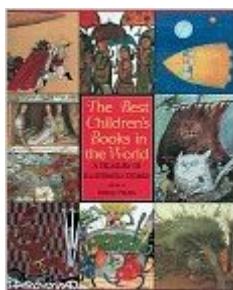


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# Best Children's Books In The World: A Treasury Of Illustrated Stories



## **Synopsis**

This volume brings together some of the most popular recent picture books from around the globe. Each of these 16 beautifully illustrated stories and poems is reprinted with text and original art. Brief background information about the works, the authors, and the illustrators is also included. of color illustrations.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

What are the best children's books published in Japan? How about Brazil? This stunning collection of award-winning picture books from 15 countries gives readers an astonishing perspective on global cultures, but mostly a hearty dose of pure reading pleasure. In Oslo native Karin Bang and Danish illustrator Per Dybvig's delightful, swashbuckling *The Cat on Pirate's Island*, for example, you'll find reproductions of the original picture book, with its Norwegian text. The English translations--some commissioned expressly for this book--fit clearly and unobtrusively in the margins. Lushly illustrated stories from Israel, China, Sri Lanka, England, Ghana splash joyfully across the pages as well. A brief introduction to each picture book tells about the diverse countries and their fascinating storytelling traditions, as well as providing biographical information on the authors and illustrators. The one common denominator is the stories' appeal for children. The book was created not to demonstrate the uniformity of the world's cultures, but to illustrate the range of human styles and perspectives. As historian and educator Jeffrey Garrett writes in his introduction, the collection is "an entire rainbow not only of art but of story as well, from the somber and serious to the subversive and even downright silly ... these stories are as rich and as variegated as the

world of childhood itself." This spectacular 300-page treasury will have parents and children squabbling over who gets to read it next. (Click to see a sample spread. From The Cat on Pirate's Island, © 1994 Bonnier Carlsen Forlag AS, illustrated by Per Dybrig, text by Karin Bang.) (All ages)

around the world via omnibus A hefty coffee table book, The Best Children's Books in the World: A Treasury of Illustrated Stories, edited by Byron Preiss, compiles and introduces 15 contemporary picture books from around the world, reprinted in full with the original art. Some of the stories are translated for the first time; translations are provided, for the most part, outside the frame of the reproduced book pages. The volume includes over 300 pages of illustrations in full color, showcasing a extraordinary variety of artistic styles. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Wow is this a nice nice collection. These stories are from all over the world , so kids have probably not heard them before. The book is large for easy viewing as the kids sit next to you while you read, or to hold up and show to a group as you read. There are very very many illustrations, about every other page or more. The paper is quality gloss paper. Each story's illustrations are in the genre that goes with the story, a real plus in giving information about art in other cultures. Even the very young can appreciate that pictures are different in different lands. Fifteen different stories in all from : Belgium, Brazil, China, England, Germany and Russia, Ghana and Austria, Iran, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Russia , Slovakia and Germany, Spain, Sri Lanka, and Switzerland. Get out the world globe or atlas map, and make it a geography lesson as well.

After years of searching for this book from my childhood, I finally found it. Flipping through it made me want to cry. Lost my original copy in a house fire when I was 11. It is just as beautiful as I remember it. Many thanks!

If you love reading to your kids, or if they simply love reading on their own, I can not imagine a more eclectic collection of children's stories, lovingly acquired from around the globe. Adults and children alike will love these stories. Some will sound familiar, in a thematic sense, but the pains that were taken to translate them into English serves to demonstrate that we are all more alike than we think. Bond with your kids over this, or read it on your own. It is one of the best children's books I own.

I think children will love it. It has original art in the original language (with English provided). The

stories are wonderful.

Preiss's collection gives parents and children a simple, exciting sampler of stories from around the world. The production values are fantastic, and my nieces and nephews have loved trying to sound out the original language text (included with English translation). This has also been one of the two most sure-fire gifts I've ever given--10/10 people have taken the trouble to follow-up with thanks and surprise. I just can't believe this has gone out of print. Snap up a used one right away.

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