

REFERENCE LIST PENNIES FOR PEACE

STORY BOOKS

(Appropriate for Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten and possibly Lower Elementary) –

- Ruler of the Courtyard, By Rukhsana Khan – A charming story of a girl learning to face the challenges of the farmyard, and gain the strength to take on any life situation.
- Neem the Half-Boy, By Idries Shah – A mystical tale of a boy who seeks to become whole, and the adventures he encounters on the path to his goal.
- The Lion Who Saw Himself in the Water, By Idries Shah – A delightful story of communication and miscommunication amongst animals.
- The Clever Boy and the Terrible, Dangerous Animal. By Idries Shah – A funny story about mistaken identity and the tasty results of courageous inquiry.
- The Silly Chicken, By Idries Shah – An amusing tale about what happens when you take something too seriously.
- The Boy Without a Name, By Idries Shah – An enchanting story about finding friendship and his name.
- The Old Woman and the Eagle, By Idries Shah – A hilarious story about what happens when you try and change someone's essential nature.
- The Farmer's Wife, By Idries Shah – A story persistence and creativity that helps the farmer's wife get what she wants.
- Animal Tales from the Arab World – By Denys Johnson-Davies – A collection of animal tales, some of them fable-like, with many lessons to be learned.
- The Gifts of Wali Dad, Retold by Aaron Shepard – A wise tale that teaches us that a giver is never poor, and that it is often the simplest things that bring us the greatest happiness.
- Caravan, By Lawrence McKay Jr. – A wonderful story about a boy's first journey on the caravan to the big city with his father.
- The Roses in my Carpets, By Rukhsana Khan, - A moving story about the harsh realities of the life of a young refugee boy. **PLEASE NOTE this is not appropriate for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. It is more appropriate for early elementary or above.**
- The Magic Horse, By Idries Shah – A enchanted story about how to achieve that which is your heart's desire. **(Likely better for lower elementary age.)**

ISLAM

(Appropriate for lower and upper elementary)

- Eyewitness Islam, By Philip Wilkinson – A Dorling Kindersley reference book on the history and major tenants of Islam.
- Celebrate Islamic Festivals, By Kadija Knight – A reference book on the festivals of Islam.
- Muslim Child, By Rukhsana Khan – A reference book that helps children understand Islam through stories and poems.

AFGHANISTAN

(Appropriate for lower and upper elementary)

- Afghanistan's Struggles, By Cory Gunderson – A reference book that covers the history of Afghanistan, modern wars, Afghanistan today as well as a timeline and web site links.
- Afghanistan, By Bob Italia - A reference book that covers the history, the land, the flora and fauna, the economy, transportation and communication, religious holidays, arts and recreation, and web site links.
- Welcome to Afghanistan, By Deborah Fordyce - A reference book that covers the land, the history, the government and economy, the people and the lifestyle, the language, the arts, leisure, food in addition to maps and web site links.

(Appropriate for upper elementary and middle school)

- Afghanistan, Nations in Conflict, By Peggy J. Parks - A reference book that covers the place the people and the past, the political turmoil, and the view to the future, in addition to a time line and web site links.
- Afghanistan in Pictures, By Alison Behnke - A reference book that covers with good detail the land, the history and government, the people, the cultural life the economy and other information such as a timeline, currency, flag, national anthem, famous people, and website links.
- Afghanistan, The Culture, By Erinn Banting - A reference book that covers Islam, Ramadan and Eids, traditional festivals, song and dance, time for fun, art architecture and artifacts, carpet weaving and other folk art, languages, poetry and stories, and an Afghan tale.
- Afghanistan, The People, By Erinn Banting - A reference book that covers the early history of Afghanistan, the arrival of Islam, the road to independence, the ongoing struggle, the Pashtuns, the nomadic and village lifestyles, family celebrations, women in Afghanistan, traditional clothing, meals and going to school.
- Afghanistan, The Land, By Erinn Banting - A reference book that covers the land of the Afghans, the mountains, water, the "Desert of Death," the people of Afghanistan, the struggle for peace, landmines, cities in mountains and valleys, on the northern plains, desert cities past and present, farming and herding, industries, and wildlife.
- Afghanistan, By Jeffrey A. Gritzner - A reference book that covers the natural environment, the early history and culture, the age of European imperialism, the Soviet invasion and its aftermath, the people and culture, the government and economy and looking ahead for Afghanistan.
- Afghanistan, Enchantment of the World, By Miriam Goldblatt - A reference book that covers the troubled land, the difficult environment, flora and fauna, the turbulent history, the transitional government, earning a living, the varied population, religious beliefs, the active culture, lifestyles, a timeline and website links.
- Cultures of the World, Afghanistan, By Sharifah Enayat Ali - A reference book that covers the Geography, history, government, economy, the Afghans, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, leisure, festivals and food (along with a recipe for an Afghan dish), as well as map.

- The Breadwinner, By Deborah Ellis – A fictional account of an Afghan girl’s experience under the Taliban. (*For mature children*).
- Parvana’s Journey, By Deborah Ellis – The fictional story of Parvana continues from “The Breadwinner” and provides an honest and compassionate look at the situation in Afghanistan. (*For mature children*).
- Mud City, By Deborah Ellis – The third book in the trilogy of Parvana chronicles the desperation of children caught between the refugee camps and surviving on the streets. (*For mature children*).
- The Beduins’ Gazelle, By Frances Temple – A novel about cultural traditions in 1302 Afghanistan.

(Appropriate for high school)

- Taliban, By Ahmed Rashid – A comprehensive history of the Taliban movement, Islam and the Taliban, and the various ways governments sought to engage the Taliban. Published in the year 2000 the background information is relevant to the present situation in Afghanistan.
- The Storyteller’s Daughter, By Saira Shah – The true story of Saira Shah, the daughter of an aristocratic Afghan family, raised in the West on the fabulous stories of her parents homeland. She became a correspondent and went to Afghanistan to cover the fight against the Soviets, and then life under the Taliban. She then filmed the documentary *Under the Veil* secretly in order to document the devastation of the lives of women under the reign of the Taliban.
- Meena, Heroine of Afghanistan, By Melody Ermachild Chavis – The biography of the woman who founded the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA), the oldest political/social organization of Afghan women struggling for peace, freedom, democracy and women's rights in Afghanistan since 1977. Her courageous story, and her assassination in 1987, bring light to the Taliban and their practices.

PAKISTAN

(Appropriate for lower and upper elementary)

- Pakistan, By Kieren Walsh – A reference book that covers in easy to read style the people, life in Pakistan, school and sports, food and holidays, the Muslim world, the future of Pakistan, a list of facts and web links.
- Pakistan, By Sharon Sharth – A reference book that covers the land, flora and fauna, history, Pakistan today, the people, country life and city life, schools, language, work, food, pastimes and holidays, country facts and a web link.
- Pakistan, Ann Heinrichs – A reference book that covers geography, the people, the culture and history, recent political history, a day in the life of Pakistan, web links and references.
- Pakistan, By Gina DeAngelis – A reference book that covers a map of Pakistan,. Storytelling, city and country life, family life, laws, rules and customs, pets in Pakistan, what to see in Pakistan, sites to see in Pakistan, and references and web links.
- Pakistan, A Question and Answer Book, By Gillia M. Olson – A reference book that covers where Pakistan is, how it became a country, what its government is, the typical housing, forms of transportation, major industries, schooling, sports

and games, traditional arts, holidays in Pakistan, traditional food, family life, references and we blinks.

(Appropriate for upper elementary and middle school)

- Pakistan, The People, By Carolyn Black – A reference book that covers naming Pakistan, early empires, the British Raj, the peoples, clothing, village life, city life, going to school, fun and games, food, and a story.
- Pakistan, The Culture, By Carolyn Black – A reference book that covers the ancient traditions of this new nation, Islam, festival days, family traditions, the arts, architecture, poetry, music and song and storytelling.
- Pakistan, The Land, By Carolyn Black – A reference book that covers the Indus river, weather, the Pakistani's, the capital, the cities of the plains and frontiers, history, the economy, mechanization and ancient traditions, travel, and flora and fauna.
- Welcome to Pakistan, By Karen Kwek and Jameel Haque – A reference book that covers the land, the history, the government and economy, the people and lifestyle, language, arts, leisure, food, a map we blinks and references.
- Pakistan, By William Goodwin - A reference book that covers geography, history, political history, descriptions of everyday life, Pakistani culture and the domestic and international challenges that Pakistan faces. Included are a timeline and web links.
- Pakistan in Pictures, By Stacy Taus-Bolstad – A reference book that covers the land, history and government, the people, cultural life and the economy. Included is a timeline, facts, the flag, famous people and references with web links.
- Cultures of the World, Pakistan, By Sean Sheehan and Shahrezad Samiuddin – A reference book that covers geography, history, government, economy, environment, the Pakistanis, the lifestyle, religion, language, arts, leisure, festivals, food (along with a recipe), a map, timeline and we blinks.
- Pakistan, Enchantment of the World, by Ann Heinrichs – A reference book that covers the geography, flora and fauna, ancient and modern history, the struggle for democracy, Pakistani's at work, the many cultures, spiritual life, arts, culture, sports, everyday life (including a recipe), s timeline and web links.
- Iqbal Masih and the Crusaders Against Child Slavery, By Susan Kuklin – The remarkable story of Iqbal Masih and his struggle to free children from the slavery of forced labor. In his 12 short years of life he brought the issue of child forced labor into the international spotlight. ***(For mature children)***.
- Iqbal, By Francesco D'Adamo – A novel about the life of Iqbal Masih. ***(For mature children)***.

(Appropriate for high school)

- Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind, By Suzanne Fisher Staples – A novel about the life of a young girl in the Cholistan Desert, struggling to grow up amidst the strict limits of her culture.
- Haveli, By Suzanne Fisher Staples – The follow-up to Shabanu, this story follows Shabanu as she matures and the choices she must make in her life's journey.