

**McHenry Public Library Presents  
New Kids' Lit with Classroom Connections  
Grades K-3**

**Presenters: Caitlin Bergan and  
Jennifer Velasquez**

# Diversity in Children's Books 2015

Percentages of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds  
Based on the 2015 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
[ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pstats.asp](http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pstats.asp)



**0.9%**  
American  
Indians/  
First Nations

**2.4%**  
Latinx

**3.3%**  
Asian Pacifics/  
Asian Pacific  
Americans

**7.6%**  
African/  
African  
Americans

**12.5%\***  
Animals, Trucks, etc.

**73.3%\*\***  
White

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\* About a quarter of the total children's books published in 2015 were picture books, and about half of those depict non-human characters like animals & trucks.

\*\* The remainder depict white characters.

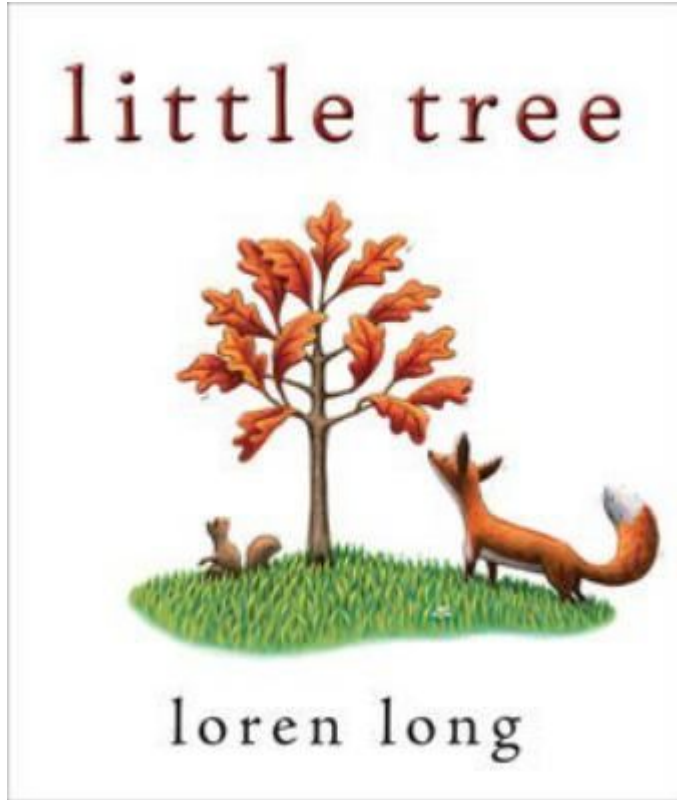


**National Ambassador for Children's Literature Gene Luen Yang Issues the following challenge to young people and educators:**

### *The Reading Without Walls Challenge*

- 1 Read a book about a **character** who doesn't look like you or live like you
- 2 Read a book about a **topic** you don't know much about
- 3 Read a book in a **format** that you don't normally read For Fun (a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, etc)

# Little Tree by Loren Long



Beautiful quiet story about accepting change

Simple but lovely art supports the story

Great social emotional learning book

Good for transitional times

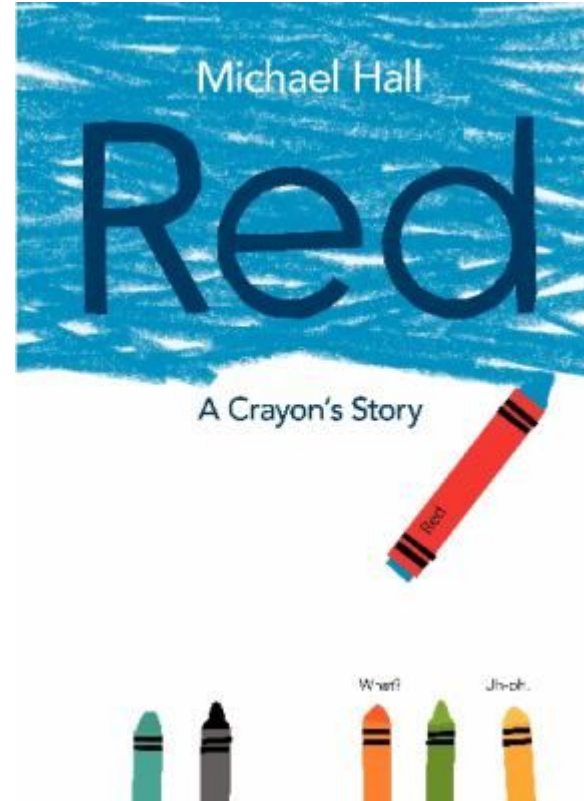
# Red by Michael Hall

Great for Social Emotional Learning

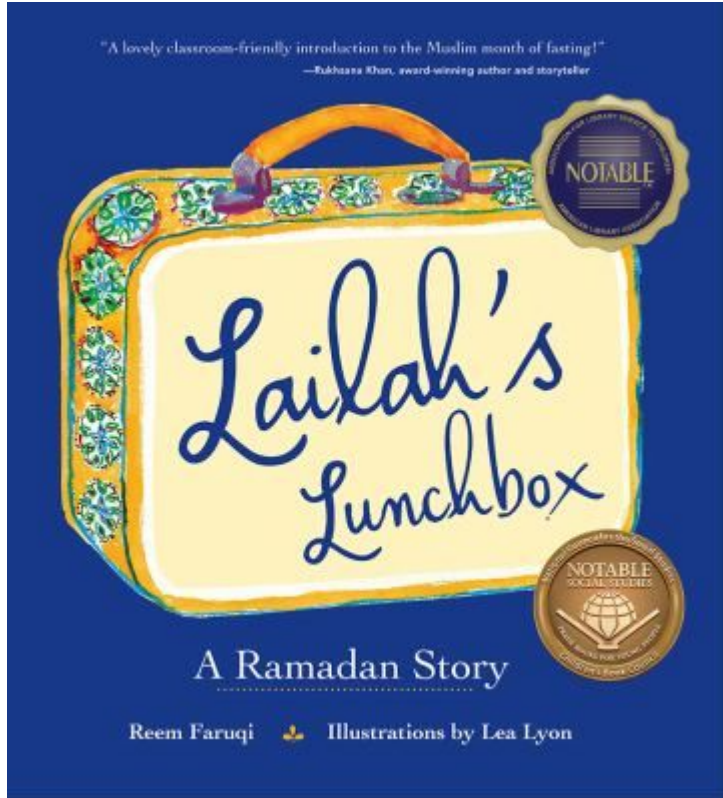
Short and clear, but easy to apply

Art works with text to deliver message

Good for talking about labels



# Lailah's Lunch Box by Reem Faruqi



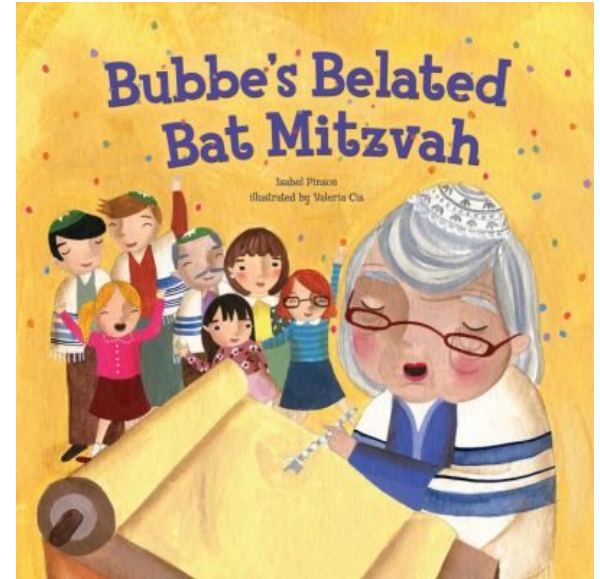
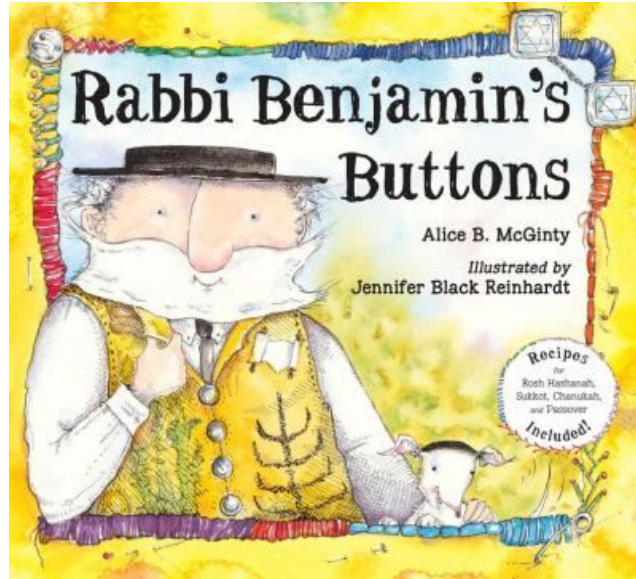
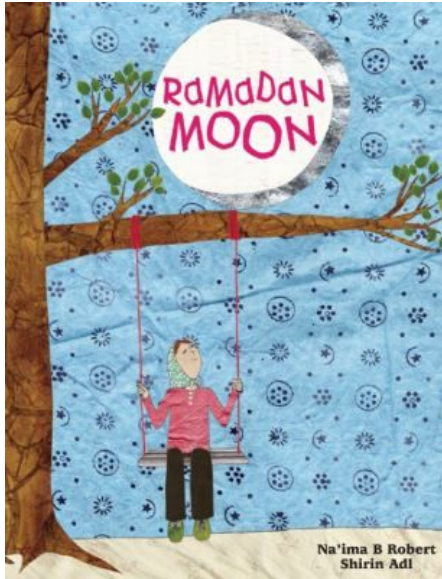
Quick Read – Easily leads into discussion

Good Intro to Ramadan

No Bullying, but does mention the fear of being different

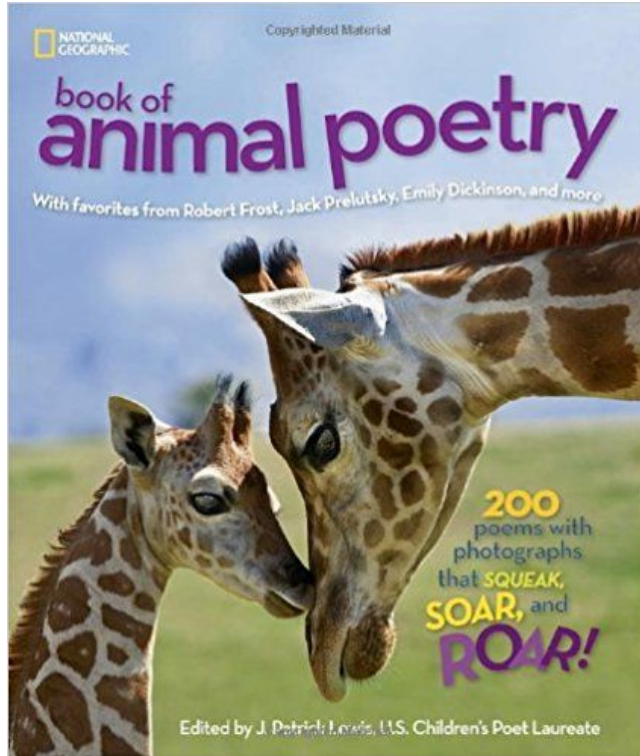


# Lailah's Lunch Box by Reem Faruqi - Resources



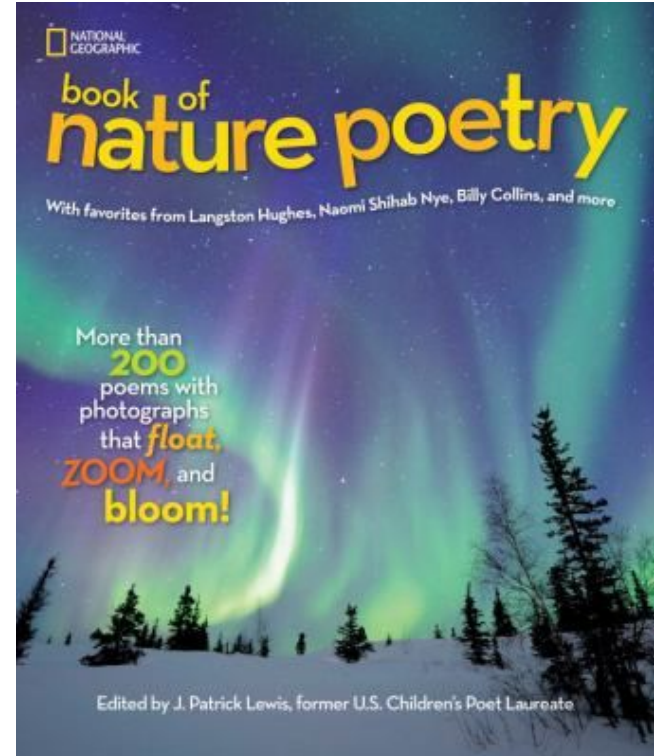
# National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry

# National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry




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between science and  
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# National Geographic Books of Poetry - Resources


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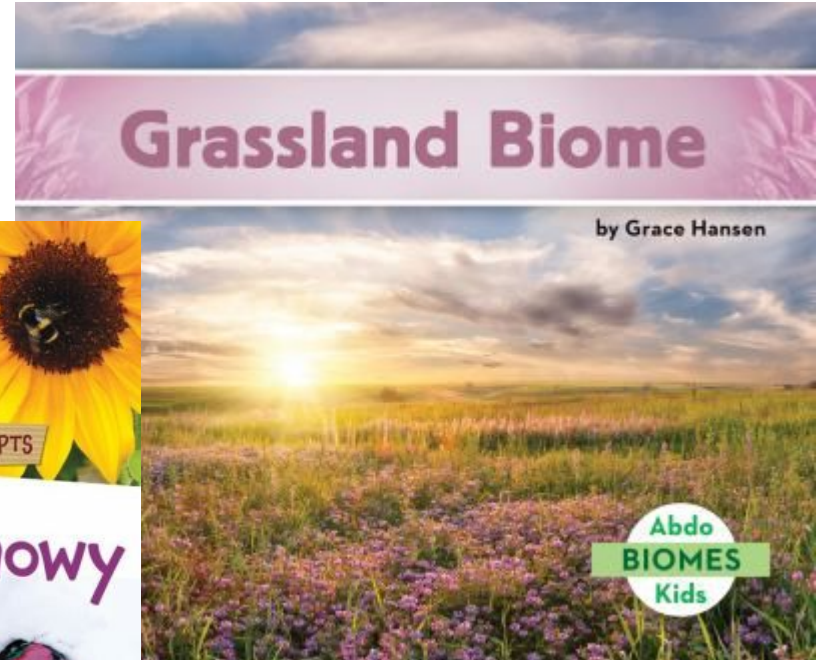
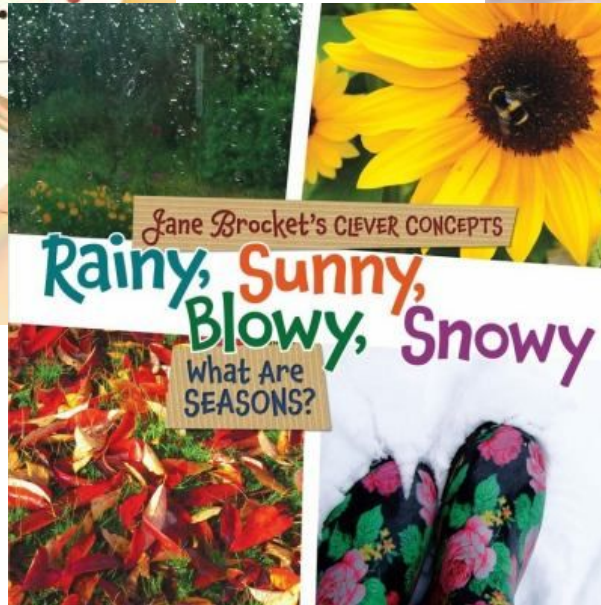
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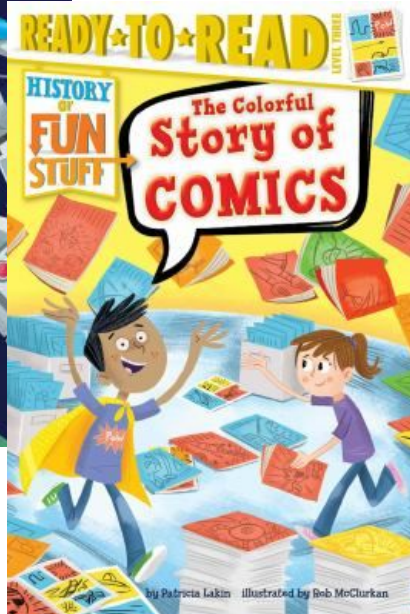
# History of Fun Stuff by Patricia Lakin





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**National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) ((founded 1958)**  
**United States space agency)** ☆  
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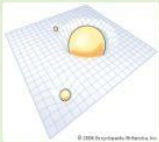


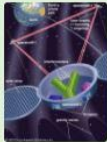
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**space (physics and metaphysics)** ☆  
space | a boundless, three-dimensional extent in which objects and events occur and have relative position ...

**universe (astronomy)** ☆  
William Herschel before him, used number counts of stars to study their distribution in *space*. It can be shown for stars ...

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**space exploration** ☆  
space exploration | the investigation, by means of manned and unmanned spacecraft , of the reaches of the ...

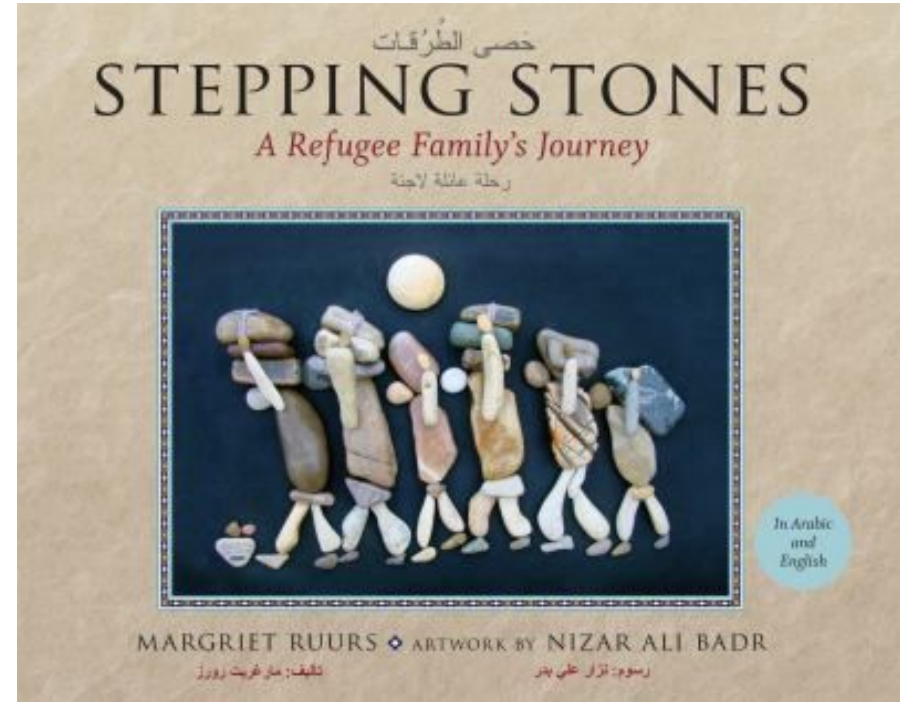
# Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey by Margriet Ruurs

Poignant picture book about a child refugee

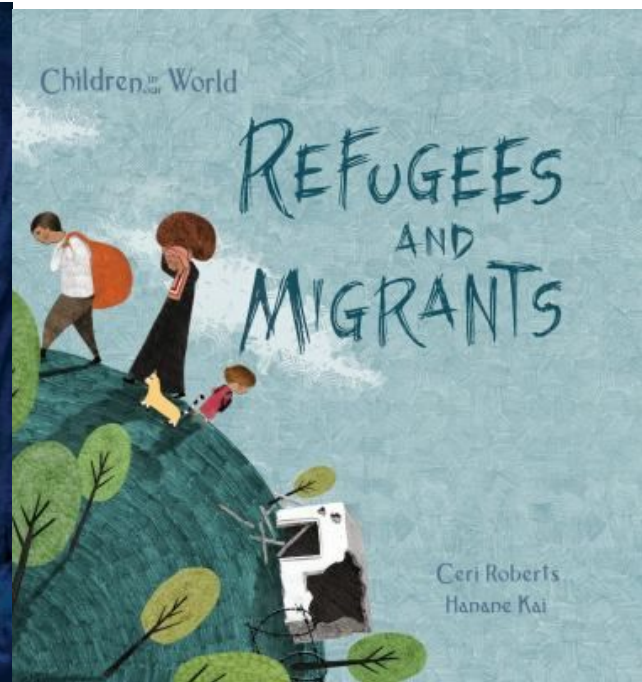
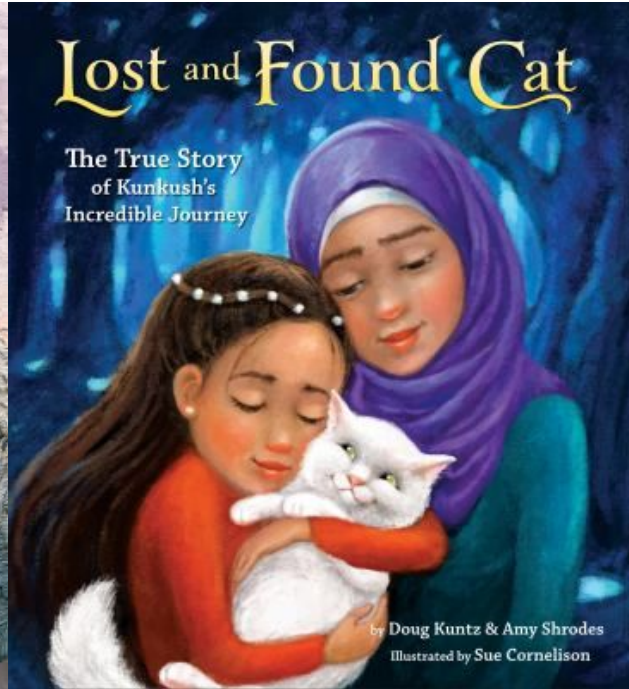
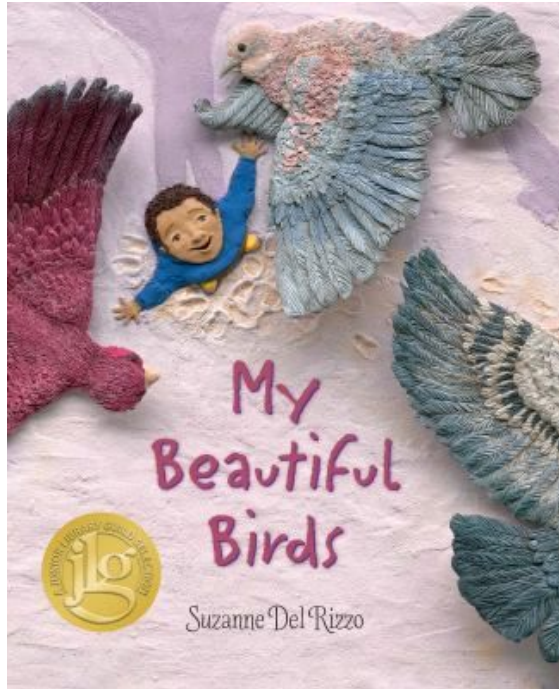
Simple but clear text

Beautiful, interesting art by a Syrian artist

Arabic translations



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# El violín de Ada: La historia de la Orquesta de Instrumentos Reciclados de Paraguay by Susan Hood

2017 E.B. White Read-Aloud Picture Book Honor

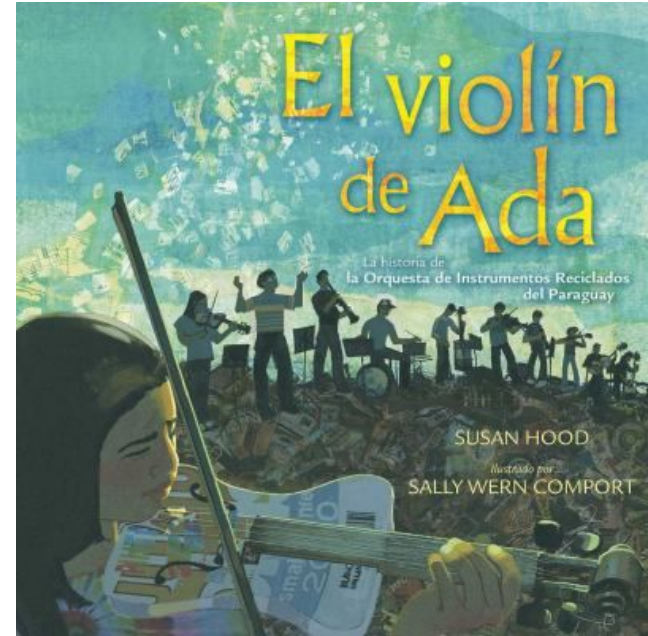
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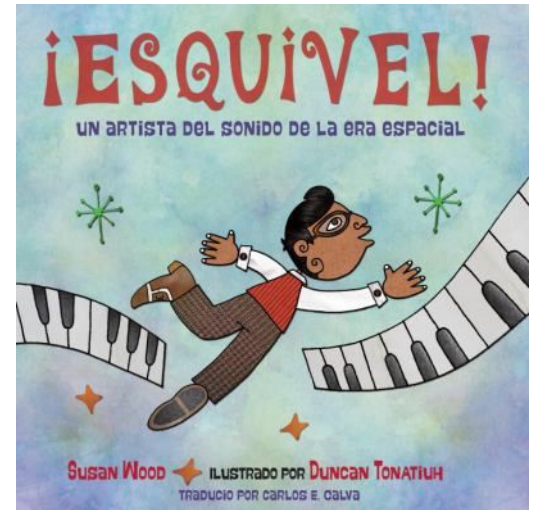
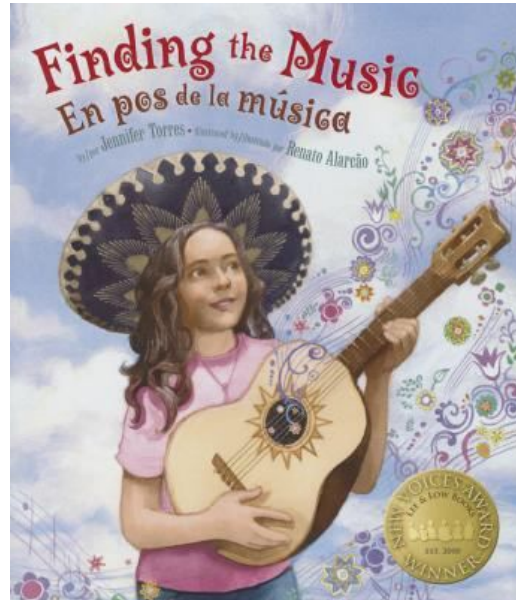
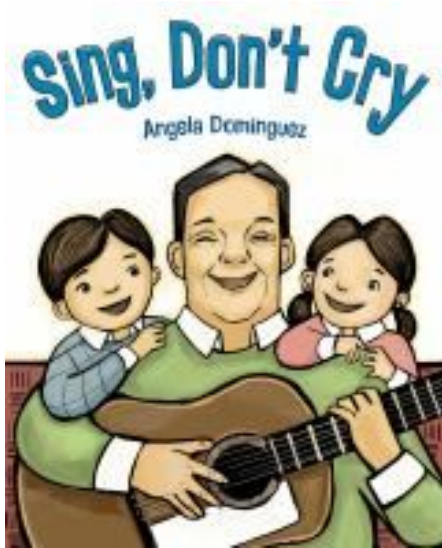
Set in a barrio above a landfill in Cateura, Paraguay

Poverty, no money for instruments, instructor Favio Chavez asks “Cola” Gomez, a carpenter for help making instruments, e.g. drums out of old oil barrels and xrays

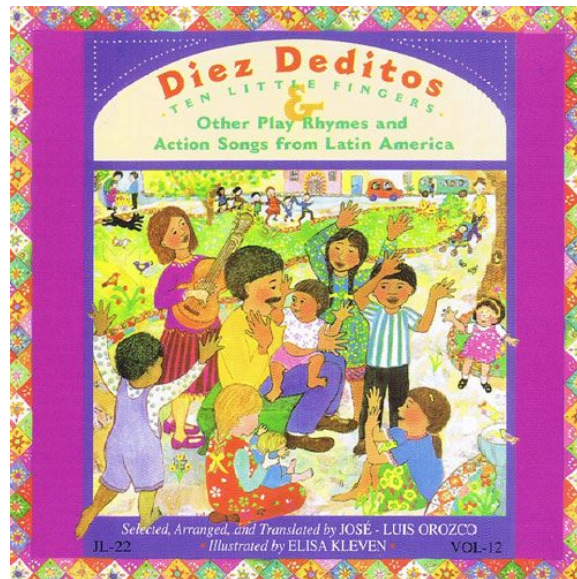
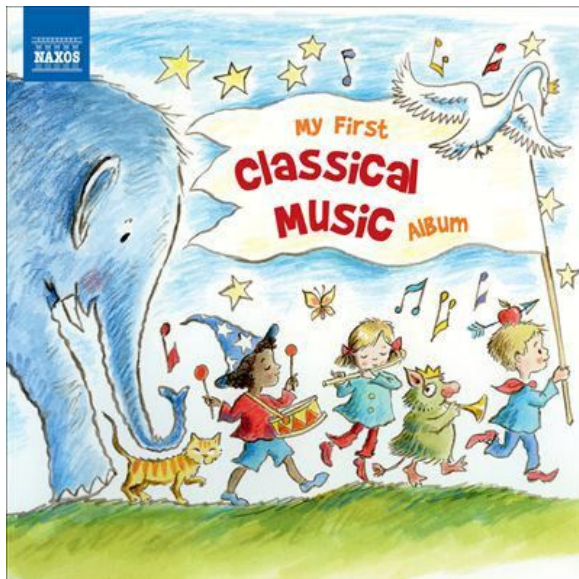
One man making a difference, now is full orchestra and tour worldwide; publisher made a donation to orchestra in honor of book.



# El violín de Ada: La historia de la Orquesta de Instrumentos: Resources



# El violín de Ada: La historia de la Orquesta de Instrumentos: Resources cont.



*La pulga de San José*



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Award-winning Documentary

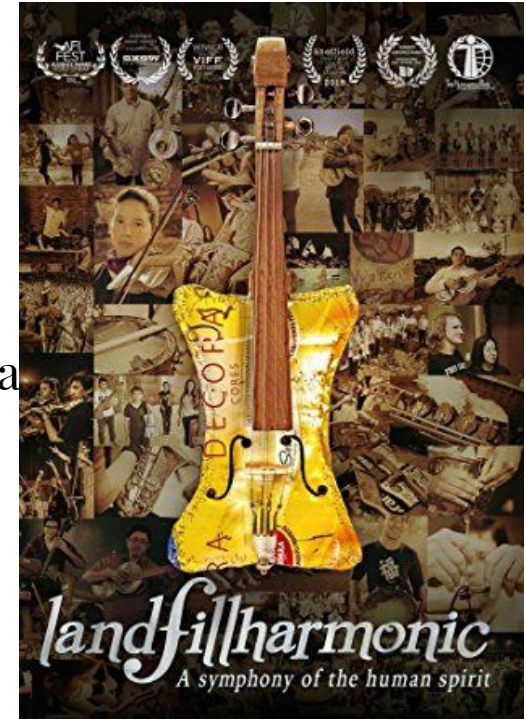
Follows Recycled Orchestra of Cateura

Story went viral

Children enter a new world of sold-out concerts and arena

Can Favio Chavez keep orchestra intact when a flood strikes their community?

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# ¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z!: descubriendo el bosque nublado/ Olinguito, from A to Z!: unveiling the cloud forest by Lulu Delacre

Bilingual alphabet book; 4 starred reviews

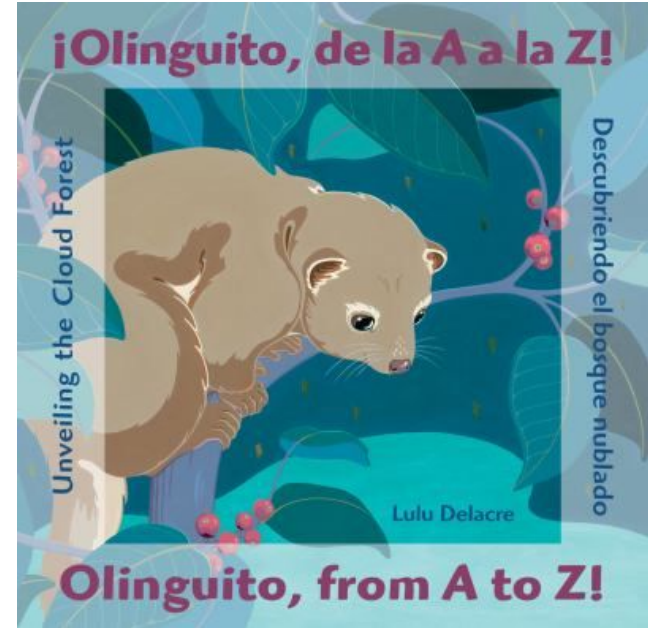
Pura Belpré Honor-winning author/  
Illustrator

Discovery of Olinguito in Ecuador in 2013

STEM, STEAM connection, encourages budding scientists

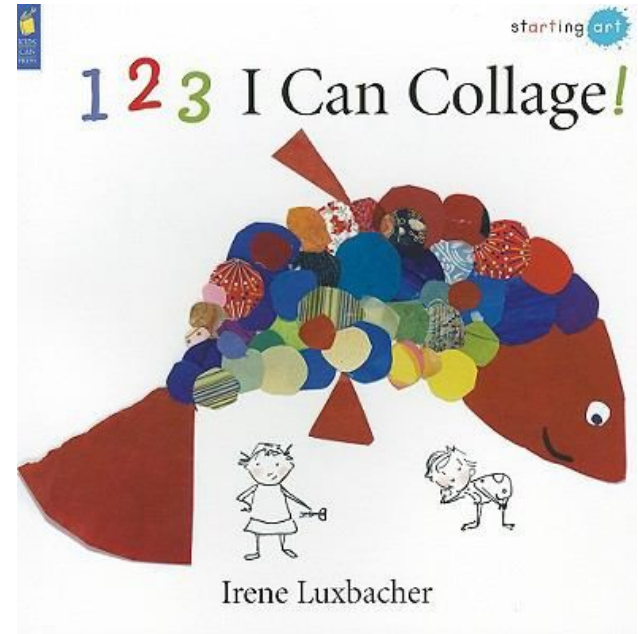
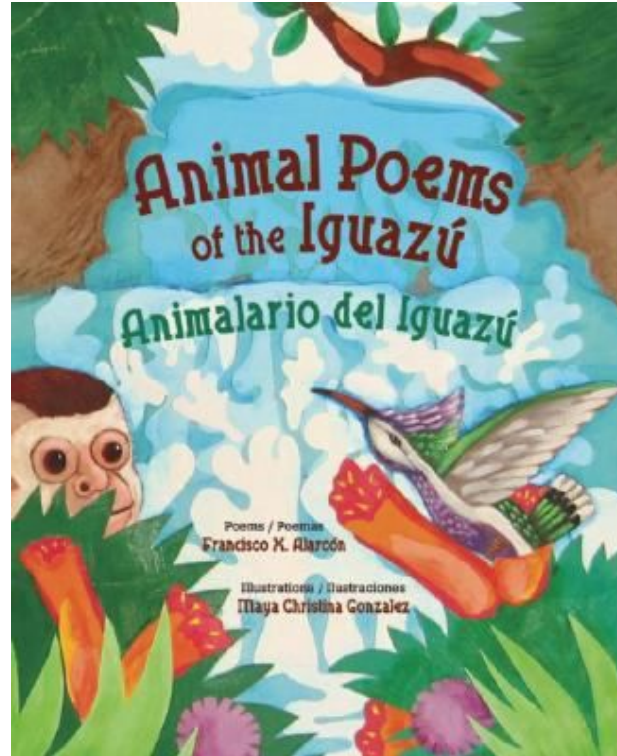
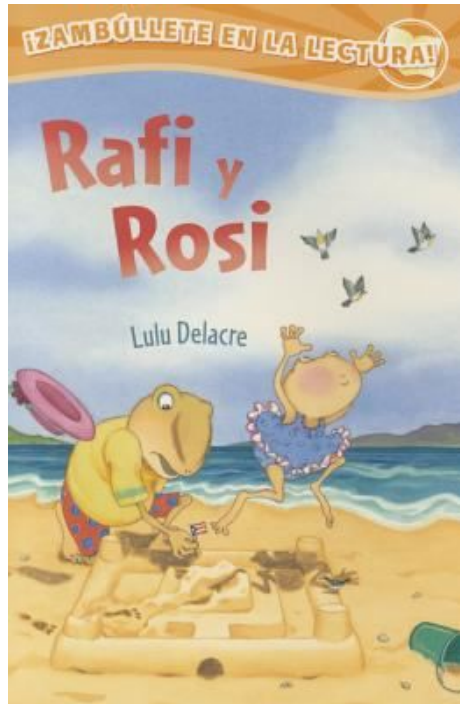
Backmatter: information on discovery of Olinguito;  
glossary; *más palabras útiles*, information on tropical  
montane forests & illustrations seek & find, additional sites

Collage illustrations made with real pressed leaves and flowers from Ecuador's Cloud Forest





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## Olinguito

*Bassaricyon neblina*



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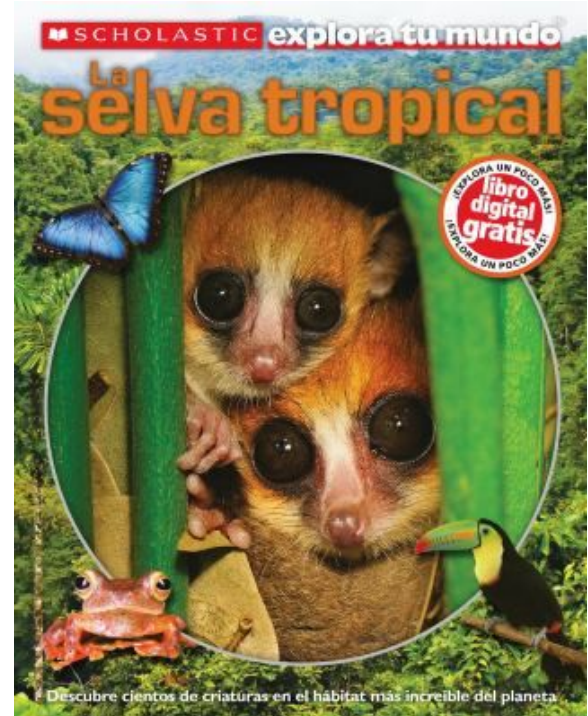
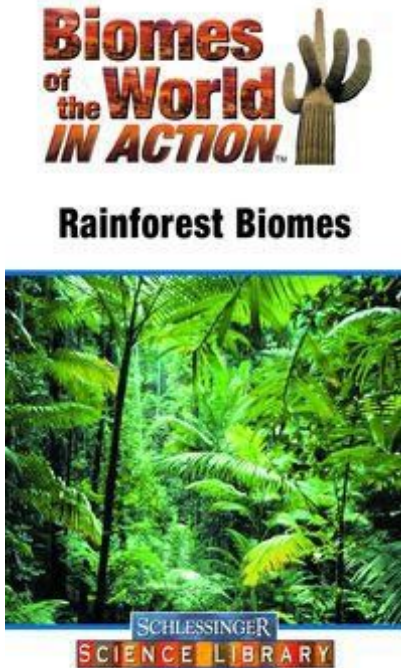
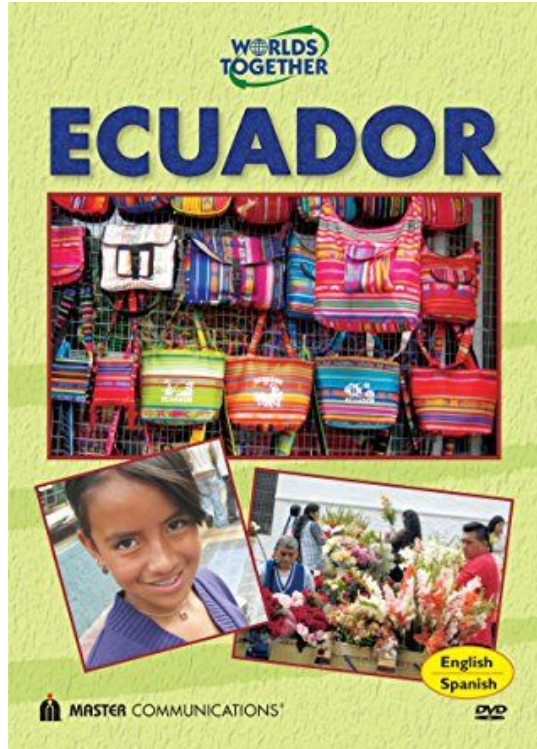
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**Length of Body:** about 14 inches (355 millimeters)

**Length of Tail:** 13 to 17 inches (335 to 424 millimeters)



# ¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z!: descubriendo el bosque nublado/ Olinguito, from A to Z!: unveiling the cloud forest resources cont.



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Area (sq. mi.)	109,483
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Area (sq. km.)	283,561
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Ecuador is slightly smaller than the Philippines or the state of Nevada. It is the smallest country on the western coast of South America. Despite its size, Ecuador has a wide range of landscapes, including volcanoes, rain forests, coastlines, and the Andes Mountains, which run down the center of the country. Such differences in landscape bring a variety of natural hazards. Ecuador often suffers earthquakes, floods, volcanic activity, landslides, and *droughts* (dry periods).

Ecuador is divided into four different regions: the *Costa* (coastal lowland), the *Sierra* (Andes Mountains), the *Oriente* (eastern lowland), and the Galápagos Islands in the Pacific. The *Costa* is a large flat plain that includes beaches, mangrove forests, and marshes. Shrimp farms are common in this region and many tropical fruits are grown here, including bananas, passion fruit, melon, and mango. The *Sierra* is a section of high volcanoes and valleys between two chains of the Andes. Condors, hummingbirds, and llamas are found in this area. The *Oriente* region, which contains part of the Amazon rain forest, covers more than half of Ecuador. Jaguars, sloths, and monkeys live in the forests of the *Oriente*. Two major rivers, the Napo and the Pastaza, flow through this region. The Galápagos Islands were formed millions of years ago by the eruption of volcanoes. More than 20,000 people now live on the islands, and so do thousands of different plant and animal species. Some of these aren't found anywhere else in the world. The majority of this region is now a national park.



Ecuador has two seasons: wet and dry. The rainy, warm season lasts from January to May, while June through December is dryer and cooler. In the *Sierra*, the rainy season is cooler and the dry season is warmer. Ecuador lies in the center of the *El Niño* weather pattern, which is based on a warm ocean current bringing warm winds that often cause floods and mudslides along Ecuador's coastlines. *El Niño* means "the child," a name it got because it usually hits around Christmastime, when Ecuadorians and neighboring Catholic nations celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. The average temperature in the capital of Quito is 71 °F (22°C).

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# MyaGrace wants to get ready: a true story promoting inclusion and self-determination

## by Jo Meserve Mach and Vera Lynne Stroup-Rentier

Bilingual, positive review in School Library Journal

Autism, cerebral palsy

Few books about disabilities in Spanish

Socio Emotional Learning: self-determination

Written in actual voice of a child

Backmatter: classroom activities, discussion starters





# MyaGrace wants to get ready: a true story promoting inclusion and self-determination: Resources

Written by Mother and illustrated by autistic son

For those who want to help children/friends with Autism: parents, teachers, friends

Each animal represents a human quality that is A characteristic of a child with autism

“Qué es el autismo?” at beginning of book, mother’s story& reaction to diagnosis

