

## Chapter 10—Family Reading Resource Guide

# Chapter 10: Heritage and Legacy: Looking Back, Moving Forward

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### Elementary

***Every Family Is Different. Every Family is the Same.*** Author: Poppy Archer. In a charming, community-minded story, Sally learns about different kinds of alternative families. As well as finding out more about her neighbors, she realizes something very important. **ISBN: 9781494277284.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***The Book of New Family Traditions: How to Create Great Rituals for Holidays and Every Day.***

Author: Meg Cox. Families will treasure this collection of rituals and traditions for many occasions, from such personal milestones as a child's first day of school or a teenager's new driver's license to mainstream holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries. Special celebrations in a warm family setting help foster self-esteem and creativity, open up communication channels, and may even entice older children to stay at the dinner table a little longer. **ISBN: 9780762414420.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

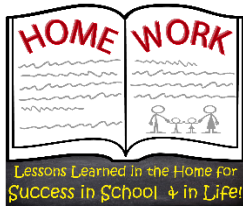
***In My Momma's Kitchen.*** Author: Jerdine Nolen. A celebration of African-American families and mommas everywhere, *In My Momma's Kitchen* tells the story of a year's events in everybody's favorite room. **ISBN: 9780064437868.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***The Keeping Quilt.*** Author: Patricia Polacco. In strongly moving pictures that are as heartwarming as they are real, Patricia Polacco tells the story of her own family, and the quilt that remains a symbol of their enduring love and faith. **ISBN: 9780153052125.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Me and My Family Tree.*** Author: Joan Sweeney. A young girl uses simple language, her own childlike drawings, and diagrams to explain how the members of her family are related to each other and to her. **ISBN: 9780517885970.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

### Pre-teen/Teen

***Once Upon a Quinceanera: Coming of Age in the USA.*** Author: Julia Alvarez. Through her observations of a quince in Queens, interviews with other quince girls, and the memories of her own experience as a young immigrant, Alvarez presents a thoughtful and entertaining portrait of a rapidly growing



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multicultural phenomenon, and passionately emphasizes the importance of celebrating Latina womanhood. **ISBN: 9780452288300.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adult.*** Edited by: Lori Carlson. In this unique collection of touching and heartfelt short stories, ten young Asian-American writers re-create the conflicts that all young people feel living in two distinct worlds -- one of memories and traditions, and one of today. **ISBN: 9780449704486.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***What the World Eats.*** Authors: Faith D’Aluisio and Peter Menzel. This enthralling glimpse into cultural similarities and differences is at once a striking photographic essay and an essential study in nutrition and the global marketplace. **ISBN: 9781582462462.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

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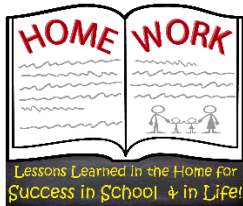
***Kid Presidents: True Tales of Childhood from America’s Presidents (Kid Legends).*** Author: David Stabler. Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Barack Obama, and other presidents-to-be faced kid-sized problems growing up in America. *Kid Presidents* tells all of their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on every page. History has never been this much fun! **ISBN: 9781594747311.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***A Piece of Home.*** Author: Jeri Watts. Illustrator: Hyewon Yum. A child-friendly story about the trials and triumphs of starting over in a new place while keeping family and traditions close. Lyrical prose and lovely illustrations combine in a gentle, realistic story about finding connections in an unfamiliar world. **ISBN: 9780763669713.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Thunder Boy Jr.*** Author: Sherman Alexie. Illustrator: Yuyi Morales. Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that’s all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn’t mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he’s done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick the perfect name...a name that is sure to light up the sky. National Book Award-winner Sherman Alexie’s lyrical text and Caldecott Honor-winner Yuyi Morales’s striking and beautiful illustrations celebrate the special relationship between father and son. **ISBN: 9780316013727.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***I Am Not a Number.*** Authors: Jenny Kay Dupuis, Kathy Kacer. When Irene is removed from her First Nations family to live in a residential school, she is confused, frightened and terribly homesick. She tries to remember who she is and where she came from despite being told to do otherwise. **ISBN: 9781927583944.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

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***Preaching to the Chickens. The Story of Young John Lewis.*** Author: Jabari Asim. Jabari Asim’s stirring prose and E.B. Lewis’s stunning, light-filled impressionistic watercolor paintings, includes an author’s note about John Lewis, who grew up to be a member of the Freedom Riders, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and demonstrator on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. **ISBN: 9780399168567.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Steamboat School.*** Author: Deborah Hopkinson. Based on true events, Ron Husband’s uplifting illustrations bring to life Deborah Hopkinson’s tale of a resourceful, determined teacher; his bright, inquisitive students; and their refusal to accept discrimination based on the color of their skin. **ISBN: 9781423121961.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness.*** Author: Donna Janell Bowman. With striking illustrations by Daniel Minter, Step Right Up is the inspiring story of one man and one horse who showed the world the power of kindness. This biography explores Common Core English Language Arts Standards and Social Studies Standards. **ISBN: 9781620141489.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

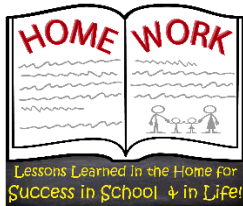
***Brown v. Board of Education: A Fight for Simple Justice.*** Author: Susan Goldman Rubin. Award-winning author Susan Goldman Rubin tells the stories behind the ruling and the people responsible for it. She brings readers up to date with a country still grappling with a public school system not yet fully desegregated. Timeline, source notes and index are included. **ISBN: 9780823436460.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives.*** Author: Kenneth C. Davis. These stories help us know the real people who were essential to the birth of this nation but traditionally have been left out of the history books. Their stories are true—and they should be heard. This thoroughly-researched and documented book can be worked into multiple aspects of the common core curriculum. **ISBN: 9781627793117.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen.*** Author: Carole Boston Weatherford. From training days in Alabama to combat on the front lines in Europe, this is the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, the groundbreaking African-American pilots of World War II. In vibrant second-person poems, Carole Boston Weatherford teams up for the first time with her son, artist Jeffery Weatherford, in a powerful and inspiring book that allows readers to fly, too. **ISBN: 9781481449397.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life By Ashley Bryan.*** Author: Ashley Bryan. Using original slave auction and plantation estate documents, Ashley Bryan offers a moving and powerful picture book that contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away. Visually epic, and never before done, this stunning picture book is unlike anything you’ve seen. **ISBN: 9781481456906.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

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***Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad.*** Author: Ellen Levine. A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom. Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday; his first day of freedom. **ISBN: 9780439777339.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom.*** Author: Carole Boston Weatherford. In this picture book, Weatherford depicts Harriet Tubman's initial escape from slavery and her mission to lead others to freedom as divinely inspired, and achieved by steadfast faith and prayer. A foreword introduces the concept of slavery for children and an author's note includes a brief biography of Tubman. **ISBN: 9780786851751.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***The Language of Angels: A Story About the Reinvention of Hebrew.*** Author: Richard Michelson. Historically influenced dialogue, engaging characters, and colorful art offer a linguistic journey about how language develops and how one person's perseverance can make a real difference. **ISBN: 9781580896368.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

***Giant Steps to Change the World.*** Authors: Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee. This book encourages readers to follow in the footsteps of those who came before, to reject fears of inadequacy, and to ponder what they can contribute to society. Using examples of people throughout history who have taken "giant steps," this book urges kids to follow in their footsteps and not be hindered by fear or a sense that you are not good enough. **ISBN: 9780689868153.** [Available at Amazon.](#)