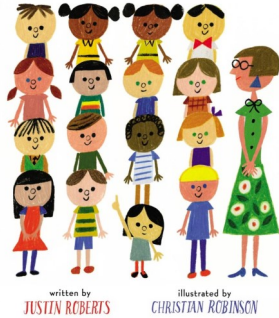


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THE SMALLEST GIRL IN THE SMALLEST GRADE



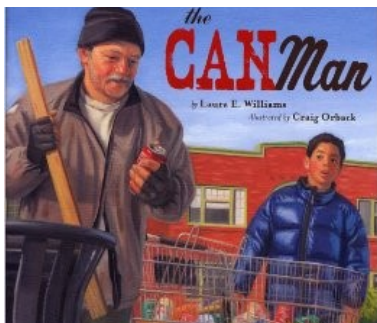
**The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade**  
by Justin Roberts, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Sally McCabe is a very little girl, and nobody notices her, although she notices everything that goes on around her--but when she speaks out about the unkindness she sees, people start to pay attention."  
- Follett.



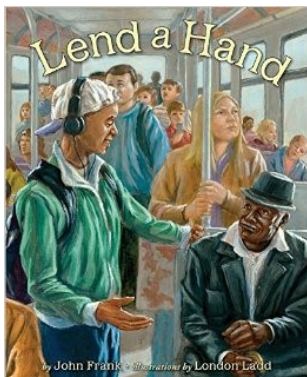
**Oskar and the Eight Blessings**  
by Richard Simon, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"A young Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany arrives in New York City on the seventh night of Hanukkah and receives small acts of kindness while crossing the city in order to reach his aunt's house." - Follett



**The Can Man**  
by Laura Williams, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"After watching a homeless man collect empty soft drink cans for the redemption money, a young boy decides to collect cans himself to earn money for a skateboard until he has a change of heart." - Follett

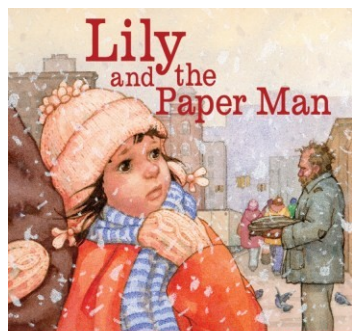


**Lend a Hand: Poems About Giving**  
by John Frank, c2014 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.4)

"14 free verse poems show young people in acts of sharing, caring, or kindness—from giving up a bus seat to an elder, or sharing a sandwich with a schoolmate who has no lunch, to donating hair for a patient's wig..."  
- Pub.

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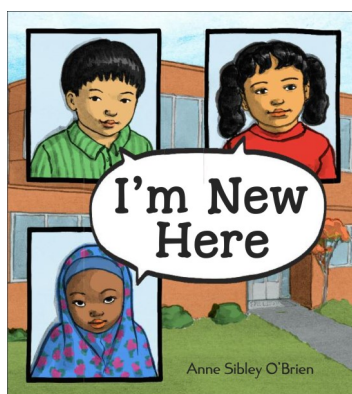
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## Lily and the Paper Man

by Rebecca Upjohn, c2007 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

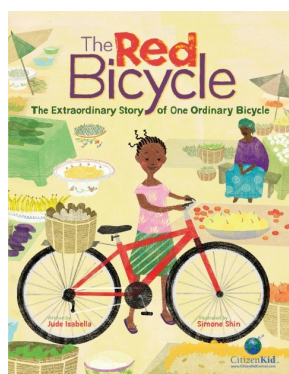
"Lily is afraid of the homeless man selling papers on the street, until the snow starts to fall and she fears he may be getting cold so comes up with a plan to help him." - Follett



## I'm New Here

by Anne Sibley O'Brien, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

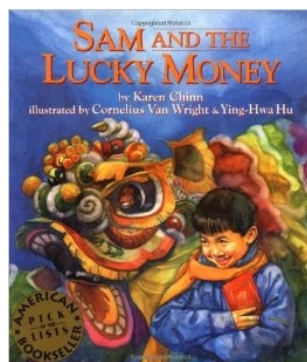
"Three students from different countries, all new to their American elementary school, have trouble speaking, writing, and sharing ideas in English. Through self-determination and with encouragement from their peers and teachers, the students learn to feel comfortable in their new school." - Follett



## The Red Bicycle

by Jude Isabella, c2020 (IL: 3-6)

"The main character is a bicycle that starts its life like so many bicycles in North America, being owned and ridden by a young boy. When Leo outgrows his bicycle, Leo decides to donate it to an organization that ships bicycles to Africa. Leo's bicycle ends up in Burkina Faso, in West Africa where it gets a new owner..." - Pub.



## Sam and the Lucky Money

by Karen Chinn, c1995 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"This is the tale of a young boy eager to spend his "lucky money" on Chinese New Year day. As Sam searches the streets of Chinatown for ways to spend his four dollars, he stumbles upon a stranger in need. After he decides to give, rather than spend, his money, Sam realizes that he's "the lucky one." - Pub.

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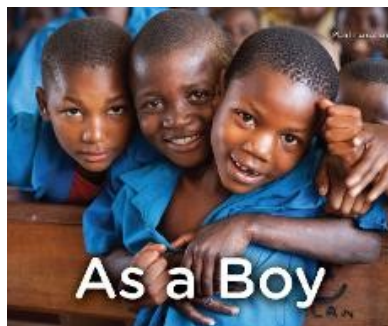
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## One

by Kathryn Otoshi, c2008 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

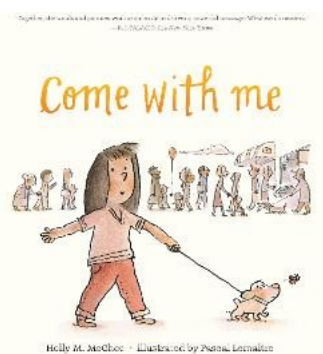
"Blue is a quiet color. Red's a hothead who likes to pick on Blue. Yellow, Orange, Green, and Purple don't like what they see, but what can they do? When no one speaks up, things get out of hand — until One comes along and shows all the colors how to stand up, stand together, and count. As budding young readers learn about numbers, counting, and primary and secondary colors, they also learn about accepting each other's differences and how it sometimes just takes one voice to make everyone count." - Pub.



## As a Boy

by Plan International, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

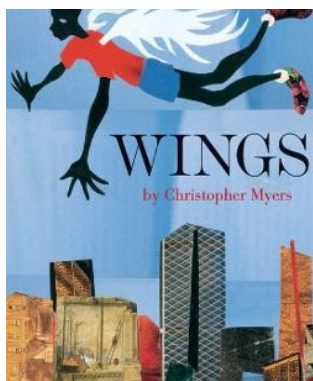
"Boys around the world are treated differently than girls just because of their gender. They are given an education and choices, but are also expected to be men, to work, to fight, to be brave. Amazing photographs of children are paired with simple text showing that these boys wish for the same choices and freedoms they have to be given to the girls and women in their lives. *As a Boy* is a valiant call for all children's voices to be heard." - Pub.



## Come With Me

by Holly M. McGhee, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"When the news reports are flooded with tales of hatred and fear, a girl asks her papa what she can do to make the world a better place. "Come with me," he says. Hand-in-hand, they walk to the subway, tipping their hats to those they meet. The next day, the girl asks her mama what she can do—her mama says, "Come with me," and together they set out for the grocery, because one person doesn't represent an entire race or the people of a land." - Pub.



## Wings

by Christopher Myers, c2000 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.3)

"Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings, but his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him and recognize his individuality." - Pub.



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## The Little Hummingbird

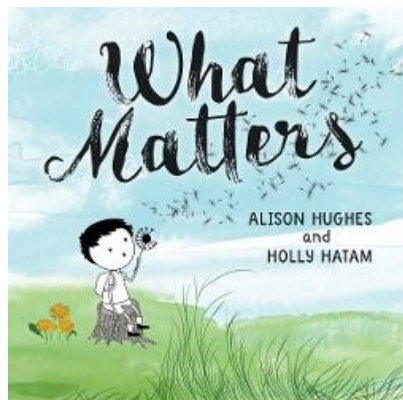
by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"This inspiring children's book is based on a South American indigenous story about a courageous hummingbird who defies fear and expectations in her attempt to save the forest from fire." - Pub.



## The Fog by Kyo Maclear, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

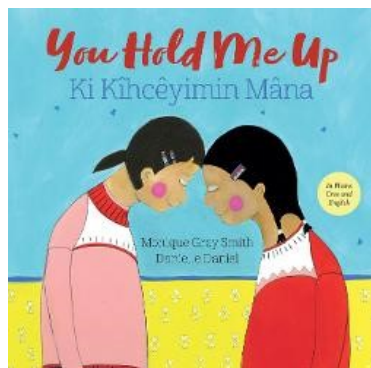
"Warble is a small yellow warbler who lives on the beautiful island of Icyland, where he pursues his hobby of human watching. But one day, a deep fog rolls in and obscures his view. The rest of the birds don't seem to notice. The more the fog is ignored, the more it spreads. When a Red-hooded Spectacled Female (Juvenile) appears, Warble discovers that he's not the only one who notices the fog." - Pub.



## What Matters

by Alison Hughes, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"What happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn't know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the miniscule to the universal, *What Matters* sensitively explores nature's connections and traces the ripple effects of one child's good deed to show how we can all make a big difference." - Pub.



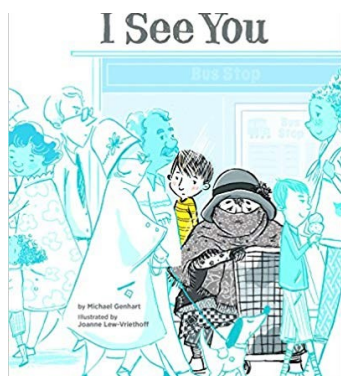
## You Hold Me Up

by Monique Gray Smith, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.1)

"This vibrant picture book, beautifully illustrated by celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, encourages children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions." - Pub.

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## I See You

by Michael Genhart, c2017 (IL: K-3)

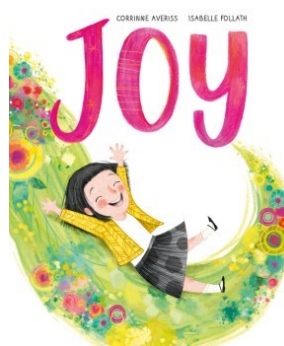
"I See You is a wordless picture book that depicts a homeless woman who is not seen by everyone around her - except for a little boy. Over the course of a year, the boy is witness to all that she endures. Ultimately, in a gesture of compassion, the boy acknowledges her in an exchange in which he sees her and she experiences being seen. This book opens the door for kids and parents to begin a conversation about homelessness." - Amazon.ca



## Say Something!

by Peter Reynolds, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"A story that explores the ways a single voice can make a difference." - Follett



## Joy

by Corinne Averiss, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

"Fern's Nanna has not been herself of late. And when Mum remarks that all the joy seems to have gone out of her life, Fern decides to fetch the joy back. With her catching-kit at the ready, she goes to the park and finds joy in all sorts of unusual places. Whoooooshh! But Fern soon realises that joy doesn't fit in a bag, or a box or a tin! How will she manage to bring some back to Nanna?" - Pub.



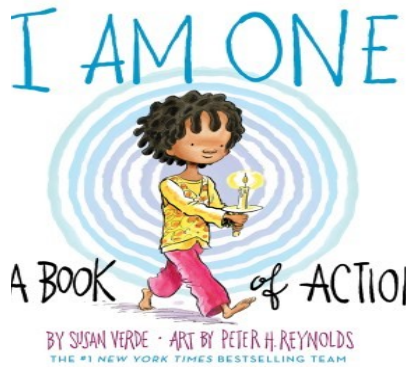
## Be Kind: You can Make the World a Happier Place

by Naomi Shulman, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"This . . . illustrated book gives . . . ways that each child--and adult--can make the world a happier place and prove that kindness matters." - Follett

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## I Am One: A Book of Action

by Susan Verde, c020 (IL: K-3; RL: 3.0)

"One child who wants to make a difference joins with another and, through a series of simple actions and others' help, succeeds in making the world a better place. Includes a mindfulness exercise and notes about the importance of taking one first step." - Pub.

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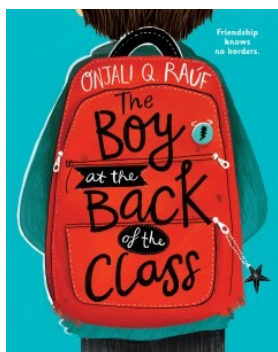
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## Slacker

by Gordon Korman, c2016 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, RL: 5.2)

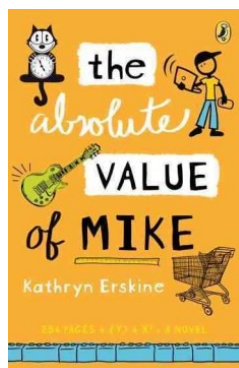
"Cameron Boxer is very happy to spend his life avoiding homework, hanging out with his friends, and gaming for hours in his basement. It's not too hard for him to get away with it . . . until he gets so caught up in one game that he almost lets his house burn down around him."  
- Pub.



## The Boy at the Back of the Class

by Onjali Q. Rauf, c2019 (IL: 3-6, 4-6, RL: 5.4)

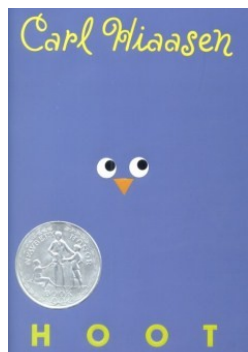
"When quiet, nine-year-old Ahmet arrives in their classroom, a boy and his friends fail to draw him out but try a new plan after learning he is a Syrian refugee." - Follett



## The Absolute Value of Mike

by Kathryn Erskine, c2011 (IL: 5-8, 6-9, RL: 3.5)

"Mike, a fourteen-year-old boy with a math learning disability, is sent to rural Pennsylvania for the summer to work on an engineering project, and while his plans to impress his mathematician father fall flat when Mike discovers the project has nothing to do with engineering, he learns much more valuable lessons while working with his eccentric, elderly aunt, a homeless man, and a punk rock girl as part of a town-wide effort to adopt a Romanian orphan." - Follett



## Hoot

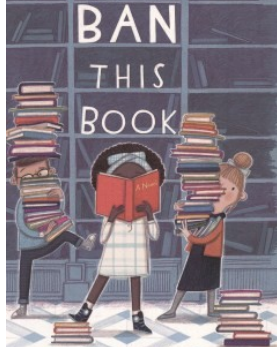
by Carl Hiaasen, c2002 (IL: 5-8, 6-9, RL: 5.2)

"Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site." - Follett



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## **Ban This Book**

by Alan Gratz, c2017 (IL: 3-6, 4-6, RL: 3.9)

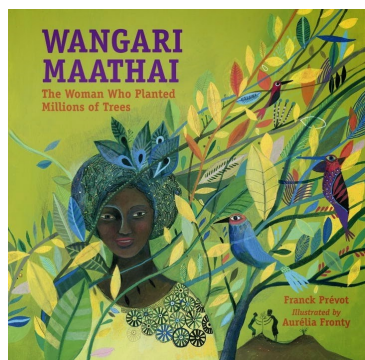
"...a fourth grader fights back when 'From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler' by E. L. Konigsburg is challenged by a well-meaning parent and taken off the shelves of her school library. Amy Anne is shy and soft-spoken, but don't mess with her when it comes to her favorite book in the whole world. Amy Anne and her lieutenants wage a battle for the books ... as they start a secret banned books locker library, make up ridiculous reasons to ban every single book in the library to make a point, and take a stand against censorship." - Follett



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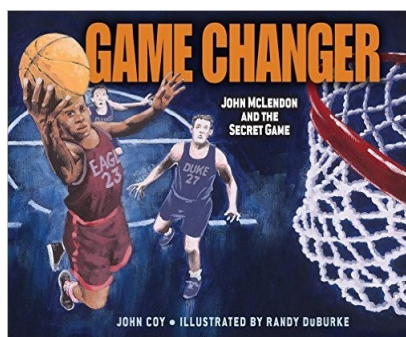
**Non-fiction**



## **Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees**

by Franck Prévot, c2015 (IL: 3-6, 2-6, RL: 5.7)

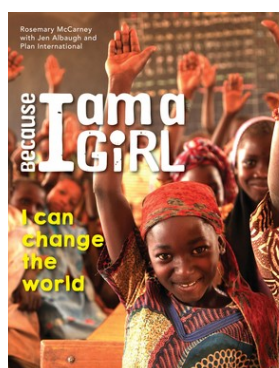
"Wangari Maathai received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her efforts to lead women in a nonviolent struggle to bring peace and democracy to Africa through reforestation. Her organization planted over 30 million trees in thirty years." - Pub.



## **Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game**

by John Coy, c2015 (IL: 3-6, 2-4, RL: 6.1)

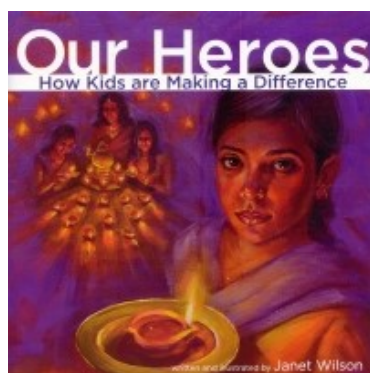
"In 1944, Coach John McLendon orchestrated a secret basketball game between the best players from a white college and his team from a black college. At a time of widespread segregation and rampant racism, this illegal gathering changed basketball forever." - Pub.



## **Because I am a Girl: I Can Change the World**

by Rosemary McCarney, c2014 (IL: 5-8, 6-10, RL: 7.7)

"Because I am a Girl is a global initiative from Plan International to end gender inequality, promote girls' rights and lift millions of girls out of poverty. Each part begins with one real girl's story, illustrated with great photographs." - Pub.



## **Our Heroes: How Kids are Making a Difference**

by Janet Wilson, c2014 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.2)

"Biographies of ten children from around the world who opened up their hearts and minds to the injustices of the world and took action, changing their world for the better." - Pub.

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## **Be the Change for the Environment**

by Megan Kopp, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

Series: *Be the Change!*

"Caring for the Earth is everyone's job. Readers will discover some of the different ways they can have a positive impact on the environment, from planting trees and eating locally grown foods to "pre-cycling" and protecting animal habitats..." - Pub.

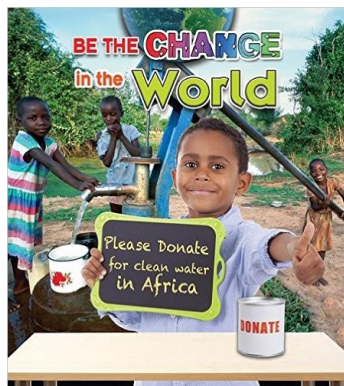


## **Be the Change in Your Community**

by Megan Kopp, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

Series: *Be the Change!*

"This empowering title will help readers discover that they have the ability to create positive changes in their communities. Children will learn what it means to be a citizen of a community and find meaningful ways to act for the common good." - Pub.

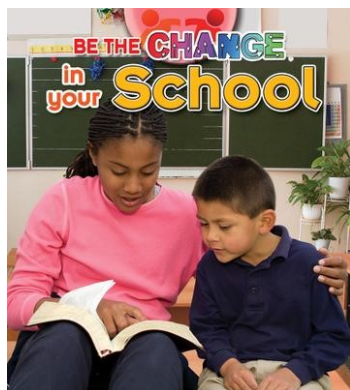


## **Be the Change in the World**

by Lisa Dalrymple, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

Series: *Be the Change!*

"In this innovative title, young readers learn what it means to be a citizen of the global community. From water wells in Africa to global disaster relief, children will learn about different needs around the world and discover their own abilities to make the world a better place." - Pub.



## **Be the Change in Your School**

by Shannon Welbourn, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

Series: *Be the Change!*

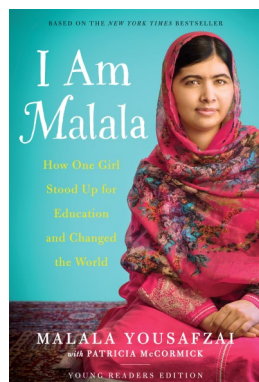
"This motivating title inspires readers to brainstorm different ways they can use their interests, talents, and skills to enrich their school environments. From starting a welcome club for new students to organizing litter-less lunch days, there are countless ways kids can promote positive changes at their schools." - Pub.



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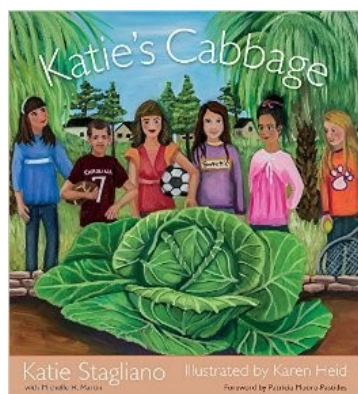
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## **I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World**

by Malala Yousafzai, c2014 (IL: 5-8, 6 up, RL: 5.8)

"Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her." - Follett



## **Katie's Cabbage**

by Katie Stagliano, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

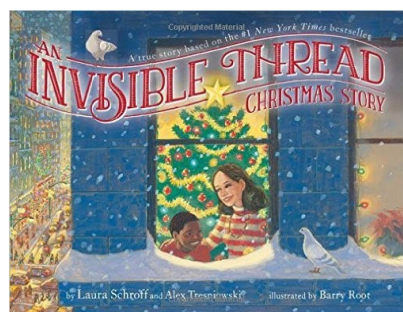
"Describes the real life story of Katie Stagliano's aspirations to end world hunger by starting her own vegetable farm, eventually raising a forty-pound cabbage and donating it to a local soup kitchen." - Follett



## **Can We Help? Kids Volunteering to Help Their Communities**

by George Ancona, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Describes how children can help their communities in different ways, from tending a community garden and training service dogs to volunteering to help people with disabilities and mentoring younger students." - Follett



## **An Invisible Thread Christmas Story: A True Story**

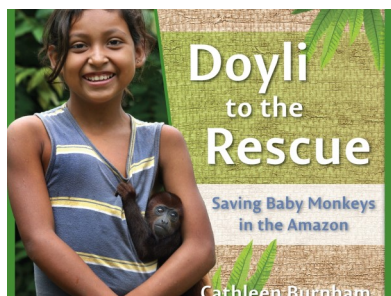
by Laura Schroff, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"Based on a true story, a woman befriends a young boy while he is panhandling on the streets of New York City. A short time after they become friends, Laura realizes Maurice has never celebrated Christmas and invites him to spend Christmas with her family." - Pub.

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## Doyli to the Rescue: Saving Baby Monkeys in the Amazon

by Cathleen Burnham, c2015

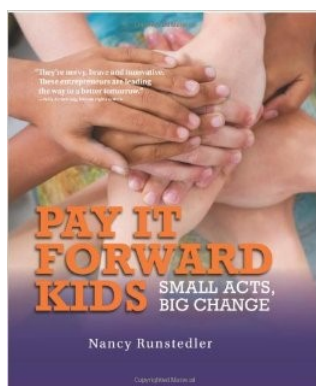
"A 10 year-old girl named Doyli lives on an isolated island in the rainforest region of Peru. She rescues orphaned wild monkeys, and then cares for them until they are old enough to be released back into the wild."  
- Follett



## We March

by Shane W. Evans, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.2)

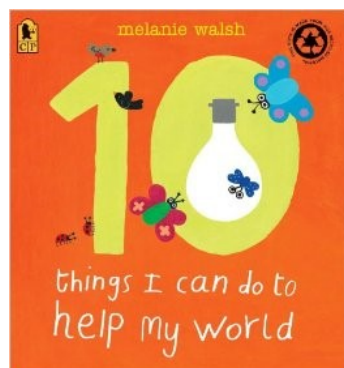
"On August 28, 1963, a remarkable event took place—more than 250,000 people gathered in the U.S. capital to participate in the march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The march began at the Washington Monument and ended with a rally at the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic speech." - Pub.



## Pay It Forward Kids: Small Acts, Big Change

by Nancy Runstedler, c2013 (IL: 5-8, RL: 7.6)

"Readers meet ordinary kids from across North America who have done extraordinary things, all on their own initiatives. They have set out to "pay it forward" to someone else, with astonishing results. The ripple effect of their deeds have inspired others to join their causes, and in some cases, start missions of their own." - Pub.



## 10 Things I Can Do to Help My World

by Melanie Walsh, c2008 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

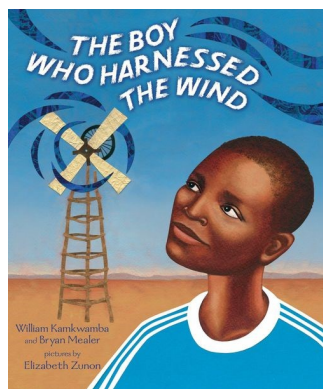
"Even young readers are able to help the environment. Do you remember to turn off the tap while you brush your teeth? Etc. A gentle reminder of the easy, everyday ways we can be kinder to the earth." - Pub.



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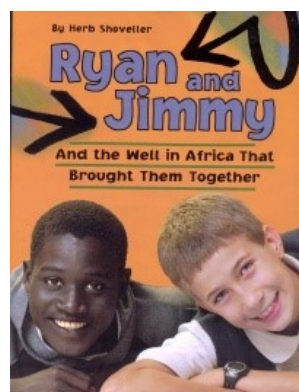
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## **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

by William Kamkwamba, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 5.3)

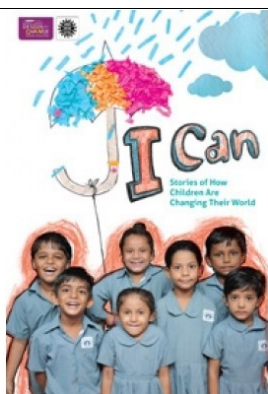
"When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library and figured out how to bring electricity to his village." - Pub.



## **Ryan and Jimmy And the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together**

by Herb Shoveller, c2006 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.6)

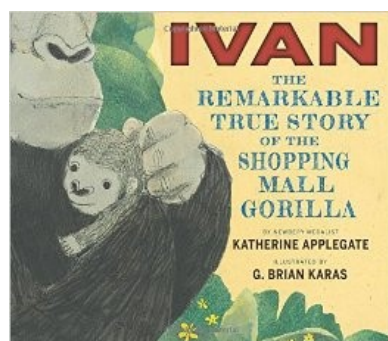
"Chronicles the friendship of Ryan Hreljac and Akana Jimmy, who became pen pals after Ryan, a Canadian boy, raised money to build a well in Jimmy's village in Uganda, and explains how they became brothers." - Follett



## **I Can: Stories of How Children Are Changing Their World**

by Devika Rangachari, c2011

"A collection of the most inspiring Design for Change stories from around the world." - Follett



## **Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla**

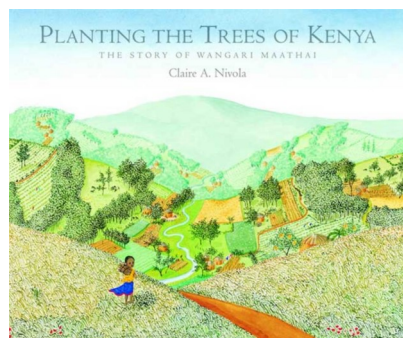
by Katherine Applegate, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

"Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at a Zoo in Atlanta." - Follett

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## **Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai**

by Claire Nivola, c2008 (IL: K-3, RL: 5.6)

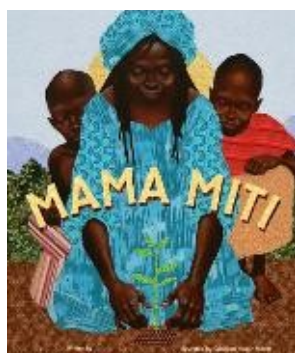
"With glowing water colour illustrations and lyrical prose, Claire Nivola tells the remarkable story of one woman's efforts (Wangari Maathai) to change the fate of her land by teaching many to care for it." - Pub.



## **Be the Change Make It Happen: Big and Small Ways Kids Can Make a Difference**

by Bernadette Russell, c2016

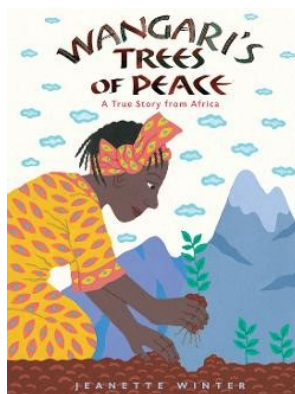
"Little actions that you make can have big consequences. From helping the planet through recycling and saving water, to promoting important causes with awesome art exhibitions, and partying to raise money for charity, there are many little ways you can help to make a difference in the neighborhood, the country and the world!" - Pub.



## **Mama Miti**

by Donna Jo Napoli, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"The true story of Wangari Muta Maathai, known as "Mama Miti," who in 1977 founded the Green Belt Movement, an African grassroots organization that has empowered many people to mobilize and combat deforestation, soil erosion, and environmental degradation. Today more than 30 million trees have been planted throughout Mama Miti's native Kenya, and in 2004 she became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize." - Pub.



## **Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa**

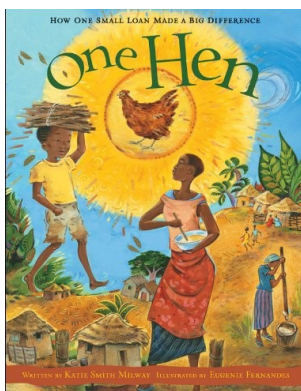
by Jeanette Winter, c2008 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something--and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans . . ." - Pub.

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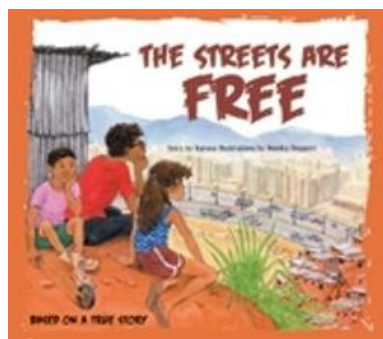
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## **One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference**

by Katie Milway, c2008 (IL: 3-6, 2-5, RL: 4.9)

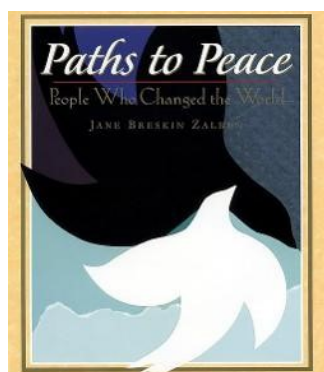
"Inspired by true events. One Hen tells the story of Kojo, a boy from Ghana who turns a small loan into a thriving farm and a livelihood for many. Kojo buys a hen, then turns it into a flock..." - Pub.



## **The Streets are Free**

by Kurusa, c1995 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.0)

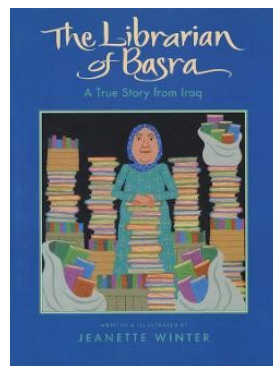
"This inspiring book is based on the true story of the children of the barrio of San Jose de la Urbina in Caracas, Venezuela. There are no parks where they live, and the children must play in the streets. They ask the mayor for an empty lot to build a playground, but all they get are campaign promises. They know that they are the only ones who will make something happen, so they get their friends and family involved until the whole barrio unites to create a space of their own." - Pub.



## **Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World**

by Jane Zalben, c2006

"With a stirring quote set within a stunning and incisive collage, Zalben sets the tone for each of the sixteen peacemakers she profiles in this book. Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Cesar Chavez, Aung San Suu Kyi, and the most recent Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Wangari Maathai, are some of the people she chose to represent different eras and parts of the globe." - Pub.



## **The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq**

by Jeanette Winter, c2005 (IL: 3-6, 2-5, RL: 3.8)

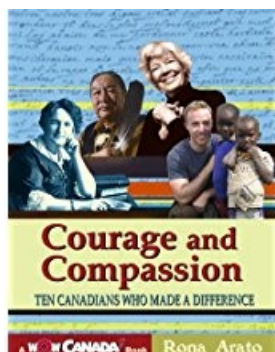
"Alia Muhammad Baker is a librarian in Basra, Iraq. For fourteen years, her library has been a meeting place for those who love books. Until now. Now war has come, and Alia fears that the library—along with the thirty thousand books within it—will be destroyed forever." - Pub.



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## **Courage and Compassion: Ten Canadians Who Made a Difference**

by Rona Arato, c2008

"*Courage and Compassion* profiles ten individuals whose incredible acts have protected the human rights that we hold most dear. The names and accomplishments of some will be immediately familiar to readers while others may be more unsung heroes, but all share a strong belief that they must act according to their conscience to make Canada and the world a better place." - Pub.

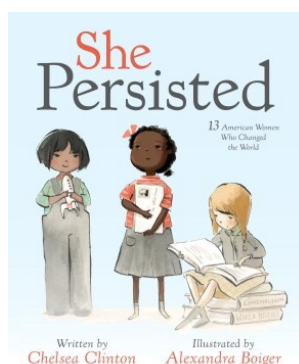


## **Humanitarians**

*Series: Women in Profile*

by Carlotta Hacker, c1999 (IL: 5-8, R3-6, L: 5.7)

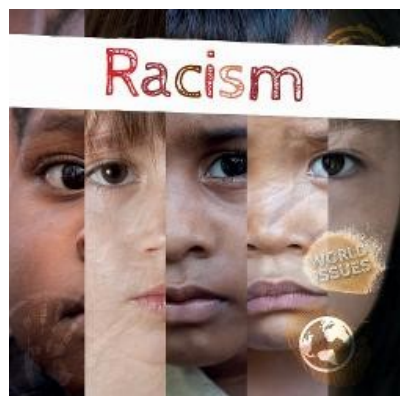
"In depth profiles of: Dolores Huerta- farm labor leader, Helen Keller- activist for the blind, Eleanor Roosevelt- social reformer, Mother Teresa- missionary nun, Diana, Princess of Wales- supporter of sick and disadvantaged, plus numerous brief profiles." - Pub.



## **She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World**

by Chelsea Clinton, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 6.0)

"Chelsea Clinton introduces tiny feminists, mini activists and little kids who are ready to take on the world to thirteen inspirational women who never took no for an answer, and who always, inevitably and without fail, *persisted*. Throughout American history, there have always been women who have spoken out for what's right, even when they have to fight to be heard." - Pub.



## **Racism**

by Harriet Brundle, c2017 (IL: 3-6, RL: 7.0)

*Series: World Issues*

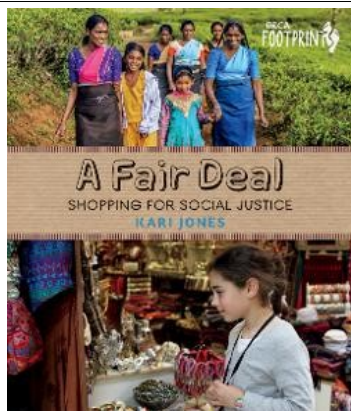
"What is racism? What are discrimination, prejudice, and racial stereotypes? Why are people racist, and how does racism happen? What does it feel like to experience racism? What impact do the media and the police have on racism? How can we help? Includes a case study of Australian Aboriginal people, and a timeline of racism throughout history, from the rise of the Nazi Party to the 1992 Los Angeles Rodney King verdict." - Pub.



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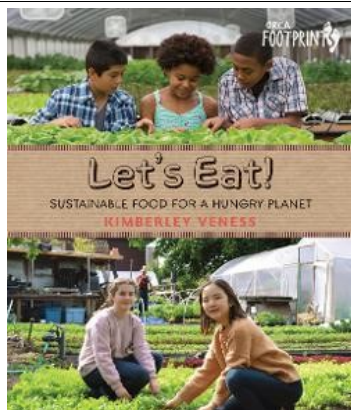
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**A Fair Deal: Shopping for Social Justice**  
by Kari Jones, c2017 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, 5-8, RL: 7.4)  
Series: Orca Footprints

"Fair trade is not about spending more money or buying more stuff. It's about helping producers in developing countries get a fair price for their goods. In *A Fair Deal: Shopping for Social Justice*, Kari Jones provides a history of trade, explaining what makes trade systems unfair and what we can do about it." - Pub.



**Let's Eat! Sustainable Food for a Hungry Planet**  
by Kimberley Veness, c2017 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, RL: 6.9)  
Series: Orca Footprints

"All the food you eat, whether it's an apple or a steak or a chocolate-coated cricket, has a story. *Let's Eat* uncovers the secret lives of our groceries, exploring alternative--and sometimes bizarre--farm technology and touring gardens up high on corporate rooftops and down low in military-style bunkers beneath city streets." - Pub.



**Series: Remarkable Lives Revealed**  
pub. By Crabtree, c2017 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.2-7.8)

## **Titles**

*Mae Jemison: Trailblazing Astronaut, Doctor, and Teacher*  
*Malala Yousafzai: Defender of Education for Girls*  
*Rick Hansen: Improving Life for People with Disabilities*  
*Temple Grandin: Pioneer for Animal rights and Autism Awareness*  
*William Kamkwamba: Powering his village*  
*Wilma Rudolph: Track and field Champion*



**Series: How Do They Help? (Charities Started by Kids)**  
by Melissa Sherman Pearl, c2018 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.4-7.1)

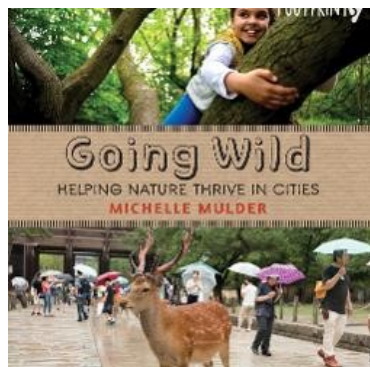
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*Cell Phones for Soldiers, Coat-A-Kid*  
*FUNDaFIELD, Jessie Rees Foundation*  
*Kids Saving the Rainforest, Sheltering Books*  
*Project TGIF, What's mine is Yours*

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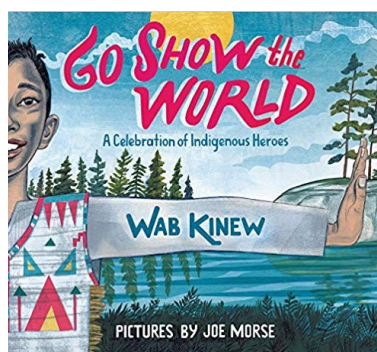
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## **Going Wild: Helping Nature Thrive in Cities**

by Michelle Mulder, c2018 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, RL: 6.7)

"The book also describes ways in which cities are encouraging plants and animals to thrive and discusses how kids can help. While Mulder approaches her topic with enthusiasm, she notes that balancing an urban ecosystem is a complex process and that not every animal makes a good neighbor. Readers intrigued by the idea of greener cities will find plenty of encouragement here, along with examples from around the world." - Pub.



## **Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes**

by Wab Kinew, c2018 (IL: K-3, 2-4, RL: 1.6)

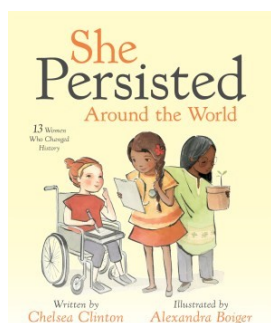
"Celebrating the stories of Indigenous people throughout time, Wab Kinew has created a powerful rap song, the lyrics of which are the basis for the text in this beautiful picture book, illustrated by the acclaimed Joe Morse. Including figures such as Crazy Horse, Net-no-kwa, former NASA astronaut John Herrington and Canadian NHL goalie Carey Price." - Amazon.ca



## **The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs**

by Kate Messner, c2018 (IL: K-3, 2-5, RL: 3.4)

"A picture book biography of Ken Nedimyer, who started the Coral Restoration Foundation - an international group dedicated to resuscitating the world's coral reefs. Kate Messner and Matthew Forsythe brilliantly chronicle the ground breaking efforts of one coral restoration pioneer, from his first optimistic experiment of transplanting coral - with the help of his daughter-to his founding of the Coral Restoration Foundation, and the foundation's continued efforts around the world to rebuild coral reefs." - Pub.



## **She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who changed History**

by Chelsea Clinton, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.8)

"Profiles the lives of thirteen women who have left their mark on world history, including Caroline Herschel, Marie Curie, Mary Verghese, and Malala Yousafzai." - Follett