HOLIDAYS
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Introduces Columbus Day, explaining the historical events behind it, how it became a holiday, and how it is observed.


Provides information about Columbus Day, explaining historical background, how it began, and how it is celebrated.


With sugar skulls, sweet-smelling marigold petals and joyful songs, Hispanic families welcome back ancestors on this holiday.


El Día de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, is here--a holiday for celebrating the lives of departed family and friends. Altars are decorated with sugar skulls and marigolds. Tamales and sweets are ready to eat. Soon it will be time for picnics, music, and a costume parade! Come join in these joyful and vibrant festivities that are a tradition in Mexico and throughout Latin America.


Upon the death of her beloved Tio Urbano, who has taught her that monarch butterflies are the souls of the dead, young Lupita gains a deeper understanding of Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, as it is observed in rural Mexico.


Rhyming text presents traditions used to celebrate the Day of the Dead.


As he prepares to celebrate the Day of the Dead, a young boy remembers...
all the things he liked about his favorite uncle.

**DIWALI – Celebrated for one week between Mid-October and Mid-November**

N/A  Dicker, Katie. *I Belong to the Hindu Faith*. New York: PowerKids Press, 2010.  294.5 D558I

See what it's like to walk in the shoes of a Hindu follower. Through the eyes of a peer, students will learn about the community, customs, observances, practices, and festivals of this interesting and wonderful faith.


Recounts the origins and history of Diwali, and describes how the holiday is celebrated.

**HALLOWEEN – Celebrated October 31st**


Costumes, jack-o-lanterns, and trick-or-treating -- these are all parts of the modern traditions of Halloween. Readers might wonder where this strange but fun holiday came from. Both ancient beliefs and modern customs are covered in this guide to Halloween's history.


Simple text and full-color photographs describe Halloween lore and traditions.


When babysitter Lulu takes the five little monkeys trick-or-treating, they decide to change costumes with their friends and try to fool Lulu and their mother.
Tacky is not very helpful as Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly, and Perfect plan and prepare for Halloween, turning their igloo into a haunted house and making treats, but while Tacky is finishing his costume something really frightening arrives, and only he can chase it away.

With Halloween approaching, Junie B. needs to find a costume that will scare off the real witches and ghosts that she believes will be out on the holiday.

Hubie feels left out when his teacher announces a class costume party and he, unlike his classmates, has no ideas about what to wear.

**ROSH HASHANAH** – Celebrated the 1st two days of the 7th month in the Hebrew Calendar and **YOM KIPPUR** – Celebrated the 10th day of the 7th month in the Hebrew Calendar.

Millions of Jewish people all over the world celebrate this autumn festival five days after Yom Kippur. The holiday usually occurs in September or October. Jewish people take time to remember how the ancient Israelites lived.

Learn about the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah.

Describes how the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are celebrated around the world.

Observing Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year—Engineer Ari apologizes for his boastful ways as he drives the very first train from Jaffa to Jerusalem in 1892.


On Rosh Hashanah, Izzy and his family make lists of the wrongs they have committed over the past year, and after they have apologized, they throw pieces of bread into the water to “clean their hearts” in a ceremony called tashlich.


A Jewish boy living in Russia learns a lesson from the village chickens at the time of Rosh ha-Shanah, the Jewish New Year.


After many years of watching the solemn lighting of seven candles at Rosh Hashanah, Eli finally learns how those candles represent his family’s connection to the Holocaust in Lithuania.

**THANKSGIVING – Celebrated the 4th Thursday of November.**


Thanksgiving is a tradition passed down by people for hundreds of years. Through accessible text presented in both English and standard Latin-American Spanish, this great book explores why a day of thanks in November has become an American tradition.


Many Americans celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving in November by watching football and eating a big meal with their family - a tradition linked to the Pilgrims and their early days in the New World. But pictures of the Pilgrims sitting down with their Native American friends are only partly right. What was the first Thanksgiving really like?
Young Percy Isaac Gifford provides a list of ten rules for getting the most out of Thanksgiving Day, especially how best to enjoy the buffet.

Turkey was in trouble. Bad trouble. The kind of trouble where it's almost Thanksgiving... and you're the main course. But Turkey had an idea—what if he didn't look like a turkey? What if he looked like another animal instead? After many hilarious attempts, Turkey comes up with the perfect disguise to make this Thanksgiving the best ever.

Freddy is unhappy about playing the turkey in his first-grade Thanksgiving Day play, especially with Max bullying and teasing him, but his grandfather and principal both give him ideas for making the part fun.

When her perfectionist classmate and neighbor plans an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner, Katie begins to wonder if the relaxed day she, her father, and her messy little brother usually enjoy means they are not a "real" family.

Veterans Day provides teachers an easy-to-read picture book explaining the creation, history, and meaning of the holiday that honors our nation's soldiers.

Claire, her friend, Robbie, and her dog, Pepper, learn about veterans from Claire's neighbor, General Jones.
GENERAL AUTUMN CELEBRATIONS


Discusses the significance of some of the harvest festivals around the world and describes how they are celebrated.


Looking at both the science of weather and the history of how the fall equinox has been celebrated by various cultures throughout the world, this book will inspire a new understanding of autumn and the harvest season.


A rhyming celebration of the sights, smells, and sounds of autumn, such as pumpkin muffins, turkey stickers on spelling papers, and piles of raked leaves.


As the fall harvest moon shines on the farm, leaf families gather to celebrate the autumnal equinox.

SPRING HOLIDAYS

APRIL FOOLS’ DAY – Celebrated April 1st.


April Fools! For anyone who’s even been the victim of an April Fools’ Day joke or who’s planning to pull the best prank yet, this fun book takes them inside the possible origins of an amusing holiday.


When Punxsutawney Phyllis forecasts a blizzard on April Fools' Day--the same day as the Spring Treasure Hunt--the other groundhogs are convinced that Phyllis is pulling a prank.

The Dixon twins try to discover who put the snake in the school cafeteria flour bin on April Fool's Day, clearing an unjustly suspected classmate in the process.

**CINCO DE MAYO – Celebrated May 5th.**

N/A Hall, M.C. *Cinco de Mayo*. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Pub., 2011.

Young readers learn about Cinco de Mayo through simple text, photos, and activities.


Explains the history behind the holiday and discusses how it is celebrated.


Mouse enjoys the sights and smells of Cinco de Mayo despite being trailed by a determined cat.


Join in the celebration of Cinco de Mayo as Max is invited to a fiesta at Jose's house which includes food, music, dancing, and a parade as part of the fun.

**EARTH DAY – Celebrated April 22nd.**


Describes the history and traditions of Earth Day, including a craft and recipe.

Provides an overview of Earth Day, discussing how, when, and why the holiday is celebrated, what symbols are associated with it, and other related topics.


When Mrs. Connor's class celebrates Earth Day, Emma decides to start small by recycling, using only what she needs, and picking up trash when she goes for a walk.


When Nancy, the girl who loves to use fancy words, learns about Earth Day and "being green," her enthusiasm causes problems at home.


Catalina 'Cat' Duran and her class are off to the recycling center for what seems like the worst field trip ever. But when they arrive, they find out that the recycling plant has been sabotaged! Only Cat and her friends can save the day (and help save the Earth, too)!

**EASTER** – Celebrated on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th.


Explains the significance of the holiday, discussing getting ready for the day, customs, and foods.


An introduction to the religious significance of Easter and the ways in which it's celebrated.
Hoppi the bunny wants to win the egg-decorating contest so the Easter Bunny will choose him to help distribute Easter eggs, but instead, while everyone else is working on their decorations, he finds himself guarding an egg that has fallen from a robin's nest.

Ollie watches the other goslings dye and hide eggs for the Easter hunt, but no one can find the eggs when Ollie decides that they are all for him.

First grader Junie B. Jones is determined to win the grand prize at wealthy classmate Lucille's Easter egg hunt--a playdate in Lucille's heated swimming pool.

**FATHER’S DAY – Celebrated the 3rd Sunday in June.**


Simple text and photographs present fathers and how they interact with their families.


Harvey the bear searches for the perfect Father's Day present and decides that thanking his dad is the best gift of all.


For Fathers' Day, the students in Mrs. Madoff's class write and illustrate books about their dads.
**FLAG DAY – Celebrated June 14th.**

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<td>Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag. The book helps beginning readers learn about our flag, how we take care of it, and how we honor it as a national symbol.</td>
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<td>Omar shows Megan and Latasha how to take care of the school's flag when they have flag duty.</td>
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<td>When the original Star Spangled Banner is stolen, seventh-graders Anne, José, and Henry, all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society, pursue suspects on airport carts and through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at a Washington, D.C., airport during a snowstorm.</td>
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**JUNETEENTH – Celebrated June 19th.**

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<td>Juneteenth is usually celebrated on June 19. It honors the day in 1865 when Union troops swept into Galveston, Texas, and told the elated slaves there that they were free. This volume delves into the American Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the events that led to this special holiday for African Americans and everyone who celebrates the end of slavery in the</td>
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Little Mazie wants the freedom to stay up late, but her father explains what freedom really means in the story of Juneteenth, and how her ancestors celebrated their true freedom.

In 1865, members of a family start their day as slaves, working in a Texas cotton field, and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth.

**MEMORIAL DAY – Celebrated the last Monday of May.**


Explains Memorial Day, why it's celebrated, who celebrates it, the events that take place, and why it's important.


Describes the holiday Memorial Day, examining its origins, the reason that it is celebrated. Also provides information about national holidays from around the world that celebrate those who have fallen in service to their country.


When Marco attends a Memorial Day parade, he is surprised to see a familiar face among the veterans.


When a local businessman and baseball coach disappears just before he is to portray Uncle Sam at the start of a Memorial Day race, ten-year-old Alex and his best friend Yasmeen investigate, despite their pact to stay away from mysteries.
MOTHER’S DAY – Celebrated the 2nd Sunday in May.

Simple text and photographs present mothers and how they interact with their families.

Nanny takes Eloise shopping for the "best best best" Mother's Day gifts.

Hank and Irma prepare for and celebrate Mother's day.

PASSOVER – Celebrated in March or April for 7-8 days.

Explains how families celebrate this Jewish holiday of freedom.

The most celebrated holiday in the Jewish year, Passover commemorates the Exodus of Hebrew slaves from Egypt to freedom over 3,500 years ago. This colorful book explores the many forms that this week long celebration takes worldwide.

A child in Egypt tells what the Jews are experiencing in the days leading up to their flight from Egyptian slavery.

A little help from the rabbi on Passover ends a feud between the Lippas and the Galinskys.
Rebecca Rubin worries that her tenth birthday will be ruined because it falls during Passover, but her mother’s cousin Max, an actor, takes her with him to a movie studio, where she makes friends with an actress and a set carpenter.

GENERAL SPRING CELEBRATIONS


Explores the customs, traditions, and celebrations of spring holidays throughout the world.


Jackson introduces children to a number of spring customs: the Cree Indian practice of offering berries to the Great Spirit; the medieval European custom of a mock battle between summer and winter; the Iranian festival of No Ruz; and the colorful Indian holiday known as Holi, as well as the more familiar Passover, Easter, and Earth Day.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

GRANDPARENT’S DAY – Celebrated the 1st Sunday after Labor Day.


Vibrant photographs and simple text capture the joy and affection shown by grandparents and grandchildren around the world.


This title teaches readers that all families are different, and that some families include grandparents. A family tree shows readers how people in families are related to each other.
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<td>The little girl in this story loves to visit Grandpa's farm where she and her cousins run through the fields, swing out the bar loft window and feed crab apples to the Appaloosa in the corral. They explore the root cellar and tiptoe into Grandpa's secret room to look at memories from the past.</td>
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<td>Jennifer, a Korean American, is worried that her grandmother, visiting from Korea, will embarrass her on her school's Grandparents' Day, but the event brings her understanding and acceptance.</td>
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<td>Calliope does not have a grandmother or grandfather to bring to school on Grandparent's Day, but she finds a special way to participate anyway.</td>
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<td><strong>INDEPENDENCE DAY – Celebrated July 4th.</strong></td>
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<td>Describes how people around the world -- United States, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Brazil, France, Ghana, Israel, India, Malaysia and Indonesia -- observe Independence Day, and specifically examines Independence Day as celebrated in the United States.</td>
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<td>Independence Day, or the Fourth of July, is one of the most important days in the history of the United States of America. Discover how millions of Americans celebrate this national holiday each year.</td>
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<td>The whole family joins in a lively small-town celebration of Independence Day, including a parade, a picnic, music, and fireworks.</td>
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<td>A boy gets a big surprise when the low riders take part in the Independence Day parade.</td>
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<td>On July 4th, 1777, fourteen-year-old Jake Mallory and his friends are celebrating their new nation's independence, but over the next four years Jake finds himself in increasingly adventurous circumstances as he battles British forces, barely survives captivity on a prison ship, and finally returns home to Connecticut, war-torn and weary, but hopeful for America's future.</td>
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<td>With the help of ace detective Dash Marlowe, sleuths-in-training Mio and Jazz investigate a so-called jinx at the local Fourth of July fair.</td>
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**LABOR DAY – Celebrated the 1st Monday in September.**

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<td>Twelve-year-old Emily must hold down her job working twelve-hour days in a</td>
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garment factory in order to keep from starving. A story that includes historical interludes about the working conditions in factories at the turn of the century.


Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

**RAMADAN – Celebrated during the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar.**


Teaches young readers about the background, traditions, foods, and celebrations of the Islamic holiday. Easy-to-read text combines with colorful illustrations to provide entertainment and facts for even the youngest audience.


Explains the history of the holiday, discussing the customs and the celebration Eid al-Fitr.


Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge until she gets some good advice from the librarian, Mrs. Carman.


Learn how Max celebrates Ramadan with family, food, and fun.


Magid, an eight-year-old Muslim boy in Cairo, is determined to celebrate Ramadan by fasting, despite the opposition of family members who feel that he is not yet old enough to fast.
WINTER HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS – Celebrated December 25th.


Describes the holiday Christmas, examining its origins and the reason that it is celebrated, and also provides information about some of the ways in which countries from around the world celebrate it.


Explains the background, traditions, foods, and celebrations of the Christian holiday, Christmas.


When his family moves from a small Mexican village to North Carolina, Eduardo asks how soon he will feel at home, and slowly his Tio Miguel's seemingly impossible replies come true until, at last, he can put out the Nativity scene he carved with his grandfather.


Naughty comes easily to Ernest. Nice is harder. But maybe if Ernest writes to Santasaurus about all the ways he's tried to be helpful and well-behaved, he can get that Jurassic Turbo Scooter X9 with the working headlight, racing fin, and secret compartment he has his eye on.


It was Christmastime on Mouse Island, and I couldn't wait to celebrate with my friends and family. Until I learned that they were all traveling out of town for the holidays, and I'd be spending Christmas alone! I was depressed, down, despondent, and starting to feel like a real grinch! I wandered the streets of New Mouse City, feeling sorry for myself. But then I discovered an amazing surprised that taught me the true meaning of Christmas.


Presents in graphic novel format an adaptation of Dickens' story of a miser.
named Ebenezer Scrooge who learns the true meaning of Christmas when three ghostly visitors review his past and foretell his future.

**GROUNDHOG DAY – Celebrated February 2nd.**


Learn about groundhogs and their special day.


Each year on February 2, thousands of people descend on the small town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. They await the weather predictions of a furry little groundhog called Punxsutawney Phil. He’s said to be able to correctly forecast if there will be 6 more weeks of winter or if spring will come early. Readers of this charming volume will learn how this tradition got started and just how accurate Phil has been over the years.


On Groundhog Day, the students in Mrs. Connor's class try to find out whether the class hamster can predict the weather as well as a groundhog.


When Grampie Groundhog decides to retire from forecasting the weather, he has twins Greta and Gregory draw straws to see who will take over the important job, but the winner is so nervous the two put aside their squabbling and work together.

**HANUKKAH – Celebrated for 8 days during late November to early December.**


Introduces Hanukkah and discusses its origins, the menorah and its candles, seasonal foods, and celebrations.

Presents ideas for hosting a Hanukkah party and discusses the history of the holiday.


On the first night of Hanukkah, Old Bear wanders into Bubba Brayna's house and receives a delicious helping of potato latkes when she mistakes him for the rabbi.


Counts the candles of a menorah on each night of Hanukkah while recalling images of Jewish life in different places and times, such Herod's temple in Jerusalem, a shtetl in Russia, and a refugee ship bound for the New World.


Alexandra, a young Jewish girl from Jerusalem, describes her life and the creation of Hanukkah, more than 2000 years ago.


Miss Mackle's third graders share December holiday traditions--Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Three Kings Day, and Korean New Year--with each other and with Harry's great grandfather, who has just moved to a nursing home.

**Kwanzaa – Celebrated December 26th – January 1st.**


Kwanzaa is an African American holiday celebrated from December 26 to January 1, while celebrating Kwanzaa people eat delicious foods, wear special clothes, sing, dance, and celebrate their ancestors.

Describes the seven principles of the festive Kwanzaa holiday.


A girl describes how she and her family celebrate the seven days of Kwanzaa.


L’il Rabbit searches for a gift for his grandmother when she is sick during Kwanzaa, and surprises her with the best gift of all. Includes “The Nguzo Saba - The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa.”

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – Celebrated the 3rd Monday in January.**


Introduces young readers to Martin Luther King, Jr., who he was, and why there is a national holiday to celebrate this man.


Learn about Martin Luther King, who has a holiday named for him.

Ada, Alma Flor. *Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Mrs. Park’s Class*.

The students in Mrs. Park’s class prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by thinking about the values he taught. Includes facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.


Mrs. Connor's students at Robin Hill School share their dreams for the future after learning about the day that celebrates the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
CHINESE NEW YEAR – Celebrated the 1st day of the year according to the Chinese calendar (usually January or February).


Chinese New Year welcomes the start of a new year. It is the most important celebration in China. People enjoy this holiday in many different ways. Chinese people follow certain traditions to make sure they have a lucky new year.


An easy introduction to the customs and traditions of this holiday.


A family prepares to celebrate the Lunar New Year and looks forward to the good luck they hope it will bring.


Little Maomao's father works in faraway places and comes home just once a year, for Chinese New Year. At first Maomao barely recognizes him, but before long the family is happily making sticky rice balls, listening to firecrackers, and watching the dragon dance in the streets below.


The first Christmas since Julie's parents' divorce is difficult for the whole family, but Julie finds comfort sharing the Chinese New Year traditions of her best friend, Ivy Ling, and thinking about new beginnings.


With the help of his popular Uncle Chester, a young Chinese American boy tries hard to fulfill a promise to have firecrackers for everyone on the Chinese New Year in 1954.
# NEW YEAR – Celebrated January 1st.

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# PRESIDENTS’ DAY – Celebrated the 3rd Monday in February.

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Describes the history of the observation of Presidents' Day and provides information on the two presidents who are honored on this holiday.


Mrs. Madoff's preschool class learns about President's Day and puts on a play about the men who inspired the holiday, particularly those featured on Mount Rushmore.


Caleb has a hard time coming up with a way to symbolize patriotism for Presidents' Day until he realizes that his dad, who is away from home in the military, is what patriotism is all about.


The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY – Celebrated March 17th.**


Examines how St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in the U.S. and around the world.


Describes the history and traditions of St. Patrick's Day, including a craft and recipe.

Using simple words and short, rhyming sentences, tells what we will do on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.


In this poem based on "The Night Before Christmas," Tim and Maureen go to great lengths to set a trap, hoping to catch a real leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day and take his pot of gold.


On his way from Ireland to America to escape the potato famine, young Fergus carves a shillelagh from his favorite blackthorn tree, and each St. Patrick's Day for generations, his story is retold by one of his descendants.


It's St. Patrick's Day and Hubie needs to find something green to wear for the big class parade. Leprechauns, four-leaf clovers, pickles - how can he possibly make a decision with all these great options?

**VALENTINE’S DAY – Celebrated February 14th.**


Valentine’s Day is a day of love. February 14 is a special day to celebrate the people you care about, but how did we pick that day? In this interesting book, learn about the history and traditions of Valentine’s Day around the world.


Traces the history of Valentine's Day and the little-known stories behind its symbols.
A boy who looks ordinary transforms into grumbling Crankenstein on the most "lovey-dovey, yuckiest day of the year."

Literal-minded even as a child, Amelia Bedelia muddles through Valentine's Day with her heart on her sleeve, trying to make sense of strange greetings at school and home, and ever on the look-out for the arrows of Cupid.

Franny tries to prevent chaos when her new lab assistant, Igor, a dog of many breeds, accidentally lets loose a giant, fifty-foot, arrow-shooting cupid.

When Nancy Clancy finds out that both her guitar teacher, Andy, and her favorite babysitter, Annie, have broken up with the people they were dating, she decides to make them fall in love on Valentine's Day.

Even in winter, there’s always something to celebrate! Budding readers are immersed in a variety of winter holidays and their traditions, from the cards and candy of Valentine’s Day to the New Year’s Eve parties that precede New Year’s Day.

Describes how and why daylight grows shorter as winter approaches, the effect of shorter days on animals and people, and how the winter solstice has been celebrated throughout history. Includes activities.

GENERAL WINTER CELEBRATIONS