

# Teaching and Learning for Peace Foundation



## TLP Recommended Book List February 2010

All books are recommended for bookpicks or individual purchase. Some out of print can be found in libraries.

Those stories that are highly recommended are marked with #.

*peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment*

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<i>title/author/publisher</i>	hard cover	soft cover	out of print
<p><b>#A True Person</b> by <i>Gabiann Marin</i> and <i>Jacqui Grantford</i> (New Frontier Publishing French Forest NSW Aus 2007)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace</i></p> <p>This story honours the spirit of all refugees and asylum seekers. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Ali the Bold Heart</b> by <i>Jane Jolly</i> and <i>Elise Hurst</i> (Limelight Press Balmain NSW Aus 2006)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the lives of refugees in detentions centres. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>#Boom Cha Cha Boogie</b> by <i>Narelle Oliver</i> (Omnibus Books Adelaide Australia 2005)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the lives of refugees in new lands. Recommended for children aged 5 and above.</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Broken Bird - A Tale of True Love</b> by <i>Michael Broad</i> (Puffin England 2006)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reveals the power of love. Recommended for children aged 5 -12.</p>		✓	
<p><b>Clancy the Courageous Cow</b> by <i>Lachie Hume</i> (Omnibus Books Adelaide Australia 2006)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reveals peace-building opportunities. Recommended for children aged 5 - 12.</p>		✓	
<p><b>Dream Carver</b> By <i>Diana Cohn</i> and <i>Amy Cordova</i> (Chronicle Books San Francisco 2002)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of listening to our hearts and following our passions. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>Four Feet, Two Sandals</b> by <i>Karen Lynn William</i> and <i>Khadra Mohammad</i> and Illustrated by <i>Doug Chayka</i>  (W B Eerdwans 2007)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that sensitively explores the issues facing refugees in detention centres. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>#Heart of the Tiger</b> by <i>Glenda Millard</i> illustrated by <i>Gaye Chapman</i> (Scholastic Press Australia 2004)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that explores the possibility of a world without green. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		✓	
<p><b>###Herb the Vegetarian Dragon</b> by <i>Jules Bass</i> (Barefoot Books NY 1999)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p>	✓	✓	

<p>A story that can help explore the teachings of Gandhi. Recommended for children of any age.</p>			
<p><b>###How Paper and Ink Came Together and Survived to Sing About It</b> by <i>Hassaun Ali Jones-Bey</i> (Alameda CA USA 2008) contact <a href="mailto:music@boundessgratitude.com">music@boundessgratitude.com</a> <b>CD version only</b> <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A magical story of hope by a talented musical storyteller that reflects all the peace-building elements. Recommended for children of any age.</p>			
<p><b>#Iffat and His Jumping Jellybean Shoelaces</b> by <i>Helene Stein-Anderson</i> illustrated by <i>Milli Jahier</i> (Brolly Books Victoria Australia 2008) <i>peace with ourselves</i></p> <p>This story reminds us of the importance of being happy and positive and focussing upon what we can do despite our circumstances. Recommended for children aged 7 and under.</p>	✓		
<p><b>Ignis</b> by <i>Gina Wilson</i> (Walker Books London 2001) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A wonderful story of a dragon who breaks the normal stereotype. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		✓	✓
<p><b>#In Search of the Thunder Dragon</b> by <i>Sophie</i> and <i>Romio Shrestha</i> (Mandala Publishing San Rafael CA USA 2007) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A mystical story from Bhutan that allows for reflection upon the importance of happiness. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>It's Lovely When You Smile</b> by <i>Sam McBratney</i> and <i>Charles Fuge</i> (Puffin England 2006) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the magic of a smile. Recommended for children aged 3 - 10.</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Josephine Wants to Dance</b> by <i>Jackie French</i> and <i>Bruce Whatley</i> (Angus and Robertson Sydney Aus 2006) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of following our passions. Recommended for children aged 3 - 10.</p>	✓		
<p><b>Kestrel</b> by <i>Mark Svendsen, Steven Woolman</i> and <i>Laura Peterson</i> (Lothian Books South Melbourne Australia 2006) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of family and spending time together. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			✓
<p><b>King Midas and the Golden Touch</b> by <i>Charlotte Craft</i> illustrated by <i>K Y Craft</i> (HarperCollins 1999) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A classical story from ancient Greece that reflects upon the dangers of selfishness and greed. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		✓	

<p><b>Looking for Atlantis</b> by <i>Colin Thompson</i> (Julia MacRae Books Random House London 1993)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reveals the power of our imaginations. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		✓	
<p><b>##Mbobob Tree</b> by <i>Glenda Millard</i> illustrated by <i>Annie White</i> (Scholastic Press Lindfield NSW Australia 2009)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>This fascinating tale of a young girl, who has never spoken and a tree that gives life to the village. When the tree is in danger of being cut down the young girl finds her voice. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>#Measuring Angels</b> by <i>Lesley Ely</i> and <i>Polly Dunbar</i> (Francis Lincoln Children's Books London 2008)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the power of friendship. Recommended for children aged 5 - 10.</p>	✓	available 2011	
<p><b>Me and My Bike</b> by <i>Ander</i> (Heryin Books Alhambra CA USA date unknown)  <i>peace with ourselves</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of dealing with the realities of life. Recommended for children aged 5 - 10.</p>	✓		
<p><b>#Milton's Secret</b> by <i>Eckhart Tolle</i> and <i>Robert S Friedman</i> illustrated by <i>Frank Riccio</i> (Nameste Publishing Vancouver Canada &amp; Hampton Roads Publishing Co Charlottesville Virginia USA 2008)  <i>peace with ourselves</i></p> <p>Finding personal peace for a boy is difficult especially when he is bullied at school. A very special cat teaches the boy about the power of living in the moment rather than worrying about what might happen.</p>	✓		
<p><b>#Milo and the Magical Stones</b> by <i>Marcus Pfister</i> (North-South Books NY 1997)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of sustainability and caring for the environment. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		✓	
<p><b>Mole Music</b> by <i>David McPhail</i> (Henry Holt and Co New York 1999) includes CD  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of following our hearts. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		✓ e-book	
<p><b>#Naomi's Tree</b> by <i>Joy Kogawa</i> illustrated by <i>Ruth Ohi</i> (Fitzhenry &amp; Whiteside Ontario Canada 2008)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the common humanity we share. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>##Nine Dragons</b> by <i>George Herman</i> (Tuttle Publishing Boston Massachusetts 2003)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p>	✓		

<p>A mythical story from China that explores the aspects of peace-building. Recommended for children aged 10 and above.</p>			
<p><b>#One City, Two Brothers</b> by <i>Chris Smith</i> (Barefoot Books Cambridge Massachusetts USA 2007) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that explores the possibility of a peace-building solutions to a long term problems. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>###Old Turtle</b> by <i>Douglas Wood</i> illustrated by <i>Cheng-Khee Chee</i> (Scholastic Press NY 1992) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A magnificent story that respects traditional beliefs about the purpose of peace. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>###Old Turtle and the Broken Truth</b> by <i>Douglas Wood</i> illustrated by <i>Jon J Muth</i> (Scholastic Press NY 2003) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that explores the common truths that link all humanity. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>##Planting the Trees of Kenya – the Story of Wangari Maathai</b> by <i>Claire A Nivola</i> (Francis Foster Books New York USA 2008) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reveals the power of ones person's dream. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>Refugees</b> by <i>David Miller</i> (Lothian Books Victoria Australia 2003) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the lives of refugees who are forced to leave their homelands. Recommended for children aged 5 - 12.</p>		✓	
<p><b>Rhino Neil</b> by <i>Mini Cross</i> (New Frontier Publishing Epping Australia 2005) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that reveals the importance of being ourselves. Recommended for children aged 3 - 10.</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Sadako</b> by <i>Eleanor Coerr</i> and <i>Ed Young</i> (Margaret Hamilton Books Sydney 1995) other editions available <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A timeless classic that reveals the power of the voices of children speaking against the dangers of nuclear weapons.</p>		✓	
<p><b>Seadragon Sea</b> by <i>Margaret Spurling</i> and <i>Danny Snell</i> (Working Title Press Kingswood SA 2006) <i>peace with ourselves- peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that reveals the beauty and yet vulnerability of life under the sea.</p>		✓	
<p><b>##Stone Soup</b> by <i>Jon J Muth</i> (Scholastic Press NY 2003) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p>		soft cover out of print	

An ancient tale retold that reflects upon the importance of community and working together. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.			
<b>Sunmother Wakes the World</b> adapted by <i>Diane Wolkstein</i> and Illustrated <i>Bronwyn Bancroft</i> (HarperCollins Publishers China 2004) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i>  A traditional dreaming story from Australia brilliantly retold and supported with brilliant illustrations. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.	✓		
<b>The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness</b> by <i>Colin Thompson</i> (Random House Australia 2008) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i>  A story that reflects upon the magical and transformational power of love. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.	✓	✓	
<b>The Bunyip at Berkeley Creek</b> by <i>Jenny Wagner</i> and <i>Ron Brooks</i> (Puffin Books Camberwell Victoria 1990) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i>  A story about one of Indigenous Australians' mythical creatures which lives in billabongs. Recommended for children aged 5 - 12.		✓	
<b>The Burnt Stick</b> by <i>Anthony Hill</i> illustrated by <i>Mark Sofilas</i> (Viking Books Australia 1994) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i>  A story that reveals a sad time in Australian history. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.		✓	
<b>The Coming of Night: A Yoruba Creation Story from West Africa</b> by <i>James Riordan</i> and <i>Jenny Stow</i> (Frances Lincoln Great Britain 1999) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i>  A traditional creation story that explores aspects of creation seen through African eyes. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.		✓	
<b>#The Conquerors</b> by <i>David McKee</i> (Andersen Press London 2004) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i>  A powerful story that reflects upon the impact of war upon soldiers and people. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.		✓	
<b>##The Dragon Test</b> by <i>June Crebbin</i> and <i>Polly Dunbar</i> (Walker Books London 2003) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i>  A wonderful tale about a young girl who becomes a hero and challenges traditional thinking. Recommended for children aged 5 - 12.		✓	
<b>##The Dream Dragon</b> by <i>Yvonne Winer</i> (Margaret Hamilton Books Sydney 1998) <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i>  A traditional Asian tale structured to reveal the power of dreams. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.			✓
<b>##The Eagle and the Wren</b> by <i>Jane Goodall</i> and <i>Alexander Reichstein</i> (North-South Books Zurich Switzerland 2000)		✓	

<p><b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></b></p> <p>A story about working together retold by one of the world's most inspirational peace-builders. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			
<p><b>The Gift</b> by <i>Libby Hathorn</i> illustrated by <i>Gregory Rogers</i> (Random House Australia 2000) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></b></p> <p>A story that extends the plot of a traditional fairy tale. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			
<p><b>#The Island</b> by <i>John Heffernan</i> and <i>Peyer Sheehan</i> (Scholastic Press Gosford Aus 2005) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></b></p> <p>A story that challenges our thinking about what is important in life. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			
<p><b>###The Magic Crystal</b> by <i>Brigitte Weninger</i> and <i>Robert Ingpen</i> (Penguin Young Readers New York NY 2003) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></b></p> <p>This beautifully illustrated and engaging story explores important life issues. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			
<p><b>#The Quiltmaker's Gift</b> by <i>Jeff Brumbeau</i> illustrated by <i>Gail de Marcken</i> (Orchard Books New York 2000) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></b></p> <p>A story that reflects upon the importance of giving. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>		soft cover out of print	
<p><b>The Peasant Prince</b> by <i>Li Cunxin</i> illustrated by <i>Anne Spudvilas</i> (Viking Penguin Victoria Australia 2007) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></b></p> <p>A story from China based upon the novel Mao's Last Dancer. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			
<p><b>The Rainbow Fish</b> by <i>Marcus Ffister</i> translated by J. Alison James (North-South Books Zurich Switzerland 1992) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></b></p> <p>An enchanting story about the importance of sharing. Recommended for children aged 5 - 10.</p>			
<p><b>##The Seed</b> by <i>Isabel Pin</i> (North-South Books NY London Zurich 2001) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></b></p> <p>An interesting story that explores possible peace-building solutions to war. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			
<p><b>The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley</b> by <i>Colin Thompson</i> illustrated by <i>Amy Lissiat</i> (Lothian Books Melbourne Victoria 2005) <b><i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></b></p> <p>An amazing story that reveals the power of positive thinking. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			

<p><b>The Smallest Bilby and the Midnight Star</b> by <i>Nette Hilton</i> and <i>Bruce Whatley</i> (Lothian Books Melbourne Victoria 2005)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A captivating story about dreaming big dreams and aiming high. Recommended for children aged 5 and above.</p>		✓	
<p><b>##The Tear Thief</b> by <i>Carol Ann Duffy</i> illustrated by <i>Nicoletta Ceccoli</i> (Barefoot Books USA date unknown)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A wonderful story that sensitively explores our emotional worlds. Recommended for children aged 5 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>###The Three Questions</b> by <i>Jon J Muth</i> (Scholastic Press NY 2002)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A story that explores the most important questions about life. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>#The Velveteen Rabbit</b> by <i>Margery Williams</i> (HarperCollins 1st ed published in 1922 in US)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A wonderful story of enduring and unconditional love. This version is beautifully illustrated. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>The Werewolf Knight</b> by <i>Jenny Wagner</i> (Red Fox Sydney 1995)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>A story that helps children appreciate the impact of stereotyping. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			✓
<p><b>The Woman Who Married a Bear</b> <i>retold by Elizabeth James illustrated by Atanas</i> (Simply Read Books Canada 2008)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>A traditional Indian tale that explores age old truths. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		
<p><b>##The Whisperer</b> by <i>Nick Butterworth</i> (HarperCollins Books Great Britain 2004)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other</i></p> <p>An enchanting story that transforms a tragic traditional tale into one that is peace-building. Recommended for children aged 5 and above.</p>		✓	
<p><b>Wan Hu Is in the Stars</b> by <i>Jennifer Armstrong</i> (Tambourine Books NY 1995)  <i>peace with ourselves</i></p> <p>A magical story about a dreamer who sought answers to the most difficult of questions. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>			✓
<p><b>Zen Shorts</b> by <i>Jon J Muth</i> (Scholastic Press New York Aus 2005)  <i>peace with ourselves-peace with each other-peace with the environment</i></p> <p>Zen stories are powerful teaching stories that reflect upon the things in life that truly matter. Recommended for children aged 7 and above.</p>	✓		

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