

Recommended Books for Teaching the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals



1: No Poverty -- End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Book Title	Author(s)	Age Levels	Summary	Book Bag?
Tight Times	Barbara Shook Hazen	5-8	A little boy faces a new reality when his father loses his job.	no
A Basket of Bangles: How A Business Begins	Ginger Howard	4+	With seed money borrowed from a bank, a young woman and four of her friends in Bangladesh change their lives by starting their own businesses.	
A Chair for My Mother	Vera B. Williams	6-10	After their home is destroyed by fire, a girl, mother, and grandmother save their change to buy a comfortable chair for everyone to enjoy.	
Ada's Violin: The	Susan Hood	8-12	This tells the true story about	

Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay			children who lived in poverty, but formed an orchestra with an innovative music teacher who created instruments from objects found in the landfill.	
Armando and the Blue Tarp School	Edith Hope Fine & Judith Pinkerton Josephson	7-12	A young boy helps his father support their family by finding, recycling, and selling items from the dump. A teacher brings school to the boy and others in the colonia by spreading a blue tarp on the ground.	
Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	4-8	The true story of how one goat changed the lives of a young African girl who dreamed of going to school and her family.	Yes
Coat of Many Colors	Dolly Parton	5-10	A mother makes a coat from rags for her daughter. Though she is teased, she loves her coat and sees richness in her life.	
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Pena	5-10	When a boy questions what is missing in his life, his grandmother helps him see the beauty and value in what does exist in their environment, each other, and themselves.	
Maddi's Fridge	Lois Brandt	5-8	Two girls play together and one learns that the other does not have much food at home.	yes
My Very Own Room	Amada Irma Perez	6-10	A young girl is determined to make a room for herself after sharing with siblings while living with little. (Spanish & English)	
One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	Katie Milway Smith	7-12	Living in Ghana, Kojo receives a small and buys a hen, which he turns into income, jobs, a business, and an inspiring story.	
The Table Where Rich People Sit	Byrd Baylor	7-12	When Mountain Girl states that the family is poor, her parents describe to her the richness in the natural things around them, such as the	

			desert hills and blooming cactus, which makes Mountain Girl realize that her family is more wealthy than anyone in the world.	
Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank	Paula Yoo	6-11	Biography of Muhammad Yunus, the man who developed the economic movement that gives small loans to the impoverished and that is breaking the cycle of rural poverty around the world.	
Where Will I Live?	Rosemary McCarney	7-10	Photo essay shows children living in many different situations due to various circumstances.	yes
Yasmin's Hammer	Ann Malaspina	8-12	A family in Bangladesh struggle to survive and Yasmin dreams of going to school rather than breaking up bricks to earn money.	

2: Zero Hunger -- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

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A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World	UNICEF & DK Publishing	5-12	Information about survival, development, protection, and participation for children around the world	
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Pena	5-10	When a boy questions what is missing in his life, his grandmother helps him see the beauty and value in what does exist in their environment, each other, and themselves.	
Maddi's Fridge	Lois Brandt	5-8	Two girls play together and one learns that the other does not have much food at home.	yes
Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya	Mary & Rich Chamberlin	5-10	While gathering ingredients for a pancake dinner, Mama and Adika invite many people to join them for dinner. Will there be enough food for	

			all?	
The Water Princess	Susan Verde	7-12	Based on childhood experiences of model Georgie Badiel, this is one story about how people in Burkino-Faso gathered water each day.	

3: Good Health & Well-Being -- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Book Title	Author(s)	Age Levels	Summary	Book Bag?
Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia	Jeannette Winters	4-7	Luis loves to read. When his house fills with books, he decides to pack up two burros and take books to children in remote areas so they can read, too.	
Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Osofu Yeboah	Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls	7-12	This is the story of a boy born in Ghana with only one strong leg who went on to prove that people with disabilities can make a difference.	yes
Families	Ann Morris	5-8	This photo essay shows how families vary around the world, and inspires students to think about their own families.	
I am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness	Susan Verde	7-12	Feeling worried and untethered, a child focuses on the present and becomes mindful.	
I Can Handle It!	Laurie Wright	5-8	A child considers coping strategies for uncomfortable or challenging situations.	
Maddi's Fridge	Lois Brandt	5-8	Two girls play together and one learns that the other does not have much food at home.	yes
My Very Own Room	Amada Irma Perez	6-10	A young girl is determined to make a room for herself after sharing with siblings while living with little. (Spanish & English)	

One World, One Day	Barbara Kerley	4-7	This photo essay shows a day in the life of children around the world.	yes
Sacred River	Ted Lewin	8-12	This teaches about the Hindu pilgrimage to Benares, India, where the Ganges has been revered as a sacred river for centuries.	
The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ludwig	5-10	Brian is a quiet and shy child who few people notice or pay attention to -- until a new student joins his class.	
The Napping Quilt: A Family's Story of Coming to America	Gary DeiRossi	5-10	A young girl learns about her family history through the stories told on her grandmother's quilt.	
Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World	Selby B. Beeler	5-10	What did you do when your teeth fell out? Learn about children's tooth traditions in places around the world. And about teeth!	
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman	Kathleen Krull	8-12	The story of Wilma Rudolph who had polio as a girl and struggled to regain the use of her legs. With hard work and determination, she raced in the Olympics winning gold medals.	

4: Quality Education -- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

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Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	4-8	The true story of how one goat changed the lives of a young African girl who dreamed of going to school	yes

			and her family.	
I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)	Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick	10+	Since Malala Yousafzai was born in 1997 in Pakistan, she has seen her country transformed from a once peaceful land to a hotbed of terrorism. This includes being shot in the head. Malala, who now lives in Birmingham, England, intends to devote her life to the good of the people and her belief that all girls deserve an education.	
Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea	Greg Mortenson & Susan L. Roth	7-12	The story of an American man's encounter with children in Korphe, Pakistan, and the building of a school.	
Malala's Magic Pencil	Malala Yousafzai	7-12	Malala tells her story of growing up in Pakistan and the many influences on her life as an advocate for girls, education, and peace.	
My Librarian is a Camel	Margriet Ruurs	7-10	This nonfiction text shares stories about how books are brought to children around the world.	
My School in the Rain Forest: How Children Attend School Around the World	Margriet Ruurs	8-12	Learn about schools on ships, under trees, in a monastery or castle and more. From Malaysia to the U.S. to Guatemala, schools are similar and different.	
Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan	Jeannette Winter	6-11	Young Nasreen has not spoken a word since her parents disappeared. In despair, her grandmother risks everything to enroll Nasreen in a secret school for girls.	
Off to Class: Incredible and Unusual Schools Around the World	Susan Hughes	8-12	This book features a collection of school profiles that present different, uncommon, and interesting ways to educate children.	yes
Rain School	James Rumford	6-10	Students in Chad begin the school	

			year by rebuilding their school ruined by annual rains.	
School Around the World	Dona Herweck Rice	5-7	Basic information about schools in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Kenya, China, Australia, Japan, and space.	
Schools Around the World	Clare Lewis	5-6	Photos show different ways students get to and attend school around the world.	
The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ludwig	5-10	Brian is a quiet and shy child who few people notice or pay attention to -- until a new student joins his class.	
Tomas and the Library Lady	Raul Colon	6-12	Tomas and his family are migrant workers moving from place to place for work. He discovers refuge in a library and in books.	
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5: Gender Equality -- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

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Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909	Michelle Markel	5-12	Clara Lemlich, a young girl, in the 20th century, who was a labor leader, and fought for women's rights and social justice.	
Dear Malala, We Stand With You	Rosemary McCarney with Plan International	6-12	This letter to Malala is from girls around the world expressing thanks and admiration for her words and actions supporting education for all girls.	
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No Truth Without Ruth: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsberg	Kathleen Krull	10-12	The story of RBG's childhood, career, and rise to the Supreme Court with a focus on fighting fearlessly for women's rights and equality.	
She Persisted	Chelsea Clinton	7-12	Stories about 13 American women who changed the world through science, entertainment, leadership, law, and sports because they persisted.	
She Persisted Around the World	Chelsea Clinton	7-12	Inspiring stories about 13 women from around the world who persisted and made a difference for others.	

6: Clean Water and Sanitation -- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Book Title	Author(s)	Age Levels	Summary	Book Bag?
A Drop Around the World *	Barbara McKinney	6-12	This story follows one drop of water that travels from place to place, transforms from liquid to solid, and enters plants and animals to teach about the importance and qualities of water.	
One Well: The Story of Water on Earth	Rochelle Strauss	8-12	This book is filled with information about water -- water cycle, access, uses, types, pollution, etc.	
Sacred River	Ted Lewin	8-12	This teaches about the Hindu pilgrimage to Benares, India, where the Ganges has been revered as a sacred river for centuries.	
The Water Hole	Graham Base	5-8	Animals come to a drinking hole until	yes

			the water is gone. Then what?	
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7: Affordable and Clean Energy -- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

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Why Should I Save Energy?	Jen Green	5-8	A child tells how and why her family started to conserve energy after learning from a friend.	

8: Decent Work and Economic Growth -- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

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A Chair for My Mother	Vera B. Williams	6-10	After their home is destroyed by fire, a girl, mother, and grandmother save their change to buy a comfortable chair for everyone to enjoy.	
Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	4-8	True story of how a poor African girl was able to attend school after receiving a goat as a gift through a special international project.	Yes
Harvesting	Kathleen Krull	7-12	The story of Cesar Chavez growing	

Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez			up in a migrant family who later became a civil rights leader advocating for farmworkers' rights.	
Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya	Donna Jo Napoli	7-12	Wangari grew up with respect for trees and the land. Later, she saw trees as opportunities to plant peace and encouraged women in her country to do so.	
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Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	Jeanette Winter	6-10	Wangari returns to her home in Kenya after years abroad to find deforestation. She begins a planting revolution across her country despite challenges.	
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9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure -- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

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One Plastic Bag:	Miranda Paul &	6-10	When a young girl realized goats	

Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia	Elizabeth Zunon		were dying by eating discarded plastic bags, she collected the bags and made purses.	
Rain School	James Rumford	6-10	Students in Chad begin the school year by rebuilding their school ruined by annual rains.	
What Do You Do With an Idea?	Kobi Yamada	7-12	This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring the idea to the world.	

10: Reduced Inequalities -- Reduce inequality within and among countries

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Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909	Michelle Markel	5-12	Clara Lemlich, a young girl, in the 20th century, who was a labor leader, and fought for women's rights and social justice.	
Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah	Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls	4-8	Born in Ghana with a deformed left leg, Yeboah experienced stigma as a result of his disability. He then cycled 400 miles in 2001 to raise awareness, forever changing how Ghanaians perceived those with disabilities.	yes
Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Doreen Rappaport	7-12	The story of MLK's life and the words, events, and people who shaped his ideas and actions.	
Nelson Mandela	Kadir Nelson	7-12	The story of Nelson Mandela's life and his fight for peace and freedom for all South Africans.	
No Truth Without Ruth: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsberg	Kathleen Krull	10-12	The story of RBG's childhood, career, and rise to the Supreme Court with a focus on fighting fearlessly for women's rights and equality.	

Shin-chi's Canoe	Nicola I. Campbell	7-12	This poignant story about a devastating chapter in First Nations history tells of 80,000 students who were forced to adapt to the European way of life by attending church-run boarding schools.	
Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil DeGrasse Tyson	Kathleen Krull & Paul Brewer	7-12	Neil had his mind blown by the stars when he was young and pursued his dream to be an astrophysicist despite challenges from others.	yes
Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey	Margriet Ruurs	8-12	The story of a family who flees their home, endures a refugee's journey, and seeks a new place to live in peace is depicted in stones by a Syrian artist.	
Teammates	Peter Golenbock	7-12	The story of teammates Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese who stood together against racism.	
The Journey	Francesca Sanna	9-12	The story explores migration and refugees through the perspective of a young girl living a happy life until the war broke out. The widowed mother has to leave everything behind and take her two children on an unimaginable journey with many obstacles and traveling many miles to safety, and a new place to call home.	
The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist	Cynthia Levinson	5-12	A young girl, Audrey Faye Hendricks, who is involved in the Civil Rights Movement, and arrested in 1963.	
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman	Kathleen Krull	8-12	The story of Wilma Rudolph who had polio as a girl and struggled to regain the use of her legs. With hard work and determination, she raced in the Olympics winning gold medals.	

11: Sustainable Cities and Communities -- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

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Four Feet, Two Sandals	Karen Lynn Willams & Khadra Mohammed	7-10	Two girls living in a refugee camp find one sandal from a pair. They find each other and friendship despite their different backgrounds.	yes
Seedfolks	Paul Fleischman	10-14	A community garden springs up in an empty lot and brings together neighbors from diverse backgrounds.	
The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World	Katie Smith Milway & Shane W. Evans	8-12	After fleeing his home in Burundi, a boy learns how to survive in a refugee camp using what he knows from his home and his heart.	
The Colour of Home	Mary Hoffman	5-8	Hassan moves from Somalia and starts school in the U.S. where he feels out of place. Eventually, he sees the color in his new home.	yes
The Lotus Seed	Sherry Garland	7-12	A grandmother flees her home in Vietnam with one treasure -- a lotus seed, which blooms as symbol of history and values.	
The Journey	Francesca Sanna	9-12	The story explores migration and refugees through the perspective of a young girl living a happy life until the war broke out. The widowed mother has to leave everything behind and take her two children on an unimaginable journey to a new place to call home.	
The Three R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle	Nuria Roca	6-9	After learning about how trash is disposed in his city, Paul explains how his family, school, and community practices conservation and care for the environment.	

The Water Hole	Graham Base	5-8	Animals come to a drinking hole until the water is gone. Then what?	yes
The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story	Pegi Deitz Shea	7-12	A young girl examines her life stories through the Hmong tradition of pa'ndau, or flowery cloth.	
Where Will I Live?	Rosemary McCarney	7-10	Photo essay shows children living in many different situations due to various circumstances.	yes
Why Should I Recycle?	Jen Green	5-8	Children learn all about recycling from their teacher and begin to integrate practices into their lives.	
Why Should I Save Energy?	Jen Green	5-8	A child tells how and why her family started to conserve energy after learning from a friend.	

12: Responsible Consumption and Production -- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

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Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi Story	Arun Gandhi & Bethany Hegedus	8-12	A boy struggles to understand what it means to live simply and nonviolently. He learns from his grandfather to be the change he wants to see in the world.	
Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya	Mary & Rich Chamberlin	5-10	While gathering ingredients for a pancake dinner, Mama and Adika invite many people to join them for dinner. Will there be enough food for all?	
One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia	Miranda Paul & Elizabeth Zunon	6-10	When a young girl realized goats were dying by eating discarded plastic bags, she collected the bags and made purses.	
The Story of Salt	Mark Kurlansky	8-12	Everything you want to know about salt and how it helped shape the history of people around the world.	

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Those Shoes	Maribeth Boelts	5-11	A boy dreams about a pair of cool shoes and finally buys a second-hand pair that do not fit. What he does reflects how he felt.	
Why Should I Recycle?	Jen Green	5-8	Children learn all about recycling from their teacher and begin to integrate practices into their lives.	
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13: Climate Action -- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

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Earth Day -- Hooray!	Stuart Murphy	5-8	Students in a Save-the-Planet club set goals to collect cans for recycling and improving a local park.	
It's My Earth, Too: How I Can Help the Earth Stay Alive	Kathleen Krull	5-7	A simple explanation about how the Earth benefits me and how I can help to protect air, water, energy, etc.	
The Three R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle	Nuria Roca	6-9	After learning about how trash is disposed in his city, Paul explains how his family, school, and community practices conservation and care for the environment.	
What Do You Do With A Problem?	Kobi Yamada	7-12	Problems can become overwhelming until you see the opportunity that exists within each problem.	

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14: Life Below Water -- Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

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I Know the River Loves Me	Maya Christina Gonzalez	7-10	The river and Maya take care of each other. This is a story about respect for nature.	yes
Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle	Claire A. Nivola	8-12	Since she was a child, Sylvia loved plants and animals and the water. This tells the story of her life as an oceanographer who studies and cares for the natural world.	
One Well: The Story of Water on Earth	Rochelle Strauss	8-12	This book is filled with information about water -- water cycle, access, uses, types, pollution, etc.	
Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist	Jess Keating	5-10	Eugenie loved sharks from a young age and learned as much as she could on her own and later as a research scientist.	

15: Life on Land -- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

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Where Once There Was A	Denise Fleming	4-10	Teaches children how to create backyard habitats so that native	no

Wood			animals may continue to thrive as populations increase.	
It's My Earth, Too: How I Can Help the Earth Stay Alive	Kathleen Krull	5-7	A simple explanation about how the Earth benefits me and how I can help to protect air, water, energy, etc.	
John Muir: America's Naturalist	Thomas Locker	7-12	The story of John Muir, his passion for nature, and his preservation efforts that gave us national parks.	
Kate Sessions: Mother of Balboa Park	Joy Raab	6-10	The story of Kate Sessions who travelled the world and transformed San Diego with plants.	
Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya	Donna Jo Napoli	7-12	Wangari grew up with respect for trees and the land. Later, she saw trees as opportunities to plant peace and encouraged women in her country to do so.	
Rachel Carson and Her Book that Changed the World	Laurie Lawlor	7-10	The persistence of Rachel Carson shows in this story of her life, education, challenges, and passion for the natural world.	yes
Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian	Margarita Engle	5-8	In the Middle Ages, Maria studied insects and disproved beliefs that they were evil.	
The Great Kapok Tree	Lynne Cherry	7-10	A laborer sleeps under a tree in a Brazilian rain forest while the forest's residents whisper into his ear about their importance.	yes
The Hugging Tree: A Story about Resilience	Jill Niemark	7-12	This book tells the story of a tree struggling to survive and sustained by the natural world and the compassion of one boy.	
The People Who Hugged the Trees	Deborah Lee Rose	8-12	This environmental folk tale from India tells about a woman who loved the ancient trees in her village and protected them from destruction with the help of others.	

This House is Made of Mud/Esta Casa Esta Heche de Lodo	Ken Buchanan	4-10	This story describes the beauty of the Sonoran Desert and a family whose lives are intertwined with the environment and the home they make from adobe.	
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Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	Jeanette Winter	6-10	Wangari returns to her home in Kenya after years abroad to find deforestation. She begins a planting revolution across her country despite challenges.	yes
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16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions -- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

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Smoky Night	Eve Bunting	6-10	A young boy and his mother are forced to flee their apartment during a night of rioting in Los Angeles. Fires and looting force neighbors—who have always avoided one another—to come together in the face of danger.	no
A Little Peace	Barbara Kerley	5-10	Snapshots of peace from around the world	
Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi Story	Arun Gandhi & Bethany Hegedus	8-12	A boy struggles to understand what it means to live simply and nonviolently. He learns from his grandfather to be the change he wants to see in the world.	
Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys	Mary Williams	8-12	War breaks out in Sudan and a group of boys walk to find safety in Ethiopia and Kenya. Strong hearts	

of Sudan			and minds prevail.	
Four Feet, Two Sandals	Karen Lynn Willams & Khadra Mohammed	7-10	Two girls living in a refugee camp find one sandal from a pair. They find each other and friendship despite their different backgrounds.	yes
Girl of Kosovo	Alice Mead	10+	Eleven-year-old Zana enjoys her village life in Kosovo, even though she never feels entirely safe. Her family of Kosovo-born Albanians are ruled by the Serbian police and army. They want to destroy anyone fighting for an independent Kosovo.	Yes
Grandfather Gandhi	Arun Gandhi & Bethany Hegedus	8-12	Arun as a young boy visits his grandfather Gandhi and questions his own ability to live peacefully.	
I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)	Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick	10+	Since Malala Yousafzai was born in 1997 in Pakistan, she has seen her country transformed from a once peaceful land to a hotbed of terrorism. This includes being shot in the head. Malala, who now lives in Birmingham, England, intends to devote her life to the good of the people and her belief that all girls deserve an education.	Yes
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Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story	Ken Mochizuki	8-12	The story of a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania who saved thousands of Jewish refugees from Nazi threats in 1940.	
Shin-Chi's Canoe	Nicola I. Campbell	7-12	Shin-Chi is forced to attend an Indian residential school. Will he forget his culture and everything he knows?	
Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad	James Rumford	7-12	This is the story of Ali who finds history, appreciation, and comfort in calligraphy -- especially in a time of war in his hometown.	
Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey	Margriet Ruurs	8-12	The story of a family who flees their home, endures a refugee's journey, and seeks a new place to live in peace is depicted in stones by a Syrian artist.	
The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World	Katie Smith Milway & Shane W. Evans	8-12	After fleeing his home in Burundi, a boy learns how to survive in a refugee camp using what he knows from his home and his heart.	
The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq	Jeanette Winter	7-12	When war comes to Basra, a librarian named Alia fears that the library's books will be destroyed. So she devises a plan.	
The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story	Pegi Deitz Shea	7-12	A young girl examines her life stories through the Hmong tradition of pa'ndau, or flowery cloth.	
Where Will I Live?	Rosemary McCarney	4-8	Photojournalistic informational text about the lives of refugee children and their families as they leave their homes in search of a safe space to live.	Yes

The House That Jane Built: A Story about Jane Addams	Tanya Lee Stone	K-3	The story of Jane Addams the he first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, and some call the mother of social work.	
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17: Partnerships for the Goals -- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Book Title	Author(s)	Age Levels	Summary	Book Bag?
14 Cows for America	Carmen Agra Deedy	5-adult	A Maasai man returns to Kenya from American and shares the story of 9-11. The response from the Maasai to America was beautiful.	
Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	4-8	The true story of how one goat changed the lives of a young African girl who dreamed of going to school and her family.	Yes
It Takes a Village	Hillary Rodham Clinton	5-8	What does it take to change the world? Everyone.	
What Do You Do With an Idea?	Kobi Yamada	7-12	This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring the idea to the world.	
What Do You Do With A Problem?	Kobi Yamada	7-12	Problems can become overwhelming until you see the opportunity that exists within each problem.	