



Cultural Diversity – A Bibliography of Picture Books

Australia is one of the most multicultural countries in the world. We have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of cultures in our neighbourhoods, our restaurants our workplaces and our schools. We can also experience and appreciate other cultures through books.

Books can be windows, mirrors and doors providing opportunities to read about other people or to see yourself and your life reflected in a way you can relate to.

In creating the NCACL *Cultural Diversity* database authors and illustrators were sought whose books featured diverse cultures and where those, inside and outside the culture interact. Such stories enable both the characters withing the books and the readers of those books to 'walk in another's shoes,' thus gaining and understanding cultures different to their own.

The *Cultural Diversity* database lists 438 books and is growing. Each of the books listed has a link to its entry in the database. The database books cover a wide age range – early childhood to upper secondary school. This bibliography concentrates on picture books.

** indicates the book is available in other languages

All books listed are available for viewing at the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature based at the University of Canberra.

NCACL has three free and online databases, the *Cultural Diversity database*, the *Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Resource* and *Picture Books for Older Readers*. The latter is aimed at Grade 5 and above. We would encourage you to explore them as they are a rich source of books and related material.

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1. ABEL-FATTAH, Randa. Illustrated by Maxine Beneba Clarke
11 Words for Love. Lothian Children's Books, 2022. ISBN: 9780734421203
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/11-words-for-love/>
 2. ABOU-Eid, Amal. Illustrated by Samira Abou-Eid
My Muslim Mate. Alys Books, 2017. ISBN: 9780648001751
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/my-muslim-mate/>
 3. ABOU-EID, Amal. Illustrated by Cara King
Tayta's Secret Ingredient. MidnightSun Publishing, 2024 ISBN: 9781922858122
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/taytas-secret-ingredient/>
 4. AHMAD ZAHRI, Inda
The month that makes the Year. Allen & Unwin, 2023. ISBN: 9781761068423
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-month-that-makes-the-year/>
 5. AHOSIVI-ATIOLA, Sela. Illustrated by Yani Agustina
I am Lupe. Lothian Children's Books, 2023. ISBN: 9780734422538
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/i-am-lupe/>
 6. ÁLVAREZ, César. Illustrated by Andrés González
Colombian Heart and Australian Soul. El Dialogo Australia-Colombia, 2024. ISBN: 9780648052500
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/colombian-heart-and-australian-soul/>
 7. BARTON, Ashleigh. Illustrated by Martina Heiduczek
How do you say I love you? ABC Books, 2022. ISBN: 9780733342172
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/how-do-you-say-i-love-you/>
 8. BARTON, Ashleigh. Illustrated by Martina Heiduczek
What do you do to celebrate? ABC Books, 2021. ISBN: 9780733341595
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/what-do-you-do-to-celebrate/>
 9. BELL, Davina. Illustrated by Allison Colpoys
Under the Love Umbrella. Scribe Publications, 2017. ISBN: 9781952321265
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/under-the-love-umbrella/>

10. CANBY, Kelly
Littlelight. Fremantle Press, 2020. ISBN: 9781925815764
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/littlelight/>
11. CHENG, Christopher. Illustrated by Liz Anelli
Old Fellow. Walker Books, 2022. ISBN: 9781760652395
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/old-fellow/>
12. CHOWDHURY, Radhiah. Illustrated by Lavanya Naidu
The Katha Chest. Allen & Unwin, 2021. ISBN: 9781760524326
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-katha-chest/>
13. CLARKE, Maxine Beneba. Illustrated by Isobel Knowles
Wide Big World. Lothian Children's Books, 2018. ISBN: 9780734420503
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/wide-big-world/>
14. CUMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie **
Feathers. Scholastic Australia, 2017. ISBN: 9781443128872
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/feathers/>
15. DO, Anh and DO, Suzanne. Illustrated by Bruce Whatley
The Little Refugee. Allen & Unwin, 2011. ISBN: 9781742378329
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-little-refugee/>
16. DUNSTAN, Kylie
The Red Bridge. Windy Hollow Books, 2011. ISBN: 9781921136726
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-red-bridge/>
17. FEINER, Beck and FEINER, Robin
My Favourite Teachers. ABC Books, 2022. ISBN: 9780733342332
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/my-favourite-teachers/>
18. FLOWERS, Tony
Hello! NLA Publishing, 2016. ISBN: 9780642278876
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/hello/>
19. FOX, Mem. Illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh
I'm Australian Too. Scholastic Australia 2017. ISBN: 9781760276218
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/im-australian-too/>

20. FRAILLON, Zana. Illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith
Wisp: A Story of Hope. Lothian Children's Books, 2018. ISBN:9780734418043
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/wisp-a-story-of-hope/>
21. FRASER, Janine M. Illustrated by Helene Magisson
Sarah's Two Nativities. Black Dog Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781925381795
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/sarajs-two-nativities/>
22. FRENKEL, Deborah. Illustrated by Danny Snell
The Truck Cat. Bright Light, 2024. ISBN: 9781761212291
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-truck-cat/>
23. GEMMELL, Stef. Illustrated by Mel Armstrong
A Home for Luna. New Frontier Publishing, 2019. ISBN: 9781925594843
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/a-home-for-luna/>
24. GORDON, Kate illustrated by Krista Brennan
Amira's Magpie. Wombat Books, 2021. ISBN: 9781925563986
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/amiras-magpie/>
25. GRAHAM, Bob **
A Bus called Heaven. Walker Books, 2011. ISBN: 9781406334197
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/a-bus-called-heaven/>
26. GRAHAM, Bob
The Concrete Garden. Walker Books, 2023. ISBN: 9781529512649
(Not yet in the database)
27. GREENBERG, Nicki
Meerkat Choir. Allen & Unwin, 2017. ISBN: 9781760290795
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/meerkat-choir/>
28. GUTTA, Razeena Omar. Illustrated by Manal Mirza
Hana's Hundreds of Hijabs. Barefoot Books, 2022. ISBN: 9781646866205
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/hanas-hundreds-of-hijabs/>
29. HONEY, Elizabeth
That's not a Daffodil! Allen & Unwin, 2011. ISBN: 9781742372488
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/thats-not-a-daffodil/>

30. HOULI, Bachar. Illustrated by Debby Rahmalia
My Baba is the Best. Penguin Books, 2022. ISBN: 9781761046568
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/my-baba-is-the-best/>
31. KOBALD, Irena. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood **
My Two Blankets. Little Hare, 2014. ISBN: 9781921714764
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/my-two-blankets/>
32. LAWSON, Sue. Illustrated by Liz Anelli
The Biscuit Maker. Walker Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781760650438
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-biscuit-maker/>
33. MARCHETTA, Melina. Illustrated by Deb Hudson
Zola and the Christmas Lights. Puffin Books, 2022. ISBN: 9780143777649
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/zola-and-the-christmas-lights/>
34. McCARTNEY, Tania. Illustrated by Tina Snerling
An Aussie Year : Twelve months in the life of Australian kids. EK Books, 2013. ISBN: 9781921966248
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/an-aussie-year-twelve-months-in-the-life-of-australian-kids/>
35. MERBERG, Julie. Illustrated by Beck Feiner
It's a Mitzvah! Bright Light, 2023. ISBN: 9781761212512
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/its-a-mitzvah/>
36. MILLARD, Glenda. Illustrated by Stephen Michael King
Pea Pod Lullaby. Allen & Unwin, 2017. ISBN: 9781760290085
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/pea-pod-lullaby/>
37. PARAPPUKKARAN, Sandhya. Illustrated by Michelle Pereira
Words that Taste like Home. Bright light, 2024. ISBN: 9781761213281
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/words-that-taste-like-home/>
38. RAWLINS, Donna. Illustrated by Heather Potter and Mark Jackson
Waves: for those who come across the sea. Black Dog, 2018. ISBN: 9781925381641
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/waves-for-those-who-come-across-the-sea/>

39. RIPPIN, Sally
Speak Chinese, Fang Fang! Omnibus Books, 1996. ISBN: 1862912904
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/speak-chinese-fang-fang/>
40. SHIRVINGTON, Jess. Illustrated by Claire Robertson
Just the Way We Are. Harper Collins, 2015. ISBN: 9780733331626
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/just-the-way-we-are/>
41. SHURETY, Wenda. Illustrated by Juliana Oakley
Pocket Treasure. Affirm Press, 2023. ISBN: 9781922848574
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/pocket-treasure/>
42. TEMPLE, Kate and TEMPLE Jol. Illustrated by Terri Rose Banyton **
Room on Our Rock: there are two sides to every story. Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781610679022
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/room-on-our-rock-there-are-two-sides-to-every-story/>
43. VASS, Coral. Illustrated by Christina Huynh
Grandma's Treasured Shoes. NLA Publishing, 2019. ISBN: 9780642279334
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/grandmas-treasured-shoes/>