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Novels

**Being Muslim**
*(Groundwork Guides)*
Written by Haroon Siddiqui
Groundwood Books, 2006
ISBN 978-0888997869
Grades 9 and up / Ages 14 and up
*Muslims - Islam*

**Bifocal**
Written by Deborah Ellis and Eric Walters
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2007
ISBN 978-1554550623
Grades 7-10 / Ages 12-15
*Muslims – Race Relations*

**Break on Through**
Written by Jill Murray
Doubleday Canada, 2007
ISBN 978-0385664905
Grades 7-10 / Ages 12-15
*Multicultural*

**Elijah of Buxton**
Written by Christopher Paul Curtis
Scholastic Canada 2007
ISBN 978-0439936477
Grades 4-7 / Ages 9-12
*African*

**Feast of Lights: A Young Adult Novel**
Written by Ellen S. Jaffe
Sumach Press, 2006
ISBN 978-1894549608
Grades 5-7 / Ages 10-12
*Jewish*

**Kalynda’s Song**
Written by Lisa Grekul
Coteau Books, 2003
ISBN 978-1550503555
Grades 8 and up / Ages 13 and up
*Ukrainian*

**Kobzar’s Children: A Century of Untold Ukrainian Stories**
Edited by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006
ISBN 978-1550419979
Grades 8 and up / Ages 13 and up
*Ukrainian*

**Many Windows: Six Kids Five Faiths One Community**
Written by Rukhsana Kahn with Elisa Carbone and Uma Krishnaswami
Illustrated by Patty Gallinger
Napoleon Publishing, 2008
ISBN 978-1894917568
Grades 3-5 / Ages 8-10
*Buddhism – Islam – Hinduism – Judaism – Christianity – Canada*

**Me and the Blondes**
Written by Teresa Toten
Puffin Canada, 2006
ISBN 978-0143053071
Grades 8-11 / Ages 13-16
*Bulgarian*

**Midnight at the Dragon Café**
Written by Judy Fong Bates
ISBN 978-0771010972
Grades 11 and up / Ages 16 and up
*Chinese*

**My Name is Number 4: A True Story**
Written by Ting-Xing Ye
Doubleday Canada, 2007
ISBN 978-0385663052
Grades 9 and up / Ages 14 and up
*Chinese*

**The Mystery of the Frozen Brains**
*(Marty Chan Mystery Series)*
Written by Marty Chan
Thistledown Press, 2004
ISBN 978-1894345712
Grades 3-7 / Ages 8-12
*Chinese*

**A New Life**
Written by Rukhsana Khan
Illustrated by Nasrin Khosravi
Groundwood Books, 2009
ISBN 978-0888999306
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-11
*Pakistani*

**Naomi’s Road**
Written by Joy Kogawa
Illustrated by Ruth Ohi
Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2005
ISBN 978-1550051155
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-11
*Japanese*

**An Ocean Apart: The Gold Mountain Diary of Chin Mei-Ling**
*(Dear Canada)*
Written by Gillian Chan
Scholastic Canada, 2004
ISBN 978-0779113538
Grades 4-9 / Ages 9-14
*Chinese*

**Oscar: The Life and Music of Oscar Peterson**
Written by Reva Marin
Groundwood Books, 2003
ISBN 978-0888999377
Grades 5-8 / Ages 10-13
*African*

**Skim**
Written by Mariko Tamaki
Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
Groundwood Books, 2008
ISBN 978-0888999377
Grades 8 and up / Ages 14 and up
*Japanese*

**What Happened This Summer**
Written by Paul Yee
Tradewind Books, 2006
ISBN 978-1896580883
Grades 10 and up / Ages 15 and up
*Chinese*

**Zoe’s Extraordinary Holiday Adventures**
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Second Story Press, 2007
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