The 2016 Skipping Stones Honor Awards recognize 30 outstanding books & teaching resources for students & teachers

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Each year, the Skipping Stones Honor Awards recognize outstanding multicultural, international, and nature awareness books, and teaching resources. For this 23rd year of the awards program in 2016, we recommend 27 books and three teaching resources. These books promote an understanding of cultures, cultivate cooperation, and encourage a deeper understanding of the world's diversity. Many of these books 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 wish to thank the many readers and reviewers who helped us select and review these great reading adventures for readers of all ages. In each of the entries on the following pages the book cover is presented along with bibliographic information and a brief review, including the name of the reviewer.

We thank the editors of Multicultural Education for republishing this information from the Skipping Stones website as a way to share it more broadly with teachers and scholars in the multicultural education field.

Skipping Stones will soon begin its 29th year of publication as a multicultural literary magazine for students and teachers. For additional information about Skipping Stones or the past winners of our honor awards, please visit our website at:

www.SkippingStones.org

--Arun N. Toke, Executive Editor

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Multicultural & International Books

Baby Talk Bilingual Board Books/Palabras del bebe Libros Bilingues

By Katherine Del Monte; illustr. Noel III

A set of five books. LecturaBooks.com

This collection of board books introduces the English and Spanish language through the use of first words for babies. There are five books in the collection, covering topics that are always of interest to little ones: Baby Body--El Cuerpo del Bebe; Animals--Animales; My Family--Mi Familia; Birds--Aves; and Insects--Insectos. The big, brightly colored illustrations are cute and definitely grab attention. The translations are precise and literal, allowing for ease in word identification and language comparison. The use of board book pages indicates that this collection is for very young ones. Some of the books in the collection work with full sentences, which is in contrast to the majority of the books that work with single words. Despite this minor inconsistency, the collection is overall an excellent resource for parents wanting their children to have a bilingual reading experience.

--Diana Lynne Hoffman, parent and author

I am Hapa!

By Crystal Smith

Photos: Michael Satoshi Garcia

English/Spanish/Chinese
This delightful trilingual picture book focuses on loving yourself as a unique being. The close ups of happy faces make smiles contagious. The phonetic spelling of Chinese makes it exceptionally accessible for ALL readers. This portal to a third language breaks us free of binary thinking and unleashes a confidence for learning new word sounds. The theme of love and acceptance of differences helps kids take pride in their unique version of self and...

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For example, students can be taught to ask main idea questions that relate to important information in a text. 6. Recognizing story structure. In story structure instruction, students learn to identify the categories of content (characters, setting, events, problem, resolution). Often, students learn to recognize story structure through the use of story maps. Research shows that explicit teaching techniques are particularly effective for comprehension strategy instruction. In explicit instruction, teachers tell readers why and when they should use strategies, what strategies to use, and how to apply them. The steps of explicit instruction typically include direct explanation, teacher modeling (“thinking aloud”), guided practice, and application. Direct explanation. Certificate - Best Book Costume :: Teacher Resources and Classroom Games. The ‘Best Book Costume’ Certificate was created by request to support students who have dressed creatively for book week. Simply write a personal message on the back of the bookmark for students, laminate and they have a terrific reward to show off. Behaviour Management Behavior Classroom Games Classroom Ideas Student Awards Teacher Resources Bobs Behance Education Grants. This little award is super versatile. It's a fantastic way to recognise any positive choices students have made throughout the day and to let parents know when you have some good news to share. Perfect for relief teachers, this little ink-friendly gem will get plenty of use. ILA Teachers' Choices (180). ILA YA Choices (180). Indie Book Awards (177). Indies Choice Book Awards (195). Irma Black Award (65). Jane Addams Award (241). John Spray Mystery Award (50). Mathers Teen Book Award (30). Mathical Book Prize (73). Middle East Book Award (123). Monica Hughes Award (13). Morris Award (60). NYT Best Illustrated (437). National Book Award (166). Outstanding Science Trade Book (267). Phoenix Award (48). Printz Award (99). Prix Harry Black (9). Pura Belpre Awards (118). Quick Picks (113). RITA Award|Golden Medallion (31). Skipping Stones Honor Awards (521). South Asia Book Award (91). Stoker Awards (10). Stonewall Award (52). Stuchner Award (11). Sydney Taylor Award (57). TD Children's Literature (58). Skip to main content. Academia.edu no longer supports Internet Explorer. To browse Academia.edu and the wider internet faster and more securely, please take a few seconds to upgrade your browser. 30 7 Switch it off 70 C C 3 Renting a flat PRACTICAL ENGLISH 73 4 Everything in the open PRACTICAL ENGLISH 73 4 Back to school, aged 35 34 Listening 75 A 4 In an ideal world… 37 B 4 Still friends? 40 C 4 A visit from a pop star PRACTICAL ENGLISH 43 The two biggest bestsellers in any bookshops are cookbooks and diet books. Last On the day we went out we walked weekend Chris taught along the cliffs above a beach. We each Kirk to draw, and had a sketchbook and we were drawing Kirk taught his as we went along. When teachers intentionally address these needs in the classroom, students are happier to be there, behavior incidents occur far less frequently, and student engagement and learning increases. 2. Create a Sense of Order All students need structure and want to know that their teacher not only knows his content area, but also knows how to manage his classroom. It is the teacher’s responsibility to provide clear behavioral and academic expectations right from the beginning—students should know what is expected of them all the time. Another important way to create a sense of order is by teaching s...