

About Hawai'i: A Selected List For Younger Children Preschool – Grade 2

NONFICTION

J H 398.2 Mc

McDermott, Gerald. **Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawai'i.**

The mischievous shape-shifting Pig-Boy gets in trouble with both the King and Pele, the goddess of fire, but always manages to slip away, as his grandmother has told him to.

J H 398.2 Tu

Tune, Suelyn Ching. **How Maui Slowed the Sun.** One of the best-known of the Hawaiian legends, this story explains how Maui battles with the sun and forever changed the way it moves across the sky.

J 398.2099 Wa

Wardlaw, Lee. **Punia and the King of the Sharks.** Punia angers the King of Sharks because he is constantly tricking him in order to steal lobster from the cave which he is guarding. eBook

J H 398.2 Wi

Williams, Julie Stewart. **And the Birds Appeared.**

The boy named Maui, who has magical powers, makes his invisible birds appear, to the amazement of the island people.

J H 508.2 Fe

Feeney, Stephanie. **Sun and Rain: Exploring Seasons in Hawai'i.**

How do we see and feel the seasonal changes in Hawai'i? With lovely photographs, this book describes the subtle changes that occur in the wet and dry seasons.

J H 574.92 Fe

Feeney, Stephanie. **Sand to Sea: Marine Life of Hawaii.** Fascinating photographs show the plants and animals you'll find at Hawai'i's beaches, reefs, and tidepools.

J H 591.9969 Ha

Harrington, Daniel. **What am I? A Hawai'i Animal Guessing Game.**

Riddles and clues invite the reader to guess the names of animals that live in Hawai'i.

J H 599.525 Hi

Hirschi, Ron. **Whale Tales.**

Join Kai and Lehua as they voyage on a research ship following the annual migration of humpback whales from Alaska to Hawai'i.

J H 599.795 Ha

Harvey, Jeanne Walker. **Honey Girl: The Hawaiian Monk Seal.**

After Honey Girl is injured by a fish hook, scientists and veterinarians work to save her so she can be released back to the beach. This true story will have readers captivated to learn more about this endangered species. eBook

J 793.31996 Go

Golembe, Carla. **The Story of Hula.**

Describes the history, implements, costumes, chants, and movements of hula. Includes a read-along CD.

J H 996.9 Gi

Gill, Shelley. **Hawai'i.**

Tour the Hawaiian Islands and learn about the unique sights and history found on each of the eight main islands. eBook

PICTURE BOOKS

E H Ahuli'i (Board Book)

Ahuli'i, Gabrielle. **Hina.**

Part of the Hawaiian Legends for Little Ones series, this book introduces Hina, the goddess of the moon, of kapa, and of the sacred ōhi'a lehua tree.

E H Arita

Arita, Vera. **Can You Catch a Coqui Frog?**

With rhyming text, readers are introduced to many animals found in Hawai'i, such as the honu, monk seal, kōlea, and gecko.

E H Bowen

Bowen, Lance. **Keiki's First Word Book.**

Each spread focuses on a different topic such as family, clothing, food, animals, and music, as it identifies common words in English and Hawaiian.

E H Ching

Ching, Patrick. **Honu and Hina: A Story of Coexistence.** Young readers will learn about the importance of protecting sea turtles and Hawaiian monk seals through this illustrated story.

E H Feeney

Feeney, Stephanie. **A is for Aloha. 2nd Edition.** With beautiful photographs, this alphabet book portrays some of the people, places, plants, animals, and activities that make up the everyday life of children in Hawai'i and shows the brilliant color that characterizes the Hawaiian islands.

E H Gale

Gale, Heather. **Ho'onani: Hula Warrior.**

When Ho'onani finds out that there will be a school performance of a traditional kane hula chant, she wants to be part of it. But can a girl really lead the all-male troupe? Ho'onani has to try. Based on a true story. ebook

E H Guild

Guild, Alice. **Kōlea and the Chief's Cloak.**

The wisdom of the beloved Pacific golden plover, or kōlea, is wasted on a haughty young chief who loses his kingdom, and the cloak, to his powerful warrior cousin. A modern fable that tells the true story of how an ancient Hawaiian cloak came to be in the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

E H Gruenberg

Gruenberg, Jeremiah Ho'oku'u. **Ki'i and Li'i: A Story from the Stones.**

Combines authentic Hawaiian petroglyphs, original artwork, and Hawaiian words to tell the story of a girl and her younger brother as they journey to their cousin's village.

E H Wa

Wallace, William K. **Kuola and Iosepa = Kuola a me Iosepa.**

(The Ho'ulu Hou Project: Stories Told By Us)

A young boy describes how his family builds and sails a traditional Hawaiian voyaging canoe. English and Hawaiian text.

E H Loebel-Fried

Loebel-Fried, Caren. **Manu, the Boy Who Loved Birds.**

As he discovers the meaning of his Hawaiian name, a young boy learns about an ancient, now extinct Hawaiian forest bird and the importance of bird conservation. A Hawaiian language edition, "O Manu, ke Keiki Aloha Manu" is also available.

E H Loomis

Loomis, Ilima. **'Ohana Means Family.**

In this cumulative rhyme in the style of "The House That Jack Built," a family celebrates Hawai'i and its culture while serving poi at a luau. Includes information about kalo and poi.

E H Matsumoto

Matsumoto, Lisa. **The Adventures of Gary and Harry: A Tale of Two Turtles.**

Gary, a green sea turtle, and Harry, a hawksbill turtle, learn about the dangers of ocean pollution.

E H Omoto

Omoto, Garrett. **Ten Little Children = Umi Keiki li'ili'i. (Tutu Books)**

This simple counting book teaches how to count from one to ten in Hawaiian. Also in the series: The Colors = Na Waiho'olu'u and The Body = Ke Kino.

E H Rumford

Rumford, James. **The Island-Below-the-Star.**

Five Polynesian brothers, each with a special talent, sail across the Pacific Ocean to the land that would become Hawai'i.

E H Tsong (Board Book)

Tsong, Jing Jing. **Birds in Hawai'i.**

This board book introduces young children to a sampling of the many beautiful birds (both native and introduced) that make the islands a more colorful and joyful place. Also by the author: "Fish in Hawai'i."

E H Villanueva

Villanueva, Leonard. **Kaipo and the Mighty 'Ahi.** When his three older brothers refuse to take him fishing with them, Kaipo discovers a method in catching the elusive big 'ahi, and thus gains his brothers' respect as a fisherman.

E H Yee (Board Book)

Yee, Tammy. **Whales' Tails and Turtle Trails.**

This colorful board book invites young children to identify different sea creatures while exploring rhymes, counting, and colors.



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