guatemalan setting, and the interweaving of Chinese and Guatemalan cultures.	Yes	No
Americas	Guatemala	Out of the Dump: Writings and Photographs by Children from Guatemala	Franklin, Kristine, and Nancy McGirr		2-6	Black and white photographs taken by children of their surroundings, families, and friends in Guatemala City are accompanied by their narrative descriptions.	Yes	No
Americas	Haiti	Running the Road to ABC	Lauture, Denizé		K-3	Before sunrise six children run through the Haitian countryside to get to school on time. Vibrant acrylic paintings show the children, homes, fields, roads, and finally the school. The author's poetic text captures his Haitian childhood; he now	Yes	Yes

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						teaches at a New York college.		
Americas	Haiti	Painted Dreams	Williams, Karen Lynn		K-3	Eight-year-old Ti Marie dreams of becoming an artist. When she finds some discarded paints, she fills a wall at the marketplace with her colorful pictures, and attracts the villagers to both her art display and her mother's vegetable stall. Karen Lynn Williams lived in Haiti for two years.	Yes	No
Americas	Mexico	From the Bellybutton of the Moon, and Other Summer Poems/Del ombligo de la luna y otros poemas de verano	Alarcon, Francisco X		K-5	Lighthearted poems in English and Spanish describe the author's joyful childhood visits to his Mexican relatives. Maya Gonzalez's colorful paintings make his family and their town come alive. Francisco X. Alarcon lived in Mexico from age six to eighteen.	Yes	No
Americas	Mexico	Isabel's House of Butterflies	Johnston, Tony		1-4	Dozens of butterflies resting on eight-year-old Isabel's arms lead her to an idea that will help her family survive an economic crisis and save her beloved butterfly tree. Lush oil paintings depict Isabel's one-room home, family, and village life, with butterflies abounding. Tony Johnston lived in Mexico for fifteen years.	Yes	No
Americas	Mexico	The Magic Maguey	Johnston, Tony		1-5	Miguel thinks of a plan that will prevent the landowner from cutting down their village maguey plant. Colorful, detailed collages with watercolors, pastels, and cut paper depict the joy and brightness of life in this village.	Yes	No
Americas	Mexico	Napi	Ramirez, Antonio		K-4	On a sleepy afternoon, while her mother braids her hair and her grandfather tells stories, a young Mazateca girl notices the colors around her. Domi's watercolor illustrations convey the rainbows Napi describes, the colorful surroundings of her home and village. Antonio Ramirez and his wife Domi, a Mazateca Indian, live in Mexico.	Yes	No
Americas	Mexico	Senora Reganona: A Mexican Bedtime Story	Sanroman, Susana		K-4	A child hides in her bed with a flashlight to scare the night, Senora Reganona, away. One night she flies in her dream into the starry sky and makes Senora Reganona play	Yes	No

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						with her. Brilliant watercolors contrast with a night-black border with white letters. Susana Sanroman teaches at a Mexican university. Domi also lives in Mexico.		
Americas	Peru	In a Peruvian City (A Child's Day series)	Fajardo, Sara Andrea		2-4	Photographs by the author illustrate a day in the life of seven-year-old Jesus Fernandez in Ayacucho, Peru. The book includes a map, a glossary, and some brief history. Fajardo was a photographer for a Peruvian magazine.	Yes	No
Americas	Trinidad	The Color of My Words	Joseph, Lynn		5-8	Twelve-year-old Ana Rosa is drawn into her older brother's struggle to resist and protect her coastal town from the government's determination to bulldoze it and build resort hotels. She finds that words cannot save her brother from the forces he fights. Lynn Joseph is a native of Trinidad.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Afghanistan	The Breadwinner	Ellis, Deborah	170 p.	Gr. 5-8	Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Afghanistan	My Forbidden Face: Growing Up Under the Taliban: A Young Woman's Story	Latifa		Gr. 6-8	A sixteen-year-old girl's life changes dramatically as the Taliban takes over the rule of Afghanistan. Latifa is Afghani	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	The Girl Who Lost Her Smile	Alwari, Karim	30 p.	Children's	A young girl in Baghdad named Jehan wakes up one morning and cannot find her smile. A bird called a hoopoe flies around the world seeking someone who can return her smile. In Persia, he finds a young man who has the key to bringing back Jehan's smile.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	Hosni the Dreamer: An Arabian Tale	Ben-Ezer, Ehud		Children's	Hosni, a shepherd living in the desert, finally realizes his dream of traveling to the city where he spends his gold dinar in a way which changes his life forever.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	Temple Cat	Clements, Andrew		Children's	A temple cat in ancient Egypt grows tired of being worshipped and cared for in a reverent fashion and travels to the seaside,	No	No

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						where she finds genuine affection with a fisherman and his children.		
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	A Stone in My Hand	Clinton, Cathryn		Young Adult	Eleven-year-old Malaak and her family are touched by the violence in Gaza between Jews and Palestinians when first her father disappears and then her older brother is drawn to the Islamic Jihad.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	The Day of Ahmed's Secret	Heide, Florence Parry	32 p.	Children's	A young Egyptian boy describes the city of Cairo as he goes about his daily work and waits for the evening to share a special surprise with his family.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	The House of Wisdom	Heide, Florence Parry		Children's	Ishaq, the son of the chief translator to the Caliph of ancient Baghdad, travels the world in search of precious books and manuscripts and brings them back to the great library known as the House of Wisdom.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	The Storytellers	Lewin, Ted		Children's	Abdul and Grandfather pass through the streets of Fez, Morocco, and stop at an old gate, where Grandfather performs as a storyteller.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	Ali, Child of the Desert	London, Jonathan		Children's	On a trip to the Moroccan market town of Rissani, Ali becomes separated from his father during a sandstorm.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	Sitti's Secrets	Nye, Naomi Shihab		Children's	A young girl describes a visit to see her grandmother in a Palestinian village on the West Bank.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Arab American	The Shadows of Ghadames	Stolz, Joelle	119 p.	Young Adult	At the end of the nineteenth century in Libya, eleven-year-old Malika simultaneously enjoys and feels constricted by the narrow world of women, but an injured stranger enters her home and disrupts the traditional order of things.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Cambodia	The Clay Marble	Ho. Minfong	163 p.	Gr. 5-8	In the late 1970s twelve-year-old Dara joins a refugee camp in war-torn Cambodia and becomes separated from her family.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Long-Long's New Year: A Story About the Chinese Spring Festival	Gower, Catherine	30 p.	K-Gr. 3	Accompanying his grandfather to a nearby market town in hopes of selling their cabbages, hard-working Long-Long earns enough money to buy presents for his family.	Yes	Yes

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Asia/Middle East	China	Moon Festival	Russell, Ching Yeung	32 p.	K-Gr. 2	A girl spends the day preparing for the annual Moon Festival with family and friends in her village. That evening she and her grandmother wish for her parents to return from where they live far away.	Yes	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain	Bateson-Hill, Margaret	29 p.	K-Gr. 3	A greedy emperor demands an impossible task from Lao Lao, a peasant woman who makes beautiful shapes from paper. Includes instructions for making traditional Chinese paper-cuts.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	The Paper Dragon	Davol, Marguerite	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	A humble artist agrees to confront the terrifying dragon that threatens to destroy his village.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Disney's Mulan	Dubowski, Cathy East	96 p.	Gr. 3-6	Mulan, a young girl in ancient China, fights to save the Emperor from the Huns.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Mulan: Classic Storybook	Marsoli, Lisa Ann	95 p.	K-Gr. 3	Mulan does not want her father to fight in the Chinese army, so she steals his armor, disguises herself as a man, and goes to fight, where she encounters numerous adventures and obstacles.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	The Story About Ping	Flack, Marjorie	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	The Mountains of Tibet	Gerstein, Mordicai	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	After dying, a Tibetan woodcutter is given the choice of going to heaven or to live another life anywhere in the universe.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	The White Swan Express: A Story about Adoption	Okimoto, Jean Davies	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	Across North America, people in four different homes prepare for a special trip to China, while four baby girls in China await their new adoptive parents.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	A Grain of Rice	Pittman, Helena Clare	65 p.	K-Gr. 3	A clever, cheerful, hard-working farmer's son wins the hand of a Chinese princess by outwitting her father the Emperor, who treasures his daughter more than all the rice in China.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Tensin's Deer	Soros, Barbara	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	Tenzin, a Tibetan boy known for his wisdom and empathy toward animals, nurses a wounded musk deer back to health and learns that sometimes love means letting go.	No	Yes

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Asia/Middle East	China	White Wave: A Chinese Tale	Wolkstein, Diane	32 p.		A young Chinese farmer discovers a generous goddess living in a snail shell.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	The Seeing Stick	Yolen, Jane	30 p.	K-Gr. 3	Relates how an old man teaches the emperor's blind daughter to see.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Revolution is Not a Dinner Party	Compestine, Ying Chang	248 p.	Gr. 4-6	Starting in 1972, Ling, the daughter of two doctors, struggles to make sense of the communists' Cultural Revolution, which causes a lack of consumer products and laughter.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Mei Fuh: Memories From China	Shaeffer, Edith	90 p.	K-Gr. 3	Recounts the lives of an American girl and her family living in China in the early 1900s, with details about food, home life, servants, and customs.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Tibet: Through the Red Box	Sis, Peter	57 p.	Gr. 5-8	The author relates his father's experiences while lost in Tibet during the mid-1950s.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	Favorite Children's Stories from China and Tibet	Hume, Lotta Carswell	119 p.		Tales from China and Tibet	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	China	The Diary of Ma Yan: The Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese Schoolgirl	Ma Yan		Gr. 5-8	In her diary, Ma Yan records her school experiences and friendships, the financial struggles her family goes through to keep her school, and her dreams of giving her family an easier life. Short details of rural life in China are included. Ma Yan lives in China.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	China	In a Chinese City	So, Sungwan		Gr. 2-4	The author traces Ren Yeikang's day from breakfast to bedtime through text and photographs, telling about her family, school, and neighborhood. Additional notes about China and the Mandarin language, a map, reference for further reading, and an index are included.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	China	First Apple	Russell, Ching Yeung	127 p.	Juv fiction	A young girl living in a Chinese village in the 1940s tries to find a way to buy an apple, the fruit of rich people, to share with her grandmother.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	China	Year of the Panda	Schlein, Miriam	83 p.	Gr. 2-4	A Chinese boy rescues a starving baby panda, and, in the process, learns why	No	No

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East						pandas are endangered, and what the government is doing to save them.		
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Lord, Bette Bao	169 p.	Juv fiction	In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Honeysuckle House	Cheng, Andrea	136 p.	Children's	An all-American girl with Chinese ancestors and a new immigrant from China find little in common when they meet in their fourth grade classroom, but they are both missing their best friends and soon discover other connections.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Key Collection	Cheng, Andrea	117 p.		A ten-year-old boy in the Midwest misses his Chinese grandmother, who always lived next door until her health caused her to move.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Kai's Journey to Gold Mountain: An Angel Island Story	Currier, Katrina Saltons tall	39 p.	Children's	In 1934, twelve-year-old Kai leaves China to join his father in America, but first he must take a long sea voyage, then endure weeks of crowded conditions and harsh examinations on Angel Island, fearing that he or his new friend will be sent home.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Henry and the Kite Dragon	Currier, Katrina Saltons tall	40 p.	Children's	In New York City in the 1920s, the children from Chinatown go after the children from Little Italy for throwing rocks at the beautiful kites Grandfather Chin makes, not realizing that they have a reason for doing so.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Big Jimmy's Kum Kau Chinese Take-Out	Lewin, Ted		Children's	The sights, sounds, and smells of a busy Chinese take-out restaurant are seen through the eyes of the owner's young son.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	I Love You Like Crazy Cakes	Lewis, Rose A.		Children's	A woman describes how she went to China to adopt a special baby girl. Based on the author's own experiences.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Dim Sum for Everyone	Lin, Grace		Children's	A child describes the various little dishes of dim sum that she and her family enjoy on a visit to a restaurant in Chinatown.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Mahjong All Day Long	Lo, Ginnie	33 p.	Children's	Big sister, JieJie, and her little brother, DiDi, see their parents playing mahjong all of the time. One day JieJie and DiDi will grow up and have families of their own, and they	No	No

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						will teach their children the game as their parents taught them. It's their favorite family tradition.		
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Ruby Lu, Brave and True	Look, Lenore		Children's	"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Yang the Eldest and His Odd Jobs	Namioka, Lensey		Children's	Third Sister and her siblings try to help Eldest Brother, the most talented musician in the Yang family, find work to pay for a new violin.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Yang the Third and Her Impossible Family	Namioka, Lensey	143 p.	Children's	Third daughter Mary Yang makes an unexpected new friend while trying to hide a kitten from her family.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear	Namioka, Lensey	134 p.	Children's	Recently arrived in Seattle from China, musically untalented Yingtao is faced with giving a violin performance to attract new students for his father when he would rather be working on friendships and playing baseball.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	One is a Drummer: A Book of Numbers	Thong, Roseanne		Children's	A young girl numbers her discoveries in the world around her, from one dragon boat to four mahjong players to ten bamboo stalks.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Apple Pie 4th of July	Wong, Janet		Children's	A Chinese American child fears that the food her parents are preparing to sell on the Fourth of July will not be eaten.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	This Next New Year	Wong, Janet		Children's	A family prepares to celebrate the Lunar New Year and looks forward to the good luck they hope it will bring.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	The Secret Voice of Gina Zhang	Yang, Dori Jones	215 p.	Children's	When her extreme shyness makes her unable to speak at her new American school, twelve-year-old Jinna, newly arrived from China, retreats into her own fairy tale world.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Millicent Min, Girl Genius	Yee, Lisa	248 p.	Children's	In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.	No	No

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Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Cockroach Cooties	Yep, Laurence	135 p.	Children's	Teddy and his little brother Bobby devise strategies using bugs to defeat the school bully.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Dragonwings	Yep, Laurence	248 p.	Children's	In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Coolies	Yin,	40 p.	Children's	A young boy hears the story of his great-great-great-grandfather and his brother who came to the United States to make a better life for themselves helping to build the transcontinental railroad.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Chinese American	Half and Half	Namioka, Lensey	136 p.	Children's	At Seattle's annual Folk Fest, twelve-year-old Fiona and her older brother are torn between trying to please their Chinese grandmother and making their Scottish grandparents happy.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Guam	Keeper of the Night	Holt, Kimberly Willis		Gr. 7-9	After her mother's suicide, Isabel finds herself caring for her family. As their grief becomes harder for her to cope with, she begins to lose her own memories of her mother. Her friends and love of her town and its traditions help her continue, until a near-tragedy bring the family help.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	India	Going to School in India	Heydlauff, Lisa	97 p.	Gr. 3-6	Heydlauff highlights the diversity of India in a series of vignettes of children's school experiences across India, including street children, girls attending night school, and Kashmiri schools in Muslim and Buddhist areas. Upadhye's photographs show the children at school and in the places they live.	Yes	Yes
Asia/Middle East	India	Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	Pinkney, Jerry	48 p.	Gr. 3-6	A courageous mongoose thwarts the evil plans of Nag and Nagaina, two big black cobras who live in the garden.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	India	The Year of My Indian Prince	Ellis, Ella Thorp	212 p.	Young Adult	A fictionalized version of the author's experiences in 1946 when, at the age of sixteen, she was admitted to a San Francisco tuberculosis hospital and courted by a Maharajah's son.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	India	Gay-Neck: The Story of a	Mukerji, Dhan	191 p.	Gr. 5-8	The story of the training of a carrier pigeon	No	Yes

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ddle East		Pigeon	Gopal			and its service during the First World War, revealing the bird's courageous and spirited adventures over the housetops of an Indian village, in the Himalayan Mountains, and on the French battlefield.		
Asia/Middle East	India	Tigers at Twilight	Osborne, Mary Pope	71 p.	Gr. 3-6	Having used their magic tree house to travel to India, where they must get a gift to help free the dog Teddy from a spell, Jack and Annie have adventures involving a tiger and other endangered jungle animals.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	India	Looking for Bapu	Banerjee, Anjali	162 p.	Gr. 3-6	When his beloved grandfather dies, eight-year-old Anu feels that his spirit is near and will stop at nothing to bring him back, including trying to become a Hindu holy man.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	India	Binya's Blue Umbrella	Bond, Ruskin		Gr. 3-5	Binya, a young girl growing up in the mountain village in northern India, trades her lucky leopard-claw necklace for a tourist's blue umbrella. Soon the entire village is enchanted by her new toy, and some become jealous that she owns such a beautiful object.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	India	In an Indian Village	Das, Prodeepta		Gr. 2-4	Using text and photographs, the author shows Geeta's life from morning to night, including her friends, school, and favorite foods. Additional materials include a map, historical and cultural information about India, a glossary, and an index.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	India	Premlata and the Festival of Lights	Godden, Rumer		Gr. 4-6	Distraught that her mother has no money to buy <i>deepas</i> to set out for Diwali, Premlata devises a plan to go to the nearest city to get the lights herself. Her adventures help her discover her bravery and uncover the true source of her family's poverty.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	India	Monsoon	Krishnaswami, Uma		PreS-Gr. 1	As a young girl in the city eats dinner, goes to the market with her mother, watches TV, and plays with her brother, she anticipates the approaching monsoon season.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	India	Shiva's Fire	Staples, Suzanne Fisher		Gr. 5-9	Since the day of her birth, a series of	Yes	No

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ddle East						strange events and miracles have followed Parvati. When a guru searching for new students finds out about her nearly magical talent for dance, she must make a difficult choice of leaving her family and village life to follow her dharma.		
Asia/Middle East	India	Homeless Bird	Whelan, Gloria	216 p.	Young Adult	When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Iraq	Iraq: The Culture	Fast, April	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Describes several aspects of Iraqi culture, including religion, Muslim holidays, family celebrations, music, dance, theater, art, handicrafts, architecture, language, and literature.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Iraq	Season of the Sandstorms	Osborne, Mary Pope	106 p.	Gr. 3-6	Guided by a magic rhyme, Jack and Annie travel to ancient Baghdad on a mission to help the Caliph disseminate wisdom to the world.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Iraq	Thura's Diary: My Life in Wartime Iraq	Al-Windawi, Thura		Gr. 6-8	Thura's diary entries tell of her life in Iraq during the bombing and eventual fall of Baghdad as well as her struggle to return to school and normalcy.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Israel	Welcome to Isreal	Costain, Meredith	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	An illustrated tour of Isreal, providing information about the country's family life, schools, sports and leisure, culture, festivals, religion, food, shopping, landscape, climate, plants, animals, cities and landmarkd, industry, agriculture, transportation, history, government. Includes instructions for two projects, a fact file, and a glossary.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Israel	The house in the Tree: A Story of Israel	Cone, Molly	40 p.	Juv fiction	As a young American boy in modern Israel searches for materials to build a tree house, he learns about the life, customs, and attitudes of the Jewish people.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Israel	Lydia, Queen of Palestine	Orlev, Uri	170 p.	Gr. 5-8	A young Romanian Jewish girl describes her childhood in pre-World War II Romania, her struggles to understand her parents divorce amid the chaos of the war, and her life on a kibbutz in Palestine. Based on the life of the	No	Yes

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						Israeli poet Arianna Haran.		
Asia/Middle East	Israel	Children of Israel	Grossman, Laurie M.		Gr. 4-6	This book provides an introduction to the diverse cultures, geography, and history of Israel through the eyes of its children.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Israel	Samir and Yonatan	Carmi, Daniella		Gr. 4-8	A Palesinian boy and an Israeli boy find friendship and solace in the unlikely setting of an Israeli hospital. Samir's reflections on his home life provide an insight into life for Arab families in the occupied West Bank of Jerusalem.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Israel	Running on Eggs	Levine, Anna		Gr. 4-6	Living in contemporary Israel, young track star Karen (a Jewish girl) befriends an Arab schoolmate and must deal with the tensions associated with their disparate cultures.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Israel	Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	137 p.	Young Adult	In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Bicycle Man	Say, Allen	40 p.	Gr. 3-6	The amazing tricks two American soldiers do on a borrowed bicycle are a fitting finale for the school sports day festivities in a small village in occupied Japan.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Cat Who Went to Heaven	Coatsworth, Elizabeth Jane	62 p.	Gr. 4-6	A pet cat begs the artist to include her in a picture of animals paying homage to Buddha.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Crow Boy	Yashima, Taro	37 p.	K-Gr. 3	The story of a strange, shy little boy in a Japanese village school who was ignored by his classmates until suddenly, and almost too late, a new teacher showed them that Crow Boy had much to offer.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Dragon Kite	Luenn, Nancy	32 p.		A crafty thief constructs a magnificent kite which he hopes will enable him to reach the golden dolphins that adorn the roof of a nearby castle.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Drums of Noto Hanto	James, J. Alison	34 p.	K-Gr. 3	The people in a small village in ancient Japan manage to drive off the forces of a powerful warlord using only their ingenuity and the many different village drums.	No	Yes

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Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Dumplings and the Demons	Stamm, Claus	44 p.		Fairy Tales	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Dwarf Giant	Lobel, Anita			Prince Mainichi and Princess Ichinichi are visited by a rude dwarf, who inflicts upon them evil and dangerous games before revealing his true self.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Grandfather's Journey	Say, Allen	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Grandfather's Story	Fazio, Brenda Lena	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	A dream reminds a grandfather how much he has yet to share with his grandson.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	How My Parents Learned to Eat	Friedman, Ina R.	30 p.	K-Gr. 3	An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Kamishibai Man	Say, Allen	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man--a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies--decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Night of the Ninjas	Osborne, Mary Pope	68 p.	Gr. 3-6	The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie back in time to feudal Japan where the siblings learn about the ways of the Ninja.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Tea With Milk	Say, Allen	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	After growing up near San Francisco, a young Japanese woman returns with her parents to their native Japan, but she feels foreign and out of place.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Tree of Cranes	Say, Allen	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	A Japanese boy learns of Christmas when his mother decorates a pine tree with paper cranes.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Warrior and the Wise Man	Wisniewski, David	32 p.		An emperor gives his twin sons, one a warrior and one a wise man, a quest to see which will rule his kingdom.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Japan	I Live in Tokyo	Takabayashi, Mari		PreS-Gr. 2	Seven-year-old Mimiko describes the celebration of special occasions throughout the year. Captioned illustrations, a map, and a glossary of Japanese words and	Yes	No

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						phrases provide information about life in this modern city.		
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Friends	Yumoto, Kazumi		Gr. 4-6	Kiyami and his friends spend the summer before junior high studying for their entrance exams and spying on an elderly neighbor. As they slowly befriend the man, they begin to answer questions they have about death, fear, and transition in their own lives.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Japan	The Spring Tone	Yumoto, Kazumi		Gr. 5-8	Tomomi Kiriki, resisting the thought of starting junior high after her spring vacation, spends her break with her younger brother exploring unknown areas of her hometown. Through the help of her grandfather and an unusual new acquaintance, she begins to accept her approaching adulthood.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Japan	Kensuke's Kingdom	Morpurgo, Michael	164 p.	Young Adult	When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not lone.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	The Journal of Ben Uchida	Denenberg, Barry		Juv fiction	Twelve-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California, during World War II.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Butterflies for Kiri	Falwell, Cathryn		Children's	Kiri, a Japanese American girl who loves to draw and paint, tries to use the origami set she received for her birthday. Includes instructions for making an origami butterfly.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Two Mrs. Gibsons	Igus, Toyomi		Children's	The biracial daughter of an African American father and a Japanese mother fondly recalls growing up with her mother and her father's mother, two very different but equally loving women.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Fishing Sunday	Johnston, Tony		Children's	A young boy is embarrassed by his grandfather's old Japanese ways, but on one of their Fishing Sundays, he learns to see Grandfather in a new light.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Kira-Kira	Kadohata, Cynthia	244 p.	Young Adult	Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up	No	No

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East						in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.		
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Yoshiko and the Foreigner	Little, Mimi Otey		Children's	In spite of her upbringing, a young Japanese woman begins seeing an American soldier and finds that he is not like the foreigners her parents have taught her to avoid.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	One Leaf Rides the Wind	Mannis, Celeste	24 p.	Children's	In this collection of haiku poems, a young girl walks through a Japanese garden and discovers many delights, from one leaf to ten stone lanterns. Includes notes about Japanese religion and philosophy.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Heroes	Mochizuki, Ken		Children's	Japanese American Donnie, whose playmates insist he be the "bad guy" in their war games, calls on his reluctant father and uncle to help him get away from that role.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Flowers from Mariko	Noguchi, Rick		Children's	When she and her family are released from the Japanese American internment camp where they have spent the last three years, Mariko plants a garden to raise their spirits.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Sachiko Means Happiness	Sakai, Kimiko	28 p.	Children's	Although at first five-year-old Sachiko is upset when her grandmother no longer recognizes her, she grows to understand that they can still be happy together.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Under the Blood-Red Sun	Salisbury, Graham	246 p.	Teen	Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	A Jar of Dreams	Uchida, Yoshiko	131 p.	Children's	A young girl grows up in a closely-knit Japanese American family in California during the 1930's, a time of great prejudice.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Journey Home	Uchida, Yoshiko	131 p.	Juv fiction	After their release from an American concentration camp, a Japanese-American girl and her family try to reconstruct their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feelings which breed fear, distrust, and violence.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese	Suki's Kimono	Uegaki, Chieri	29 p.	Children	Suki's favorite thing is her blue kimono and	No	No

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ddle East	American				's	she is going to wear it on her first day back to school, no matter what anyone says.		
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	Yoko's Paper Cranes	Wells, Rosemary	36 p.	Children's	When Yoko moves from Japan to California, she decides to make and send origami swans to her grandmother for her birthday.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Japanese American	The Invisible Thread	Uchida, Yoshiko	136 p.	Juv fiction	Children's author, Yoshiko Uchido, describes growing up in Berkeley, California, as a Nisei, second generation Japanese American, and her family's internment in a Nevada concentration camp during World War II.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Jewish American	Dave at Night	Levine, Gail Carson	281 p.	Teen	When orphaned Dave is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music- and culture-filled world of the Harlem Renaissance.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Jewish American	The Carp in the Bathtub	Cohen, Barbara	48 p.	Children's	Two children try to rescue the carp their mother plans to make into gefilte fish for the Seder.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Korea	The Chinese Mirror	Ginsburg, Mirra	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	A retelling of a traditional Korean tale in which a mirror brought from China causes confusion within a family as each member looks in it and sees a different stranger.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	The Rabbit's Escape	Han, Suzanne Crowder		K-Gr. 3	Tricked into visiting the underwater kingdom where the Dragon King of the East Sea wants his liver, a clever rabbit uses his wits to escape.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	North Korea: A Question and Answer Book	Haberle, Susan E.		Gr. 3-6	Examines the geography, history, government and culture of North Korea .	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	The Firekeeper's Son	Park, Linda Sue	37 p.	K-Gr. 3	In eighteenth-century Korea , after Sang-hee's father injures his ankle, Sang-hee attempts to take over the task of lighting the evening fire which signals to the palace that all is well. Includes historical notes.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	All of Our Noses Are Here, and Other Noodle Tales	Schwartz, Alvin	64 p.	Folk Lore	A collection of five stories about a family of silly people, based on noodle folklore from America, India, Japan, Korea , and the Arabian Nights.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	The Kite Fighters	Park, Linda Sue	136 p.	Gr. 4-6	In Korea in 1471, eleven-year-old Young-sup overcomes his rivalry with his older	No	Yes

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Asia/Middle East	Korea	A Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	152 p.	Gr. 5-8	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	When My Name Was Keoko	Park, Linda Sue	199 p.	Gr. 5-8	With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Korea	Archer's Quest	Park, Linda Sue	167 p.	Gr. 5-8	Twelve-year-old Kevin Kim helps Chung-mong, a legendary king of ancient Korea, return to his own time.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Lebanon	Lebanon: A Question and Answer Book	Englar, Mary	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Describes the geography, history, economy, and culture of Lebanon in a question-and-answer format.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Lebanon	Sami and the Time of Troubles	Heide, Florence Parry			A ten-year-old Lebanese boy goes to school, helps his mother with chores, plays with his friends, and lives with his family in a basement shelter when bombings occur and fighting begins on his street.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Lebanon	Lebanon 1-2-3: A Counting Book in Three Languages	Boueri, Marijean		PreS-Gr. 2	Two children visit their grandparents' home, where they enjoy a day with extended family and neighbors. Large, colorful paintings illustrate this simple counting book, while a trilingual text comments on the scenes in English, French, and Arabic, three languages widely spoken in Lebanon.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Micronesia	The Biggest Soap	Schaefer, Carole Lexa		PreS-Gr. 1	Kessy's mother sends him to the store to buy soap on laundry day. His route takes him past friends and family going about their daily play and work. When he comes back, he turns these encounters into a tall tale worthy of a master storyteller.	Yes	No

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Asia/Middle East	Middle East Region	Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak	Ellis, Deborah		Gr. 6-8	In these first-person accounts recorded by Deborah Ellis, children on each side of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict describe their daily lives.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Middle East Region	The Space Between Our Footsteps: Poems and Paintings from the Middle East	Selected by Naomi Shihab Nye		Gr. 6-8	This collection of poems from over 100 authors from nineteen different Middle Eastern countries reflects thoughts and feelings about hope, pain, family, war, and peace.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Nepal	Kami and the Yaks	Stryer, Andrea Stenn	48 p.	K-Gr. 3	Kami, a young, deaf Sherpa boy, sets off on his own to find his family's missing yaks and finds one of them caught between the rocks; but when he runs home to get help from his family, he has trouble at first being understood.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Nepal	We Need to Go to School: Voices of the Rugmark Children	Compiled by Tanya Roberts-Davis		Gr. 4-6	In poems and short essays, children who worked in the carpet factories of Nepal recount their experiences there, their home lives before working, and they way their lives changes after Rugmark inspectors placed them in schools. A glossary, resource list, and background information on Nepal, the factories, and the Rugmark organization are all included. Tanya Roberts-Davis has lived with the children in Nepal rehabilitation centers.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Pakistan	Pakistan: A Question and Answer Book	Olson, Gillia	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Each chapter answers a question about the geography, history, economy, or culture of Pakistan.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Pakistan	The Roses in My Carpets	Khan, Rukhsana		K-Gr. 2	A Pakistani refugee camp is the backdrop for this story of a young Arab boy and the carpet that he weaves.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Pakistan	Ruler of the Courtyard	Khan, Rukhsana		K-Gr. 3	Saba is afraid of the chickens in her family's courtyard, but she discovers her courage when she finds a snake in the bathhouse.	Yes	No

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						The author combines details of Saba's rural life with the universal experience of overcoming one's fears.		
Asia/Middle East	Pakistan	Silly Chicken	Khan, Rukhsana		PreS-Gr. 1	Rani is jealous of a pet chicken she thinks her mother loves more than her, but eventually finds a pet of her own. The chicken's minor disruptions of Rani's life are shown in the text and in the bright lively illustrations.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Pakistan	Iqbal	D'Adamo, Francesco	120 p.	Young Adult	A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	South Asia Region	Under the Persimmon Tree	Staples, Suzanne Fisher		Gr. 6-9	After an American bomb kills her mother, Najmah crosses the Afghan border to the Pakistani city of Peshawar to wait out the war and search for her brother and father, who were conscripted by the Taliban. There she meets Nusrat, an American who teaches refugee children as she waits for news of her husband, a doctor in Afghanistan.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	South Korea	South Korea: A Question and Answer Book	Haberle, Susan E.	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Where is South Korea? -- When did South Korea become a country? -- What type of government does South Korea have? -- What kind of housing does South Korea have? -- What are South Korea's forms of transportation? -- What are South Korea's major industries? -- What is school like in South Korea? -- What are South Korea's favorite sports and games? -- What are the traditional art forms in South Korea? -- What major holidays do people in South Korea celebrate? -- What are the traditional foods of South Korea? -- What is family life like in South Korea? -- South Korea fast facts -- Money and flag -- Learn to speak Korean.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	South Korea	Peach Heaven	Choi, Yangsook		PreS-Gr. 1	Yangsook Choi recounts a memory from her childhood of a storm that caused the	Yes	No

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Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Welcome to Indonesia	Costain, Meredith	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	A color-illustrated tour of Indonesia that shows bits of the country's family life, schools, sports and leisure, culture, festivals and religion, food and shopping, landscape and climate, plants and animals, cities and landmarks, industry and agriculture, transportation, and history and government. Also includes instructions for two projects, a fact file, and a glossary.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Indonesia	Cummings, David	32 p.		Find out what it's like to live in Indonesia by reading Muhammad's letters.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	A Crocodile's Tale/ A Philippine Folk Story	Aruego, Jose	32 p.		A little boy saves a crocodile's life only to have the animal threaten to eat him.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	The Mats	Arcellana, Francisco		Children's	Marcelina's father comes home from a trip to Manila with beautiful hand-made sleeping mats for each member of his large family, including the three daughters who died when they were very young.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Rice is Life	Gelman, Rita Golden		Children's	Text and illustrations demonstrate the importance of rice to life on the island of Bali in the country of Indonesia, where rice is consumed for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Willie Wins	Gilles, Almira Astudillo		Children's	Willie's father tells him there is something special in an old coconut bank brought from the Philippines, but Willie is embarrassed to take it to school for a contest, especially since he knows that one of his classmates will make fun of him.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	The Man Who Caught Fish	Krudop, Walter		Children's	A stranger with a bamboo pole magically catches fish and hands them out to villagers, saying "One person, one fish," but the king will not be content until he receives a whole basket of fish.	No	No

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Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Silent Lotus	Lee, Jeanne M.		Children's	Although she cannot speak or hear, Lotus trains as a Khmer court dancer and becomes eloquent in dancing out the legends of the gods.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	The Caged Birds of Phnom Penh	Lipp, Frederick		Children's	A young Cambodian girl saves her money to buy a bird on which to make a wish for her poor family's future.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Silk Umbrellas	Marsden, Carolyn	134 p.	Juv fiction	Eleven-year-old Noi worries that she will have to stop painting the silk umbrellas her family sells at the market near their Thai village and be forced to join her older sister in difficult work at a local factory instead.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Southeast Asia	Going Home, Coming Home	Tran, Truong	31 p.	Children's	A young girl visits her grandmother in Vietnam where her parents were born and learns that she can call two places home.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Taiwan	On My Way to Buy Eggs	Chen, Shih-Yuan		PreS-K	On her way to the Traditional Store to go shopping for her father, Shau-yu plays with different objects she finds on the street, including glasses that make her look like her mother. In the store, she and the shopkeeper pretend that she is her mother.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Taiwanese American	The Year of the Dog	Lin, Grace	134 p.	Children's	Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Little Cricket	Brown, Jackie	252 p.	Gr. 3-6	After the upheaval of the Vietnam War reaches them, twelve-year-old Kia and her Hmong family flee from the mountains of Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and eventually to the alien world of Saint Paul, Minnesota.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Rice Without Rain	Ho, Minfong	236 p.	Gr. 4-6	After social rebels convince the headman of a small village in northern Thailand to resist the land rent, his seventeen-year-old daughter Jinda finds herself caught up in the student uprising in Bangkok.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Chantrea Conway's Story: A Voyage from Cambodia in 1975	Pastore, Clare	184 p.	Gr. 5-8	Chantrea Conway, the daughter of a Cambodian mother and American father, is forced to flee with her grandparents after her mother is killed by soldiers of the	No	Yes

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						Khmer Rouge regime, and after months of terror arrives at a refugee camp in Thailand where people help her reach her American relatives.		
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Even a Little Something: Stories of Nong	Glass, Tom		Gr. 4-6	This series of episodic stories shows eleven-year-old Nong's life with her mother and older sister in northeastern Thailand. The stories tell of her friends, school, and adventures in trying to earn money.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Hush! A Thai Lullaby	Ho, Minfong		PreS	In repeating rhymes, a mother instructs local animals to be quiet so her baby can sleep. Meanwhile, the baby wakes and plays in the house and a cat wanders through the yard and outbuildings. The collage illustrations add many details, from fabric texture to the interior of the house, and show the northern Thai setting.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Peek! A Thai Hide-and-Seek	Ho, Minfong		PreS	As a father plays hide-and-seek with his daughter, they wander through their house and yard and into the jungle encountering many animals along the way. Making the setting visually concrete, Meade's illustrations include details of mosquito netting, a family shrine, and the furniture in the garden.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Thailand	Sing to the Dawn	Ho, Minfong			When she wins a scholarship competition, a young Thai village girl faces the hostility of her brother who places second and her father who feels the city school is no place for a girl.	No	No
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Ten Mice for Tet	Shea, Pegi Deitz	30 p.	K-Gr. 3	A village of mice prepares for Tet, or Vietnamese New Year, as different numbers of mice give gifts, cook food, and celebrate in other traditional ways. Includes an afterword with facts about the holiday.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Toad is the Uncle of Heaven: A Vietnamese Folk Tale	Lee, Jeanne M.	32 p.		Toad leads a group of animals to ask the King of Heaven to send rain to the parched earth.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Vietnam	Dahl, Michael	24 p.	K-Gr. 3	Discusses the history, landscape, people, and culture of Vietnam.	No	Yes

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Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Vietnam: The Culture	Kalman, Bobbie	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Looks at aspects of ancient and modern culture in Vietnam, including music, theater, religion, architecture, clothing, and festivals.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Vietnam: The Land	Kalman, Bobbie	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Examines the history, geography, agriculture, businesses, transportation systems, and wildlife of Vietnam.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Vietnam: The People	Kalman, Bobbie	32 p.	Gr. 3-6	Looks at the way of life of Vietnamese people, discussing work, pastimes, families, city and country life, language, and education.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	The Lotus Seed	Garland, Sherry	32 p.	K-Gr. 3	A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland that she has to flee.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Angel Child, Dragon Child	Surat, Michele Maria	35 p.	K-Gr. 3	Ut, a Vietnamese girl attending school in the United States, lonely for her mother left behind in Vietnam , makes a new friend who presents her with a wonderful gift.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam	Huynh, Quang Nhuong	127 p.	Gr. 3-6	A collection of personal reminiscences of the author's youth in a hamlet on the central highlands of Vietnam.	No	Yes
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Water Buffalo Days: Growing Up in Vietnam	Huynh, Quang Nhuong		Gr. 4-6	The author describes his childhood friendship with the family water buffalo and recounts their adventures and experiences together in rural Vietnam.	Yes	No
Asia/Middle East	Vietnam	Goodbye, Vietnam	Whelan, Gloria	135 p.	Young Adult	Thirteen-year-old Mai and her family embark on a dangerous sea voyage from Vietnam to Hong Kong to escape the unpredictable and often brutal Vietnamese government.	No	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Home	Baker, Jeannie		PreS-Gr1	In this wordless picture book, views through a window show a girl and her neighborhood changing as she grows older. This book's richly textured collages depict the transformation of the community from run-down to pleasant green space through efforts like a community garden of native plants.	Yes	Yes
Australia	Australia	Big Rain Coming	Germein,	33	PreS-K	An Aboriginal community passes the time	Yes	Yes

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a/New Zealand			Katrina			in different ways while waiting for the rain to come.		
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Don't Pat the Wombat!	Honey, Elizabeth		Gr. 4-6	When Mark's class goes to camp, he and his friends expect a fun week--until their teacher, Brian cromwell (A.K.A. The Bomb) arrives unexpectedly. Although their focus is on escaping The bomb's attention, mark's group still find ways to enjoy camp and alternately amuse and infuriate their classmates and teachers.	Yes	Yes
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Where the Forest Meets the Sea	Baker,Jeannie	32		On a camping trip in an Australian rain forest with his father, a young boy thinks about the history of the plant and animal life around him and wonders about their future	No	Yes
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Australia: The People	Banting, Erinn	32	Gr. 4-6	Explores how the history, climate, and geography of Australia have shaped the customs and practices of its people, looking at life in both the city and the Outback.	No	Yes
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Possum Magic	Fox, Mem		Gr. K-1	A possum who has been made invisible by her grandmother travels around Australia with her to find something will make her visible again. As they travel around they eat typical Australia foods. The most popular Children's book in Australia.	No	Yes
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Where in the World	French, Simon		Gr. 4-7	Ari's grandfather first taught him to play the violin when he was a young child in Germany. Now living in small-town Australia behind a café run by his mother and stepfather,. Ari's music helps him stay connected to his grandfather and to the rest of his family.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Belly Flop	Gleitzman, Morris		Gr. 5-6	An eight-year drought has devastated Mitch's small town, and his father's job as bank manager is to evict nearly everyone in the area from their farms. Now the least popular kid in school, Mitch must rely on his wild imagination and a little help from his guardian angel, doug, to keep safe and to save the town.	Yes	No

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Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Something's Fishy, Hazel Green	Hirsch, Odo		Gr. 3-6	Hazel and her friend, the Yak, solve a mystery involving a shopkeeper on the ground floor of their apartment building. When king lobsters are stolen from Mr. Petruscsa, he becomes depressed. In the end, Hazel realizes that he is afraid his illiteracy will be exposed, and she insists on teaching him to read.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Fiddleback	Honey, Elizabeth		Gr. 4-6	Twelve-year-old Henni writes and illustrates the story of how five kids, seven adults, and one dog survive a "cramping" trip in the Australian outback. When someone seems to be stealing their food, they wonder if it could be the Sugar Gliders, a possum or the Dulugar.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Are We There Yet? A Journey Around Australia	Lester, Allison		Gr. K-4	Grace and her family set off from their home in South Australia to explore the whole country in their camper trailer. As they travel and enjoy the country's diverse landscapes and cultures, they join in the regular pastimes of the family and friends they visit.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo	Lester, Allison		PreS-Gr. 1	When Ernie's parents move to work for a year in Arnhem Land, the Aboriginal land in northern Australia, he writes his friends at home with news of how he and his new friends play and work during the six seasons there.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	The Snow Pony	Lester, Allison		Gr. 6-8	Dusty Riley comes from a ranching family that has been nearly bankrupted and driven apart by a severe drought. She escapes from her troubles by showjumping her horse, the Snow Pony. When a violent encounter disrupts the winter cattle muster, Dusty finds that only she and her horse can save her father.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	The Year of Secret Assignments	Moriarty, Jacklyn		Gr. 7-9	A penpal program between rival Sydney schools sounds like a terrible idea to Lydia, Emily, and Cassie. Lydia and Emily find themselves writing to surprisingly friendly boys, and have to team up with them to	Yes	No

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						help resuce Cassie from her unsettling letters.		
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Toad Rage	Gleitzman, Morris	165	Gr. 3-6	Young Limpy just can't figure out why humans hate his kind so much that they gleefully squash cane toads flat on the road every chance they get. Determined to be a goodwill ambassador, he sets off to change people's minds, but meets with nothing but vilification until he and his hapless cousin Goliath hitch a truck to the city and become involved in the hoopla surrounding a major athletic competition, The Games. Humor, both outrageously broad and tongue-in-cheek, permeates this tale of a toad that won't quit trying. The rollicking Australian slang (a glossary explains such expressions as "rack off" and "stack me") and the eye-popping adventures and characters make for a hugely funny read	No	No
Australia/New Zealand	Australia	Toad Heaven	Gleitzman, Morris	193	Gr.3-6	A Sequel to Toad Rage, a young Australian cane toad longs to find a place where his family can live safely from the humans who seem to delight in squashing them. After an encounter with a conservationist, Limpy mistakenly believes that he has been injected with a virus that will wipe out his species. Hearing stories of a fabled "national park" where living things are protected, he sets out, hoping to find this refuge for his family before he dies.	No	No
Australia/New Zealand	New Zealand	The Video Shop Sparrow	Cowley, Joy		K- Gr. 3	When George and Harry skateboard to the video shop, they see a sparrow trapped inside the closed shop. Their pleas to adults to rescue the bird gain no response until they meet their mayor.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	New Zealand	Time Out	Hill, David		Gr. 7-9	Unpopular at school and unhappy about his parents' divorce, Kit finds calm in running. An accident on a rural road seems to send him into a parallel univers, where he is the star of the school's cross-country team. As he adjusts to the small changes in his	Yes	No

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						otherwise familiar country town, he finds himself increasingly desperate to get back home.		
Australia/New Zealand	New Zealand	The Other Side of Silence	Mahy, Margaret		Gr. 6-9	Hero has two lives: her real life with her overachieving family, uneasy in their new suburban home; and her true life exploring the treetop forest of a nearby mansion. Her oldest, sister's return home and a chance encounter with the mansion's owner merge Hero's lives and force her out of her elective mutism.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	New Zealand	A Summery Saturday Morning	Mahy, Margaret		PreS-K	A group of friends walk their dogs down to the sea, but when a gaggle of geese appear, their peaceful Saturday turns into chaos. The illustrations show the seaside town and families enjoying the shore.	Yes	No
Australia/New Zealand	New Zealand	Recycled	McKay, Sandy		Gr. 5-7	When Col's teacher begins a class recycling project, Col is eager to get his family involved. The project doesn't run smoothly, and Col finds himself up against his family's and his South Island Town's indifference about the environment and their opposition to the area's only recycling plant.	Yes	No
Europe	Belarus	Belarus, Ukraine, and Moldova	Gosnell, Kelvin.			Compares and contrasts the three former Soviet republics of Byelarus, Ukraine, and Moldova, linked by geography and economics.	No	Yes
Europe	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Teenage Refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina Speak Out	Tekavec, Valerie		Gr. 6-9	Eight teens who were forced to leave their homeland during the Bosnia-Serbia-Croatia war of the 1990s talk about their lives before the war, during the war, and after living in Canada or the United States as refugees. All of the teens were born and raised in Bosnia-Herzegovina until leaving as teenagers	Yes	No
Europe	British Isles	Dizzy.	Cassidy, Cathy		Gr. 5-7	Twelve-year-old Dizzy is kidnapped from her father's home in England by her freespirted, flighty mother, Storm, and taken to	Yes	No

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						Scotland where they camp and attend hippie festivals. Cathy Cassidy went to art school in Liverpool, England and lives in southwest Scotland		
Europe	British Isles	Ian Penney's ABC	Penney, Ian		PreS-Gr. 2.	This alphabet book beautifully depicts areas of the English, Irish, and Welsh countryside preserved by the National Trust. Ian Penney lives in East Sussex, England.	Yes	No
Europe	Bulgaria	Dobry	Shannon, Monica	176		A Bulgarian peasant boy must convince his mother that he is destined to be a sculptor, not a farmer	No	Yes
Europe	Czech Republic	Eva's Summer Vacation	Machalek, Jan		PreS-Gr. 3	Eva travels with her father from her hometown of Prague to the country village of Hluk to participate in her aunt's wedding and spend the summer with her cousins. The colorful illustrations portray Eva's journey, the village, and native costumes worn at the wedding. Two pages at the back provide a brief geographical introduction to the Czech Republic and a short vocabulary list. Jan Machalek was born and educated in the Czech	Yes	Yes
Europe	Czech Republic	The wall : growing up behind the Iron Curtain	Sís, Peter		Reading level: 5.2		No	Yes
Europe	Czech Republic	The Czech Republic (The Changing Face of – series)	Řihožek, Jacob		Gr. 4-7	The modern nation of the Czech Republic emerges through photographs, interviews with a variety of citizens, and comparisons to the recent past. Jacob Řihožek was born in the Czech Republic and now lives in the United Kingdom	Yes	No
Europe	Czech Republic	The Three Golden Keys	Sís, Peter		Gr. 3-4	In this magical story a balloonist lands in a deserted city, the Prague of his childhood, and remembers stories and landmarks as he wanders through the city with a cat.	Yes	

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						Peter Sís lived in the former Czechoslovakia until the age of thirty-three when he immigrated to the United States		
Europe	Denmark	Crow-Girl: The Children of Crow Cove	Bredsdorff, Bodil		Gr. 4-7	A young orphan, left on her own by the death of her grandmother, follows the crows to form new and different relationships. This simple but beautifully written Batchelder honor winner transcends place to become universal in its themes of home, family, and community. Bodil Bredsdorff is a popular Danish children's author	Yes	No
Europe	England	Kit's Wilderness	Almond, David		Gr. 6-8	Through his grandfather's stories and playing the game of "death" with friends, thirteen-year-old Christopher Watson explores the real and mystical past of his new hometown, Stoneygate, an old English mining village. David Almond was born and lives in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	Yes	Yes
Europe	England	Sophie's Snail	King-Smith, Dick		Gr. 2-4	Four-year-old Sophie, who lives on a farm in the British countryside, decides to become a lady farmer when she grows up and starts collecting funds to pay for her own farm. This book is first in the Sophie Books series. Dick King-Smith was born in Gloucestershire and lives near Keynsham, England	Yes	Yes
Europe	England	The Other Side of Truth	Naidoo, Beverley		Gr. 4-7	Sade, who is twelve, and her brother Femi, who is ten, are taken from Nigeria and abandoned by a woman to was paid to smuggle them into England. Once in England, they are taken in by social services and must find a way to reunite with their journalist father, who is	Yes	Yes

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						detained and seeking political asylum. Beverly Naidoo has lived in England since 1965.		
Europe	England	Elsa, star of the shelter	Wilson, Jacqueline		Reading grade level: 4.8	Noisy, brash, and a troublemaker, ten-year-old Elsa uses her loud voice to warn of a fire at the homeless shelter where she lives with her family.	No	Yes
Europe	England	The Adventures of Bert	Ahlberg, Allan and Raymond Briggs		K-Gr.2	Bert, a big, clumsy and friendly man-child has many silly adventures with his family: Mrs. Bert and Baby Bert. This book is followed by a sequel, A Bit More Bert. Allen Ahlberg was born and lives in England	Yes	No
Europe	England	Alice-by-Accident	Banks, Lynne Reid		Gr. 4-6.	In two separate journals, one private and one for her teacher to read at school, ten-year-old Alice records the conflicts between her single mother and paternal grandmother as well as their daily lives in London. Lynne Reid Banks was born in London and lives in Dorset	Yes	No
Europe	England	Millions	Boyce, Frank Cottrell		Gr. 4-7	Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, who live in the English Midlands, find a quarter of a million pounds that will shortly become worthless when Britain starts using the Euro. In the midst of their dilemma about what to do about the money, Damian struggles with his own personal grief and sees visions of saints. Frank Cottrell Boyce lives in Liverpool	Yes	No
Europe	England	Bindi Babes	Dhami, Narinder		Gr. 5-7	Geena, Amber and Jazz, three Indian sisters living in England with their griefstricken, widowed father, cope with the loss their mother and plot to marry off their interfering auntie, who has come from India to care for them. This book is first in a series that also includes Bollywood Babes and Bhangra Babes. Narinder Dhami was born	Yes	No

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						in Wolverhampton and lives in Cambridge		
Europe	England	Saffy's Angel	McKay, Hilary		Gr. 4-7	Saffron, who lives with her eccentric family in a cluttered cottage outside London, is shocked to discover that she is adopted and that her grandfather has left her something in his will, something very special that she and her family eventually find in Wales. The author was born and lives in England	Yes	No
Europe	England	Dancing Through the Shadows	Tomlinson, Theresa		Gr. 5-8	Her mother is fighting breast cancer, and Ellen copes with this and other difficulties through dance and a connection with ancient local folklore. Born in Sussex, Theresa Tomlinson now lives in Yorkshire.	No	No
Europe	England	Child X	Weatherly, Lee		Gr. 6-8.	Juliet Cheney is caught in the middle as her parents' nasty divorce, the first one like this in England's history, is played out by the media. Lee Weatherly lives in Surrey.	No	No
Europe	England	The Illustrated Mum	Wilson, Jacqueline		Gr. 5-8	Ten-year-old Dolphin finds herself alone and responsible for her mother, Marigold, when Marigold's bipolar behavior veers out of control. Jacqueline Wilson was born in Sussex and lives in South Yorkshire.	No	No
Europe	European Continent	A History of the Romani People	Kyuchukov, Hristo and Ian Hancock		Gr. 2-5.	Many colorful photos illustrate this appealing introduction to the history, language, culture, traditions and daily lives of the Romani people, who live throughout the world, but mainly in Europe. Kyuchukov lives in Bulgaria. Hancock, who grew up in England, served for eleven years as Ambassador for the Romani people to the United Nations.	Yes	No
Europe	Finland	Finland	McNair, Sylvia.		Reading level: 7.9	Describes the geography, plants, animals, history, economy, language, religions, culture, sports, arts, and people of Finland	No	Yes

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Europe	France	A Book of Coupons	Morgenstern, Susie		Gr. 3-7.	Wrinkly old Monsieur Noel is not your typical teacher. The students at the Marie Curie School realize this when he hands each of them a book of coupons for misbehaving and having fun on the first day of school. His other gifts include books, penmanship, spelling, and everything that life has taught him. Susie Morgenstern has lived in the south of France for thirty years.	Yes	Yes
Europe	Germany	Nero Corleone : a cat's story	Buchholz, Quint	89	Reading grade level: 5.9	A bold and self-serving tom cat reigns supreme both in the farmyard in Italy where he was born and later in the comfortable home in Germany to which a vacationing couple takes him and his helpless sister.	No	Yes
Europe	Germany	Getting to know Germany	Adler, Ann.				No	Yes
Europe	Germany	Let's learn about Germany	Frisching, Sacha de.				No	Yes
Europe	Germany	Collector of Moments	Buchholz, Quint		Gr. 3-6.	When a young boy discovers his friend and neighbor, Max the artist, has left on a journey, the paintings Max leaves behind challenge him to view his world in a whole new way. Born in Stolberg, Germany, Quint Bucholz now lives near Munich.	Yes	No
Europe	Ireland	So far from home : the diary of Mary Driscoll, an Irish mill girl	Denenberg, Barry.		Reading grade level: 3.5	In the diary account of her journey from Ireland in 1847 and of her work in a mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, fourteen-year-old Mary reveals a great longing for her family.	No	Yes
Europe	Ireland	Ireland	Pomeray, J. K.		Reading level: 9.4	This book presents an overview of the history, geography, economy, government, people, and culture of Ireland.	No	Yes
Europe	Ireland	The Legend of Spud Murphy	Colfer, Eoin		Gr. 4-6	Disruptive Will and Marty Woodman, ordered to spend summer vacation at the library doing something "educational," meet their match in the feisty librarian, the dreaded Spud Murphy. Eoin Colfer was born and lives in Wexford, Ireland.	Yes	No
Europe	Italy	Getting to know Italy	Mariella, Cinzia.				No	Yes

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Europe	Italy	How I survived Matt the Brat, Michelangelo, and the Leaning Tower of Pizza	Weston, Carol.		Reading level: 4.8	Fourth-grader Melanie Martin writes in her diary, describing her family's trip to Italy and all that she learned	No	Yes
Europe	Italy	Let's Learn About Italy	Frisching, Sacha de.				No	Yes
Europe	Morocco	Morocco-- in pictures	Geography Department, Lerner Publications Company.			An introduction to the geography, history, government, economy, culture, and people of the north African country that is ten miles away from Spain.	No	Yes
Europe	Netherlands	The Netherlands	Jacobsen, Karen.			An introduction to a country with half its land at or below sea level, whose name literally means lowlands.	No	Yes
Europe	Northern Ireland	I Love Animals	McDonnell, Flora		PreS-Gr. 1.	Farm animals are introduced and adored by a small child against the backdrop of a Northern Ireland farm inspired by the author's home. Flora McDonnell was born and lives in Northern Ireland.	Yes	Yes
Europe	Northern Ireland	Market Day	Bunting, Eve		PreS-Gr. 1.	Tess and Wee Boy take in the bustle and excitement of the monthly Market Day in their Irish village. Eve Bunting was born in Maghera, Northern Ireland and lived there until 1960.	Yes	No
Europe	Poland	Poland (The Changing Face of – series)	Everett, Charles, and Barbara Everett		Gr. 4-7.	The modern nation of Poland is shown by way of photographs, interviews with a variety of citizens, and comparisons to the recent past. Barbara Everett is Polish and regularly visits Poland along with Charles Everett.	Yes	No
Europe	Poland	Katie and the Big, Brave Bear	Moers, Hermann		K-Gr. 2	Katie is afraid when her mother leaves the apartment for a short time, but she is befriended by a bear, an imaginary friend from one of her storybooks, and they explore the city together. Hermann Moers lives in Germany. Józef Wilkoń lives in Poland.	Yes	No
Europe	Poland	Poland (Festivals of the World series).	Zwierzynska-Coldicott		Gr. 4-6.	Photographs and a short text explain the celebration of several traditional festivals in Poland. A recipe for nut mazurek and directions for making a Polish flag, a paper lace	Yes	No

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						serviette, and a Palm Sunday palm are also included. Aldona Maria Zwierzynska-Coldicott lives in Poland.		
Europe	Russia	In a Russian City (A Child's Day series)	Ilyin, Andrey		Gr. 1-2.	Seven-year-old Polina lives with her parents in an apartment building in Saint Petersburg. During a typical day she goes to school and the library, rides the streetcar to shop with her mother, plays with her friends, goes to a theater group, does her homework, and has tea with her family before bed. Andrey Ilyin is a Russian photo-journalist living in Moscow.	Yes	No
Europe	Russia	The Story of a Boy Named Will, Who Went Sledding Down the Hill	Kharms, Daniil		PreS	A boy on a sled picks up a hunter, a dog, a fox, a hare, and a bear as he speeds down the hill for his final sled ride. Daniil Kharms was a well-known Russian poet who died while in prison in the 1940s. Vladimir Radunsky is an award-winning illustrator and designer who lives in Russia.	Yes	No
Europe	Russia	Martha.	Spirin, Gennady		Gr. 1-2	Five-year-old Ilya finds a wounded crow while walking with his mother in the park. He names the bird Martha and she lives with Ilya and his family in their Moscow home until her wing heals and she flies away. Gennady Spirin was born and lived in Russia until moving to the United States in 1991. This story is based on an experience of his young son while still living in Russia.	Yes	No
Europe	Scotland	The Divided City	Breslin, Theresa		Gr. 6-9	Joe, who is Catholic, and Graham, who is Protestant, meet playing football and become friends as they work together to help Kyoul, a Muslim unregistered asylum seeker in	Yes	No

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						Britain. Information about sports, religion, geography, history, and politics are deftly woven into this intriguing story about contemporary life in Glasgow. Theresa Breslin was born and lives near Glasgow, Scotland.		
Europe	Scotland	Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers	Hedderwick, Mairi		K-Gr. 2.	After using big city Grannie Mainland's beauty products, Grannie Island's sheep wins a prize at the big annual Show Day. Because of this, Katie's two grandmothers finally come to appreciate one another. Mairi Hedderwick was born in Renfrewshire and lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.	Yes	No
Europe	Spain	Let's Learn About Spain	Frisching, Sacha de.				No	Yes
Europe	Spain	Getting to know Spain	Lye, Keith.				No	Yes
Europe	Spain	Sebastian's Roller Skates	De Déu Prats, Joan		PreS-Gr. 3.	As Sebastian gains proficiency on a pair of found skates, he discovers the courage to become more outgoing and daring in his personal relationships. Joan de Déu Prats lives in the Spanish state of Catalan. Francesc Rovira was born in Barcelona, Spain	Yes	No
Europe	Sweden	Snipp, Snapp, Snurr and the big surprise	Lindman, Maj.		Reading grade level: 3.5	While their mother is away on a trip, three little Swedish brothers plan a surprise for her homecoming.	No	Yes
Europe	Sweden	In Ned's Head	Jacobson, Anders, and Soren Olsson		Gr.4-6	A boy writing in a diary—unheard of! That's why Ned, aka Treb, prefers that none of his friends ever find out. This light-hearted novel in diary format deals with the ever-popular subjects of girls, bands, and bullying. The authors live near Orebro, Sweden	Yes	No
Europe	Switzerland	Christmas in Switzerland.	World Book		Reading level: 8.1	Looks at the diversity of holiday celebrations in Switzerland which are influenced by the Protestant and Catholic religions as well as the traditions of	No	Yes

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						Germany, France, and Italy		
Europe	Ukraine	Ukraine: Sasha Kotyenko's Painting "Embroidery Time"	Touba, Jacqueline and Barbara Glasser		Gr. 3-4	Sasha tells about her country and about the picture she painted, when she was twelve, of a winter evening spent embroidering at home with her sisters. Photographs of the painting and of Ukrainian people complement the narrative. Sasha Kotyenko lives in Kharkiv, Ukraine.	Yes	No
Europe	Wales	Jody's Beans	Doyle, Malachy		PreS-Gr. 1.	Granda and Jody grow runner beans together in their very own garden. Malachy Doyle was born in Northern Ireland and lived there through college; he currently lives in Wales.	Yes	No