

## Story and non-fiction books from other places and cultures

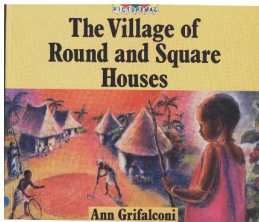
### The three Ps: The plot, the people and the place, are all important.

Education is about enrichment, and one rich area of life is stories. Stories should transport people to different places (and times) in their imagination. If stories are about the plot, the people and the place (and time), it is impossible to consider any interpretation of the story without more knowledge and understanding of the place and people from which they came.

### How English are stories?

So many of our stories that have become part of English Literature for children started out life in other places often written in other languages, just think about **Hans Christian Andersen** or more currently **Mrs Pepperpot** or **Pippi Longstocking**. Some started out as oral story telling and have now been written down. **The Anansi stories** originally from West Africa and subsequently taken to the Caribbean are now evident in children's' books today. Disney is constantly reinventing stories from other places and reinterpreting for today's children.

### Stories from other cultures can be enriching.



Just by choosing stories set in other places like Africa, you have an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of the world. The stories may have illustrations that transport children to the other side of the world. In '*The Village Of Round And Square Houses*', the text and the illustration work together to create the sense of place, the people have feelings rather than are just objects of study. Furthermore the story is a moral one and serves an opportunity to point out that people from other places are just as human as we are, some good, and some not so, with needs, thoughts and feelings

### Polar bears and penguins, Stories from other places can be misleading.

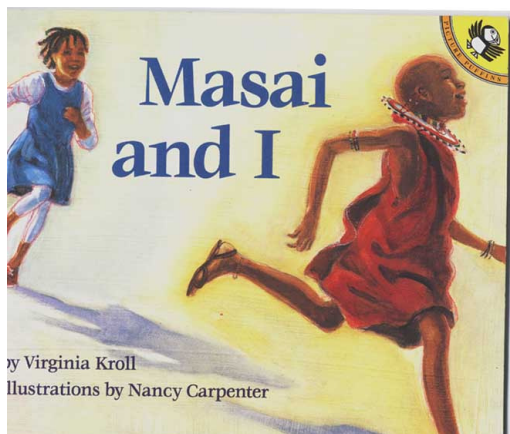
However, much more simply fiction uses devices which distort fact to appeal to children. Many stories about cold places combine two cuddly animals, polar bears (in reality very fierce) and penguins (very docile). They could not be further apart geographically. African lions and Indian tigers appear in the same jungles. Does this matter? It is a real opportunity to look at 'truth' in story with young children and get the globe out.

### Asking "What is it really like?" improves their critical literacy.

Just by posing questions about any story, such as 'Where did this story come from? , 'What is it really like there?' and 'Why was it written? Allows us to investigate the real context in which the story was set. The beauty of some story illustrations may hide a

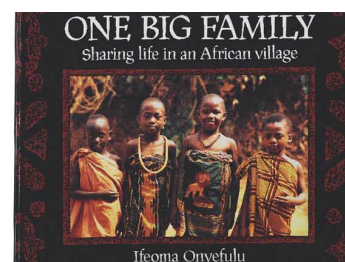
more difficult truth of environmental destruction and inequality. It is at this point a combination of fiction and non-fiction are vital to support children's understanding of critical literacy.

## **British-Asian experience - Stories from others lives can be challenging**



Through looking at stories about other individual children one can get an insight into experience. For example, the **Nani series** where a young girl of Indian origin goes back to visit her grandmother in India sheds light on the British Asian experience of living between two cultures. It is her first experience of India, she describes it beautifully and through fresh eyes gives the reader an opportunity to look at the attitudes and values of a young person.

It is in books where racism or injustice occurs that children can get an opportunity to look at the experience of others and question their own values and attitudes. Looking at real people alongside fictional characters raises debate about generalisation, stereotyping and experience of the world.



**This contains a list of some books, both fiction and non-fiction, set in different localities, arranged by continent. The books can be used in geography lessons or literacy lessons.**

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**I am keen to keep this list up to date; if there are books you would like to recommend to others, please let me know!**

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## Some geographical story and non-fiction books set in different countries

Title	Author	Publisher	Further details
<b>Asia India</b>			
Amal and the Letter from the King	Chitra Gajadin	Magi, 1992	Set in India. Available in several languages.
An Ocean of Story: A Collection of Magical Folk Tales	Caroline Ness	Macdonald Young Books, 1995	Tales from India RA 8 - 12
Bend it Like Beckham	Narinder Dhani	Hodder, 2002	What is it like to be a British Asian? Now a film!
Dandipani and the Fisherboy		Action Aid	Orissa, India
Dust on the Mountains	P. Bond	Julia MacRae books 1990	Northern India KS2
Earthquake	Ruskin Bond	Julia MacRae books (Franklin Watts) 1984	Earthquake in Cherrapunji Hills, N. India
Elephant Dance: A Journey to India	Theresa Heine	Barefoot Books 2004	Grandfather makes a journey from India to multi-cultural Britain
Fine Feathered Friend	Jamila Gavin	Yellow Bananas, 2001	Mumbai (Bombay)
Footprints in the Forest: A Chembakolli story	Taahra Ghazi, Eileen Brown	Action Aid	Links with Chembakolli Also available as a big book
Geeta's Day	Prodeпта Das	Frances Lincoln, 1999	From Dawn to Dusk in an Indian village in Orissa
Going to School in India	Lisa Heydlauff	From Amazon	Stories of different groups of children
Grandpa's India Summer	Jamila Gavin	2006	
I is for India	Prodeпта Das	Frances Lincoln, 1996	£9.99. An alphabet of India. Photo illustrations
India	David Cumming	Evans Books Cherrytrees books,	Letters from Around the World series
Jazeera in the Sun	Lisa Bruce	Mammoth (Reed) 1988	Jazeera returns from her new home in England, to India for a holiday. Sequel to Jazeera's Journey. RA 8 - 11.
Jazeera's Journey	Lisa Bruce	Methuen 1993	Migration from India to UK
Jyoti's Journey	Helen Ganly	Andre Deutsch	India
Lost at the Fair	Feroza Mathieson	A&C Black, 1988	Set in India

Mala, A Woman's Folktale	Gita Wolf-Sampath	Tara, 1994, Letterbox	RA 7 - 11
My Friend, The Sea	Sandhya Rao	Tulika publishers, India	Fictional story of a boy caught in the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami
Out Of India	Jamila Gavin	Hodder, 1997	
Princess Jazz and the Angels	Rachel Anderson	Mammoth 1995	Set in India. Jaswinder has an Irish mother, Indian father and was brought up in Scotland. RA 10+
Purnima's Parrot	Feroza Mathieson, Anna Louise	Magi Publications	
Seasons of Splendour: Tales, Myths and Legends of India	Madhur Jaffrey	Puffin, 1987	Madhur Jaffrey retells all the stories told to her by her mother, aunt and grandmother. RA 8 - 12
Shompa lives in India	Jean Harrison	1999	Everyday life of Shompa RA 5 - 9 Free teaching ideas on <a href="http://www.christianaid.org.uk/learn">www.christianaid.org.uk/learn</a>
Sootface: An Ojibwa Cinderella Story	Robert D. San Souci	Doubleday	
Stories from India: in Gujarati and English		Multicultural Archive, Lens based media, De Montford Uni, 1995	On tape, several stories
Tales from India	Sanjeevini	Mantra 1984	5 stories from Indian history RA 7 - 11
The Adventures of Rama and Sita	Ruskin Bond	Walker 1990	Simplified version of epic Indian tale, Ramayana. RA 7 - 10
The Adventures of Young Krishna, the Blue God of India	Diksha Dalal-Clayton	Lutterworth, 1991	RA 10+
The Butterfly Kiss	Marcial Boo	Gollancz, 1995	For very young children, set in India
The Elephant-Headed God: and other Hindu Tales	Debanjee Chatterjee	Lutterworth, 1989	Collection of stories from ancient India. RA 8 - 12
The Enchanted Palace	Ashim Bhattacharya and Champaka Basu	Jennie Ingham, 1985	A fairy tale from Bengal. Available in several languages.
The Narrow Escape	Qamar Zamani	Nelson, 1987	Set in India. RA 7 - 9
The Peacock Garden	Anita Desai	Mammoth 1991	Set in 1947 in an Indian village. RA 9 - 12
The People who Hugged the Trees	Deborah Lee Rose	Arpel Graphics / Roberts Rinehart, 1990 / Airlift Book Co	Rajasthan, An Indian legend retold. RA 6 - 10
The Proud Elephant	Qamar Zamani	Jennie Ingham, Roy	Available in dual languages.

		Yates, 1986	RA 5 - 7
The Raja's Big Ears	Niru Desai	Jennie Ingham, 1989, Roy Yates	Available in dual languages, fairy tale set in India RA 5 -7
The Ramayana	Pratima Mitchell	Puffin, 1996	All Hindi children know the story of Rama. RA 9 - 12
The River's Song	Shraddhavan	Children's Book Trust, New Delhi, 1993. Soma	India
The Singing Bowls	Jamila Gavin	Mammoth, 1990	RA 11+
The Tiger Child: A Folk Tale from India	Joanna Troughton	Puffin Folk Tales of the World, 1999	The Tiger Child makes a journey to the village to find fire
The Village by the Sea	Anita Desai	Puffin, 1984	Set in fishing village near Mumbai. RA 11+, Top KS2
The Wheel of Surya	Jamila Gavin	Mammoth (Reed) 1994	RA 11+ Follows the fortunes of two families, one Indian and one British. See also its sequel The Eye of the Horse.
Tiger Roars, Eagle Soars	Ruskin Bond	Walker 1994	Set in Himalayan forest. RA 7 - 10

### Asia Bangladesh

Bangladesh		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
Going Fishing: A Story set in Bangladesh	Rachel Warner	A&C Black, 1990	Set in a small village in Bangladesh
In the Eye of the Storm			Life on an island in Bangladesh
The Old Woman and the Pumpkin	Michael Rosen	Learning by Design, 1994	A traditional tale from Bangladesh. Available in several languages.
The Radish Thief	Khodeja Khan	Jennie Ingham, 1989	Set in rural Bangladesh

### Asia China

C is for China	Sungwan So	Frances Lincoln, 1996	ABC of China
China		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain	Margaret Bateson- Hill		Set in China
Shanyi Goes to China	Sungwan So	Frances Lincoln 2006	Illustrated with photos, tells of child visiting relatives in China
The Yangtze	Michael Pollard	Evans Books	Great Rivers series
Yikang's Day - from		Frances Lincoln	

Dawn to Dusk in a Chinese City			
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<b>Asia Pakistan</b>			
Daughter of the Wind	Suzanne Fischer Staples	Walker, 1991	Set in Pakistan's Cholistan desert RA 12+
Pakistan		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
The Missing Money: A Story set in Pakistan	Feroza Mathieson	A&C Black, 1989	A photo story set in a city in Pakistan

<b>Asia - other</b>			
Chanda and the Mirror of Moonlight	Margaret Bateson-Hill and Karin Littlewood		Set in Rajasthan
Huy and Vinh's Day	Jim Holmes	Frances Lincoln, 2003 £10.99	One of A Child's Day series, following a 7 year old in Vietnam through their day; colour photos and informative texts.
Indonesia	David Cumming	Evans Books Cherrytrees books,	Letters from around the World series
Ishtar and Tammuz: A Babylon myth of the Seasons	Christopher Moore and Christine Balit	Frances Lincoln	
Japan	Ali Brownlie	Cherrytrees books, Evans Books	Letters From Around the World:
King of the Cloud Forests	Michael Morpurgo	Piper	Himalayas KS2 /3
Masha and the Firebird	Margaret Bateson-Hill and Anne Wilson		Set in Russia
Parvana's Journey	Deborah Ellis	Oxford University Press	Parvana is alone,, her father dead. She must cross Afghanistan to find her mother and sisters. This is the sequel to The Breadwinner.
The Breadwinner: Starvation or survival - a girl's life under Taliban rule	Deborah Ellis	Oxford University Press	For 9 - 12 year olds <a href="http://www.oup.co.uk/oxed/children/thebreadwinner/">www.oup.co.uk/oxed/children/thebreadwinner/</a> See the sequel - Parvana's journey
Tokyo	Nicola Barber	Evans Books	Global Cities series
We go to school in Japan	Gwynneth Ashby	Ashby Books 01425 278130	A year in a Japanese school - links with literacy, numeracy, Citizenship

<b>South and central America</b>			
Abuela's Weave	Omar S Castaneda	Lee and Low 1993 Turnaround	Set in Guatemala RA 6 - 10
Amazon Alphabet	Martin and Tanis Jordan	Kingfisher, 1996	Amazon wildlife RA 5 - 9
Amelia's Road	Linda Jacobe Altman	Lee and Low, 1993 Turnaround	A child's view of the difficulties faced by migrant farm workers in the USA, who came from Central and South America RA 6 - 9
Amoko and the Party	S. Appiah	A Deutsch 1991	KS1 /2
Angel Falls: A South American Journey	Martin and Tanis Jordan	Kingfisher 1995	A true story of a journey to the jungle of south-eastern Venezuela to the highest waterfall in the world RA 8+
B is for Brazil	Maria de Fatima Campos	Frances Lincoln, 2000	ABC of Brazil
Brazil		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
Central and South American stories	Robert Hull	Wayland, 1994	Seven stories from the ancient civilisations of central and Southern America. RA 9 - 12
Children of the Moon: Yanomami Legends	Christian Rudel	Moonlight Publishing 1995	Provides an insight into the life of the people of the Amazon basin RA 9 - 12
Enrique's Day	Sara A. Fajardo	Frances Lincoln, 2003 £10.99	One of A Child's Day series, following a 7 year old in Peru through their day; colour photos and informative texts.
From Beans to Batteries		Action Aid, Child's Play	Set in Peruvian village of Pampagrande
How Night Came	Joanna Troughton 1986		A folk Tale from the Amazon
Hualachi and the Magic Sandals: An Inca Story	Juliet Heslewood	Barefoot Books	Based on an ancient Inca legend RA 8 - 11
Journey to the River Sea Journey	Eva Ibbotson		Brazilian Rainforest
Mexico		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
Off we go to Mexico	Lauries Krebs and Christopher Corr	Barefoot 2006	
Peter's Visit to the	Annabel Roditi	Parrot Press, 1991	Compares life in a city with

Rainforest		Turnaround	a rainforest.
Rio de Janeiro	Simon Scoones	Evans Books	Global Cities series
Stories from Overseas: Tales from Peru and El Salvador	Malvern Oxfam Group	Malvern Third World Centre 1994	Two stories, one set in a village in the Peruvian mountains and the other in a town in El Salvador RA 7-9
The Bravest Flute	Ann Grifalconi	Little Brown, 1994	A celebration of Mayan culture and traditions
The Rain Forest Storybook	Rosalind Kerven	Cambridge 1994	Traditional stories from the original forest peoples of South America, Africa and south-east Asia RA 9 - 12
The Story of Running Water	Joanna Troughton	CUP, 1996	Set in an unidentified part of S. America RA 5 - 6
The Woman who Outshone the Sun	Alejandro Cruz Martinez	Children's Book Press 1991 Letterbox Library	Dual language story from Mexico RA 6 - 10

<b>Caribbean</b>			
A Caribbean Counting Book	Faustin Charles	Barefoot Books, 1996	Book of counting rhymes from around the Caribbean.
A Caribbean Dozen	Ed. John Agard and Grace Nicholls	Walker books	Caribbean Poetry
An Angel Just like me	Mary Hoffman	Frances Lincoln, 1997	
Anancy and Mr Dry Bone	F. French	Frances Lincoln, 1991	KS 1 / 2
A Thief in the Village	J Berry	Hamish Hamilton 1987	KS2 / 3
Bet You Can't	Penny Dale	Walker Books, 1987	Diversity - 2 Caribbean heritage children
C is for Caribbean		Frances Lincoln	£9.99
Caribbean Alphabet	Frane Lessac, Mark Greenwood	MacMillan	
Caribbean Canvas	F. Lessac	Macmillan 1987	Caribbean islands KS1 / 2
Coconut Kind of Day	L. Joseph	Lothrop, Lee and Shephard 1990	
Coming to England	Floella Benjamin		Floella Benjamin's autobiography. Trinidad and England compared.
Fruits: A Caribbean counting poem	Valerie Bloom, David Axtell	Macmillan	
Go Noah, Go!	Judy Agard	Picture Knight	KS1 / 2
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch	Frances Lincoln	Tobago
Hue Boy	Rita Phillips Mitchell, Caroline Binch	Puffin	
Hurricane	Andrew Salkey	Puffin	West Indies KS2



I came to Britain from Jamaica	Valerie Fawcett	Oxford Reading Tree	UK and Jamaica
J is for Jamaica	Benjamin Zephaniah and Prodecepta Das	Frances Lincoln	A pictorial ABC of Jamaica, text as rhyming verse and stunning photos
Jamaica	Ali Brownlie	Evans Books Cherrytrees books,	Letters from Around the World series
One Smiling Grandmother: A Caribbean Counting Book	Anne Marie Linden, Lynne Russell	Picture mammoth	KS1
Skip across the Ocean	Floella Benjamin	Frances Lincoln, 1995	
The Emperor's Dan-Dan	Judy Agard	Hodder and Stoughton 1978	
The Cay	Theodore Taylor	Puffin	KS2
The Future Telling Lady	J. Berry	Hamish Hamilton 1991	
The Little Island	F. Lessac	Macmillan 1984	Montserrat KS 1 /2
The Turtle and the Island	Barbara Ker Wilson	Frances Lincoln	Folk Tale from Papua, New Guinea
When I Dance	J. Berry	Hamish Hamilton 1988	Caribbean, various, KS2 /3

<b>Australasia</b>			
Letters From Around the World: Australia		Cherrytrees books, Evans	
Rainforest	Helen Cowcher 1988	A Deutsch 1988	Tropical Australia KS1
The Paddock	L. Norman	J Macrae, 1992	Australia, prehistoric to present KS2 /3
Walkabout	J. Marshall	Clio Press 1989	Australian desert, KS 2 /3
What made Tiddalik Laugh: A Dreamtime Story from Australia	Joanna Troughton	Puffin	
Window	Jeannie Baker	Red Fox, 1991	The story of change over a number of years, Australia urban, all ages (no text)
Where the Forest Meets the Sea	Jeannie Baker	Walker Books	Set in rainforest in Queensland, Australia. All ages (no text)

<b>Africa - Nigeria</b>			
A is for Africa	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Frances Lincoln, 1993	Nigeria
Bitter Bananas	Isaac Olaley	Boyd's Mills Press, 1994, Letterbox Library	Nigeria
Chinye	Obi Onyefulu	Frances Lincoln, 1994	Nigeria

Ebele's Favourite	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Frances Lincoln	A pictorial journey through Nigeria
Emeka's Gift: African Counting Story	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Frances Lincoln, 1995	Set in Ibaji, a village in Southern Nigeria
Isimeme's Stories	Isimeme Ibazebo	Spindlewood, 1993	Nigeria
One Big Family - Sharing Life in an African Village	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Frances Lincoln, 1996	Igboland, Eastern Nigeria
Why the Sky is Far Away	M. J. Gerson	Little Brown and Co 1992	Nigeria, KS 1 / 2

### **Africa - Ghana**

Abena and the Rock	Verna Wilkins and Gill McLean	Tamarind, 1994	Ghana
Comfort Herself	Geraldine Kaye	Mammoth (Reed) 1994	Ghana and England
I am River Densu	Alexander Yankah	Afram Publications, African Books Collective, 1992	Ghana
Kokroko, The Giant	Henrie Barkow	Mantra, 1992	Ghana. Dual language pack with cassette available (English with Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi or Urdu)
Oh Kojo! How Could you!	Verna Aardema	MacMillan, 1988	Ghana
Salamatu and Kandoni go Missing		Action Aid, Child's Play	Ghanaian village of Nansoni
The Girl who Knows about Cars	Amu Djoletto, Pat Tourett	Heinemann JAWS Starter, 1996	Ghana for Early Years
The Leopard's Drum	Jessica Souhami	Frances Lincoln, 1995	Ghana
Too Much Talk	Angela Shelf Medearis	Walker Books, 1995	Ghana

### **Africa - South Africa**

A School for Amos	Elana Bregin	Mammoth	South Africa
At the Crossroads	Rachel Isadora	Red Fox / J Macrae 1991	South Africa KS2
Bongani's Day	Gisele Wolfsohn	Frances Lincoln, 2003 £10.99	One of A Child's Day series, following a 7 year old in South Africa through their day; colour photos and informative texts.
Capetown	Rob Bowden	Evans books	Global cities series
Chain of Fire	Beverley Naidoo	Collins 1989	South Africa KS2 / 3
Charlie's House	Reviva Schermbrucker Niki Daly	Walker Books, 1992	South African township

Jafta and Jafta's Mother	Hugh Lewin	Picture Puffin	Rural South Africa
Jafta: The Homecoming	Hugh Lewin	Picture Puffin / Hamish Hamilton 1992	Rural South Africa, KS1 /2
Journey to Jo'burg	Beverley Naidoo	Harper Collins, Addison Wesley, 1996	South Africa
Marriage of the Rain Goddess: A South African Myth	Margaret Olivia Wolfson, Clifford Alexander Parms	Barefoot Books, 1996	Based on Zulu myth, South Africa
My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken and Me	Maya Angelou	Letterbox Library	Roural South Africa
Not so Fast Songololo	Niki Daly	Victor Gollancz, 1985	South Africa
One Child One Seed	Kathryn Cave	Frances Lincoln / Oxfam	A South African counting book
One Round Moon and a Star for me	Ingrid Mennen, Niki Daly	Bodley Head (Random House) 1994	South Africa
Out of Bounds: stories of conflict and hope	Beverley Naidoo	Puffin	Collection of 5 short stories set in South Africa over the past 50 years
Over the Green Hills	Rachel Isadora	Red Fox (Random House) 1992	Transkei, South Africa
Pig	Paul Geraghty	Hutchinson / Red Fox, 1992	South Africa rural / urban, KS2 / 3
Somewhere in Africa	Ingrid Mennen, Niki Daly	Red Fox, Bodley Head, 1992	Urban South Africa
The Dove	Dianne Stewart, Jude Daly	Greenwillow, 1993, Letterbox Library	Rural South Africa
The Gift of the Sun: A Tale from South Africa	Dianne Stewart, Jude Daly	Frances Lincoln, 1996	South Africa
The Magical Bicycle	Elana Bregin	Mammoth, 1994	South Africa
The Little Lost Goat	A. Jespersen, S. Sonto, C. Mijindi, B. Prehn	The Little Library, CUP	South Africa
The Strollers	Lesley Beake	Red Fox (Random House) 1995	Capetown, age 10+
Umoyana, the Little Wind	Sue Appleby, Buyiswa Bale, Xolela Ciliza, Sedick Galant	CUP	Cape Town, South Africa

<b>Africa - Kenya</b>			
Abu Lives in Kenya		Christian Aid	Provides global view of Islam and investigates a day in the life in a developing country through the eyes of a young boy. Ages 6 - 9
Bringing the Rain to	Verna Aardema,	MacMillan, Picturemac,	Kenya KS1

Kapiti Plain	Beatriz Vidal	1981	Can be used in a water topic
Exams! Exams!	Usha Bahl	Nelson, 1987	Kenya
Hamadi and the Stolen Cattle	Chris Burchell and Sean Creagh	Heinemann JAWS, 1994	Northern Kenya
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne	Walker Books, 2006	Kenya
Kenya	Ali Brownlie	Evans Books	Letters from Around the World series
Mama Panya's Pancakes	Chamberlin M and Chamberlin R	Barefoot Books 2006	A village tale from Kenya
Mary, Juma and Simba the Dog	Helen Day and Chitra Parvathy Merchant	Action Aid	Mombasa, Kenya. Y2 and 3 Also available as a big book
Mary, Juma and Simba the Dog	Helen Day, Chitra Parvathy Merchant	Action Aid, 2000	Ziwa, nr Mombasa, Kenya
Masai and I	Virginia Kroll Nancy Carpenter	Picture Puffin Hamish Hamilton 1993	Kenya and UK, KS2 / 3
Mcheshi Goes on a Journey	Judy Wanjiku	Jacaranda Designs Ltd (Kenya) 1993, Letterbox Library	Kenya, Nairobi, Mombasa and island of Lamu. Dual Swahili / English text
The Exiles at Home	Hilary McKay	Harper Collins Lions, 1994	Kenya and England
The Orphan Boy	Tololwa M. Mollel, Paul Morin	Oxford University Press, 1990	Kenya, Masai legend, KS2
The Village in the Forest by the Sea	Beverley Birch	Bodley Head (Random House) 1995	Coastal Kenya

<b>Africa - Egypt</b>			
Boushra's Day: From Dawn to Dusk in an Egyptian city	Khaled El Dash and Dalia Khattab	Frances Lincoln, 2002 £10.99	One of A Child's Day series, following a 7 year old in Cairo through their day; colour photos and informative texts.
Egypt	David Cumming	Evans Books	Letters from around the World series
The Day of Ahmed's Secret	Florence Parry Heide, Judith Gilliland	Gollancz, 1991	Cairo, Egypt, Sudan KS1
The Nile	Michael Pollard	Evans Books	Great rivers series

<b>Africa - Zimbabwe</b>			
Do You Know Me?	Nancy Farmer	Orion, 1995	Zimbabwe
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	John Steptoe	Hamish Hamilton, 1988	An African Tale, Zimbabwe KS1 / 2
One Day, Long Ago: More Stories from a Shona Childhood	Charles Mungoshi	Baobab, 1991, SOMA books	Four folk tales from Zimbabwe

Thara meets the Cassipoohka Man	Gaele Sobott-Mogwe, Hannie Koch	Baobab, Letterbox Library	Zimbabwe
The Ear, the Eye and the Arm: A 21 <sup>st</sup> Century African Adventure	Nancy Farmer,	Orion, 1995	Zimbabwe, age 11+

<b>Africa - Tanzania</b>			
Sungara and Leopard: A Swahili Trickster Tale	Barbara Knutson	Little Brown, 1993	Tanzania
The Place of Lions	Eric Campbell	Macmillan, 1990	Tanzania
We all Went on a safari: A counting journey though Tanzania	Laurie Krebs Julia Cairns	Barefoot Books 2003	Grasslands of Tanzania, includes counting in Swahili

<b>Africa - general or multiple locations</b>			
Abdul and the Lion	Jesus Gaban, retold by Henriette Barkow	Mantra 1991	Morocco
African Stories	Robert Hull	Wayland, 1992	Short stories from many parts of Africa
African Voices series	Ed. Rachel Warner	Minority Rights Group 1995	Series includes Voices from Angola, Uganda, Sudan, Zaire, RA 11+
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman, Caroline Binch		Grace is helped to overcome her unhappiness through dance and drama.
A Promise to the Sun	Tololwa M. Mollel, Beatriz Vidal		KS1 / 2
A Triangle for Adaora: An African book of Shapes	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Frances Lincoln, 2000	RA 4 - 7
African Animals ABC	Philippa-Alys Browne	Barefoot, 1995	Africa general, age 4-6
African Myths and Legends	Kathleen Arnott	Oxford, 1989	34 stories from around Africa
Akimbo and the Elephants	Alexander McCall Smith	Mammoth, 1990	Unidentified part of Africa See also Akimbo and the Crocodile Man, Akimbo and the Lions.
Almaz and the Lion	Jane Kurtz, Floyd Cooper	Victor Gollancz, 1995	Ethiopia
Benin: An African Kingdom	Deborah and Elizabeth Isaacs	International Broadcasting Trust,	Benin

		1994	
Bimwili and the Zimwi	Verna Aardema, Susan Meddaugh	MacMillan	
Chichi and the Termites	Wendy Ijioma	Macmillan, 1992	
Chichi's Nature Diary	Wendy Ijioma	Macmillan, 1993	
Daniel and the Mischief Boy	Paul Vallely	Christian Aid	Eritrea
Grace and Family	Mary Hoffman, Caroline Binch	Frances Lincoln, 1995	Sequel to Amazing Grace. The Gambia
How the Guinea Fowl got her spots	Barbara Knutson	Carolrhoda Books, 1990 (Turnaround)	A Swahili story
Hugo Hippo's ABC Fun Book	Gail A Porter, James Okello	Jacaranda Designs, 1992	Africa general
Hungry but Free:	Omar Mohammed and Eddie McParland	Learning by Design, Tower Hamlets Education, 1991	A Somali / English dual language story
Journey through Africa	Rob Bowden, Tony Binns	Horus Editions, 1998	
Khumalo's Blanket	Iain Macdonald	Macdonald Young Books, 1996	
King of Another Country	Fiona French	Oxford, 1992	Africa non specific
Land of the Four Winds	Veronica Freeman Ellis	Just Us Books, 1993	Liberia
Lord of the Winds	Magie Pearson	Magi, 1996	Ages 7 - 10
Lost in Africa	Nick Warburton	Walker Books	Natasha and her brother leave UK for colonial Africa. Age 9+
Mamo on the Mountain	Jane Kurtz, E. B. Lewis	Gollancz, 1995	Ethiopia
Meercat Mail	Emily Gravett	Macmillan 2006	Kalahari
Mr Kalogo's Factory	Paulinos Vincent Magombe, Mei-Yim Low	Heinemann JAWS 1994	Uganda
Muhamad's Desert Night	Christina Kessler	Victor Gollancz	Tuareg people of North Africa
Muhamad's Desert Night	Cristina Kessler	Puffin 1997	Muhamad is a Tuareg boy, who takes his father's goats into the Sahara.
Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah	Bloomsbury, 2001	Alem is taken from Africa to England to escape the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea
Swallow Journey	Vivian French and Karin Littlewood		Journey of swallows from Europe to South Africa
The Amazing Adventures of	Jean-Jacques Vayssieres	2002	

Equiano			
The Colour of Home	Mary Hoffman, Illus. Karin Littlewood	Frances Lincoln, 2002	Hassan, a refugee from Somalia finds it difficult to adapt to life in England. He paints pictures of his family's flight from Magadishu.
The Fire Children: A West African Folk Tale	Eric Maddern	Frances Lincoln, 1993	West Africa
The Garbage King	Elizabeth Laird		Street children in Addis Ababa
The Honey Hunters	Francesca Martin	Walker, 1994	Africa general KS1
The Hunter	Paul Geraghty	Hutchinson, 1994 Red Fox 1996	Explore the locality where Jamina lives.
The Miracle Child	Elizabeth Laird, Abba Aregawii Wolde Gabriel	Collins	Ethiopia
The Nine Silly Brothers	Guemesh Isaak	South Yorkshire Development Education Centre	Eleven stories from Eritrea RA 7 - 14
The Other Side of Truth	Beverley Naidoo	Puffin	
The River that Went to the Sky:	Ed. Mary Medlicott	Kingfisher 1995	Twelve new and traditional Tales from African Storytellers
The Secrets of Kaidara: An Animist Tale from Africa	Hyacinthe Vulliez	Moonlight Publishing 1994	Mali
The Storyteller	Mike Poulton	Macmillan, 1996	Explains the importance of water in our lives, age 7-10
The Village of Round and Square Houses	Ann Grifalconi	MacMillan, Picture Mac, 1995	Tos in Cameroon, W. Africa
The Wonderful Journey	Paul Geraghty	Red Fox 2000	A grandmother imagines her journey back to the plains of Africa
This is the Oasis	Miriam Moss Adrienne Kennaway	Frances Lincoln 2005	Sahara
Tigress	Helen Cowcher	Picture Corgi, 1993	
Tippu	Abigail Pizer	Picturemac, 1994	Africa non specific
Tortoise's Dream	Joanna Troughton	Picture Puffin, 1994	Africa general
When Africa was Home	Karen Lynn Williams	Orchard, 1994, Letterbox Library	An American boy grows up in Africa
When Hippo was Hairy: And Other Tales from Africa	Nick Graves	Lutterworth, 1988	Tales from around Africa
When Lion Could Fly: And Other Tales	Nick Graves	Lutterworth, 1988	Tales from around Africa

from Africa			
Whistling Thorn	Helen Cowcher	Scholastic, 1994	Set in African savannah, non specific country

<b>North and Central America</b>			
Brother Eagle Sister Sky	Susan Jeffers	Dial Books 1991	Based on a message from Chief Seattle responding to the US government's offer to buy his land
Canada	Andy and Clare Orchard	Evans Books Cherrytrees books,	Letters from around the world series
Caribou Journey	Vivian French		Journey of the Caribou to the Tundra
Costa Rica		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
Dear Mr Henshaw	B. Cleary	Puffin 1985	USA
New York	Sally Garrington	Evans Books	Global Cities series
Mexico City	Ed Parker	Evans Books	Global Cities series
Mexico	Patrick Cunningham	Evans Books	Letters from Around the World series
Okotoks - Where Moose Go Shopping	Michael Cox, Ill. Rhian Nest James	Scholastic	Okotoks, Alberta, Canada
The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale	Lydia Dabovich	Clarion Books, New York	
Shaker Lane	Alice and Martin Provenson	Walker Books	USA
Shota and the Star Quilt	Christine Fowler et. Al		Modern native American girl and her attempt to save her apartment block from redevelopment.

<b>Europe</b>			
Adventures of the Islanders	M. J. Vermeulen	ELSP 2009	Guernsey, Channel Islands
Against the Storm	G. Hyclimaz	Puffin 1991	Turkey rural / urban KS 2 /3
Barnaby Bear Goes to Dublin	Elaine Jackson	Geographical Association	Barnaby flies to Dublin, finds out about its geography and history and visits the zoo
Barnaby Bear Goes to Norway	Elaine Jackson	Geographical Association	Barnaby visits the Arctic Circle
Barnaby Bear Goes to Brittany	Elaine Jackson	Geographical Association	Barnaby looks at the people and way of life of people in this part of France
Cyprus	Jan Willem Bultje	Evans Books	New EU Countries and



			Citizens series
Czech Republic	Jan Willem Bultje	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
Don't Forget to Write	Martina Selway	Red Fox 1991	Urban child visits grandparents who live on a farm in Britain.
Down and Out	Bernard Ashley	Orchard 1988	Greenwich, London. KS2
Earthquake Alert!		Puffin Survive! series	Italy
Fantastic Mr Fox	R. Dahl	Puffin 1974	UK rural, KS1 /2
Finders Losers	J. Mark	Orchard 1990	UK, KS2
Finn's Island	E. Dunlop	Blackie 1991	Scottish Island KS2 / 3
France	Teresa Fisher	Cherrytrees books, Evans Books	Letters from Around the World series
Germany	Cath Senker	Evans Books	Letters from Around the World series
Gerry's Seaside Journey	Michelle Cartlidge	Little Mammoth 1988	UK journey through many environments KS1 / 2
Going to Sleep on the Farm	Wendy Lewison and Juan Wipngaard	Red Fox 1992	
Greece	David Cumming	Evans Books	Letters from Around the World series
Greg's Revenge	G. Hendry	Blackie 1991	Rural Scotland KS2
Harry's Home	Catherine and Laurence Arnholt	Orchard picture books	Harry's home is in the city. One day Harry goes to visit his Grandad who lives on a farm
Hetty and Harriet	G. Oakley	Macmillan 1981	Farm, rural and urban environments
Hilda's Hen Search	Marcy Wormell	Victor Gollancz 1994	Rural, KS1
Hungary	Stephen lang	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
I am David	Anne Holm	Mammoth	KS2
Italy		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
Kate in London	James Mayhew	Orchard Books, 2003	London
Katie Morag Delivers the Mail	Mairi Hedderwick	Red Fox 1984	Scotland KS1
Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers	Mairi Hedderwick	The Bodley Head 1985	Scotland KS1; Katie has two grandmothers, Granma Mainland and Grannie Island
Katie Morag and the New Pier	Mairi Hedderwick	The Bodley Head 1995	Scotland KS1
Katie Morag and the Tiresome Ted	Mairi Hedderwick	Red Fox 2010	Scotland KS1
Latvia	Jan Willem Bultje	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
Lina Marja's Day	Jaakko Alatalo	Frances Lincoln, 2003 £10.99	One of A Child's Day series, following a 7 year old in

			Lapland through their day; colour photos and informative texts.
Lithuania	Jan Willem Bultje	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
London	Paul Mason	Evans books	Global Cities series
Madeline in London	Ludwig Bemelmans	Hippo 1962	London
Malta	Amanda Aizpuricte	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
Me and My Million	C. King	Puffin 1979	London, KS 2 / 3
Morag and the Lamb	Judy Lingard and P. Casey	Walker 1990	UK hill country KS1 / 2
Mr Grumpy's Outing	John Birmingham	Puffin	English countryside / river
Our Puppy's Holiday	P. Brown	Anderson Press 1987	UK rural / coastal KS1
Owen and the Mountain	Malachy Doyle and Giles Greenfield	Bloomsbury Children's Books 2000	Urban child visits grandparents in mountainous rural Britain
Poland	J Kadziolka	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
Postman Pat's Letters on Ice	John Cunliffe	Hippo 985	
Sari Games	N. Ghandi	Andrew Deutsch 1990	Urban UK, KS2
Slovakia	Daniel Kollar	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
Slovenia	Danica Vecevic	Evans Books	New EU Countries and Citizens series
Spain		Cherrytrees books, Evans	Letters From Around the World:
The Jolly Postman	Janet and Allan Ahlberg	William Heinemann 1986	UK various KS1
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Ronda and David Armitage	Scholastic 1977	
The Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe	Ronda and David Armitage	Puffin Books	
The Mousehole Cat	A Barber	Walker 1990	Mousehole, Cornwall KS1 /2
The Ring of Bright Water Trilogy	G Maxwell	Puffin Books	Story about Gavin Maxwell and his life on the isolated Sandraig, Scotland, picturing a simple version of rural life and human impact on the environment.
The Shepherd Boy	K. Lewis	Walker 1990	UK hill country, KS1 / 2
The Trek	A. Jonas	J Macrae 1985	Suburban / urban, KS1
The Tunnel	Brian Wildsmith	OUP, 1993	Channel Tunnel, KS1 /2
The Twins in Greece	S. Kilroy	Red Fox 1991	Greek village, KS1 / 2
What I Like	C and C Anhott	Walker 1991	UK urban

<b>Books about several places or geographical themes</b>			
A Balloon for Granddad	Nigel Gray and Jane Ray	Orchard Picture Books 1994	Balloon journey from UK to R. Nile, Sudan, KS1
A Country Far Away	Philippe Dupasquier, Nigel Gray	Anderson Press 1988	KS1
Adam and the Paradise Island	C. Keeping	OUP 1989	Urban KS2
A Life Like Mine		Dorling Kindersley and Unicef 2002	How children live around the world
Alfie Weather	Shirley Hughes	Red Fox 2002	Alfie likes all kinds of weather
All in a Day	M. Anno	Hamish Hamilton 1986	8 locations around the world. KS1 / 2
Antarctica	H. Cowcher	A Deutsch 1990	KS1 / 2
Are we Nearly There			Train journey through different environments
A Pig Called Shrimp	Lisa Taylor	Harper Collins 1982	
Arctic Spring	Tim and Sue Vyner	Victor Gollancz	1992
Bear in the Air	Benedict Blathwayt	Red Fox / J Macrae 1991	KS1 UK urban and rural
Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo		
Bye Bye Baby	J and A Ahlberg	Little Mammoth 1991	Rural
Children Just Like Me	Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley	Dorling Kindersley / UNICEF 1995	Children from over 30 countries exploring similarities and differences RA 7 - 11
Come and Eat with us!	Annie Kubler, Caroline Formby	Child's Play / Oxfam	Discovery flaps
Come and Play with us!	Annie Kubler, Caroline Formby	Child's Play / Oxfam	Discovery flaps
Come and Ride with us!	Annie Kubler, Caroline Formby	Child's Play / Oxfam	Discovery flaps
Come Home with Us!	Annie Kubler, Caroline Formby	Child's Play / Oxfam	Discovery flaps
Curious Clownfish	Eric Maddern and Adrienne Kennaway	Frances Lincoln 2009	Science and locational knowledge, KS1
Dear Daddy	Philippe Dupasquier	Picture Puffins	A little girl writes to her father who is working abroad. KS1
Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish	Michael Foreman	Picture Puffin	
Eco Cash	Terrance Dicks	Piccadilly (Changing Universe series)	Global warming; environments
Edmond Went Far Away	M. Bax and M. Forman	Walker 1988	Rural, KS1 / 2
Going Shopping	Sarah Garland	Bodley Head 1985	A family go to the

			supermarket
Grandfather and I	Helen Buckley and Jan Ormerod	Harper Trophy, 2000	A little girl and her grandfather walk and talk, KS1
High Tide, Low Tide	Mick Manning	Franklin Watts	
How the World Began: And Other Stories of Creation	Andrew Matthews	Macdonald Young Books 1996	20 stories from around the world all trying to answer the question How did the world begin? RA 7+
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson		Brazilian Rainforest
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo		
Kim and the Watermelon	Miriam Smith	Picture Puffins	
Let's Eat! Children and their food around the world	Beatrice Hollyer	Frances Lincoln / Oxfam	Explore the world through they eyes of 5 children and the food they eat (Mexico, South Africa, India, France and Thailand)
Letters from Around the World series		Evans Books Cherrytree books,	Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Spain
Lima's Red Hot Chilli	David Mills, Derek Brazell	Mantra, 2002	Dual language book (e.g. Urdu and English) but many languages available
Little Polar Bear and the Brave Little Hare	Hans de Beer	North South Books	Arctic
Mama, Do you Love Me?	B. Joose	Chronicle Books 1991	Arctic, KS1 / 2
Michael Recycle	Ellie Bethel	Meadowside 2008	
Morning Mollie	Shirley Hughes	Picture Lions	
My Grandpa and the Sea	Katherine Orr	First Avenue, 1990	KS1 - story about sustainable farming
Nani's Holiday	Lisa Bruce	Mammoth	
One Day we Had to Run: Refugee children tell their stories in words and paintings	Sybella Wilkes	Evans with UNHCR and SCF 1994	Stories and pictures from Sudanese, Somalian and Ethiopian children RA 9+
Penguin Small	Mick Inkper	Hodder	
River Story	Meredith Hooper / Bee Willey	Walker Books 2000	A poetic journey of a river. KS2
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins	Red Fox 2001	Set in a farmyard, no text. KS1
She is Born - A Celebration of		ISBN 1-84089 114-9	Describes the traditions used to welcome daughters

Daughters			into the world.
Shark in the Park	Phil Roxbee Cox and Stephen Cartwright	Usborne 2002	
South and North, East and West	Michael Rosen	Walker Books, 1992	25 stories from many parts of the world, including Africa, South America, India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Vietnam. RA 4 - 11
Swallow Journeys	Vivian French	Evans Books	Follows migration route of swallows
Taking Action!		Heinemann library / Oxfam, 1998	RA 7 - 11 About the work of Oxfam
Tales from Around the World		Evans	Collection of famous tales from many countries.
That's my Mum	Henriette Barkhow and Derek Brazell	Mantra, 2001	The true story of Mia, a child of mixed parentage
The Barefoot Book of Animal Tales; from around the world	Naomi Adler	Barefoot 1996	Nine stories from different cultures including India, Kenya and Brazil. RA 7+
The Fantastic Flying Journey	Gerald Durrell		KS2
The Great Round the World Balloon Race	Sue Scullard	MacMillan	KS1 /2 Global
The Journey of the Snow Geese	Deborah King	Collins	
The Kidkadee Queen	F. Faustin	Blackie 1991	Africa, India, Caribbean. America
The King with Dirty Feet and other stories	Mary Medlicott	Kingfisher	6 stories from around the world including India, Ghana and Guyana. RA 7+
The Little Red Engine Goes to Town	Diana Ross	Andre Deutsch 1952	
The Oxford book of Children's Stories - South, North, East and West	Edited Michael Rosen	Walker Books	
The Orchard Book of Creation Stories	Margaret Mayo	Orchard 1995	Stories from Africa and Central America RA 7+
The Paperbag Prince	Colin Thompson	Red Fox	Environment
The Tiger Child	Joanna Troughton	Puffin 1996	
The Journey	Scott Mann and Neil Griffiths	Story Sack Ltd.	Rivers
The Wild Woods	Simon James	Walker Books, 1993	A starting point for looking at habitats and environments
Titch Out and About	Pat Hutchins	Red Fox, 2002	Titch gets lost and finds his way home
Toffee's Night Noises	Sally Chambers	Piccadilly Press 2002	Toffee the cat loves

Noises			exploring at night!
Tom and the island of Dinosaurs	Ian Beck		
Wake up World	Beatrice Hollyer	Frances Lincoln with Oxfam, 1999	A day in the life of 8 children from each continent
W is for World: A Round the World ABC	Kathryn Cave	Frances Lincoln, 1998	In association with Oxfam
We Come From ... series		Wayland	Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa.
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury	Walker 1989	Rural, various terrains
When Grandma Came	J Paton Walsh	Viking 1992	Worldwide
Who will save us?	Rebecca Morch	Rebecca Morch Publishing Ltd, 2007	Story of 5 Antarctic penguins, exploring climate change simply and how children can be part of the solution.

## Books for teachers

**Primary Geography Handbook**, GA, 2010, Sheffield

**Place in Story-time**, Geography through stories at Key Stages 1 and 2, Heather Norris Nicholson, GA, Sheffield

**Start with a story - supporting young children's exploration of issues**, KS1, TIDEC~

[www.tidec.org/Publications/Publications.html](http://www.tidec.org/Publications/Publications.html)

**A Different story - literacy to open up the world at key stage 2**

TIDEC~ [www.tidec.org/Publications/Publications.html](http://www.tidec.org/Publications/Publications.html)

