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Thanks to our team of readers and reviewers, from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, who have helped us select these 27 books and three DVDs. Visit www.SkippingStones.org for the reviews of these recommendations. —editors.

Nature and Ecology Books:

Vuela, Vuela Mariposa: Fly, Fly Butterfly by Diego H. Pedreros Velásquez, illustr. Evelio Casas and Leoncio Amaya. *Falcon Books*, www.forlymonarch.com. ISBN 978-0-615-37228-0. Bilingual Spanish. Picture book.

Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under by Marianne Berkes, illustr. Jill Dubin. *Dawn*, www.dawn-pub.com. ISBN 978-1-58469-136-5. Picture book.

S is for Save The Planet: A How-to-Be Green Alphabet by Brad Herzog, illustr. Linda Holt Ayriss. *Sleeping Bear Press*, www.sleepingbearpress.com. ISBN 978-1-58536-428-2. Picture book for elementary grades.

Bugs and Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter by Amy S. Hansen, illustr. Robert C. Kray. *Boyd's Mills*, www.boyds-millspress.com. ISBN 978-1-59078-269-9. Ages 7-9.

The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough by Katie Smith Milway, illustr. Sylvie Daigneault. *Kids Can Press*, www.kidscanpress.com. ISBN 978-1-55453-488-3. Ages 7-12.

Not your Typical Book about the Environment by Elin Kelsey, illustr. Clayton Hanmer. *OwlKids*, www.owl-kids.com. ISBN 978-1-897349-84-7. Middle grades.

On Parade: The Hidden World of Animals in Entertainment by Rob Laidlaw. *Fitzhenry & Whiteside*, www.fitzhenry.ca. ISBN 978-1-55455-143-9. Grades 4-10.

Multicultural and International Books:

Sabores de América por Ana Maria Pavez y Constanza Recart, illustr. Isabel Hojas. *Editorial Amanuta*, www.amanuta.com. ISBN 978-956-8209-51-3. Spanish. Grades 3-8.

Mali Under The Night Sky: A Lao Story of Home by Youme Landowne. *Cinco Puntos Press*, www.cincopuntos.com. ISBN 978-1-933693-68-2. Picture book. Ages 5-9.

Eight Days: A Story of Haiti by Edwidge Danticat, illustr. Alix Delinois. *Orchard Books*, www.scholastic.com. ISBN 978-0-545-27849-2. Picture book for ages 5-9.

Yafi's Family: An Ethiopian Boy's Journey of Love, Loss, and Adoption by Linda Pettitt, illustr. Jan S. Gilchrist. *Amharic Kids*, www.amharickids.com. ISBN 978-0-979-7481-4-1. Picture book for elementary grades.

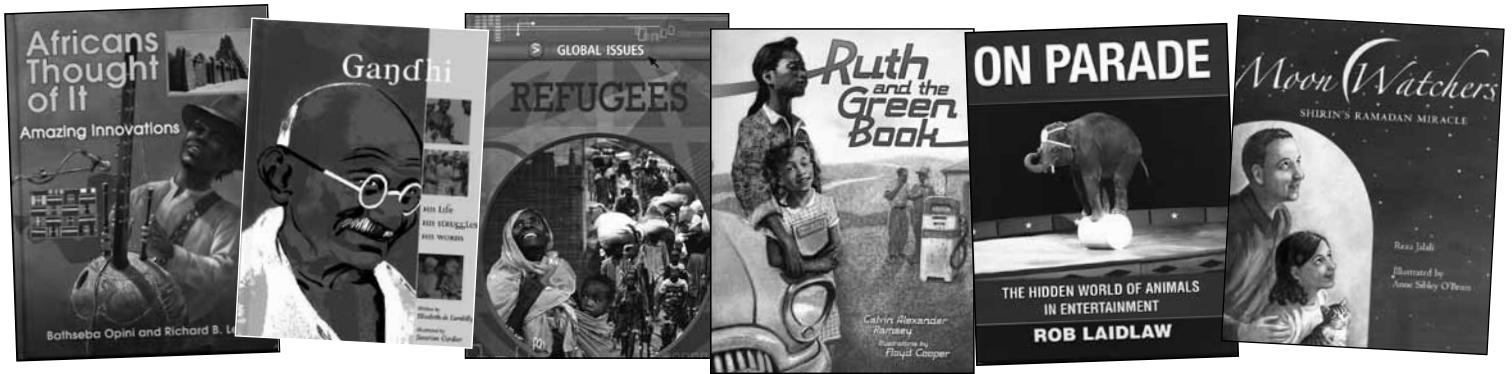
Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey, illustr. Floyd Cooper. *Carolrhoda*, www.lerner-books.com. ISBN 978-0-7613-5255-6. Ages 6-10.

Saltypie: A Choctaw Journey from Darkness into Light by Tim Tingle, illustr. Karen Clarkson. *Cinco Puntos*; [cincopuntos.com](http://www.cincopuntos.com). ISBN 978-1-933693-67-5. Ages 6-10.

The Lunch Thief by Anne C. Bromley, illustr. Robert Casilla. *Tilbury House*, www.tilburyhouse.com. ISBN 978-0-88448-311-3. Picture book. Elementary grades.

Moon Watchers: Shirin's Ramadan Miracle by Reza Jalali, illustr. Anne Sibley O'Brien. *Tilbury House*, www.tilburyhouse.com. ISBN 978-0-88448-321-2. Grades 3-6.





Multicultural & International Books... contd.

Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, illustr. Liz Holmes. *Annick Press*, www.annickpress.com. ISBN 978-1-55451-246-1. Grades 4-8.

Africans Thought Of It: Amazing Innovations by Bathseba Opini and Richard B. Lee. *Annick Press*, www.annickpress.com. ISBN: 978-1-55451-277-5. Elem. grades.

Birmingham Sunday by Larry Dane Brimmer. Calkins Creek, boydsmillpress.com. ISBN 978-1-59078-613-0. Historical book. Grades 4-11.

Bamboo People, a novel by Mitali Perkins. *Charlesbridge*, www.bamboopeople.org. ISBN 978-1-58089-328-2. Middle & upper grades.

Red Umbrella, a novel by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. *Knopf*, www.randomhouse.com/kids. ISBN 978-0-375-86190-1. Middle & upper grades.

Global Issues Series. *Rosen Publishing*, www.rosenpublishing.com. The six books in this series cover six topics: **Refugees, Aids and HIV, Terrorism, Globalization, Human Trafficking around the World, and Fundamentalism.** Middle and upper grades.

Cesar Chavez: A Photographic Essay by Ilan Stavans. *Cinco Puntos Press*, www.cincopuntos.com. ISBN 978-1-933693-22-4. Biography. Middle and upper grades.

Thunder Over Kandahar, a novel by Sharon E. McKay, photos by Rafal Gerszak. *Annick Press*, www.annickpress.com. ISBN 978-1-55451-266-9. Upper grades.

Gandhi: His Life, His Struggles, His Words by Elisabeth de Lambilly, illustr. Severine Cordier. *Enchanted Lion Books*, www.enchantedlionbooks.com. ISBN 978-1-59270-094-3. Biography. Grades 4-9.

The Other Half of My Heart, a novel by Sundee T. Frazier. *Delacorte Press*, www.randomhouse.com/kids. Middle & upper grades. ISBN 978-0-385-73440-0.

A Hare in the Elephant's Trunk, a novel by Jan L. Coates. *Red Deer Press*, www.fitzhenry.ca/reddeer.aspx. ISBN 978-0-88995-451-9. Middle & upper grades.

Teaching Resources:

Straightlaced: How Gender Got Us All Tied Up, a DVD by Debra Chasoff, dir. *Groundspark*, www.groundspark.org. Grades 7-12.

Economics of Happiness, a DVD directed by Helena Norberg-Hodge. *International Society for Ecology and Culture*, www.isec.org.uk. Documentary. Grades 5-12.

Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History, a DVD by Bill Brummel & Geoffrey Sharp. *SPLC/Teaching Tolerance*, www.tolerance.org. Grades 6-10.

Do Something! A Handbook for Young Activists by Nancy Lublin. *Workman Publishing*, www.dosomething.org. ISBN 978-0-7611-5747-2. Grades 5-9.

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