

Titles that Promote Cultural Literacy

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Picture books:

Where does the trail end? By Burton Albert

Barrio: Jose's neighborhood. By George Ancona

A boy called slow. By Joseph Bruchac

The mud pony. By Caron Lee Cohen

Patchwork quilt. By Vakerie Flourney

Drylongso. By Virginia Hamilton

Brother eagle, sister sky. By Susan Jeffers

Mirandy and brother wind. By Patricia McKissack

Duke Ellington. By Andrea Davis Pinkney

Roberto Clemente: Young baseball hero. By Louis Sabin

Too many tamales. By Gary Soto

Squanto's journey. By Joseph Bruchac

Sweet Clara and the freedom quilt. By Deborah Hopkinson

Folktales, Fairy Tales, and Tall Tales:

The origin of life on earth: An African creation myth. By David A. Anderson

The first strawberries: A Cherokee story. By Joseph Bruchac

How chipmunk got his stripes. By Joseph Bruchac & James Bruchac

The cricket warrior: A Chinese tale. By Margaret Chang & Raymond Chang

The legend of the bluebonnet: An old tale of Texas. By Tomie dePaola

The magic tree: A folktale from Nigeria. By Obinkaram Echewa

The mountains of Tibet. By Mordicai Gerstein

The dark way: Stories from the spirit world. By Virginia Hamilton

Kongi and Potgi: A Cinderella story from Korea. By Oki Han

Brother rabbit: A Cambodian tale. By Minfong Ho & Saphan Ros.

The legend of the Li river: An ancient Chinese tale. By Jeanne M. Lee

Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella story from China. By Ai-Ling Louie

Mysterious tales of Japan. By Rafe Martin

The rough-face girl. By Rafe Martin

Mirandy and brother wind. By Patricia C. McKissack

Mexican folk tales. By Juliet Piggott

The legend of the hummingbird: A tale from Puerto Rico. By Michael Rose Ramirez

Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella. By Robert D. San Souci

The leopard's drum: An Asante tale from West Africa. By Jessica Souhami

Brother wolf: A Seneca tale. By Harriet Peck Taylor

The magic listening cap: More folk tales from Japan. By Yoshiko Uchida

The jade stone: A Chinese folktale. By Caryn Yacowitz

Lon pop o: A red-riding hood story from China. By Ed Young

Historical Fiction

Children of the longhouse. By Joseph Bruchac

The birchbark house. By Louise Erdrich

Red means good fortune: A story of San Francisco's Chinatown. By Barbara Goldin

Sweet Clara and the freedom quilt. By Deborah Hopkinson

Letters from a slave girl: The story of Harriet Jacobs. By Mary E. Lyons

Baseball saved us. By Ken Mochizuki

Carlota. By Scott O'Dell

Jip: His story. By Katherine Patterson

Nightjohn. By Gary Paulsen

Cezzane Pinto: A memoir. By Mary Stolz

Roll of thunder, hear my cry. By Mildred Taylor

Goodbye, Vietnam. By Gloria Whelan

Follow the drinking gourd. By Janette Winter

Dragon's gate and Dragonwings. By Laurence Yep

Nonfiction

A picture book of George Washington Carver. By David Adler

Shaquille O'Neal: Man of steel. By Douglas Bradshaw

Duke Ellington. By James L. Collier

Where the river runs: A portrait of a refugee family. By Nancy P. Graff

The Chinese American family album. By Thomas and Dorothy Hoobler

Farewell to Manzanar. By Jeanne E. Houston

Rosa Parks: Young rebel. By Kathleen Kudlinski

In the year of the boar and Jackie Robinson. By Bette Bao Lord

Chinese Cinderella. By Adeline Y. Mah

The Mexican-American experience. By Elizabeth Coonrod Martinez

Black hands, white sails: The story of African American whalers. By Fredrick and Patricia McKissack

The greatest: Muhamad Ali. By Walter Dean Meyers

Rosa Parks: My story. By Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins

Kinaalda: A Navajo girl grows up. By Monty Rossel

Chief Joseph: Nez Pierce warrior. By William R. Sanford

Pride of Puerto Rico: The life of Roberto Clemente. By Paul R. Walker

Realistic Fiction

An island like you: Stories of the barrio. By Judith Ortiz Cofer

Tears of a tiger. By Sharon Draper

M.C. Higgins the great. By Virginia Hamilton

Scorpions. By Walter Dean Myers

Yang the youngest and his terrible ear, Yang the second and her secret admirers, Yang the third and her impossible family, and Yang the eldest and his odd jobs. By Lensey Namioka

Jesse and Too many tamales. By Gary Soto

The case of the firecrackers. By Laurence Yep

Poetry

Golden slippers: An anthology of Negro poetry for young readers. By Arna Bontemps

The circle of thanks: Native American poems and songs of thanksgiving. By Joseph Bruchac

Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American poetry. By Ashley Bryan

Cool salsa: Bilingual poems on growing up Latino in the United States. By Lori Carlson (ed.)

In the eyes of the cat: Japanese poetry for all seasons. By Demi

Miracles: Poems by children of the English-speaking world. By Richard Lewis

Confetti: Poems for children. By Pat Mora

Brown angels: An album of pictures and verses. By Walter Dean Myers

Kikiriki: Stories and poems in English and Spanish for children

The Coretta Scott King awards book: From vision to reality. By Henrietta M. Smith (ed.)

Dancing teepees: Poems of American Indian youth. By Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Families: Poems celebrating the African American experience. By Dorothy S. Strickland & Michael R. Strickland

Night garden: Poems from the world of dreams. By Janet Wong

American dragons: Twenty-five Asian American voices. By Laurence Yep

Online Sources for International Award-winning Children's Books:

Canadian Award Index: <http://www.bookcentre.ca/award>

Carnegie and Greenaway Awards (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals): <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/home/index.php>

International Board on Books for Young People: <http://www.ibby.org/>

South African Children's Literature: <http://www.childlit.org.za/SACChildLit.html>

South African section of IBBY: <http://ibbysa.org.za/dedi1110.nur4.host-h.net/>

Website for illustrator Shaun Tan: <http://www.shauntan.net/books.html>

American Library Association Children and Young Adults Awards:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/booksprintmedia/childrengadults/index.cfm>