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## Using CANLIT to embed Social Justice

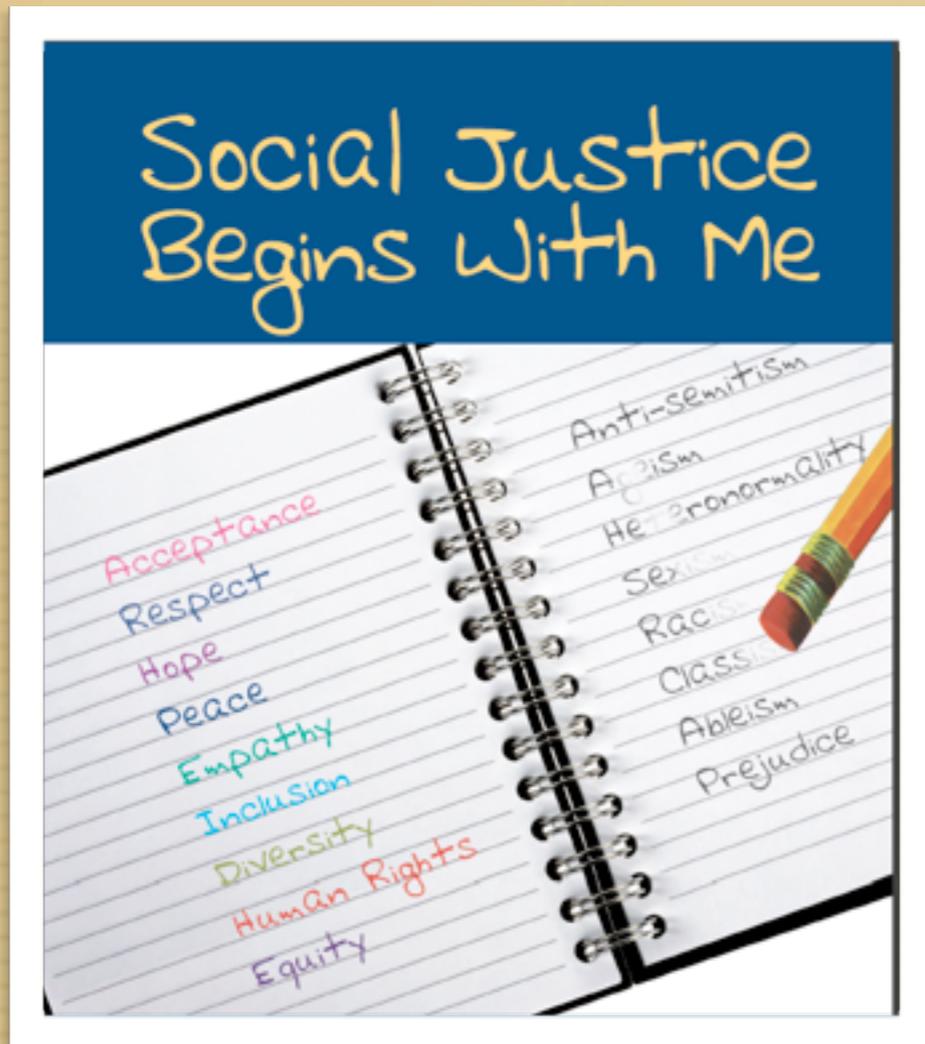
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# ETFO



“Far from being an add-on, the resources identified in this kit can easily be used to fulfill the expectations of TLCPE, and many of them include specific activity suggestions that focus on inferencing, making connections, visualizing, point of view, and other specific comprehension strategies related to reading and writing.

Teachers are encouraged to use the books ... and other resource suggestions, to embed social justice issues into their daily activities while engaging students and fulfilling ministry and district school board expectations.”

From ETFO (2011) *Social Justice Begins with Me, Resource Guide* pg. 16

Social Justice Begins With Me

## Monthly Themes and Book Titles

Resource Guide

# Resource Guide

### MONTHLY THEMES AND BOOK TITLES

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# Monthly Themes



**OCTOBER**

"A hungry man is not a free man."

*Adlai E. Stevenson*  
American Politician,  
UN Ambassador (1949 – 1953),  
1900 – 1965

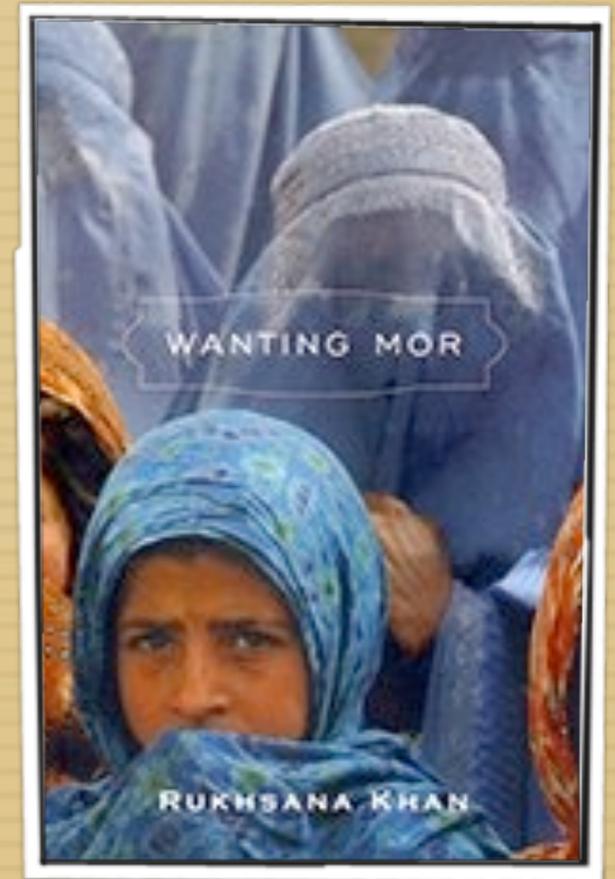
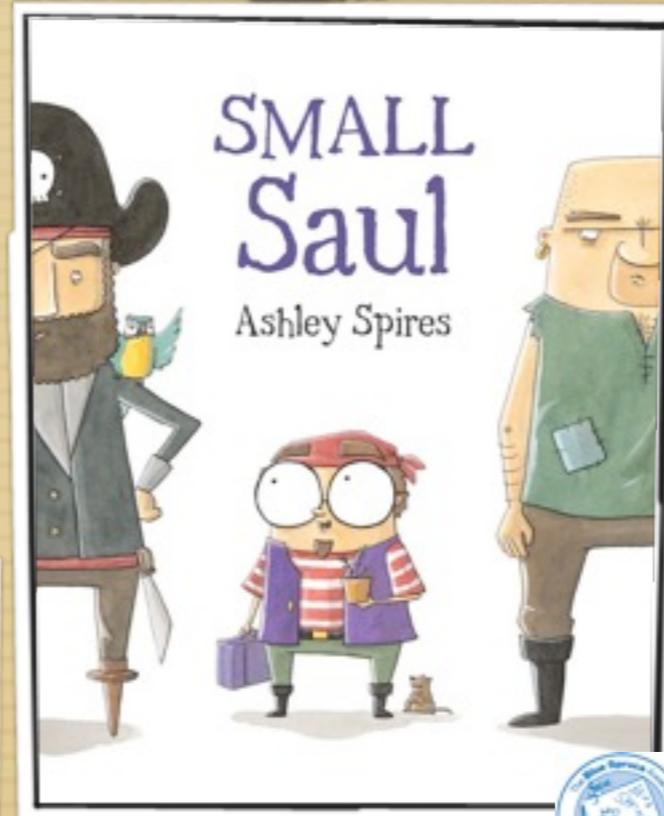
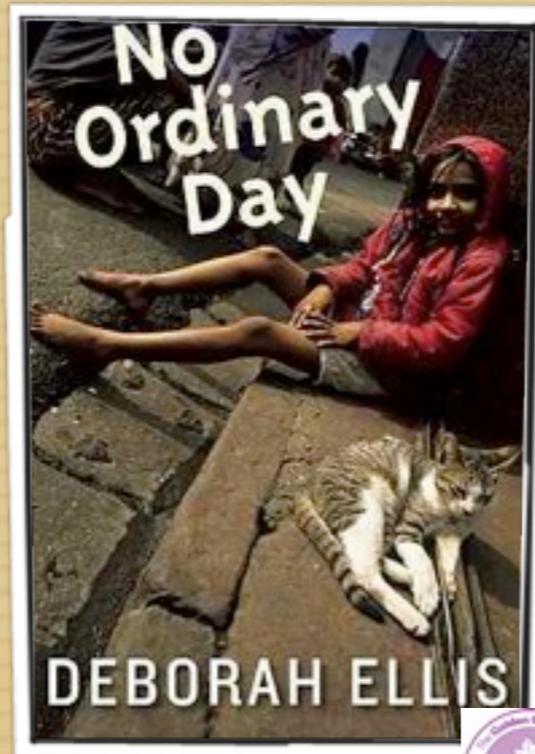
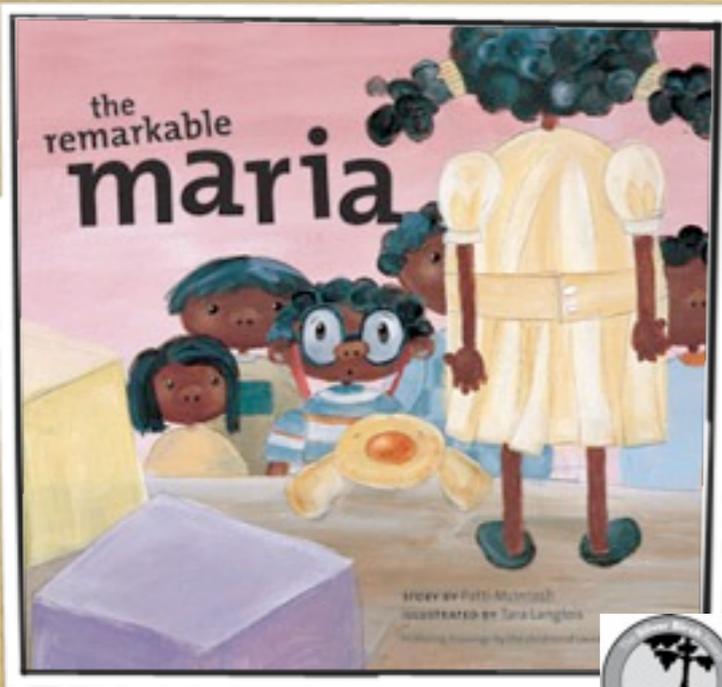
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2. Sharing our lives
3. Peace
4. Building Supportive Communities
5. Rights of the Child
6. Caring Hands
7. Untie the Knots of Prejudice
8. Local and Global Citizenship
9. True Worth and Beauty
10. Circles and Cycles

September

# Self-esteem

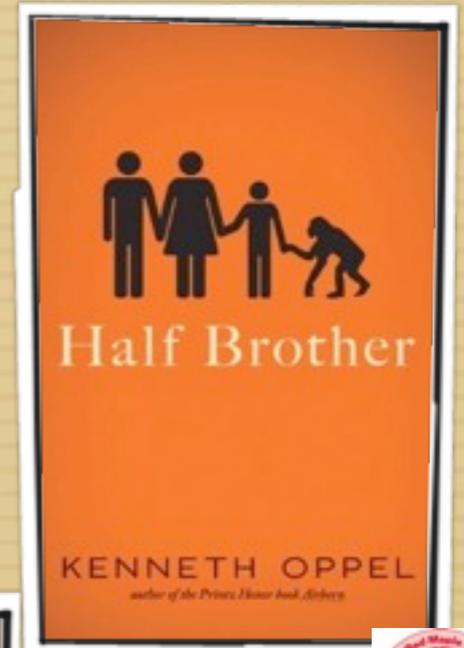
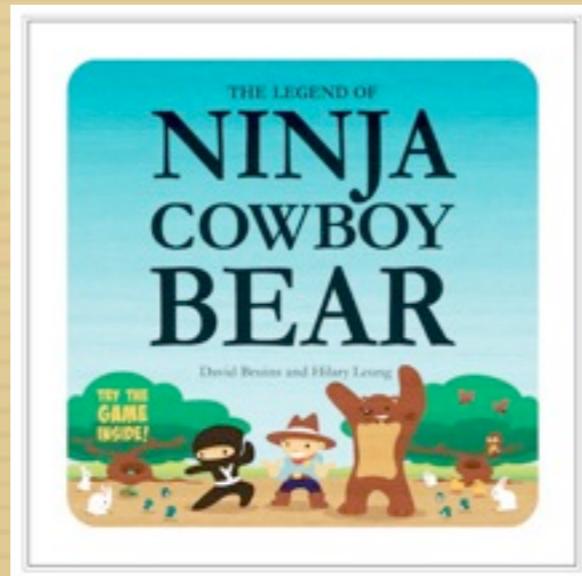
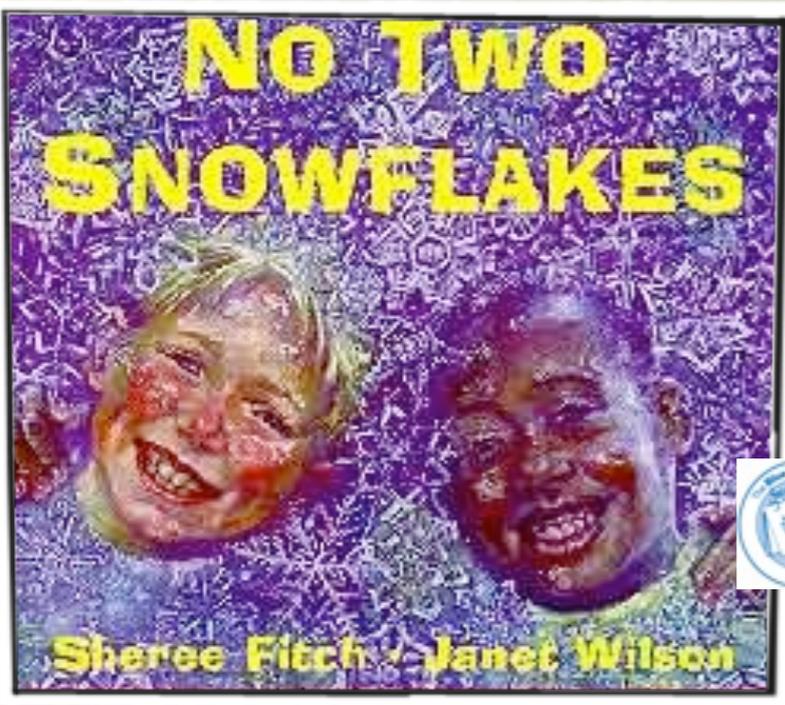
*How we feel about ourselves*



October

# Sharing Our Lives

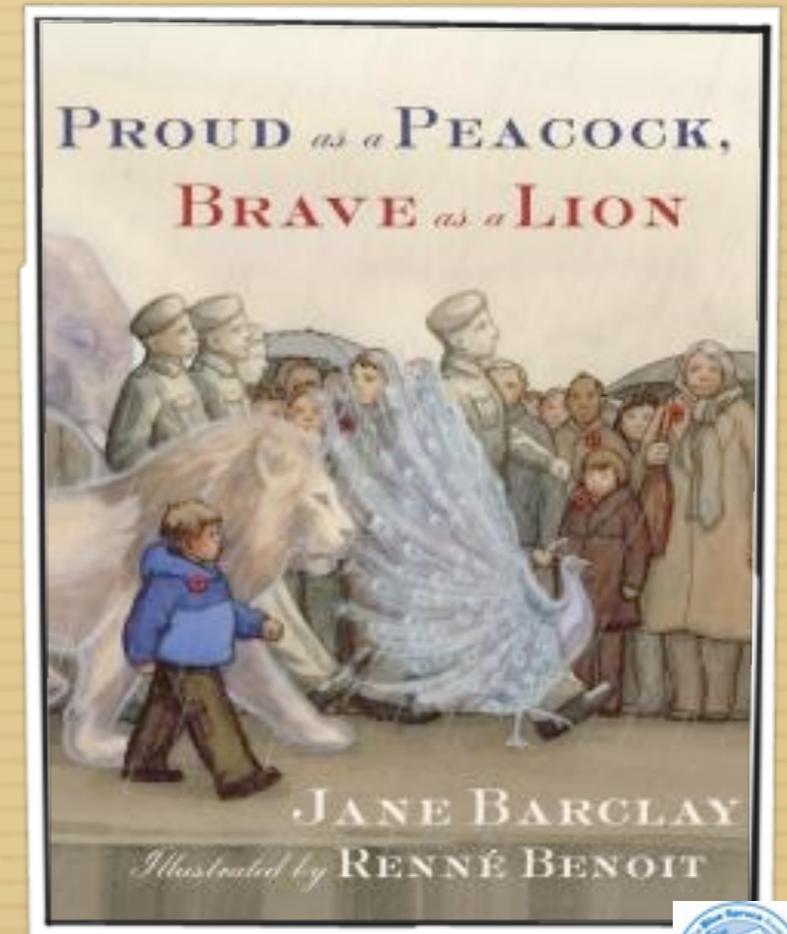
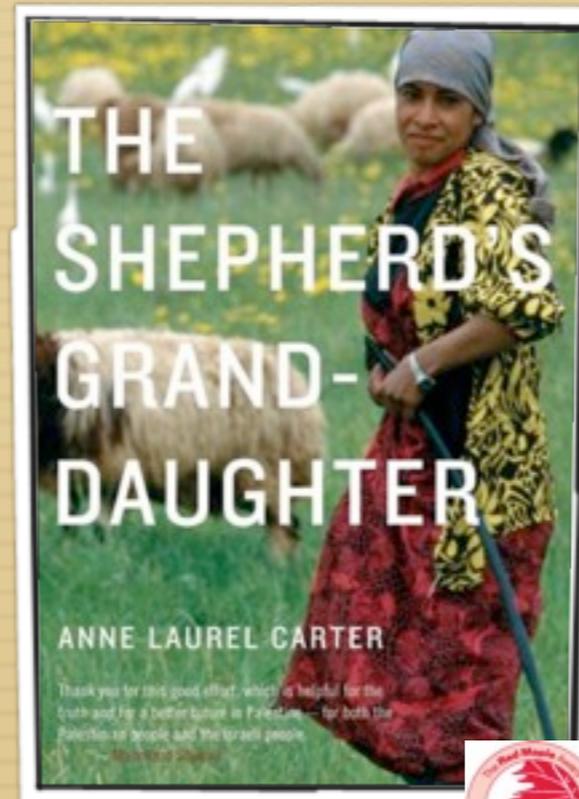
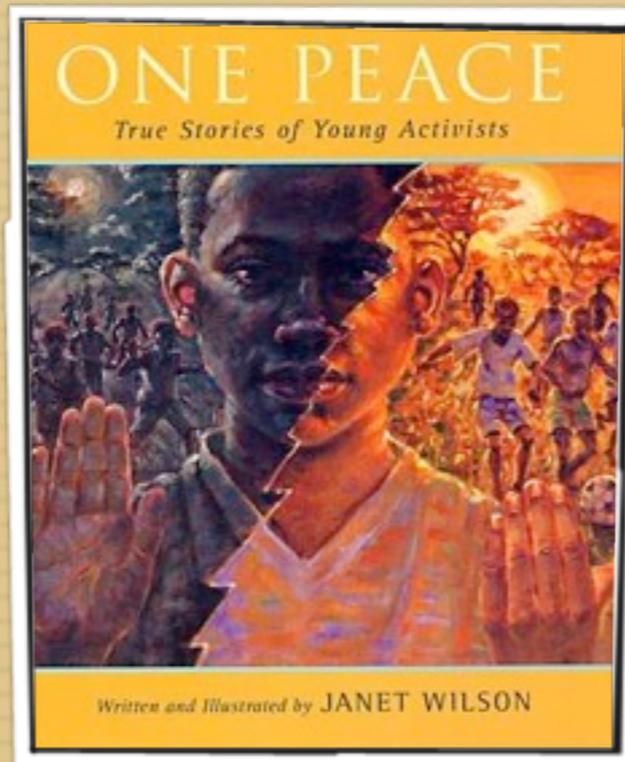
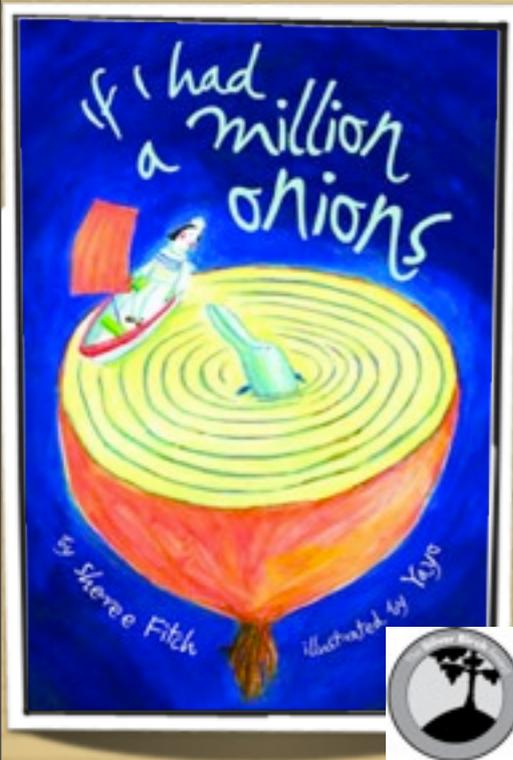
*How our lives are similar and different from those of others*



November

# Peace

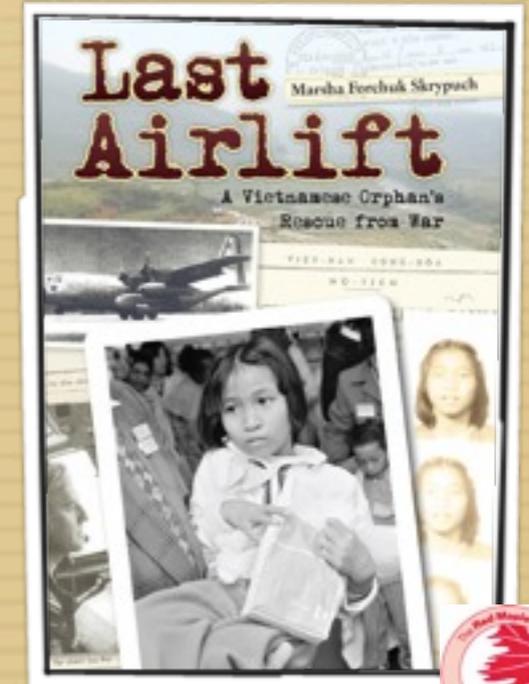
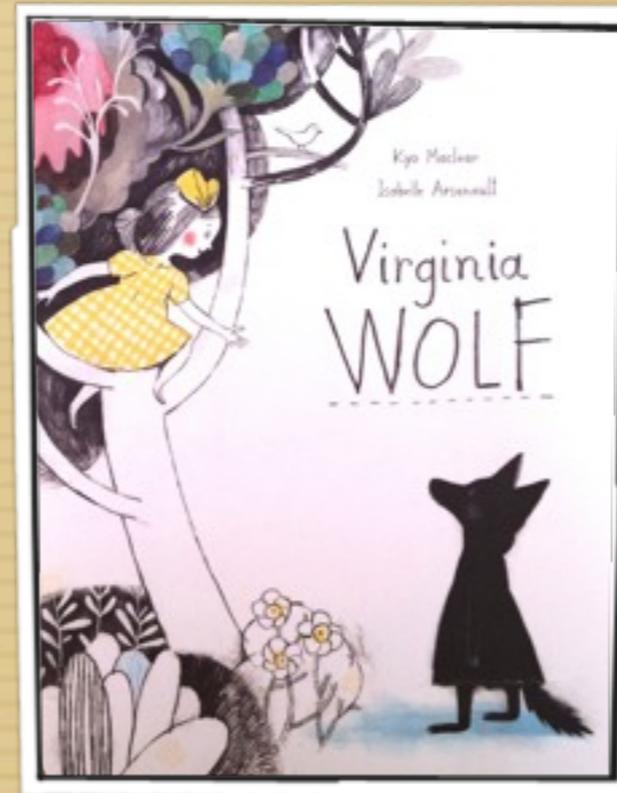
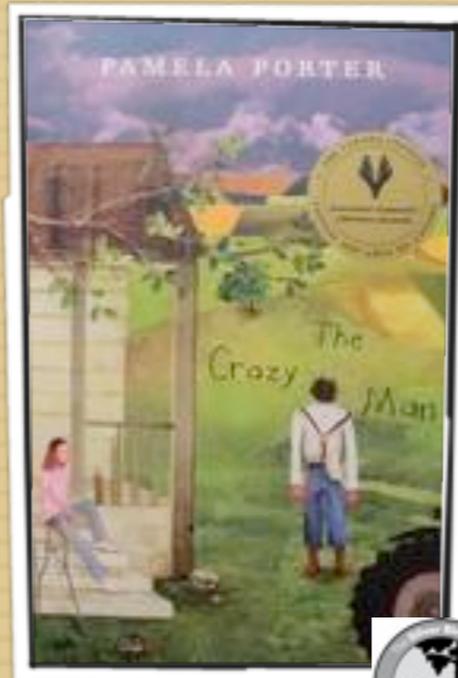
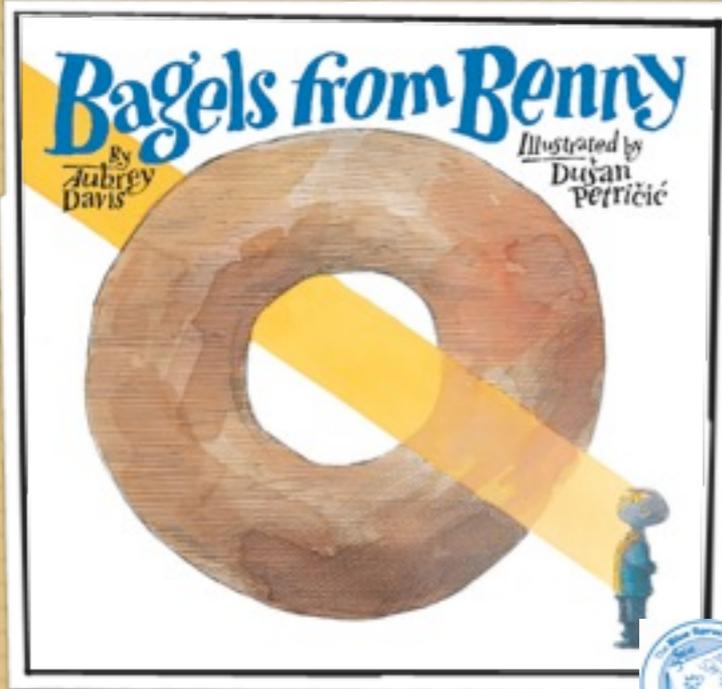
*How to find inner peace  
and peace in the world*



December

# Building Supportive Communities

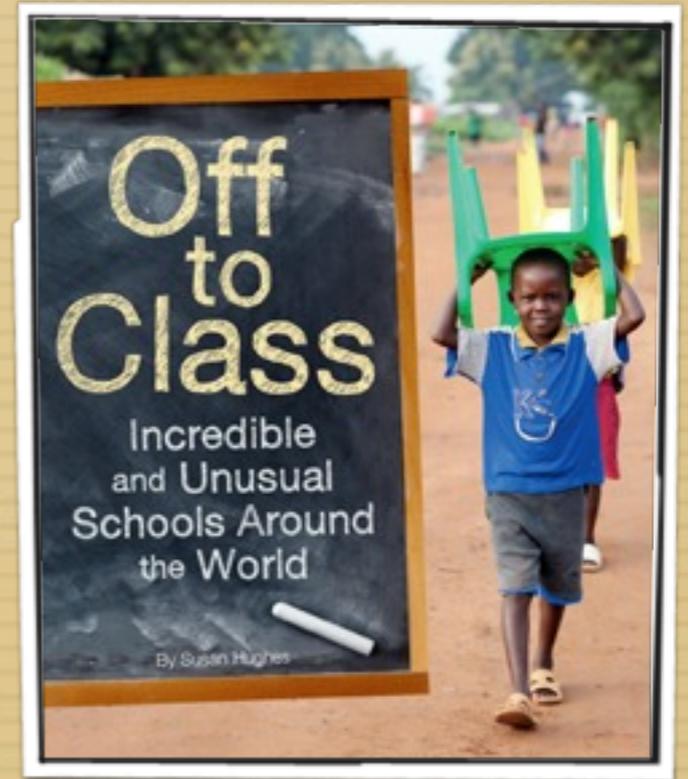
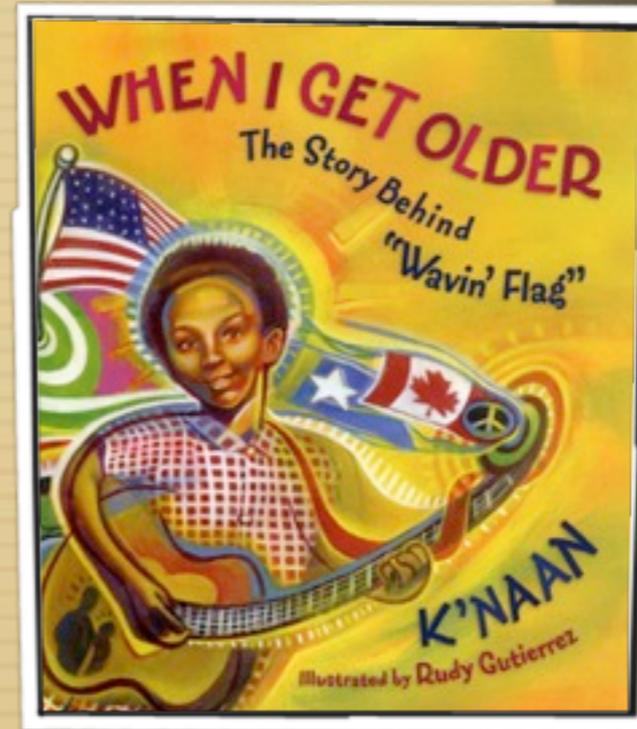
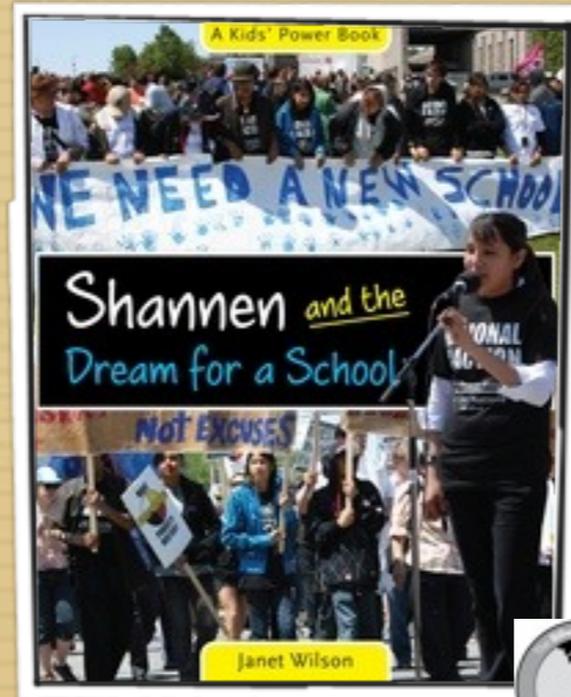
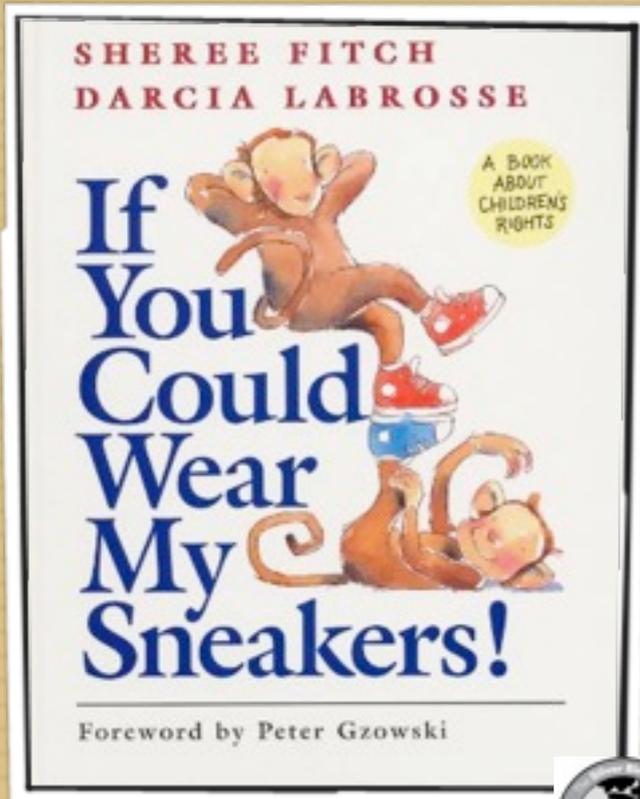
*How do we support others*



January

# Rights of the Child

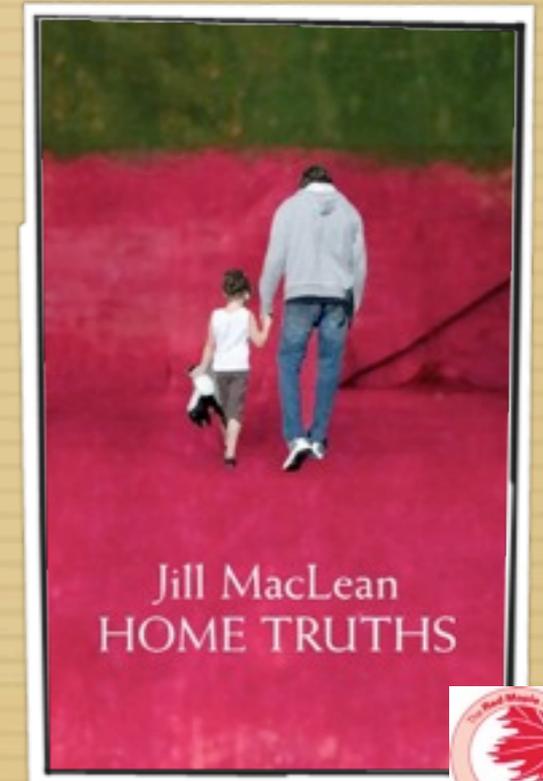
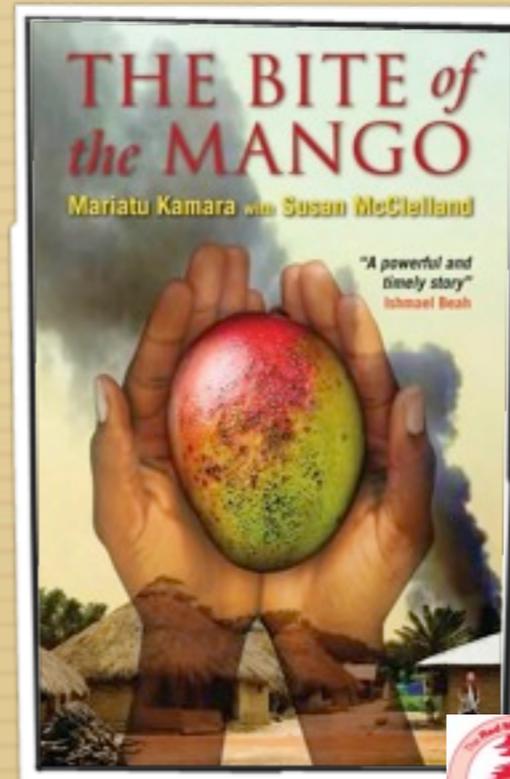
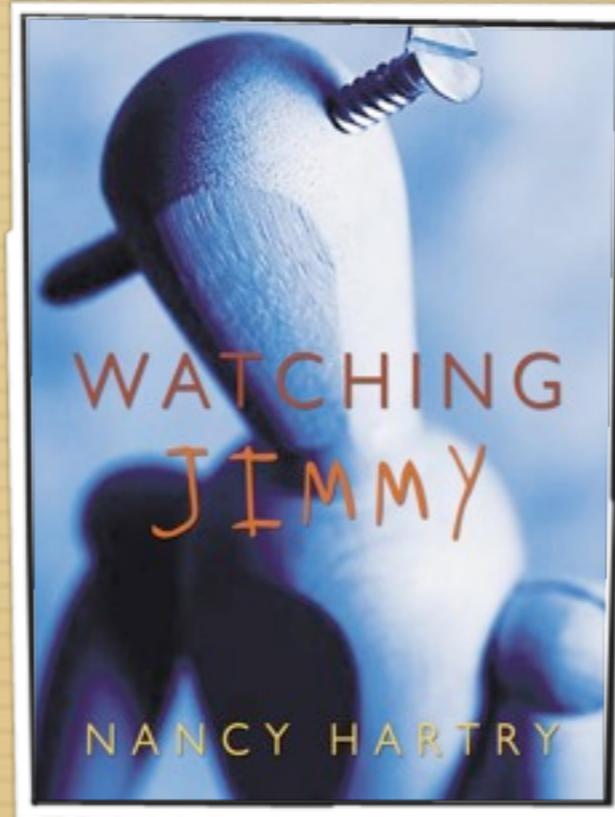
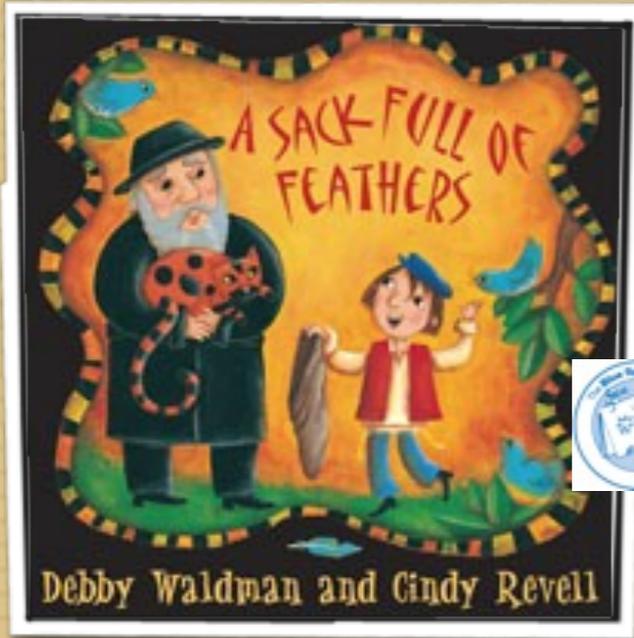
*How to protect the rights of the children*



February

# Caring Hands

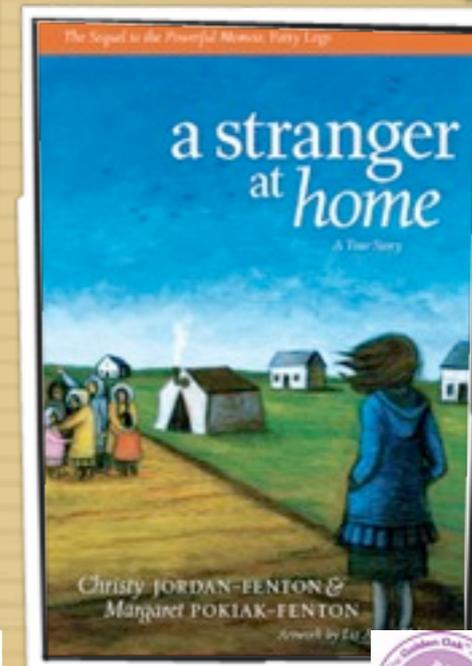
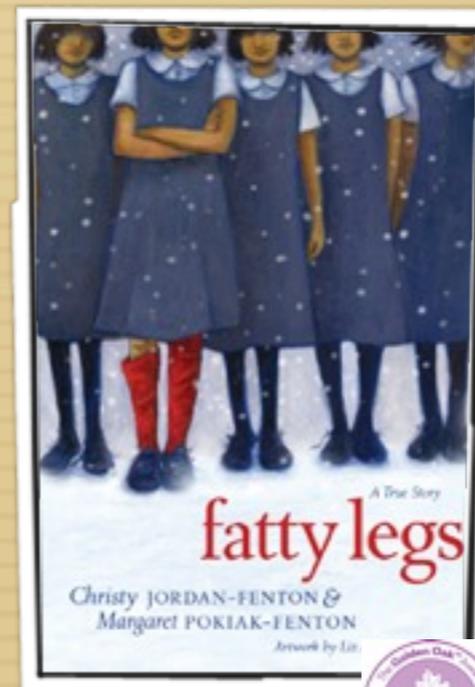
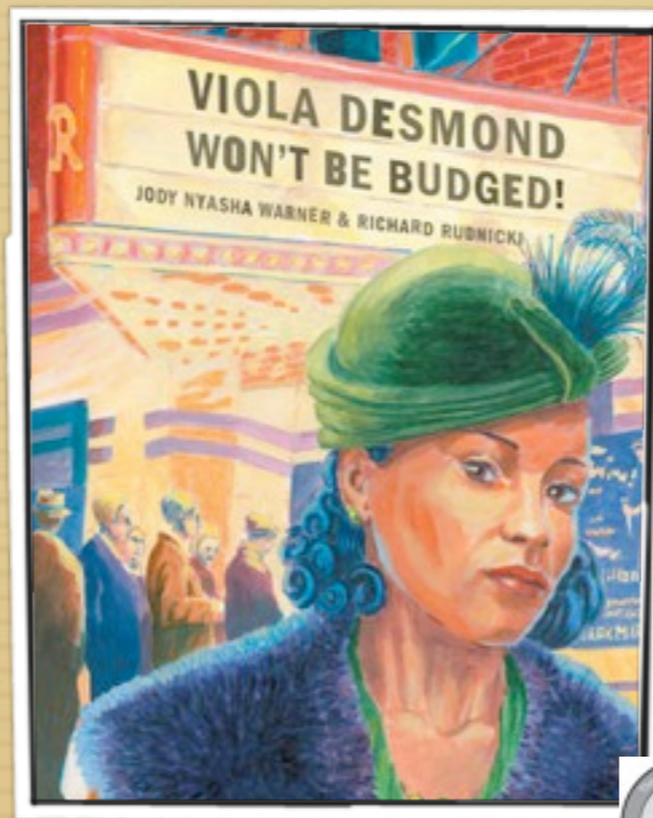
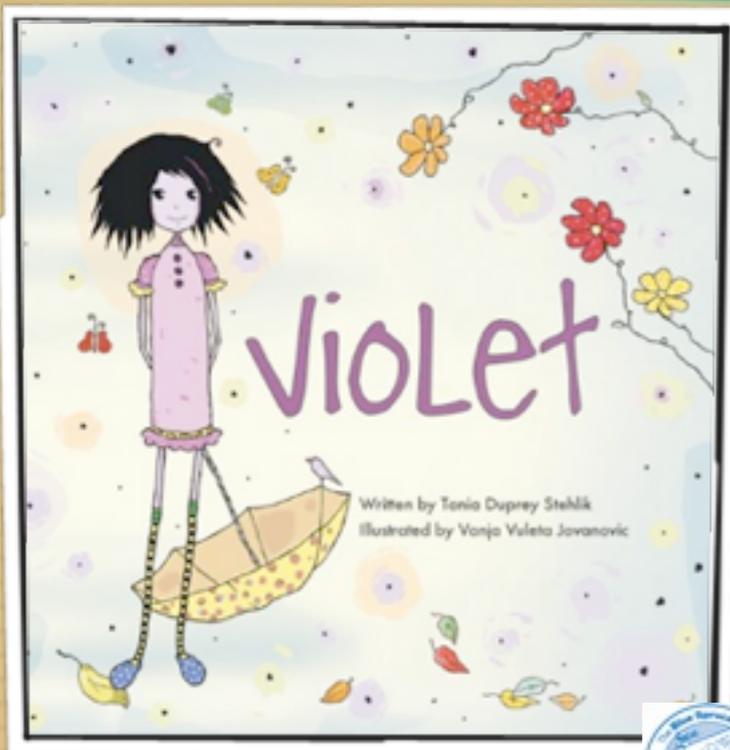
*How can we help the world become more loving and caring*



March

# Untie the Knots of Prejudice

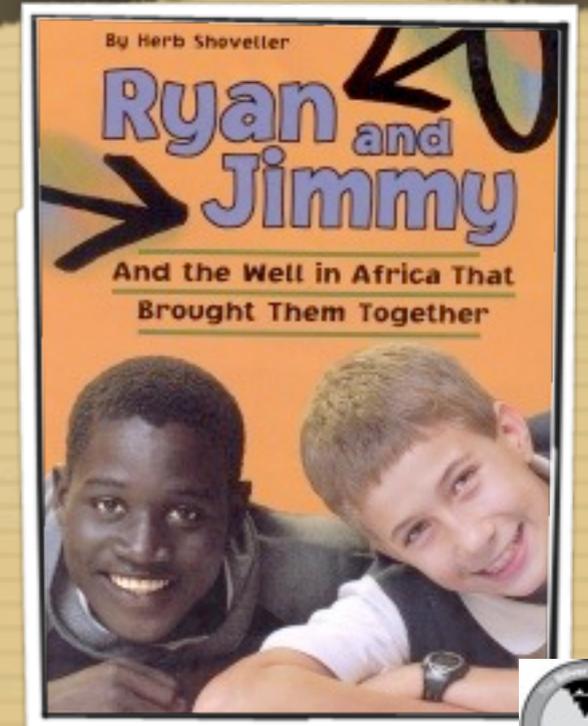
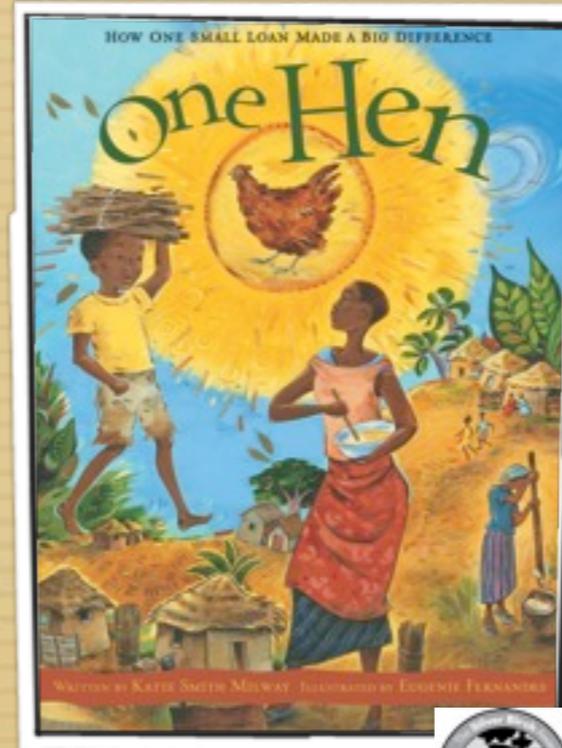
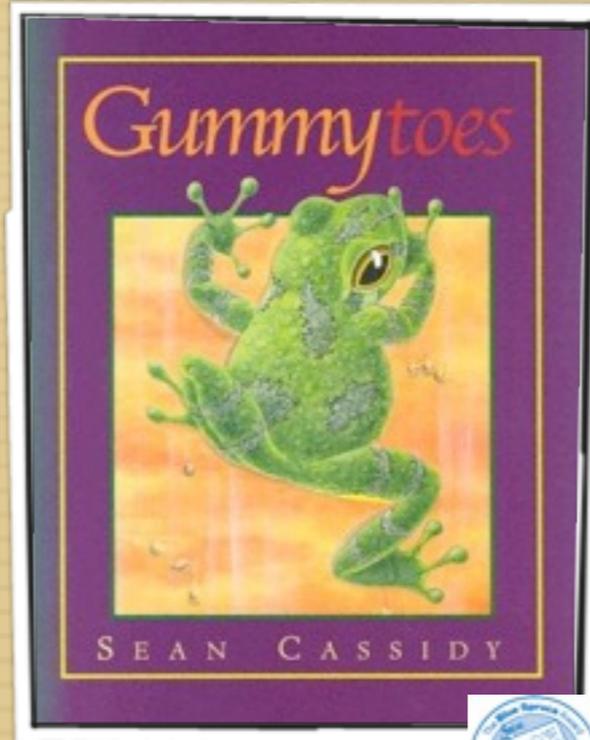
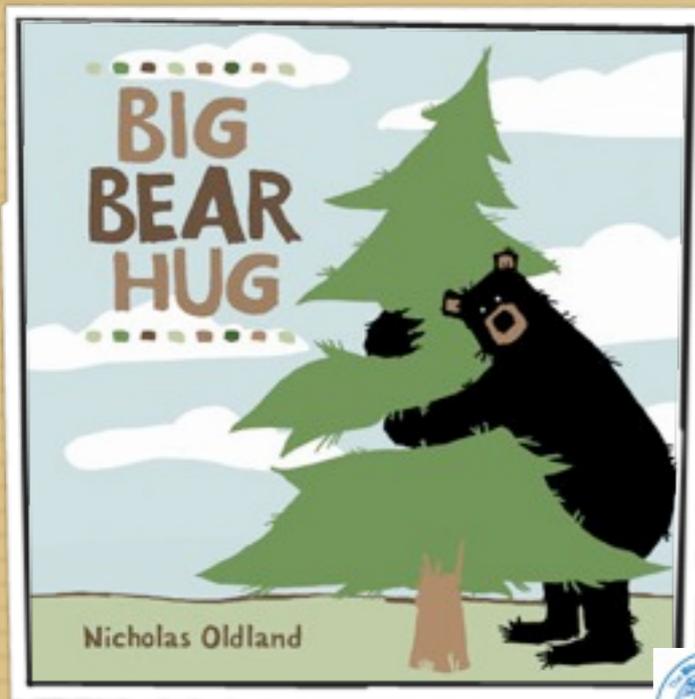
*How can we eliminate the isms and celebrate diversity*



April

# Local and Global citizenship

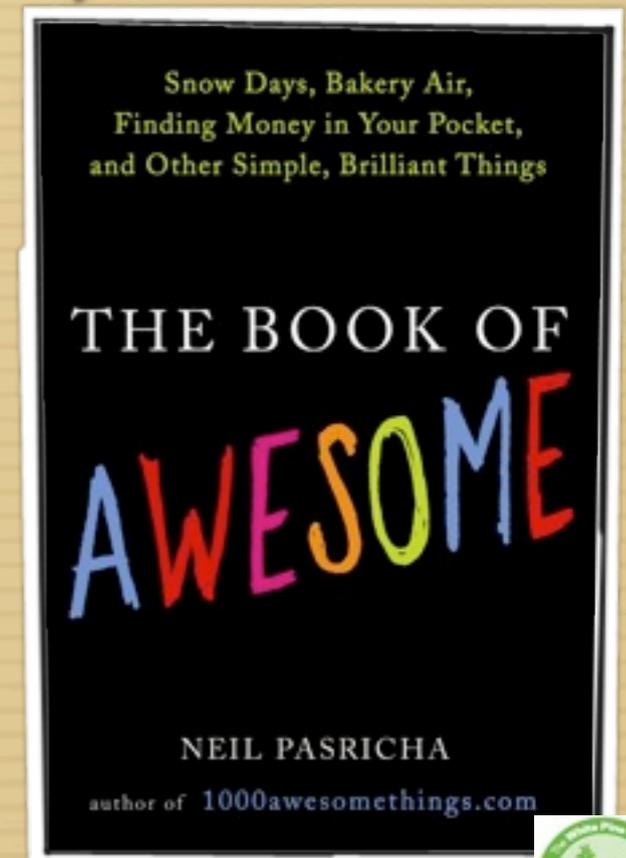
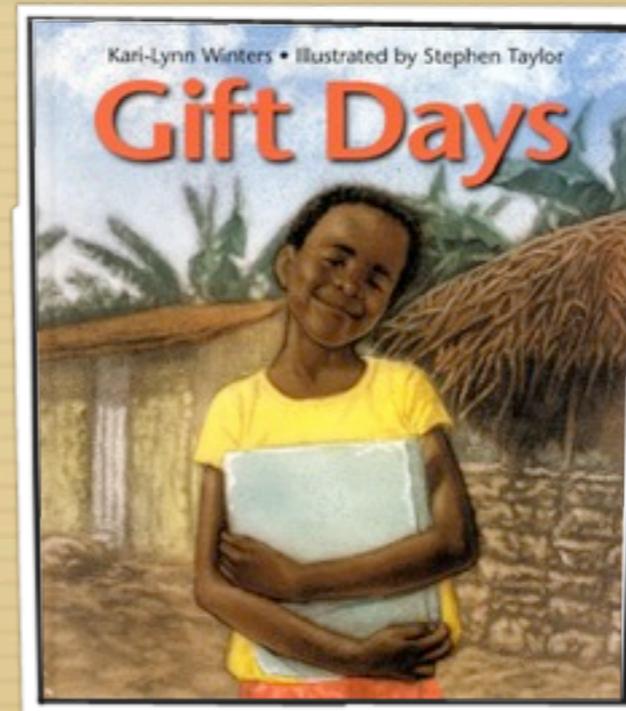
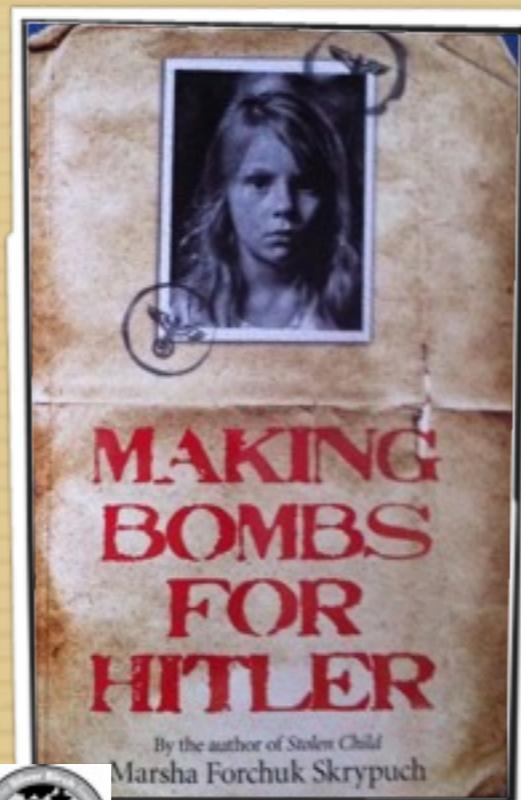
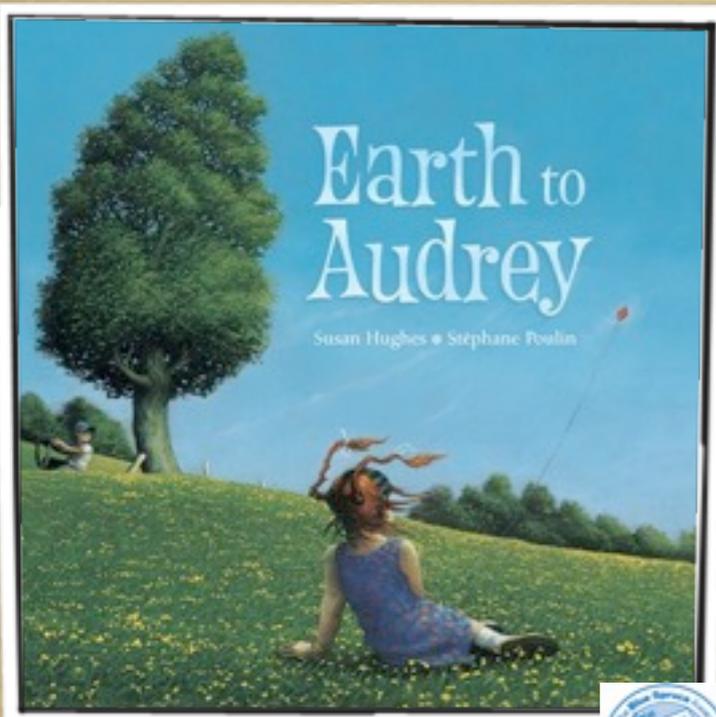
*How do different people and cultures show good citizenship towards the Earth and towards other people*



May

# True Worth and Beauty

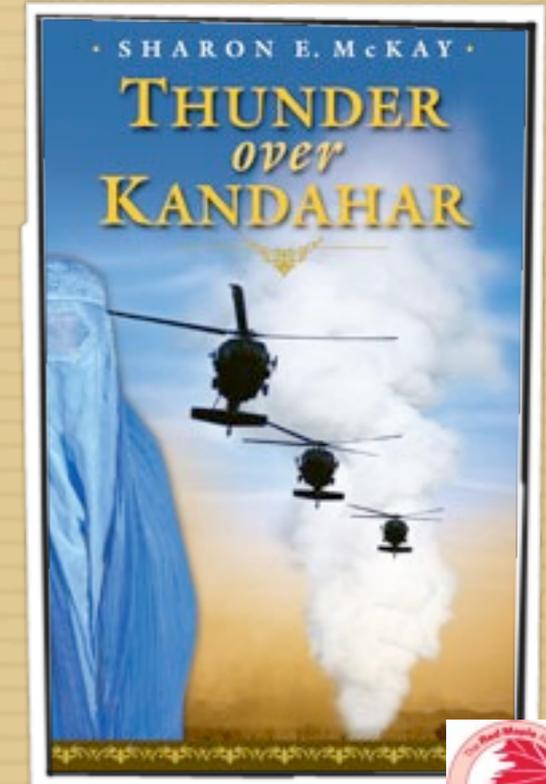
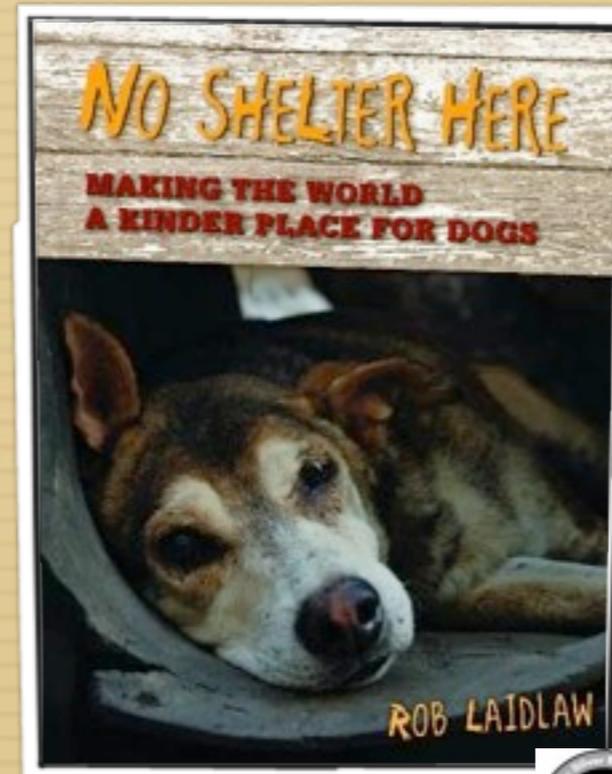
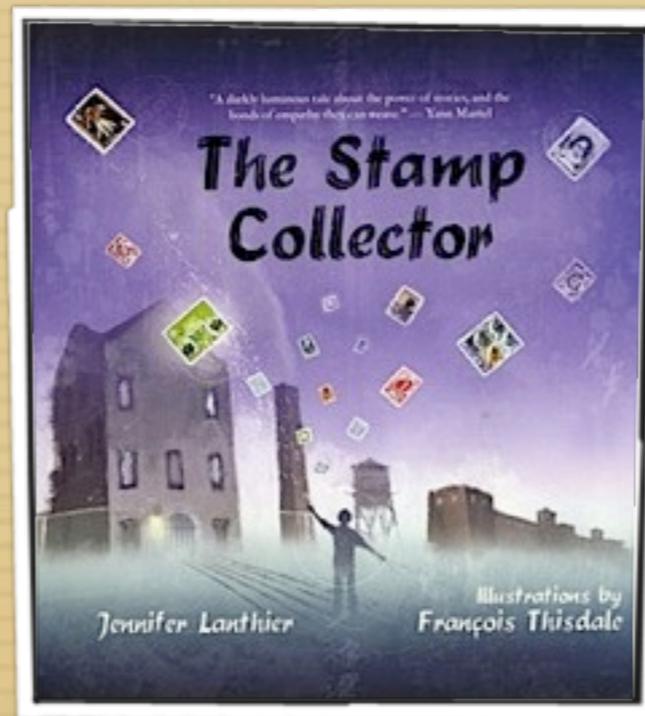
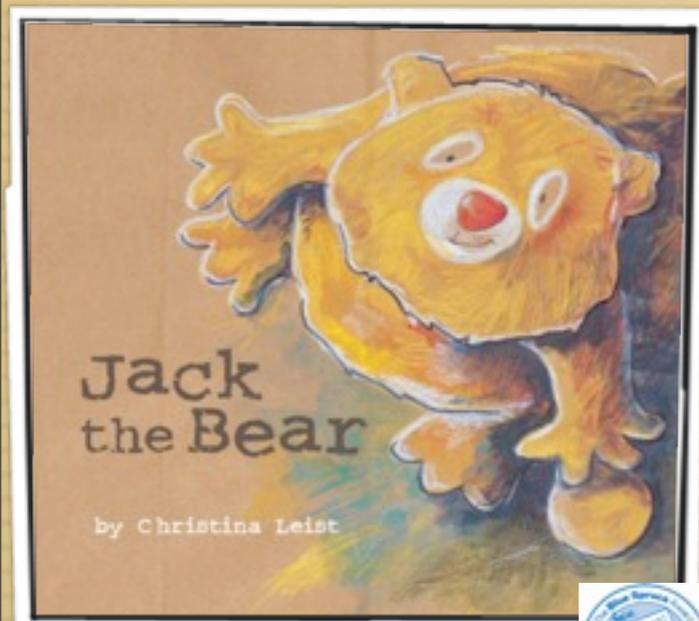
*What makes someone or something beautiful and valuable*

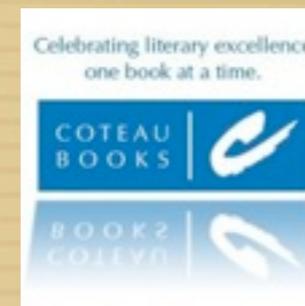
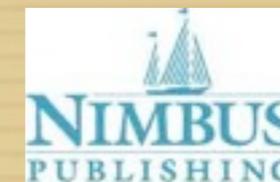


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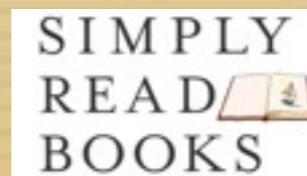
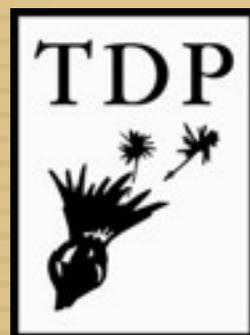
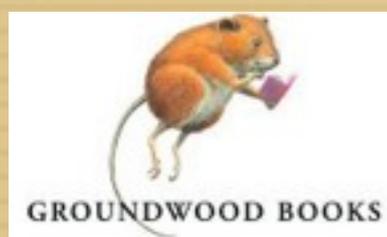
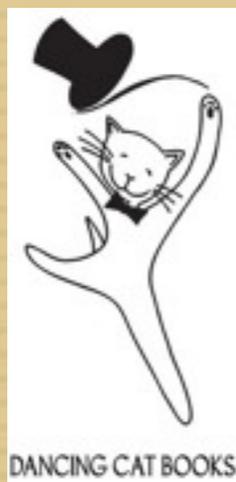
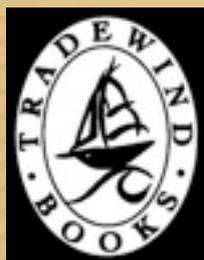
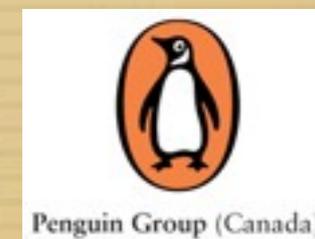
# Circles and Cycles

*How can we help others learn so we widen the circle of people who are open-minded and inclusive*





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