

## Developing Cultural Proficiency

### Africa

#### Children's Books

*Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*  
*Beatrice's Goat*  
*Anasasi the Spider*  
*Bintou's Braids*  
*Rain School*  
*For You Are A Kenyan Child*  
*Deep in the Sahara*  
*Gift Days\**  
*One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia\**  
*Yatandou*

#### Adult Books

*Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan*  
*A Long Walk to Water*  
*Americanah*  
*Things Fall Apart*  
*Half of a Yellow Sun*  
*My Name is Sangoel*  
*An Ordinary Man: An Autobiography by Paul Rusesabagina*

### Asia

#### Children's Books

*Tikki Tikki Tembo*  
*How Tiger Got His Stripes*  
*The Littlest Matryoshka*  
*Mama's Saris*  
*Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China*  
*T is for Taj Mahal: An Indian Alphabet*  
*Ruby's Wish\**  
*The Whispering Cloth*

#### Adult Books

*Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*  
*In the Shadow of the Banyan: A Novel*  
*A Song for Cambodia*  
*Bamboo People*  
E. Blair

### Middle East

#### Children's Books

*Malala's Magic Pencil*  
*King for A Day*  
*Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors*  
*Nadia's Hands*  
*Under the Persimmon Tree*  
*The Breadwinner Trilogy*  
*Words in the Dust*

#### Adult Books

*Kite Runner*  
*The Dove's Necklace*  
*Girls of Riyadh*  
*The Tiller of Waters*

### North America

#### Children's Books

*M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet*  
*Kunu's Basket*  
*White Water\**  
*The Price of Freedom: How One Town Stood Up to Slavery\**  
*Dreamers\**  
*The Hate You Give*  
*On The Come Up*

### Central America/ Caribbean

#### Children's Books

*Drum Dream Girl\**  
*The Journey*  
*Island Born*  
*All the Way to Havana*  
*Isla*

#### Adult Books

*90 Miles to Havana*  
*When We Left Cuba*  
*Waiting for Snow in Havana*  
*Enrique's Journey*

## **Latin America**

### Children's Books

*Up and Down the Andes: A Peruvian Festival Tale*  
*Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia*  
*Cassio's Day: From Dawn to Dusk in a Brazilian Village*  
*For the Love of Soccer!*  
*The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*  
*The Umbrella*  
*Dreamers\**  
*Once Upon A Time... Mexican Women Who Made History*  
*Domitila: A Cinderella Tale from the Mexican Tradition*  
*My Abuelita*  
*Once Upon A Time... Mexican Women Who Made History*  
*Esperanza Rising*  
*I Lived on Butterfly Hill*  
*What the Moon Saw*

### Adult Books

*The House on Mango Street*  
*I Lived on Butterfly Hill*  
*Like Water for Chocolate*  
*Open Veins of Latin America*  
*The Motorcycle Diaries*

## **Websites**

*CultureGrams* - [www.culturegrams.com/](http://www.culturegrams.com/)  
*TeachUNICEF* - <https://sharemylesson.com/partner/teachunicef>  
*Kids Across the World* - <http://www.kidsacrosstheworld.com/>  
*Teaching Tolerance* - <https://www.tolerance.org/>  
*Kids Go Global* - <http://www.kidsglobal.net/>  
*NewsELA* - <https://newsela.com/>  
*Colorín Colorado* - <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>