

Recommended Books Grades K-3

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Anthology of Childrens Literature

Korea's Favorite Tales and Lyrics

Peter Hyun, 1986 International Publishing House

A collection of Korean folktales, poems, short stories and songs.

Families-Adoptive

We Adopted You, Benjamin Koo

Linda Girard

1989 Albert Whitman & Company/ ISBN# 0-8075-8694-3

Nine-year-old Benjamin Koo Andrews, adopted from Korea as an infant, describes what it's like to grow up adopted from another country.

Folktales

Blindman's Daughter

Edward Adams/ 1981 Seoul International Publishing House/ ISBN# 0-8048-1472-4

Confucianism, Buddhism and shamanism play a dominant role in this Korean folktale about filial piety. Bilingual English/Korean text.

Faithful Daughter Shim Ch'ong/The Little Frog Who Never Listened

Two Korean folktales written in English and Korean.

Duance Vorhees & Mark Mueller

1990 Hollym

ISBN# 0-930878-92-2

Families Are Different

Nina Pellegrini

1991 Holiday House/ ISBN# 0-8234-0887

An adopted Korean girl discovers that her classmates have different types of families.

Korean Cinderella, The

Shirley Climo

1993 HarperCollins Publishers ISBN# 0-06-020433-8

In this ancient Korean version of Cinderella, Pear Blossom, a stepchild, eventually comes to be chosen by the magistrate to be his wife.

Games

Korean Games With Notes on the Corresponding Games of China and Japan

Stewart Culin

1991 Dover Publications, Inc. ISBN# 0-486-26593-5

This work was first published in 1895 by Stewart Culin who was Curator of the Department of Ethnology at The Brooklyn Museum and an expert on games of the world. This text provides a detailed description of over 100 Korean games with historical notes and descriptions of their analogues in Chinese and Japanese cultures.

Holidays

Korean Children's Day

Ruth Suyenaga 1992 Modern Curriculum Press

ISBN # 0-8136-2293-X

Children's Day, a Korean holiday held on May 5th, and other Korean traditions and customs are explained to a fourth grader when he visits the Korean Institute.

Immigration

Halmoni and the Picnic

Sook Choi

1993 Houghton Mifflin Company

ISBN # 0-395-61626-3

A Korean-American girl's third grade class helps her newly arrived grandmother feel more comfortable with their new life in the United States.

People and Country of Korea

Chi-Hoon: A Korean Girl

Patricia McMahon

1993 Boyds Mills

ISBN # 1-56397-026-0

The daily life of a young Korean girl and her family in Seoul, Korea is told in simple text illustrated with numerous color photographs.

Count Your Way Through Korea

Jim Haskins

1989 Carolrhoda Books, Inc.

ISBN # 0-87614-348-6

Presents the numbers one to ten in Korean, using each number to introduce concepts about Korea and its culture.

Korea (A new true book)

Karen Jacobsen

1989 Children's Press

ISBN # 0-516-01174-X

Introduces the geography, history, people, and culture of the country known as the "land of morning calm."

South Korea / Children of the World

Sally Tolan

1987 Gareth Stevens Children's Books

ISBN # 0-83687-049-2

This text introduces readers to the daily life of Jyung Ho, a young boy who lives in Seoul. Also included is general information about South Korea with maps and photographs.

Teacher Guide

South Korea (A Literature-Based Multicultural Unit)

Betsy Franco

1995 Evan-Moor

Available from Lakeshore

ISBN # 1-55799-383

This guide includes a Korean folktale, a chant, a storyboard, holiday celebrations, food and many other whole language suggestions.