



For students SK–Grade 3

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The Best of All Worlds is a collection of multilingual stories. “This book will enable children to develop a heightened awareness of different cultures and promote a respect for diversity” states the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

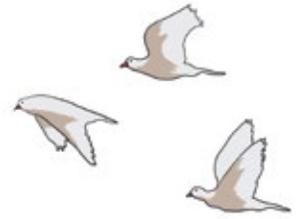
This book consists of seven original children's stories, written in the mother language of the authors: Arabic, Farsi, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish. Each story is translated into English and French. All stories and illustrations are original. The collection was published in partnership with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, it is the first multilingual book of its kind in Canada.

CENTRAL THEMES

Friendship, adventure, coming of age, family, discrimination, problem solving

BEFORE READING

- When looking at the book cover, ask the students what they see?
- Do they recognize any of the languages in each of the boxes?
- Can the students to recognize the languages on the cover?
- Invite the students to discuss the different languages on the cover.
- Each of the stories has been translated into English & French.
- As a bilingual country, we try to encourage bilingualism
- Encourage the students to tell you what languages they speak at home, with their family, their friends, their classmates?
- What kind of books do the students have in their home?
- Do they have books in different languages?
- Who reads those books (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings)



WHILE READING

- What language is at the top of each title page?
- How can this book, these stories, encourage bilingualism?
- Each title page has an illustration.
- What can the illustration tell us about the story we are about to read?

THEMES

Chloe's Tulips

Collaboration, springtime, Remembrance Day, a festival in the nation's capital

The Wonderful Furoshiki

Friendship, fear of the unknown, helping one another

Who Do You Love the Most?

Family, love, friendship

Virginia and the Forgotten Teacup

Adventure, nostalgia, fear of loneliness, making new friends

Sea of Pearls

Coming of age, adventure, helping others, collaboration

The Happy King

Problem solving together, collaborationlove, discrimination, understanding

