

2023

Book List




Wrapped Up in Reading

Travel through time and across the globe with great children's literature selected for its connection to the Carlos Museum's collections and exhibitions.


Wondering where to find the books on the Wrapped Up in Reading list? Many books are available at your local library. Books that are still in print can be purchased in our museum bookshop or online. To buy online, we recommend the non-profit e-commerce site, bookshop.org. Create an account tied to the Carlos Museum Bookshop and all of your purchases will benefit the museum!

 Bilingual books

 Books with environmental or sustainability themes

Once you complete your reading log, bring it to the Office of Educational Programs on the Plaza Level or the Admission Desk on Level One to receive your Wrapped Up in Reading prize.

Picture Books

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal. Candlewick, 2018. English/Spanish 

Anansi the Spider: a Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott. Henry Holt and Company, 2017.

At the Mountain's Base by Traci Sorell (Cherokee) and illustrated by Weshoyot Avitre (Tongva). Random House, 2019.

Behind the Museum Door: Poems to Celebrate the Wonders of Museums by Lee Bennett Hopkins and illustrated by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2007.


Big Turtle by David McLimans. Walker Childrens, 2011.

Blue by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond and illustrated by Daniel Minter. Alfred A. Knopf, 2022.

Breathing Makes It Better written and illustrated by Chisopher Willard and Wendy O'Leary. Bala Kids, 2019.

A Boy and A Jaguar by Alan Rabinowitz and illustrated by Cátia Chien. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.

The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng by Sophia Gholz and illustrated by Kayla Harren. Sleeping Bear Press, 2019.


Bowwow Powwow by Brenda J. Child, illustrated by Jonathan Thunder, and translated by Gordon Jourdain. Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2018. English/Misaabekong Ojibwe 

Catch That Chicken by Atinuke and illustrated by Angela Brooksbank. Candlewick, 2020.

City Green by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan. HarperCollins, 1994. 

Chicken in the Kitchen by Nnedi Okorafor and illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini. Lantana Publishing, 2015.

Cleo and Cornelius: A Tale of Two Cities and Two Kitties by Elizabeth Nicholson, Janine Pibal, Nick Geller, and illustrated by Michelle Theis. Getty Publications, 2018.

Dorje the Yak by Caryn Hartman, illustrated by Lexi Vay, and translated by Gangkar Lhamo. Pema Publishing, 2019. English/Tibetan 



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Every Tree Has a Story by Cécile Benoist and illustrated by Charlotte Gaustaut. Downtown Bookworks, 2019.

The Fabled Life of Aesop: The Extraordinary Journey and Collected Tales of the World's Greatest Storyteller by Ian Lendler and illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski. HMH Books For Young Readers, 2020.

Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns: A Mesoamerican Creation Myth by Duncan Tonatiuh. Harry N. Abrams, 2020.

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. Roaring Brook Press, 2019.


Ganesha—Hearing, Seeing, Smelling, Tasting, Touching by Swamini Supriyananda. Central Chinmaya Mission Trust, 2022.


Ganesha's Sweet Tooth by Sanjay Patel and Emily Haynes. Chronicle Books, 2012.

Goodnight Ganesha by Nadia Salomon and illustrated by Poonam Mistry. Viking Books for Young Readers, 2021.


Growing an Artist, The Story of a Landscaper and His Son by John Parra. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2022.

How the Leopard Got His Claws by Chinua Achebe and illustrated by Mary GrandPré, 2019.

How the World Was Made by Brad Wagon and illustrated by Alex Stephenson. 7th Generation, 2021. English/Cherokee 

I Know the River Loves Me/ Yo Sé Que El Río Me Ama by Maya Christina Gonzalez. Lee & Low Books, 2009. English/Spanish 


Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg. Clarion Books, 2011. 

Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You/¡Solo Preguntal: Sé Diferente, Sé Valiente, Sé Tú by Sonica Sotomayor and illustrated by Rafael Lopez. Philomel Books, 2019. English/Spanish 

King David and Akavish the Spider by Sylvia Rouss and illustrated by Ari Binus. Apple & Honey Press, 2015.


The King with Dirty Feet by Sally Pomme Clayton and illustrated by Rhiannon Sanderson. Otter-Barry Books, 2018.


Kunu's Basket: A Story from Indian Island by Francis Lee DeCora and illustrated by Susan Drucker. Tilbury House, 2012.

La Frontera/the Border: El viaje con papa/My Journey with Papa by Alredo Alva and Deborah Mills. Illustrated by Claudia Navarro. Barefoot Books, 2018. Spanish/English 


A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2022.

The Life of the Buddha by Heather Sanche and illustrated by Tara di Gesu. Bala Kids, 2020.

Little Naturalists: Wangari Maathai Planted Trees by Kate Coombs and illustrated by Seth Lucas. BabyLit, 2021. 

Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway and illustrated by Jude Daly. Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2011. 

The Little Hippo by Anja Klauss and illustrated by Geraldine Elschner. Prestel, 2014.

Maria Had a Little Llama/ María Tenía una Llamita by Angela Dominguez. Henry Holt & Co., 2013. English/Spanish 

Making a Great Exhibition by Doro Globus and illustrated by Rose Blake. David Zwirner Books, 2021.


The Mess That We Made by Michelle Lord. Flashlight Press, 2020. 

Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India by Gerald McDermott. Clarion Books, 2014.

Mummy Cat by Marcus Ewert and illustrated by Lisa Brown. Clarion Books, 2015.

My Powerful Hair by Carole Lindstrom and illustrated by Steph Littlebird. Harry N. Abrams, 2023.

Nevermind the Monkey Mind by Denise McCormick and illustrated by Chloe Helms. Kate Butler Books, 2021.

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia by Miranda Paul and illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Millbrook Press, 2015. 

Priya Dreams of Marigolds & Marsala by Meenal Patel. Beaver's Pond, 2019.



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The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad and illustrated by S. K. Ali Hatem Aly. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2019.

Rainbow Weaver by Tejedora Del Arcoiris and illustrated by Elisa Chavarri. Children's Book Press (CA), 2016. 🌱

Remember by Joy Harjo and illustrated by Michaela Goade. Random House Studio, 2023. 🌱

The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama by Dalai Lama XIV and illustrated by Bao Luu. Kokila, 2020.

Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace by Jen Cullerton Johnson and illustrated by Wellington D. Sadler. Lee & Low Books; Illustrated edition, 2010. 🌱

Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez by Anna Harber Freeman and Barbara Gonzalez and illustrated by Aphelandra. Albert Whitman & Co. 2021.

Star Stories: Constellations Tales from around the World by Anita Ganeri and illustrated by Andy Wilx. Running Press Kids, 2019.

Steve the Dung Beetle: On a Roll by Susan R. Stoltz and illustrated by Melissa Bailey. Lyric & Stone Pub, 2022. 🌱

Still This Love Goes On by Buffy Sainte-Marie and illustrated by Julie Flett. Greystone Kids, 2022.

Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend by Donald F. Montileaux. South Dakota State Historical Society, 2014. English/Lakota 🗨️

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Houghton Mifflin, 2020.

Under the Great Plum Tree by Sufiya Ahmed and illustrated by Reza Dalvand. HMH Tiny Owl Publishing, 2020.

Walking for Water: How One Boy Stood Up for Gender Equality (CitizenKid) by Susan Hughes and illustrated by Nicole Miles. Kids Can Press, 2021. 🌱

Walk this Underground World by Kate Baker and illustrated by Sam Brewster. Big Picture Press, 2019.

Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees by Franck Prevot and illustrated by Aurélia Fronty. Charlesbridge, 2017. 🌱

The Water Princess: Based on the Childhood Experience of Georgie Badiel by Susan Verde and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2016. 🌱

We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell and illustrated by Frané Lessac. Charlesbridge, 2021.

We Are Grateful/Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell (Cherokee) and illustrated by Frané Lessac. Charlesbridge, 2018. English/Cherokee 🗨️

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom (Anishinaabe/Métis) and illustrated by Michaela Goade (Tlingit). Roaring Brook Press, 2020. 🌱

We're Sailing Down the Nile by Laurie Krebs and illustrated by Anne Wilson. Barefoot Books, 2008.

Wild Berries/Pakwa Che Menisu by Julie Flett (Cree/Métis). Simply Read Books, 2013. English/Swampy Cree 🗨️

Woven of the World by Katey Howes and Dinara Mirtalipova. Chronicle Books, 2023.

¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat written and illustrated by Raúl the Third and colored by Elaine Bay. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020.

¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge written and illustrated by Raúl the Third and colored by Elaine Bay. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2021.

Early Readers

Adventures with Hanuman by Arshia Sattar and illustrated by Sunaina Coelho. Rupa Publications, 2013.

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids by Cynthia L. Smith. Heartdrum, 2022.

Circus Maximus: Race to the Death by Annelise Gray. Zephyr/Head of Zeus, 2021.

Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns: A Mesoamerican Creation Myth by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2020.

The Gita and You by Sheila Dhir. Harper Children's, 2020.

I Sang You Down from the Stars by Tasha Spillett-Sumner and illustrated by Michaela Goade. Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2021.



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If You Were A Kid Building a Pyramid by Lawrence Schimel and illustrated by Jenn Ely. Scholastic Children's Press, 2017.

Little Olympians series by A.I. Newton and illustrated by Anjan Sarkar. Little Bee Books, 2021.

Mystery of the Egyptian Amulet: Adventure Books (Kid Detective Zet) by Scott Peters. Best Day Books for Young Readers; 3rd edition, 2015.

Romans on the Rampage series by Jeremy Strong. Puffin, 2016.

The Secrets of Tutankhamun: Egypt's Boy King and his Incredible Tomb by Patricia Cleveland-Pack and illustrated by Isabel Greenberg. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2018.

Trail of Tears by Joseph Bruchac. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1999.

The Trojan Horse: How the Greeks Won the War by Emily Little. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1988.

Under the Bodhi Tree: A Story of the Buddha by Deborah Hopkinson and illustrated by Kailey Whitman. Sounds True, 2018.

A Walk on the Shoreline by Rebecca Hainnu (Inuk) and illustrated by Qin Leng. Inhabit Media, 2015.

A Classic Collection

Anubis Speaks! A Guide to the Afterlife by the Egyptian God of the Dead by Vicky Alvear Shecter and illustrated by Antoine Revoy. Boyd Mills Press, 2013.

The Barefoot Book of Buddhist Tales by Alexandra Kohn and illustrated by Marie Cameron. Gardners Books, 1999.

Bright-Eyed Athena in the Stories of Ancient Greece by Richard Woff. British Museum Press, 1999.

DK Eyewitness Books: Ancient Egypt by George Hart. DK Children, 2014.

DK Eyewitness Books: Ancient Greece by Anne Pearson. DK Children, 2014.

DK Eyewitness Books: Mesopotamia by Philip Steele. DK Children, 2007.

Exploring the Life, Myth, and Art of Ancient Egypt by Joann Fletcher. Rosen Publishing, 2009 (available on PINES at Georgia Public Libraries).

The Girl from Chimel by Rigoberta Menchú with Dante Liano and illustrated by Domi. Groundwood Books, 2014.

Greece! Rome! Monsters! by John Harris and illustrated by Calef Brown. Getty Publications, 2002.

Hades Speaks! A Guide to the Underworld by the Greek God of the Dead by Vicky Alvear Shecter and illustrated by Antoine Revoy. Boyd Mills Press, 2014.

Howard and the Mummy: Howard Carter and the Search for King Tut's Tomb by Tracy Fern and illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Macmillan, 2018.

Mama Miti: A True Story of Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya by Donna Jo Napoli and illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Simon & Schuster, 2010.

Myth Atlas: Maps and Monsters, Heroes and Gods from Twelve Mythological Worlds by Thiago de Mores. Blueprint Editions, 2019.

Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales Nelson Mandela, editor. W.W. Norton, 2002.

Prince of Fire: The Story of Diwali retold by Jatinder Verma and illustrated by Nilesch Mistry. Barefoot Books, 2002.

Ramayana: Divine Loophole by Sanjay Patel. Chronicle Books, 2010.

The Rock and Gem Book. DK Children, 2016.

Saltypie: A Choctaw Journey from Darkness to Light by Tim Tingle (Choctaw) and illustrated by Karen Clarkson (Choctaw). Cinco Puntos Press, 2010.

The Story of Gilgamesh by Yiyun Li and illustrated by Marco Lorenzetti. Pushkin Children's books, 2016.

Tales of Ancient Worlds: Adventures in Archaeology by Stefan Milosavljevic and illustrated by Sam Caldwell. Neon Squid, 2022.

Treasury of Egyptian Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Monsters & Mortals by Donna Jo Napoli and illustrated by Christina Balit. National Geographic Kids, 2013.

The Upright Revolution by Ngugi wa Thiong'o. Translated by Sunandini Banerjee. Seagull Books, 2019.



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Chapter Books

Akata Witch and Akata Warrior

by Nnedi Okorafor. Speak Publishing, 2011 and 2017.

Alexander the Great Rocks the World

by Vicky Alvear Shecter. Darby Creek Publishing, 2006.

Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi. Henry Holt and Co., 2018.

Gender Swapped Greek Myths

by Karrie Fransman and Jonathan Plackett. Faber, 2022.

Goddess Girls series by Joan Holub

and Suzanne Williams. Aladdin, 2010–2018.

Great Jataka Tales

by Noor Inayat Khan and illustrated by Kalyani Ganapathy. Speaking Tiger, 2018.

Heroes series: **Odysseus,**

Perseus, Hercules, Theseus

retold by Geraldine McCaughrean. Cricket Books, 2005.

Heroes of Olympus series

by Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion, 2010–2014.

Heroes in Training series by

Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams. Aladdin, 2013–18.

Horus and the Curse of

Everlasting Regret

by Hannah Voskuil. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2016.

Ikenga

by Nnedi Okorafor. Penguin, 2021.

The Kane Chronicles series

by Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion/Puffin Books, 2010–2012.

Long-Ago Stories of the Eastern Cherokee

by Lloyd Arneach.

The History Press, 2008.

A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2011.

Madusa

by Burton and illustrated by Olivia Lomenech Gill. Bloomsbury YA, 2022.

Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories from India

(**Chitra Soundar's Stories from India**) by Chitra Soundar and

illustrated by Uma Krishnaswamy. Candlewick, 2021.

One Well: The Story of Water

on Earth (**CitizenKid**) by Rochelle

Strauss and illustrated by Rosemary Woods. Kids Can Press, 2007. 

Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim

Voices by S. K. Ali & Aisha Said.

Amulet, 2020.

Pandava series: **Aru Shah and**

the End of Time and **Aru Shah**

and the Song of Death and **Aru**

Shah and the Nectar of

Immortality by Roshani Chokshi.

Rick Riordan Presents,

DisneyHyperion, 2022.

Pegasus series by Kate O'Hearn.

Aladdin, 2013–2017.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians

series by Rick Riordan. Disney-

Hyperion, 2005–2008.

Race to the Sun

by Rebecca Roanhorse. Rick Riordan Presents,

Disney-Hyperion, 2020.

Ramayana: An Illustrated

Retelling by Arshia Sattar and

illustrated by Sonali Zohra. Yonder, 2018.

Shuri: A Black Panther Novel

by Nic Stone. Scholastic, 2020.

The Day It Snowed Tortillas/

El Dia Que Nevaron Tortillas:

Folktales told in Spanish and

English by Joe Hayes. English/

Spanish 

The Roman Quests: Escape

from Rome Book One by Caroline

Lawrence. Orion Children's Books,

2016.

The Storm Runner

by J.C. Cervantes.

Rick Riordan Presents, Disney-

Hyperion, 2018.

The Trials of Apollo series

by Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion,

2016–2019.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole

in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia. Rick

Riordan Presents, Disney-Hyperion,

2019.

The Ugly One

by Leanne Statland

Ellis. Clarion Books, 2015.

Warrior Queens: True Stories of

Six Ancient Rebels Who Slayed

History by Vicky Alvear Shecter and

illustrated by Bill Mayer. Boyds Mills

Press, 2019.

What the Jaguar Told Her

by Alexandra V. Méndez. Levine Querido,

2022.

The Young Jaguar Book One

by Zoe Saadia. Smashwords Edition, 2012.

We Are Not from Here

by Jenny

Torres Sanchez. Viking Books for

Young Readers, 2021.



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Young Adult Books

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie and illustrated by Ellen Forney. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Reprint edition, 2009.

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Robin Wall Kimmerer and illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt. Zest Books, 2022.

Cleopatra's Moon by Vicky Alvear Shecter. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2011.

Folded Earth by Anuradha Roy. Free Press, 2012.

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People by Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz, Debbie Reese, and Jean Mendoza. Beacon Press, 2019.

Legacy of Orisha series:
Children of Blood and Bone and
Children of Virtue and Vengeance
by Tomi Adeyemi. Henry Holt and Co., 2018 and 2019.

The Map of Salt and Stars
by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar.
Atria Books, 2018.

Minotaur by Phillip W. Simpson.
Month9Books, 2015.

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes, 75th Anniversary Illustrated Edition by Edith Hamilton and illustrated by Jim Tierney. Black Dog & Leventhal, 2017.

Mythos: The Greek Myths Reimagined by Stephen Fry.
Chronical Books, 2019.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. Rocky Pond Books, 2016.

The Prince and the Zombie: Tibetan Tales of Karma by Tenzin Wangmo. Shambhala Publications, 2015.

Star Stories: Constellations and People by Anthony Aveni.
Yale University Press, 2019.

Summer of the Mariposas
by Guadalupe Garcia McCall.
Tu Books, 2015.

Wabanaki Blues by Melissa Tantaquideon Zobel. The Poisoned Pencil, 2015.

Graphic Novels

Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi.
Graphix, 2008.

Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet by Ta-Nehisi Coates and illustrated by Brian Stelckfreeze.
Marvel, 2016.

Dionysos: The New God by George O'Connor. First Second, 2022.

A Girl Called Echo series:
Pemmican Wars, Red River Resistance, and Northwest Resistance by Katherena Vermette (Métis) and illustrated by Scott B. Henderson and Donavan Yaciuk.
Highwater Press, 2017–2020.

The History of Western Art in Comics Part One: From Prehistory to the Renaissance by Marion Augustin and illustrated by Bruno Heitz. Holiday House, 2021.

The Iliad: a Graphic Novel by Gareth Hinds. Candlewick, 2019.

Krishna: A Journey Within by Abhishek Singh. Image Comics, 2012.

The Mythics: Heroes Reborn by Philippe Ogaki, et al. Papercutz, 2020.

The Odyssey by Gareth Hinds based on Homer's epic poem. Candlewick Press, 2010.

Olympians series by George O'Connor. First Second, 2010–2016.

Shuri: The Search for Black Panther by Nnedi Okorafor and illustrated by Leonardo Romero.
Marvel, 2019.

Sita: Daughter of the Earth by Saraswati Nagpal and Mandikandan. Campfire Graphic Novels, 2011.

Sundarkaand: Triumph of Hanuman by Shyam Prakash, Tulsidas, and Sachin Nagar. Campfire Graphic Novels, 2013.

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed, with Iman Geddy. Dial, 2020.