

# Useful story and book resources



## Reading promotion

Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA): world's largest prize for children's literature and reading promotion; also provides ideas for using books with children

<https://alma.se/en/>

<https://alma.se/en/inspire-young-readers/>

BookTrust: resources, programmes and campaigns to get children reading

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY): global organisation bringing children and books together

<https://www.ibby.org/>

International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) South Africa: South African branch of the global IBBY organisation

<https://ibbysa.org.za/>

Muna Kalati: reading promotion in Francophone Africa

<https://munakalati.org/>

Seiteneinsteiger eV: organisation based in Hamburg, Germany that promotes reading and writing, and access to children's literature from birth

<https://www.seiteneinsteiger-hamburg.de/projekte/>

## About books and stories

Africa Access: review of African children's books

<https://africaaccessreview.org/>

Brittle Paper: online literary magazine that offers a good list of reviews of children's books by African authors

<https://brittlepaper.com/2021/11/35-childrens-books-by-african-writers/>

The Johannesburg Review of Books: reviews of African literature and excerpts from some books

<https://johannesburgreviewofbooks.com/topics/africa/>

Picture Book Makers: a website of blogs featuring a range of children's picture book illustrators

<https://blog.picturebookmakers.com/>

Puku: book reviews and information on South African children's book publishers and children's books in all South African languages

<https://www.puku.co.za/>

## Online books and stories



African Storybook: free children's storybooks in 236 African languages to read online and download

<https://www.africanstorybook.org/>

Akoobooks: African audio books

<https://app.akoobooks.net/>

BiB Africa's Library: audio library of South African stories in different languages

<https://www.mybib.africa/>

Book Dash: free downloadable books for young children in different South African languages

<https://bookdash.org/>

FunDza: free online library of books for children and teenagers

<https://live.fundza.mobi/home/library/>

Idries Shah Foundation: from the work of Indian storyteller (seen as bridge between East and West), free online children's books

<https://idriesshahfoundation.org/books-childrens-books/>

Joy of Reading: large collection of stories for reading and telling

<https://readwj.wordpress.com/>

Lit2Go: historical collection of African-American stories (text and audio)

<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/collections/3/african-american-literature/>

Nal'ibali: free online and downloadable children's stories and story resources in official South African languages

<https://nalibali.org/>

Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA): free downloadable children's rhymes, stories and story resources in official South African languages

<https://www.praesa.org.za/>

The Story Museum: free stories and story resources

<https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/collections-story-resources>

Storyline Online: picture-book read-alouds by a variety of professional actors

<https://storylineonline.net/>

## Publishers of multilingual and/or diversity-focused children's books



Bakame Editions (Rwanda)

<http://bakame.rw/en/>

House of Anansi (Canada)

<https://houseofanansi.com/collections/stories-from-around-the-world>

Imaginary House (South Africa)  
<https://imaginaryhouse.com/collections/kids-picture-books>

Jacana Media (South Africa)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product-category/childrens/>

Lantana (United Kingdom)  
<https://www.lantanapublishing.com/>

LAPA (South Africa)  
<https://lapa.co.za/boeke>

Muna Kalati: database of African publishers (including children's books)  
<https://munakalati.org/base-de-donnees-des-editeurs-africains/>

New Africa Books (South Africa)  
<https://newafricabooks.com/collections/childrens-books>

Pan Macmillan South Africa  
<https://www.panmacmillan.co.za/genres/childrens/south-african-books>

Sub-Saharan Publishers (Ghana)  
<https://www.africanbookscollective.com/publishers/sub-saharan-publishers>

Tara Books (India)  
<https://tarabooks.com/about/>

Tiny Owl (United Kingdom)  
<https://tinyowl.co.uk/>

## Book donations (South Africa)



The Bookery: helps schools to create and stock their own libraries  
<https://thebookery.org.za/>

Biblioref: donates mother-tongue books  
<https://www.biblioref.org.za/>

Book Dash: donates books via partners  
<https://bookdash.org/>



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