

	Title	Author	Level	Year Published	Publisher	ISBN	Annotation
NSW PRC 4442	Tikki Tikki Tembo	Arlene Mosel, Blair Lent	Challenge 3~4	1989	Henry Holt	9780805011661	A retelling of the Chinese folk tale about a boy who falls down a well and nearly drowns because his brother struggles with his tongue-twister name. It has become a children's classic.
NSW PRC 3191	Old magic	Baillie, Allan & Wu, Di (ill)	Challenge 3~4	1996	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	9780091829155	Grandfather cracks his old toy top to bring back his magic from the old country. His grandson, a Chinese Australian boy, learns to understand the place of his own culture in his new Australian lifestyle.
NSW PRC 18521	Lord of the cranes	Chen, Kerstin	Challenge 3~4	2000	North South Books	9780735816992	Beautiful retelling of a Chinese tale. Tian, Lord of the Cranes, leaves his home on the top of the mountain to check whether people are being kind to one another.
NSW PRC 3736	Run Damon run	Ingram, Anne; Morimoto, Junko	Challenge 3~4	2000	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	9780091840761	Many centuries ago, when the ancient gods ruled the world, a powerful king named Dionysius killed and plundered without any mercy. Damon, the shepherd, tried to free the country from terror.
NSW PRC 14541	Travelling solo to India	Guthridge, Bettina	Challenge 3~4	2000	Omnibus Books	9781862914209	Curry, camel fairs, cricket and tigers. Come to India and have all the fun of travel without leaving home. Glossary and index included.
NSW PRC 4545	Travelling solo to Japan	Guthridge, Bettina	Challenge 3~4	2001	Omnibus Books	9781903207376	All the fun of travelling to Japan without leaving home.
NSW PRC 5905	Travelling solo to Vietnam	Guthridge, Bettina	Challenge 3~4	2001	Omnibus Books	9781862914360	Rice fields, water puppets, sampans and pagodas. Come to Vietnam and have all the fun of travel without leaving home. Glossary and index included.
NSW PRC 5604	Chaucer the cat and the animal pilgrims	Borlenghi, Patricia	Challenge 3~4	2002	Bloomsbury	9780747547907	A group of pilgrims gather in Paris at Notre Dame. Their leader, Chaucer, the cat from London, suggests they pass the time by retelling stories from their countries of origin, including Australia, the West Indies, Africa, North America, China and India.
NSW PRC 9552	Wishing cupboard, The	Hathorn, Libby & Stanley, Elizabeth (ill)	Challenge 3~4	2002	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	9780734403582	When his mother goes away Tran's grandmother shows him a wishing cupboard. They find it full of things, places and special memories.
NSW PRC 13156	Peach blossom princess, The	Chase, Katie	Challenge 3~4	2004	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	9780099488347	Rosie finds a painted fan and it has a little princess on it. And, sure enough, after saying hello, Rosie is whisked away to a beautiful garden in Japan where she meets Princess Hana.
Asia Bookroom	Zen shorts	Muth, Jon J	Challenge 3~4	2005	Scholastic Australia	9780439339117	These Zen tales involve a poor man giving gifts to a robber, a farmer who realises there are silver linings to dark clouds and a monk who must learn to let go of his burdens.

NSW PRC 18538	Across the dark sea	Orr, Wendy	Challenge 3~4	2006	National Museum of Australia Press	9781876944452	Trung and his father are separated from his mother and sister while escaping from Vietnam to Australia. The story traces their dangerous journey and the difficulties they face as refugees assimilating into Australian society. While they want desperately to be reunited, they did not want Trung's mother and sister to travel to Australia on a leaky boat.
NSW PRC 9754	Guji- Guji	Chen, Chih- Yuan	Challenge 3~4	2006	Gecko Press	9780958278706	Picture Book. Raised from an egg by Mother Duck, Guji Guji is quite content with his life as a duckling, despite the fact that he doesn't look anything like his brothers. Then he meets three nasty creatures who not only convince him that he is, like them, a crocodile, but also try to persuade him to deliver his duck relatives for their dinner.
NSW PRC 5108	Kumiko and the dragon	Stewart, Briony	Challenge 3~4	2007	UQP	9780702236198	Kumiko not only imagines a dragon outside her window but enters a whole world of dragons in which she is very much at home. Kumiko discovers a strength she did not believe she had.
NSW PRC 6597	Mang the wild orangutan	van Loon, Joan	Challenge 3~4	2007	Lothian Books	9780734410023	Mang, a beautiful old orangutan, remembers what life was like living in the lush rainforests of Borneo before he was captured and then sent to a zoo.
NSW PRC 7801	Most beautiful lantern, The	Heinrich, Sally	Challenge 3~4	2007	Lothian Books	9780734408600	The Chinese mid-autumn festival is celebrated with a parade through streets with colourful lanterns. Mei-Ling has trouble choosing her lantern because she wants it to be the most beautiful lantern in the parade.
NSW PRC 112082	Seams of gold	Cheng, Christopher & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Challenge 3~4	2007	National Museum of Australia Press	9781876944520	Danny is off to the goldfields with his uncle who has sung in the Chinese Opera but now sews. Reluctantly, Danny also discovers he has a talent for sewing repairs and for creating beautiful things.
NSW PRC 1597	My village: rhymes from around the world	Wright, Danielle (comp) & Moriuchi, Mique (ill)	Challenge 3~4	2008	Gecko Press	9781877467103	A delightful selection of simple poems for the young to read. Beautiful illustrations complement the translations, with each poem in English and its original language. Languages include Chinese, Japanese, Norwegian, Jamaican, Iranian, Samoan and more.
NSW PRC 832	Ponyo	Miyazaki, Hayao	Challenge 3~4	2009	VIZ Media	9781421530659	A modern adaptation of the little mermaid's story translated from the Japanese and beautifully illustrated by award winning animation director, Hayao Miyazaki. Sosuke, a young boy, lives high on a cliff overlooking the sea and rescues a little fish he calls Ponyo. Ponyo becomes a real girl and they are firm friends until her sorcerer father forces her to return to the sea. But, Sosuke's heart is pure and true and brave.

NSW PRC 43616	Sarindi and the lucky Buddha	Fraser, Janine M & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Challenge 3~4	2009	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins )	9780732287757	Sarindi tries everything to help his mother regain her health. A meeting with a stranger at Lucky Buddha's shrine changes Sarindi's life. Readers will gain an understanding of the beliefs, rituals and superstitions of the Indonesian people.
NSW PRC 24906	Kumiko and the dragon's secret	Stewart, Briony	Challenge 3~4	2010	UQP	9780702237805	Kumiko, a human girl born into the ancient royal bloodline of dragons, has her guardian dragon, Tomodo, by her side for protection. When her sister is kidnapped by the Shadow Catchers, Kumiko discovers that she is the only one who can save her sister, and her courage is put to the ultimate test.
NSW PRC 52056	Race for the Chinese Zodiac, The	Wang, Gabrielle & Rippin, Sally (ill) & Abos, Regine (ill)	Challenge 3~4	2010	Black Dog Books	9781742031231	The Jade Emperor has declared a great race. The first animals to cross the river will win a place in the Chinese Zodiac. But, there are only twelve places to be won and thirteen animals line up along the shore.
NSW PRC 82692	Sarindi's dragon kite	Fraser, Janine M & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Challenge 3~4	2010	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins )	9780732287764	It's Sarindi's birthday and what he wants more than anything else is the multi-coloured Dragon Kite he sees in the market. When he wakes up and sees the kite, he can't wait to go to the beach to fly it with his father. But, an earthquake has flattened the nearby town where Sarindi's cousins live, and he and his father must go to Bantul to see if they can help.
NSW PRC 428	Two bullies, The	Morimoto, Junko	Challenge 5~6	1991	Scholastic Australia	9780868966434	Two strong men try to out bluff each other, and each becomes a winner. This has been translated from an original Japanese story.
NSW PRC 267	My Hiroshima	Morimoto, Junko	Challenge 5~6	1995	HarperCollins Australia	9780207188732	Teaching students about the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, this picture book tells the story through the eyes of one who lived through this time.
NSW PRC 15679	Ancient China	Cotterell, Arthur	Challenge 5~6	2000	Dorling Kindersley	9780789458667	Discover why tombs were filled with pottery figures, what was carried along the Silk Road, who invented paper and what kinds of weapons were used in early battles. An informative guide to Chinese history, with stunning photographs and life-like models.
NSW PRC 5340	Kensuke's kingdom	Morpurgo, Michael	Challenge 5~6	2000	Egmont Childrens	9780749736392	An adaptation of the Robinson Crusoe story, a family's sailing adventure turns into a story of survival following a storm. Atomic bomb related.
NSW PRC 2079	Hannah's winter	Meehan, Kierin	Challenge 5~6	2001	Penguin	9780141000442	Contemporary and humorous, this story is dotted with snippets of Japanese language and culture, as Hannah and her ghost friend attempt to solve an ancient riddle.
NSW PRC 9241	Kite rider, The	McCaughrean , Geraldine	Challenge 5~6	2001	Oxford University Press	9780192718600	Located in China in the period of the Mongols, this story follows Haoyou's intrepid adventures across oceans and the skies.

NSW PRC 18396	Crane wife, The	Bodkin, Odds & Spirin, Gennady (ill)	Challenge 5~6	2002	Harcourt Children's Books	9780152163501	A beautiful retelling of a classic Japanese folk tale about a sail maker and his wife. Exquisitely illustrated in traditional Japanese style.
NSW PRC 9327	Garden of Empress Cassia, The	Wang, Gabrielle	Challenge 5~6	2002	Penguin	9780143300274	Mimi has mysterious and powerful pastels and can draw a garden so beautiful and magical that real people are transported inside it. But, it would be very unfortunate if the ancient pastels were to fall into the wrong hands.
NSW PRC 12335	My father's boat	Garland, Sherry	Challenge 5~6	2002	Scholastic Australia	9780590478687	A Vietnamese-American boy spends a day with his father on his shrimp boat, listening as he describes how his own father fished on the South China Sea. They talk about going back to Vietnam one day.
NSW PRC 231	Little brother	Baillie, Allan	Challenge 5~6	2004	Penguin	9780143301745	Vithy is in war-torn Cambodia searching for his only remaining family member, his older brother.
NSW PRC 15427	Megan's journey	Keir, June	Challenge 5~6	2004	Loranda Publishing	9780975213582	Thirteen year old Megan discovers her mother is still alive and living in Japan. Her mother has remarried a Japanese man who lives a traditional life and they have two children. Megan has difficult choices to make.
NSW PRC 17687	My Australian Story: New gold mountain, the diary of Shu Cheong,	Cheng, Christopher W	Challenge 5~6	2005	Scholastic Australia	9781865048512	Shu Cheong, with his father and uncle, sets off on the arduous journey to Australia's goldfields, hoping to bring back wealth for their village. But, following their deaths, Shu cannot return home without his father's body so must stay in Australia alone. Relations between the European miners and Chinese are tense and violent attacks against the Chinese are common. Lambing Flat, New South Wales, 1860-1861
NSW PRC 129371	Moon bear rescue	Dale, Kim	Challenge 5~6	2006	Lothian Books	9780734409386	A village opts to send a lost bear cub to a rescue sanctuary rather than sell it to a bear farm, where it would have died of chronic infections after being "'milked"' of bile for Chinese medicines, the plight of Asiatic black bears in Southern China.
NSW PRC 15946	Samsara dog	Manos, Helen & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Challenge 5~6	2006	Working Title Press	9781876288624	Samsara Dog lived many lives. Some were long, while others lasted only a few days. Dog never remembered them. He lived each life as it came until he learned the most important lesson of all. Looks at life, love, and dying, from a Buddhist perspective.
NSW PRC 2461	Melting pot: the diary of Edward, Chek Chee, The	Cheng, Christopher W	Challenge 5~6	2007	Scholastic Australia	9781865049755	It is 1903, the time of the White Australia Policy, and Edward Chek Chee is the son of a mixed marriage. His father is Chinese, his mother Australian and Edward tries to fit in to both cultures. He has to cope with racism at school and bigotry from his cousin at home, while worrying about having to go back to China to understand his ancestral roots. Diary/Novel

NSW PRC 11291	Modern China	Sebag- Montefiore, Poppy	Challenge 5~6	2007	Dorling Kindersley	9781405318594	China, the world's largest country, is set to become the superpower of the 21st century. Find out about the dazzling array of peoples, places and cultures that make up this rapidly changing nation. Includes stunning photographs, charts, maps, web links and a glossary of terms.
NSW PRC 7159	Peasant prince, The	Cunxin, Li & Spudvilas, Anne	Challenge 5~6	2007	Penguin	9780670070541	Chinese-inspired watercolours charmingly support this picture-book adaptation of the true story of the life of a boy in Communist China, during the last decade of Chairman Mao's reign. At eleven, Li was plucked from obscurity to train as a ballet dancer, thus escaping his poor, peasant village roots. He travelled the world as a dancer and was finally reunited with his parents.
NSW PRC 5812	Tyger Tyger	Stanley, Elizabeth	Challenge 5~6	2007	University of Western Australia Press	9781920694845	The tigers living in the jungle are threatened by poachers. The monks take many of them in and become their devoted keepers, but how can they protect the tigers still in the jungle.
NSW PRC 7028	Alive in the death zone	Hall, Lincoln	Challenge 5~6	2008	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	9781741663372	Mountaineer Lincoln Hall's miraculous story of climbing the world's highest mountain, being left for dead near the summit and then returning to life and safety. The world, including his family, had been told he was dead. Frostbite claimed Lincoln's fingers and toes and he lost nearly twenty kilograms. A story of courage and sheer determination.
NSW PRC 101532	Dragon moon	Wilkinson, Carole	Challenge 5~6	2008	Black Dog Books	9781742030616	Ancient China, Han Dynasty. Ping and Kai have travelled far but their journey is not yet over. When a hidden message from Danzi makes the way clear, Ping knows that once again the journey of a thousand li begins with a single step.
NSW PRC 12352	Dragonkeeper	Wilkinson, Carole	Challenge 5~6	2008	Black Dog Books	9781742030616	A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon make an epic journey across China carrying a mysterious stone that must be protected.
NSW PRC 18405	Garden of the purple dragon	Wilkinson, Carole	Challenge 5~6	2008	Black Dog Books	9781742030609	In this sequel to Dragonkeeper, Ping is entrusted with raising the young purple dragon, Kai. Kai is the last dragon in the kingdom and Ping learns there are many who want Kai for money or the healing properties of his body parts.
NSW PRC 4901	Lion drummer	Wang, Gabiella & McLean, Andrew	Challenge 5~6	2008	Puffin Australia	9780143303138	Lulu dreams that, one day, she will be the lion drummer in the Chinese dragon parade. But, through years of tradition, the drummer has always been a male and Lulu is told that girls cannot learn the drums.

NSW PRC 8855	Lost childhood: my life in a Japanese prison camp during WWII	Layson, Annelex Hofstra & Viola, Herman J	Challenge 5~6	2008	National Geographic Society	9781426303210	When the Japanese invaded the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, four year old Annelex Hofstra was taken to a Japanese prison camp. Her carefree, comfortable world was turned upside down. Annelex describes her over three years in the camp, living in fear of punishment, starvation, infection and separation.
NSW PRC 81508	Noodle pie	Starke, Ruth	Challenge 5~6	2008	Omnibus Books	9781862917637	Andy and his father, a Vietnamese former refugee, return to Hanoi for the first time in over twenty years. Andy experiences a real cultural shock as he feels very Australian and doesn't like being called by his Vietnamese name. Over time, Andy discovers a lot about his relatives, his father and himself, as he helps his dad tell them about his life in Australia.
NSW PRC 24909	Tsunamis	Fradin, Judy & Dennis	Challenge 5~6	2008	National Geographic Society	9780792253808	The 2004 Asian Tsunami resulted from the second largest earthquake ever recorded. Lasting over eight minutes, it was also the longest on record. The quake measured 9.0 on the Richter scale, large enough to vibrate the entire planet and violent enough to move an ocean. Eyewitness accounts and dramatic photography put you in the terrifying path of the huge wave that washed ashore in many countries.
NSW PRC 1960	Wabi sabi	Reibstein, Mark & Young, Ed (ill)	Challenge 5~6	2008	Little, Brown & Co	9780316118255	Wabi Sabi, the little cat, sets out to find out the meaning of her name. Beautifully told and illustrated in the Japanese style with a special form of stylised Haiku poetry as a main feature.
NSW PRC 19450	First peoples of Asia	Sertori, Trisha	Challenge 5~6	2009	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	9781420268003	Find out about the culture, traditions, laws and ways of life of the first peoples in Asia - the Ainu of Japan, the Bali Aga of Indonesia and the Karen of Burma. Includes photographs, fact boxes and quotes from elders.
NSW PRC 19250	First peoples of Oceania	Sertori, Trisha	Challenge 5~6	2009	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	9781420267990	Find out about the culture, traditions, laws and ways of life of the first peoples in Oceania - the Aboriginal peoples of Australia, the Papuans of New Guinea and the Maoris of New Zealand. Includes photographs, fact boxes and quotes from elders.
NSW PRC 6390	Ghost in my suitcase, A	Wang, Gabrielle	Challenge 5~6	2009	Penguin Books Australia	9780143303794	When Celeste travels to China to visit her grandmother, she uncovers an incredible family secret. And with this secret comes danger and adventure. If Celeste is to save her family and friends, she must learn to harness her rare and powerful gift as a ghost-hunter.

NSW PRC 902	Japanese samurai, The	Park, Louise & Love, Timothy	Challenge 5~6	2009	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	9781420267884	Find out about the famous samurai battles in Japan, samurai swords, the Bushido code and the decline of the ancient samurai. Lots of fascinating snippets of information and explanations of foreign or ancient words.
NSW PRC 2562	Just one wish	Rippin, Sally	Challenge 5~6	2009	Puffin Australia	9780143304463	Penny has moved to Australia from China and her English is very limited. She misses her friends and her cousin is determined to make her life miserable at their school. When Penny's grandmother gives her a magic Chinese pouch, Penny has just one wish to make things right.
NSW PRC 23669	Red piano, The	Leblanc, Andre & Barroux (ill)	Challenge 5~6	2009	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	9780980607017	For one young girl, a resident of a labour camp, a run-down, old piano brings some humanity into her life and to a system that has none. Each night, she bravely steals away to play on the battered instrument and, sheet by sheet, she gradually assembles, then copies, the music. One night, she is caught at the piano. A story about international concert pianist, Zhu Xiao-Mei, and the Chinese Cultural Revolution.
NSW PRC 19991	Shaolin tiger	Fussell, Sandy & Nest James, Rhian (ill)	Challenge 5~6	2009	Walker Books	9781921150906	Sensei and his students from the Cockroach Ryu (school) travel by sea from Japan to China to give aid to the Shaolin Monks. The boat's captain is drowned and Yoshi, who tried to save him, is left troubled. In China, one of Sensei's past students, Qing-Shen, is determined to gain retribution for Sensei's broken promise. The Little Cockroaches must protect Sensei by outsmarting Qing-Shen.
NSW PRC 42774	Vermonia 1. Quest for the Silver Tiger;	Yoyo	Challenge 5~6	2009	Walker Books	9781406321456	The planet of Vermonia has fallen to General Uro's army. On Earth, four twelve year old friends have no idea that the time has come for them to fulfil an ancient prophecy. To save the kidnapped and imprisoned Mel Doug, Naomi and Jim need to release their own, true warrior spirit. Japanese Manga novel. Series best read in book order. (Books 2-6 not yet on PRC: Book 2: Call of the Winged Panther; Book 3: Release of the Red Phoenix; Book 4: The Rukan Prophecy; Book 5: The Warriors' Trial; Book 6: To the Pillar of Wind)
NSW PRC 291	Onion tears	Kidd, Diana	Challenge 7~9	1990	HarperCollins Australia	9780207170287	Nam-Huong escaped from Vietnam and lost her grandfather on the long terrible voyage. She finds it hard to release her pent up grief, until her teacher falls ill.
NSW PRC 86	China coin, The	Baillie, Allan	Challenge 7~9	1999	Penguin	9780140347531	The horror of Tiannaman Square confronts Leah when she is searching for her ancient links in China.
NSW PRC 1173	Chinese Cinderella	Mah, Adeline Yen	Challenge 7~9	1999	Penguin	9780141304878	The plight of a young girl who, because of traditional Chinese beliefs, is rejected by her family at birth.

NSW PRC 338	Sadako and the thousand paper cranes	Coerr, Eleanor	Challenge 7~9	1999	Scholastic Australia	9781876289485	In the aftermath of the bombing of Hiroshima, Sadako's dying wish is to make one thousand paper cranes in accordance with the Japanese legend that says that the gods will grant the maker's wish to be well again.
NSW PRC 220	Kim	Kipling, Rudyard	Challenge 7~9	2000	Penguin	9780141183633	Kim is an eleven year old Irish boy who is orphaned and lives amongst the poor on the streets in India.
NSW PRC 277	Nips XI	Starke, Ruth	Challenge 7~9	2000	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	9780734401137	The boys at North Illaba Primary School form a cricket team. The team includes students from different cultures and they combine to celebrate their common interests, not their diversities.
NSW PRC 280	No-name bird: a story of East Timor	Vondra, Josef	Challenge 7~9	2000	Penguin	9780140283174	A parallel is drawn between Jose and the other people of East Timor during the invasion by Indonesia, and the spirit of Uncle Adolfo's fighting bird.
NSW PRC 342	Saving Abbie	Baillie, Allan	Challenge 7~9	2000	Penguin	9780141307404	Abbie is a very engaging, six year old, orphan orang-utan on the final leg of an odyssey that will see her reintroduced to her Kalamantan home.
NSW PRC 440	Village by the sea, The	Desai, Anita	Challenge 7~9	2001	Penguin	9780141312712	This story is set in a fishing village near Bombay, India, and tells of the two oldest children and their struggle to keep the family together.
NSW PRC 14255	Chinese Cinderella and the secret dragon society	Mah, Adeline Yen	Challenge 7~9	2004	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	9781865088655	A young girl is thrown out of her home by her cruel stepmother onto the dangerous streets of Shanghai. She takes refuge in a Martial Arts Academy and becomes part of a new family. A secret mission changes her life dramatically.
NSW PRC 15025	Spilled water	Grindley, Sally	Challenge 7~9	2004	Bloomsbury	9780747571469	One frightening day, everything changes in Lu Si-Yan's life. A country Chinese girl whose father dies, Lu Si-Yan is sold by her uncle to work for a family in the big city. She refuses to spend her life in servitude, determined to be reunited with her family.
NSW PRC 15136	Becoming Buddha: the story of Siddhartha	Stewart, Whitney & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Challenge 7~9	2005	Lothian Books	9780734407726	Find out how Prince Siddhartha grew in knowledge and enlightenment to become Buddha, one of the greatest religious influences on the world.
NSW PRC 18407	Diary of Ma Yan: the life of a Chinese schoolgirl, The	Haski, Pierre	Challenge 7~9	2005	Virago Press	9781844081806	An incredible story of survival and spirit. In Zhangjiashu, China, fourteen year old Ma Yan struggles to escape poverty through persistent, sometimes desperate, attempts to continue her education. Her diary details a world few of us can imagine.
NSW PRC 12815	Mao's last dancer (young readers' edition)	Cunxin, Li	Challenge 7~9	2005	Puffin Australia	9780143301646	Engaging biography of a young, Chinese peasant boy who, at the age of eleven, was taken from his school and family to be trained as a classical dancer in Beijing.



NSW PRC 17036	Photographs in the mud	Wolfer, Dianne & Harrison- Lever, Brian	Challenge 7~9	2005	Fremantle Press	9781920731205	Jack and Hoshi are soldiers on opposite sides who meet on the Kokoda Track during World War Two. Graphic illustrations enrich this sensitive, realistic and harrowing story of the personal tragedy of two soldiers and their loved ones at home.
NSW PRC 8120	Arrival, The	Tan, Shaun	Challenge 7~9	2006	Hachette Children's Books	9780734406941	The Arrival gives us great insight into the process of leaving your homeland and trying to find a new place in the world. The journey can be frightening, inspiring and emotional for all displaced persons. Many stories are told through Tan's illustrations.
NSW PRC 101580	Crane Series Five ancestors series (4 of 5)	Stone, Jeff	Challenge 7~9	2007	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	9780340902332	Five brothers were taught a different animal style of Kung-fu by the Grandmaster and each one uses it throughout their adventures. This is Hok's story, one of the brothers, who travels alone to the Shaolin temple where a secret is finally revealed to all.
NSW PRC 5234	Anila's journey	Finn, Mary	Challenge 7~9	2008	Walker Books	9781406306590	Menace and mystery lie in wait for Anila Tandy who secures a job drawing birds for an English naturalist, travelling on a river boat up the Ganges River. Anila will use this journey to search for her father, missing for years and presumed dead. Anila must test herself in the man's world of India, in the late 1700s.
NSW PRC 12717	Broken glass	Grindley, Sally	Challenge 7~9	2008	Bloomsbury	9780747586159	Brothers, Suresh and Sandeep, end up as street kids in a city far from their home village. They become glass collectors, searching through the rubbish dumps and dirty alleys to find glass to sell in order to survive. But, when Suresh realises his younger brother isn't coping as well as he thought, he must find a way to save Sandeep and himself from a terrible fate.
NSW PRC 54490	China: land of dragons and emperors	Mah, Adeline Yen	Challenge 7~9	2008	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	9781741754674	Paper, gunpowder, silk, porcelain, stirrups for riding horses and many other wonderful and extraordinary things were first used in China. Read about the rise and fall of dynasties, the superstitions and beliefs of the people and the famous people who are part of the great story of China.
NSW PRC 2999	Dragon dawn	Wilkinson, Carole	Challenge 7~9	2008	Black Dog Books	9781742030623	At less than 1000 years old, Danzi is a young dragon. He should be hibernating for winter but has an obligation to deliver an inheritance to the family of his old Dragonkeeper's family. His duty is interrupted when he rescues a man from some brutal soldiers. It is a dangerous time for a dragon to be without a keeper.
NSW PRC 65325	Eagle Series Five ancestors series 5 of 5)	Stone, Jeff	Challenge 7~9	2008	Publisher Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	9780340902349	For years Ying has been using his dragon style kung fu to gain vengeance over those who he feels have wronged him. The problem is that his whole life has been shrouded in mystery, even he does not know the truth behind his heritage.

NSW PRC 2133	Ratwhiskers and me	Marwood, Lorraine	Challenge 7~9	2008	Walker Books	9781921150395	A prose-verse novel, set amidst the chaos and brutality of the Victorian goldfields in the 1800s. The narrator, traumatised by a fire in which her family died, and her mangy dog, Ratwhiskers, are befriended by a Chinese boy. Posing as a boy, she flees to the Chinese camp, pretending to be Chinese and taking a new name.
NSW PRC 17864	Sky village, The	Ashland, Monk & Nigel & Nentrup, Jeff (ill)	Challenge 7~9	2008	Candlewick Press	9780763635244	In a future where wild beasts, humans and mechanical beings battle for control, two children, Mei and Rom, on opposite sides of the earth, connect through a mysterious journal that comes alive to reveal a powerful primal force and a frightening destiny. Mei and Rom must work together to overcome evil.
NSW PRC 113080	Tales from outer suburbia	Tan, Shaun	Challenge 7~9	2008	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	9781741149173	A beautifully illustrated and innovative book, full of fanciful whimsy that takes us to a place where we might think about ourselves and our society.
NSW PRC 7787	Chinese Cinderella: the mystery of the Song Dynasty painting	Mah, Adeline Yen	Challenge 7~9	2009	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	9781741146363	Following a fall, and in hospital where Chinese Cinderella sees a copy of an ancient painting. She is haunted by vivid dreams that seem strange, yet somehow familiar, recalling a life lived eight hundred years ago during the Song Dynasty. Hypnosis is used, leaving open the concept of reincarnation.
NSW PRC 29477	Dragon horse	Ward, Peter	Challenge 7~9	2009	Corgi Books	9780552553544	Aeons ago, dragons spread terror across the Chinese empire. Their descendants became magnificent horses, which are now drawn into a battle, caused by an ancient evil and the destiny of two brothers.
NSW PRC 9333	Homeless bird	Whelan, Gloria	Challenge 7~9	2009	Frances Lincoln	9781845079772	At thirteen, Koly enters a traditional Indian, arranged marriage and is widowed in months. She is imprisoned in her husband's home until abandoned to spend her days in worship with other widows. Koly discovers opportunities and savage crimes among those who would help her and those who would exploit her.
NSW PRC 11994	Happiest refugee, The	Do, Anh	Challenge 7~9	2010	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	9781742372389	Anh Do, comedian and television personality, arrived in Australia as a baby in a boat full of desperate family members who suffered the perils of the sea. A mother's sacrifice, a father's heroism and their adventures in a new land are inspiring. Some strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
NSW PRC 65329	Dragon Series Five ancestors series	Stone, Jeff	Challenge 7~9	2011	Hodder Children's Books	9780375830792	Long, the dragon-style warrior, saw his temple burned, his brothers killed, and his siblings fleeing to the four winds. Now the five young warriors have reunited with Ying, the redeemed renegade who put all of these events in motion, and ShaoShu, the mousy street thief, to prevent the wily mantis Tonglong from taking over China.

Austral Ed	Maples in the mist	Ho, Minfong	Children/ YA	2008	Marshall Cavendish	9789812613455	illustrated by Jean & Mou-sien Tseng; A beautifully illustrated collection of very short simple poems written for children from the Tang dynasty in China (618 – 907 AD). It includes an introduction and brief notes and the poems in English and Chinese.
	When heaven fell	Marsden, Carolyn	Children's /YA	2010	Candlewick Press	9780763643812	Every day nine-year-old Binh sells fruit and sodas to the girls whose families can afford to send them to school, and every night she returns to her one-room home to share a simple meal with her family. Everything changes, however, when her grandmother tells Binh she had a daughter during the war, a child who was sent away to America as a little girl. Now Binh's aunt, a teacher, is coming to visit, and Binh can't help but wonder what luxurious gifts she will bring and whether she might bring Binh back to America with her. With warmth and sensitivity, Carolyn Marsden ushers readers into the life and dreams of a young Vietnamese girl.
	Dear Juno	Soyung Pak	ES1	2001	Puffin Books	9780142300176	Picture Book. The first day of school can be lonely and scary, especially when you don't speak the same language as everyone else. Sumi only knows one phrase in English, "Hello, my name is Sumi." This doesn't seem nearly enough to prepare her for a big school with wide stairs, noisy children, and a mean classmate. From the author of the Ezra Jack Keats Award winner Dear Juno comes this thoughtful picture book about a young Korean girl on her first day of school. Beautiful, expressive illustrations show how a considerate teacher and even a new friend help Sumi discover that school might not be so lonely after all.
Austral Ed	Cleversticks	Ashley, Bernard	ES1	1993	HarperCollins Australia	9780006638551	Ling Sung doesn't like school. The other children can do things that he can't. But Ling Sung soon finds out that there is something very special that only he can do! Terry can tie up his shoes -- Ling Sung can't. Manjit can write her name but Ling Sung's letters go all wrong and Sharon can button up her coat perfectly. Ling Sung doesn't want to go back to school every again. But the next day at biscuit time Ling Sung does something amazing! He uses two paintbrushes as chopsticks to pick up the biscuits. This is something that no-one else can do, not even the teachers, and Ling Sung feels very special indeed!
	Story About Ping, The	Flack, Marjorie; Wiese, Kurt	ES1, St1	2000	Grosset & Dunlap	9780448421650	Children's picture book, paperback. Ping is a spirited little duck who lives on the Yangtze River. One night, to avoid a spanking for being the last duck home, Ping stays out all night and explores the world. His funny misadventures will delight young readers today as much as they did in 1933, when this classic tale was first published.

Asia Bookroom	Grandpa's Mask	GUO, JING JING	ES1, St1	2001	Benchmark Books Aust.	9781876615055	Picture book. When Jing Jing and her family move to Australia, everything is new and different. But she and her Grandpa still watch the Peking Opera together and she especially enjoys the colourful costumes and exquisitely painted faces of the performers.
Asia Bookroom	Ten Oni Drummers.	Gollub, Matthew	ES1, St1	2002	Lee & Low Books Inc NY	9781584300113	Brightly illustrated by Kazuko G. Stone, dustjacket, some Japanese. In this playful, rhyming story, young children find reassurance and comfort for their fears when scary dreams come their way. Through art and story, children also learn about Japanese taiko drumming and the Japanese words and characters for the numbers one to ten.
Asia Bookroom	Bringing in the New Year.	Lin, Grace	ES1, St1	2008	Alfred. A. Knopf. US	9780375837456	Children's picture book, hardback. This exuberant story follows a Chinese American family as they prepare for the Lunar New Year. Each member of the family lends a hand as they sweep out the dust of the old year, hang decorations, and make dumplings. Then it's time to put on new clothes and celebrate with family and friends. There will be fireworks and lion dancers, shining lanterns, and a great, long dragon parade to help bring in the Lunar New Year.
	Land of the dragon king and other Korean stories, The	McLure, Gillian	ES1, St1	2008	Frances Lincoln	9781845078058	Picture book. A delightful collection of Korean folk stories for young readers. The sea hasn't always been salty, and rabbits haven't always had fluffy tails. How the sea grew salty, pigs got their snout and rabbits their fluffy tails is revealed in this sparkling collection of Korean folk tales. These delightful retellings will transport younger readers to an eastern world of tigers, rice cakes and persimmons alongside more familiar things.
Asia Bookroom	Pet Dragon, The	Niemann, Christoph	ES1, St1	2008	Greenwillow Books		Children's bilingual picturebook, dustjacket. The story about little Lin and her dragon friend gives children a playful and clever introduction to Chinese characters.
Asia Bookroom	Yoko Writes Her Name	Wells, Rosemary	ES1, St1	2008	Hyperion. US	9780786803712	Children's picture book, hardback. Yoko has just learned to write her name. But when Mrs. Jenkins asks Yoko to show everyone, the others make fun of her Japanese writing. The teasing continues as Yoko shares her favourite book at show and tell, and reads it back to front. That evening, Yoko declares that she can't go back to school. Luckily a little wisdom from her Mama, a little cooperation from Mrs. Jenkins, and a lot of enthusiasm from her classmates teach Yoko the most important lesson of the year: that friendship can bridge cultural differences.

Asia Bookroom	Beckoning Cat, The.	Nishizuka, Koko; Litzinger, Rosanne	ES1, St1	2009	Holiday House US	9780823420513	Based on a Japanese Folktale. Children's picture book, hardback. In this story based on a Japanese folktale, an impoverished boy named Yohei shares his dinner with a cat that appears on his doorstep. When Yohei faces a crisis, the cat remembers his generosity and brings help.
Asia Bookroom	Circus Day in Japan. Bilingual Japanese and English Text.	Coerr, Eleanor	ES1, St1	2010	Tuttle Shokai, Japan	9784805310595	Picture book. A warmly-illustrated story of an exciting day spent by two Japanese children at a circus. Joji-chan and Koko-chan delight at the new sights of their first circus, and young readers are gently introduced to Japanese sites and customs. The simple text and artwork provide a nostalgic window into Japanese family life in the early 1950s
Asia Bookroom	If You Love a Mermaid Tale	Pirotta, Saviour	ES1, St1	2010	Penguin Books. UK	9781846467097	Children's novelty fiction. Discover an enchanted, deep sea world with this captivating version of The Little Mermaid, and a charming Japanese fairytale, The Magic Shell. Delicate watercolours and changing scenes enhance these engaging stories.
Asia Bookroom	Last Kappa of Old Japan. A Magical Journey of Two Friends.	Seki, Sunny	ES1, St1	2010	Tuttle Shokai, Japan	9784805310885	Children's picture book, hardback. Kappas are mythological creatures that have been a part of Japanese folklore for centuries. These creatures are believed to be messengers of the god of water; they often do mysterious things and love to eat cucumbers. This warmly written and beautifully illustrated book introduces young readers to many aspects of traditional Japanese culture and folklore, while teaching an important lesson about maintaining a clean environment.
Asia Bookroom	Orange Peel's Pocket	Lewis, Rose	ES1, St1	2010	Harry N. Abrams. NY	9780810983946	Children's picture book, hardback. Chan Ming, an adoptee from China, is affectionately nicknamed Orange Peel. One day, in kindergarten, her classmates begin to ask questions about China and what it's like. Determined to find out the answers to their questions, she visits various other Chinese immigrants in her neighbourhood who secretly slip a little memento into her pocket. The treasures she is given help her tell the story of where she was born.
Austral Ed	Peeking ducks	Bell, Krista & Rippon, Sally	ES1, St1	2010	Windy Hollow Books	9781921136450	On an adventure to find the mighty Li River, three little ducks are astonished by the events that unfold. A cautionary tale, set in the majestic landscape of China.

Asia Bookroom	Thanking the Moon	Lin, Grace	ES1, St1	2010	Alfred. A. Knopf. US	9780375861017	Children's picture book, hardback. This simple, satisfying story follows a Chinese family as they celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Each member of the family lends a hand as they prepare a moonlit picnic with mooncakes, pomelos, cups of tea, and colorful lanterns. And everyone sends thanks and a secret wish up to the moon. Notes with further details on the customs and traditions of the Moon Festival for parents and teachers are included.
	Whoever You Are	Mem Fox	ES1, St1	2010	Harcourt	9780152060305	Every day all over Australia, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same or speak the same language, but inside, they are just like you. This story weaves its way across cultures and generations, celebrating the bond that unites us all.
	Starfall <a href="http://tinyurl.com/44feocg">http://tinyurl.com/44feocg</a>		ES1, St1				These Chinese fables to be read online - IWB? (Draw Dragon Dot Eyes; Dung-Shi Copies Eyebrows; Yay-Gung Loves Dragons; One Rice Thousand Gold; Morning Three Night Four; Cup Bow Snake Reflection).
Asia Bookroom	C is for China	Sungwan So	ES1, St1, St2	1997	Frances Lincoln Children's Books London	9781845073183	Children's picturebook, paperback. This photographic alphabet book introduces young readers to the rich culture and natural beauty of China and captures the rhythms of day-to-day life in China. Beautiful photographs combine with simple, informative text to present a portrait of Chinese culture, craft and custom.
Asia Bookroom	Ugly vegetables, The	Lin, Grace	ES1, St1, St2	1999	Charlesbridge Publishing USA	9780881063363	A little girl wonders why she and her Mom are growing plants in their garden that are so different from their neighbours'. Instead of pretty flowers, their garden grows only vegetables. Plain, ugly vegetables. But when harvest time comes, the little girl and her neighbours discover just how beautiful ugly vegetables can be. Recipe for Ugly Vegetable Soup included.
Asia Bookroom	Elephant Dance.	Heine, Theresa	ES1, St1, St2	2004	Barefoot Books Cambridge, Mass.	9781841489179	Children's picture book, illustrated by Sheila Moxley. When their grandfather visits them, Ravi and Anjali are fascinated by his stories of India. Ravi especially loves to hear about the festival of Divaali, where parading elephants are given a place of honour in Grandfather's memories. Includes endnotes on the cultural heritage of India.
Asia Bookroom	Hachiko. The True Story of a Loyal Dog	Turner, Pamela S.	ES1, St1, St2	2004	Houghton Mifflin. UK	9780547237558	Picture book. For ten years Hachiko waited faithfully for his owner at Shibuya train station long after his owner could not come to meet him. He became famous for his loyalty and was adored by scores of people who passed through the station every day. This is Hachiko's story through the eyes of Kentaro, a young boy whose life is changed forever by his friendship with this very special dog.

	Umbrella Queen, The	Bridges, Shirin Yim	ES1, St1, St2	2008	Greenwillow Books. USA	9780060750404	Picture Book. Illustrated by Taeun Yoo using prints and pencil, unpaginated, dustjacket. In a village in Thailand where everyone makes umbrellas, young Noot dreams of painting the most beautiful one and leading the annual parade as Umbrella Queen, but her unconventional ideas displease her parents
Asia Bookroom	Firekeeper's Son, The	Park, Linda Sue	ES1, St1, St2	2009	Houghton Mifflin. US	9780547237695	Picture book. In Korea in the early 1800s, news from the countryside reached the king by means of signal fires. On one mountaintop after another, a fire was lit when all was well. If the king did not see a fire, that meant trouble, and he would send out his army. When his father is unable to light the fire one night, young Sang-hee must take his place. Sang-hee knows how important it is for the fire to be lit-but he wishes that he could see soldiers - just once.
Asia Bookroom	Grass Sandals. The Travels of Basho	Spivak, Dawnine; Demi	ES1, St1, St2	2009	Simon & Schuster	9781442409361	Picture book. A simple retelling of the travels of 17th century Japanese poet, Basho, across his island homeland. The book includes examples of the haiku verses he composed
	Wishbones	Wilson, Barbara Ker & So, Meilo	ES1, St1, St2	2009	Frances Lincoln	9781845079383	An authentic, Oriental folk-tale, loosely based on Cinderella. Wishbones, magic fishbones that make every dream come true... From south of the clouds comes this Asian fable, weaving riches and sorrows into the enchanted tale of a golden-eyed fish, a lost slipper, and a king's search for his bride.
Asia Bookroom	Boy of the Three-Year Nap	Snyder, Dianne	ES1, St1, St2	2010	Houghton Mifflin. US	9780395669570	Children's picture book, paperback. Lazy Taro gets his comeuppance when his wise mother uses his trick to avoid work to her own advantage. Winner of the Caldecott Honor Medal and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, and selected as an ALA Notable Children's Book.
Asia Bookroom	Dollop of ghee and a pot of wisdom, A	Soundar, Chitra	ES1, St1, St2	2010	Walker books. UK	9781406317022	Children's picture book, paperback. Four stories about young Prince Veera, who, along with his friend Suku, helps his father, the king, solve some of the problems he is having with his subjects. Trickster tales with lots of humour and colour, based on traditional Indian folktales

Asia Bookroom	My Freedom Trip	Park, Frances and Park, Ginger	ES1, St1, St2	2010	Boyds Mills Press US	9781590788264	Children's picture book, paperback. This deeply moving story of a child's escape in the dark of night from North to South Korea is based on memories of the author's mother. Just prior to the outbreak of the Korean War, young Soo secretly crosses the 38th parallel, hoping to join her father on the other side. Because it is dangerous for more than one person to cross at a time, her mother waits behind. At every step there seem to be enemy soldiers, but the child remembers her mother's words, "Be brave, Soo!" which continue to sustain her even years later.
Asia Bookroom	What Will You be, Sara Mee?	Avraham, Kate Aver	ES1, St1, St2	2010	Charlesbridge Publishing USA	9781580892117	Picture book. Sara Mee is turning one and her family and friends gather for her tol, or first-birthday celebration. Food and presents abound, but most exciting of all is the traditional Korean prophecy game, called the toljabee, which predicts what Sara Mee will be when she grows up.
	Ayu and the Perfect Moon	Cox, David	ES1, St1, St2	2011	Walker Books Aus	9781921720222	Picture book. As the full moon rose over the palms, Ayu moved her feet as she performed the traditional Balinese dance, the Legong. An atmospheric book which tells how a young girl in Indonesia once performed the beautiful Legong dance for her village. Notes on Legong dance.
Asia Bookroom	Ramadan Moon	Robert, Na'ima	ES1, St1, St2	2011	Frances Lincoln	9781847802064	Children's picture book, hardback. Muslims all over the world celebrate Ramadan and the joyful days of Eid-ul-Fitr at the end of the month of fasting as the most special time of year. This lyrical and inspiring picture book captures the wonder and joy of this great annual event, from the perspective of a child.
	Stone Soup	Muth, John J	ES1, St1, St2		Scholastic	9780439339094	Picture Book. This well-known traditional story has its roots in European folklore but has similar versions from many other parts of the world. This retelling has been set in China using Buddhist story tradition where three wise monks trick a frightened community into finding happiness by teaching them the magic of giving. The ink and watercolour illustrations add to the feel of the story. Much more to be read into the story than what's on the surface.
Asia Bookroom	Indian Children's Favourite Stories.	Somaiah, Rosemary	ES1, St1, St2, St3, St4	2007	Tuttle. Tokyo	9780804836876	Picture book, hardback. This delightful collection of Indian folktales retold for an international audience contains beautifully illustrated stories that will give children an insight into the traditional culture and history of India. They include tales of how the Lord Krishna escapes the evil Kamsa's repeated attempts to kill him, how the handsome Prince Rama returns to his father's kingdom to reclaim his throne, and more.



	Rabbit's year	Robbard, Jedda	ES1, St1	2011	Black Dog Books	9781742031750	Little Rabbit is sad. All he wants is a friend, but he is too shy to approach the other animals. Instead, Rabbit watches from the sidelines, playing his music alone while the other animals play together. How will rabbit find the courage to overcome his fears? And will the other animals be able to recognise Rabbit's true qualities?
Asia Bookroom	Magic Fan, The	Baker, Keith	St1, St2	1989	Harcourt, UK	9780152009830	Children's picture book, paperback. When Yoshi, a remarkable young Japanese builder, runs out of ideas, a magic fan inspires him with new projects. It is only after losing the fan that Yoshi discovers he can depend on his own imagination after all.
Asia Bookroom	Calendar of Festivals	Gilchrist, Cherry	St1, St2	2005	Barefoot Books Cambridge, Mass.	9781841489704	Children's picture book, paperback. Discover some of the fascinating stories and traditions that lie behind the festivals of many cultures. This cross-cultural collection includes stories from the Hindu Festival of Holi, Vesak which celebrates the birth and life of the Buddha, the Japanese festival of Tanabata and others, including European festivals
Asia Bookroom	Ms. Frizzle's Adventures. Imperial China.	Cole, Joanna	St1, St2	2005	Scholastic. US	9780590108232	Whisked back in time to ancient China, Ms Frizzle and friends journey to the capital to help a group of peasant farmers and in doing so learn how silk is made, how to grow rice and eat with chopsticks. They also travel on the Grand Canal and see the Great Wall under construction. Endnotes and sidebars give extra snippets of information about life in 11th century China.
	Gold-threaded dress	Marsden, Carolyn	St1, St2	2006	Candlewick Press	9780763629939	A young girl from Thailand finds that there are many shades to being American in this poignant story about longing to belong. In Thailand she was named Oy, but here in America the teachers call her Olivia. Other things are not so easy to change, however. When Oy draws a self-portrait that has brown hair and eyes round as coins, her classmate Frankie makes fun and calls her Chinese. And the popular girl, Liliandra, barely speaks to her, until she learns that Oy has something very special: a Thai dancing dress from her grandmother, shimmering with pink silk and golden threads that make her look like a princess. Will Oy risk shaming her family to win Liliandra's approval -- and be part of the club she has envied from afar?

Asia Bookroom	D Is for Dancing Dragon	Crane, Carol	St1, St2	2009	Gale. US	9781585364732	Winding its way like a long dragon through 4,000 miles of mountains, desert, and grasslands, The Great Wall of China was built entirely by hand, taking hundreds of years and millions of workers to complete. That's just one of the myriad wonders of China children will discover in this far-reaching book which brings China's history and culture alive by describing its unique customs, art works, music, foods, geography and wildlife.
	Mohammed's Journey	Robinson, Anthony, Young, AnneMarie & Robinson, June	St1, St2	2009	Frances Lincoln	9781845076535	Picture book. The true story of an Iraqi-Kurdish refugee child, and his flight from his home in Kirkuk to the UK. This is the story of Mohammed's escape from Iraq by bus, on horseback, in an inflatable raft on a raging river and finally, hiding in a lorry on a ship. It covers his journey from Kirkuk to the Iraq-Iran border, through Iran, into Turkey and then on to England and safety.
Asia Bookroom	Fly free	Thong, Roseanne	St1, St2	2010	Boyd's Mills Press US	9781590785508	Children's picture book, hardback. When you do a good deed, it will come back to you. Mai loves feeding the caged birds near the temple in Vietnam but dreams that one day she'll see them fly free. Then she meets Thu and shares the joy of feeding the birds with her. This sets a chain of good deeds in motion that radiates throughout her village and beyond.
Asia Bookroom	Moon bear	Guiberson, Brenda Z	St1, St2	2010	Henry Holt and Company, US	9780805092585	Children's picture book, paperback. Moon Bears, or Asiatic black bears, are becoming increasingly rare in the wild. They have distinctive blazes on their chests that resemble the crescent moon. Seldom seen, they leave footprints, claw marks, hair, and nests high in trees. These traces provide clues about their lives in the mountains and valleys of China and South East Asia. Follow one moon bear in the wild as she eats, plays, hibernates, and wakes up again in the spring.
	Japanese ninja surprise	Brown, Jeff	St1, St2	2011	Egmont	9781405252102	Flat Stanley is back! But whoever heard of a flat ninja? Stanley and his brother, Arthur, are such huge fans of the ninja movie star Oda Nobu that they decide to send him something even better than fan mail – Stanley himself! Soon enough, Flat Stanley is in Japan, seeing the country with his idol. But when trouble surprises them, it will take a real hero to save the day.

	Magic brush, The	Yeh, Kat	St1, St2	2011	Walker	9780802721785	Combining a heartwarming family story, a magical adventure, and a multilingual primer on Chinese language, "The Magic Brush" tells the story of Jasmine, a young girl who learns Chinese calligraphy from her Agong, or grandfather. As Jasmine learns how to paint the characters for dragon, fish, horse, friend, and more, she and Agong are magically transported to the wondrous world they are creating. But when Agong passes away, Jasmine must find a way for their special paintings to live on. Could her baby brother Tai-Tai be the key? "The Magic Brush," beautifully rendered in traditional cut-paper, is perfect for young readers and their parents to share, steeped in Chinese traditions and full of magical adventure.
	Painting Out the Stars	Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth	St1, St2	2011	Walker Books	9781406324860	Three deftly spun, emotionally resonant stories with the feel of time-honoured fables but the freshness of a contemporary voice. 1. When Tashi's mother falls ill and is unable to work, Tashi looks to the monkeys on a Himalayan tea plantation for help... 2. Yazul and his clan, trapped inside their desert fortress by bandits, are saved from starvation by fiercesome dragon kites... 3. Issa, the old mountain guide, has his life turned upside down when he stumbles upon a camel sheltering a baby girl in a desert storm...
	Pea Boy and Other Stories From Iran	Laird, Elizabeth	St1, St2	2011	Frances Lincoln	9781847802637	Portrays an Iran far removed from news headlines. Iran has mountains striped with snow, dense forests where bears and lynxes still roam, deserts, bazaars...but above all it has stories - of fairies and demons, of a monstrous metal eagle called the okab, of romantic cockroaches and foolish weavers.
	Three Indian goddesses	Gavin, Jamila	St1, St2	2011	Walker	9781406330953	Enter the magical and exotic world of the Indian goddesses... Three contemporary stories inspired by Hindu tales Shanta and the Goddess Kali: Shanta is chosen to dance for the gods at the temple by the sea. It's a great honour, but Shanta is terrified – the goddess Kali has put a terrible curse on the temple... Amrita and the Goddess Lakshmi: Hanuman the Monkey God takes Amrita into the story of Diwali to see Prince Rama tricked and Princess Sita kidnapped by the terrifying Lord of the Demons. Amrita will then witness the most terrifying battle on earth... Anil and Kiki and the Goddess Durga: When their cousin Durga comes to stay, Anil and Kiki find her a bit unusual. Strangely, she seems to know what's going on in their minds. But when trouble threatens, Durga turns out to be a very useful person to know...

	Three Indian princesses	Gavin, Jamila	St1, St2	2011	Walker	9781406330960	Three captivating retellings of Hindu tales. Princess Savitri happily leaves the palace to live with her husband, Satyvan, in the jungle. But behind her joy there is fear, for Savitri carries a dark secret. It is written in the stars Satyvan will die within a year... Princess Damayanti is the one everyone wants to marry, including the gods. However, even they are happy to consent to her marriage to King Nala – all except the demon Kali, who lays a curse on the perfect couple... Princess Sita follows her husband Prince Rama when he is banished to the jungle by his jealous stepmother, just before he is to become king. But she is kidnapped by Ravana, Lord of the Demons...
Austral Ed	Empty pot, The	Demi	St1, St2		Owl Paperback Books	9780805049008	When the Emperor of China gives all the children seeds to grow, Ping is dismayed that his pot is the only empty pot. All the other children have grown beautiful flowers. However the emperor is delighted with Ping because Ping is the only one honest enough to admit that his seed didn't grow.
	Lon Po Po	Young, Ed	St1, St2		Puffin	9780698113824	This "gripping variation of Red Riding Hood . . . is an outstanding achievement that will be pored over again and again" (School Library Journal, starred review). "The illustrations seem to throb with the mystery and terror of the wolf"---The Horn Book, starred review. Winner of the 1990 Randolph Caldecott Medal. Full color
Asia Bookroom	Indian Tales. A Barefoot Collection	Nanji, Shenaaz & Corr, Christopher	St1, St2,	2009	Barefoot Books UK	9781846864261	Picture Book: The eight stories you will find here come from different states in the Indian subcontinent. Magical spirits in the mountains of the northeast, sneaky robbers and brave heroines in the heart of the Indus Valley; action and adventure in the far south, and much, much more! Maps and facts about the Indian subcontinent and each of the featured states included.
Asia Bookroom	Treasury of Japanese Folktales. Bilingual English and Japanese Text.	Yasuda, Yuri and Matsunari, Yumi	St1, St2,	2010	Tuttle Shokai, Japan	9784805310793	Bilingual picture book, hardback. Presented in both English and Japanese, this anthology contains twelve of the best Japanese folk and fairy tales, told to generation after generation of Japanese children. These charming tales of rich imagination carry us, on turtle-back, to the splendours of the underwater palace of the dragon princess, to the beautiful hills where Kintaro plays with his animal friends, and to a temple where we discover a "tea kettle" that is really a cunning badger in disguise.
Austral Ed	Willow pattern story, The	Drummond, Allan	St1, St2, St3	1995	North-South Books		This is one version of the story which explains the motifs of the Chinese influenced blue and white pattern so often used on crockery.

Asia Bookroom	Favorite Children's Stories from China and Tibet.	Hume, Lotta Carswell	St1, St2, St3	2002	Tuttle. Boston	9780804835862	Picture book. Here is a world where humans and animals switch places, a captivating world where magic can be both good and evil. These unique stories are fresh and charming, filled with humorous insights into Chinese life and culture, including the power and influence of the moon and the importance of festivals.
Asia Bookroom	Singapore Children's Favorite Stories	Taylor, Diane	St1, St2, St3	2003	Periplus. Singapore	9780794600976	Diana Taylor pulls together eleven beloved myths and tales often shared from mother to child, stories of how Singapore got its name or the time a tiger was found under a billiard table at the Raffles Hotel. These stories introduce children to Singapore's multicultural past and its colonial roots.
Asia Bookroom	Korean Children's Favorite Stories	So-un, Kim	St1, St2, St3	2004	Tuttle. Boston	9780804835916	This book is a beautifully illustrated, captivating collection of Korean folk tales which are still being told, just as they have been for generations. Some are peculiar to Korea, while others echo those told in other countries. Written with wit and pathos, they unveil the inevitable foibles of people everywhere and expose the human-like qualities of animals and the animal-like qualities of humans.
Austral Ed	One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale	Demi	St1, St2, St3	2004	Baker & Taylor USA	9780590939980	Beautifully illustrated in the style of Indian miniatures, this is the story of a young girl who requests, as a reward for a good deed, just one grain of rice at first and then double the amount of the day before over 30 days. To the greedy Raja's astonishment, this grows to more than one billion grains of rice which she shares with the hungry people.
Asia Bookroom	Liu and the Bird	Louis, Catherine	St1, St2, St3	2006	North-South Books. US	9780735820500	Children's picture book, hardback. This innovative book combines the story of Liu who goes off to visit her grandfather with a rebus-style look at the evolution of Chinese written language from pictures to today's modern calligraphy characters.
Asia Bookroom	Erika-San	Say, Allen	St1, St2, St3	2009	Houghton Mifflin. US	9780618889334	Picture book. A beautiful story about an American girl who seeks adventure in Japan and discovers more than she could have imagined. In her grandmother's house there is one Japanese print of a small house with lighted windows. Even as a small girl, Erika loved that picture. It will pull her through childhood, across vast oceans and modern cities, then into towns she has only ever dreamed about. But Erika cannot truly know what she will find there, among the rocky seacoasts, the rice paddies, the circle of mountains, and the class of children.

Asia Bookroom	Listen to the Wind. The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea.	Mortenson, Greg and Roth, Susan L.	St1, St2, St3	2009	Dial Press. US	9780803730588	Children's picture book, hardback. Greg Mortenson stumbled, lost and delirious, into a remote Himalayan village after a failed climb up K2. The villagers saved his life, and he vowed to return and build them a school. The remarkable story of his promise kept is told in the voice of Korpheas children and illuminates the humanity and culture of a relevant and distant part of the world in gorgeous collage, while sharing a riveting example of how one person can change thousands of lives.
Asia Bookroom	Little Sima and the Giant Bowl. A Chinese Folktale.	Qu, Zhi	St1, St2, St3	2009	Millbrook Press. US	9781580138505	Little Sima's village in China was suffering from one hundred years without rain. Then a wizard gave the Sima family a giant porcelain bowl. He said this would turn their luck around. Sure enough, rain started to fall. But one day, Little Sima's friend fell into the giant bowl. Can Little Sima save his friend from drowning without stopping the rain?
Austral Ed	Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr Greg and Three Cups of Tea	Mortenson, Greg & Roth, Susan L	St1, St2, St3	2010		9780803730588	Greg Mortenson stumbled, lost and delirious, into a remote Himalayan village after a failed climb up K2. The villagers saved his life, and he vowed to return and build them a school. The remarkable story of his promise kept is now perfect for reading aloud. Told in the voice of Korpheas children, this story illuminates the humanity and culture of a relevant and distant part of the world in gorgeous collage, while sharing a riveting example of how one person can change thousands of lives.
Asia Bookroom	Sarindi & the Lucky Bird	Fraser , Janine M	St2	2001	HarperCollins	9780207199141	Sarindi, who lives in Yogyakarta, wants to win the lucky marble from his friend, but it seems that he has no luck. His father wants a lucky bird so that he will make money as a becak driver again. But sometimes luck can be a thing of the heart, as much as a thing of fate. And so it was for Sarindi and his family.
Asia Bookroom	Haroun and the Sea of Stories	Rushdie, Salman	St2, St3	1991	Penguin Books. UK	9780140140354	Children's novel, paperback. Haroun's father is the greatest of all storytellers. His magical stories bring laughter to the sad city of Alifbay. But one day something goes wrong and his father runs out of stories to tell. Haroun is determined to return the storyteller's gift to his father. So he flies off on the back of the Hoopie bird to the Sea of Stories - and a fantastic adventure begins

SCAN	Dream dragon	WINER, Yvonne & WONG, Stanley	St2, St3	1998	Margaret Hamilton	1876289074	The villagers were concerned when the dragon that so enchanted them with her rich stories, stopped visiting them in their dreams. How could they recapture their dream dragon and keep the stories alive? The old weaver suggested capturing her in the colours and patterns they wove, the parents in the music they made, the children in the stories they imagined. This simple story, which celebrates imagination and creativity, is told in poetic language complemented by expressive illustrations. They feature a mix of Asian characters and elements from Chinese, Thai, Indonesian, Filipino cultures. This picture book could provide a springboard for children to weave their own magical stories
	Elephants of the Tsunami	Jana Laiz	St2, St3	2005	EarthBoundBooks	9780977181834	A pictorial re-telling of an extraordinary true event that occurred December 26, 2004 on Khao Lak Beach, Thailand, the morning of the devastating South Asian Tsunami. As many as a million people were killed, and many more lost everything they owned. EarthBound Books is proud to present this beautifully illustrated and sensitively told story of selfless bravery performed by working elephants who risked their lives to save many who otherwise would have been consumed by the sea.
Asia Bookroom	Kamishibai Man	Say, Allen	St2, St3	2005	Walter Lorraine Books. NY	9780618479542	Picture Book: After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man - a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies - decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television, and discovers that the children have not forgotten him.
Asia Bookroom	Gateway to Asian Games	Lim, Rosalind	St2, St3	2006	AsiaPac Books. Singapore	9789812294456	Children's reference book, paperback. Gateway to Asian Games takes you back in time to the Singapore and Malaysia of the 1950's and 1960's when children entertained themselves by playing games from outdoor games like kite flying, main lereng (what's that, you may ask), rounders and hopscotch to indoor games such as Snap and Happy Families, congkat, dayam and xiangqi. Many have their origins in China, India and other parts of Asia, others are common to several other cultures.

Asia Bookroom	Boy Who Painted Dragons, The	Demi	St2, St3	2007	Margaret K McElderry, USA	9781416924692	Children's picture book, hardback. A story of valour in the face of overwhelming fear. With splashes of color and dramatic detail, a boy named Ping decorates his home with paintings of dragons. While they seem to be a proclamation of his love for dragons, they are actually an expression of his deepest fear. With bold and expansive illustrations that sweep across the pages, award-winning author and artist Demi's triumphant tale proves that the greatest fear of fear itself is one that <u>can be conquered with truth and bravery</u>
	Fistful of pearls and other tales from Iraq, A	Laird, Elizabeth	St2, St3	2007	Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd	9781845076412	Secret serpents, devilish demons, mysterious...the folk tales of Iraq teem with otherworldly creatures, magic and earthy humour. Award-winning novelist Elizabeth Laird has gathered together the very best Iraqi stories during her time in the Middle East - stories ranging from thieving porcupines who get their come-uppance to the hilarious tale of the chaos caused by a handsome stranger who knocks at a house inside which lurks a marriageable daughter. Meticulously researched and elegantly retold, the stories reveal the true, traditional heart of Iraq, <u>far removed from today's news headlines.</u>
	Ghaddar The Ghoul And Other Palestinian Tales	Nimr, Sonia	St2, St3	2007	Frances Lincoln	9781845075231	A wide range of stories drawn from a rich vein of Palestinian folk tales. Why do snakes eat frogs? What makes a man-eating ghoul turn vegetarian? And how can a woman make a bored prince smile? The answers to these and many other questions can be found in this amazing anthology of Palestinian folk tales. The upbeat storytelling, bubbling with wit and humour, will delight readers discovering for the first time the rich tradition of Palestinian storytelling.
Asia Bookroom	One Day in Japan with Hokusai	Altman, Julia	St2, St3	2007	Prestel, Munich	9783791324869	Picture book. Adventures in Art Series. Kiku and Yoshi can't wait to visit their grandfather, Japan's most famous artist Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849), who tells them exciting tales of his travels to the far away cities of Kyoto and Osaka. The stories are fully illustrated with Hokusai's delightful and detailed prints.



	Jade dragon, The	Marsden, Carolyn	St2, St3	2008	Candlewick Press	9780763640613	A Chinese-American girl longs for friendship with a classmate adopted from China in this subtle, insightful middle-grade novel. Ginny is sure the new girl in her second-grade class will be her best friend. After all, Stephanie is Chinese, just like Ginny. But Ginny soon discovers some puzzling things about Stephanie: she doesn't like Chinese food, she hates her straight black hair, and even more surprisingly, her parents are not Chinese. At Ginny's house, MaMa cooks delicious Chinese dishes as the family prepares for their big holiday party and Stephanie spies Ginny's most prized possession -- a hand-carved jade dragon -- and asks to take it home. Much as Ginny yearns for a best friend, is it worth the risk of losing her special keepsake and angering MaMa?
Austral Ed	Marco Polo	Demi	St2, St3	2008	Benchmark Books	9780761454335	Beautifully illustrated this book describes in detail Marco Polo's epic voyage to China with his uncles and also his time in Kublai Khan's court where he stayed for 20 years. It also describes his astonishing voyage home and his reception in Venice where very few believed the story of his amazing journeys.
Asia Bookroom	Guan Yu. Blood Brothers to the End: A Chinese Legend	Jolley, Dan and Randall, Ron	St2, St3	2009	Graphic Universe. US	9781580138901	Children's graphic novel. From one of China's most famous epics comes a righteous hero and god of war. Guan Yu, an ancient Chinese warrior, fights side by side with his blood brothers to squash the menacing Yellow Scarves. He defends his country and his honour, but all over China, opponents pose grave challenges, each one more trying than the next. Will Guan Yu prevail against the forces that threaten him or will the obstacles prove too much for even the brave warrior to handle?
Asia Bookroom	Boy in the garden, the	Say, Allen	St2, St3	2010	Houghton Mifflin. US	9780547214108	Children's picture book, hardback. There was a story that Mama read to Jiro about an old man and a crane. When Jiro looks out the window into the garden, he sees a crane and remembers that story. Suddenly, the legend comes to life and Jiro finds himself in a world woven between dream and reality. A tale about the power of story, the allure of the imagined, and the gossamer line between truth and fantasy.

Asia Bookroom	Buddha's Diamonds, The	Marsden, Carolyn and Niem, Thay Phap	St2, St3	2010	Candlewick Press. US	9780763648282	Children's novel, paperback. Every day, Tinh heads out to sea with his father to catch fish for their family and the market. While he may miss his simple life, flying kites with other children on the beach, Tinh is proud to work alongside Ba. Then a fierce storm strikes, and Ba entrusts Tinh to secure the family vessel, but the boy panics and runs away. It will take courage and faith to salvage the bamboo boat, win back Ba's confidence, and return to sea. A graceful and lyrically told tale of a boy's literal and spiritual coming-of-age.
Asia Bookroom	Danger by Moonlight	Gavin, Jamila	St2, St3	2010	Walker Books. AUS	9781406319811	Children's novel, paperback. Filippo, a twelve-year-old Venetian boy, has never known his father, a renowned jeweller. When a mysterious visitor from Hindustan claims that the jeweller is being held for ransom by kidnappers in Afghanistan, Filippo sets off on a treacherous journey through Asia, encountering bandits, warlords and greedy shahs.
	Give me shelter	Bradman, Tony	St2, St3	2010	Frances Lincoln	9781847800022	Highlights the plight of many hundreds of thousands of children and teenagers who find themselves in this terrifying situation. The phrase 'asylum-seeker' is one we see in the media all the time. It stimulates fierce and controversial debate, in arguments about migration, race and religion. The movement of people from poor or struggling countries to those where there may be opportunities for a better life is a constant in human history, but it is something with particular relevance in our own time. This collection of short stories shows us people who have been forced to leave their homes or families to seek help and shelter elsewhere. Some are about young people travelling to other countries, others are concerned with children left behind when parents are forced to flee. These are stories about physical and emotional suffering, but also about the humanity of some people from host countries who act with generosity and sympathy.
Asia Bookroom	Kubla Khan. The Emperor of Everything	Krull, Kathleen	St2, St3	2010	Penguin US	9780670011148	The great Kubla Khan was a man who liked to live large, building the imperial city of Beijing from scratch, siring a hundred children, throwing birthday bashes for 40,000 guests. He ruled over the greatest empire of the time, one that was lightyears ahead of Western civilization in terms of the arts, sciences, and technology.

Asia Bookroom	Life as a Ninja	Doeden, Matt	St2, St3	2010	Coughlan Publishers. US	9781429648677	Children's novel, paperback. You are a ninja in feudal Japan. As a mysterious shadow warrior, you serve as a deadly soldier for hire. You use your powerful weapons and knowledge of the ancient art of ninjitsu to defend your employer to the death, if necessary. You choose your course of action and the ultimate resolution of the tasks given.
Asia Bookroom	Luka and the Fire of Life	Rushdie, Salman	St2, St3	2010	Jonathan Cape. UK	9780224090216	Picture book. On a beautiful starry night in the city of Kahani in the land of Alifbay a terrible thing happened: twelve-year-old Luka's storyteller father, Rashid, fell suddenly and inexplicably into a sleep so deep that nothing and no one could rouse him. To save him from slipping away entirely, Luka must embark on a journey through the Magic World, encountering a slew of phantasmagorical obstacles along the way, to steal the Fire of Life, a seemingly impossible and exceedingly dangerous task.
Asia Bookroom	Takeshita Demons	Burne, Cristy	St2, St3	2010	Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd UK	9781847801159	Children's novel, paperback. Miku Takeshita and her family have moved from Japan to live in the UK, but unfortunately the family's enemy demons have followed them! Miku knows she's in trouble when her new supply teacher turns out to be a Nukekubi - a bloodthirsty demon who can turn into a flying head and whose favourite snack is children. That night, in a raging snowstorm, Miku's little brother Kazu is kidnapped by the demons, and then it's up to Miku and her friend Cait to get him back.
Asia Bookroom	Under a Silver Moon	Fine, Anne	St2, St3	2010	Walker books. UK	9781406319231	In a hot, faraway land, two baby boys are born under the same silver moon: Haroun, the son of the sultan, and Akil, the son of the gardener. As children they play together until one day Haroun has to learn princely ways. He is waited on hand and foot and all he can do for himself is eat, so every day he eats more and more and grows bigger and bigger. No doctors can offer a cure. But one day a hooded stranger tells Haroun that if he digs the garden he will find a key that will give him good health.

NSW PRC 32650	Cloud Tea Monkeys	Peet, Mal, Graham, Elspeth & Wijngaard, Juan	St2, St3	2011	Walker Books	9781406333862	Monkeys come to the rescue of a struggling family in this traditional tale from a Carnegie Medal winner. Tashi lives in a tiny village below the tea plantations where her mother earns a living. One day her mother falls ill, and Tashi must pick tea to earn the money for a doctor. But she is too small to reach the tender shoots and the cruel Overseer sends her away empty-handed. Tashi needs a miracle. Then, on the mountains high above the plantation where only monkeys live, something extraordinary happens that will change her life for ever... Based on a centuries-old tale of tea-picking monkeys, a richly-told story full of characters.
	Poacher peril (WILD rescue series)	Burchett, Jan & Vogler, Sara	St2, St3	2011	Hardie Grant	9781921690259	Twins Ben and Zoe are devastated at being left at home when their parents head to Africa for their next veterinary adventure. But they're about to have an adventure of their own. Contacted by renowned zoologist Dr Steven Fisher, they are recruited into WILD, a secret organisation dedicated to helping animals in danger. Soon they're on their way to Indonesia to rescue a tiger and her two cubs from a gang of poachers.
	Wings	Huber, Raymond	St2, St3	2011	Walker Books	9781921720208	The adventurous honey bee, Ziggy, gets into another sticky situation. Ziggy and his new family are on another adventure. They travel to Japan for a special mission – to try and find out what is causing the bees of Tokyo to disappear. While investigating, Ziggy comes across new friends, a colony of honey bees with a very different way of protecting their hive; and a new terrifying enemy – the huge hornet, Torgo. Will Ziggy be able to solve the mystery of the missing bees in time? the bees encounter helicopters, bullet trains, motorbikes, lasers and the new Tokyo Tower.
Austral Ed	River, The	Hathorn & Wong, Stanley	St2, St3	c.2001	Curriculum Corporation	1863665161	The River is presented in different voices and in different times. It deals with the continuity of life as represented by the river, which provides a guide for a young Chinese girl, Xian, on her journey to the home of her grandparents. Libby Hathorn presents a story within a story, which adds complexity to the text. Modern-day Hong, the girl reading the story given to her by Ming (a woman who has worked as a cleaner in Hong's parent's shop), is transported back in time by the adventures of Xian when she travels to the home of her grandparents after the death of her mother. Hong is able to draw the conclusion that the story given to her by Ming is indeed Ming's own story.

	Yin's magic dragon	Lau, Siew Mei	St2, St3		Black Dog Books	9781921167874	This is the story of Yin, an only child, who lives with her Grandmother and parents, and her very loveable and loyal Dragon. When Yin's Grandmother has to leave the family home, Yin's Dragon comes to the rescue.
Asia Bookroom	Balinese Children's Favorite Stories	Mason, Victor	St2, St3, St4	2001	Tuttle. Rutland	9789625934402	Picture book, hardback. A charming collection of 12 well-loved myths and tales from Bali which cover the universal themes of good and evil, children versus adults etc.
SCAN	Rama and Sita: a tale from ancient Java	Weitzman, David	St2, St3, St4	2002	David R. Godine	1567921515	The great, sacred Hindu epic, The Ramayana, is told all over Asia. Here is an abridgement and adaptation of the Javanese version, lavishly and appropriately illustrated with intricately drawn and brilliantly painted wayang, the traditional shadow puppets of Java. Told with dignity and restraint, while emphasising the cultural and historic traditions of the story within the community, it is a tale of good and evil, in which goodness eventually triumphs. The virtues of loyalty, courage, perseverance, love, acceptance, honour and forgiveness are demonstrated in this beautifully presented book which is challenging and enlightening to read.
	Free?: Stories Celebrating Human Rights	Amnesty International	St2, St3, St4	2009	Walker Books	9781406318302	To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Walker Books and Amnesty International have joined together to create a short-story collection for young adults, celebrating what it means to be free. Hosting a variety of talented children's authors from all around the globe, the anthology embraces such themes as asylum, law, education and faith in a way that will both inspire and entertain.
	Thai-riffic	Phommavanh, Oliver	St2, St3, St4	2010	Penguin	9780143304852	Albert (Lengy) Lengviriyakul, is fed up with being Thai. His parents own a Thai restaurant with the cheesy name of Thai-riffic! and Lengy is sick of being his father's curry guinea pig, longing to just eat pizza! At school he is a bit of a troublemaker, going to any lengths to hide his background. But when his best friend decides to become Thai for a day for a school project, Lengy stubbornly comes to the realisation that there may just be some pretty cool things about his culture.

	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin, Grace	St2, St3, St4	2010	Little, Brown & Co	9780316114271	In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man of the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the <u>ultimate answer</u> .
Asia Bookroom	Tough Stuff. True Stories About Kids and Courage.	Murray, Kirsty	St3, St4	1999	Allen & Unwin	9781864489293	Children's anthology, paperback. These are stories of real kids doing it tough, from the wolf girls of India to Iqbal Masih, the inspirational 12-year-old human rights activist, to the Dalai Lama. Stories about children who have protested, rebelled, prayed, saved lives, earned a fortune, lost everything, become world-famous, or survived oppression and war. It's about kids making a difference in the adult world. It's about kids and courage. Pacy, poignant, confronting
SCAN	Saving Saddler Street	STARKE, Ruth	St3, St4	2001	Lothian	734401973	Saving a school from closure is the theme of this novel for independent readers. The story tells of migrants who came to Adelaide and attended Saddler Street School over 100 years. It is a history of multiculturalism and of the difficulties faced by non English speaking students in Australia. Set in the Depression era, and in the 1990s, the characters are well developed, with families from Asian and European backgrounds. This story emphasises the values of: persistence; appreciation of other cultures; respect for older generations; love of <u>learning; and loyalty</u> .
Asia Education Foundation	Single shard, A	Park, Linda Sue	St3, St4	2001	Random House	9780440418511	Winner of John Newbury Medal and ALA Best Book for Young Adults. 152pp, paperback. Set against the background of 12th century Korea, this is a compelling story of a young potter who embarks on a difficult and dangerous journey and is also a story about doing what is right.

	Under the persimmon tree	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	St3, St4	2006	Walker Books	9780744555974	An outstanding novel exploring the relationship between a young American woman and a refugee girl. Northern Afghanistan, 2001. When the Taliban takes her brother and father to be soldiers and the bombing of her tiny village kills her mother and baby brother, Najmah makes a dangerous journey over the mountains to Pakistan. Here she meets Elaine, an American woman waiting for her doctor husband to return from the front. Najmah joins Elaine's refugee school under the persimmon tree, until, sure that both their families are dead, Elaine tries to persuade her to go to America. But when Najmah's brother arrives at the school, still alive, she bravely decides to return with him to the village of their birth. Based on the true stories told to the author whilst in Afghanistan and the refugee camps in Pakistan
Asia Bookroom	Year of the Tiger	Lloyd, Alison	St3, St4	2008	Puffin. Melbourne	9780143303626	Children's teenage historical fiction novel. On the edge of the Han Empire, the Great Wall is crumbling. And on the other side, China's enemies are gathering strength. In the shadow of the wall, two very different boys are thrown together, hoping to win an archery contest. A thrilling story - full of action and adventure - set during one of the most <u>fascinating and dramatic periods in history.</u>
SCAN	Kampung boy	Lat	St3, St4	2009	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	9780980607000	The first Australian edition of an Asian classic, Kampung boy is an autobiographical cartoon book by an award winning Malaysian cartoonist. It is a detailed insight into the childhood of an Islamic boy growing up in rural Malaysia in the 1950s. The written text is humorously straightforward, and illuminated and expanded by the sometimes hilarious black and white drawings which offer a richly detailed picture of village life that is both comic and tender. It includes familiar childhood escapades, such as dozing off in class, fishing, going to the movies, mixing with the rough boys, trespassing and an encounter with the police, against a background of family rituals and <u>daily village life.</u>
	Con-nerd	Phommavanh, Oliver	St3, St4	2011	Penguin	9780143304869	Mama tells me I'm gifted and talented. But I know the truth. I'm just a nerd. Kids call me Con-nerd - half Connor and all nerd. Only a nerd goes to tutoring classes on weekend and in school holidays! I'm supposed to become a doctor but I have this deep, dark secret: I just want to draw. And my mega-cool cartoons are getting heaps of attention at school - I might even get into a special art class and have a go at an art competition. That would sure impress this girl I'm keen on...and it might just be my chance to show the world my true destiny. <u>But I'm not sure my family will see it quite that way...</u>

	Ubby's Underdogs: The Legend of the Phoenix Dragon	McKenna, Brenton E	St3, St4	2011	Magabala Books	9781921248313	Set in the 1940s when Broome is still recovering from World War II, The Legend of the Phoenix Dragon follows the adventures of Ubby, a smart, street-wise Aboriginal girl. Ubby is the leader of a small rag-tag gang known as the 'Underdogs.' With a keen eye for potential gang members, Ubby recruits Sai Fong, a Chinese girl just off the boat from Shanghai. From the moment Ubby and Sai Fong meet, their worlds collide as they find themselves thrown into a series of bizarre adventures full of myths and legends, and secrets never before exposed. This is a heroic tale that measures the limits of courage and friendship. Ubby's Underdogs: The Legend of the Phoenix Dragon boasts a multifaceted narrative with staggering graphic detail in order to introduce a series of complex characters with links to other worlds. Amidst a backdrop of fictionalised Aboriginal and Chinese mythology in the unique multicultural town of Broome.
Asia Bookroom	Three Cups of Tea. One Man's Journey to Change the World... One Child at a Time.	Mortenson, Greg and Relin, David.	St3, St4, St5	2009		9780143304630	With the first cup of tea you are a stranger. With the second . . . a friend. With the third cup of tea, you are family. In 1993, Greg Mortenson tried to climb K2, which is the second highest mountain in the world. On the way down, he became lost in the mountains of Pakistan and stumbled into a poor village. There, the village chief and his people offered Greg even more than three cups of tea: they nursed him back to health. Moved by their kindness, he promised to return and build a school for their children. This is the story of that promise's extraordinary result. Despite death threats, a kidnapping, and more, Mortenson has built over sixty schools-especially for girls-in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He has dedicated his life to promoting peace through education. <u>one child at a time.</u>
SCAN	Fortune cookies	Harris, Christine	St4, St5	1998	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	91834872	In this aptly titled volume, ten short stories lay bare the lives and legends of Asian people. Sarah revisits her Singapore homeland; Huong, an Australian born Vietnamese boy, faces school bullies; Halil endures torture; Lacey visits an unusual Balinese tourist attraction; and Su Lin and Amelia have a taste for fast food. The warmth apparent in the cover photograph of Japanese exchange student, Miki, and her friend, Joe, is reflected in Miki's diary entries and Joe's anecdotes. Readers may empathise with the sadness of the characters, their hopes and torments, and through it all develop a better understanding of cross cultural ties between Australia and Asia.



	Ruby's Wish	Bridges, Shirin Yim; Blackall, Sophie		2002	Chronicle Books	9780811834902	Picture Book. In China, at a time when few girls are taught to read or write, Ruby dreams of going to the university with her brothers and male cousins. Inspired by the life of the author's grandmother and paired with evocative watercolour paintings, this book is an engaging portrait of a determined young girl and a family who rewards her independent spirit. Useful teacher notes can be found for this book on the <a href="#">Asia Educators Teachers Australia Inc website</a> .
Austral Ed	Name jar, The	Choi, Yangsook		2003	Turtleback	9780613829793	A story about a young Korean girl who thinks she will choose an American name when she comes to live in America in order to fit in better. However in the end she decides that her name, Unhei meaning Grace, reflects herself and her culture. A lesson in cultural understanding in the classroom.
SCAN	Tales told in tents: stories from Central Asia	Clayton, Sally Pomme		2004	Frances Lincoln Children's,	1845070666	Legends of Central Asian countries are described, beautifully illustrated and brought to life with simple explanations of their contemporary context in this book. It is an excellent resource to enhance a study of the HSIE Strand: Cultures. A great shared reading resource, this book should stimulate and challenge students to employ higher order thinking skills. At the completion of each story, the author elaborates on her adventures and describes the local cultural interpretation of these stories. The cover sheet at the back of the book contains an excellent map that orientates the reader with the lands described within the legend.
Austral Ed	Long-Long's New Year	Gower, Catherine		2005	Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd	9781845073992	It is the day before New Year and Long-Long's family is preparing for the celebrations. Long-Long is leaving his village for the first time in order to help his grandfather with the cartload of cabbages they must sell in order to buy food and decorations for the festivities. The characters and scenarios they encounter along the way provide a snapshot of life in contemporary China, seen through the eyes of a young child.
Asia Bookroom	One Leaf Rides the Wind	Mannis, Celeste		2005	Penguin Books. UK	9780142401958	Picture book. Filled with lush illustrations, this counting book reveals both the pleasure and the tranquility of the Japanese garden, while introducing haiku poetry, with eleven poems that are simple and easy to follow. Follow along as the young girl explores the beauty of the garden, and discover the fun of haiku.

	Seven Chinese Sisters, The	Tucker, Kathy		2007	Albert Whitman	9780807573105	Picture book. illustrated by Grace Lin, paperback. Once there were seven Chinese sisters who lived together and took care of each other. After baby Seventh Sister is snatched by a hungry dragon, her loving sisters race to save her. In Kathy Tucker's delightful update of a classic Chinese folk tale, exuberantly illustrated by Grace Lin, each sister uses her talent in a surprising way to rescue baby Seventh Sister--and even Seventh Sister turns out to have an unexpected skill.
	Snake (Five ancestors series)	Stone, Jeff		2007	Hodder Children's Books	9780340902325	Over 350 years ago in China, five young warrior monks escaped a brutal attack on their temple. Each monk specialised in a different style of "animal" kung fu. As the young monks scrambled to stay one step ahead of their attackers, they spread the non-violent, philosophies as well as teaching specific fighting skills for defence. Their teachings are rumoured to be the foundation for many martial arts systems and for this reason these young monks are known as The Five Ancestors. In this third action-packed instalment of the series, Seh - the young, serious Snake Style kung fu master - finds himself captured by a band of thieves, inadvertently turns several black hearts into gold before racing to the sacred Shaolin Temple to find his brothers
	Tiger Series Five ancestors series (1 of 5)	Stone, Jeff		2007	Hodder Children's Books	9780340932155	Over 350 years ago in China, five young warrior monks escaped a brutal attack on their temple. Each monk specialised in a different style of "animal" kung fu. As the young monks scrambled to stay one step ahead of their attackers, they spread the non-violent, philosophies as well as teaching specific fighting skills for defence. Their teachings are rumoured to be the foundation for many martial arts systems and for this reason these young monks are known as The Five Ancestors. In this first action-packed book of the series, Fu - the aggressive, 12-year-old Tiger-style kung fu master - has to learn the importance of self-control. Can he win the hearts of an entire village, and so save himself from the enemy soldiers, by teaching them all the art of understanding?
Asia Bookroom	Zen Ties	Muth, Jon J		2008	Scholastic	9780439634250	Picture book. Summer has arrived -- and so has Koo, Stillwater's haiku-speaking young nephew. And when Stillwater encourages Koo, and his friends Addy, Michael, and Karl to help a grouchy old neighbour in need, their efforts are rewarded in unexpected ways. Zen Ties is a disarming story of compassion and friendship that reaffirms the importance of our ties to one another.

Asia Bookroom	Zen Ghosts	Muth, Jon J		2010	Scholastic	9780439634304	Children's picture book, hardback. It's Halloween. The trees are ablaze in fiery reds. Excited children don colourful costumes. And there's mystery and fun around every corner! When Addy, Michael, and Karl finish trick-or-treating, their bags are brimming with treats. But the fun isn't over yet. Their good friend Stillwater the panda has one more special surprise in store for them. A mysterious visitor is about to tell them a spine-tingling story - one that will fill each and every reader with wonder.
	Runaway wok, The	Compestine, Ying Chang		2011	Dutton Books	9780525420682	When a boy goes to the market to buy food and comes home with an old wok instead, his parents wonder what they'll eat for dinner. But then the wok rolls out of the poor family's house with a "skippity-hoppity-ho!" and returns from the rich man's home with a feast in tow! With spirited text and lively illustrations, this story reminds readers about the importance of generosity.
Asia Bookroom	Sadri Returns to Bali	Waldmeier, Elizabeth		2002	Periplus	9780794600532	Picture Book. Sadri Returns to Bali is set during the exhilarating Galungan festival of the fun-loving Balinese people. It is told through the eyes of a former child dancer, Sadri, who returns to his previous home on his annual visit to join the celebrations. The festival marks the victory of dharma (order) over adharma (disorder). It is celebrated by Balinese Hindus who believe that during these ten days of prayers, offerings, and joyful fasting, their revered ancestors return to their former homes to be entertained and welcomed.
	Green Frogs: A Korean Folktale, The	Heo, Yumi			Houghton Mifflin	9780618432288	Picture Book. Two green frogs always do the opposite of whatever their long-suffering mother tells them to do. "This Korean folktale is so beguilingly retold and visualized with such individuality that it deserves a wider audience."--"Publishers Weekly." Full color.
	I Hate English	Levine, Ellen			Turtleback	9780785768326	Picture Book. When her family moves to New York from Hong Kong, Mei Mei finds it difficult to learn the alien sounds of English.
Austral Ed	Kuan Yin	Lock, Kath			Era publications	9781863742153	The Chinese Buddhist tradition includes the goddess of compassion, Kuan Yin. In this story she saves a beautiful young woman from becoming the fifth wife of an aging Chinese lord.
	Little Refugee, The (COMING IN NOV 2011 – picture book version of The Happiest Refugee)	Do, Anh			Walker	9781742378329	

Austral Ed	Sea of gold	Bennett, David			Era publications	9781863740807	'Go back to your hut and dream,' cried the hurtful fishers to the quiet man who dearly wanted to join them on the fishing boats. How could they know that this simple, honest man would affect the fortunes of the whole community. A traditional folk tale from Japan.
	Seven Chinese Brothers, The	Mahy, Margaret			Tandem Library	9780833592262	Picture Book. With humor and wit, internationally acclaimed author Margaret Mahy captures the courageous adventures of seven brothers who use their supernatural gifts to overpower a cruel emperor. This ALA Notable Book features beautifully executed illustrations full of historical detail.
Austral Ed	Tiger, the brahmin and the jackal	Bennett, David			Era publications	9781863740784	A tiger convinces a Brahmin to free him from a trap. Of course, he really plans to have the Brahmin for his next meal - but a wily jackal has other ideas. The treacherous tiger, the trusting Brahmin and the quick-witted jackal hold the reader in suspense right to the clever conclusion of this tale from India.