



Seeds of Change by

Jen Cullerton Johnson,
illustrated by Sonia Lynn
Sadler

A picture book biography
of scientist Wangari
Maathai, the first African
woman—and first
environmentalist—to win a
Nobel Peace Prize (in 2004)
for her work planting trees
in her native Kenya.

Catching the Moon by

Crystal Hubbard,
illustrated by Randy
DuBurke

The true story of Marcenia
Lyle, an African American girl
who grew up to become
“Toni Stone,” the first
woman to play for a
professional baseball team.

Parrots Over Puerto

Rico by Susan L. Roth,
Cindy Trumbore,
illustrated by Susan L.
Roth

Striking collage
illustrations tell the
intertwined histories of the
Puerto Rican parrot and
the island of Puerto Rico,
culminating with current
efforts to save the parrots
from extinction.

Honda: The Boy

Who Dreamed of
Cars by Mark Weston,
illustrated by Katie
Yamasaki

The life story of Soichiro
Honda, pioneering
Japanese businessman
and innovative motorcycle
and car manufacturer.

George Crum and
the Saratoga Chip by

Gaylia Taylor,
illustrated by Frank
Morrison

An account of the life and
career of George Crum, a
biracial chef who is
credited with the invention
of the potato chip at a
Saratoga Springs, New
York, restaurant in 1853.

Seaside Dream by

Janet Costa Bates,
illustrated by Lambert
Davis

A treasured relationship
between child and
grandparent, set in a lush,
costal neighborhood, this
contemporary story
lovingly affirms family
bonds that transcend age
and distance and warmly
captures the joy of giving

The Mangrove Tree
by Susan L. Roth, Cindy Trumbore, illustrated by Susan L. Roth
The story of Dr. Gordon Sato's project to plant mangrove trees to improve the living conditions for the people of the village of Hargigo in the impoverished African nation of Eritrea.

I and I Bob Marley by Tony Medina, illustrated by Jesse Joshua Watson
A biography in verse of reggae legend Bob Marley, exploring the influences that shaped his life and music on his journey from rural Jamaican childhood to international superstardom.

Brothers in Hope by Mary Williams, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
A young boy unites with thousands of other orphaned boys to walk to safety in a refugee camp in another country, after war destroys their villages in southern Sudan. Based on true events.

Top to Bottom
written/illustrated by Ted & Betsy Lewin
Ted and Betsy Lewin share their adventures while traveling in northern and southern Australia, describing the wildlife and landscapes they encounter.

Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic by Ginnie Lo, illustrated by Beth Lo
A Chinese American girl's Auntie Yang discovers soybeans—a favorite Chinese food—growing in Illinois, and their family starts a soybean picnic tradition that grows into an annual community event.

Water Rolls, Water Rises by Pat Mora, illustrated by Meilo So
In a series of poetic verses in English and Spanish, readers learn about the movement and moods of water around the world and the ways in which water affects varied landscapes and cultures.

Bird by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Shadra Strickland
An African American boy nicknamed Bird uses drawing as a creative outlet as he struggles to make sense of his grandfather's death and his brother's drug addiction.

Yum! ¡MmMm! ¡Qué Rico! Brotes de las Américas by Pat Mora, illustrated by Rafael Lopez
A collection of haiku focusing on fourteen foods native to the Americas, celebrating the fun of the foods as well as their origins.

Love to Langston by Tony Medina, illustrated by Gregory Christie
This inspiring biography on Langston Hughes celebrates his life through

