

Global Studies Booklist #3

These are wonderful books that were published in the last several years. All are at the IMC and can be requested. Enjoy!

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Manjhi Moves a Mountain by Churnin (grades K-2)

Set in India and based on a true story about a mountain that separates 2 villages. Nothing grows in one village whereas crops flourish in the other. A man takes a chisel and hammer and begins to chip away at the mountain to connect the two. 22 years later, the villagers' lives are changed!



Emmanuel's Dream by Thompson (grades K-2)

An inspiring biography about Emmanuel Yeboah who cycled 400 miles across Ghana with only 1 strong leg. His goal: to spread his message that "disability does not mean inability".



One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia by Paul (grades K-3)

Plastic bags were in heaps along the roads, bringing mosquitoes and disease. Some were burned that left behind a terrible smell. Livestock tried to eat them and died. Isatou Ceesay found a way to recycle the bags and her community was transformed.



Mama Miti by Napoli (grades 1-3)

Wangari, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004, changed Kenya, "tree by tree". With breathtaking illustrations and a folklore tone, this book is stunning. Pair with Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya by Nivola. Another stunning book about Wangari is Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees by Prevot for grades 3-5).



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Kamkwambe and Mealer (grades 1-3)

Based on the best selling adult book (IMC has a copy), this is a biography about 14 year-old Kamkwamba who brought electricity and running water to his village in Malawi.



The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World by Milway (grades 2-4)

A boy flees his home in Burundi and ends up in a refugee camp in Tanzania. Through sport and play, he finds friendship and belonging (fiction).



Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Hood (grades 2-5)

Set in Cateura, Paraguay, Hood tell the true story of a community who lives and feeds themselves by picking through trash. Ada, 11, attended a music class without enough instruments. She and the others created their own from trash

and have become known all around the world.



One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference by Milway (grades 2-5)
Loosely based on an actual success story, Kojo lives in a small town in Ghana. He and his mother have barely enough to get by. When he receives a small loan, he buys a hen and soon he has extra eggs to sell. After he finishes school, he gets another loan and builds a poultry farm which improves life in his community.



The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families by Roth (grades 3-7)
Dr. Soto, a scientist, goes to drought stricken Eritrea to plant mangrove seedlings. This book explains how this project transformed the village into a self-sufficient community.



Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey by Ruers (grades 3-6)
A peaceful childhood is interrupted when war comes to Syria. Stones are used for the illustrations which are beautiful. Told in English and Arabic, this fictional story represents the experience many are facing.

Here are chapter books on my personal summer reading list:

These are all for grades 4/5 and above

