

## Maya's Top Ten Children's Book List

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### **1. Coerr, Eleanor – Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes**

Coerr, Eleanor, and Ronald Himler. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. New York: Putnam, 1977. Print.

This story reminds young people that they are strong and powerful and that they can contribute meaningfully to peacebuilding.

### **2. Curtis, Jamie Lee & Cornell, Laura – Is There Really a Human Race?**

Curtis, Jamie L. and Laura Cornell. *Is There Really a Human Race?* USA: HarperCollins Publishers, 2006: Print.

This book reminds us of our interdependence and helps young people think about the importance of service (If we don't help each other, we're all going to "crash")

### **3. Dr. Seuss – The Butter Battle Book**

Seuss, . *The Butter Battle Book*. New York: Random House, 1984. Print.

This is an anti-war classic. It playfully reminds us that wars are too often fought over small human differences, and it shows us that without care and vigilance, conflict can too quickly escalate.

### **4. Hatkoff, Isabella & Craig, Kahumbu, Paula – Owen & Mzee, The Language of Friendship**

Hatkoff, Isabella, Craig Hatkoff, P Kahumbu, and Peter Greste. *Owen & Mzee: The Language of Friendship*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2007. Print.

This is a delightful true story of interspecies friendship and family. If they can traverse great distances, surely we can too.

### **5. Moss, Peggy – Say Something**

Moss, Peggy, and Lea Lyon. *Say Something*. Gardiner, Me: Tilbury House, 2004. Print.

This book teaches us to be upstanders, to use our voices to defend and uplift.

### **6. Muth, Jon J. – The Three Questions; Zen Ties**

Muth, Jon J, and Leo Tolstoy. *The Three Questions*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2002. Print.

Muth, Jon J. *Zen Ties*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2008. Print.

A whimsical tale in which ethics are taught by a giant panda sharing *koan* (parables) in suburbia.

### **7. Proimos, James – Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace**

Proimos, James. *Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace*. New York: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009. Print.

This book is an empowering tale of youthful industry and care in pursuit of peace.

### **8. Richardson, Justin & Parnell, Peter – And Tango Makes Three**

Richardson, Justin, Peter Parnell, and Henry Cole. *And Tango Makes Three*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005. Print.

This book, based on a true story, teaches us that families are both found and built and that love matters most.

### **9. Wikoff, Lynne – Tutu Knows Best**

Wikoff, Lynne, and Lynne Wikoff. *Tutu Knows Best*. Waipahu, HI: Island Heritage Pub, 2006. Print.

My Hawaii pick, this book offers a circuitous and effective reminder to value what we have.

### **10. Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony – Shhh!**

Willis, Jeanne, and Tony Ross. *Shhh!* New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2004. Print.

A little shrew teaches us about the power of stillness, mindfulness, and careful listening.