

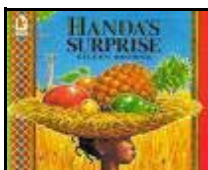
# Multicultural Picture Books For Children

## JE BOG

### Gifts

by Jo Ellen Bogart

Grandma travels the world, bringing wonderful gifts to her granddaughter. Barbara Reid's trademark plasticine illustrations.



## JE BRO

### Handa's Surprise

by Eileen Browne

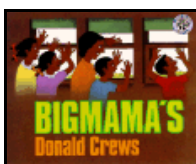
A little Kenyan girl sets off through the jungle with seven fruits in her basket, but the animals along the way like the fruits too! Also: **Handa's Hen** and **Handa's Surprising Day**.

## JE COM

### The Runaway Rice Cake

by Ying Chang Compestine

In this Chinese version of the Gingerbread Boy, a rice cake escapes on Chinese New Year. Generosity is rewarded, and the Chang family has its meal after all.



## JE CRE

### Bigmama's

by Donald Crews

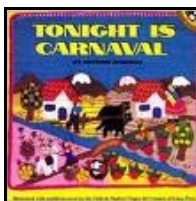
An African American man's fond memories of visiting his Grandmother's farm. The sequel is **Shortcut**.

## JE DAL

### Not so Fast, Songololo

by Niki Daly

A young South African boy goes to the city with his elderly grandmother to help her with the shopping, in this sweet inter-generational story. Also by **Daly: the Jamela** series and **Welcome to Zanzibar Road**.



## JE DOR

### Tonight Is Carnival

by Arthur Dorros

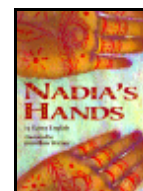
A south American family eagerly prepares for the excitement of Carnival. Illustrated with traditional arpillera cloth art. Other Latino titles: **Abuela** and **Isla**.

## KE ENG

### Nadia's Hands

by Karen English

A young girl's hands are painted with Pakistani mehndi designs for a wedding. What will her classmates say on Monday?



### JE GIL

#### **A Gift for Gita**

by *Gilmore Rachna*

Gita's family has lived in Canada for three years. Suddenly her father is offered a job back in India. Where is their real home now? Also: **Roses for Gita** and **Lights for Gita**.



### JE HEI

#### **The Day of Ahmed's Secret**

by *Florence Parry Heide*

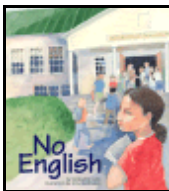
A day in the life of a working Egyptian boy and the wonderful secret he shares with his family. Also: **Sami and the time of the Troubles**.

### JE ISA

#### **At the Crossroads**

by *Rachel Isadora*

South African children gather to welcome home their fathers, who have been away working in the mines for many months. Also: **Caribbean Dream**, **Over the Green Hills** and a **South African Night**.



### JE JUL

#### **No English**

by *Jacqueline Jules*

Blanca has just arrived from Argentina, and feels lost in her new Grade 2 class as she does not speak English. Diane begins to understand how Blanca must feel, and reaches out to her.

### JE MOL

#### **Big Boy**

by *Tololwa Mollel*

Little Oli wants to go hunting with his big brother, but Mama makes him take a nap. He dreams he is huge and sets off to amaze everyone in his Tanzanian village. Also: **My Rows** and **Piles of Coins** and **Kele's Secret**.



### JE HAD

#### **Tricky Tortoise**

by *Mwenye Hadithi*

Elephant keeps stepping on tortoise. How can a small animal get the better of such a huge enemy? Other tricky African stories: **Lazy Lion**, **Hungry Hyena** and **Baby Baboon**.

### JE NYE

#### **Sitti's Secrets**

by *Naomi Shihab Nye*

Mona's grandmother lives on the other side of the world in Palestine, but she is always in Mona's heart.

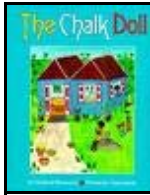
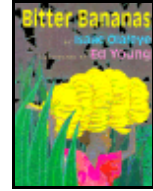


**JE OLA**

**Bitter Bananas**

by *Isaac Olaleye*

Yusif lives in an African forest, and collects sap to sell at the market. Baboons are drinking it all, and he has to come up with a trick to save his sap. Also: **Bikes for Rent.**



**JE POM**

**The Chalk Doll**

by *Charlotte Pomerantz*

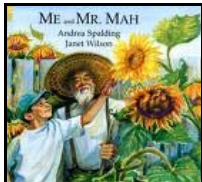
Rosy' mother remembers her childhood in Jamaica and the special dolls she used to play with.

**JE PRI**

**How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World**

by *Marjorie Priceman*

Do you want to make an apple pie? You will need to visit many other countries to get all of the ingredients.



**JE SPA**

**Me and Mr. Mah**

by *Andrea Spalding*

Ian is sad and lonely in his new house until his elderly neighbour becomes his friend.

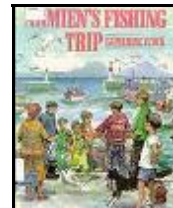
**JE STO**

**Armien's Fishing Trip**

by *Catherine Stock*

While visiting a South African village, Armien stows away in his uncle's fishing boat.

Also: **Where are you Going, Manyoni?** and **Gugu's House.**



**JE TRO**

**Grandfather Tang's Story**

by *Ann Trompert*

Grandfather tells a story about shape changing fox fairies using tangrams, ancient Chinese puzzles.

**JE WIL**

**Circles of Hope**

by *Karen Lynn Williams*

A young boy wants to plant a tree for his new baby sister, but the tree keeps on dying until he figures out a way to plant in the deforested Haitian hills. Also set in Haiti: tap-Tap. **Painted Dreams** and **Galimoto** are set in Africa.



**JE YEE**

**Roses Sing on New Snow**

by *Paul Yee*

Maylin does all the cooking in her family's Chinese restaurant, but her family gets all the credit. She finally comes into her own when a famous official visits. Other books by Yee, showing early Chinese immigrant life: **Ghost Train, Jade Necklace** and **The Boy in the Attic.**

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