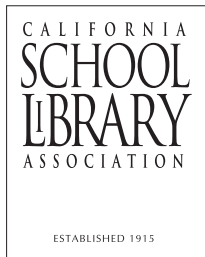


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Recommended Reading

Multicultural Books Every Child Should Know

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Preschool - Grade 2

Armadilly Chili by Helen Ketteman. Whitman, 2008. (Southwest, friendship, CA RAA theme book)

Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book by Yuyi Morales. Roaring Brook, 2008. (Latino, Americas Award, Pura Belpre Award)

Monsoon Afternoon by Kashmira Sheth. Peachtree, 2008. (India, Asian Pacific Lib. Assn. Honor Award)

Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai by Claire A. Nivola. Foster/Farrar, 2009. (African, Jane Addams Award)

One Boy by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook, 2008. (Counting, Word Play, Geisel Honor)

Grades 3 - 5

As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing

March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson. Knopf, 2008. (African-American, Jewish, Sydney Taylor Book Award)

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom by Tim Tingle. Cinco Puntos Press, 2006. (Native American/African American, American Indian Library Assn. Award)

The Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum by Robert Andrew Parker. Random, 2008. (Disability, Schneider Family Book Award)

What to Do About Alice? by Barbara Kerley. Scholastic, 2008. (Women, Sibert Honor Award)

The Blacker the Berry by Joyce Carol Thomas. HarperCollins, 2008. (Poetry, African-American, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award)

Grades 6 - 8

Brooklyn Bridge by Karen Hesse. Feiwel & Friends, 2008. (Immigration, Jewish, Sydney Taylor Book Award)

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. HarperCollins, 2008. (Scary, Newbery Medal)

Keeping the Night Watch by Hope Anita Smith. Holt, 2008. (African-American, Coretta Scott King Honor Award)

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor. HarperCollins, 2008. (Dyslexia, Schneider Award)

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson. Hyperion, 2008 (African- American, Coretta Scott King Award)

Grades 9 - 12

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Little Brown, 2006.

(Native American, Amer. Indian Library Assn. Award, National Book Award)

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson. Simon, 2008. (African-American, Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction)

Good Enough by Paula Yoo. HarperCollins, 2008. (Korean-American, Asian Pacific Library Assn. Honorable Mention Award)

Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen. Penguin, 2008.

(Tourettes Syndrome, Schneider Award)

The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom

by Margarita Engle. Holt, 2008. (Latino, Americas Award, Pura Belpre Award)



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