



Multicultural Fiction

Picture Books and Picture Books for Older Readers

Avraham, Kate Aver. [What Will You Be, Sara Mee?](#)

At her Tol, the first birthday party, Sara Mee plays the traditional Korean prophecy game--Toljabee--while her family and friends watch. (E AVR) (Pre K-2)

Barasch, Lynne. [First Come the Zebra](#)

When two Kenyan boys first meet, they are hostile toward each other based on traditional rivalries, but after they suddenly have to work together to save a baby in danger, the boys begin to discover what they have in common. (PicOr BAR) (K-3)

Diakite, Penda. [I Lost My Tooth in Africa](#)

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy. (E DIA) (Pre K-2)

Fox, Mem. [Whoever You Are](#)

Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together, such as pain, joy, and love. (E FOX) (Pre K-2)

Johnson, Angela. [When I Am Old With You](#)

A child imagines being old with her grandfather and joining him in such activities as playing cards, visiting the ocean, and eating bacon on the porch. Be sure to read more titles by this author. (E JOH) (Pre K-2)

Joose, Barbara. [Papa, Do You Love Me?](#)

When a Masai father in Africa answers his son's questions, the boy learns that his father's love for him is unconditional. (E JOO) (Pre K-2)

Krishnaswami, Uma. [Monsoon](#)

In India, a child waits for the monsoon rains to arrive and worries they will not come. (E KRI) (Pre K-2)

Lewis, Rose A. [Orange Peel's Pocket](#)

A five-year-old Chinese American girl sets out to learn about the place where she was born--China. (E LEW) (Pre K-2)

Look, Lenore. [Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding](#)

A Chinese American girl describes the festivities of her uncle's Chinese wedding and the customs behind them. (E LOO) (Pre K-2)

McKissack, Patricia. [Stitchin' and Pullin': A Gee's Bend Quilt](#)

As a young African American girl pieces her first quilt together, the history of her family and community in Alabama unfolds. (PicOr MCK) (Gr. K-3)

Reibstein, Mark. [Wabi Sabi](#)

Wabi Sabi, a cat living in Kyoto, learns about the Japanese concept of beauty through simplicity as she asks various animals she meets about the meaning of her name. (PicOR REI) (Gr. K-3)

Say, Allen. [Grandfather's Journey](#)

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. Look for additional titles by Allen Say. (E SAY) (Gr. Pre K-3)



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Suen, Anastasia. [Subway](#)

A young girl and her mother enjoy a ride on a city subway. (E SUE) (Pre K-2)

Tonatuih, Duncan. [Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin](#)

Two cousins, one in Mexico and one in New York City, write to each other and learn that even though their daily lives differ, at heart the boys are very similar. (E TON) (Pre K-2)

Williams, Karen Lynn. [Four Feet, Two Sandals](#)

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. (PicOr WIL) (Gr. K-3)

Wing, Natasha. [Jalapeno Bagels](#)

For International Day at school, Pablo wants to bring something that reflects the cultures of both his parents. (E WIN) (Pre K-2)

FICTION

Alvarez, Julia. [Return to Sender](#)

After his family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders. Look for other titles by this author. (J ALV) (Gr. 4 -6)

Bruchac, Joseph. [Night Wings](#)

After being taken captive by a band of treasure seekers, thirteen-year-old Paul and his Abenaki grandfather must face a legendary Native American monster at the top of Mount Washington. Be sure to read other books by this author. (J BRU) (Gr. 5 and up)

Clements, Andrew. [Extra Credit](#)

As letters flow back and forth between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan, Abby, Amira, and Sadeed begin to speak and listen to each other. (J CLE) (Gr. 3-5)

Dhami, Narinder. [Bindi Babes](#)

Three Indian-British sisters team up to marry off their traditional, nosy aunt and get her out of the house. Look for the sequel! (J DHA) (Gr. 5 and up)

Look, Lenore. [Ruby Lu, Brave and True](#)

Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and has adventures with friends. Be sure to read the sequels. (J LOO) (Gr.1-3)

Manivong, Laura. [Escaping the Tiger](#)

Vonlai and his family escape from Laos to a Thai refugee camp where they spend four long years struggling to survive in hopes of one day reaching America. (J MAN) (Gr. 5 and up)

Naidoo, Beverley. [Burn My Heart](#)

Two boys--one white, one black--share an uneasy friendship in Kenya in the 1950s, a country shaken by a rebellion of Africans against white landowners. (J NAI) (Gr. 5 and up)

Park, Linda Sue. [A Long Walk to Water](#)

When the civil war reaches his village in Sudan, Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on a true story. (J PAR) (Gr. 5 and up)



Williams-Garcia, Rita. [One Crazy Summer](#)

In the summer of 1968, after travelling to spend a month with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome and a grandmother who wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. (J WIL) (Gr. 4-6)

Yep, Laurence. [The Star Maker](#)

With the help of his Uncle Chester, a Chinese American boy tries hard to fulfill a promise to have firecrackers for everyone on the Chinese New Year in 1954. Look for other books by this author. (J YEP) (Gr. 3-6)

SERIES

[American Girl](#) Follow the adventures of Addy, Josefina, Kaya and other American Girls. (J PB SERIES AMERICAN) (Gr. 3-5)

[Dear America](#) Multicultural historical fiction from various time periods in history. (J DEA) (Gr. 3-6)

[My Name is America](#) Multicultural historical fiction from various time periods in history. (J MY) (Gr. 3-6)

BIOGRAPHY AND NON FICTION

Barakat, Ibtisam. [Tasting the Sky](#)

The author remembers her childhood in Ramallah and as a Palestinian refugee in the late 1960s. (JB BARAKAT) (Gr. 5 and up)

Barasch, Lynne. [Hiromi's Hands](#)

The true story of Hiromi Suzuki, a Japanese American girl who defied tradition and became one of the first female sushi chefs in New York. (JB SUZUKI) (Gr. K-3)

Krull, Kathleen. [Harvesting Hope](#)

A biography of Cesar Chavez from childhood until he led a peaceful protest against California migrant workers' miserable working conditions. (JB CHAVEZ) (Gr. 2-4)

Molnar, Haya Leah. [Under a Red Sky: Memoirs of a Childhood in Communist Romania](#)

The author shares her early memories of being a Jewish child living in communist Romania with a family that will do anything to keep her safe, including hiding her Jewish identity from her. (JB MOLNAR) (Gr 5 and up)

Mortenson, Greg. [Three Cups of Tea](#)

The author's story of working to build schools for the young girls who were forbidden an education by the Taliban. (J371.822 MOR) (Gr. 5 and up)

Wong, Janet S. [Apple Pie 4th of July](#)

A Chinese American child fears that the food her parents are preparing to sell on the Fourth of July will not be eaten. (J394.2634 CHO) (Pre K-2)