

Content Area Trade Books

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(Note: Some of these books could simply be used as a read-aloud to integrate cultural/racial tolerance/understanding oneself and others, while others are curriculum specific to Oshkosh 2nd grade. You could design lessons around a read-aloud of those curriculum specific books -or- books marked with * are at a lower level which students could read themselves. Some of these lower level books work excellent for a jigsaw activity (i.e. “How things are made” books in economics, “Then and Now” series in history, etc..)

Holocaust/Judaism

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Christmas Tapestry by Patricia Polacco

The Trees of the Dancing Goats by Patricia Polacco (also cultural diversity/tolerance)

Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story by Ken Mochizuki

The Butterfly by Patricia Polacco

Immigration

Journey to Ellis Island: How my Father Came to America by Carol Bierman (story of a Jewish family traveling to America)

**Watch the Stars Come Out* by Riki Levinson

Homelessness

I Can Hear the Sun by Patricia Polacco

**Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting

Sam and the Lucky Money by Karen Chinn (also Chinese New Year)

The Lady in the Box by Ann McGovern

Chinese New Year

Sam and the Lucky Money by Karen Chinn (also homelessness)

Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year by Kate Waters and Madeline Slovenz-Low

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Wall by Eve Bunting

Bullying

Welcome Comfort by Patricia Polacco

Mr. Lincoln's Way by Patricia Polacco (also racism)

**Hooway for Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester (also celebrating differences)

**Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (also self-esteem)

Celebrating Differences

**Hooway for Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester (also bullying)

**Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox

**Big Al* by Andrew Clements (also friendship)

**Pinduli* by Janell Cannon

Racism

Mr. Lincoln's Way by Patricia Polacco (also bullying)

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles (also civil rights movement)

Self Esteem

**Hooray for You! A Celebration of "You-ness"* by Marianne Richmond

**Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (also bullying)

**The Magic Locket* by Elizabeth Koda-Callan

**Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman

**Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* by Eileen Spinelli

**Tell me Again About the Night I was Born* by Jamie Lee Curtis (adoption)

**When I was Little: A Four-Year-Old's Memoir of her Youth* by Jamie Lee Curtis

**I Like Myself!* by Karen Beaumont

Cooperation/Building Community

**Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

Friendship

**Big Al* by Andrew Clements (also celebrating differences)

**The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister

**Don't Need Friends* by Carolyn Crimi

**Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* by Eileen Spinelli (also self-esteem)

**Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon

Something About Hensley's by Patricia Polacco

Civil Rights Movement

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles (also racism)

**Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Doreen Rappaport

Civil War Era/Plight of Slaves and Former Slaves/Underground Railroad

Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco

The Story of Harriet Tubman, Conductor of the Underground Railroad by Kate McMullan

More Than Anything Else by Marie Bradby (story of Booker T. Washington learning to read)

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving on Plymouth Plantation by Diane Stanley (Note: The illustrations are stereotypical but the story and author's note are more historically accurate. You will want to address these stereotypes and historical facts when reading this book aloud.)

Community/Economics

**Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman

The Big Green Pocketbook by Candice Ransom (soc. studies economics lesson at http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/socialStd/grade2/Big_Green.html)

Bread is for Eating by David and Phillis Gershator

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman

**Counting Money* by Tanya Thayer

**Earning Money* by Tanya Thayer

**Saving Money* by Tanya Thayer

**Spending Money* by Tanya Thayer

**Your Allowance* by Margaret Hall

**Banks* by Margaret Hall

**Money* by Margaret Hall

**Credit Cards and Checks* by Margaret Hall

Natural Resources books by Christin Ditchfield

**Water*

**Soil*

**Oil*

- *Coal
- *Wood

How Things are Made (produced) books by Inez Snyder

- *Wax to Crayons
- *Tomatoes to Ketchup
- *Beans to Chocolate
- *Milk to Ice Cream
- *Oranges to Orange Juice

How Things are Made (produced) books by Robin Nelson

- *From Cotton to T-Shirt
- *From Tree to House
- *From Flower to Honey
- *From Wax to Crayon
- *From Cement to Bridge
- *From Cocoa Bean to Chocolate
- *From Sheep to Sweater

How Things are Made (produced) books by various authors

- *From Milk to Ice Cream by Stacy Taus-Bolstad
- *From Wheat to Bread by Stacy Taus-Bolstad
- *From Fruit to Jelly by Shannon Zemlicka
- *From Oil to Gas by Shannon Zemlicka
- *From Maple Tree to Syrup by Melanie Mitchell

Community/History

Use with Guided Reading (Level O) or Read Aloud: *Our Town* by Heather Hammonds

The Seasons Sewn by Ann Whitford Paul (Life during the first 100 years after Declaration of Independence)

- **Transportation Then and Now* by Robin Nelson
- **Communication Then and Now* by Robin Nelson
- **Home Then and Now* by Robin Nelson
- **School Then and Now* by Robin Nelson
- **Toys and Games Then and Now* by Robin Nelson

**At Play Long Ago and Today* by Lynette R. Brent

**At Home Long Ago and Today* by Lynette R. Brent

**At Work Long Ago and Today* by Lynette R. Brent

**At School Long Ago and Today* by Lynette R. Brent

Geography

The Armadillo from Amarillo by Lynne Cherry

*Use these with Guided Reading Groups (Level K): *I Live Near a River* by Juliette Looye; *I Live Near a Canyon* by Juliette Looye; *I Live Near a Wetland* by Juliette Looye; and, *I Live on the Plains* by Juliette Looye

**Nine O'clock Lullaby* by Marilyn Singer (time differences/timezones)

**Walk Around A Suburb* by Peter and Connie Roop

**Walk Around A Farming Town* by Peter and Connie Roop

**Walk Around A City* by Peter and Connie Roop

**Walk Around A Town* by Peter and Connie Roop

**Country Kid, City Kid* by Julie Cummins

**Types of Maps* by Mary Dodson Wade

**Latitude and Longitude* by Rebecca Aberg

**Map Keys* by Rebecca Aberg

**We Need Directions!* by Sarah De Capua

**There's a Map on My Lap: All About Maps* by Tish Rabe

**As the Crow Flies: A First Book of Maps* by Gail Hartman

**Me on the Map* by Joan Sweeney

**Where is my Continent?* by Robin Nelson

**Where is my Country?* by Robin Nelson

**Where is my State?* by Robin Nelson

**Where is my Town?* by Robin Nelson

**Where is my Home?* by Robin Nelson

**Looking at maps and Globes* by Carmen Bredeson

Feelings

**Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make my Day* by Jamie Lee Curtis

**The Way I Feel* by Janan Cain

Native Americans

Best Friends by Loretta Krupinski (fiction - Nez Perce Indians and forced removal from tribal lands in Idaho and Oregon)