



South America

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
2 - 5	Barron, T.A. <i>Ghost Hands: A Story Inspired by Patagonia's Cave of the Hands</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 2011. Auki, a young member of the Tehuelche tribe in Patagonia, wants to prove himself as a hunter but when he sets out on his own to face the puma, he stumbles upon a sacred cave and its guardian.	E B2785G
1 - 3	Barzelay, Alix. <i>Jemmy Button</i> . Somerville, MA: Templar Publishing, 2013. Provides a fictionalized account of Jemmy Button, a native boy from Tierra del Fuego who was brought to London to be educated and then returned home to his island.	E B289J
PreK - 2	Dominguez, Angela N. <i>Maria Had a Little Llama</i> . New York: Henry Holt, 2013. In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme, set in Peru, Maria takes her llama to school one day.	E D7132M

1 - 2	Dorros, Arthur. <i>Tonight is Carnaval</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.	E D737T.A
	A family in South America eagerly prepares for the excitement of Carnaval.	
1 - 2	Guillain, Adam. <i>Bella's Brazilian Football</i> . Chicago, IL: Milet, 2007.	E G9452BB
	Bella's soccer team is not doing very well, and so Bella gets her magical companion, the Quetzal, to take her to Brazil, home of many World Cup victories, so she can see what her team needs to do to improve.	
K - 3	Kim, Nam-joong. <i>Lucia's Travel Bus</i> . Strathfield, NSW: Big & Small, 2016.	E K5606L
	Lucia is taking a trip through Chile with her grandfather on his yellow bus. First, they travel to the tip of South America to see the Magellanic penguins. Then they go east to the Aconcagua mountain. But Lucia's grandfather becomes very sick. During their travels Lucia learns about her country and also about life. Includes factual information about Chile.	
N/A	MacDonald, Margaret Read. <i>The Farmyard Jamboree: Inspired by a Chilean Folktale</i> . Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2006.	E M1457FA
	This riotous cumulative counting song introduces children to animals and their babies, while teaching them to count up to sixteen in multiples of two.	
K - 2	Paterson, John B. <i>Roberto's Trip to the Top</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2009.	E P27335R
	Roberto's uncle Antonio takes him to the top of El Ávila, the mountain that overlooks all of Caracas, and wishes to take photographs of everything he has seen on his trip.	
PreK - 2	Roth, Susan L. <i>Great Big Guinea Pigs</i> . New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2006.	E R7427G
	A guinea pig tells her child the true story of giant guinea pigs that lived in Venezuela about eight million years ago.	
K - 3	Stanton, Karen. <i>Papi's Gift</i> . Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mill Press, 2007.	E ST265P
	Graciela's Papi has been working in the United States for so long that she has almost forgotten his face, so when the box he promised for her seventh birthday does not arrive, she is very upset and nearly loses hope that he--and the rain--will someday return.	

K - 2 Torres, Leyla. *Saturday Sancocho*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999. E
T6364SA

Maria Lili and her grandmother barter a dozen eggs at the market square to get the ingredients to cook their traditional Saturday chicken sancocho. Includes recipe.

K - 4 Young, Judy. *Tuki and Moka: A Tale of Two Tamarins*. Ann Arbor, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2013. E
Y858T

Like his ancestors before him, ten-year-old Eduardo enjoys going into Ecuador's rain forest to collect Brazil nuts with his father, but when the wild tamarins that always accompany them disappear Eduardo is determined to find them.

FICTION

5 - 8 Agosín, Marjorie. *I Lived on Butterfly Hill*. New York: Atheneum Book for Young Readers, 2014. F
AG75I

When her beloved country, Chile, is taken over by a militaristic, sadistic government, Celeste is sent to America for her safety and her parents must go into hiding before they "disappear."

N/A Allende, Isabel. *Maya's Notebook: A Novel*. New York: Harpercollins, 2013. F
AL547M

After the death of her beloved grandfather, nineteen-year-old Maya Vidal, turning to drugs, alcohol, and petty crimes, becomes trapped in a war between assassins, the police, the FBI, and Interpol, until her grandmother helps her escape to the remote island of Chiloé, off coast of Chile where she tries to make sense of her life.

7 - 12 Crowder, Melanie. *An Uninterrupted View of the Sky*. New York: Philomel Books, 2017. F
C8858U

In Bolivia in 1999, when their father is unjustly arrested and their mother leaves, Francisco, seventeen, and his sister Pilar, eight, must move to the dirty, dehumanizing, and corrupt prison.

4 - 8 Francis, Pauline. *The Lost World*. New York: Skyview Books, 2009. F
F8475LO

When four Englishmen and their guides venture into a "prehistoric," remote plateau in the South American jungle, they must rely on their cunning and intellect to escape from the plateau and its carnivorous inhabitants.

- 4 - 6 Kerr, P.B. *The Eye of the Forest*. New York: Orchard Books, 2009. (Book 5 in the *Children of the Lamp* series) F
K465CL5
- Djinn twins John and Philippa, along with their Uncle Nimrod, travel to the Amazon jungle to try to recover a stolen collection of rare Incan artifacts.
- 4 - 7 Lacey, Josh. *Island of Thieves*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2012. F
L1165I
- Tom goes with his Uncle Harvey to Peru, where they narrowly escape imprisonment and death as they hunt for buried treasure after tracking down a journal written by John Drake, a young relative of Sir Francis Drake, on a voyage to Lima in 1577.
- 9 - 12 Peet, Mal. *Exposure*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2009. F
P348E
- Paul Faustino, South America's best soccer journalist, reports on the series of events that hurl Othello from the heights of being a beloved and successful soccer star, happily married to the pop singer Desdemona, into a downward spiral, in this novel loosely based on Shakespeare's play, Othello.
- 3 - 4 Steele, Michael A. *At Large*. North Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2014. F
ST323A
- Thirteen-year-old Ryan Barnes is youngest skater in a group on an international tour to South America, but an Argentinian team, led by an older skater and named Arsenio, is determined to win at any cost--including getting Ryan and his friends into serious trouble.

NONFICTION

- 7 - 12 Aronson, Marc. *Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011. 363.11
AR675T
- Tells the story of thirty-three miners trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile and how experts from around the world, from drillers, to astronauts, to submarine specialists, came together to make their remarkable rescue possible.
- N/A Patterson, Irania Macías. *Wings and Dreams: The Legend of Angel Falls = Alas y Sueños: la Leyenda del Salto Angel*. Charlotte, NC: Novello Festival Press, 2010. 398.2
P2776W
- A young Pemon Indian boy in Venezuela named Takupí courageously tries to seek the source of life-giving water that will save his people and finds Angel Falls by following his shaman grandfather's visions and befriending a wounded

eagle.

- 3 - 4 Wojahn, Rebecca Hogue. *A Rain Forest Food Chain: A Who-Eats-What Adventure in South America*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, 2009. 577.34
W829R
- Explains what food webs are, and follows a jaguar, a capybara, a green iguana, an anaconda, and other rain forest inhabitants as they weave food webs in South America.
- 1 - 4 Delacre, Lulu. *¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado = Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest*. New York: Children's Book Press, 2016. 599.763
D371O
- Uses the framework of the alphabet to present information about plants and animals of the cloud forest on the western slopes of the Ecuadorian Andes and the 2013 discovery of the olinguito.
- 3 - 5 Williams, Rachel. *Atlas of Adventures*. New York: Wide Eyed Editions, 2015. 910
W6751A
- Explore seven continent maps packed with hundreds of activities and challenges to inspire armchair travelers of any age. Whether you're visiting the penguins of Antarctica, dancing the samba in Brazil, or steering a gondola in Venice, this book brings together epic adventures from the remotest corners of the globe and discoveries to be made on your own doorstep.
- 2 - 5 Ray, Deborah Kogan. *The Impossible Voyage of Kon-Tiki*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2015. 910.9164
R211I
- Combining history with culture, the ocean with exploration, and risk with triumph--this rich offering is the only picture book account of Thor Heyerdahl's world-famous Kon-Tiki expedition, during which he sailed a raft 5,000 miles from the coast of South America to the islands of the South Pacific.
- K - 3 Ganeri, Anita. *Introducing South America*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2014. 980
G1543I
- A brief introduction to the continent of South America.
- 5 - 7 Gorrell, Gena K. *In the Land of the Jaguar: South America and its People*. Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2007. 980
G683I
- Journey to the extraordinary lands that make up South America.
- 2 - 3 Oachs, Emily. *South America*. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, Inc., 2016. 980
OA1S
- Simple text and full-color photography introduce beginning readers

to South America.

- 7 - 9 Woods, Michael. *Seven Wonders of Ancient Central and South America*. Minneapolis, MN: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. 980 W865S
- An introduction to the people, places, and beliefs behind seven creations of ancient Central and South America.
- 4 - 8 Franchino, Vicky. *It's Cool to Learn About Countries. Brazil*. Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lake Pub., 2011. 981 F846I
- Introduces Brazil by describing the geography, economy, government, people, and culture of Brazil.
- 4 - 8 Murray, Julie. *Argentina*. Minneapolis, MN: Big Buddy Books, 2015. 982 M9647A
- Introduces Argentina, describing its history, geography, cities, plants and animals, resources, and culture.
- 4 - 8 Morrison, Marion. *Chile*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2012. 983 M8345C
- This high-interest, lavishly illustrated volume offers comprehensive coverage of Chile. Discover a vibrant and diverse range of landscapes, peoples and cultures. Explore the landmarks and food of different regions, follow the current affairs and personalities shaping nations, and learn about the wildlife, environmental issues and work of young people to protect our planet.
- 3 - 6 Garbe, Suzanne. *Secrets of Machu Picchu: Lost City of the Incas*. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015. 985 G163S
- Describes the archeological wonder of Machu Picchu, including discovery, artifacts, ancient peoples, and preservation.
- N/A Hinman, Bonnie. *We Visit Peru*. Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2011. 985 H593W
- An introduction to the geography, people, and customs of Peru.
- K - 3 Markovics, Joyce L. *Colombia*. New York: Bearport Publishing, 2016. 986.1 M3422C
- Beautiful. Modern. Wild. Welcome to Colombia! Look inside to learn about the land, cities, food, holidays, and wildlife of this incredible country.

6 - 8 Hernández, Roger E. *Paraguay*. Broomhall, PA: Mason Crest Publishers, 2009. 989.2
H4308W

Presents the geography, history, economy, cities, communities, people, and culture of Paraguay; and includes recipes, related projects, and a calendar of festivals.

BIOGRAPHY

N/A Da Varona, Frank. *Simón Bolívar: Latin America Liberator*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1993. B
B638D

Follows the life of Simón Bolívar from his wealthy childhood in Venezuela to his rise to power as the revolutionary leader of Spanish-held Latin America.

K - 3 Thermes, Jennifer. *Charles Darwin's Around-the-World Adventure*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016. B
D259T

In 1831, Charles Darwin embarked on his first voyage. Though he was a scientist by profession, he was an explorer at heart. While journeying around South America for the first time aboard a ninety-foot-long ship named the Beagle, Charles collected insects, dug up bones, galloped with gauchos, encountered volcanoes and earthquakes, and even ate armadillo for breakfast! The discoveries he made during this adventure would later inspire ideas that changed how we see the world.

2 - 4 Schmidt, Gary D. *Martín de Porres: The Rose in the Desert*. Boston: Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012. B
M3662S

The story of Saint Martín de Porres--an endearing tale of perseverance, faith, and triumph over racial and economic prejudice.

3 - 7 Pomeroy, Sarah B. *Maria Sibylla Merian: Artist, Scientist, Adventurer*. Los Angeles, CA: J. Paul Getty Museum, 2018. B
M542P

In 1660, at the age of thirteen, Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717) began her study of butterfly metamorphosis years before any other scientist published an accurate description of the process. Later, Merian and her daughter ventured thousands of miles from their home in the Netherlands into the rainforests of South America seeking new and amazing insects to observe and illustrate.

N/A Buckley, James, Jr. *Pelé*. London; New York: DK Publishing, 2007. B
P362B

A biography of Brazilian soccer player Pelé, or Edson Arantes do Nascimento, who has the reputation as the greatest soccer player of all time and is the only person to win three World Cup trophies.

- 3 - 4 Spengler, Kremena. *Eva Perón: First Lady of the People*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2007. B
P424SP
- This is an introduction to the life of Eva Peron, the first lady of Argentina from 1946 to 1952, who fought for workers' rights and political power for women.
- 3 - 5 Somervill, Barbara A. *Francisco Pizarro: Conqueror of the Incas*. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2005. B
P689S
- Profiles the life and career of the Spanish explorer and conqueror who marched into the Inca empire, held the Inca king for ransom, stuffed his pockets with gold and became governor of present-day Peru.
- 1 - 4 Griffith, Victoria. *The Fabulous Flying Machines of Alberto Santos-Dumont*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2011. B
SA598G
- A biography of the Brazilian aviation pioneer, now mostly forgotten, who piloted the first self-propelled aircraft.
- K - 2 Winter, Jeannette. *Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia*. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2010. B
SO688W
- After amassing piles of books, Luis, a voracious reader, dreams up a way to share his collection with 'faraway villages.' He starts with two burros--one for himself, one for books--and heads off. Tough terrain and menacing bandits challenge him along the way, but at last he reaches a remote town, where he holds a story hour and loans titles to eager kids before returning home to his wife and reading late into the night.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Heyhoe, Kate. *A World Atlas of Food*. New York: McGraw Hill/Glencoe, 2006. 641.59
H515W