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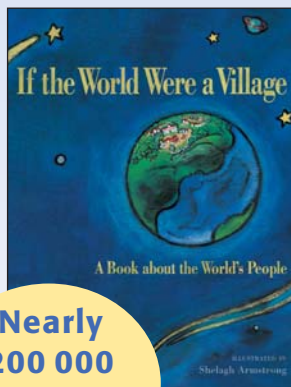
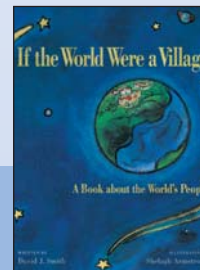
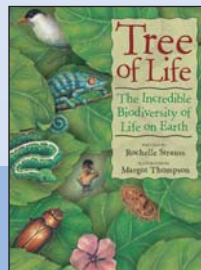
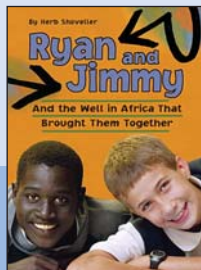
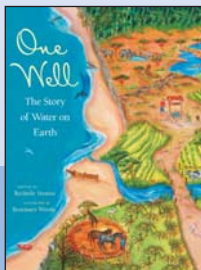
Kids Can Press is an industry leader in publishing books that provide a broader view of the world. Using memorable images and stories, these unique books introduce children to global issues by simplifying complex problems to a single metaphor or parable. Each book offers a thought-provoking look at people and life beyond their own family, home and country and encourages the development of a sense of social responsibility, empowering kids to make a difference.

### These books will:

- Allow children to see and understand the world beyond themselves
- Encourage independent thinking
- Open engaging dialogue and lead to extended classroom activities
- Nurture a child's sense of justice and social awareness
- Prepare children to become citizens of the world

### Use these award-winning books to supplement classroom lessons or to enhance your collection.

With useful information like curriculum links, discussion starters and reading levels, you'll discover great books to suit your curricular needs and expand your reading programs.



Nearly 200 000 copies sold!



### ***If the World Were a Village\**** **A Book about the World's People**

Written by David J. Smith / Illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong

A unique perspective of the world's people and their ways of life through the metaphor of a village of 100 people.

- ❖ International Reading Association's Children's Book Award
- ❖ Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People
- ❖ Society of School Librarians International Best Book

**Curriculum connections: Social Studies** — Cultures, Local & Global Community; Human geography, Global awareness, Multiculturalism.

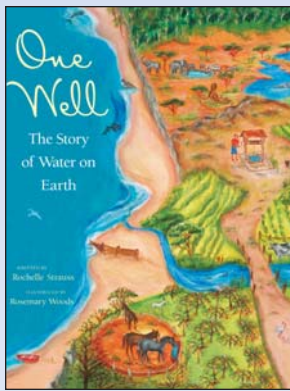
HC 978-1-55074-779-9 \$18.95 US / CDN

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Guided Reading: R Accelerated Reader: 5

**Discussion starter:** Have kids brainstorm their activities in a single day — what do they study at school, what kinds of television shows do they watch, what after-school activities do they participate in? Then, have them choose a foreign country and do the same exercise and then discuss the differences.





### One Well\* The Story of Water on Earth

Written by Rochelle Strauss / Illustrated by Rosemary Woods  
Discover how all the world's water is connected and how everyone has the power to protect our global well.

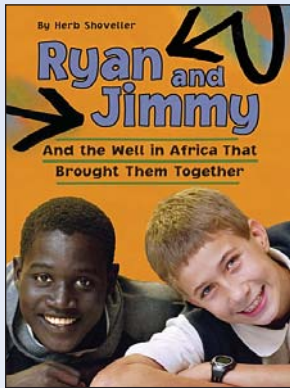
- ❖ Notable Books for a Global Society Award
- ❖ Society of School Librarians International Honor Book
- ❖ Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People

**Curriculum connections:** **Social Studies** — Cultures, Local & Global Community: Global Awareness. **Science & Technology** — Life Science: Habitats and communities; Earth Science: Environment, Water.

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Ages 8 and up © 2007  
Guided Reading: R Accelerated Reader: 6



**Discussion starter:** Ask kids to record how much water they think they use in a week (washing hands, brushing teeth, taking a shower, washing dishes, drinking, etc.). Then, ask them to discuss what would be the effects if they only had access to one half of their daily water supply and what would happen if that water supply ran out.



### Ryan and Jimmy\* And the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together

Written by Herb Shoveller  
The true story of a six-year-old boy who was empowered to build a well halfway around the world and forged a life-changing friendship with a Ugandan boy.

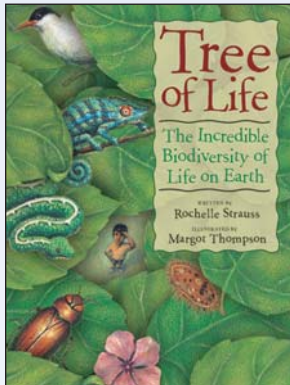
- ❖ Society of School Librarians International Book Award
- ❖ Notable Books for a Global Society Award
- ❖ Parents' Choice Recommended Award

**Curriculum connections:** **Social Studies** — Cultures, Local & Global Community: Global awareness. **Science & Technology** — Earth Science: Environment.

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PB 978-1-55453-271-1 \$9.95 US / CDN  
Ages 8-12 © 2006  
Guided Reading: P Accelerated Reader: 5.6



**Discussion starter:** Discuss with kids the differences between a home in North America and what a home would be like in an African village. Consider things like interior and exterior structure, function, design and building materials.



### Tree of Life\* The Incredible Biodiversity of Life on Earth

Written by Rochelle Strauss / Illustrated by Margot Thompson  
An introduction to biodiversity on our planet through the metaphor of a single tree and its millions of leaves.

- ❖ IRA Teacher's Choice selection
- ❖ ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award
- ❖ Green Earth Book Award

**Curriculum connections:** **Science & Technology** — Life Science: Classification of living things, Diversity of living things, Plants, Nature.

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Ages 8 and up © 2004  
Guided Reading: S Accelerated Reader: 6.3



**Discussion starter:** Have kids choose one familiar animal or plant and discuss with them what the world would be like if that organism did not exist anymore. Have them think about the impact on other plants and animals, as well as humans.



### One Hen\* How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference

Written by Katie Smith Milway / Illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes  
From a single hen purchased with the help of a tiny loan, Kojo builds the largest poultry farm in Ghana — an inspiring story of how microloans can make a big difference in dealing with world poverty.

- ❖ Skipping Stones Honor Book

**Curriculum connections:** **Character Education** — Teamwork, Citizenship. **Social Studies** — Cultures, Local & Global Community: Citizenship, Global awareness, Economic systems.

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Ages 7 and up © 2008  
Guided Reading: P Accelerated Reader: 4.6

**Discussion starter:** Ask kids to think about the subtitle of this book, *How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference*, and then brainstorm ways they could make their community a better place using just a small amount of money.



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