



# *One World, Many Books*

## International Reading List for Kids

### **The Cat Who Went to Heaven**

**J Coatsworth**

A little cat comes to the home of a poor Japanese artist and, by humility and devotion, brings him good fortune.

### **Bindi Babes**

**J Dhani**

Three Indian-British sisters team up to marry off their traditional, nosy aunt and get her out of the house.

### **The Conch Bearer**

**J Divakaruni**

In India, a healer invites twelve-year-old Anand to join him on a quest to return a magical conch to its safe and rightful home, high in the Himalayan Mountains.

### **The London Eye Mystery**

**J Dowd**

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

### **The Thief Lord**

**J Funke**

Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with-- and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."

### **Nory Ryan's Song**

**J Giff**

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, Twelve year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

### **Everything on a Waffle**

**J Horvath**

Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

### **Journey to the River Sea**

**J Ibbotson**

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.



**Pippi Longstocking**

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

**J Lindgren****Silk Umbrellas**

Eleven-year-old Noi worries that she will have to stop painting the silk umbrellas her family sells at the market near their Thai village and be forced to join her older sister in difficult work at a local factory instead.

**J Marsden****Journey to Jo'burg: A South African Story**

Separated from their mother by the harsh social and economic conditions prevalent among blacks in South Africa, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her brother make a journey of over 300 kilometers to find her in Johannesburg.

**J Naidoo****Mogo, the Third Warthog**

When Mogo is cast out of his burrow to make room for a new litter, he learns how to survive and as an unlikely friendship with a young baboon blooms, Mogo finds the joy of friendship and love in the African Savanna.

**J Napoli****When My Name Was Keoko**

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

**J Park****Rickshaw Girl**

In her Bangladesh village, ten-year-old Naimi excels at painting designs called alpanas, but to help her impoverished family financially she would have to be a boy--or disguise herself as one.

**J Perkins****Becoming Naomi Leon**

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

**J Ryan****The Invention of Hugo Cabret**

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

**J Selznick****Younguncle Comes to Town**

In a small town in northern India, three siblings await their father's youngest brother, Younguncle, who is said to be somewhat eccentric.

**J Singh**

**Some International Series to Try:** *Girls of Many Lands* and *Royal Diaries*