2018 Skipping Stones Honor Awards

This year we recommend 29 outstanding books and four teaching resources as the winners of our 26th Annual Skipping Stones Awards. These books promote an understanding of cultures, cultivate cooperation and/or encourage a deeper awareness of nature, ecology, and diversity. They foster respect for multiple viewpoints and closer relationships within human societies. The honored titles offer many ways to explore and understand families, cultures, places, societies and their histories for readers of all ages—from the very young readers to high school seniors and adults.

Reviews can be downloaded from our website, www.SkippingStones.org.

Multicultural and International Books

I Like, I Don’t Like by Anna Baccelliere, illustr. Ale. Picturebook. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

I’m Mixed! by Maggy Williams, illustr. Elizabeth Hasegawa Agresta. Picturebook. Loving Healing Press

Travel, Learn and See Your Friends: Mandarin Immersion Adventure by Edna Ma, trans. Eddie Liu, illustr. Irfan Budihiarjo. Picturebook. Dr. Ma Publishing


A Different Pond by Bao Phi, illustr. Thi Bui. Picturebook. Capstone Young Readers

Strong is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves by Kate T. Parker. Workman Publishing

Stormy Seas: Stories of Young Boat Refugees by Mary Beth Leatherdale and Eleanor Shakespeare. Annick Press

Three Balls of Wool (Can Change the World) by Henriqueta Cristina and Yara Kono, trans. Lyn Miller-Lachmann. Picturebook. Enchanted Lion Books


Days With Dad by Nari Hong. Picturebook. Enchanted Lion Books


Spy on History: Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy Ring by Enigma Alberti and Tony Cliff. Grades 4–7. Workman Publishing


My Real Name is Hanna by Tara Lynn Masih. Grades 4–12. Mandel Vilar Press

Wordwings, a novel by Sydelle Pearl. Grades 6 and up. Guernica Editions


Nature and Ecology Books


On Trails: An Exploration by Robert Moor. For ages 16 and up. Simon & Schuster

Teaching Resources

Rethinking Bilingual Education: Welcoming Home Languages in Our Classrooms by Elizabeth Barbian, Grace Cornell Gonzales, and Pilar Mejia. All educators. Rethinking Schools

Reading, Writing, and Rising Up: Teaching About Social Justice and the Power of the Written Word, 2nd ed. by Linda Christensen. For all educators. Rethinking Schools

Teaching Hard History: American Slavery by Kate Shuster, Bethany Jay, Cynthia Lynn Lyerly. For middle and high school educators. Teaching Tolerance