

Picture Books Around the World - CANADA AND THE FAR NORTH

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[Amber waiting](#)

by Gregory, Nan

JEASY

Amber loves almost everything about kindergarten, but cannot stand waiting for her father, who picks her up late every day after school, so she spends this free time thinking of ways to help him understand her frustration.

[Animal Masquerade](#)

by Dubuc, Marianne

JEASY DUB

A fanciful menagerie of masquerading animals includes an elephant dressed as a parrot, a ladybug in a hippopotamus outfit and a fish whose cat costume causes the others to dub him a "catfish," in a lively story that culminates in a detailed final panorama of all the fancifully dressed party guests.

[Big Ben](#)

by Ellis, Sarah

JEASY

Ben thinks he's too little to do anything until his older siblings produce his first report card, grading him on all the things little brothers do best.

[Good morning Sam](#)

by Gay, Marie-Louise

JEASY

Stella tries to help her little brother Sam get dressed, but Sam has ideas of his own. <div class="clear"></div>

[I know here](#)

by Croza, Laurel

JEASY CRO

A tale about a young girl whose family moves from the forests of northeastern Saskatchewan to a strange new place called 'Toronto'.

[Oma's quilt](#)

by Bourgeois, Paulette

JEASY

Emily comes up with a wonderful way to cheer her grandmother when the elderly woman is forced to leave her house on Maple Street after many, many years and move to Forest View Retirement Home.

[Salmon creek](#)

by LeBox, Annette

JEASY

Traces the life of a coho salmon as she hatches in a creek, swims to the Pacific ocean, and returns to her creek to spawn.

[Sidewalk flowers](#)

by Lawson, JonArno

JEASY LAW

A little girl collects wildflowers while on a walk with her distracted father. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. This wordless picture book, conceived by award-winning poet JonArno Lawson and beautifully brought to life by illustrator Sydney Smith, is an ode to the importance of small things, small people and small gestures

[Singing the dark](#)

by Sproule, Gail

JEASY

As dusk falls, mother and child perform a bedtime ritual by singing a welcoming song to the night. <div class="clear"></div>

[Stanley's party](#)

by Bailey, Linda

JEASY

One evening when his owners are out, Stanley the dog holds a party for his canine friends.

[Suki's kimono](#)

by Uegaki, Chieri

JEASY

The story of a little girl whose spirit leads her to march to the sound of her own drumbeat. <div class="clear"></div>

[The bus ride](#)

by Dubuc, Marianne

JEASY DUB

Clara is excited to be taking the bus to her grandmother's house today. It's the first time she is going on her own. Little does she know that there will be a whole cast of interesting characters keeping her company. The ride just might be more of an adventure than she imagined!

[The song within my heart](#)

by Bouchard, Dave

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The story of a young boy preparing for his first powwow. <div class="clear"></div>

[The subway mouse](#)

by Reid, Barbara

JEASY

Remembering childhood stories of a beautiful but dangerous place called Tunnel's End, a mouse named Nib leaves his dirty, crowded home under a busy subway station and sets out on a long journey, joined by Lola, a mouse he meets along the way.

[Virginia Wolf](#)

by Maclear, Kyo

JEASY MAC

Vanessa's sister, Virginia, is in a "wolfish" mood -- growling, howling and acting very strange. Vanessa tries everything she can think of to cheer her up, but nothing seems to work. Loosely based on the relationship between author Virginia Woolf and her sister, painter Vanessa Bell.

[You can't rush a cat](#)

by Bradford, Karleen

JEASY

A little girl knows just what it takes to win over a feral cat that has taken up residence in her grandfather's house. She patiently puts to work all her knowledge of felines, and in the end, her grandfather has a new animal friend.