

Shalom Readers

Oldies but Goodies

(Out-of-print & pre-2000 books)

The following titles have been carefully selected by educational professionals. Grade categories are a guide; children may choose from any level according to their interests and abilities.

The books on this list are out of print and/or published before 2000 and therefore unavailable as an award choice. They may, however, be checked out from the CPMC Shalom Readers Library if they are not available in your church, school or public libraries. They may also often be found in used bookstores and online.

Preschool Through Grade Two (3-8 years old)

Abuele's Weave by Omar Castaneda. Lee & Low Books, Inc., 1993. A girl and her grandmother take their weaves to the marketplace.

All Kinds of Children by Norma Simon. Albert Whitman & Co. 1999. Children all over the world have many things in common including their need for food, clothes, people to love them and a time to play.

All Things Bright & Beautiful by Cecil Frances Alexander. Ideals, 1992. A timeless message rings anew in appreciation of God's creation.

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman. Dial Books, 1991. What makes Grace so amazing? She'll surprise you.

Amelia's Road by Linda J. Altman. Lee & Low, 1993. A young migrant girl finds a permanent home.

Angel Child, Dragon Child by Michele Maria Surat. Raintree Publishers, 1983. A Vietnamese girl is teased in her new American school by a boy who doesn't know her story. They find a magnificent way to be friends.

The Animals' Peace Day by Jan Wahl. New York, Crown: 1970 (Outstanding illustrations). The animals gather for a peace day and dinner, and in no time, they get entangled in a quarrel. When fighting ends, they say they will try again tomorrow.

Apples for Immigrants by Lois Thieszen Preheim. Blue River Publishing, 1999. The lessons of sharing with a new Mennonite immigrant group over 100 years ago prompt sharing again.

Are You My Friend? By Janice Derby. Herald Press, 1993. A child notices how much people are alike aside from the way they look.

Being with You This Way by W. Nikola-Lisa; ill. by Michael Bryant. Lee & Low Books, 1994. A lively rap poem about human differences and similarities.

Bully Bill by Joy Birky. Herald Press, c2007. Bully Bill is like all bullies in the world: he thinks that because he can fight, he can get his own way. But when he meets another boy who makes friends by helping others, Bill becomes curious about how this happens. When Hal introduces Jesus and the Golden Rule to Bill, things begin to change for the better.

Castle on Viola Street by DyAnne Disalvo. Harper Collins, 2001. When a young boy hears about an organization that turns abandoned houses into homes, he discovers that his “castle” is on Viola Street.

Cheyenne Again by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Irving Toddy c. 1995, 2002 by HMH Books for Young Readers. A boy named Young Bull is taken from his parents and sent to boarding school, where he struggles to hold on to his Cheyenne heritage even as he must learn the white man’s ways.

Chinese Eyes by Marjorie An Waybill. Herald Press, 1974. Schoolmates tease a young girl about her eyes but she learns from her mother how great her eyes are.

The Color of Home by Mary Hoffman. Phyllis Fogelman Books, 2002. Hasson, feeling homesick after being forced to flee war-torn Somalia, paints a picture at school that shows his old home in Africa as well as the reason his family had to leave.

The Cornhusk Doll by Evelyn Minshull. Herald Press, 1987. A white pioneer girl tries to befriend the daughter of an Indian man injured in the family’s bear trap.

The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane DeRolf; illustrated by Michael Letzig. Random House 1997. Although they are many different colors, the crayons in a box discover that when they get together they can appreciate each other and make a complete picture.

Cups Held Out by Judith Roth. Herald Press, 2006. A young girl and her father cross the border into Mexico where the child encounters poverty for the first time. Together, she and her dad consider what they can do to help.

Doorway to the World by Ronald Kidd. Habitat for Humanity, 1996. Ben dreams he is flying on a door to many homes in different parts of the world and helping to build homes.

Everybody Cooks Rice by Norah Dooley. Carolrhada Books, 1991. A girl goes to find her brother and ends up in different households, each cooking rice in different ways.

Faith the Cow by Susan Bame Hoover. Brethren Press, 1995. The story of how Heifer Project began.

Families are Different by Nina Pellegrini. Holiday House, 1991. Nico, an adopted Korean girl, realizes how different families can be and what makes each special.

A Farm Boy’s Year by David McPhail. Athenaeum, 1992. A boy’s life on a New England farm in the 1800’s as glimpsed throughout the year.

Feathers and Fools: A Modern Fable by Mem Fox. Harcourt Brace, 1996. The mistrust of the swans and peacocks leads to a terrible fight but there is hope in the young who haven’t learned to hate each other.

The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story retold by Joseph Bruchac. Penguin Young Readers Group 1998. This legend explains the origins of strawberries, grown by the sun to help the first man and woman patch a quarrel.

The Folks in the Valley—a Pennsylvania Dutch ABC by Jim Aylesworth. Harper Collins, 1994. A Pennsylvania Dutch alphabet book about the people and activities of a Pennsylvania Dutch settlement in a rural valley.

I Sing for the Animals by Paul Goble. Bradbury Press, 1991. Reflections on how all things in nature relate to their Creator.

It’s George by Miriam Cohen. Greenwillow, 1988. George’s classmates make fun of him until they have a surprise.

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by Lynne Cherry. Harcourt Brace, c1990. The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rain forest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert. Harcourt Brace, 1987. Father and child share the simple joy of planting, watering and watching seeds grow in the family garden.

I Know A Lady by Charlotte Zolotow. Puffin, 1986. A child describes the many things she enjoys about her elderly neighbor.

It's Mine! a Fable by Leo Lionni. Alfred K. Knopf, 1985. It's better to share.

Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill. Houghton Mifflin, 1987. A girl finds a stuffed dog in the park and decides to take it home.

Just like Us by Hiaroy Oram. Morehouse-Barlow, 1987. Billy lives on one side of a wall and the other side is forbidden. What is the surprise on the other side?

The Legend of the Valentine by Katherine Grace Bond; illustrated by Don Tate. Zonderkidz, 2001. On Valentine's Day during the sixties, Marcus, an African-American boy in a newly integrated school, used St. Valentine as a role model to heal the hate in his classroom.

Let's Be Enemies by Janice May Udry. Harper Collins, 1961. Two friends experience the happiness but also unexpected difficulties that go with a friendship relationship.

Let's Make a Garden by Tamara Awad Lobe. Herald Press, 1995. Children from many different cultures work together.

Make Someone Smile, and 40 More Ways to Be a Peaceful Person by Judy Lalli. Free Spirit Publishing, 1996. A collection of photographs (with words) of children modeling the skills of peacemaking and conflict resolution.

Milo and the Magic Stone by Mark Pfister. Scholastic, 1995. A story with two endings. One shows the consequences of the failure to care for the earth and others, the other ending shows the reward of giving and sharing.

My Favorite Place by Susan Sargent and Donna Aaron Wirt. Abingdon Press, 1987. A blind child describes a trip to the seashore telling of the sounds, smells, tastes and other wonderful things to be found.

Nicolas, Where Have You Been? By Leo Lionni. Knopf 1987. A mouse is caught up in the claws of a huge bird and carried into the sky. How does he get the berries he was hoping to find?

Not So Fast, Songolo by Niki Daly. Theneum, 1985. A young village boy helps his grandmother do errands in the big city and is surprised in the end.

Odd Velvet by Mary Whitcomb. Chronicle Books, 1998. Although she dresses differently from the other girls and does things which are unusual, Velvet eventually teaches her classmates that even an "outsider" has something to offer.

Old Turtle by Douglas Wood. Pfeifer Hamilton, 1991. A wise old turtle reminds all the earth creatures, plants, and people that God is in everything.

Peace Begins With You by Katherine Scholes. Sierra Club Books/Little Brown, 1989. Poetic style of prose describes the many feeling and conditions of peace and the absence of peace.

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats. Harper Collins, 1967. There is a new baby in the family and Peter needs to make adjustments.

Planting Seeds by Patricia Quinlan. Annick Press Ltd., 1988. Parents explain that, like children, countries need to cooperate instead of fight.

Potatoes, Potatoes by Anita Lobel. Harper & Row, 1967. An old woman had a potato farm and two sons. One son joined the army of the East. The other son joined the army of the West. Find out what happened when the army met in front of the potato farm.

Praying with our Feet by Lisa D. Weaver, illustrated by Ingrid Hess. A group of friends go on a special walk to remind their neighbors that war does not bring peace in our world. They are praying with their feet, walking with the God of Peace.

The Quarreling Book by Charlotte Zolotow. Harper Collins, 1982. The reality and challenge of facing everyday encounters in story form.

The Rag Coat by Lauren Mills. Little Brown & Co., 1991. Minna wears her new coat to school, where she receives interesting responses.

Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister. North-South Books, 1998. The fish with jagged fins wonders about the big blue whale. "Look out!" he warns. How do they find a way to make peace?

Raising Yoder's Barn by Jane Yolen; illustrated by Bernie Fuchs. Little Brown, 2002. An Amish community comes together to help when a family is in need.

Rose for Abby by Donna Guthrie. Abingdon Press, 1988. Abby asks herself the question, "Why are people hungry, cold and living in the streets? Then she knows what she must do and she does it.

Seven Brave Women by Betsy Hearne. Greenwillow, 1997. A young girl tells a short story about the adventures of seven of her female ancestors including one who is a Mennonite.

Somewhere Today: A Book of Peace by Shelley Moore Thomas. Albert Whitman & Co., 1998. This book gives examples of ways in which people bring about peace by doing things to help and care for one another and their world.

The Spelling Window by Dawn L. Watkins. Bob Jones University Press, 1993. Shelly doesn't like her deaf neighbor Seth's loud voice and exuberance the way her sister Kathy does, until a field trip and an emergency help her to better understand his feelings.

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles. Scholastic, 1995. The story of six-year-old Ruby's faith and courage in 1960 as the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in New Orleans.

The Story of Ferdinand by Monro Leaf. Viking Press, 1936. A bull would rather sit and smell the flowers than be a vicious bull for a matador in a bull fight.

The Sun and the Wind: An Aesop Fable retold by Cornelia Lehn. Faith & Life Press, 1983. Who is stronger, the sun or the wind?

Tap-tap by Karen Lynn Williams: Clarion, 1995. A young Haitian girl is finally old enough to help her mother carry baskets of fruit to market and is rewarded with a ride on a "tap-tap", a brightly painted truck/taxi.

Thank You World by Alice McGinty; illustrated by Wendy Halperin. Dial, 2007. Children from eight different countries celebrate the common joys of childhood, with illustrations that show how each boy and girl experiences sunshine, clouds, swings, and a mother's love.

This Is the Way We Go To School by Edith Baer. Scholastic, 1990. How do children around the world go to school? In many ways!

Tomas and the Library Lady by Pat Mora. Random House, 1997. A young migrant worker boy is befriended by a small-town librarian and discovers the joy of books the summer he is in the area.

The Two of Them by Aliki. Greenwillow Books, 1979. The relationship between a grandfather and a granddaughter are described.

Two Sides of the River by David Crippen. Abingdon Press, 1976. The author, who lives in Kenya, tells the story of two feuding Kenyan families who live on opposite sides of a river and must come to terms with the meaning of brotherhood.

Trouble by Jane Kurtz. Harcourt Brace, 1997. The father of a young goatherd makes him a gebeta board in hopes of keeping him out of trouble, but he finds adventure anyway.

The War Between the Vowels and the Consonants by Priscilla Turner. Farrar Straus Giroux, 1996. In the hidden life of letters, enemies become friends and discover that the pen really is mightier than the sword.

We Can Get Along; A Child's Book of Choices by Lauren Murphy Payne. Free Spirit Publishing, 1997. The simple text describes how it feels when people get along well together and when they do not. It explains that one has control over how one reacts in both kinds of situations.

The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting; illustrated by Donald Carrick. Houghton Mifflin 1989. Anna and Grandma are planning a surprise for Dad's birthday. Dad thinks he has received all his presents, but Grandma stands up and gives him the best one of all: she reads aloud the stories that Anna has taught her.

What if the Zebras Lost Their Stripes by John Reitano. Paulist Press, 1998. Would zebras stop being friends and fight each other if they lost their stripes and became different from each other?

What I Like by Catherine & Lawrence Anholt. Putnams, 1991. Children share likes and dislikes and discover they feel the same.

Where's Chimpy? by Bernice Rabe. Albert Whitman, 1988. A little girl and her father search for a lost stuffed monkey.

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox. Harcourt Brace, 1997. Although there are many differences between people throughout the world, there are similarities that join us together such as pain, joy and love.

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox. Kane Miller, 1985. A young boy befriends residents in a nursing home and helps one find her memories.

You Are Not My Best Friend Anymore by Charlotte Pomerantz. Dial Books, 1998. Best friends Molly and Ben share everything until their big fight. Then they find a way to work out their difference.

You Are Special by Max Lucado. Crossway c1997. Eli the woodcarver helps Punchinello understand how special he is – no matter what other Wemmicks may think.

Grades Three through Five (8-11 years old)

An Angel for Solomon Singer by Cynthia Rylant. Orchard Books, 1992. A sensitive treatment of loneliness.

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki. Lee & Low Books, NY 1993. A Japanese-American boy in an internment camp during WW II learns to funnel his anger into a baseball game.

The Bedford Adventure by Murial Leeson. Herald Press, 1987. While on vacation in England, Pete Murray learns personal lessons from the long dead John Bunyan, the author of the *Pilgrim's Progress*.

The Big Book for Peace by various authors and illustrators. Dutton, 1990. Filled with stories, pictures, poems and even a song, this is a book about many kinds of peace. Funny, fanciful, serious and moving. It will be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

The Bracelet by Yoshiko Uchida. Philomel Books, NY, 1976. A Japanese-American girl remembers her friends as she leaves home to live in an internment camp during WW II.

The Bully of Barkham Street by Mary Stolz. Harper and Row, 1963. School bully Martin struggles with his reputation—wanting to change but not knowing how.

The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss. Random House, 1984. Engaged in a long-running battle, the Yooks and the Zooks develop more and more sophisticated weaponry as they attempt to outdo each other.

Cecil's Story by George Ella Lyon. Orchard Books, NY, 1991. A young farm boy faces his fears as his father goes to fight in the Civil War.

Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, 1992. A Jewish girl and two African-American friends win over a shopkeeper and get a sunbonnet for the boys' grandmother.

Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate by Janice Cohn. Albert Whitman & Co, 1995.

Two families - one Jewish, one Christian - and a community resolve to stand together against hate filled actions in their community. The story is based on real events in Billings, Montana in 1993.

Coals of Fire by Elizabeth Hershberger Bauman. Herald Press, 1954. Seventeen stories from various geographic locations and religions in which people overcome evil with good.

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom by Jim Tingle. Cingo Puntos Press, c2006. In the 1800's, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with a slave boy from a plantation across the great river, and when he learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.

Dad, Why'd You Leave Me? By Dorothy Fast. Herald Press, 1992. When Ronnie's father dies, he is confused and lonely, and he slowly learns to cope.

Desmond Tutu: Bishop of Peace by Carol Greene. Children's Press, 1986. A picture story biography about a great South African anti-apartheid leader.

Fire on the Mountain by Jane Kurtz. Simon & Schuster, 1994. A clever young shepherd boy uses his wits to gain a fortune for himself and his sister from a boastful rich man.

Freedom Train by Dorothy Sterling. Scholastic, 1970. A biography of Harriet Tubman, who escaped from slavery, then led others along the same underground railroad.

The Great Shalom by Peter J. Dyck. Herald Press, 1990. Another one of Peter's delightful stories shared for young people growing in the Christian faith.

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes. Harcourt Brace, 1994. A story about friendships and hurtful teasing.

I'm Sorry Almira Ann by Jane Kurtz. Henry Holt & Co., 1999. Eight year old Sarah's lively spirit helps make her family's long journey from Missouri to Oregon by covered wagon more bearable. But her impulsiveness also causes major trouble for her best friend. Sara finds a way to make it up to her.

Jacob's Little Giant by Barbara Smucker. Viking Kestral, 1987. A family becomes involved in an exciting experiment-raising geese to help save them from extinction.

Julia's Words by Judith L. Roth; illustrated by Brooke Rothshank. Herald Press, 1990. At summer camp, a girl learns to experience the world more fully through all of her senses as her deaf bunkmate, Julia, teaches her to communicate through sign language.

Just A Dream by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin, 1990. A young boy dreams about a future earth devastated by pollution and then understands the importance of caring for the earth now.

Leagues Apart: The Men and Times of the Negro Baseball League by Lawrence S. Ritter. Morrow Jr. Books, 1995. A story of the players in the league and the racism they faced.

A Leap of Faith, True Stories for Young and Old by Peter J. Dyck. Herald Press, 1990. A collection of true stories that are written to inform, motivate and educate.

Lenka of Emma Creek by Sophia Unruh. Faith & Life Press, 1989. Based on a true story of how a young girl discovered and helped a person treated unkindly by others.

The Lily Cupboard, A Story of the Holocaust by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim. A Trophy Picture Book, 1992. A young Jewish girl is sent into hiding during World War II to live with a non-Jewish farm couple.

The Long March: The Choctaw's Gift to Irish Famine Relief by Marie-Louis Fitzpatrick. Tricycle Press, 2001. In 1847, when Choona and his Choctaw tribe hear of the famine in Ireland, they reach out across the ocean to help them.

The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland. Harcourt Brace & Co., 1993. A grandmother recalls life in Vietnam and passes along her family's rich heritage to her grandchildren in America.

Martha Berry: A Woman of Courageous Spirit and Bold Dreams by Joyce Blackburn. Peachtree, 1992. A farsighted pioneer in education started a school for underprivileged children in a tiny log cabin in the mountains of Georgia.

Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior by Ed Clayton. Prentice Hall, 1967. The story of the life and ideas of this famous civil rights leader.

Mayfield Crossing by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Putnam Publishing, 1993. This is a story about baseball, school, friendships, and overcoming racial differences.

The Miracle Tree by Christobel Mattingley. Harcourt Brace, 1986. A tender sad story, and yet hope is expressed in this peace book.

Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1983. Molly brings her Pilgrim doll to school and the whole third grade learns that it takes all kinds of Pilgrims to make a Thanksgiving.

Mother Theresa, Sister to the Poor by Patrica Reilly Giff. Puffin Books, 1986. A profile of the saint of Calcutta who cared for the starving and homeless whom others had abandoned.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1987. One sister is rewarded for her kindness to the people and animals she meets on her journey.

My Hiroshima by Junko Morimoto. Viking, 1987 or Puffin Books, 1992. The author remembers her childhood in Hiroshima, the time of her country Japan during World War II and surviving the nuclear attack.

My Name is Maria Isabel by Alma Flor Ada. Simon & Schuster, 1995. Maria Isabel, born in Puerto Rico and now living in the United States, wants badly to fit in at school, and the teacher's writing assignment "My Greatest Wish" gives her that opportunity.

Nathan's Secret by N Geraldine Plunkett. Brethren Press, 2000. Nathan's father's commitment to God does not allow him to fight in the Civil War. Although he is hiding from conscriptors, he risks his life to save a wounded soldier.

Navajo Long Walk by Nancy M. Armstrong. Scholastic, 1994. A young Navajo boy, Kee, must travel 300 miles with his family by order of the US cavalry. He makes friends with the Captain's son, but still hopes they will be able to return to their beloved land and way of life.

One Grain of Rice by Demi. Scholastic, 1997. A mathematical tale that has a young peasant girl reminding the Ruler of the benefits of caring for and feeding the people around him.

Peace Be With You by Cornelia Lehn. Faith & Life Press, 1980. But what of peace heroes? This book is filled with stories of heroes from biblical to present day "warriors" who have lived the Christian way of peace.

Peaceful Protest: The Life of Nelson Mandela by Yona Zeldis McDonough; illustrations by Malcah Zeldis. Walker, 2002. A biography of the black South African leader who became a civil rights activist, political prisoner, and president of South Africa.

Peace Tales: World Folktales to Talk About by Margaret Read MacDonald. Linnet Books, 1992. Stories of peace from around the world.

A Penny and Two Fried Eggs by Geraldine Gross Harder. Herald Press, 1991. Exciting stories about Christopher Dock, Christian Krehbeil and others. They had dreams to become leaders in early America.

People by Peter Spier. Double Day, 1980. Delightful illustrations with words celebrating the many differences of people around the world.

A Picture Book of Anne Frank by David A. Adler. Holiday House, 1994. An introduction to Anne Frank's life story in pictures and an outline of events in her life.

Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, 1994. Two young boys - one black, one white - desert the army during the Civil War. Only one lives to tell of their friendship and dangerous journey.

Pink Paper Swans by Virginia Kroll. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994. A young girl learns Japanese paper folding from a woman whose arthritic hands prevent her from doing the work.

The Pushcart War by Jean Merrill. Dell, 1987. A light hearted but perceptive satire on war. Pushcarts and giant trucks engage in the streets of New York.

The Queen's Smuggler by Dave and Neta Jackson, Bethany House, 1991. A thrilling adventure story involving William Tyndale, a Christian hero of the past.

A Quiet Strength by Amelia Mueller. Faith & Life Press, 1992. The true story of Susana Ruth Krehbiel, a strong and brave woman.

Race for Land by Esther Loewen Vogt. Herald Press, 1992. Arriving from Russia, a Mennonite family participates in the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1893.

Rosa Parks, My Story by Rosa Parks. Deal, 1992. Rosa's courage and extraordinary life show many accomplishments.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr. Putnam, 1977. Sadako is a Japanese heroine who died at age twelve of leukemia as a result of radioactivity after an atom bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima.

Sara, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan, Harper Collins, 1985. Sara answers an ad in the newspaper and moves from Maine to a prairie home. Happiness comes with hope and a loving family.

Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt by Barbara Smucker. Crown Publishers, 1996. Selina's family's Mennonite religion forbids them to go to war so they must leave their home in Pennsylvania and flee to Canada.

Shalom At Last by Peter J. Dyck. Herald Press, 1992. Sequel to *Great Shalom* in which the forest animals make a real peace with Mr. Farmer and a happy ending results.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Dell, 1992. A heartwarming story about a lost beagle and his search for a good home.

Shiloh Season by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Simon and Schuster, 1996. A sequel to *Shiloh*. The boy uses his dog Shiloh to begin a friendship with Jeb, who had mistreated Shiloh.

Saving Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Simon and Schuster, 1999. The last in the trilogy. The boy and Shiloh help Jeb by compassionate caring and receive help from Jeb in return.

Smoky Night by Eve Bunting. Harcourt Brace, 1994. When riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood in Los Angeles, a young boy and his mother learn the value of getting along with others no matter what their nationality.

Spy for the Night Rider by David and NEA Jackson. Bethany House Publisher, 1992. A biography of Martin Luther written through the eyes of a young person.

Starting School with an Enemy by Elisa Carbone. Cloonfad Press, 2005. (available directly from publisher: www.cloonfadpress.com) Worried about finding friends when she moves to a new school, ten-year-old Sarah gets off to a bad start by making an enemy of a boy, but with help works out a solution to the conflict.

Storytime Jamboree by Peter J. Dyck. Herald Press, 1994. Bible stories portrayed by animals: of peace, fairness, and living out the faith.

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson. Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1993. A young slave girl stitches a quilt with a map pattern which guides her to freedom in the north.

The Table Where Rich People Sit by Byrd Baylor. Macmillan Publishing, 1994. Mountain Girl's parents help her understand that although they do not have lots of money they are rich in the things that matter, like seeing sunsets every day and hearing coyotes.

Tale of Three Trees Retold by Angela Elwell Hunt. David C. Cook c.1914. Featuring the wonderful illustrations of Tim Jonke, this best-selling children's book tells the Easter story from a new and unusual point of view. Children will be deeply touched as they understand, perhaps for the first time, the significance of Christ's life and his atoning sacrifice on the cross.

Talking Walls by Margy Burns Knight. Tilbury House Publishers, 1992. An illustrated description of walls around the world, from the Great Wall of China to the Berlin Wall, and information about their significance.

Teammates by Peter Golenbock, illustrator Paul Bacon c. 1990 HMH Books for Young Readers. The moving story of how Jackie Robinson became the first black player on a Major League baseball team when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in the

1940s. On a fateful day in Cincinnati, Pee Wee Reese took a stand and declared Jackie his teammate. Illustrated with a blend of historic photographs and striking watercolors.

Ted Studebaker: A Man Who Loved Peace by Joy Hofacker Moore. Herald Press, 1987. The true story of a young conscientious objector from Ohio who went to Vietnam during the Vietnam War, not as a soldier, but as an agricultural worker.

A Toad for Tuesday by Russel Erickson. Beech Tree Books, 1974. An owl plans to keep and eat a toad he caught for a special birthday meal, but then a wonderful thing happens.

Train to Somewhere by Eve Bunting, illustrator Ronald Himler c. 1996, 2000 HMH Books for Young Readers. Historical fiction. Marianne, heading west in the 1920s with fourteen other children on an Orphan Train, is sure her mother will show up at one of the stations along the way. Stop after stop goes by, and there's no sign of her mother in the crowds that come to look over the children. No one shows any interest in adopting shy, plain Marianne, either. Then the train pulls into its final stop, a town called Somewhere in Iowa, where her new life begins, and hope and faith sustain her.

Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Marjorie King Mitchel. Simon & Schuster, 1993. Despite some serious obstacles and setbacks, Sara Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of opening his own barbershop.

Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan. Morrow Junior Books, 1991. A boy spends a day with Uncle Willie at the soup kitchen where he works preparing food for the hungry.

Walking With Jesus - Stories About Real People Who Return Good For Evil by Mary Clemens Meyer. Herald Press, 1992. A collection of twenty short stories.

The Wall by Eve Bunting. Clarion Books, 1990. A boy and his father visit the Vietnam War Memorial to find the boy's grandfather's name.

The War by Anais Vaugelade. Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 2001. Prince Favian does not want to fight his father's war so he is sent into exile where he devises a clever plan to trick the Reds and Blues into stopping their war.

The White Father by Ruth Eitzen. Herald Press, 1995. Based on a true story experience near Cincinnati, Ohio in the early 1800's, this is the story of a Quaker family who lived their peace convictions by treating the Indians as friends and equals.

The Wump World by Bill Peet. Houghton Mifflin, c1970. The Wump World is an unspoiled place until huge monsters bring hordes of tiny creatures from the planet Pollutus.

Grades Six through Eight (11-14 years old)

Assassins in the Cathedral by Dave and NEA Jackson. Bethany House, 1999. A young Ugandan Christian boy learns the strength of loving enemies through tragedy in his family and the love of his church leaders during the terrible reign of Idi Amin.

The Betrayer's Fortune by Dave and Neta Jackson. Bethany House Publishers, 1994. In Antwerp, Belgium in 1543 after his mother is arrested as a heretic, 15-year-old Adrien Wens flees with the Anabaptist preacher Menno Simons and must decide whether or not to turn Simons in to save his mother from death.

Blizzard's Wake by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Atheneum, 2002. A survival story is combined with a teenage girl's struggle to overcome hatred and learn to forgive.

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare. Houghton Mifflin, 1961. This novel traces Daniel Bar Jamin's contact with Jesus and how it transforms his life.

The Christmas Surprise by Ruth Nulton Moore. Herald Press, 1989. Indians burn her home, kill her parents and take her brother captive. Kate is taken by her Uncle Josh to the Moravian town of Bethlehem, PA, here she experiences the love of peace and friendship for all people.

The Circuit by Francisco Jimenez. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. Tells of a migrant family's experiences moving through labor camps and facing poverty, and discusses how they endure through faith, hope, and back-breaking work.

Color Me Dark by Patricia McKissack. Scholastic, 2000. Like many other African Americans, Nellie Lee's family moves north in search of a better life, hoping to escape the racism of the rural south and take advantage of opportunities in the city.

Crash by Jerry Spinelli. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 1996. "Crash" has always been comfortable with his aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship.

Dakota Sons by Audree Distad. Harper & Row, 1972. The story of a boy who finds out what friendship really means in the setting of American Indian Life.

The Day Pearl Harbor was Bombed—a Photo History of WWII by George Sullivan. Scholastic Books, 1991. A documentary containing historical photos and information about the Second World War.

The Fighting Ground by Avi. Harper & Row, 1984. The reader follows one day in the life of Jonathan, a Revolutionary War 13-year-old, as his view of war changes.

The Fragile Flag by Jane Langton. Harper Collins, 1984. Georgie knew she had to march from her home in Massachusetts to Washington, DC with her fragile flag and her letter to the president. A serious, funny crisis-jammed story.

Friends and Enemies by Louann Gaeddart. Atheneum Books, 2000. In 1941 in Kansas, as America enters WWII, 14-year-old William finds himself alienated from his friend Jim, a Mennonite who does not believe in fighting for any reason and refuses to support the war effort in any way.

Gideon's People by Carolyn Meyer. Gulliver Books, 1996. Two boys, one Jewish and the other Amish, face youthful rebellion against their traditional heritage and find similarities between the two religions.

Grab Hands and Run by Frances Temple. Orchard Books, 1993. A boy, his younger sister and their mother make the dangerous journey north to Canada from El Salvador after the boy's father disappears and is presumed murdered by government soldiers.

Henry's Red Sea by Barbara Smucker. Herald Press, 1955. A Mennonite history story of people fleeing homes and villages in Russia for new beginnings. The story of Mennonite Central Committee, Peter and Elfrieda Dyck, and the miracle of deliverance to freedom.

How Many Days to America? by Eve Bunting. Houghton Mifflin, 1990. A modern Thanksgiving story in which a boatload of Caribbean refugees wonders if they will make it to America and how they feel when they arrive.

Jim Thorpe, 20th Century Jock by Rober Lipsyte. Harper Collins, 1993. A biography of an outstanding Native American athlete.

Journey to Jo'burg by Beverly Naidoo. Harper & Row, 1986. Thirteen-year-old Naledi and her nine-year-old brother, Tiro, travel by themselves through more than 300 kilometers of South African countryside to save their baby sister.

The Land I Lost; Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam by Huynh Quang Nhuong. Harper Collins, 1982. The true story of a Vietnamese boy describes the tragedy caused by conflict.

A Long Way From Home by Maureen Crane Wartski. Westminster, 1982. A Holocaust survivor recounts her liberation from a Nazi concentration camp, her search for surviving family members, and her struggle to reach America.

Maniac McGee by Jerry Spinelli. Little Brown & Co. 1990. After his parents died his life changed and he became a legend. Kids still talk about how fast he could run and his fame at untangling a knot.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. Dell, 1992. Somehow Anymore must find strength and courage to save her best friend's life in 1943 as Nazi soldiers march through towns and the war progresses. Life in Copenhagen, Denmark is experienced with food shortages and many changes.

Oasis of Peace by Laurie and Ben Dolphin. Scholastic, 1993. Two Israeli boys, one Jewish and one Muslim meet at school and learn about each other's cultures and ways of life. They confront their fears and develop a bond of respect and friendship.

On Fire For Christ by Dave and Neta Jackson. Herald Press, 1989. A collection of stories about Anabaptist martyrs.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hess c. 1997, 2005 Scholastic Inc. When Billie Jo is just fourteen she must endure heart-wrenching ordeals, but the quiet strength she displays is as surprising as it is inspiring. Written in free verse, this award-winning story is set in the heart of the Great Depression and chronicles Oklahoma's staggering dust storms, and the environmental--and emotional--turmoil they leave in their path.

Petey by Ben Mikaelson. Hyperion, 1998. Through his friendship with Petey, whose cerebral palsy was misdiagnosed in his youth and who has spent his lifetime in institutions, a young teen learns that everyone deserves respect and dignity.

The Ramsey Scallop by Francis Temple. Orchard Books, 1994. A betrothed young girl and young man in the early 14th century are sent by the village priest on a mission for the village. They learn each other's strengths and how to work together.

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor. Dial Books 1991. During the 1930's the Logan family children struggle to understand and do not accept the disparities they face in their school and everyday lives compared to the white school and community.

Runaway to Freedom, a Story of the Underground Railroad by Barbara Smucker. Harper Collins, 1979. Two young slave girls escape from a plantation and wind a hazardous route toward freedom. Also published as *Underground to Canada*.

Running On Eggs by Anna Levine. Front Street/Cricket Books, 1999. When Karen and Yasmine become friends while members of a mixed Arab and Jewish track team, their family and friends disapprove. But the girls hold on to their friendship and the others learn from it.

Sara's Summer by Naomi R. Stucky. Herald Press, 1990. A gentle story of everyday life in a Hutterite Colony.

The Second Bend in the River by Ann Rinaldi. Scholastic Press, 1997. An historical romantic novel about a friendship between a white pioneer girl and a powerful Indian chief.

Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder. Macmillan, 1989. Fiercely loyal to the Confederate cause, twelve-year-old Will has lost all his immediate family in the Civil War and goes to live with his aunt and her family. There he learns that although Uncle Jed refused to fight, he is not a coward or a traitor.

Souder by William H. Armstrong. Harper & Row, 1969. This classic story tells what it is like to be poor, cold, and starving while your father is in jail.

The Storyteller's Beads by Jane Kurtz. Harcourt Brace, 1998. Two Ethiopian girls face hardships and overcome prejudices in order to survive as they flee famine and war.

The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky by Farah Ahmedi. Farah, the victim of a land mine accident when she was a child, tells about her childhood in Afghanistan, a country trapped in war throughout her entire life. She discusses the challenges she has faced as a result of losing her leg, and in trying to adapt to living in the United States.

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene. Dial Press, 1973. The story of an unlikely friendship between a twelve-year-old Jewish girl and an escaped German POW from an Arkansas camp during the 1940's.

Taste of Salt: A Story of Modern Haiti by Frances Temple. Orchard Books, 1992. Djo, a seventeen-year-old boy, tells his life story from a hospital bed after being beaten by government thugs. Jeremie listens and also tells her story. They both worked for Father (and later President) Aristide.

To Life by Ruth Minsky Sender. Puffin, 1990. A Holocaust survivor recounts her liberation from a Nazi concentration camp, her search for surviving family members and her struggle to reach America.

Tree Tall and the Whiteskins by Shirlee Evans. Herald Press, 1985. An Indian boy in frontier Oregon has his first encounter with white people and from one family learns to know Jesus and the Jesus way.

Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs; edited by Donald J. Meyer, illustrator Cary Pillo c. 1997 Woodbine House. Forty-five siblings, ages four to eighteen, share their experiences as the brother or sister of someone with a disability: autism, cerebral palsy, development delays, ADD, hydrocephalus, visual and hearing impairments, Down and Tourette syndromes. Their personal stories introduce young people to others like them, perhaps for the first time, and allow them to compare experiences. A glossary of disabilities provides easy--to--understand definitions of many of the conditions mentioned.

Waiting for the Rain: A Novel of South Africa by Sheila Gordon. Orchard Books, 1987. The story covers nine years in the lives of two friends—one black and one white—and the conflicts imposed on them by their cultures.

The War Game by Michael Foreman. Arcade Publishing, 1993. Some soldiers form friendships with "the enemy" in World War I.

The Well: David's Story by Mildred Taylor. Dial Books, 1995. When the wells run dry an African American family shares their well with all neighbors, including whites, who are not happy about the situation.

Winnie Mandela, the Soul of South Africa by Milton Meltzer. Viking, 1986. Winnie Mandela has endured hardship and banishment to challenge her nation's racist policies.

Words by Heart by Ouida Sebestyan. Bantam Books, 1981. A young black girl learns that winning a scripture memory contest may not overcome racial prejudices.

Zlata's Diary, A Child's Life in Sarajevo by Zlata Filipovic. Viking, 1994. A teenage girl chronicles her life while there is a war in her country and city.

