

2014 International Children's Book Day Imagination Nations through Story

Birth-5

What We Wear: Dressing Up around the World by Maya Ajmera, Ellise Hofer Derstine, and Cynthia Pon, Charlesbridge Publishing, 2012 (*Global*)

Children around the world dress in different ways for different reasons: clothes for play, school, or special occasions.

How Far Do You Love Me? by Lulu Delacre, Lee & Low Books, 2013 (*Global*)

Spanning all seven continents, this book illustrates the deep bond between children and their caregivers.

Old Mikamba Had a Farm by Rachel Isadora, Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013 (*America and Africa*)

Through a classic children song's tune, children are introduced to Old Mikamba, a game farmer in Africa.

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors by Hena Khan, illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini, Chronicle Books, 2012 (*Arabic/Islamic*)

In short rhyming verses, a young girl introduces readers to the colors and traditions of Islam and her family's Muslim heritage.

I am Different: Can You Find Me? by Manjula Padmanabhan, Charlesbridge, 2011 (*Global*)

A multilingual I Spy game, this picture book presents picture puzzles with different languages.

Cradle Me by Debby Slier, Star Bright Books, 2012 (*Native American*)

This die-cut board book introduces readers to the Native American tradition of cradling babies.

Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra, Chronicle, 2013 (*Latin America*)

As readers learn about shapes, they are also introduced to Spanish words.

Grades K-2

The Herd Boy by Niki Daly, Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2012 (*South Africa*)

Malusi, a herder, dreams of becoming president. It seems impossible until a visitor (recognizable as Nelson Mandela) tells Malusi of his own humble boyhood.

Brush of the Gods by Lenore Look, illustrated by Meilo So, Schwartz & Wade, 2013 (*China*)

Channeling the power of his imagination into magical frescoes, Wu Daozi became one of ancient China's most famous artists.

Take Me Out to the Yakyu by Aaron Meshon, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2013 (*United States/Japan*)

A young boy enjoys going to two different baseball games with his grandpas, one in Japan and one in the United States.

Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales, Roaring Brook Press, 2013 (*Mexico/America*)
Using his imagination, a boy can take down all the bad guys a lucha libre wrestling ring has to offer.

I Am the World by Charles R. Smith Jr., Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2013 (*Global*)
Various global cultures and traditions are celebrated as readers discover that even though they are different, they still have much in common.

Gift Days by Kari-Lynn Winters, illustrated by Stephen Taylor, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2012 (*Uganda*)
Ever since her mom died, Nassali dreams of going to school but must do chores instead, until one day when she wakes up to discover that her chores have already been completed.

Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji by F. Zia, illustrated by Ken Min, Lee & Low Books, 2011 (*America and India*)
Aneel's grandfather tells him stories about the fantastic feats he accomplished when fueled by hot roti.

Grades 3-5

The No. 1 Car Spotter by Atinuke, illustrated by Warwick Johnson Cadwell, Kane Miller, 2011 (*Africa*)
Oluwalase Babatunde Benson, the number-one car spotter in his town, is the only one who can come up with a solution when the villagers' cart breaks down.

Serafina's Promise by Ann E. Burg, Scholastic, 2013 (*Haiti*)
Serafina, an eleven-year-old living in poverty in Haiti, dreams of becoming a doctor when the massive 2010 earthquake rocks her country and life.

Hereville: How Mirka Got her Sword by Barry Deutsch, Amulet, 2010 (*Orthodox Judaism*)
Eleven-year-old Mirka dreams of becoming a dragon-slayer in her Orthodox Jewish community.

Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2012 (*China*)
When Rendi finds himself stranded in the middle of nowhere, he starts to swap stories with the other residents of the Village of Clear Sky and tries to solve the mystery of where the missing moon has gone.

Orani: My Father's Village by Claire A. Nivola, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011 (*Italy*)
A young American girl visits the village in Italy from which her father hails and learns universal lessons about life and family.

Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai, Simon & Schuster, 2010 (*America and Afghanistan*)
With his family, eleven-year-old Fadi flees war-ravaged Afghanistan for the United States.

The Elephant's Friend and Other Tales from Ancient India by Marcia Williams, Candlewick, 2012 (*India*)
In sequential art format with vibrant colors, Williams shares eight folktales from India.

Grades 6-8

Laugh with the Moon by Shana Burg, Delacorte Press, 2012 (*Africa*)

The last place Claire wants to be after her mother's death is in a remote African village with her doctor father. But once in Malawai, she begins to heal as she connects with and learns from the people all around her.

Revolution is not a Dinner Party by Ying Chang Compenstine, Henry Holt, 2007 (*China*)

An engaging view of a child's life during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai, HarperCollins, 2011 (*Vietnam/United States*)

Ha escapes from Vietnam during the war and begins life anew in the United States.

The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Peter Sis, Scholastic, 2012 (*Chile*)

Driven by his need to escape from an overbearing father, Neftali Reyes hears the call of nature all around him. Based on the life of Pablo Neruda.

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town by Warren St. John, Delacorte Books, 2012 (*Global*)

In a small town in the American state of Georgia, a female soccer coach from Jordan faces what seem to be insurmountable odds.

Drawing from Memory by Allen Say, Scholastic, 2011 (*Japan*)

Part graphic novel, part picture book, part autobiography, this book tells the story of Allen Say's journey from boyhood to becoming an award-winning artist.