

# The 2015 Skipping Stones Honor Awards



Each year, we recognize outstanding books and teaching resources with the **Skipping Stones Honor Awards**. This year, we recommend 25 outstanding books and five teaching resources. These books promote an understanding of cultures, cultivate cooperation and encourage a deeper understanding of the world's diversity. They also encourage ecological richness, respect for multiple viewpoints and closer relationships within human societies. These unique titles offer an exciting way to explore and understand diverse cultures, places, societies and their histories. We thank the many readers and reviewers who helped us select these great reading adventures and learning experiences for readers of all ages.

The reviews can be downloaded from our website, [www.SkippingStones.org](http://www.SkippingStones.org).

## Multicultural & International Books

**Look Back!** by Trish Cooke, illustr. Caroline Binch.  
Ages 4 -8. Crocodile Books, [www.interlinkbooks.com](http://www.interlinkbooks.com).  
ISBN 978-1-56656-980-4

**Children Of The Tipi:** *Life In The Buffalo Days*,  
Michael Oren Fitzgerald, editor. Ages 4-8.  
Wisdom Tales, [www.wisdomtalespress.com](http://www.wisdomtalespress.com).  
ISBN 978-1-937786-09-0

**Not My Girl** by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret  
Pokiak-Fenton, illustr. Gabrielle Grimard. Ages 5-9.  
Annick Press, [www.annickpress.com](http://www.annickpress.com).  
ISBN: 9781554516247

**Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui**  
by Icy Smith, illustr. Gayle Garner Roski. Ages 7-10.  
East West Discovery Press, [www.eastwestdiscovery.com](http://www.eastwestdiscovery.com).  
ISBN 978-099134548-9

**Twenty-Two Cents:** *Muhammad Yunus and the Village  
Bank* by Paula Yoo, illustr. Jamel Akib.  
Ages 6-9. Lee & Low Books, [www.leeandlow.com](http://www.leeandlow.com).  
ISBN 978-1-60060-658-8

**Mahavira:** *The Hero of Nonviolence*  
by Manoj Jain, illustr. Demi. Ages 6-9.  
Wisdom Tales, [www.wisdomtalespress.com](http://www.wisdomtalespress.com).  
ISBN 978-1-937786-21-2

**Mama Yoga and the Story of Namaste**  
by Susanna Stratford, illustr. Alex Langenstein. Ages 5-9.  
Mama Yoga's Kids, [www.mamayogaskid.com](http://www.mamayogaskid.com).  
ISBN 978-0-9961062-0-7

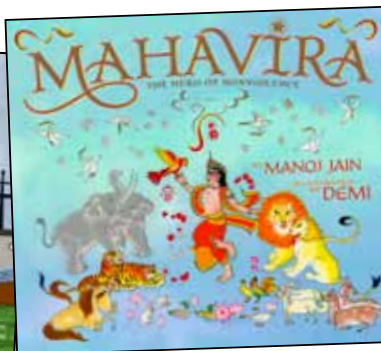
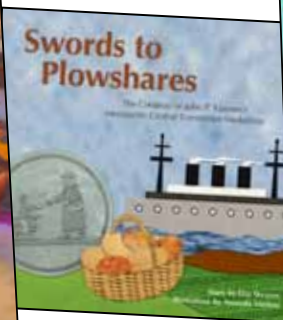
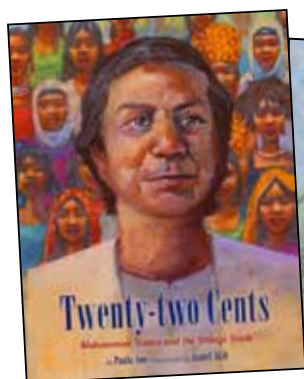
**Lighting the Earth**  
by Diana Lynne Hoffman, illustr. Karen Brough.  
Ages 5-10. Aurora Books, [www.ecojusticepress.com](http://www.ecojusticepress.com).  
ISBN 978-0-9891296-4-0

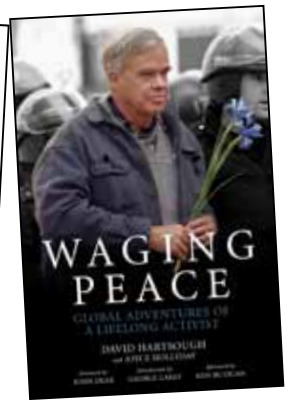
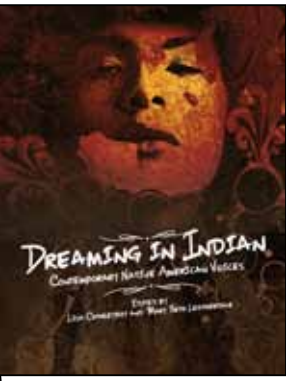
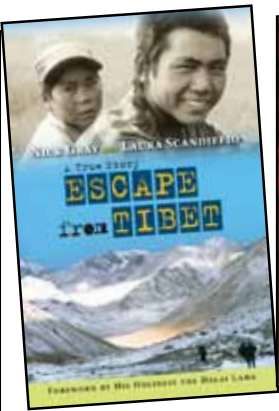
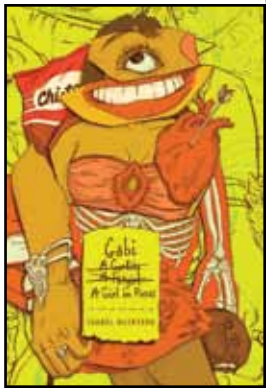
**If Kids Ran the World**  
by Leo and Diane Dillon. Ages 4-8.  
The Blue Sky Press, [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com).  
ISBN 978-0-545-44196-4

**Swords to Plowshares:** *The Creation of John P. Klassen's  
Menmonite Central Committee Medallion*  
by Lisa Weaver, illustr. Amanda Huston. Grades 3-6.  
The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center, [www.bluffton.edu/  
lionlamb](http://www.bluffton.edu/lionlamb). ISBN 978-0-615-95157-7

**Never Say A Mean Word Again:** *A Tale from Medieval  
Spain* by Jacqueline Jules, illustr. Durga Yael Bernhard.  
Ages 5-9. Wisdom Tales, [www.wisdomtalespress.com](http://www.wisdomtalespress.com).  
ISBN 978-1-937786-20-5

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**Multicultural & International Books** continued...

**Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook**  
by Paul Yee, illustr. Shaoli Wang, recipes: Judy Chan. Ages 6-12.  
Crocodile Books, [www.interlinkbooks.com](http://www.interlinkbooks.com).  
ISBN 978-1-56656-993-4

**Dreaming In Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices**  
edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale.  
Ages 12 -adults. Annick Press, [www.annickpress.com](http://www.annickpress.com).  
ISBN 978-1-55451-687-2

**Escape from Tibet** by Nick Gray and Laura Scandiffio.  
Grades 6-9. Annick Press, [www.annickpress.com](http://www.annickpress.com).  
ISBN 978-1-55451-662-9

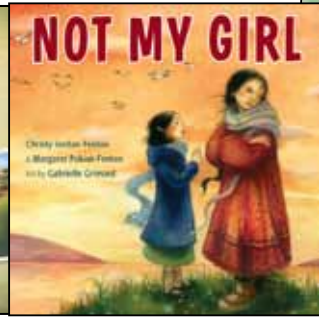
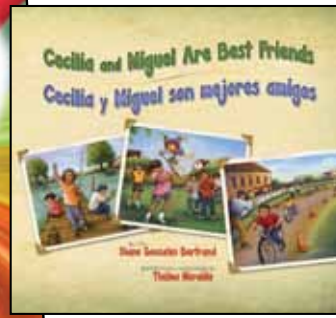
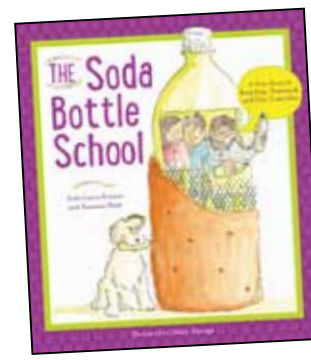
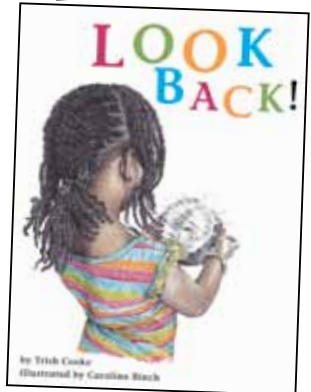
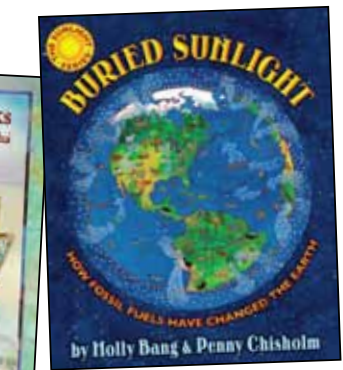
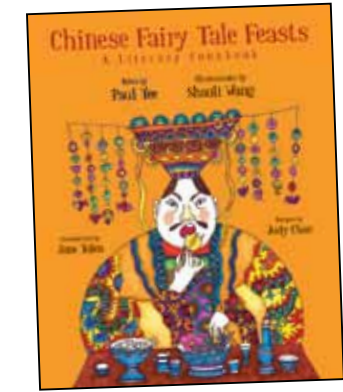
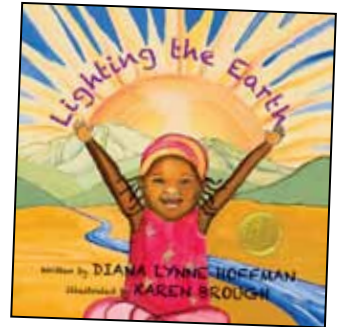
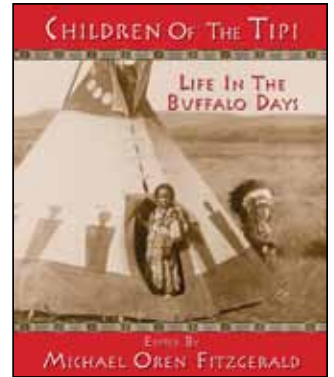
**Gabi, a Girl in Pieces** by Isabel Quintero.  
Grades 9-12. Cinco Puntos Press, [www.cincopuntos.com](http://www.cincopuntos.com).  
ISBN 978-1-935955-95-5

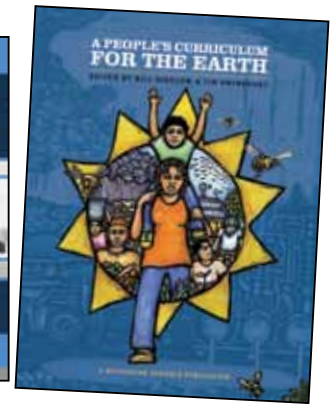
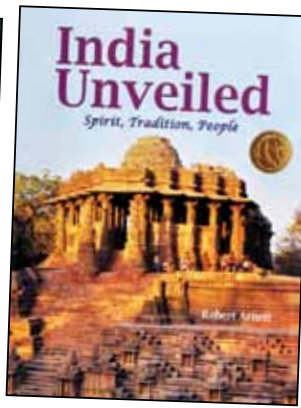
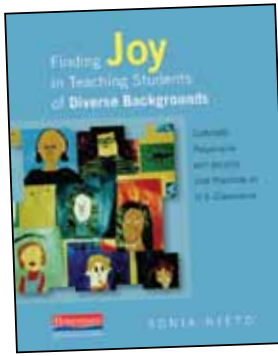
**Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist**  
by David Hartsough. Grades 8-adults.  
PM Press, [pmpress.org](http://pmpress.org). ISBN: 978-1-62963-034-2

**Revolution** by Deborah Wiles.  
Grades 7-12. Scholastic Press, [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com).  
ISBN 978-0-545-10607-8

**Letters from Heaven/Cartas del Cielo**  
by/por Lydia Gil. Grades 4-8. Piñata Books/Arte Público Press,  
[artepublicopress.com](http://artepublicopress.com). ISBN 978-1-55885-798-8

**Cecilia and Miguel Are Best Friends/Cecilia y Miguel son mejores amigos**  
by/por Diane Gonzales Bertrand, illustr. Thelma Muraida. Ages 4-7. Piñata Books, [artepublicopress.com](http://artepublicopress.com). ISBN  
978-1-55885-794-0 *continued on page 3*





## Nature & Ecology Books:

### **Please Don't Paint Our Planet Pink!**

*A story for children and their adults* by Gregg Kleiner, illustr. Laurel Thompson. Ages 6-12. Cloudburst Creative, [www.cloudburstcreative.com](http://www.cloudburstcreative.com). ISBN 978-0-9906373-0-1.

### **The Pier at the End of the World**

by Paul Erickson, photos by Andrew Martinez. Ages 8-12. Tilbury House, Publishers, [www.tilburyhouse.com](http://www.tilburyhouse.com). ISBN 978-0-88448-382-3.

### **The Prairie That Nature Built**

by Marybeth Lorbiecki, illustr. Cathy Morrison. Ages 4-10. Dawn Publications, [www.dawnpub.com](http://www.dawnpub.com). ISBN 978-1-58469-492-2

**Buried Sunlight:** *How Fossil Fuels Have Changed The Earth* by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm. Ages 4-8. Blue Sky Press, [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com). ISBN 978-0-545-57785-4

**The Soda Bottle School:** *A True Story of Recycling, Teamwork, and One Crazy Idea* by Seño Laura Kutner and Suzanne Slade, illustr. Aileen Darragh. Ages 6-12. Tilbury House, Publishers, [www.tilburyhouse.com](http://www.tilburyhouse.com). ISBN 978-0-88448-371-7

**Southwest Aquatic Habitats:** *On the Trail of Fish in a Desert in a Desert* by Daniel Shaw. Ages 9-13. University of New Mexico Press, [www.unmpress.com](http://www.unmpress.com). ISBN 978-0-8263-5309-2

## Teaching Resources:

### **Finding Joy in Teaching Students of Diverse**

**Backgrounds:** *Culturally Responsive and Socially Just Practices in U.S. Classrooms* by Sonia Nieto. All grades. Heinemann, [www.heinemann.com](http://www.heinemann.com). ISBN 978-0-325-02715-9

### **A People's Curriculum for the Earth**

edited by Bill Bigelow and Tim Swinehart. All educators. Rethinking Schools, [www.rethinkingschools.org](http://www.rethinkingschools.org). ISBN 978-0-942961-57-7

### **India Unveiled:** *Spirit, Tradition, People*

by Robert Arnett. Grades 5-12. Atman Press, [www.atmanpress.com](http://www.atmanpress.com). ISBN 978-0-96-529009-8

**School's Out:** *Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten*, Lisa Molomot, director; Rona Richter, producer. 36 mins. All ages. Bullfrog Films, [www.bullfrogfilms.com](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com).

### **14:** *Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark and Vanessa Lopez*

Director: Anne Galisky, producers: Rebecca Shine & Anne Galisky. 67 mins. Grades 5-12. Graham Street Productions, [www.14themovie.com](http://www.14themovie.com).

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