

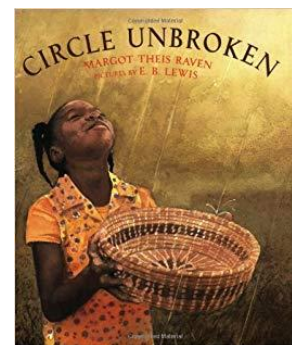
Recommended Children's Books

Reading allows us to travel to different landscapes and times to learn about the environment, history and culture, all without ever having to leave our homes—especially relevant now while we're quarantining to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

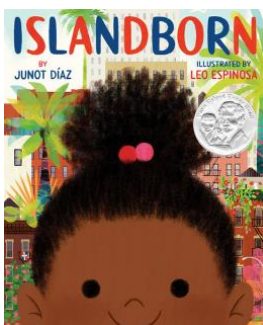
Encourage the children you teach to curl up with one of these riveting reads to learn about the natural world. You'll help to grow your students' environmental literacy while at home and at school, while also exposing them to the infinite variety of experiences we have while engaging with nature.

1. CIRCLE UNBROKEN: THE STORY OF A BASKET AND ITS PEOPLE (5-10 YEARS)

A young girl sits on her grandmother's lap and learns how to sew a basket made of natural sweetgrass. The grandmother recounts that the history of this practice goes all the way back to the riverbanks of Africa, where tall reeds growing along the water were used for many things.

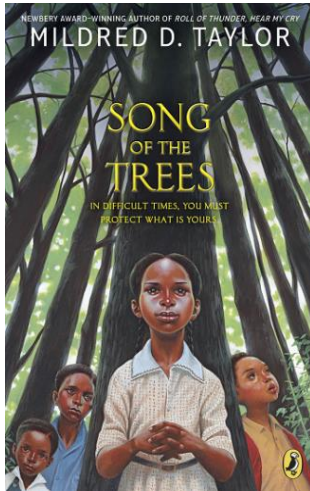


2. ISLANDBORN (5-8 YEARS)



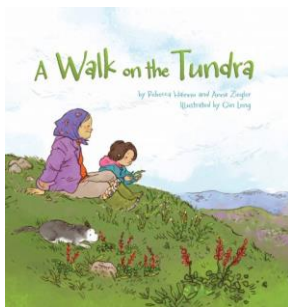
This book gracefully grapples with the challenges of immigration. The main character, a 6-year-old girl named Lola, moved to the United States with her family when she was so young that she has no memories of her homeland. The narrative follows Lola's quest to

3. SONG OF THE TREES (11-14 YEARS)



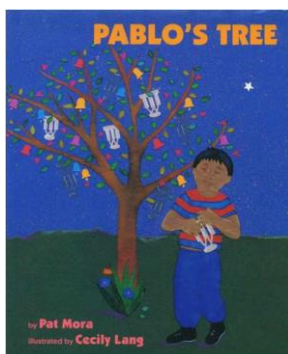
Song of the Trees is the first book in a series that detail the Logan Family saga. This 80-page short novel tracks the tough choices of the Logan family in rural Mississippi, as they make decisions about the things they own and care about, in the face of the Great Depression.

4. A WALK ON THE TUNDRA (8-11 YEARS)



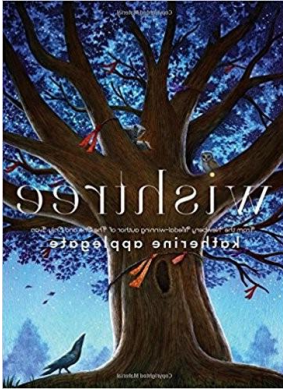
Have you ever picked a flower because it tastes tangy and sweet? Have you learned how to prepare your grandmother's most delicious meals? Do you know what kind of tea to make for a stomach ache? Ultimately, *A Walk on the Tundra* is a book about tradition.

5. PABLO'S TREE (4-9 YEARS)



Each year on his birthday, a young Mexican-American boy looks forward to seeing how his grandfather decorated the tree planted the day the boy was adopted. Authored by Pat Mora, this book embraces new traditions and values, as well as exhibits familiar family relations that are warm and heartfelt.

6. WISHTREE (8-14 YEARS)



This book's narrator is a "two hundred and sixteen rings old" oak tree named Red. Red is a community wishing tree—and every May 1, adults and children alike bring their wishes written on pieces of colorful paper or fabric to tie to Red's branches—all in hopes they come true. After 216 years of living and growing, Red is very wise. Red has overheard many conversations from different families over multiple generations, and because of this Red has lots of stories to tell.