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2013 CCBC Choices
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International Reading Association
2013 National Council of Teachers of English Orbis Pictus Nonfiction Recommended Book
2013 Best Books for Young Children - Children's Africana Book Awards Committee
2013 Middle East Studies Assoc. Best Picture Book

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_Malala Yousafzai_ 
*United Nations*

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illustrated by L.C.Wheatley
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Grade 1 English
1.8 The student will expand vocabulary.
1.9 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of a variety of nonfiction texts.

Grade 2 English
2.9 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts.
2.10 The student will demonstrate comprehension of information in reference materials

Grade 2 History and Social Science
2.1 The student will explain how the contributions of ancient Egypt have influenced the present world in terms of architecture, inventions, the calendar and written language.
2.10 The student will explain the responsibilities of a good citizen, with emphasis on a) respecting and protecting the rights and property of others; b) taking part in the voting process when making classroom decisions; c) describing actions that can improve the school and community.

Grade 3 English
3.6 The student will continue to read and demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts.
3.7 The student will demonstrate comprehension of information from a variety of print and electronic resources.
3.11 The student will write a short report.

Grade 3 History and Social Science – Civics
3.12 The student will recognize that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and respect for individual rights and freedoms.

Grade 4 and 5 English
4.5/5.5 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts, narrative nonfiction texts and poetry.
4.6/5.6 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts.
4.9 The student will demonstrate comprehension of information resources to research a topic.
5.9 The student will find, evaluate and select appropriate resources for a research product.

Additional historical information, photos, activities and discussion topics, Core Standards at www.handsaroundthelibrary.com.

Abouraya and Roth are available for interviews as well as school and library visits. Write to Karen@handsaroundthelibrary.com

Templates for handmade storybooks here www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/books/index.html
You Can Help…

Malala Fund (www.fund.malala.org) is led by Malala Yousafzai and her father to advocate for education for boys and girls all over the world; gather the stories of children who help and are helping; and raise funds to support quality education.

School Girls Unite (schoolgirlsunite.org) was started in Maryland by middle school girls who talked with young women from Mali about the unfair treatment of girls in many poor countries. Together these girls created an action guide called “Girls Gone Activist.” They also lobbied to start an International Day of the Girl (dayofthegirl.org) which is now celebrated every year on October 11.

The United Nations Foundation’s Girl Up (gir lup.org) gives American girls the chance to become world leaders, beginning by creating their own girls clubs.

Girl Rising (girlrising.com) is a film about nine extraordinary girls in Cambodia, Haiti, Nepal, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Peru, Sierra Leone, and Afghanistan – each one battling many obstacles to go to school.

Global Campaign for Education (http://www.campaignforeducation.org/en/) works to improve education for both boys and girls, all over the world.

Ban Bossy (http://banbossy.com/) A Girl Scout campaign encouraging girls to lead

A World at School (http://www.aworldatschool.org/upforschool) - campaign and petition drive to ensure all children gain the right to an education before the end of 2015

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AWARDS – Sources of good books from around the world

Children’s Africana Book Awards - Africa Access and the Outreach Council of the African Studies Association give annual awards for the best children's and young adult books on Africa available for purchase in the US. More than 70 awards have been presented to authors and illustrators.

Middle East Outreach Council - MEOC established the Middle East Book Awards in 1999 to recognize books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to understanding of the Middle East. A committee of MEOC members, including teachers, librarians, outreach coordinators, and other educators, select award winners in Picture Book, Youth Literature, and Youth Non-Fiction categories.

Arab American National Museum Book Awards - This literary program was created to honor books written by and about Arab Americans. The program generates greater awareness of Arab American scholarship and writing through an annual award competition and educational outreach.

Hans Christian Andersen Award - This is the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books. Every other year IBBY presents the Andersen Award to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature.

Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature – to honor and recognize individual work about Asian/Pacific Americans and their heritage, based on literary and artistic merit.

Pura Belpre Award - This is a recognition presented to a Latino or Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays the Latino cultural experience in a work of literature for children or youth.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.