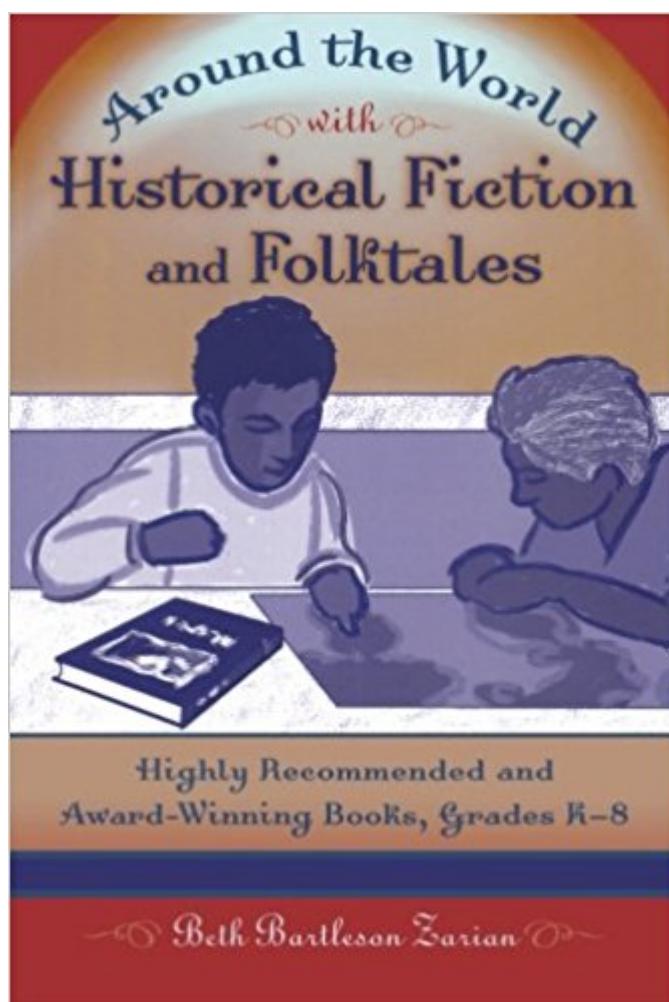


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# Around The World With Historical Fiction And Folktales: Highly Recommended And Award-Winning Books, Grades K-8



## **Synopsis**

Whether two teachers are covering the same topic in separate classes, or designing a thematic unit with the school librarian, this handy guide to nearly 800 award-winning historical fiction for Kindergarten through 8th grade will assist all parties in the selection of high quality literature.

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Anyone interested in using fiction and folklore to broaden student understanding of history and culture will find this an extremely useful and user-friendly guide. (The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) This new annotated bibliography intersects the two basic elementary education subject areas of language arts and social studies within the framework of world history and culture. While similar guides to children's historical fiction exist, this book stands out by also including the folktale genre....this is a skillfully designed bibliography. It also features author (illustrator)/title and subject indexes as well as two appendixes, including an essential guide to all awards referenced and a list of all sources consulted. (American Reference Books Annual) The objective of this work is to provide a 'reference source of award-winning fiction books in the areas of American and world history as well as myths and folktales from around the world' appropriate for kindergarten through eighth grade. All entries contain bibliographical information, the availability of audio recordings and/or movie adaptations, and Lexile reading scale measures. Zarian uses a broad-ranging definition for awards (including Editor's Choices), international and lesser-known awards, but she

provides a useful 'Guide to the Awards' section. Zarian states that her annotations (variable in quality) are based on reviews in professional journals or on publishers' book descriptions. (VOYA)Written for parents, librarians, and professional educators, [this] resource text lists some 800 award-winning fiction books grouped into sections on American history, world history, and myths and folk tales from around the world. Each entry includes complete bibliographic information and grade level recommendation, the forms in which the book has been published (hardback, paperback, audio, VHS, or VHS/DVD notation if available as a movie), Lexile reading scale rating, brief summary of the story, and awards the book has received. (Reference and Research Book News)

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I recently purchased this gift for my middle school sons' teaching team. The reading/L.A. teaching team was incredibly impressed. They actually used some of the literature recommended in the Vietnam War section. Many times it is hard to find appropriate reading on a specific topic. This book makes an integrated curriculum/additional home teaching so much easier to achieve. As parents, we all know our children go in streaks with certain subject matter. How wonderful to have a resource to turn to if your child has a particular interest and wants to learn more than they have time for at school. I would highly recommend this to parents and educators as a valuable resource. Here's to a book which finally makes it easier to choose something other than the electronics that we find ourselves surrounded by. Monica Coleman

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