

Around the World Booklist for children and young people

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It is [World Book Night](#) on 23 April. World Book Night is a national celebration of reading and books for adults and young people that takes place every year. To help children and their families join in with the celebration we have created a booklist of our favourite books about other cultures, set or written by people from across the world. We hope the booklist will help children experience a world outside of their own.

Children

- Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour and Daniel Egneus, Oxford University Children's, 978-0192771940
I Love You by Xiao Mao and Tang Yun, New Frontier Publishing, 978-0995625594
The Suitcase by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros, Nosy Crow, 978-1788004480
Moomin and the Moonlight Adventure by Tove Jansson, Puffin Books, 978-0141330594
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans, Scholastic Books, 978-1407110530
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love, Walker Books, 978-1406386424
Asha & the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan, Chicken House Books, 978-1911490197
BTS: K-Pop Power by Carlton Books, 978-1783124633
Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories by Amanda Li and Amy Blackwell, Buster Books, 978-1780555782
Eight Princesses and a Magic Mirror by Natasha Farrant and Lydia Corry, Zephyr, 978-1788541145
Illegal: A graphic novel telling one boy's epic journey to Europe by Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin and Giovanni Rigano, Hodder Books, 978-1444931686
A House Without Walls by Elizabeth Laird, Macmillan Children's Books, 978-1509828241
The Train Mouse by Uwe Timm, Axel Scheffler and Rachel Ward, Andersen Press, 978-1783449583
Under the Moon and Over the Sea by John Agard, Grace Nichols, Jane Ray, Satoshi Kitamura, Sara Fanelli, Cathie Felstead, Christopher Corr, Walker Books, 978-1406309591
Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo, HarperCollins Children's, 978-0007263509

Young People

- The Breadwinner Graphic Novel by Deborah Ellis, Oxford Children's Books, 978-0192768568

Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay, Stripes Publishing, 978-1788951548

After the Fire by Will Hill, Usborne, 978-1474924153

With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo, Hot Key Press, 978-1471409004

In Paris With You by Clementine Beauvais, Faber Children's, 978-0571339716

Persepolis: A graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi, Vintage, 978-0099523994

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