

Selected titles in the Westcoast Early Learning Library about  
**Supporting Refugees in Early Childhood Programs**



**Little kids, big worries** by Alice Sterling Honig.

Many stressors exist for children in our complex society. This book explores the issue of children's stress and gives advice on how to recognize and influence children's stress levels.



**Fifty early childhood strategies for working and communicating with diverse families** by Janet Gonzalez-Mena.

A guide to developing culturally sensitive relationships with diverse families.



**Practice in building bridges** by Intisar Shareef and Janet Gonzalez-Mena.

Creating authentic, equitable relationships with people *unlike* ourselves, including colleagues and families of young children.



Judith A. Colbert, PhD

**Child health across cultures: the health, well-being and special needs of children from diverse backgrounds : a resource for teachers and others with an interest in strengthening the health of children experiencing more than one culture** by Judith A. Colbert.

A handbook for supporting children's health and well-being inclusive of all cultures.



**Supporting the settlement of young immigrant children & their families: a guide for early childhood educators** by Julie Dotsch.

A guide to help caregivers ease the transition for newcomer children and their families.



**Welcoming newcomer children: the settlement of young immigrants and refugees : a resource for teachers and others with an interest in supporting young newcomers from birth through age eight** by Judith A. Colbert.

A handbook for welcoming children and their families to Canadian programs.

#### **A selection of picture books about refugee and newcomer children:**

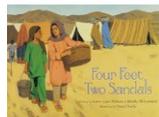


**A piece of home** by Sonia Levitin. A Russian immigrant child comes to understand the importance of the blanket he has brought with him to his new home.



**From far away** by Robert Munsch.

A classic Canadian story about one girl's experience as a newcomer.



**Four feet, two sandals** by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed.  
Two girls in a refugee camp each claim one sandal of a donated pair. Together they solve the problem of having four feet and two sandals and are reminded that friendship is what is most important.

**The whispering cloth** by Peggy Deitz Shea.

A young girl in a Thai refugee camp in the mid-70s finds the story within herself to create her own pa'ndau (embroidered tapestry).

**One day we had to run! Refugee children tell their stories in words and paintings** by Sybella Wilkes.

This book tells the story of three different children forced to become refugees and facing many dangers on their way to the relative safety of refugee camps.



**Sami and the time of troubles** by Florence Perry Heide.

A ten-year-old Lebanese boy goes to school, helps with chores, plays with friends, all the while living in a basement shelter vulnerable to bombing and street fighting.



**The long road** by Luis Garay.

The story of one boy's escape from Nicaragua during the civil war to a new country far away.

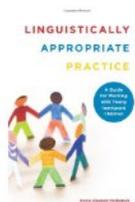
**Petar's song** by Pratima Mitchell.

Petar loves music, but when war breaks out and his family flees without his father, he can't play his violin anymore. Then one day a song of peace comes into his head.

**The colour of home** by Mary Hoffmann.

The story of a refugee child from Somalia who struggles to adjust to life and school in his new country.

**Additional titles to consider** – *some* available at the WELL (Ruth Beardsley collection)



**Linguistically appropriate practice: a guide for working with young immigrant children** by Roma Chumak-Horbatsch.

This book provides a convincing argument for the importance of children's home languages and the benefits of dual- and multi-language learning.



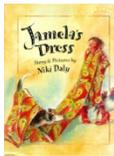
**The swirling hijaab** by Na'ima bint Robert.

An endearing story about the way a young Muslim girl feels about the hijab, or headscarf, that her mother wears.



**My friend Jamal** by Anna McQuinn.

Joseph and his Somali friend Jamal enjoy a friendship that transcends cultural differences.



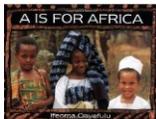
**Jamela's dress** by Niki Daly.

Jamela gets into her mother's dress material for a wedding and things go wrong, but there's a happy ending for Kwela Jamela African Queen!



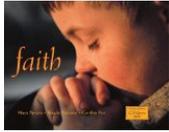
**Handa's hen** by Eileen Brown.

Handa and her friend Akeyo find two fluttery butterflies round the hen house, three stripy mice under the grain store, four little lizards behind the pots . . . but where is Grandma's black hen? Available in 21 dual language editions.



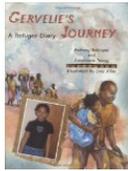
**A is for Africa** by Ifeoma Onyefulu.

The photographs were taken in Nigeria but the images pictured represent the warm family ties and traditional village life found throughout this vast, colourful continent.



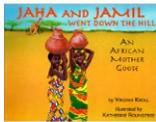
**Faith** by Maya Ajmera, Magda Nakassis, and Cynthia Pon.

Celebrate faith around the world in its many expressions.



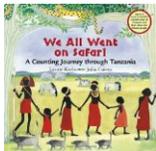
**Gervelie's journey: a refugee diary** by Anthony Robinson and Annemarie Young.

Gervelie was born in the Republic of Congo. When fighting broke out in her home city of Brazzaville, her family had to flee to safety.



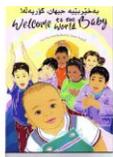
**Jaha and Jamil went down the hill: an African Mother Goose** by Virginia Kroll.

Mother Goose went on a trip to Africa far away. She wrote about the people there, who live and work and play.



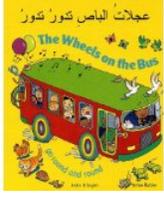
**We all went on safari: a counting journey through Tanzania** by Laurie Krebs.

Learn to count in Swahili and discover all kinds of African animals with this children's safari through the grasslands of Tanzania.



**Welcome to the world baby** by Na'ima bint Robert.

When Tariq brings in some dates to celebrate the new baby in his family, his class decides to learn how different families welcome babies into the world. Available in 26 dual language editions.



**The wheels on the bus go round and round** illustrated by Annie Kubler.

This illustrated version of the classic children's song is available in 19 dual language editions.

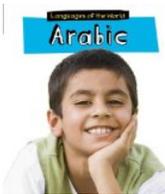


**Row, row, row your boat** illustrated by Annie Kubler.

This illustrated version of the classic children's song is available in 17 dual language editions.

**Head, shoulders, knees and toes** illustrated by Annie Kubler.

This illustrated version of the classic children's action rhyme is available in 19 dual language editions.



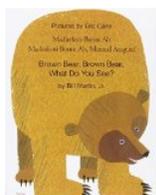
**Arabic: languages of the world** by Daniel Nunn.

This book examines the language: where it is spoken, who speaks it, and includes introductions on how to say key phrases in Arabic.



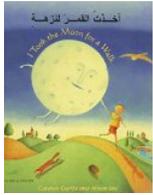
**Tom and Sofia start school** by Henriette Barkow and Priscilla Lamont.

The first day of school is an enormous step for every child. Available in 26 dual language editions.



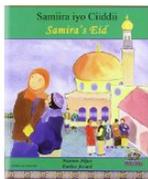
**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?** By Bill Martin, Jr.

Exuberantly coloured artwork and favourite animals make this rhythmic story the perfect introduction to looking and learning about colours. Available in 17 dual language editions.



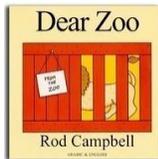
**I took the moon for a walk** by Carolyn Curtis and Alison Jay.

In a magical adventure, a little boy walks across a rural landscape, the moon beside him, with the neighborhood dogs supplying a choir. Available in 24 dual language editions.



**Samira's Eid** by Nasreen Aktar and Enebor Attard.

Today is the festival of Eid. The sighting of the new moon starts a day of celebration for Samira and her family. Available in 8 dual language editions.



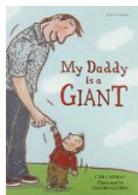
**Dear zoo** by Rod Campbell.

What's the perfect gift from the zoo? Look under the flaps to see the animals the zoo sends . . . Available in 11 dual language editions.



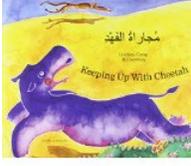
**Walking through the jungle** illustrated by Debbie Harter.

Join this fearless young explorer as she discovers the different animals and terrains of the world – and makes it home for supper, safe and sound. Available in 19 dual language editions.



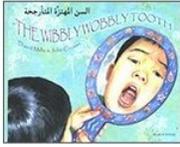
**My daddy is a giant** by Carl Norac.

He might sneeze like a hurricane and make the ground shake when he runs, but his daddy is a gentle giant. Available in 31 dual language editions.



**Keeping up with Cheetah** by Lindsay Camp.

Cheetah wants a friend who will laugh at his jokes, but can also run fast. Available in 28 dual language editions.



**The wibly wobby tooth** by David Mills.

Li wibbled and wobbled his loose tooth until it came out. What should he do with it? Available in 23 dual language editions.