

The Refugee Doll Project







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www.refugeedolls.org

The Refugee Doll Project: Objectives

- To foster awareness and **appreciation of refugees** for children in schools, libraries, churches and civic groups.
- To include **dolls** from the Islamic World, Africa, and Central America, in addition to **books, lesson plans, and service projects**
- To teach empathy by helping children internalize concepts of “**being new**”, “**being different**”, and “**how-to-be-welcoming.**”

The Refugee Doll Project: Gist

1. Buy a doll.	
2. Reclothe a doll.	
3. Read a book.	
4. Teach a lesson.	

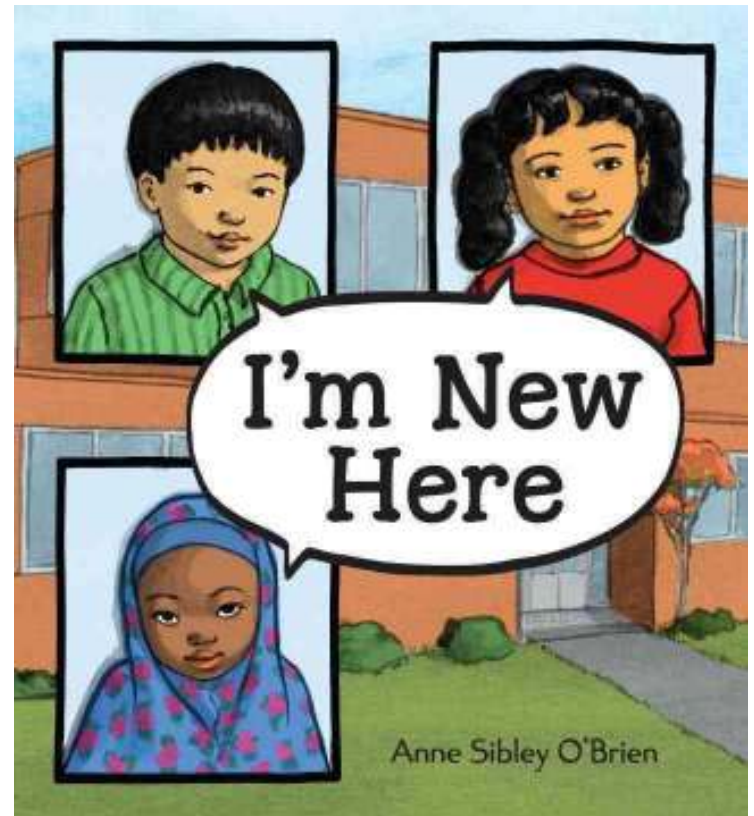
The Refugee Doll Project: Books

3. Read a book.

– *I'm New Here*

by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Assimilation of three refugee students (Korean boy, Guatemalan girl, Somali girl) in a supportive school community.



The Refugee Doll Project: Book Resource

- Welcoming Library
 - Promotes use of children’s literature featuring “new arrival” communities
 - Recommended list of books
 - Country, groups, theme and age
 - (www.imyournneighborbooks.org)

The Refugee Doll Project: Lesson

4. Teach a lesson.

- Welcoming Immigrants & Refugees: A Classroom or Community Event Kit
 - 17 pages
 - Graphic organizers and worksheets
 - Lesson delivery, application, sharing



- Video [youtube.com/watch?v=sziomv9rp5k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sziomv9rp5k)

... Event or Classroom Cor
... some ideas for building a conversation around th
Sibley O'Brien (Charlesbridge Publishing). Suggested dial
of responses of how it feels to be new, how it feels to be dif
arrivals come from and what welcoming looks like.

ON THE UNIVERSALITY OF BEING NEW

Who has had the experience of being new? (Show of ha
"New" can be a difficult concept for some. You can expand
of the following with a show of hands and/or individual a

- **Have you ever joined a new club or class?**
- **Have you ever started at a new school?**
- **Who has moved to a new place?**
- **Who has moved here from another country?**

Ask your classroom or community to share examples of
an everyone think of a time you

난 당신의 이웃입니다 *soy tu vecino*
 Waxan ahay dariskaaga *i'm your neighbor.*
 Tôi là người láng giềng của bạn.
 Ndi Umubanyi wawe
 من مجاورة توام
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 أنا جارك *je suis votre voisin*

Welcoming Library

The **I'm Your Neighbor
Welcoming Library** invites
readers of all ages to read
picture books set in immigrant
communities as a means to
celebrate our commonalities and
differences and to create an
environment of welcoming.



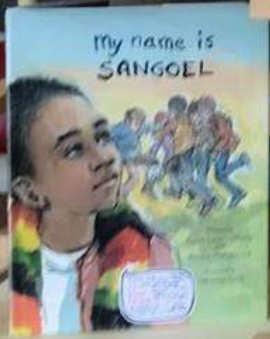
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YOU
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[Additional illegible text]

[Handwritten label on side of bin]

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Welcoming Library
 Meet your neighbors by sharing books set in our immigrant communities.
 These picture books are for all ages!
ImYourNeighborBooks.org/WL



South
Portland,
Maine



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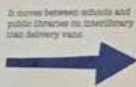
I'm Your Neighbor Welcoming Library

A traveling collection & pop-up display of immigration-themed picture books connecting neighbors and communities.

67%
of picture books
are packed with
a pop-up display
and programming
and discussion
tools.



All picture books
are packed with
a pop-up display
and programming
and discussion
tools.



It moves between schools and
public libraries in interlibrary
loan delivery vans.



The display highlights the
collection and centers the
conversation on welcoming
neighbors.



Readers of all ages are given
interactive and inclusive to the
neighborhood conversation.
IamYourNeighborBooks.org/w/



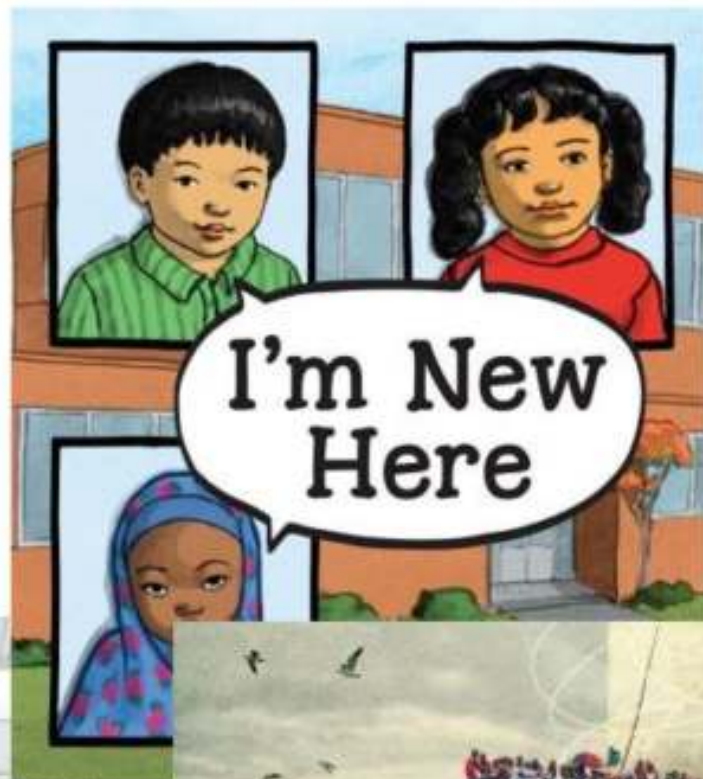
Affixed Discussion Questions
open the conversation to all
regardless of comfort level.

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Welcoming Library's
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sharing books set to our
community connections.
Check out books on for all ages
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Picture Books

WE CAME TO
AMERICA

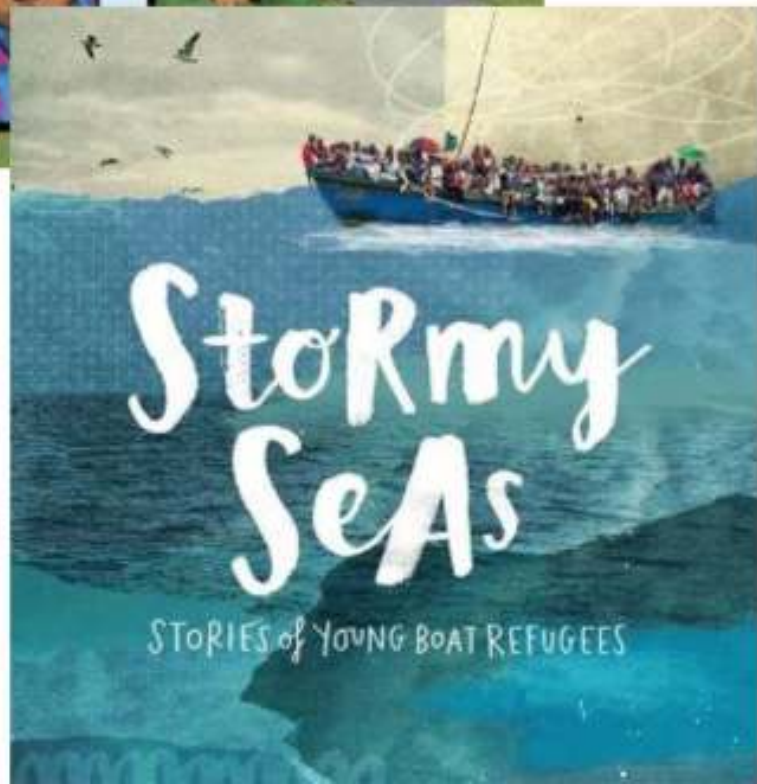


Their Great Gift



COURAGE, SACRIFICE, and HOPE in a NEW LAND

John Coy PHOTOGRAPHS BY Wing Young Huie



حصى الطرقات
STEPPING STONES

A Refugee Family's Journey

رحلة عائلة لاجئة



MARGHERITA



**My
Beautiful
Birds**



Suzanne Del Rizzo

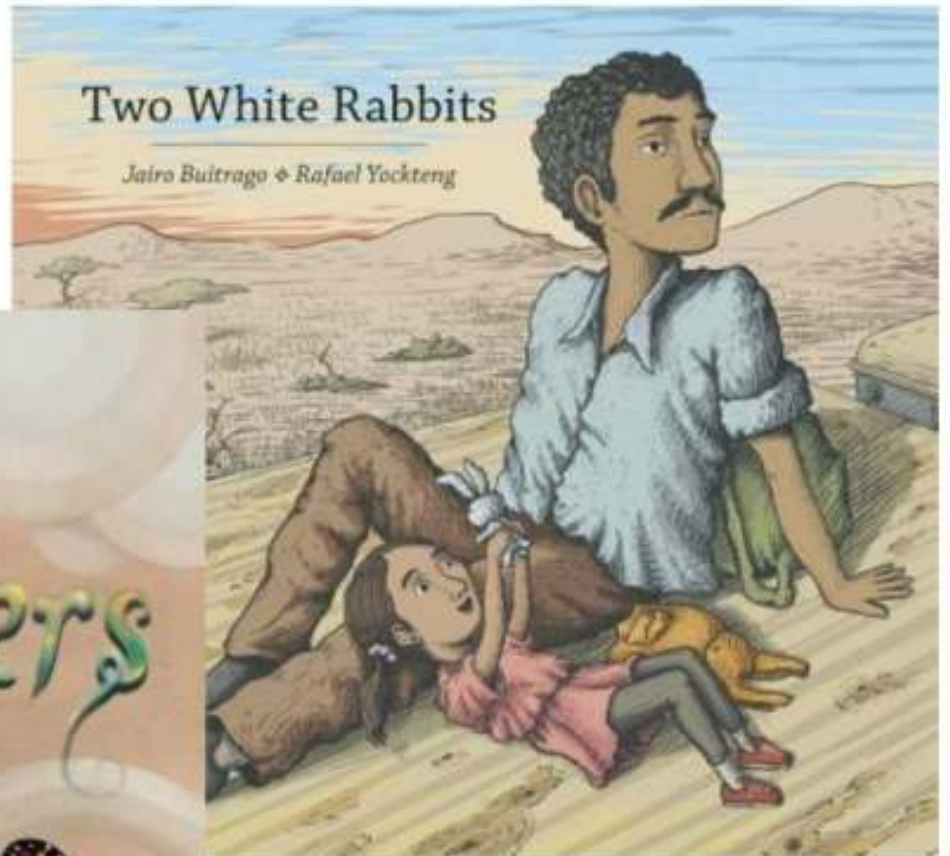
The Journey
by Francesca Sanna



Flying Eye Books



Somos como las nubes
We Are Like the Clouds



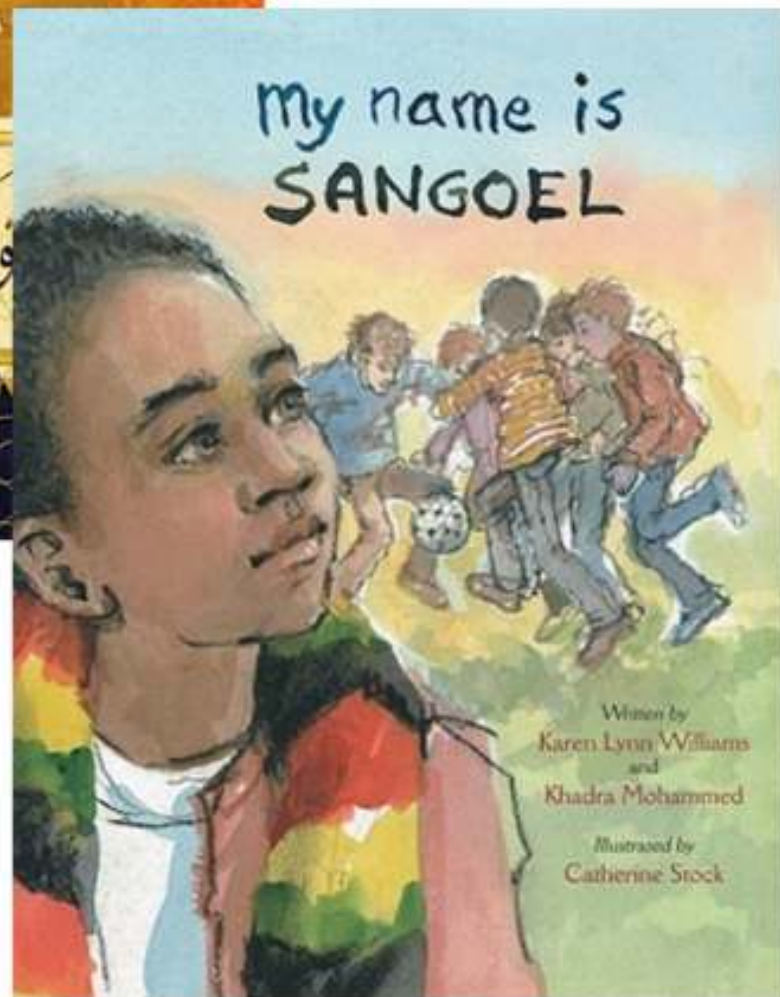
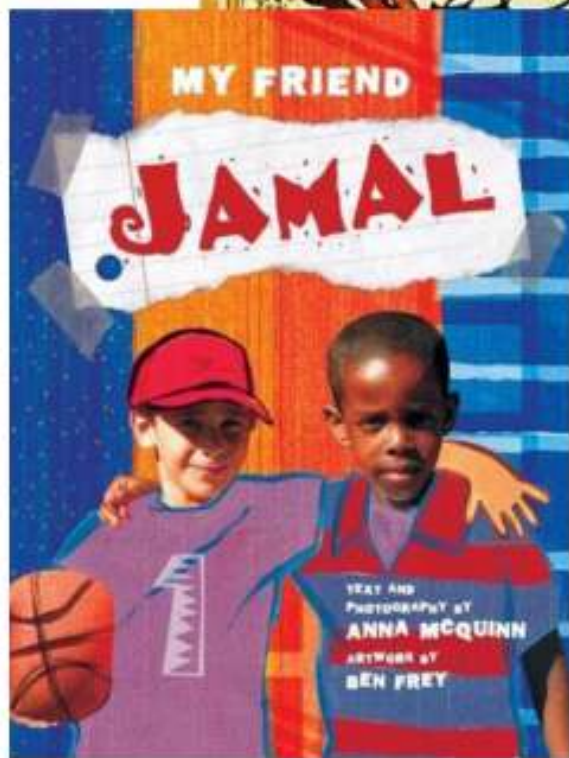
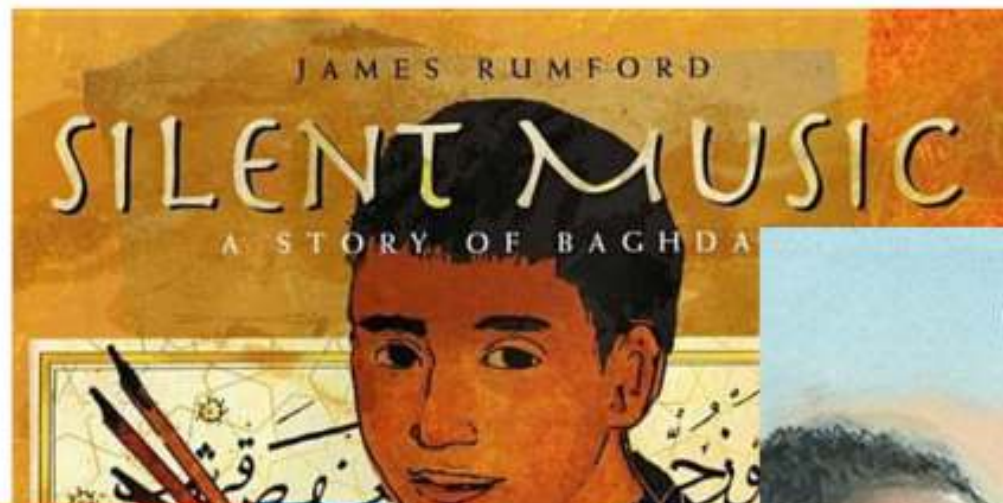
Two White Rabbits

Jairo Buitrago ♦ Rafael Yockteng



Dreamers

Yuyi Morales





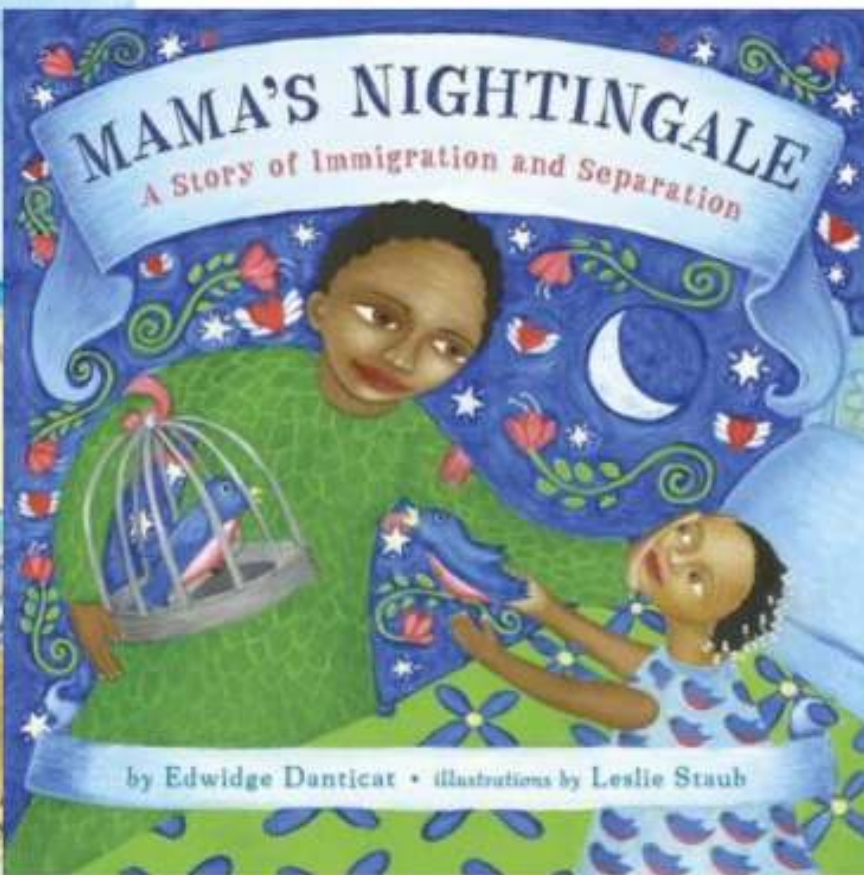
TÍA ISA WANTS A CAR



Meg Medina
Illustrated by **Claudio Muñoz**

MAMA'S NIGHTINGALE

A Story of Immigration and Separation



by Edwidge Danticat • illustrations by Leslie Staub

Book Processing



我是您的邻居 soy tu
 i'm Waxen ahay dariskaga vecino
 your Tô, là ngudi láng qiang
 neighbor cù, ban.
 Adi Umubanyi wawe
 我是您的邻居 • من مجاورتي
 je suis
 我是您的邻居 • أنا جارك votre voisin

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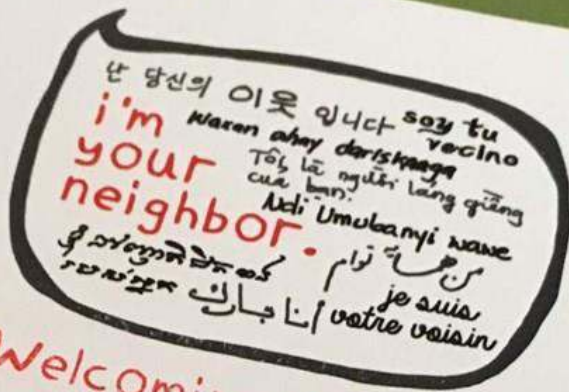
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Share your thoughts and explore more: ImYourNeighborBooks.org/WL

Book
Discussion
Questions

i'm your neighbor

Exploring this story & your own

That's NOT How You Do It!

Lucy knows how to do lots of things. Are you proud of things you can do? What are they?

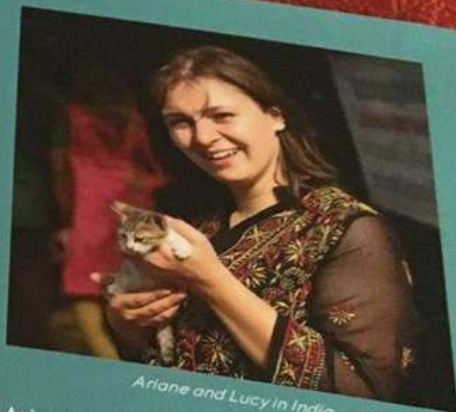
When Toshi arrives on the other side of the fence, what does his suitcase say? What do those words mean to you?

Is Toshi doing things wrong, or is Toshi doing things differently? Is different wrong?

What stops Lucy from being angry? How did Toshi's gift change Lucy?

Can you think of a time when you were angry at someone for doing something differently? How can you turn anger into curiosity?

Sharing your experience with this book helps us grow the program.
Please consider filling out the survey at:
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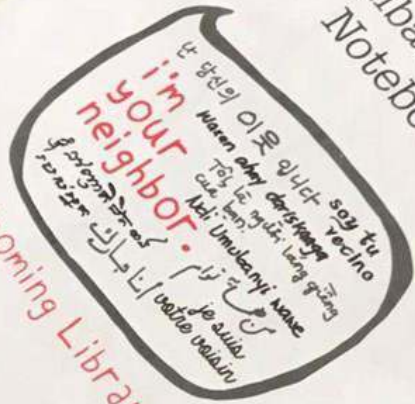
Ariane and Lucy in India

Ariane always knew how to do things just right. Until she started traveling and exploring other countries and cultures, that is. Just like Lucy, she has learned that there is more than one way to do a thing. She enjoys trying out new experiences and skills, and has come to see the world from a different perspective. However, once in a while, her inner Lucy still makes an appearance, especially when it comes to where the best chocolate comes from (Switzerland, of course!).

Ariane completed an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art and now lives in London with her baby daughter, husband and two cats. Her first child

Other Tools for Ambassadors

Ambassador's
Notebook



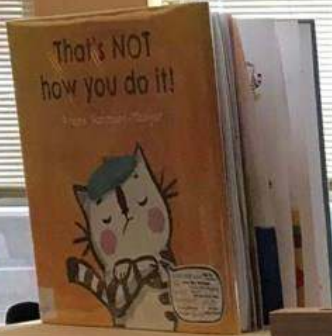
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NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES



COUNTRIES

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Engagement

“14 classrooms each had the library for a day and teachers gave students dedicated time to browse and read.”

—IYNWL Ambassador



Cumberland, Maine

I'm Your Neighbor Welcoming Library
BOOK CHECK OUT

Book Title	First Name	Last Name	Contact
Big Red Lollipop			
Deep in the Sahara			

**I'm Your
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Welcoming
Library**

This book is
visiting our
school / library
for a few weeks.

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