



# The 2021 Skipping Stones Honor Awards

This year we recommend 34 outstanding books and three teaching resources as the winners of our 2021 **Skipping Stones Honor Awards**. These books promote an understanding of cultures, cultivate cooperation and/or encourage a deeper awareness of nature, ecology, and diversity. They foster respect for multiple viewpoints and closer relationships within human societies. The honored titles offer many ways to explore and understand families, cultures, places, societies and their histories for readers of all ages—from the very young readers to high school seniors and adults.

The reviews will be published on [www.SkippingStones.org](http://www.SkippingStones.org) in mid July.

## Multicultural and International Books

**Brick by Brick** by Heidi Woodward Sheffield. *Penguin Random House*. Ages 3-7.

**Wanda** by Sihle Nontshokweni & Mathabo Tlali, Illustr. Chantelle and Burgen Thorne. *Crocodile Books*. Ages 3-8.

**Aspire! ¡Aspirar!** (*Spanish/English*) by Patty York Raymond; Illustr. Chiara Savarese. Translator: Dr. Isaias Rodriguez. *Mascot Books*. Ages 5-9.

**¡Todos al rodeo:** *A Vaquero Alphabet Book (Spanish/English)* by Dr. Ma. Alma González Pérez. *Del Alma Publications*. Ages 6-9.

**Two Drops of Brown in a Cloud of White** by Saumiya Balasubramaniam; Illustr. Eva Campbell. *Groundwood Books*. Ages 6-10.

**A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart** by Zetta Elliott; Illustr. Noa Denmon. *F.S.G.* Ages 5-9.

**Nana Akua Goes to School** by Tricia Elam Walker and April Harrison. *Random House Kids*. Ages 6-10.

**The ABCs of Black History** by Rio Cortez; Illustr. Lauren Semmer. *Workman Publishing*. Ages 5-99.

**21 Cousins** by Diane de Anda, *Star Bright*. Ages 5-8.

**Disco and Me: An Unexpected Adventure in Quebec / Disco et Moi (French/English)** by Katrina Shambarger Linscott. *Indie Author Books*. Ages 7-12.

**111 Trees: How One Village Celebrates the Birth of Every Girl** by Rina Singh; Illustr. Marianne Ferrer. *Kids Can Press*. Ages 6-9.

**Seven Golden Rings: A Tale of Music and Math** by Rajani LaRocca; Illustr. Archana Sreenivasan. *Lee & Low*. Ages 7-10.

**Story of the Mongolian Tent House** by Dashdondog Jamba and Anne Pellowski; Illustr. Beatrice Vidal. *Wisdom Tales*. Ages 6-10.

**Mei Ling in China City/ Mei Ling en la Ciudad China (English/Spanish)** by Icy Smith; Illustr. Gayle Garner Roski. *East West Discovery Press*. Ages 8-13.

**The International Day of the Girl: Celebrating Girls Around the World** by Jessica Dee Humphreys and the Hon. Rona Ambrose; Illustr. Simone Shin. *Kids Can Press*. Ages 7-10.

**Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Immigrant Women Who Changed the World** by Elena Favilli. *Rebel Girls*. Ages 8-12.

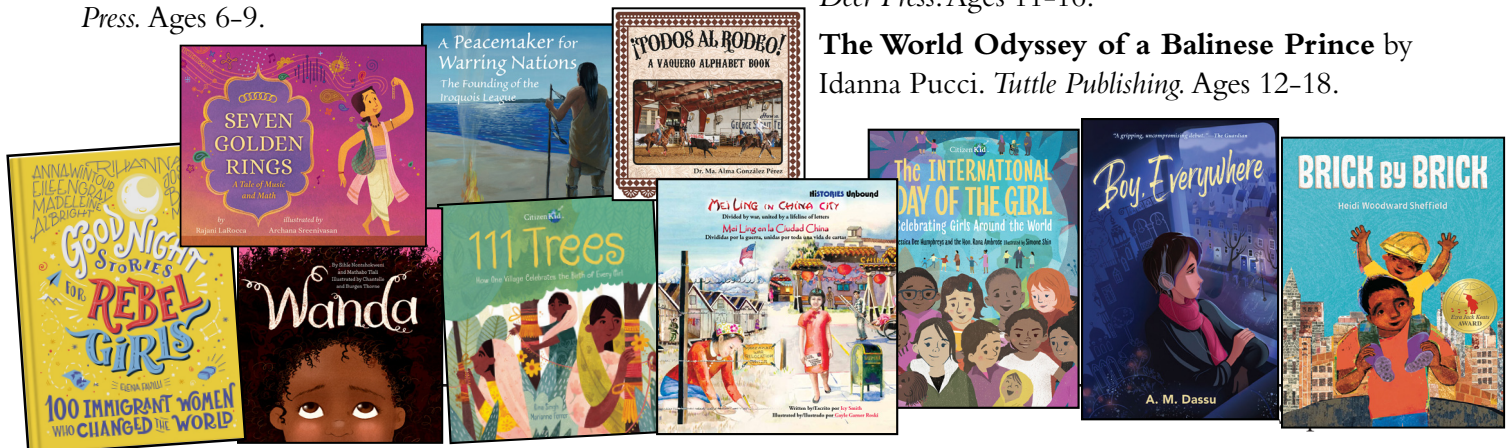
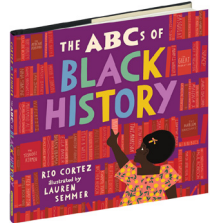
**Pop Flies, Robo-Pets, and Other Disasters** by Suzanne Kamata. *Red Chair Press*. Ages 9-14.

**The Complete Story of Sadako Sasaki: And the Thousand Paper Cranes** by Sue DiCicco and Masahiro Sasaki. *Tuttle Publishing*. Ages 10-14.

**A Peacemaker for Warring Nations: The Founding of the Iroquois League** by Joseph Bruchac; Illustr. David K. Fadden. *Wisdom Tales*. Ages 10-14.

**The Other Side**, a novel by Heather Camlot. *Red Deer Press*. Ages 11-16.

**The World Odyssey of a Balinese Prince** by Idanna Pucci. *Tuttle Publishing*. Ages 12-18.





**Beyond Me** by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu. *Atheneum/Simon & Schuster*. Ages 9-12.

**Boy, Everywhere** by A. M. Dassu. *Tu Books*. Ages 9-14.

**Global Citizenship: Engage in the Politics of a Changing World** by Julie Knutson; Illustr. Traci Van Wagoner. *Nomad Press*. Ages 12-15.

**Kid Sterling** by Christine Welldon. *Red Deer*. Ages 12-16.

**You Call This Democracy? How to Fix our Government and Deliver Power to the People** by Elizabeth Rusch. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*. Ages 12 and up.

**Girl Warriors: How 25 Young Activists Are Saving the Earth** by Rachel Sarah. *Chicago Review*. Ages 9-12.

**The Boreal Forest: A Year in the World's Largest Land Biome** by L.E. Carmichael; Illustr. Josée Bisailon. *Kids Can Press*. Ages 8-12.

**A Forest in the City** by Andrea Curtis; Illustr. Pierre Pratt. *Groundwood Books*. Ages 8-12.

**Climate Change: The Science Behind Melting Glaciers and Warming Oceans** by Joshua Sneideman & Erin Twamley; Illustr. Alexis Cornell. *Nomad*. Ages 9-12.



## Nature and Ecology Books

**Nature Did It First: Engineering Through Biomimicry** by Karen Ansberry; Illustr. Jennifer DiRubio. *Dawn Publications/Sourcebooks*. Ages 5-11.

**The Belize Trash Monster** by Sylvia M. Medina with Lady Dixie Bowen; Illustr. Walter Castillo, Ann Jaspersen and Joy Eagle. *Green Kids Club*. Ages 6-10.

**Arenas y trinos: Abecedario del río/Sand and Song: The ABCs of the River** by Alma Flor Ada & Rosalma Zubizarreta-Ada; Illustr. Gabhor Utomo. *Arte Público Press*. Ages 6-10.

**Bringing Back the Wolves: How a Predator Restored an Ecosystem** by Jude Isabella; Illustr. Kim Smith. *Kids Can Press*. Ages 8-12.

## Teaching Resources

**Posters for a Green New Deal: 50 Removable Posters to Inspire Change.** Illustrated by the artists of Creative Action Network. *Workman Publishing*. Grades 7-12.

**Teacher Unions and Social Justice: Organizing for the Schools and Communities Our Students Deserve,** edited by Michael Charney, Jesse Hagopian, and Bob Peterson. *Rethinking Schools*.

**When the World Feels Like a Scary Place: Essential Conversations for Anxious Parents and Worried Kids,** by Abigail Gewirtz, Ph.D. *Workman Publishing*.

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