

2017 Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention presents:  
**From Literary Xenophobes to World Readers**  
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**Blogs cited**

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*Becoming Naomi Leon* Curriculum Unit <https://naomileon.wikispaces.com/>  
Wisconsin Global Achievement Certificate (GEAC) <https://www.globalwisconsin.org/the-policy>

**Books in the order they appear in the Prezi presentation:**

*Reading the World: Confessions of a Literary Explorer* by Ann Morgan (U.K.)  
*The World between Two covers: Reading the Globe* by Ann Morgan (U.S.A.)

**Peru:**

*Turn Right at Machu Picchu* by Mark Adams  
*Beyond the Stones of Machu Picchu: Folktales and Stories of Inca Life* by Elizabeth Conrad  
VanBuskirk, Paintings by Angel L. Callanaupa Alvarez

**Malaysia / Singapore**

*The Gift of Rain* by Tan Twan Eng (HS/Adult)  
*The Garden of Evening Mist* by Tan Twan Eng (HS/Adult)

*Iban Dream* by Golda Mowe  
*Iban Journey* by Golda Mowe  
*The Bee Tree* by Diana Cohn and Steve Buchmann, illustrated by Paul Mirocha (picture book)  
*Princess Shawl* by Shirley Lim (time-shift historical fiction)  
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*Kampung Boy* by Lat (graphic novel/comic book)  
*Town Boy* by Lat (graphic novel/comic book)

**Libya:**

*The Shadows of Ghadames* by Joelle Stolz

**Oaxaca, Mexico**

*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Dream Carver* by Diana Cohn illustrated by A. Córdova (picture book)  
*The Balloons of Oaxaca* by Barry Head  
*Red Glass* by Laura Resau

**Afghanistan:** Novels unless indicated otherwise

By Deborah Ellis:

*The Breadwinner*  
*Parvana's Journey*  
*Mud City*  
*My Name is Parvana*  
*Kids of Kabul* (nonfiction)

*Shooting Kabul* by N.H.Senzai  
*Saving Kabul* by N.H.Senzai  
*Nasreen's Secret School* by Jeanette Winter (picture book)  
*The Librarian of Basra* (Iraq) by Jeanette Winter (picture book)  
*Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education* by Liz Suneby (ill. by Suana Verelst  
*Wanting Mor* by Rukhsana Khan  
*The Roses in my Carpet* by Rukhsana Khan (picture book)  
*Afghan Dreams: Young Voices of Afghanistan* by Tony O'Brien and Mike Sullivan (nonfiction)  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini (HS/Adult)  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini (HS/Adult)  
*Mahtab's Story* by Libby Gleeson  
*The Ink Bridge* by Grant Neil

**Student Passports Project**

*The Tiffin* by Mahtab Narsimhan  
*The Happiness of Kati* by Jane Vejjajiva  
*Tall Story* by CandyGourlay

**By Kashmira Sheth:**

*Boys without Names*

*Blue Jasmine*

*Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet*

*Keeping Corner*

*My Dadima Wears a Sari* (picture book)

**South Asia Book Award (SABA)**

*Tiger Boy* by Mitali Perkins

*Bombay Blues* by Tanuja Desai Hidier

*Born Confused* by Tanuja Desai Hidier

*God Loves Hair* by Vivek Shraya

**By Padma Venkatraman**

*Climbing the Stairs.*

*Island's End.*

*A Time to Dance*

*The Rumor* by Anushka Ravishankar & Illustrated by Kanyika Kina (picture book)

**Books that shed light on China's Cultural Revolution China's Cultural Revolution:**

*Mao's Last Dancer* by Li Cunxin (memoir)

*Dancing to Freedom: The True Story of Mao's Last Dancer Li Cunxin*; ill by Anne Spudvilas (picture book)

*Snow Falling in Spring* (memoir)

*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-Li Jiang (memoir)

*Little Green: Growing Up during the Cultural Revolution* (memoir)

*Revolution is not a Dinner Party* by Ying Chang Compestine (historical fiction)

*Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier* by Ying Chang Compestine and Vinson Compestine (historical fiction)

*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys (historical fiction)

*Rama and the Demon King: An Ancient Tale from India* by Jessica Souhami (picture book)

*Norwegian Wood* by Haruki Murakami (For adults only)

Music: *Norwegian Wood* by The Beatles

**Book Awards**

**Children's Africana Book Award**

**For the best children's books about Africa**

<http://africaaccessreview.org/childrens-africana-book-awards/africana-awards-2014/>

### **American Indian Youth Literature Award**

For the best books by and about American Indians

<http://ailanet.org/>

### **Americas Award**

For Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean children's literature

<http://claspprograms.org/pages/detail/37>

### **Asian Pacific American Award**

For literature by and about Asian Pacific Americans

<http://www.apalaweb.org/awards/literature-awards/>

### **Mildred L. Batchelder Award**

For a children's book originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/batchelderaward/batchelderpast>

### **Coretta Scott King Award**

For outstanding African American children's literature

<http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards>

### **Hans Christian Andersen Award**

For distinguished lifetime achievement of an author or an artist

<http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=273>

### **Jane Addams Children's Book Award**

For promotion of peace, social justice, world community, and/or equality of the sexes and all races

<http://www.janeaddamspeace.org/>

### **Middle East Book Award**

Awarded by the Middle East Outreach Council, this award recognizes books for children and young adults that contribute meaning-fully to an understanding of the Middle East.

<http://www.meoc.us/meoc/book-awards>

### **Notable Books for a Global Society**

For enhancing student understanding of people and cultures throughout the world

[http://clrsig.org/nbgs\\_books.php](http://clrsig.org/nbgs_books.php)

### **Notable Social Studies Trade Books**

A list of books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups, and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences.

<http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable>

**Outstanding International Books** [http://www.usbby.org/list\\_oibl.html](http://www.usbby.org/list_oibl.html)

**A list of books published in the United States that originated or were first published in a country other than the U.S. Selection criteria include:**

- **Books that represent the best of children’s literature from other countries**
- **Books that introduce American readers to outstanding authors and illustrators from other countries**
- **Books that help American children see the world from other points of view**
- **Books that provide a perspective or address a topic otherwise missing from children’s literature in the U.S.**
- **Books that exhibit a distinct cultural flavor**
- **Books that are accessible to American readers.**

### **Pura Belpre Award**

**Honors Latino writers and illustrators**

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal>

### **South Asia Book Award**

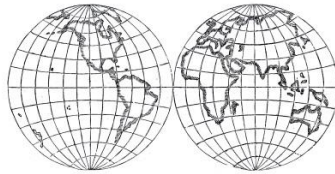
**An annual award for two children's or young adult books about South Asia or South Asians in the diaspora. Awarded by the South Asia National Outreach Consortium.**

<http://southasiabookaward.org/>

### **Tomas Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award**

**For the most distinguished book for children and young adults about Mexican-Americans**

<http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/riverabookaward/>



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