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Outstanding International Books

GRADES PreK-2

Atinuke. **Too Small Tola.** Illus. by Onyinye Iwu. Candlewick Press. (Nigeria)

Baek, Heena. **Moon Pops.** Trans. from Korean by Jieun Kiaer. Illus. by author. Owlkids Books. (South Korea)

Flett, Julie. **We All Play/Kimâtawânaw.** Trans. by The Cree Literacy Network. Illus. by author. Greystone Kids. (Canada)

Kontoleon, Anna and Kontoleon, Manos. **Comings and Goings.** Illus. by Fontini Tikkou. Star Bright Books. (Greece)

Lam, Thao. **Thao.** Illus. by author. Owlkids Books. (Vietnam/Canada)

Larsen, Marit. **Agnes’s Place.** Trans. from Norwegian by Kari Dickson. Illus. by Jenny Lovlie. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Norway)

Luby, Brittany. **Mii Maanda Ezhi-Gkendmaanh: This Is How I Know.** Trans. from Anishinaabemowin by Alvin Ted Corbiere and Alan Corbiere. Illus. by Joshua Mangeshig Pawiis-Steckley. Groundwood Books. (Canada: Anishinaabewaking)

Moran, Sally. **Little Bird’s Day.** Illus. by Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr. Blue Dot Kids Press. (Australia)


Pearson, Debora. **My Words Flew Away Like Birds.** Illus. by Shrija Jain. Kids Can Press. (Canada)

Perrin, Clotilde. **Inside the Suitcase.** Trans. from French by Daniel Hahn. Illus. by author. Gecko Press. (France)


Soundar, Chitra. **Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister?** Illus. by Jen Khatun. Candlewick Press. (India)

GRADES 3 - 5

Abery, Julie. **Sakamoto’s Swim Club: How a Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory.** Illus. by Chris Sasaki. Kids Can Press. (Canada)

Ahn, Angela. **Peter Lee's Notes from the Field.** Illus. by Julie Kwon. Tundra Books. (Canada)


Birkjær, Betina. **Coffee, Rabbit, Snowdrop, Lost.** Trans. from Danish by Sinéad Quirke Køngerskov. Illus. by Anna Margrethe Kjærgaard. Enchanted Lion. (Denmark)

Böge, Dieter. **189 Canaries.** Trans. from German by Laura Watkinson. Illus. by Elsa Klever. Eerdmans Books For Young Readers. (Germany)

Boivin, Lisa. **We Dream Medicine Dreams.** Illus. by author. Highwater Press. (Canada: Northwest Territories)

Buitrago, Jairo. **Wounded Falcons.** Trans. from Spanish by Elisa Amado. Illus. by Rafael Yockteng. Groundwood Books. (Mexico)

Carmona, Hannah. **Anita and the Dragons.** Illus. by Anna Cunha Lantana. (Dominican Republic)
GRADES 3 - 5 Continued


Hrab, Naseem. **The Sour Cherry Tree**. Illus. by Nahid Kazemi. Owlkids Books. (Canada)


Morstad, Julie. **Time is a Flower**. Illus. by author. Tundra Books. (Canada)

Pang, Hannah. **Seasons: A Year in Nature**. Illus. by Clover Robin. Tiger Tales/360 Degrees. (UK)

Raúf, Onjali Q. **The Star Outside my Window**. Illus. by Pippa Curnick. Delacorte Press. (UK: England)


GRADES 6 - 8


Fung, Rosena. **Living with Viola**. Illus. by author. Annick Press. (Canada)

Kuzki, Shaw. **Soul Lanterns**. Trans. from Japanese by Emily Balistreri. Delacorte Press. (Japan)


Poulin, Andrée. **Burying the Moon**. Illus. by Sonali Zohra. Groundwood Books. (India)

Romanyshyn, Romana and Lesiv, Andriy. **How War Changed Rondo**. Trans. from Ukrainian by Oksana Lushchevska. Illus. by authors. Enchanted Lion. (Ukraine)

GRADES 9 - 12


Chim, Wai. **Freedom Swimmer**. Scholastic Press. (China)

Kessler, Liz. **When the World Was Ours**. Simon & Schuster/Aladdin. (Austria/Poland/England)

Kinew, Wab. **Walking in Two Worlds**. Penguin Teens. (Canada)

Letria, José Jorge. **War**. Trans. from Portugese by Elisa Amado. Illus. by André Letria. Greystone Kids. (Portugal)

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