

# Multicultural Picture Books

All listed books are located in the JP section of the children's room

**Aardema**      *Why mosquitos buzz in people's ears*

A retelling of a traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying habit.

**Atinuke**      *Anna Hibiscus*

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family.

**Ajmera**      *Be my neighbor*

This book celebrates what it means to be a neighbor the whole world over -- from Vietnam to the United States, Austria to Kenya and everywhere in between.

**Bunting**      *Jin Woo*

When a new baby comes from Korea, David isn't sure he wants his family to change.

**Compestine**      *The runaway wok*

On Chinese New Year's Eve, a poor man who works for the richest businessman in Beijing sends his son to market to trade their last few eggs for a bag of rice, but instead he brings home an empty--but magic--wok that changes their fortunes forever.

**Daly**      *Pretty Salma*

In this African retelling of Red Riding Hood, Mr. Dog tricks Salma into giving himher clothes so that he can go to Grandma's house.

**Dorros**      *Abuela*

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City.

**Falwell**      *Feast for ten*

Numbers from one to ten are used to tell how members of a family shop and work together to prepare a meal.

**Fox**      *Whoever you are*

Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together, such as pain, joy, and love.

**Frame**      *Yesterday I had the blues*

A young boy ponders a variety of emotions and how different members of his family experience them, from his own blues to his father's grays and his grandmother's yellows.

**Gray**      *A country far away*

Parallel pictures reveal the essential similarities between the lives of two boys - one in a western country and one in a rural African village.

**Hamanaka**      *All the colors of the earth*

Reveals in verse that despite outward differences children everywhere are essentially the same and all are lovable.

**Harjo**      *The good luck cat*

Because her good luck cat Woogie has already used up eight of his nine lives in narrow escapes from disaster, a Native American girl worries when he disappears.

**Hoffman**      *The color of home*

Hassan, newly-arrived in the United States and feeling homesick, paints a picture at school that shows his old home in Somalia as well as the reason his family had to leave.

**Johnson**      *Tell me a story, mama*

A young girl and her mother remember together all the girl's favorite stories about her mother's childhood.

**Joose**      *Hot city*

Mimi and her little brother Joe escape the city's summer heat to read about princesses and dinosaurs in the cool, quiet library.

**Katz**      *My first Chinese New Year*

A girl and her family prepare for and celebrate Chinese New Year.

**Keats**      *Peter's chair*

When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away.

**Kerley**      *You and me together: moms, dads, and kids around the world*

From a festival in India to a bus in Germany, from a park in China to a campfire in Australia, loving moms, dads, and kids share their lives.

**Kiuchukov**     ***My name was Hussein***

When an army invades his small village in Bulgaria, a Muslim boy and his family are forced to take Christian names.

**Kurtz**            ***In the small, small night***

Kofi can't sleep in his new home in the United States, so his older sister Abena soothes his fears about life in a different country by telling him two folktales from their native Ghana about the nature of wisdom and perseverance.

**Lin**                ***Lissy's friends***

Lissy is the new girl at school and very shy, so she makes origami friends to keep her company.

**Look**            ***Uncle Peter's amazing Chinese wedding***

A Chinese American girl describes the festivities of her uncle's Chinese wedding and the customs behind them.

**Mason**         ***These hands***

An African American man tells his grandson about a time when, despite all the wonderful things his hands could do, they could not touch bread at the Wonder Bread factory

**Mora**            ***Gracias/Thanks***

A young multiracial boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful.

**Munoz Ryan**   ***Mice and beans***

Rosa Maria is cooking up a big meal for her grandchild's birthday party, but things keep disappearing from her kitchen.

**Myers**           ***Wings***

Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings, but his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him.

**Ringgold**      ***Tar beach***

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

**Sheth**            ***My Dadima wears a sari***

Two young sisters raised in America learn about the beauty and art of wearing a sari from their wise Indian grandmother.

**Tafolla**      ***What can you do with a paleta?***

A young Mexican American girl celebrates the paleta, an icy fruit popsicle, and the many roles it plays in her lively barrio.

**We**      ***We are all alike/We are all different***

Kindergarten children describe the likenesses and differences among themselves.

**Wells**      ***Yoko***

When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats--until one of them tries it for himself.

**Williams**      ***More, More, More, said the baby***

Three babies are caught up in the air and given loving attention by a father, grandmother, and mother.

**Woodson**      ***Pecan pie baby***

When Mama's pregnancy draws attention away from Gia, she worries that the special bond they share will disappear forever once the baby is born.

**Yum**      ***The twins' blanket***

Two twin girls, who have always shared everything, sleep in separate beds with their own blankets for the first time.

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