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Selected titles available in the HBLL

Multicultural literature is an ever growing genre that is needed to bridge cultural diversity in our global society. Literature is a powerful teacher, and through multicultural literature many people, ranging from young children to adults, can begin to see the world through another's eyes. To build understanding between various cultures, in today's increasingly diverse society, it is crucial to become more aware and to take the time to learn, respect, and celebrate various unique cultures. Through the settings, characters, and authors of various multicultural books, all readers can achieve a greater understanding of the varying cultures represented. Although multicultural literature can be a powerful and positive teacher, much depends on the views and writing of the author. It is important to critically analyze the purpose for and validity of the cultures being represented in the story as one is reading.

Below is a selection of multicultural literature books, published between 2002 and 2007, available in the Harold B. Lee Library. The majority of books chosen for this bibliography are fiction.

CALL NUMBER	TITLE	AUTHOR	CULTURE REPRESENTED/ Geographic Location	RECOMMENDED AGE
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United States: African Americans

813 D7917c	Copper Sun	Draper, Sharon M. (Mills)	African American	Ages 13 +
923 T79wea	Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom	Weatherford, Carole Boston	African American	Ages 4-8
813 J7267111s	Standing Against the Wind	Jones, Traci L.	African American	Ages 13 +
813 G88251r	The Road to Paris	Grimes, Nikki	African American	Ages 13 +
813 M992j	Jazz	Myers, Walter Dean	African American	Ages 4-8
813 Ad71b	Black is Brown is Tan	Adoff, Arnold	Interracial	Ages 4-8
811 W868L	Locomotion	Woodson, Jacqueline	African American	Ages 13 +
813 F599b	Bang!	Flake, Sharon	African American	Ages 13 +
813 R1822fs	Freedom Ship	Rappaport, Doreen	African American	Ages 4-8
813 L5674d	Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue	Lester, Julius	African American	Ages 13 +
813 H198g	The Gift Giver (163rd street trilogy)	Hansen, Joyce	African American	Ages 13 +
813 H198o	One True Friend (also in the 163rd street trilogy)	Hansen, Joyce	African American	Ages 13 +
813 H198y	Yellow Bird and Me (also in the 163rd stree trilogy)	Hansen, Joyce	African American	Ages 13 +
813 D8652111b	The Bicycle Man	Dudley, David L.	African American	Ages 9-12
813 H9411g	A Girl Called Boy	Hurmence, Belinda	African American	Ages 9-12
813 W868c	Coming on Home Soon	Woodson, Jacqueline	African American	Ages 4-8
813 M217pL	Porch Lies: Tales of Slicksters, Tricksters, and Other Wily Characters	McKissack, Patricia	African American	Ages 9-12
813 W12cs	Candy Shop	Wahl, Jane	African American + Taiwanese	Ages 4-8
813 K967iss	In the Small, Small Night	Kurtz, Jane	Ghanaian Americans	Ages 4-8
813 En36bow	The Baby On the Way	English, Karen	African American	Ages 4-8
813 T4937111c	Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom	Tingle, Tim	Choctaw Indian & African American	Ages 9-12
813 J63112f	The First Part Last	Johnson, Angela	African American	Ages 13 +
813 M992be	The Beast	Myers, Walter Dean	African American	Ages 13 +
813 W868h	Hush	Woodson, Jacqueline	African American	Ages 13 +

United States: Asian Americans

813 C4211gc	Goldfish and Chrysanthemums	Cheng, Andrea	Chinese American	Ages 4-8
895.1 C738sp	The Story of Paper	Compestine, Ying Chang	Chinese American	Ages 4-8
813 F199b	Butterflies for Kiri	Falwell, Cathryn	Japanese American	Ages 4-8
895.6 Sa99m	Music for Alice	Say, Allen	Japanese American	Ages 4-8
895.7 P17s	Sumi's First Day of School Ever	Pak, Soyung	Korean American	Ages 4-8
813 P21942f	The Firekeeper's Son	Park, Linda Sue	Korean American	Ages 4-8
895.9 H65p	Peek! A Thai Hide-and-Seek	Ho, Minfong	Thai American	Ages 4-8
813 T797s	Seven Chinese Sisters	Tucker, Kathy	Chinese	Ages 4-8
813 K116k	Kira-Kira	Kadohata, Cynthia	Japanese American	Ages 9-12
813 L872r	Ruby Lu, Brave and True	Look, Lenore	Asian American	Ages 9-12
813 L63y	The Year of the Dog	Lin, Grace	Tawainese American	Ages 9-12
813 C42111h	Honeysuckle House	Cheng, Andrea	Chinese American	Ages 9-12
813 H571422t	The Trouble Begins	Himmelblau, Linda	Vietnamese	Ages 9-12
813 L872rL	Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything	Look, Lenore	Chinese Americans	Ages 9-12
813 M351q	The Quail Club	Marsden, Carolyn	Thai	Ages 9-12
813 Y58b	Brothers	Yin	Chinese Americans	Ages 4-8
813 H3444111n	Nothing but the truth : (and a few white lies)	Headley, Justina Chen	Tawainese American	Ages 13 +
813 Sa34e	Eyes of the Emperor	Salisbury, Graham	Japanese American	Ages 13 +
813 F62912L	Lowji Discovers America	Fleming, Candace	East Indian	Ages 9-12
899 D37151f	Fresh Off the Boat	de la Cruz, Melissa	Filipino American	Ages 13 +
823 K89772h	The happiest tree : a yoga story	Krishnaswami, Uma	East Indian	Ages 4-8
823 Y35bc	The bone collector's son	Yee, Paul	Immigrant to Vancouver	Ages 13 +
895.1 N151hh	Half and half	Namioka, Lensey	Chinese American/ Scottish American	Ages 9-12
813 R245m	My Name is Yoon	Recorvits, Helen	Korean American	Ages 4-8

United States: Latino Americans

823 F762m 2006	Mia's Story: A Sketchbook of Hopes and Dreams	Foreman, Michael	Chilean	Ages 4-8
813 C1598111t	The Tequila Worm	Canales, Viola	Mexican American	Ages 13 +
813 Os11c	Cuba 15	Osa, Nancy	Cuban American	Ages 13 +
813 AL86b	Before We Were Free	Alvarez, Julia	Dominican Republic	Ages 13 +
813 R957b	Becoming Naomi Leon	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Mexican American	Ages 9-12
813 R911r	The Remembering Stone	Russell, Barbara Timberlake	Costa Rican Americans	Ages 4-8
813 M7645g bk.1	A Crazy Mixed-Up Spanglish Day	Montes, Marissa	Latino American	Ages 9-12
813 D361u	Under the Same Sky	DeFelice, Cynthia	Mexican American	Ages 13 +
813 H652cw	Crossing the Wire	Hobbs, Will	Mexican American	Ages 13 +
813 L9735111h	Heat	Lupica, Michael	Cuban American	Ages 9-12
813 C66132111d	Dream Carver	Cohn, Diana	Mexican American	Ages 4-8
813 W669811tt	Tiny Tortilla	Williams, Arlene	Latino American	Ages 4-8
813 J28111L	La Linea	Jaramillo, Ann	Mexican American	Ages 13 +

813 C888Lm	Little Mama Forgets	Cruise, Robin	Mexican American	Ages 4-8
813 Ad53i	Young Zorro: The Iron Brand	Adkins, Jan	Latino American	Ages 9-12
813 G8345111mg bk.1	Chasing the Jaguar	Greene, Michele	Central American in America	Ages 13 +
863 C3685111a	Amelia's Show-and-Tell Fiesta/Amelia y la Fiesta de "Muestra y Cuenta"	Chapra, Mimi	Cuban Americans	Ages 4-8
923 C398k	Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez	Krull, Kathleen	Latino in US	Ages 9-12
813 Si84r	Rosa takes a chance : Mexican immigrants in the Dust Bowl years	Miller, Susan Martins	Mexican American	Ages 9-12

United States: Native Americans

813 Er29gs	The Game of Silence	Erdrich, Louise	Ojibwa Indians	Ages 9-12
813 T4937111c	Crossing Bok chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom	Tingle, Tim	Choctaw Indian & African American	Ages 9-12
813 B834hr	Hidden Roots	Bruchac, Joseph	Native American	Ages 9-12
813 B834g	Geronimo	Bruchac, Joseph	Apache Indians	Ages 13 +
813 P316c	Crooked River	Pearsall, Shelley	Ojibwa Indians	Ages 9-12
813 B834wd	Whisper in the Dark	Bruchac, Joseph	Narragansett Indians	Ages 9-12
813 B834dp	The Dark Pond	Bruchac, Joseph	Shawnee Indians	Ages 9-12
813 Or8711g	The Good Rainbow Road	Ortiz, Simon J	Acoma Indians	Ages 9-12
813 K14841w	Worlds apart	Karr, Kathleen	Sewee Indians	Ages 13 +
813 B834e	Eagle Song	Bruchac, Joseph	Iroquois/Mohawk Indians	Ages 4-8

Canada

823 H31711t	Theories of Relativity	Haworth-Attard, Barbara	Author from Ontario	Ages 13 +
823 W99t	A Thief in the House of Memory	Wynne-Jones, Tim	Ontario	Ages 13 +
823 W99r	Rex Zero and the End of the World	Wynne-Jones, Tim	Ottawa/Vancouver	Ages 9-12
823 B413b	The Blue Helmet	Bell, William	New Toronto	Ages 13 +
823 SL12m	Megiddo's Shadow	Slade, Arthur	Canada/Canadian Army	Ages 13 +
813 F9288b	The Braid	Frost, Helen	Scottish emigrants to Cape Breton, Canada	Ages 9-12
813 P8346111c	The Crazy Man	Porter, Pamela Paige	Saskatchewan	Ages 9-12
813 G29oaL	Luck	George, Jean Craighead	Northern Canada to Platte river	Ages 4-8
823 T8279211r	Red Sea	Tullson, Diane	Author from Calgary	Ages 13 +
823 G34151In	No Small Thing	Ghent, Natale	Ontario	Ages 9-12
823 Y35bc	The Bone Collector's Son	Yee, Paul	Vancouver	Ages 13 +

Central/South America

843 B64111k	The Killer's Tears	Bondoux, Anne-Laure	Chile	Ages 13 +
813 AL86b	Before We Were Free	Alvarez, Julia	Dominican Republic	Ages 13 +
813 G8345111mg bk.1	Chasing the Jaguar	Greene, Michele	Central American in America	Ages 13 +
863 C3685111a	Amelia's Show-and-Tell Fiesta/Amelia y la Fiesta de "Muestra y Cuenta"	Chapra, Mimi	Cuban Americans	Ages 4-8
813 C66132111d	Dream Carver	Cohn, Diana	Mexican	Ages 4-8

813 W669811tt	Tiny Tortilla	Williams, Arlene	Latino	Ages 4- 8
813 J28111L	La Linea	Jaramillo, Ann	Mexican	Ages 13 +
813 H652cw	Crossing the Wire	Hobbs, Will	Mexican	Ages 13 +
813 R957b	Becoming Naomi Leon	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Mexican	Ages 9-12
813 M58911tg	Tree Girl	Mikaelsen, Ben	Guatemala	Ages 13 +
813 C145c	Colibrí	Cameron, Ann	Mayan/Guatemala	Ages 13 +
823 In46222v	The Voyage of the Poppykettle	Ingpen, Robert	Peru	Ages 4-8
813 R154pp	A Pen Pal for Max	Rand, Gloria	Chile	Ages 4-8

Europe

823 B816sb	Silly Billy	Anthony Browne	Guatemalan worry dolls/ European author	Ages 4-8
843 G862411f	The Fighter	Greif, Jean-Jacques	Warsaw to Paris to Auschwitz	Ages 13 +
896 N143w	Web of Lies	Naidoo, Beverley	England	Ages 13 +
843 M866411p	The Pull of the Ocean	Mourlevat, Jean-Claude	France	Ages 13 +
843 P651322w	When I Grow Up, I Will Win the Nobel Peace Prize	Pin, Isabel	Translated from the German.	Ages 4-8
823 R2596L	Larklight: A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space	Reeve, Philip	England	Ages 9-12
823 Se28f	The Foreshadowing	Sedgwick, Marcus	France/England/Great Britain History	Ages 13 +
823 W736t	Tanglewreck	Winterson, Jeanette	London	Ages 13 +
823 G7674111dgt bk.1	Blood Red Horse	Grant, K.M.	England	Ages 9-12
863 G135422L	The Legend of the Wandering King	Gallego Garcia, Laura	Translated from Spanish/ Arabian Peninsula	Ages 13 +
823 G176i	I, Coriander.	Gardner, Sally	17th century London	Ages 13 +
823 H351411m	The Minister's Daughter	Hearn, Julie	Great Britain	Ages 13 +
833 H747i	An Innocent Soldier	Holub, Josef	Germany/Russia	Ages 13 +
823 M582422w	The Whispering Road	Michael, Livi	Manchester, England	Ages 13 +
813 M8237ih	It Happened at School: Two Tales	Morgenstern, Susie	France	Ages 9-12
823 M192p	Permanent Rose	McKay, Hilary	England	Ages 13 +
823 C82811f	Framed!	Rose, Malcom	Wales	Ages 9-12
823 Up1mo	Montmorency on the Rocks : Doctor, Aristocrat, Murderer?	Updale, Eleanor	London	Ages 13 +
823 W694i	The Illustrated Mum	Wilson, Jacqueline	England	Ages 13 +
843 Sp45311k	Kipling's Choice	Spillebeen, Geert	France/ Translated from Dutch	Ages 13 +
928 Z42811	When I Was a Soldier	Zenatti, Valerie	France/ Israel	Ages 13 +
813 R1822ss	The Secret Seder	Rappaport, Doreen	France	Ages 4 -8

823 B886gg	Gleam and Glow	Bunting, Eve	Bosnia	Ages 4 -8
823 M488cf bk.1	The Hunter's Moon	Melling, O. R.	Irish & American characters	Ages 13 +
823 Z89b	The Book Thief	Zusak, Markus	Germany	Ages 13 +
823 H256sd 2006	The Silver Donkey	Hartnett, Sonya	France	Ages 13 +
813 C89742mma	Moi & Marie Antoinette	Cullen, Lynn.	France	Ages 4 -8
813 M13211as	Adele & Simon	McClintock, Barbara.	France	Ages 4-8
813 W46mt	The Miraculous Tale of the Two Maries	Wells, Rosemary	France	Ages 4-8
823 D752711s	A Swift Pure Cry	Dowd, Siobhan	Ireland	Ages 13 +
895.1 N151hh	Half and Half	Namioka, Lensey	Chinese American/ Scottish American	Ages 9-12
813 N162fi	Fire in the Hills	Napoli, Donna Jo	Italian	Ages 13 +
813 D6119122q	The Queen's Soprano	Dines, Carol	Italian	Ages 13 +
813 M332t	There's a Dolphin in the Grand Canal!	Marciano, John Bemelmans	Italian	Ages 4-8
813 C274511p	Pizza for the Queen	Castaldo, Nancy F	Italian	Ages 4-8
823 T756pb	The Paint Box	Trottier, Maxine	Italian	Ages 9-12
813 H487d	Dante's Daughter	Heuston, Kimberly	Italian	Ages 13 +
833 P9265m	Malka	Pressler, Mirjam	Poland	Ages 13 +
813 R8124111y	Yellow Star	Roy, Jennifer Rozines	Poland	Ages 9-12
839.8 G11og	The Orange Girl	Gaarder, Jostein	Norway	Ages 13 +
813 Sc95222s	Super Grandpa	Schwartz, David M.	Sweden	Ages 4-8
813 W2477tc	Twilight Child	Warner, Sally	Finland/Scotland	Ages 13 +
813 M228p	The Problem with Chickens	McMillan, Bruce	Iceland	Ages 4-8
813 N874h	Hana in the Time of the Tulips	Noyes, Deborah	Netherlands	Ages 9-12
823 B63hw bk.1	The House of Windjammer	Richardson, V. A.	Netherlands	Ages 13 +
813 H2994e	Eyes Like Willy's	Havill, Juanita	France/Austria	Ages 9-12
813 K153861r	Real Time: A Novel	Kass, Pnina	Germany/Israel	Ages 13 +
823 F8897w	Where in the World	French, Simon	Germany/Australia	Ages 9-12
813 W571t	The Turning	Whelan, Gloria	Russia	Ages 9-12
813 Av51ca	Crispin : At the Edge of the World	Avi	England	Ages 13 +
823 T849fi	Forged in the Fire	Turnbull, Ann	London	Ages 13 +
813 St97t	A True and Faithful Narrative	Sturtevant, Katherine	Great Britain	Ages 13 +

823 B56371p	Parent Swap	Blacker, Terence	England	Ages 13 +
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Middle East

813 F22951ca	Clever Ali	Farmer, Nancy	Middle Eastern	Ages 4-8
813 T835mwm	Moon Without Magic	Tunnell, Michael O.	Arabia	Ages 13 +
813 T835w	Wishing Moon	Tunnell, Michael O.	Arabia	Ages 13 +
813 Sa995111a	Anahita's Woven Riddle	Sayres, Meghan Nuttall	Iran	Ages 13 +
813 F637a	Alphabet of Dreams	Fletcher, Susan	Iran	Ages 13 +
813 St277u	Under the Persimmon Tree	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Afghanistan	Ages 13 +
891 K5276222s	Silly Chicken	Khan, Rukhsana	Pakistan	Ages 4-8
813 Sh316c	The Carpet Boy's Gift	Shea, Pegi Deitz	Pakistan	Ages 9-12
853 D12i	Iqbal : a novel	D'Adamo, Francesco	Pakistan	Ages 9-12
891 K5276222ruc	Ruler of the Courtyard	Khan, Rukhsana	Pakistan	Ages 4-8
928 B171111w	The Librarian of Basra : a true story from Iraq	Winter, Jeanette	Iraq	Ages 4-8

Africa

813 D5399611i	I Lost My Tooth in Africa	Diakite, Penda	Mali	Ages 4-8
843 St69s	The Shadows of Ghadames	Stolz, Joelle	Libya	Ages 13 +
813 K967iss	In the Small, Small Night	Kurtz, Jane	Ghanaian Americans	Ages 4-8
923 L538	Facing the lion : Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna	Lekuton, Joseph Lemasolai (with Herman J. Viola)	African (Kenya)	Ages 9-12
966.9 On9h	Here Comes Our Bride!: An African Wedding Story.	Onyefulu, Ifeoma.	African (Nigeria)	Ages 4-8
511 C31541o	One Child, One Seed: A South African Counting Book	Cave, Kathryn.	Africa (S. Africa)	Ages 4-8
823 D178o	Once Upon a Time	Daly, Niki	Africa (S. Africa)	Ages 4-8
896 N143ob	Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope	Naidoo, Beverley.	Africa (S. Africa)	Ages 13 +
813 St98b	Babu's Song	Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie.	Tanzania	Ages 4-8
823 H262311o	Orphan of the Sun	Harvey, Gill	Egypt	Ages 9-12

Asia

823 Si64811y	Younguncle Comes to Town	Singh, Vandana	India	Ages 9-12
813 Sh316t	Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story	Shea, Pegi Deitz	Hmong:	Ages 13 +
813 T797s	Seven Chinese Sisters	Tucker, Kathy	Chinese	Ages 4-8
895.6 Sa99k	Kamishibai Man	Say, Allen	Japanese	Ages 9-12
928 M119j	The Diary of Ma Yan: The Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese Schoolgirl	Ma, Yan	Translated from French	Ages 13 +
813 F62912L	Lowji Discovers America	Fleming, Candace	East Indian	Ages 9-12
813 H571422t	The Trouble Begins	Himelblau, Linda	Vietnamese	Ages 9-12
813 B859511a	Ask Me No Questions	Budhos, Marina	Bangladesh	Ages 13 +
899 D37151f	Fresh Off the Boat	de la Cruz, Melissa	Phillipines	Ages 13 +
823 K89772n	Naming Maya	Krishnaswami, Uma	India	Ages 9-12
813 M351s	Silk Umbrellas	Marsden, Caroline	Thailand	Ages 9-12
863	The Legend of the Wandering King	Gallego Garcia, Laura	Translated from	Ages 13 +

G135422L			Spanish/ Arabian Penninsula	
928 Z42811	When I Was a Soldier	Zenatti, Valerie	France/ Israel	Ages 13 +
813 M351w	When Heaven Fell	Marsden, Carolyn	Vietnamese	Ages 9-12
813 L8845111L	Little Sap and Monsieur Rodin	Lord, Michelle	Cambodia/France	Ages 4-8

Australia/New Zealand/ Pacific Islands

823 C5534k	Kalpana's Dream	Clarke, Judith	Australia/ India	Ages 13 +
823 L138711s	Surviving Aunt Marsha	Laguna, Sofie	Australia	Ages 9-12
823 Or5Ln	Lizzie Nonsense: A Story of Pioneer Days	Ormerod, Jan	Australia	Ages 4-8
823 B3265111r	The Running Man	Buar, Michael Gerard	Australia	Ages 13 +
823 Sm636111u	The Unknown Zone	Smith, Phil	New Zealand	Ages 13 +
823 C8391h	Hunter	Cowley, Joy	Maori	Ages 13 +
823 B3884111n	Nobody's Dog	Beck, Jennifer	New Zealand	Ages 4-8
823 B812111b	A Booming in the Night	Brown, Ben	New Zealand	Ages 4-8
823 L333a	Aunt Effie and the Island that Sank	Lasenby, Jack	New Zealand	Ages 4-8
823 B319912b	The Boyfriend Rules of Good Behavior	Bateson, Catherine	Australia	Ages 9-12
823 B319912s	Stranded in Boringsville	Bateson, Catherine	Australia	Ages 13 +

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