

Gifts of Hope Book List

We have gathered some book titles for all levels of readers that fit with the themes of the Gifts of Hope projects. You can use the links to purchase the children's books you are interested in or shop at your favorite book supplier. You can even check them out from your favorite library.

Board Books

Book Title	Author	Amazon Link	Bookshop.org Link (supports local bookstores)
Global Babies Bedtimes	Maya Ajmera	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1580897088/?coliid=I4BXJYZ2IFXNI&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/global-baby-bedtimes/9781580897082
Global Babies	Maya Ajmera	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1580891748/?coliid=I13QXRA06UL0P5&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/global-babies/9781580891745
Let There Be Light	Archbishop Desmond Tutu	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0310733960/?coliid=I2WS0JXMGIW2TK&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/let-there-be-light-9780310727859/9780310733966

Early Elementary Books

Book Title	Author	Amazon Link	Bookshop.org Link (supports local bookstores)
Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah	Laurie Ann Thompson	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/044981744X/?coliid=IATQ7NYM707A1&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/emmanuel-s-dream-the-true-story-of-emmanuel-ofosu-yeboah/9780449817445
The Water Princess	Susan Verde	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1338188550/?coliid=I2WFEJL8DNO8YJ&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/the-water-princess/9780399172588

We All Went On Safari (English and Swahili Edition)	Laurie Krebs	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/184148119X/?coliid=I36BT0O105KGRC&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/we-all-went-on-safari-a-counting-journey-through-tanzania/9781841481197
Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0689869908/?coliid=I1P7LKSBVXTOMX&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/beatrice-s-goat/9780689869907
Let There Be Light	Archbishop Desmond Tutu	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0310727855/?coliid=I2X8Q8VKBAYTGA&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/let-there-be-light-9780310727859/9780310727859
*La Frontera: El viaje con papa / My Journey with Papa (Spanish and English Edition)	Deborah Mills Alfredo Alva	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1782853928/?coliid=I3C1S1BXLID8HW&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/la-frontera-el-viaje-con-papa-my-journey-with-papa/9781782853923
Rain School	James Rumford	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0547243073/?coliid=I3F108QLSIKR5J&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/rain-school/9780547243078
*Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey (Arabic and English Edition)	Margriet Ruurs	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1459814908/?coliid=I1LZ96VXOIYVWW&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/stepping-stones-a-refugee-family-s-journey-dual-language-english-arabic/9781459814905
*Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan	Mary Williams R. Gregory Christie	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1584302321/?coliid=I2HEJMI4GGTSYY&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/brothers-in-hope-the-story-of-the-lost-boys-of-the-sudan/9781584302322
My* Name Is Sangoel	Karen Williams Khadra Mohammed	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0802853072/	https://bookshop.org/books/my-name-is-

		?coliid=I21Y06CKEJN1V1&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	sangoel/9780802853073
*Refugees and Migrants (Children in Our World)	Ceri Roberts	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1438050208/?coliid=I1HNCH67B2PJGA&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/refugees-and-migrants/9781438050201
Back to School: A Global Journey	Maya Ajmera	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1580898408/?coliid=IM2P84WNM7KR2&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/back-to-school-a-global-journey-9781580898409/9781580898409
One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia	Miranda Paul	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1467716081/?coliid=I2ND7YTL48P273&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/one-plastic-bag-isatou-cesay-and-the-recycling-women-of-the-gambia/9781467716086
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Picture Book Edition	William Kamkwamba Bryan Mealer	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0803735111/?coliid=I3V9AEL36A087F&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/the-boy-who-harnessed-the-wind-picture-book-edition/9780803735118
Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	Jeanette Winter	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1328869210/?coliid=I3SLUI5Z9SP1H3&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/wangari-s-trees-of-peace-a-true-story-from-africa/9781328869210
From Wheat to Bread (Who Made My Lunch?)	Bridget Heos	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1681521431/?coliid=I2O238ZIYPY11E&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/from-wheat-to-bread-9781681511184/9781681521435
From Cocoa Beans to Chocolate (Who	Bridget Heos	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1681521458/?coliid=I27OC5T5M7	Not Available

Made My Lunch?)		3QZ4&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&pssc=1	
Four Feet, Two Sandals	Khadra Mohammed & Karen Lynn Williams	https://www.amazon.com/Four-Feet-Sandals-Karen-Williams/dp/0802852963/ref=sr_1_1?dchilid=1&keywords=Four+Feet%2C+Two+Sandals&qid=1602728228&sr=8-1	https://bookshop.org/books/four-feet-two-sandals/9780802852960

Upper Elementary/Middle School

Book Title	Author	Amazon Link	Bookshop.org Link (supports local bookstores)
The Paper House	Lois Peterson	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1459800516/?coliid=I3MQDQPO0OS1M9&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&pssc=1	Not Available
The Red Pencil	Andrea Davis Pinkney	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0316247820/?coliid=I2FLPCIEX6VCAX&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&pssc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/the-red-pencil/9780316247825
I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives	Martin Ganda	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0316241334/?coliid=I2CY2YVUH8UYGV&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&pssc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/i-will-always-write-back-how-one-letter-changed-two-lives/9780316241335
When Stars Are Scattered	Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0525553908/?coliid=I1T4CBGHPLBK6Z&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&pssc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/when-stars-are-scattered/9780525553908
One Hen: How One	Katie Smith Milway	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1894786092/	https://bookshop.org/books/one-hen-how-

Small Loan Made a Big Difference		?coliid=I3QSCAG8ZIEU4I&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	one-small-loan-made-a-big-difference/9781894786096
A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story	Linda Sue Park	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0547577311/?coliid=I37V677UYLU4AJ&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/a-long-walk-to-water-based-on-a-true-story/9780547577319
*Ryan and Jimmy: And the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together (CitizenKid)	Herb Shoveller	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/155453271X/?coliid=I2XKBJDXCYZG56&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/ryan-and-jimmy-and-the-well-in-africa-that-brought-them-together/9781554532711
You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Clean Water!	Roger Canavan	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0531213102/?coliid=I3EAVWSXIKYXUS&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/you-wouldn-t-want-to-live-without-clean-water/9780531213100
One Well: The Story of Water on Earth	Rochelle Strauss	https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1553379543/?coliid=IR9HLA0G7EV2N&colid=32AE7H89TZY62&psc=1	https://bookshop.org/books/one-well-the-story-of-water-on-earth/9781553379546
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition	William Kamkwamba Bryan Mealer	https://smile.amazon.com/Boy-Who-Harnessed-Wind-Readers/dp/0803740808/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=	https://bookshop.org/books/the-boy-who-harnessed-the-wind-picture-book-edition/9780147510426

Adult Books

Books for Adults Relating to Ascension's Gifts of Hope Ministry Projects
(Note: Most of the books are available in hardbound, paperback, and ebook formats.)

1. Meredith, Martin. The Fortunes of Africa: A 5,000-Year History of Wealth, Greed, and Endeavor. Public Affairs Illustrated (paperback), 2016. 784 pp.
"Historically, Martin Meredith does a superb job of joining a multiplicity of different narratives into a coherent whole. . . . Ecclesially [sic], knowing the history of African Christianity in particular, helps root us in a vital and often neglected part of the story of God's people." The Rev. Andrew Wilson. ThinkTheology 29 November 2017.
2. Maathai, Wangari. Unbowed: A Memoir. Anchor; Illustrated Edition (paperback), 2007. 326 pp.
In Unbowed, Nobel Prize winning environmental and political activist Wangari Maathai shares the dangers and struggles of her life and "stresses the connection between environmental conservation and good governance." (Publishers' summary)
3. Odede, Kennedy and Jessica Posner. Find Me Unafraid: Love, Loss, and Hope in an African Slum. Harper Collins Publishers (paperback), 2015. 328 pp.
A tuition-free school for girls? In a Kenyan slum? Odede and Posner's account became a New York TIMES Bestseller; it is "A well-wrought, inspiring tale of 'change and justice.'" (Kirkus Review)
4. Nayzgi, Wudasie, and Kenneth James Howe. Relentless: One Woman's Decade-Long Fight to Heal a Family Torn Apart by War, Lies, and Tyranny. Independently published (paperback), 2018. 306 pp.
Refugee Wudasie returns to her home, Eritrea, only to have her life shattered by her husband's conscription into the army and her daughter's diagnosis of a life-threatening heart defect — with no medical care available. "An inspiring outcome celebrates the strength, determination, and heroism of women everywhere." (Publishers' summary)
5. Alexander, Jessica. Chasing Chaos: My Decade In and Out of Humanitarian Aid. Broadway Books (paperback), 2013. 400 pp.
"During ten years of working with the sick, the hungry, and the injured, Jessica Alexander touches and is touched by victims of genocide, earthquakes, tsunamis, and bombs. . . . With humor and insight she shares the intimate details of her everyday life." Rita Goldman Gelman, author.
6. Dahill, Lisa E., and James B. Martin-Schramm, editors. Eco-Reformation: Grace and Hope for a Planet in Peril. Cascade Books (paperback), 2016. 283 pp.
"Like Luther's 95 Theses, this volume brings together critical biblical, pastoral, theological, historical, and ethical perspectives that constructively advance the vision of a social and ecologically flourishing Earth." (Book Cover)
7. McFague, Sallie. Blessed Are the Consumers: Climate Change and the Practice of Restraint. Augsburg Fortress (paperback), 2013. 208 pp.

“In a world bent on consumption, it is imperative that people of religious faith realize the significant role they play in advocating for the earth, and a more humane life for all.”
(Publishers’ summary)

8. Desmond, Mathew. Evicted: Poverty and Profit. Broadway Books Reprint (paperback), 2017. 448 pp.
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize. “This book gave me a better sense of what it is like to be very poor in this country. . . . It is beautifully written, thought-provoking, and unforgettable.” Bill Gates

9. Boyle, Gregory. Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship. Simon & Schuster Reprint (paperback), 2018. 224 pp.
“In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Father Boyle, author of Tattoos on the Heart, shares what working with gang members in LA has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship.” (Publishers’ summary)

10. Lopez, Steve. The Soloist. Berkley Reprint Edition (paperback), 2010. 304 pp.
“Los Angeles TIMES journalist and homeless advocate Steve Lopez chronicles his relationship with musically gifted Nathaniel Ayers. . . (in) a beautiful tale that ties humanity back in with the journey to treat mental illness and search for a home.”
(Publishers’ summary)

11. Hart, Elva Trevino. Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child. Bilingual Review Press, 1999. 236 pp.
Hart “tells the world what it’s like to be a child in a migrant family that struggles...” to feed and educate their children. (Publishers’ summary)

The following are the Gifts of Hope Ministry Project areas to which these books relate:

Education: Numbers 2, 3, 9, 11

Hunger: Numbers 3, 4, 5, 11

Health/Medicine: Numbers 3, 4, 5, 10, 11

Shelter: Numbers 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11

Growing the church: Number 1

Sustainability: Numbers 2, 6, 7