About the List and Criteria for Selection
The books that appear in this annotated book list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children’s Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2001 and were written primarily for children in grades K-8, although a number of books are also suitable for older students. The selection committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups, are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one subject category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies (see list at left), to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

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About the Annotations
1. The titles marked with the book icon are Selectors’ Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm.
2. Title: Subtitle
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6. Number of pages
7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) are included for all available editions (trade, library, and paperback). The symbol “F” indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher’s name in parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition.
8. Price as of January 2002
9. Reading levels: P=Primary (K-2), I=Intermediate (3-5), A=Advanced (6-8). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles.
10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any.
11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list above).
12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies (see list at left).
Biography


B. FRANKLIN, PRINTER. David A. Adler. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Holiday House. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-8234-1675-5, $19.95. (A) Told with great detail, this magnificent biography captures Franklin’s brilliance and ingenuity, as well as his spirit and love for America. Detailing his endeavors as printer, writer, inventor, and patriot, the book reveals Franklin’s charm and intellect. Primary source illustrations add to the thoughtful text. Chronologies of Franklin and the New World, Source Notes, Web Sites, Bibliography, Index. (DLK) III, V, VI


BRAVE HARRIET. Marissa Moss. Illustrated by C.F. Payne. Silver Whistle. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-15-202380-1, $16.00. (P, I) An exceptional biography in words and pictures of Harriet Quimby, a young, courageous woman who flew across the Channel, but her feat was overshadowed by the sinking of the Titanic. Author’s Note. (AAA) II, III, IV


BULL’S EYE: A PHOTOBIOGRAHY OF ANNIE OAKLEY. Sue Macy. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Society. 64pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-7008-8, $17.95. (A) This action-packed biography captures the grit and determination of this fascinating woman. Quotes and historical photographs enhance the lively text as the life of “Little Sure Shot” unfolds and shows the spirit of an American icon and role model. Foreword, Afterword, Chronology, Author’s Notes, Resources. Index. (DLK) III, IV, I


COUNTCOUNTDOWN TO INDEPENDENCE: A REVOLUTION OF IDEAS IN ENGLAND AND HER AMERICAN COLONIES: 1760-1776. Natalie S. Bober. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 342pp. Library ISBN 0-689-81529-5, $26.95. (A) From the day George III assumed the throne until the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the ideas of the American Revolution led the colonies to independence. Outstanding portraits of those patriots we know, like Sam Adams, and those in the shadowy background, like Ebenezer Macintosh, give human face to rhetoric. Author’s Note, Bibliography, Index, Reference Notes. (MAM) II, VI, X


FURTHER READING, MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES, BIOGRAPHIES OF OTHER WOMEN'S RIGHTS LEADERS. (MAM) I, V, X


HATSHEPSUT, HIS MAJESTY, HERSELF. Catherine M. Andronik. Illustrated by Joseph Daniel Fiedler. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-82562-5, $17.00. I (I) This beautiful and eloquent picture biography portrays both the human and holy qualities of Benedict of Nursia. The illustrations are so symbolic and communicative that they could stand alone to tell this powerful story, but the melding of stunning illustrations with rich text creates an unforgettable story. Explanatory Note, Further Reading. (DLK) III, IV


THE HOLY TWINS: BENEDICT AND SCHOLASTICA. Kathleen Norris. Illustrated by Tornie de Paola. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-399-23424-1, $16.99. F (Puffin Books). (I) This beautiful and eloquent picture biography portrays both the human and holy qualities of Benedict and Scholastica's lives. The illustrations are so symbolic and communicative that they could stand alone to tell this powerful story, but the melding of stunning illustrations with rich text creates an unforgettable story. Explanatory Note, Further Reading. (DLK) III, IV

HOW I BECAME AN AMERICAN. Karin Gündisch. Translated by James Skotield. Cricket Books. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-8126-4675-7, $15.95. (I) This story follows a German family that moves from Romantia, to Germany, and on to America in the first decade of the 1900s. The hardships of language, finding work, and keeping a family united are balanced by the opportunities in the United States. Afterword. (ILD) IV, V, VI

JOHN AND ABIGAIL ADAMS: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY. Judith St. George. Illustrated with prints. Holiday House. 192pp. Trade ISBN 0-8234-1571-6, $22.95. (A) This charming narrative, interspersed with photos, drawings, and etchings, is largely based on a lifetime of letters written during John and Abigail's long periods of separation when he pursued his public duties. Author's Note, Bibliography, Index, Adams Family Chronology, Web Sites, Epilogue. (MAM) II, VI, X


HELEN KELLER: REBELLIOUS SPIRIT. Laurie Lawlor. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Holiday House. 192pp. Trade ISBN 0-8234-1586-8, $22.95. (I, A) The rebellious spirit in Helen Keller is dramatically portrayed in this interesting biography. In this well-researched book, Helen comes alive; the reader gets to know her intimately, with all her prickles, sorrows, glory, and happiness. Photo illustrations complete the piece. Table of Contents, Introduction, Chronology, Source Notes, Further Reading, Index. (JAA) II, III, IV, V

NOTABLE SOCIAL STUDIES TRADE BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 2002


OUR COUNTRY’S PRESIDENTS. Ann Bausum. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Society. 192pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-7226-9, $24.95. (A) Color portraits of each president, combined with detailed text, create an image of each U.S. president in the context of his time. Divided into six chronological sections, this outstanding reference profiles each president, along with photos and period artwork. Foreword by President George W. Bush, Chart of Presidential Election Results, Index, Bibliography. (DLK) III, II, IV

RESCUED IMAGES: MEMORIES OF A CHILDHOOD IN HIDING. Ruth Jacobsen. Illustrated by the author. Mikaya Press. 96pp. Trade ISBN 1-931414-00-9, $19.95. (A) Built around fabulous visuals from the author’s collage work and photographs, the story of one family becomes the story of all families during the Holocaust. Foreword, Afterword, Biographies of Key Figures, Map. (MAM) II, III, IV

ROBERT E. PEARY: TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD (Great Explorations series). Patricia Calvert. Illustrated with photographs. Benchmark Books/Marshall Cavendish. 80pp. Library ISBN 0-7614-1242-5, $19.95. (I, A) After trying for 23 years to fulfill his dream of reaching the North Pole, Robert E. Peary proclaims his success to the world. After his experience during the Great Depression and is the striking image of Keller’s relationships with Sullivan, Bell, and others. Author’s Note. (TLL) I, II, III


THEODORE ROOSEVELT: LETTERS FROM A YOUNG COAL MINER (Dear Mr. President series). Jennifer Armstrong. Illustrated with photographs. WinslowHouse. 118pp. Trade ISBN 1-890817-27-9, $9.95. (A) Through a series of fictional letters between the President and a fictional young Polish coal miner, a clear picture emerges of Theodore Roosevelt’s presidency and his boisterous young family, as well the horrific conditions in the mines at the turn of the twentieth century. Bibliography, Glossary. About the U.S. Postal Service: 1902, Web Site. (MAM) II, I, III


THE WORLD AT HER FINGERTIPS: THE STORY OF HELEN KELLER. Joan Dash. Illustrated with photographs. Scholastic Press. 224pp. Trade ISBN 0-590-90715-8, $15.95. F (Scholastic). (A) Lively writing is coupled with thoroughness and honesty to portray the real Helen Keller and her “supporting cast.” Of particular note is the forthright examination of Keller’s relationships with Sullivan, Bell, and others. Bibliography. Index. (PN) IV
Contemporary Concerns


A BUSHEL OF LIGHT. Troon Harrison. Stoddart Kids. 244pp. Paperback ISBN 0-7737-6040-3, $7.95. (A) This excellent, well-crafted novel begins in Cornwall, England, where twin girls lose first their father and then their mother. The girls are separated and first one, then the other is indentured to farms in Canada. The book chronicles their separate lives and how they found each other through that special way of knowing between twins. (JAA) III, IV

FREEDOM SUMMER. Deborah Wiles. Illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue. An Anne Schwartz Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 328pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-83016-5, $16.00. (P, I, A) Freedom Summer illuminates racism in the 1960s through the eyes of two nine-year-old boys, one white and one black. The book offers hope that youth are the key to societal change. Author’s Note. (ACL) I, II, IV


OF SOUND MIND. Jean Ferris. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 224pp. Trade ISBN 0-374-35580-0, $16.00. (A) In this contemporary novel, Theo, who is hearing, feels enlaced by his deaf family members. Theo meets Ivy, who lives with her deaf father. They are alike and yet so different as they deal with deafness and hearing, as well as with other teenage issues. The plot is well-developed and instructive about deafness. The writing is straightforward and informative, and the outstanding photography reveals exuberance and compassion. Notes, Bibliography, Charts, Maps. (PN) III, VIII


SPELLBOUND. Janet McDonald. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 144pp. Trade ISBN 0-374-37140-7, $16.00. (A) Raven is a sixteen-year-old single mom, a school dropout, living at home with her mom and baby. But Raven is also bright, verbal, and has goals. She meets the challenge of her college-educated sister by entering a spelling contest. Authentic characters and language. The important message focuses on using individual strength. (JAA) I, IV


Environment and Ecology

THE CHIMPANZEES I LOVE: SAVING THEIR WORLD AND OURS. Jane Goodall. Illustrated with photographs. Scholastic Press. 80pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-21310-X, $17.95. F (Scholastic). (I) Dr. Goodall’s renowned work with chimpanzees is presented here with all the joy and enthusiasm that she withheld when reporting to the scientific community. The writing is straightforward and informative, and the outstanding photography reveals exuberance and compassion. Notes, Bibliography, Charts, Maps. (PN) III, VIII

FOOD WATCH. Martyn Bramwell. Illustrated with photographs. DK Publishing. 64pp. Trade ISBN 0-7894-7765-3, $16.95. (I, A) Crucial issues making an impact on the planet’s food supply are presented with vibrant photographs. Readers meet professionals in the field through “Day in the life of . . .” and are guided through experiments and “Action!” pieces. Index, Action Plan. (NAM) X


Folktales


STORM MAKER’S TIPI. Paul Goble. Illustrated by the author. A Richard Jackson Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-84137-X, $18.00. (P) In the classic illustrations of Paul Goble, the story of the tipi unfolds. Sacred Otter and his son are caught in a snowstorm and a dream leads them to discover the mystical tipi. (ACL) I, II, III


THE WOLF OF GUBBIO. Michael Bedard. Illustrated by Murray Kimber. Stoddart Kids. 24pp. Trade ISBN 0-7775-3250-0, $19.95. (I) This is a simple tale of a monstrous wolf and the poor, simple St. Francis, who saves the village of Gubbio from the wolf. Man against wolf standing face to face is a clear message of trust and understanding. Stark illustrations go well with the story. Afterword. (JAV) I, VI

Geography, Peoples, and Places


DESER T TREK: AN EYE-OPENING JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD’S DRIEST PLACES.


This journey explores world deserts by looking at people, oases, irrigation, waves, hunters, oil, holy places, cold, salt, water, plants, and animals in desert regions. “To Learn More” Pages, World Map of Deserts. (JLD) III


Written in a friendly, contemporary voice, this book provides comparisons and contrasts between popular conceptions and factual information in an engaging way. Interesting and well-researched. Index, Bibliography, Photographs, Illustrations. (TLL) I, II, IX


THE WOLF GIRLS: AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY FROM HISTORY. Jane Yolen and Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple. Illustrated by Roger Roth. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-81080-6, $16.00. (I) An aspiring young detective goes through her father’s files and comes upon an unsolved mystery—the discovery in India of two orphaned girls, said to have been raised by wolves. On the basis of the evidence presented, the reader is asked to consider the story’s veracity. Notes, Glossary. (NKS) III, I

AMISH HORSES. Richard Ammon. Illustrated by Pamela Patrick. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-82623-0, $17.00. (P) This vivid picture book chronicles the many tasks on an Amish farm, both for the horses and for the farm family. The descriptive details combine with the almost photographic illustrations to create a picturesque tour of Amish farm life. Author’s Note, Glossary. (DLK) III, V


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BELLE TEAL. Ann M. Martin. Scholastic Press. 214pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-09823-8; $15.95. F (Scholastic). (A) We are taken back to the Civil Rights era in the rural south to share the experiences of a white girl when her school is integrated. (DBK) II, III, IV


BROOKLYN BRIDGE. Lynn Curlee. Illustrated by the author. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-83183-8; $18.00. (P) Inspiration and perspiration were both essential for completing one of America’s most daring architectural and engineering feats ever. Imaginative illustrations complement this biography of the famous bridge and its builders. Specifications, Timeline, Bibliography. (ADM) III, VIII


THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE. Susan Bartoletti. Illustrated by David Christiana. Blue Sky Press/Scholastic Inc. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-590-89431-9; $15.95. F (Scholastic). (P) This Depression-era picture book depicts a young girl and her dad who have become homeless, ride the rails, and are jailed. The girl is left with a kind and loving family, while dad goes to find a job, returning on Christmas Eve. Illustrations express both the dark and happy times. Author’s Note. (JAA) II, III, IV

CLEM’S CHANCES. Sonia Levitin. Orchard Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-29314-6; $17.95. F (Scholastic). (I) When Clem’s mother dies, he is taken in by a family who wants only his labor. Abused and disheartened, Clem heads west on foot to find his irresponsible father who had joined the gold rush. There is a lot of accurate history in this well-written adventure story. (NKH) III, IV


EARTHQUAKE. Milly Lee. Illustrated by Yangsook Choi. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-374-39964-6; $16.00. (P) This excellent picture book documents the 1906 San Francisco earthquake that devastated the Chinese-American community. Milly Lee’s family narrowly escapes the quake and the fires that followed. Author’s notes set the historical and personal context—this is the author’s mother’s story. Author’s Note. (JAA) III


FREEDOM’S WINGS: COREY’S DIARY, KENTUCKY TO OHIO, 1857 (My America series). Sharon Dennis Wyeth. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Scholastic Inc. 112pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-14100-1, $8.95. F (Scholastic). (P, I) Young Corey, a slave child, is determined to reach freedom and the father who taught him to read and write. He and his mother must “follow the drinking gourd,” fleeing at the mercy of the Underground Railroad. This “diary” is compelling! Historical Note. (PN) II, III, I

GHOST TOWNS OF THE AMERICAN WEST. Raymond Bial. Illustrated with photographs by the author. Houghton Mifflin. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-06557-1, $16.00. (I, A) An introduction to ghost towns that were once the bustling mining camps, lumber camps, and cowboy towns of the nineteenth century by giving the reader a glimpse into where and why they were built. Bibliography. (ACL) III, VII

GIVING THANKS: THE 1621 HARVEST FEAST. Kate Waters. Illustrated with photographs by Russ Kendall. Scholastic Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-24395-5, $16.95. F (Scholastic). (I) This delightful reenactment describes the harvest celebration enjoyed by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people. Told in counterpoint dialogue between a fourteen-year-old Wampanoag and a six-year-old Pilgrim boy, the account is enhanced by color photographs from Plimoth Plantation. (TLL) II, I, III

GIVING UP IN SLAVERY. Sylviane A. Diouf. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Millbrook Press. 96pp. Library ISBN 0-7613-1763-5, $24.90. (I) A resource that ought to be in every classroom where slavery and civil rights issues are raised, this book reveals the strength and pain of children raised in slavery. Don’t be fooled by the traditional textbook layout and the seemingly mundane cover. Sources, To Learn More, Bibliography, Index. (TLL) II, I, III

HARVEST. George Ancona. Illustrated with photographs by the author. Marshall Cavendish. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-7614-5086-6, $15.95. F (Scholastic). (P, I) Through text and photography, this elegant essay depicts the life of migrant farm workers. Why they are willing to take risks and make sacrifices becomes clear, as does the work ethic that drives them. Glossary. (PN) I, VII, III

HENRY’S FIRST-MOON BIRTHDAY. Lenore Look. Illustrated by Yumi Heo. An Anne Schwartz Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-82294-4, $16.00. (P, I) Through text and photography, this classic essay describes life among Amish and Mennonite peoples in the Pennsylvania Dutch country. The poetry is both engaging and informative, and the illustrations are inviting, bringing observations and events into clear focus. Author’s Note. (PN) I, IV

A HUMBLE LIFE: PLAIN POEMS. Linda Oatman High. Illustrated by Bill Farnsworth. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-8028-5207-6, $17.00. (P, I) Lifting verse describes life among Amish and Mennonite peoples in the Pennsylvania Dutch country. The poetry is both engaging and informative, and the illustrations are inviting, bringing observations and events into clear focus. Author’s Note. (PN) I, IV


IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALAMO. (Great Episodes series). Sherry Garland. Gulliver Books. 282pp. Trade ISBN 0-15-201744-5, $17.00. (I, A) This novel of Mexico’s quest to win back Texas is told by a fifteen-year-old boy. Lorenzo never imagines what the march to the Alamo will mean when the Mexican Army seizes his village and he is forced to join Santa Anna. Good history from a different point of view. Glossary of Spanish Terms. (NKH) I, III, IV


THE JOURNEY. Sarah Stewart. Illustrated by David Small. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-374-33905-8, $16.00. (I, P) Hannah, an Amish girl, visits Chicago on her birthday. The excitement of the big city, the skyscrapers, and the aquarium are all a source of wonder to Hannah, but she remembers and misses the joys of her simple life. (NKH) I, III, IV

THE LAMP, THE ICE, AND THE BOAT CALLED FISH. Jacqueline Briggs Martin. Illustrated by Beth Krommes. Houghton Mifflin. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-00341-X, $15.00. (I) This story follows the course of the Canadian ship Karluk, which was trapped in the Arctic ice of the Beaufort Sea in 1913. Many of the crew survived by living with, and benefiting from, the native crafts and skills of the Inupiaq. Author’s Note, Passenger List, Crew List. (JLD) III, I, V


THE OTHER DOG. Madeleine L’Engle. Illustrated by Christine Davenier. SeaStar Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 1-58717-041-8, $15.95; Library ISBN 1-58717-041-8-5, $15.88. (P, I) A wonderfully funny story on sibling rivalry as told by a dog. When the new baby comes home, the dog can’t figure out why another “dog” is needed in the Franklin family; they already have the perfect pet. A fresh twist on an old theme. Based on L’Engle’s own experience as mistress of “Touché,” a poodle who loved the stage and ruled the L’Engle/Franklin household, this book would encourage kids to attempt unwise feats. (MAM) I


PLACES IN TIME: A NEW ATLAS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. Esphett Leacock and Susan Buckley. Illustrated by Randy Jones. Houghton Mifflin. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-395-97958-7, $15.00. (I) Twenty important sites in American history are highlighted and magnificently described, as specific locations are linked to historical events. Numerical labels connect information to the detailed illustrations as the reader peers into windows of history. Historical Notes, Index. (DLK) III, II, V


REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR: AMERICAN AND JAPANESE SURVIVORS TELL THEIR STORIES. Thomas B. Allen. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Society. 64pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-6690-8, $17.95. (I, A) Survivors of the Pearl Harbor attacks, both Americans and Japanese, share their memories in this powerful retelling of the day America entered World War II. Historical photographs, reproductions of period bubble-gum cards, and useful maps accompany the text. Timeline, Postscripts, Resource Listings, Bibliography, Index. (NKS) II, V, VI


TATTERED SAILS. Verla Kay. Illustrated by Dan Andreasen. C.P. Putnam’s Sons. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-399-23345-8, $15.99. F (Puffin Books). (P) Liltting verse describes the treacherous journey of one family traveling from England to America in the 1600s. Warm illustrations elaborate on the simple text to convey the magnitude of such a difficult journey. Author’s Note. (DLK) III, V
THEY CAME FROM THE BRONX: HOW THE BUFFALO WERE SAVED FROM EXTINCTION

WHO REALLY DISCOVERED AMERICA?

WORDS WITH WINGS: A TREASURY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN POETRY AND ART

THE CIVIL WAR AT SEA

WE WERE THERE, TOO! YOUNG PEOPLE IN HISTORY
Phillip Hoose. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 276pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-11712-1, $18.00. (P) What was it like to leave a New York orphanage to be adopted by unknown families far away? An engaging account of homeless children and the social service workers who assisted them. Recommended Reading, Sources, Index. (ADM) IV

WE RODE THE ORPHAN TRAINS

WEAVE LITTLE STARS INTO MY SLEEP: NATIVE AMERICAN LULLABIES

WHEN ESTHER MORRIS HEADED WEST: WOMEN, WYOMING AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE
Connie Nordheim Wooldridge. Illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8234-1597-X, $16.95. (P) Children will delight in this humorous tale of a real woman with real spunk. Putting newly-won women’s suffrage to the test, Morris not only voted, but also ran for office—and won! Author’s Note, Bibliography. (PN) II, IV, X

WHEN JOHNNY WENT MARCHING: YOUNG AMERICANS FIGHT THE CIVIL WAR

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FLAG LORE OF ALL NATIONS
Whitney Smith, Ph.D. Illustrated by Dream Maker Software. Millbrook Press. 112pp. Library ISBN 0-7613-1753-8, $29.90. (I) This extraordinary reference book gives a clear, visual depiction of flags from each of the 192 independent countries of the world. Each country is named, with a pronunciation guide, historical background, and description of the flag’s symbols. Grids showing private, government, and military flag use (for land and sea) are provided. World Map, Nations Grouped by Continent, Flag-Related Terms, For Further Information, Index. (DBK) III, VI, X

JOURNEYS IN TIME: A NEW ATLAS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

Reference

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC STUDENT ATLAS OF THE WORLD. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Society. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-7235-8, $18.95; Paperback ISBN 0-7922-7221-8, $12.95. (A) This comprehensive student atlas is an extraordinary compendium of maps, charts, graphs, and photographs. The accompanying text, both engaging and informative, explains many essential geography concepts. Web Sites, Glossary, Measurement Conversion Charts, Flags and Facts of the World, Thematic Index, Place and Name Index. (DLK) III, IX


THE USBORNE BOOK OF PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. Gillian Doherty and Anna Claybourne. Illustrated with photographs. Usborne Publishing. 96pp. Library ISBN 1-84059-345-0, $12.95; Paperback ISBN 0-7945-0025-0, $14.95. (I, A) With current photographs, the book introduces the most significant resources and cultural contributions of the different countries. The format is easy-to-read and has interesting content. Internet Links. (ACL) I, III, IV


LOVE TO MAMÁ. Edited by Pat Mora. Illustrated by Paula S. Barragán M. Lee and Low Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-58430-019-1, $16.95. (I, A) Poems by thirteen Latin@ poets of all ages about their mothers (and all mothers) leap to life through bold paintings. Much Spanish embedded in the text can be found in the glossary. Author’s Note, Glossary. (MAM) I, IV

RACING THE PAST. Sir Deans. Henry Holt. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-6635-7, $15.95. (A) Set in rural Maine, this is the story of eleven-year-old Ricky Gordon dealing with his father’s death. Rural poverty, a needy younger sibling, and bullies at school are problems that lead Ricky to start running in a long-term race with the school bus. (JLD) IV, V


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