

~ Multicultural Picture Books ~

“Multiculturalism means across cultures, against borders”
Hazel Rochman, in *Against Borders: Promoting Books for a Multicultural World*

Our Picture Book Recommendations

Multicultural Canada

Andrews, Jan. *Very Last First Time*. Groundwood, 1985. PS8551.N48V46

Bouchard, David. *Nokum Is My Teacher*. Red Deer Press 2006. JUV PS8553.O795.N64 2006

Bouchard, David & Pam Aleekuk. *Long Powwow Nights*. Red Deer Press 2009. JUV PS8553.O795.L66 2009

Chan, Arlene. *The Moon Festival: A Chinese Mid-Autumn Celebration*. Umbrella, 1999. GR335.4.M53C49 1999

Eyvindson, Peter. *Red Parka Mary*. Pemmican, 1996. PS8559.Y85R42 1996

Gilman, Phoebe. *Something from Nothing*. North Winds Press, 1992. PS8563.I67S64 1992

Gregory, Nan. 1995. How Smudge came. Northern Lights, Red Deer College Press. Classic story of a young woman, a puppy, and a group home for developmentally delayed adults.

Harrison, Troon & Huang, Zhong-Yang. *Courage to Fly*. Northern Lights Books for Children 2002. JUV PS8565.A78868I.C68 2002

Hughes, Monica. *A Handful of Seeds*. Lester, 1993. PS8565.U5656H36 1993

Loewen, Iris. *My Kokum Called Today*. Pemmican, 1993. PS8573.O46M89 1993

London, Jonathan. 1995. The sugaring-off party. Toronto: Lester. Classic story of a Quebecois family maple sugar operation. Great artwork by Gilles Pelletier.

McGugan, Jim. 1994. Josepha a prairie boy's story. Northern Lights, Red Deer College Press. Governor-General's Award. ESL on the prairies in the early 20th century. Classic.

Waldron, Kathleen. 1994. A wilderness Passover. Northern Lights, Red Deer College Press. Classic Jewish holy feast in northern British Columbia.

Hearn, Emily, ed. 2007. Our new home: immigrant children speak. Toronto: Second Story Press. Canadian children tell their immigration stories.

Fitch, Sheree. 2001. No two snowflakes. Vancouver: Orca. Kids celebrate sameness and difference in a nice wintry Canadian way.

McQuinn, Anna. 2009. *My friend Mei Jing*. Toronto: Annick. Two little girls enjoy friendship in their school and community, right there in the GTA.

Carrier, Roch. 1991. *A happy New Year's day*. Montreal: Tundra. Classic Quebecois family having a huge new year's feast. Always a lot of fun with Roch and his memories.

Highway, Thomson. 2001. *Caribou song*. Toronto: Harper Collins. Lovely family story set in northern Manitoba. English and Cree.

Yee, Paul. *Ghost train*. Award winning story of Chinese railway workers in British Columbia.

Campbell, Nicola. 2005. *Shi-shi-etko*. Toronto: Anansi, Groundwood. Shi-shi-etko says goodbye to her community as she prepares to leave to attend Residential School.

Lawson, Julie. *White Jade Tiger*. Beach Holme, 1993.

Harvey, Sarah N. & Buffam, Leslie. *Great Lakes & Rugged Ground*. Orca Book Publishers, 2010. JUV PS8615.A764.G74 2010

Larsen, Andrew & Luxbacher, Irene. *The Imaginary Garden*. Kids Can Press 2009. JUV PS8623.A77.I53 2009

Schwartz, Joanne. *Our Corner Grocery Store*. Tundra Books 2009. JUV PS8637.C592.O97 2009

Gutiérrez, Elisa. *Picturescape*. Simply Read Books 2005. JUV PS8613.U88.P52 2005

Ulmer, Mike. *The Gift of the Inuksuk*. JUV PS8641.L57.G53 2004

Grant, Shauntay. *Up Home*. Nimbus Publishing 2008. JUV PS8613.R3663.U6 2008

Grant, Shauntay. *The City Speaks in Drums*. Nimbus Publishing 2010. JUV PS8613.R3663.C57 2010

Trottier, Maxine. *Migrant*. Groundwork Books 2011. JUV PS8589.R8.M54 2011

Croza, Laurel & James, Matt. *I Know Here*. Groundwork Books. JUV PS8605.R698.I36 2010

Taylor, C.J. *Peacewalker: The Legend of Hiawatha and Tekanawita*. JUV PS8589.A924.P42 2004

Taylor, C.J. *How we saw the world*. Tundra Books 1993. JUV PS8589.A924.H62 1993

Taylor, C.J. *Bones in the basket*. Tundra Books 1993. JUV PS8589.A924.B65 1993

Taylor, C.J. *The secret of the white buffalo*. Tundra Books 1993. JUV PS8589.A924.S42 1993

Trottier, Maxine & Keating, Nancy. *Forget-Me-Not*. Tuckamore Books 2008. PS8589.R8.F67 2008

Trottier, Maxine & Van Mil, Al. *The Tiny Kite of Eddie Wing*. Stoddart 1995. JUV PS8589.R8.T54 1995

Trottier, Maxine & Morin, Paul. *Flags*. Stoddart Kids 1995. JUV PS8589.R8.F52 1999

Trottier, Maxine & East, Stella. *The Paint Box*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2003. JUV PS8589.R8.P34 2003

Trottier, Maxine & Friedman, Judith. *A Safe Place*. A. Whitman 1997. JUV PS8589.R8.S23 1997

Truss, Jan. *Peter's Moccasins*. Reidmore, 1987. PS8589.R86P38 1987

Bouchard, David. *Buddha in the Garden*. Raincoast Books Vancouver 2001. JUV PS8553.O795.B83 2001

Oberman, Sheldon. *The Always Prayer Shawl*. Boyds Mills Press 1994. JUV PS8579.B6.A82 1994

Gomes, Filomena & Spires, Ashley. *My Mom Loves Me More Than Sushi*. Second Story Press 2006. JUV PS8613.O54.M9 2006

Choi, Yangsook. *The Name Jar*. Dell Dragonfly Books 2003. PS3553.H5842.N35 2003t

Munsch, Robert & Askar Saoussan. *From Far Away*. Annick Press 1995. JUV PS8576.U66.F76 1995

Keens-Douglas, Richardo & Gukova, Julia. *Freedom Child of the Sea*. Annick Press 1995. JUV PS8571 .E36.F74 1995

Keens-Douglas, Richardo & Galouchko, Annouchka. *The Nutmeg Princess*. Annick Press 1992. JUV PS8571.E36.N88 1992 lp

Yee, Paul & Chan, Harvey. *Ghost Train*. Douglas & McIntyre 1996. JUV PS8597.E3.G46 1996

The children of La Loche & friends. *Byron Through the Seasons: a Dene-English story book*. Fifth House 1990. JUV PS8550 .B97 1990

Kogawa, Joy & Ohi, Ruth. *Naomi's Tree*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2008. JUV PS8571.O43.N365 2008

Uegaki, Chieri & Stéphane Jorisch. *Suki's Kimono*. Kids Can Press 2003. JUV PS8591.E32.S83 2003

Gilmore, Rachna & Priestley, Alice. *Lights For Gita*. Second Story Press 1994. JUV PS8563 .I676.L54 1994

Gilmore, Rachna & Priestley, Alice. *Roses For Gita*. Second Story Press 1996. JUV PS8563 .I676.R67 1996

Gilmore, Rachna & Priestley, Alice. *A Gift For Gita*. Second Story Press 1998. JUV PS8563 .I676.G53 1998

Carrier, Roch & Cohen, Sheldon. *The Hockey Sweater*. Tundra Books 1984. JUV PS9555 .A826.A6313 1984

Highway, Tomson & Deines, Brian. *Fox on the Ice*. HarperCollins 2003. JUV PS8565.I39.F69 2003 lp

Sanderson, Esther. *Two Pairs of Shoes*. Pemmican, 1990. PS8587.A727T89 1990

Waboose, Jan Bourdeau. 1997. *Morning on the lake*. Toronto: Kids Can. A grandfather and grandchild enjoy a morning on the lake: both are First Nations people but that is not the point.

Whetung, James & Morin, Paul. *The Vision Seeker*. Stoddart 1996. JUV E99.C6.W44 1996

Bouchard, David & Willier, Shelley. *The Drum Calls Softly*. Red Deer Press 2008. JUV PS8553.O795.D78 2008

Wheeler, Bernelda. *Where Did You Get Your Moccasins?* Peguis, 1992

Us, Our Families & Our Communities

Aliki. *Hello! Good-Bye!* Greenwillow, 1996. GT3050.A43 1996

Diakite, Penda. *I Lost My Tooth in Africa.* Scholastic, 2006. PS3604.I125I46 2006

Dillon, Leo and Diane Dillon. 1998. To every thing there is a season. Classic beautiful book depicts the

Gaiman, Neil & Dave McKean. *Crazy Hair.* HarperCollins, 2009. PR6057.A319C73 2009

London, Jonathan. *The Sugaring-Off Party.* Lester Publishing Limited, 1995. JUV PS3562.O4874.S84 1995

Park, Linda Sue. *Bee-bim Bop!* Clarion Books, 2005. JUV PS3566.A6739.B43 2005

Sis. Peter. *Madlenka.* Groundwood, 2000. PS3569.I75M34 2000

---. *Madlenka's Dog.* Groundwood, 2000. PS3569.I75M34 2002

Van Camp, Richard. *A Man Called Raven.* Children's Book Press, 1997. PS8593.A565M36 1997

---. *What's the Most Beautiful Thing you Know About Horses?* Children's Book Press, 1998.

PS8593.A565W47 1998

Walker, Rob. 2009. *Mama says, a book of love for mothers and sons.* NY: Blue Sky Press. Wonderful artwork, wonderful message.

Global Communities

Baker, Jeannie. *Mirror.* Candlewick, 2010. PR9619.3.B27 M57 2010

Author of *Home* (Greenwillow, 2004) and *Window* (Greenwillow, 1991).

Blackstone, Stella. *My Granny Went to Market: A Round-the-World Counting Rhyme.* Barefoot Books, 2005. PR6052.L3418M9 2005

Corr, Christopher & Fred Penner. *Whole World.* Barefoot Books, 2007. PR6052.L3418W46 2007

Fine, Edith Hope & Judith P. Josephson. *Armando and the Blue Tarp School.* Lee & Low, 2007.

PS3606.I54A76t 2007

Isadora, Rachel. *At the Crossroads.* Greenwillow, 1991. PS3559.S22A8 1991

Kindersley, Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley. *Children Just Like Me: Celebrations!* UNICEF & United Nations Children's Fund; Fenn Publishing, 1997. GT3933.K56 1997

Lewin, Ted. *How Much? Visiting Markets Around the World.* HarperCollins, 2006. HF5470.L478 2006

McIntosh, Patti. *Ollie's Field Journal: A 9/10ths Happy Story From Africa.* Junior Global Citizen, 2008.

PS8625.I57

Milord, Susan. 1992. *Hands around the world: 365 creative ways to build cultural awareness and global respect*. Charlotte VT: Williamson. 365 activities, great ideas for classroom global awareness.

Milway, Katie. *The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough*. Kids Can, 2010. PS8626.I48G66 2010

---. *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference*. Kids Can, 2008. PS8626.I48O54 2008

Priceman, Marjorie. *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World*. Knopf, 1994. PS3566.R55h68 1994

Ravishankar, Anushka & Emanuele Scanziani. *To Market! To Market!* Tara Publishing, 2007. PR9499.3.R37M37 2007

Schuett, Stacy. 1995. *Somewhere in the world right now*. NY: Dragonfly, Knopf. A geographical journey for primary children.

Strauss, Rochelle. *One Well: The Story of Water on Earth*. Kids Can, 2007. QH90.16 S87t 2007

Winter, Jeanette. *The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq*. Harcourt, 2005. Z720.B24W56 2005

Immigration Stories

Aliki. *Marianthe's Story: Painted Words, Part 1. Spoken Memories, Part 2*. Greenwillow, 1998. PS3551.L3636P34 1998

Classic immigrant family/child's story with ESL interest.

Bunting, Eve. *One Green Apple*. Clarion, 2006. PS3552.U4735O538 2006

Molnar- Fenton. 1998. *An-Mei's strange and wonderful journey*. NY: Dorling-Kindersley Chinese girl adoption story.

Shulevitz, Uri. *How I Learned Geography*. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008. PS3569.H7685H69 2008

Wilkes, Sybella. *One Day We Had to Run!* UNHCR & Save the Children; Millbrook Press, 1994. HV640.4.K4W55 1994

Williams, Karen L. & Khadra Mohammed. *Four Feet, Two Sandals*. Eerdmans, 2007. PS3573.I44964 F68 2007

Tales & Legends

Amery, Heather. Reteller. *Usborne Stories from Around the World*. Usborne, 2000. PR6051.M47 U73 2000

Daly, Niki. *Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa*. Clarion, 2007. PR9369.3.D23P74 2007

Fleischman, Paul. *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella*. Holt, 2007. PS3556.L42268G53 2007

Gavin, Jamila. *Children Just Like Me: Our Favourite Stories from Around the World*. Dorling Kindersley, 1997. PR6057.A88O93 1997

Isadora, Rachel. Reteller. *Rapunzel*. Putnam's, 2008. PS3559.S22R37 2008

Rapunzel in an African setting.

---. Reteller. *The Fisherman and His Wife*. Putnam's, 2008. PS3559.S22F57 2008

---. Reteller. *The Princess and the Pea*. Putnam's, 2007. PS3559.S2P7 2007

Martin, Rafe. [Reteller.] *The Rough-Face Girl*. Putnam's, 1992. E99.A349M37 1992

O'Brien, Anne Sibley. *The Legend of Hong Kil Dong*. Charlesbridge, 2006. PN6727.O27T36 2006

Simpson, Caroll. *The First Mosquito*. Heritage, 2010. PS8637.I484F57 2010

Bilingual Books

including books containing just segments written in other languages

Garza, Carmen Lomas. 1996. En mi familia, in my family. San Fran: Children's Book Press. Dual language text, lovely family story.

Mora, Pat. *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day / Book Day. Celebramos El Dia de los Ninos/El dia de los libros*. HarperCollins, 2009. PS3563.O73B66 2009

---. *Gracias – Thanks*. Lee & Low Books, 2009. PS3563.O73G73 2009

Rumford, James. *Silent Music A Story of Baghdad*. Roaring Brook, 2008. PS3658.U64S55t 2008

Teevee, Ningeokuluk. Alego. Groundwood, 2009. PS8639.E35 A44 2009

Picture Books for Older Readers (Junior / Intermediate)

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *14 Cows for America*. Peachtree, 2009. E183.8.K4D44 2009

Granfield, Linda. *Pier 21: Gateway of Hope*. Tundra, 2000. JV7225.G73 2000

Johnson, Jen Cullerton. *Seeds of Change*. SB63.M22J646 2010

Logan, Claudia. *The 5,000-Year-Old Puzzle: Solving a Mystery of Ancient Egypt*. Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 2002. PS3562.O4455F58 2002

Polacco, Patricia. *The Junkyard Wonders*. Philomel, 2010. PS3566.O396J86 2010

Ruelle, Karen Gray & Deborah Durland DeSaix. *The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews During the Holocaust*. Holiday House, 2009. D804.65.R84 2009

Rumford, James. *Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad*. Roaring Brook, 2008. PS3618.U64S55t 2008

Shoveller, Herb. *Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together*. Kids Can, 2006. HV28.H74S56 2006

Stamaty, Mark Alan. *Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq*. Knopf, 2004. Z720.B24S73 2004

10 Recommended Print Sources for Multicultural Booklists

An Aboriginal Book List for Children. Indian & Northern Affairs Canada, 2000. Ref Z1037.A26 2000

East, Kathy & Rebecca L. Thomas. *Across Cultures: A Guide to Multicultural Literature for Children*. Libraries Unlimited, 2007. Reference Z1037.E19 2007

Gopalakrishnan, Ambika. *Multicultural Children's Literature: A Critical Issues Approach*. Sage, 2011. PN1009.5.M84G67 2011

Hadaway, Nancy L. & Marian J. McKenna, Eds. *Breaking Boundaries with Global Literature: Celebrating Diversity in K-12 Classrooms*. PN1008.8.B74 2007

Hansen-Krening, Nancy, Elaine M. Aoki, & Donald T. Mizokawa, Eds. *Kaleidoscope: A Multicultural Booklist for Grades K-8*. 4th ed. National Council of Teachers of English, 2003. Reference Z1361.E4K34 2003

Lehman, Barbara A., Evelyn B. Freeman & Patricia L. Scharer. *Reading Globally, K-8: Connecting Students to the World Through Literature*. Corwin, 2010. LB1575.L37 2010

Muse, Daphne. Ed. *The New Press Guide to Multicultural Resources for Young Readers*. New Press, 1997. Reference Z1037.N57 1997

Norton, Donna E. *Multicultural Children's Literature: Through the Eyes of Many Children*. 3rd ed. Pearson, 2009. PS153.M56N675 2009

Peterson, Shelley Stagg & Larry Swartz. Ch. 6, "Multicultural literature" in *Good Books Matter*. Pembroke, 2008. Z1037.P453 2008

Tiedt, Pamela L. & Iris M. Tiedt. *Multicultural Teaching: A Handbook of Activities, Information, and Resources*. 8th ed. Allyn & Bacon, 2010. LC1099.3.T54 2010

10 Recommended Free Web Sites Featuring Multicultural Booklists

Canadian Children's Book Centre

<http://www.bookcentre.ca/files/MulticulturalBookList.pdf>

Canadian Multicultural Picture Books

http://www.mun.ca/educ/people/hammett/canadian_multicultural_picture_b.htm

A list produced by a group of Canadian researchers as part of their research into "pre-service teachers' perspectives on Canadian identity and their understandings of ideology in multicultural picture books".

Cooperative Children's Book Centre

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/>

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=42>

Dia, from the

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/initiatives/diadelosninos/diaresources/diaresources.cfm>

An American Library association booklist that is prepared annually to celebrate Dia, Children's Day / Book Day

Multicultural Children's Literature Wiki @ UBC

http://wiki.ubc.ca/Multicultural_Children's_Literature

Novelist K-8

<http://eresources.knowledgeontario.ca/>

This database is free to all Ontarians. Go to the K-Grade 6 portal for access.

papertigers.org

<http://www.papertigers.org/listLinks/readingLists/index.html>

Read Up On It (Canadian)

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/read-up-on-it/index-e.html>

Check the *Previous Themes* for booklists on *Multiculturalism* and *Aboriginal Stories*

Recommended Books From the Association for Library Services for Children (American)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/compubs/booklists/index.cfm>

See the *Growing Up Around the World* booklist

World of Worlds (WOW) @ The University of Arizona, College of Education

<http://wowlit.org/>

5 Web Sites with Online Picture Books Free to View

International Children's Digital Library

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

New York Public Library's List of Sites for Online Children's Books

<http://kids.nypl.org/reading/Childrensebooks.cfm>

TumbleBooks (available via many Public Libraries)

<http://www.kfpl.ca>

Search culture.

Story Before Bed

<http://www.astorybeforebed.com/books>

Books may be previewed for free.

We Give Books

<http://www.wegivebooks.org/>

Multicultural Children's Book Awards

There's a good list here – from librarian Heida McReynolds at Nation-Louis University in Chicago, IL

<http://libguides.nl.edu/content.php?pid=20655&sid=145694>