

Canadian Multicultural-themed Books for Kids

The Canadian Children's Book Centre has compiled a list of great Canadian Multicultural-themed books for kids of all ages. This list includes just some of the Multicultural-themed picture books and novels that have been published in Canada.



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Picture Books

Abby's Birds

Written by **Ellen Schwartz**
Illustrated by **Sima Elizabeth Shefrin**
Tradewind Books, 2006
ISBN 978-1896580869
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-8
Japanese

Awakening the Dragon: The Dragon Boat Festival

Written by **Arlene Chan**
Illustrated by **Song Nan Zhang**
Tundra Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0887768057
Grades 1-4 / Ages 6-9
Chinese

Bagels From Benny

Written by **Aubrey Davis**
Illustrated by **Dušan Petričić**
Kids Can Press, 2003
ISBN 978-1553374176
Kindergarten-Grade 3 / Ages 5-8
Jewish

Breaking Free: The Story of William Kurelek

Written by **May Ebbitt Cutler**
Art by **William Kurelek**
Tundra Books, 2002
ISBN 978-0887766176
Grades 5-7 / Ages 10-12
Ukrainian

The Chinese Violin

Written by **Madeleine Thien**
Illustrated by **Joe Chang**
Whitecap Books, 2001
ISBN 978-1552852057
Preschool-Grade 3 / Ages 4-8
Chinese

Courage to Fly

Written by **Troon Harrison**
Illustrated by **Zhong-Yang Huang**
Red Deer Press, 2002
ISBN 978-0889953611
Preschool-Grade 4 / Ages 4-9
Caribbean – Chinese

Dead Man's Gold and Other Stories

Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Harvey Chan**
Groundwood Books, 2002
ISBN 978-0888994752
Grades 6 and up / Ages 11 and up
Chinese

Emma's Story

Written by **Deborah Hodge**
Illustrated by **Song Nan Zhang**
Tundra Books, 2003
ISBN 978-0887766329
Kindergarten-Grade 2 / Ages 5-7
Chinese

The Fragrant Garden

Written by **Day's Lee**
Illustrated by **Josée Bellemare**
Napoleon Publishing, 2005
ISBN 978-1894917261
Kindergarten-Grade 4 / Ages 5-9
Chinese

Indian Tales: A Barefoot Collection

Written by **Shenaaz Nanji**
Illustrated by **Christopher Corr**
Barefoot Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1846860836
Kindergarten-Grade 4 / Ages 5-9
Indian

Lights for Gita

Written by **Rachna Gilmore**
Illustrated by **Alice Priestley**
Second Story Press, 1994
ISBN 978-0929005614
Kindergarten-Grade 3 / Ages 4-8
Indian

Marja's Skis

Written by **Jean E. Pendziwol**
Illustrated by **Jirina Marton**
Groundwood Books, 2007
ISBN 978-0888996749
Grades 3-4 / Ages 7-11
Finnish

Motherbridge of Love

Written by **Anonymous**
Illustrated by **Josée Masse**
Barefoot Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1846860478
Preschool-Grade 1 / Ages 3-6
Chinese

Red Land, Yellow River: A Story From the Cultural Revolution

Written and illustrated by **Ange Zhang**
Groundwood Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0888994899
Grades 6-8 / Ages 11-13
Chinese

The Sakura Tree

Written by **Carolyn McTighe**
Illustrated by **Karen Brownlee**
Red Deer Press, 2007
ISBN 978-0889953543
Grades 2-3 / Ages 7-11
Japanese

Ten Old Men and a Mouse

Written by **Cary Fagan**
Illustrated by **Gary Clement**
Tundra Books, 2007
ISBN 978-0887767166
Preschool-Grade 2 / Ages 4-7
Jewish

My Mom Loves Me More Than Sushi

Written by **Filomena Gomes**
Illustrated by **Ashley Spires**
Second Story Press, 2006
ISBN 978-1897187098
Kindergarten-Grade 2 / Ages 5-7
Multicultural

Zoe and the Fawn

Written by **Catherine Jameson**
Illustrated by **Julie Flett**
Theytus Books, 2006.
ISBN 978-1894778435
Grades 1-2 / Ages 5-6
First Nations

Novels

Being Muslim

(Groundwork Guides)

Written by **Haroon Siddiqui**

Groundwork Books, 2006

ISBN 978-0888997869

Grades 9 and up / Ages 14 and up

Muslims - Islam

Bifocal

Written by **Deborah Ellis** and
Eric Walters

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2007

ISBN 978-1554550623

Grades 7-10 / Ages 12-15

Muslims – Race Relations

Break on Through

Written by **Jill Murray**

Doubleday Canada, 2007

ISBN 978-0385664905

Grades 7-10 / Ages 12-15

Multicultural

Elijah of Buxton

Written by **Christopher Paul Curtis**

Scholastic Canada 2007

ISBN 978-0439936477

Grades 4-7 / Ages 9-12

African

Feast of Lights:

A Young Adult Novel

Written by **Ellen S. Jaffe**

Sumach Press, 2006

ISBN 978-1894549608

Grades 5-7 / Ages 10-12

Jewish

Kalyna's Song

Written by **Lisa Grekul**

Coteau Books, 2003

ISBN 978-1550503555

Grades 8 and up / Ages 13 and up

Ukrainian

Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Ukrainian Stories

Edited by **Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch**

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006

ISBN 978-1550419979

Grades 8 and up / Ages 13 and up

Ukrainian

Many Windows: Six Kids Five Faiths One Community

Written by **Rukhsana Kahn** with **Elisa**

Carbone and **Uma Krishnaswami**

Illustrated by **Patty Gallinger**

Napoleon Publishing, 2008

ISBN 978-1894917568

Grades 3-5 / Ages 8-10

*Buddhism – Islam – Hinduism –
Judaism – Christianity – Canada*

Me and the Blondes

Written by **Teresa Toten**

Puffin Canada, 2006

ISBN 978-0143053071

Grades 8-11 / Ages 13-16

Bulgarian

Midnight at the Dragon Café

Written by **Judy Fong Bates**

McClelland & Stewart, 2004.

ISBN 978-0771010972

Grades 11 and up / Ages 16 and up

Chinese

My Name is Number 4: A True Story

Written by **Ting-Xing Ye**

Doubleday Canada, 2007

ISBN 978-0385663052

Grades 9 and up / Ages 14 and up

Chinese

The Mystery of the Frozen Brains

(Marty Chan Mystery Series)

Written by **Marty Chan**

Thistledown Press, 2004

ISBN 978-1894345712

Grades 3-7 / Ages 8-12

Chinese

A New Life

Written by **Rukhsana Khan**

Illustrated by **Nasrin Khosravi**

Groundwork Books, 2009

ISBN 978-0888999306

Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-11

Pakistani

Naomi's Road

Written by **Joy Kogawa**

Illustrated by **Ruth Ohi**

Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2005

ISBN 978-1550051155

Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-11

Japanese

An Ocean Apart: The Gold Mountain Diary of Chin Mei-Ling (Dear Canada)

Written by **Gillian Chan**

Scholastic Canada, 2004

ISBN 978-0779113538

Grades 4-9 / Ages 9-14

Chinese

Oscar: The Life and Music of Oscar Peterson

Written by **Reva Marin**

Groundwork Books, 2003

ISBN 978-0888995377

Grades 5-8 / Ages 10-13

African

Skim

Written by **Mariko Tamaki**

Illustrated by **Jillian Tamaki**

Groundwork Books, 2008

ISBN 978-0-88899-753-1

Grades 9 and up / Ages 14 and up

Japanese

What Happened This Summer

Written by **Paul Yee**

Tradewind Books, 2006

ISBN 978-1896580883

Grades 10 and up / Ages 15 and up

Chinese

Zoe's Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Written by **Christina Minaki**

Second Story Press, 2007

ISBN 978-1897187265

Grades 4-7 / Ages 9-12

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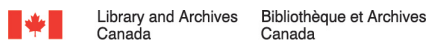
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