Growing Up and Growing Older: 
Books for Young Readers© 

An Annotated Booklist of Literature to Promote Positive Aging 
(Preschool-Third Grade) 

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About the Booklist:
This booklist started almost 30 years ago in an attempt to locate early children’s literature that would help promote positive attitudes about aging and positive aging. In reviewing this literature it was found that many of the portrayals of older people focused on the negative aspects of aging and mirrored our society’s ageist attitudes.

This booklist is a compilation of carefully selected children’s literature that contains positive, meaningful portrayals of older adults and promotes positive aging. Books on the booklist portray aging as a natural and lifelong process of growing and developing, present similarities between young and old, show young and old enjoying each other and learning from each other, view older adults as valuable and contributing members of society, and help children to think about life’s later years. Books that focus on death, dying, disability, dependency, disease, and dementia are not included on this list. These topics are not synonymous with aging.

Helping to promote positive aging is important. Children today are expected to live longer than any other generation of Americans. A child born in the U.S. can expect to live to be 80, 90, or even 100 years old. Centenarians (people 100 years old and older) are the most rapidly growing segment of the U.S. population. The attitudes children form about aging will play an important role in how successfully they age. The images of older people in children’s literature play an important role in attitude formation.

Use the books to help children see their “elder within” (the older person they can become), see the potentials of aging, and think in terms of “lifespan activities” (activities they can do now and can do as an older person--like reading, writing, art, dance, music, theater, traveling, and athletics such as biking, walking, hiking, and swimming). The books can stimulate interesting discussions, promote positive attitudes about aging, promote positive aging, and help children learn about growing up and growing older.

The first part of the booklist presents books-in-print with publisher, reading level, ISBN, and cost. Please note that publishers and costs of books can change. Many of the books listed are now also available as eBooks. The listing of books-in-print is followed by: 1) a table of some of my favorite books-in-print, 2) a list of Out-of-Print Stories (OOPS), 3) a table of some of my favorite OOPS, and 4) a table of books with multicultural content. Please review the multicultural section as diversity in children’s books is important. Books can soon become out-of-print. OOPS can often be obtained at libraries or through vendors. Readers may want to browse the OOPS list, especially some of the favorite OOPS.

Help by contacting your local schools and libraries to make sure booklist books are available. Buy some of the books for children. Involve older adults in reading the books to children. Having older adults read the books to children can be a great intergenerational experience. Encourage children to write their own stories about older
adults they know and what they would like to be as an older adult. Contact authors and publishers about the need for children’s books that tell the stories of real older adults and books that promote positive aging and positive attitudes about aging.

In 2009, The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) (http://www.aghe.org) started the AGHE Children’s Book Award for early children’s literature (Preschool-Grade 5) that has meaningful portrayals of older adults. These awards are presented biannually at the AGHE annual meeting. The books that have received awards to date are: Rock, Brock and the Savings Shock (Bair), The Golden Rule (Cooper), Niwechihaw/I Help (Nicholson), Ain’t Nobody a Stranger to Me (Grifalconi), Sometimes its Grandmas and Grandpas and Not Mommies and Daddies (Byrne), Shoebox Sam (Barrett), and Marching With Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women’s Suffrage (Murphy). If you would like to nominate books for these awards please contact AGHE (http://www.aghe.org). AGHE also has a listing of some suggested children’s book on their website.

Another resource for early children’s literature with positive aging content is the A is for Aging, B is for Books website by Lindsey McDivitt (http://www.lindseymcdivitt.com). McDivitt provides reviews of children’s books with positive aging content and notes “Positive Aging picture books stay away from narrow portrayals of older adults and acknowledge the variety of interests, abilities, and talents that do not melt away with old age, but grow with experience.” Some books from the website are included on this booklist.

This year more biographical books, and books from the extensive Rookie Biographies series (Grades 2-3), have been added to the booklist. This series offers biographies on famous people including: presidents, scientists, artists, activists, and authors. These bibliographies address growing up and growing older and the accomplishments of people as adults and older adults. They offer the opportunity to talk with children about what they would like to be as an older adult. The series addresses things that shaped the person’s life and events of the time in which they lived. Adults can review the series to find books they think are appropriate for their young reader. Selected books from the series are found under the “R” alphabetical listing on the booklist.

The following is a quote we should all take to heart: “Only as children view their own aging and the elderly positively will they be able to achieve the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness that are considered rights of each in our society.” We have the potential to create a generation of Americans who see the potentials of old age and value older people. This is a legacy worth leaving.

If you have books you would like considered for the list, or comments about the list, please contact me at smcguire@utk.edu. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for visiting the booklist.

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Key:
Books highlighted in Yellow are favorites and listed on the favorites list.
Books with Green are new to this edition of the booklist.
Books with both Green and Yellow are new this year and favorites.

Books-in-Print

Ackerman, Karen (1988/1992). *Song and Dance Man*
Random House Children’s (PS-2) $15.99/$6.99
In the attic grandfather shows the grandchildren a trunk full of mementos from his vaudeville days. Grandfather sings and dances, they all dress up and put on a show. A good time is had by all. Shares family history and portrays older people as fun, active, and interesting.

Caldecott Medal Award

Ada, Alma Flor (2002). *I Love Saturdays y domingos*
Antheneum Books for Young Readers (PS-2) $7.99
ISBN 9780689874093
On Saturdays a young girl visits her Grandma and Grandpa who are European-American. On Sundays, (los domingos) she visits Abueleto y Abuelita, her grandparents who are Mexican-American. Her grandparents are different in many ways but have a lot in common, especially the love for their granddaughter. Intergenerational story of loving and caring. MULTICULTURAL

Addasi, Maha (2010). *Time to Pray*
Boyds Mill Press (2-3) $17.95
ISBN 97815907786116
Yasmin is visiting her grandmother, Teta, in the Middle East. She sees the lights from the minaret of a nearby mosque and hears the voice of the muezzin calling people to pray. Yasmin asks her grandmother how she would know when to pray once she goes home since they did not have a mosque near. Grandmother makes Yasmin prayer clothes, buys her a prayer rug, and teaches her the prayers Muslims do each day. When Yasmin went home her grandmother sent her a miniature mosque that had a prayer clock and timer to remind her of the times to pray. When the clock goes off, it makes the sound of the muezzin calling people to prayer. Written in English and Arabic. MULTICULTURAL

Adler, David A. (2010). *A Little at a Time*
Holiday House (K-2) $16.95
ISBN 9780823417391
A young grandson visits his grandfather in the city and they visit many places. The boy has questions like “how did this tree get so tall”, and “how did you get to be so smart Grandpa”. Grandpa patiently answers all of the questions. Each answer ends with the same refrain “a little at a time”.

Anholt, Laurence (2003). *The Magical Garden of Claude Monet*
Barron’s Educational (2-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780764155741
The story is based on Julie, a daughter of the French painter Berthe Morisot. Julie lives in Paris and longs to
walk in a country garden. Her mother takes her to the garden of a family friend, the great painter Claude Monet. Monet was working in his garden and took Julie on a garden tour. Monet was an avid gardener and his gardens can still be visited today. Illustrates both painting and gardening as a lifelong activities and intergenerational friendship. Portrays older adults as creative, active and capable.

Annino, Jan Godown (2010). *She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader*

National Geographic Society (1-3) $17.95
ISBN 9781426305924

This biography celebrates Betty Mae Jumper, who in 1967 became the first woman to be elected a Seminole tribal leader. Information about her later life and her service as a nurse, interpreter, spokesperson, and Seminole tribal leader are presented. Illustrates growing up and growing older and Seminole life and customs. *MULTICULTURAL*

Applegate, Katherine (2014). *The Buffalo Storm*

Clarion (PS-3) $6.99
ISBN 978054499217

Hallie’s grandmother, Olympia, can bake a cake, tame a colt, birth a calf, and build a barn. When Hallie’s parents decide to travel to Oregon by wagon train, Hallie wants to stay behind with her grandmother. Grandmother tells Hallie she needs to go with her parents, and assures her that she will be with her wherever she goes. Hallie was afraid of storms and grandmother gave her a quilt to wrap around her if a storm comes so she wouldn’t be afraid. On the journey Hallie remembers her grandmother’s teachings and feels her grandmother with her. When they arrive in Oregon Hallie writes to her grandmother about her new baby sister, and tells her that the baby was named Olympia after her. A wise and caring grandmother and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Arden, Carolyn (2004). *Goose Moon*

Boyds Mills Press (K-3) $15.95
ISBN 9781590780404

A young girl and her grandfather share many happy times together. They go fishing, tobogganing, drink cocoa, and sing by the fire while grandpa plays the guitar. Grandpa explains the seasons by the coming and going of the geese. He says that “Goose Moon” will come in the summer. Goose Moon happens when the moon is full and the geese follow the stars to find their way home. One night grandpa takes the girl out on the porch and they hear the sound of the geese coming—Goose Moon is on its way. An active, knowledgeable grandfather and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Aska, Warabe (2006). *Tapicero Tap Tap*

Tundra (1-3) $16.950
ISBN 9780887767609

Grandpa is called Tapicero Tap Tap due to the tap tap tap sound of his hammer when he is making furniture in his shop. Grandpa stops work to tell his grandsons and their friends a story about his childhood and the dream he had of traveling across the ocean. He tells them that during his life, he did not travel, but instead found treasures in the local wine making, fiestas, and bullfights. At fiesta time he met people from the faraway places that he had dreamed of going to. Active grandfather who is working. Illustrates growing up and growing older. Helps children see that they can have fulfilling, productive lives in their own communities and make a difference where ever they are. *MULTICULTURAL*

Atwell, Debby (2006). *The Thanksgiving Door*

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt $5.99
ISBN 9780547530031

An immigrant family is preparing for the first Thanksgiving in their restaurant. Everything is almost ready when two strangers enter the restaurant. Grandmother invites the strangers as guests to dinner.

Baca, Ana (2012). *Tia’s Tamales*
One day there was no school and Luz and her grandmother, Abuelita, spend the day together. Grandmother shares how the girl's great-grandfather, Diego, learned to make tamales. Diego was caring for his ill mother and with the help of his grandmother he learned how to use the resources around him to gather everything needed to make tamales. Grandmother tells Luz the story, how to make tamales, and shares the message that "sometimes you have to take what you have and embellish it...sometimes you have to make something out of nothing." Text is in English and Spanish.

Albert Whitman & Company (1-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780807570944
Grandpa proposed a summer saving plan to his twin grandsons, Rock and Brock. Each Saturday he would pay each of them to mow his lawn and wash his car. If they saved the dollar he would match it, if they spent it he wouldn't. Brock saved his money but Rock didn't save any. Brock's money grew and at the end of the summer he had $512 dollars. Rock and Brock learned the value of saving from their grandfather. At the end of the book the twins are older and wealthy from their savings. A chart at the end of the book shows how savings can grow and there is a discussion about how to become a millionaire by starting saving as a young person. Teaches children about savings and lifelong financial security.

Barrett, Mary Bridgid (2011). Shoebox Sam
Zonderkidz (K-3) $9.99
ISBN 97803010424130
Delia and Jesse go to see Shoebox Sam on Saturdays. Shoebox Sam is an older man who lives above his shop where he shines and repairs shoes. Sam also polishes and mends used shoes and fixes them up with new laces. Each week the children place the used shoes in boxes and label them. Sam has paying customers for his shoe repairs, but he also has shoes and new socks he gives to those who need them. He also has coffee, donuts and sometimes sandwiches for those who are hungry. From Sam the children learn about giving, sharing, caring for others, and a sense of social responsibility.

Bastianich, Lidia (2013). Nonna's Birthday Surprise
Running (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780762446551
Nonna Lidia helps her grandchildren prepare a birthday dinner for their great-grandmother, Nonna Mima. Nonna Lidia tells the children how she helped grow, gather, and prepare food when she was a young girl. She tells them about her childhood home with the animals and all the fruits and vegetables they grew: "Each season brought its own special magic of colors, smells, and flavors". Nonna Lidia takes her grandchildren to the farmer’s market and teaches her grandchildren how to cook fresh seasonal food. They prepare a meal for Nonna Mima and the entire family sit around the table to eat. The book shares with children how life was years ago and how the cycle of nature repeats every year. Recipes are shared at the end of the book with instructions on how children can participate in the recipe. Nonsterotypic illustrations of the grandmother.

Lee & Low (1-3) $17.95
ISBN 9781600603471
Tomorrow is grandma's birthday and the house is full of family and friends. Grandma had come to the United States from the Cape Verde Islands. Cora enjoys her time with Grandma and they walk along the beach. Grandma is lonely for her homeland and her sister who stayed there. Cora finds a way to have a birthday present for Grandma that reminds her of her homeland. MULTICULTURAL

Beaty, Andrea (2013). Rosie Revere, Engineer
Abrams (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781419708459
Rosie dreamed of becoming a great engineer and she secretly built things. One day Rosie’s great-great-great Aunt Rose came to visit. Her aunt had worked building airplanes a long time ago. When Rosie makes a flying gadget that doesn’t work her Aunt tells her: “Your brilliant first flop was a raging success: Come on, let’s get busy and on to the next…the only true failure can come if you quit”. The Aunt gives Rosie the confidence to continue with her engineering inventions. The story ends with a historical note that tells how women from the allied nations worked during World War II for the war effort. The fictional Rosie the Riveter was one of those women whose slogan was “We can do it!” Capable older adult with a good message. Few books have a great-great-great relative in them. Can lead into a discussion of longevity and growing up and growing older as well as thinking about a career as an adult and older adult.

Berenstain, Stan & Jan (1986). *The Berenstain Bears and the Week at Grandma’s*
Random House (PS-3) $4.99
ISBN 9780394873350
When brother and sister bear find out that they are going to spend a week with their grandparents they wonder what they will do, then end up having a really wonderful time. Illustrates the similarities between young and old and young and old enjoying each other.

Berenstain, Jan & Berenstain, Mike (2013). *The Bertenstain Bears: We Love Trucks*
HarperCollins (PS-1) $3.99
ISBN 9780062075352
Gramps drives a pickup truck. He and the cubs are on the way to Farmer Ben’s farm to pick up some fruit. On the way they see many different kind of trucks including delivery vans, fire engine trucks, mail trucks, dump trucks, tow trucks, garbage trucks, moving vans, fuel trucks, and ambulances.

Berne, Jennifer (2013). *On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein*
Chronicle Books (K-2) $17.99
ISBN 9780818872355
Tells the story of Albert Einstein’s life from boyhood through old age. Young Albert asked many questions. He loved numbers, imagining, wondering, questioning, figuring, and thinking. “He wanted to solve the mysteries of the world”. As a young man he wrote down his ideas, sent them to science magazines, and renowned scientists asked him to work with them. He loved playing his violin—he said it helped him think better. He also loved his baggy sweater, baggy pants, and favorite blue cup. “He asked questions never asked before, found answers never found before, and dreamed up ideas never dreamed before”. Einstein discovered many things including the atom, theories about motion, and theories about the speed of light. He especially enjoyed conversations with young children. The book challenges the children to answer unanswered questions, talks about Einstein’s work and discoveries, and recommends the Einstein Archives Online (www.alberteinstein.info) for further information. Inspires children to follow their dreams and ideas, illustrates growing up and growing older, continued learning and discovery, and a meaningful and productive life.

Biro, Maureen (2002). *Walking with Maga*
All About Kids (PS-1) $16.95
ISBN 9780970086341
A young girl and her grandmother, Maga, spend many happy hours together. They go walking, talk about things they like, discover shapes in the clouds that float by, eat ice cream cones, and visit people they know. They stop by Mr. Anton’s garage and see his shell collection. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other.

Birtha, Becky (2005). *Grandmama’s Pride*
Albert Whitman (1-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780807530283
Every summer a young African American girl and her younger sister visit their grandmother who lives in the South. During their visits the grandmother shielded the girls from what was happening with segregation, but without her saying, the older granddaughter begins to understand. Active grandmother who is wise, caring, and proud of her heritage. Nonstereotypic portrayal of older adult. Presents of information about the Civil Rights Movement. MULTICULTURAL. Golden Kite Honors Award
Barefoot (PS-1) $16.99
ISBN 9781841487922
In this fantasy journey Granny goes to market in Istanbul and buys a flying carpet. She travels around the world on her carpet buying things and ends up buying 10 llamas. Fantasy journey. As the llamas are purchased the book integrates counting from one to ten.

Blackstone, Stella (2007). *Abuelita Fue Al Mercado: Un Libro En Rima APara Contar Por El Mundo*
Barefoot (PS-1) $6.99
ISBN 9781846860904 [same book as above in Spanish]

Blomberg, Dianne (1999). *Sam and Gram and the First Day of School*
American Psychological Association (PS-2) $14.95
ISBN 9781557985620
It is Gram who walks Sam to school on his first day. Gram tells Sam “I think this is going to be a fun day”. When Sam returns home from school Gram is there with pretzels and lemonade. Sam and Gram talk about the first day at school and Sam says he had a great day. The back of the book has a “Things to Do” list for parents to help prepare children to start school. The grandmother is wise, caring, and an active part of the family.

Candlewick (PS-K) $8.99
ISBN 9780763637286
When a little frog goes to stay with Grandma she gets tucked into bed at night. She and grandma visit a yoga class, go swimming, and play dress up. Book describes a day with Grandma.

Candlewick (PS-K) $8.99
ISBN 9780763637279
A Grandpa frog and his grandson do many things together like mow the lawn, tidy up tools in the barn, work on a stone wall, make a grass whistle, go to a diner for lunch, row a boat over to an island, and find a nest of birds. Grandpa tells the boy stories and they enjoy their time together. Active grandfather and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Bridges, Shirin (2002). *Ruby’s Wish*
Chronicle Books (1-3) $15.99
ISBN 9780811834902
A young Chinese girl’s wants to attend the university when she is older. Traditionally, girls have not gone to the university. Her wish comes to her grandfather’s attention and grandfather makes the wish come true. Inspired by the life of the author’s grandmother. MULTICULTURAL

Brisson, Pat (2010). *Wanda’s Roses*
Boyds Mills Press (PS-3) $10.95
ISBN 9781563979255
Wanda is a young girl who lives in the city. One morning on her way to school she noticed a bare, thorny bush growing in an empty, trash filled lot. She decided the bush was a rosebush and needed care so it would bloom. Wanda talked to the people in the neighborhood about her bush. Mrs. Giamoni, her older neighbor, knew that Wanda’s bush was not a rosebush, but helped her clean up the trash anyway. She told Wanda “I don’t want you to be disappointed if this bush doesn’t bloom.” Wanda invited all of her neighbors to a tea party in her “rose garden”. Her friends did not want her disappointed and almost everyone who came to Wanda’s party brought along a rosebush to plant. Soon the lot became a beautiful rose garden. Illustrates intergenerational friendship and people working together with a sense of community.
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Broyles, Ann (2013).  *Arturo and the Navidad Birds*  
Pelican (1-3)  $16.99  
ISBN 9781455618019  
Bilingual story in both Spanish and English.  Arturo and his grandmother (Abuela) are decorating the Christmas tree.  Abuela has a box full of Christmas ornaments that hold memories of her life.  The ornaments were precious gifts from her family and friends throughout her life.  Arturo found a small ornament with a mouse in a walnut shell and Abuela explained that her mother had made that ornament for her when she was 4 years old.  Arturo pictured his grandmother as a young girl.  Abuela shares the memories of the ornaments with her grandson as they decorate the tree.  When the grandson accidentally breaks one of the cherished ornaments the grandmother shares an important message: "People are more important than things."  Illustrates family history, growing up and growing older, and a warm intergenerational relationship.  MULTICULTURAL

Brumbeau, Jeff (2001).  *The Quiltmakers Gift*  
Scholastic (K-3)  $18.99  
ISBN 9780439309103  
A generous quilt maker sews the most beautiful quilts in the world and then gives them away to those in need.  A greedy king wants one of her quilts but the older woman will not give him one because he did not need it.  She tells the king that when he has given away his riches she will make him a quilt.  The beautiful illustrations help the story to unfold.  Children find it interesting to see how the king finally obtains his quilt.  The generosity and kindness of the quilt maker are good lessons for children.  Active and capable older person.  *Benjamin Franklin Award, ABC Children’s Booksellers Choice Awards*

Bryant, Jen (2005).  *Georgia’s Bones*  
Eerdmans, William B. Publishing Company (PS-3)  $17.99  
ISBN 97808080252175  
A biographical chronicle of the life of the artist. She grew up on a Wisconsin farm and early in her life decided to be an artist.  Follows her life in Wisconsin, at art school, in New Mexico and the Southwest, and in New York.  Illustrates growing up and growing older and tells the story of a great artist.

Bunting, Eve (1989).  *The Wednesday Surprise*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3)  $6.99  
ISBN 9780395547762  
Grandma stays with Eve on Wednesday night when Eve’s mom works late and her dad is at basketball practice with her brother.  During their Wednesday times Eve and grandma plan a special surprise for dad’s birthday.  The birthday surprise is that Eve teaches grandma to read.  The grandmother is an integral member of the family.  Illustrates lifelong learning and intergenerational sharing and caring.

Bunting, Eve (2004).  *A Picnic in October*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2-3)  $7.99  
ISBN 9780152050658  
A young grandson travels with his parents and grandparents to Ellis Island to celebrate the birthday of the Statue of Liberty and learns what the statue means to his grandparents and to so many people.

Bunting, Eve (2004).  *My Special Day At Third Street School*  
Boyds Mill Press (K-2)  $15.95  
ISBN 97801590780752  
Amanda Drake is an older woman who is an author. She visits Third Street School where she reads stories to the children and talks to the children about what it is like to be an author.  Ms. Drake loves to write and the children that writing “doesn’t seem like work if you are loving what you do.”  She inspires the children to write stories.  The children love her and at the end of the day they do not want her to leave.  As she leaves on the city bus she waves to the children.  A capable, active older adult.

Busse, Sarah & Martin, Jacqueline Briggs (2006).  *Banjo Granny*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-1)  $9.99
Granny takes her banjo and travels to see her new grandbaby, Owen. Granny plays bluegrass music for Owen. Celebration of a grandmother meeting her grandchild.

**Byrne, Gayle (2009).** *Sometimes It’s Grandmas and Grandpas, Not Mommies and Daddies*

Abbeville (PS-2) $15.95
ISBN 9780789210289
A young girl is raised by her grandparents, Nonnie & Poppy and their dog Buddy. Shares the times the girl has with her grandparents. Hugs and cuddles never run out with Nonnie and Poppy. Grandmother is working. One of the girl’s teachers is an older adult. Addresses the contemporary issue of grandparents raising grandchildren. Resources are listed at the end of the book for grandparents raising grandchildren. *Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Children’s Book Award 2012*

**Cali, Davide (2007).** *Piano Piano*

Charlesbridge (1-3) $15.95
ISBN 9781580891912
Marcolino’s mom wants him to play the piano, but Marcolino is not interested. Grandpa, Marcolino, and his mom discuss the situation and, with grandpa’s assistance. Marcolino is able to choose the musical instrument that he wants to play.

**Callahan, Sean (2006).** *The Bear Hug*

Albert Whitman (PS-K) $15.95
ISBN 9780807505960
Cubby bear loves to visit his active grandpa. The best thing about visiting grandpa is the hugs. They go fishing, swimming, and hunt for food. They look through a photo book of snapshots of grandpa when he was young. Grandpa teaches Cubby how to growl. Illustrates growing up and growing older and a loving intergenerational relationship.

**Campbell, Nicola (2011).** *Grandpa’s Girls*

Groundwood (K-2) $16.95
ISBN 978154980840
A young girl and her cousins visit grandpa’s farm where they run through the meadows, play in the barn, feed apples to the horse, and rummage through a room filled with family memories. Grandpa is a cowboy, a veteran, a rancher, and a businessman; but most of all he is a beloved grandfather. Illustrates family history and presents childhood memories of the author’s life. A few words are integrated into the story that are the native language of the Interior Salish peoples. *MULTICULTURAL*

**Carney, Margaret (1997).** *At Grandpa’s Sugar Bush*

Kids Can Press (PS-3) $15.95
ISBN 9781550746416
During spring break from school a young boy enjoys visiting his grandfather and helping with the maple syrup harvest. They work together tapping the trees, collecting the sap, and making syrup. Grandfather teaches the boy many things about the forest and syrup making. Grandfather is active, knowledgeable, and capably works on his farm. Caring intergenerational relationship.

**Caseley, Judith (1994).** *Dear Annie*

HarperCollins (PS-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780688135751
Grandpa has been Annie’s pen pal since the day she was born. Annie saves his cards and letters and takes them to share at school for Show-and-Tell. Today letter writing is becoming somewhat of a lost art. This book introduces children to the value of writing letters, the history that letters can tell, and can encourage children to become pen pals with an older person. Loving intergenerational relationship.
Castillo, Lauren (2014). *Nana in the City*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-2)  $16.99  
ISBN 9780544104433  
Nana has a new apartment in the city. The young grandson goes to stay with Nana and originally views the city as being full of scary things, too busy, and filled with loud sounds. He decides that it is not a good place for Nana to live. Nana finds the city wonderful and works to change his perception. She knits him a red cape that makes him feel brave and they go explore the city. They visit Central Park, hear the music of street musicians, and see people break dancing. He now sees the city differently, finds it extraordinary, and an okay place for grandma to live and for him to visit. A loving intergenerational relationship and an active, perceptive grandmother.

Chall, Marsha Wilson (2011). *Pick a Pup*  
McElderry (PS-1)  $16.99  
ISBN 9781416979616  
Looks at the contemporary issue of pet adoption. Sam is going to the animal shelter to pick a pup. Gram is there to help Sam pick a pup. In the end the pup picks Sam.

Chall, Marsha Wilson (2012). *A Secret Keeps*  
Lerner (K-2)  $16.95  
ISBN 9780761355939  
A young boy is driving with his family to the farm to visit his grandparents. His grandpa says that something is waiting for the boy and it is a secret. When he arrives at the farm grandpa does not tell him what the secret is and the boy goes in search of it around the farm. He finally finds the secret. The secret is a litter of kittens and the young grandson now has a kitten of his own. Grandma and grandpa are active.

Tanglewood (PS-2)  $15.95  
ISBN 9781933718569  
Grandma tries to get Wild Rose to learn how to wrap the weaving loom, work the weaving sticks, and weave; but Wild Rose prefers to do other things. Grandma did her weaving and when Rose returned from her day she saw the beautiful rug that Grandma had made, “saw life in its colors, and peace in its pattern”. Grandma tells Rose that a rug is a picture of life. Wild Rose decides she wants to learn to weave and Grandma teaches her. A wise grandmother who shares knowledge with her granddaughter. An epilogue to the book tells about how the art of weaving binds us together across the world and generations; it is about expressing yourself, and is infinitely useful. Gives a website to visit on how to make a simple loom. MULTICULTURAL

Clark, Katie (2012). *Grandma Drove the Lobsterboat*  
Down East (PS-3)  $16.95  
ISBN 9781608930043  
The continuing stories of grandma and her grandson, Billie. Every year for Labor Day the town has a Lobster Bake. Grandma is enjoying a day off from running the garbage and snowplowing businesses to having a leisurely day on the lobster boat with her son and Billie. The boat was filled with lobsters when a storm came up. Grandma’s son, who is a lobsterman and drives the boat, got seasick, and could not get the boat back into town. Grandma rescued the day and drove the lobster boat into the town’s port for the annual Lobster Bake. Grandma is working, energetic, and capable.

Clark, Katie (2010). *Grandma Drove the Snowplow*  
Down East (PS-3)  $16.95  
ISBN 9780892728510  
Grandma runs a snowplow business and her sons plow the town’s roads in the winter. When a blizzard threatens to cancel the town’s annual Carol Sing, Grandma and her grandson Billy clear the snow away to the church so the sing can go on. A grandmother who is working and active. A sequel to Grandma Drove the Garbage Truck.
Clark, Katie (2006) *Grandma Drove the Garbage Truck*
Down East (PS-3) $15.95
ISBN 9780892726981
Grandma runs the town’s garbage business and her sons drive the trucks. One 4th of July her sons are too sick to drive and the trash needs to be picked up. With the help of Billie, her young grandson, grandma takes over. Grandma and Billie have a few mishaps, but succeed in picking up all the trash. The truck ends up winning “Most Creative Float” in the 4th of July parade from the decorations picked up during the mishaps. Grandmother is working.

Clark, Mary Higgins (2011). *A The Magical Christmas Horse*
Simon & Shuster (K-3) $17.99
ISBN 9781416994787
Johnny’s family lives in Arizona. Johnny wanted to return to the big stone house where his father had grown up in Connecticut. He remembered visiting his father’s boyhood home when he was 3 years old and riding on the wooden house that his great-grandfather had carved. The family is going to visit the house at Christmas and Johnny is thinking about how much his younger brother, Liam, will enjoy the wooden horse. During the visit Johnny spends enjoyable time with his grandfather. He explores the attic and finds many interesting things, including the horse; but it is in need of much repair. Grandfather fixes the horse and has it ready for Liam at Christmas. Illustrates family history. Capable, active grandfather.

Grosset & Dunlap (2-4). $5.99
ISBN 9780448425207
Part of the *Smart About Art* biography series. Books in this series are written in the style of a child’s book report. Tells the story of the painter’s life from childhood to late adulthood. Many of his friends were painters such as Monet, Cezanne, Cassatt, and Vincent Van Gogh. Edgar worked as an artist all his life and painted into old age. Illustrates growing up and growing older and a productive old age.

Compestine, Ying Chang (2011). *Crouching Tiger*
Candlewick Press (PS-2) $16.99
ISBN 9780763646424
Grandpa was coming to visit from China and Vinson wants him to teach him kung fu. Grandpa calls Vinson by his Chinese name of Ming Da. Vinson is disappointed that he only sees Grandpa doing tai chi. and not doing kung fu. At the New Year’s Parade, Vinson finds that Grandpa is actually a master of kung fu. Grandpa shares with him that there is a process to learning kung fu that included tai chi, self-discipline, and serious commitment over many years. The book includes some illustrations of tai chi poses, a brief discussion of martial arts, and the belief that in order to achieve outer strength, one must first gain inner stillness. **MULTICULTURAL**

Cooney, Barbara (1985). *Miss Rumphius*
Penguin (K-3) $7.99
ISBN 9780140505399
A classic and must read book. Tells the life story of a young girl, Alice. Alice’s grandfather crafted figureheads for ships. She told her grandfather when she grew up she wanted to go to faraway places and live beside the sea. Her grandfather said there was one more thing she must do: “You must do something to make the world more beautiful”. Alice grew up, became Miss Rumphius, and accomplished her first two. As an older woman she accomplished the last one that her grandfather proposed to her. At the end of the book Miss Rumphius is an older woman and shares her grandfather’s message with young children. Illustrates growing up and growing older, aging as a natural and lifelong process, older people as active members of their communities, and planning for later life. **American Book Award**

Cooper, Ilene (2007). *The Golden Rule*
Abrams (PS-3) $16.95
ISBN 97808109090601
A grandfather helps a young grandson understand the Golden Rule across different cultures and religions. He helps him to see that it means imagining how other people feel, treating people the way you would like to be treated, and that it is a valuable way of living. The grandfather helps the boy to see how to practice the rule and
to see how things would change if everyone lived by the Golden Rule. Wise and caring grandfather who teaches an excellent lesson to his grandson.

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Children’s Book Award 2009

Cowley, Joy (2004). **Big Moon Tortilla**
Boyds Mill Press (K-3) $9.95
ISBN 9781590780374
Story is set in one of the small villages on a Papago reservation in southern Arizona. Marta Enos, a Native American girl, is having a bad day and grandmother helps to make it better. Grandmother has some good advice for her granddaughter and sings a healing song for her. **MULTICULTURAL**

Cox, Judy (2003). **My Family Plays Music**
Holiday House (K-3) $17.95
ISBN 9780823415915
A young girl’s family all love music and play musical instruments. Grandma plays music in a bluegrass band. Grandpa plays tuba in a polka band and dresses in lederhosen and a hat with a feather. Great-grandmother plays the pipe organ in St. Peter’s Cathedral. Illustrates music as a lifelong activity. **MULTICULTURAL**

Crews, Donald (1998). **Bigmama’s**
HarperCollins (PS-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780688158422
Crews tells the story of his childhood visits to his grandmother “Bigmama”. Every summer this African American family traveled to see grandparents and relatives in the country. These visits were greatly enjoyed. This is a beautifully illustrated story of family relations, activities and treasured memories. The grandparents are valued, loved, and contributing members of the family. **MULTICULTURAL**

Crum, Shutta (2004). **My Mountain Song**
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3) $16.00
ISBN 9780618159703
Brenda Gail enjoys her visits to her great-grandfather, Gran Pop, and great-grandmother, Big Ma. While she and Gran Pop are collecting eggs she asks him what song he is singing and he tells her it is a mountain song. He tells her that everybody born in the mountains has a mountain song in them. Few books include great grandparents and these are active great-grandparents who show understanding, kindness, and sensitivity. **MULTICULTURAL**

Crystal, Billy (2008). **I Already Know I Love You**
HarperCollins (PS-2) $7.99
ISBN 9780061450570
Actor and comedian Billy Crystal tells a story of all the things he plans to do with his grandchild before the child is born. Portrays loving relationship between grandparent and grandchild.

Cunnane, Kelly (2006). **For You Are a Kenyan Child**
Antheneum Books (PS-2) $17.99
ISBN 9780689861949
This is a story about the day in the life of a Kenyan child. There is a glossary of Swahili words and these words are used throughout the text. A young boy has many departures as he goes to take his grandfather’s cows to pasture. He meets his grandmother who offers him milk and reminds him to tend to the cows. When the boy finally gets to the cows his grandfather is already there tending them and the two go home together. Older adults are not main characters but are integrated in the story. Older adults are seen as productive members of the community. Kenyan life is depicted. **MULTICULTURAL**

de Anda, Diane (2013). **The Patchwork Garden/Pedacitos de huerto**
Pinata (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 978155857636
The story is written in both English and Spanish. Tona’s grandmother, Abuela, planted her own garden when she was a girl. She helps Tona find a patch of land in the city to plant a garden. As Abuela and Tona plant they wear hats to protect them from the sun. Others children admire the garden and Tona and Abuela help to them find patches of land to plant. Tona starts the Patchwork Garden Club and all across the neighborhood there are now gardens. Vegetables from the gardens are shared with others. Presents the value of urban gardening. Capable and knowledgeable grandmother.  

Delgado, Maria (1996). *Chave’s Memories*  
Arte Publico Press (1-3)    $16.95  
ISBN 9781558850842  
This is a bilingual book written in English and Spanish. Chave is a young Mexican American girl who loves visiting her grandparent’s ranch in Mexico. Her grandparents maintain the ranch and grandma has a garden. Although there is little interaction with the grandparents in the book it is a good multicultural story illustrating active older people who are a respected and integral part of the family.

De Paola, Tomie (1978/1990). *Pancakes for Breakfast*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-K)    $6.99  
ISBN 9780156707688  
An older woman attempts to have pancakes for breakfast and is hindered by a scarcity of supplies and her pets. There are no words in this story. Young readers can easily follow the pictures, and can help to make up the story. The pictures portray the older woman as active, flexible, and resourceful.

Dixon, Dougal (1998). *Clams all Year*  
Random House (PS-2)    $12.95  
ISBN 9780440414476  
All the cousins gather together for summer vacation at grandpa’s house at the seashore. At sunrise grandpa wakes the kids to go clam digging. He teaches them how to find clams with their feet, that when you see bubbles in the sand you dig for clams, and how to clean clams. They have fun and find enough clams for many dinners.

Dorros, Arthur (1997). *Abuela*  
Puffin (PS-2)    $7.99  
ISBN 9780140562255  
Abuela means grandmother in Spanish and Spanish words are integrated throughout the text. While taking a bus ride with her grandmother a young Hispanic girl imagines that she and her grandmother are taken up into the sky to see the sights of New York City. Uses bright, colorful illustrations that children find quite fascinating. Shows old and young enjoying each other.

Flashlight Press (K-3)    $13.95  
ISBN 9780972922593  
Lucy says that grandpa’s skin is "crinkly". Grandpa explains that he has lived a long time and that those crinkles are actually wrinkles, and that each was made by a big smile. Grandpa tells her the stories behind his wrinkles, like when he got married, when Lucy’s mom was born, and when Lucy’s mom was married. The two biggest wrinkles are from the smiles when Lucy was born. The last page of the book shows pictures of grandpa from when he was a young man until today. Shows growing up and growing older and gives an interesting account of how wrinkles are made.

Falwell, Cathryn (2013). *Rainbow Stew*  
Lee & Low (PS-1)    $17.95  
ISBN 9781600608476  
Written in rhyming verse. The grandchildren are visiting Grandpa and he is making pancakes for breakfast. They love to visit grandpa. He lets them run and jump and play outside. This day is rainy and the children are wondering what they will do. Grandpa has them go to his garden and gather vegetables for “rainbow stew”.
They bundle up in rain clothes and go pick the rainbow colored vegetables in Grandpa's garden. Grandpa gets them back to the house and into dry clothes. He supervises as they cut up the vegetables and cook the stew. A recipe for the stew is given at the end of the book. Nonstereotypic portrayal of an independent, capable grandfather. MULTICULTURAL

Fleischman, Paul (2013). *The Matchbox Diary*
Candlewick (1-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780763646011
A young girl is visiting her great-grandfather who emigrated as a young boy from Italy. As a boy the great-grandfather could not read or write and so he used matchboxes to keep a diary of his life. A memento in each matchbox tells a story of part of his life and his family history. Later in life great-grandfather was able to go to school and have his own businesses. He is pleased that the young granddaughter is a “lucky” girl who is already able to be in school. Few stories have a great-grandparent in them. Illustrates past events in history, family history, the value of education, and a warm and loving intergenerational relationship. MULTICULTURAL

Flett, Julie (2013). *Wild Berries/Pikaci-Miinisa*
Simply Read (PS-K) $16.95
ISBN 9781897476895
Written in English with selected words in Cree. A separate version of the book is available in the dialect of Cree known as Swampy Cree. When Clarence was little his grandma carried him on her back as she went through the woods picking berries. Now Clarence walks through the woods with her to collect berries. Grandma checks for bears as they walk. Each page describes the sights and sound they experience in the woods and also highlights some Cree words. A Cree pronunciation guide and glossary are appended. MULTICULTURAL

Flournoy, Valerie (1985). *The Patchwork Quilt*
Dial (K-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780803700970
Tanya is a young African America girl. She loved listening to her grandmother talk to her about the patchwork quilt she was putting together. When grandmother gets temporarily ill Tanya decides to finish the quilt and the whole family works together to finish the quilt for grandmother. MULTICULTURAL

Garland, Michael (2011). *Grandpa's Tractor*
Boys (K-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781590787625
Grandpa Joe takes his grandson Timmy to the farm where he lived as a boy. The farm was sold long ago and many houses are now where the farm had been. When they arrived the farm house was boarded up and the barn was falling down. Grandpa said that years ago the house was beautiful and there were open fields for planting and pastures for cows. As they walked past the old barn they found grandpa's boyhood tractor. It was rusted now and not working, but grandpa talked about how important the tractor was to the farm. Family history, the importance of farms, and the history of the farm tractor are presented.

Gilman, Phoebe (1993). *Something From Nothing*
Scholastic (K-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780590472807
The story is an adaptation of a Jewish folk tale. When Joseph was born his grandfather, who is a tailor, made him a blanket. The blanket has a long and delightful history. As Joseph grows older it becomes worn and frizzled and his mother wants to throw it out, but Joseph says “grandpa can fix it”. Grandpa makes the blanket into a jacket for Joseph. As the years go by the jacket becomes too small so grandpa makes it into a vest. Later the vest is transformed by grandpa into a Sabbath tie, then a handkerchief, and finally a button. The button is lost and now there is nothing left of the blanket. Joseph makes “something from nothing” by writing a story about the blanket. Grandfather is working, creative, and an integral part of the family and community. MULTICULTURAL

Sydney Taylor Book Award, Ruth Schwartz Children's Book Award
Albert Whitman (1-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780807508428
On the first night of the Jewish Hanukkah celebration there are only three potatoes left and more potatoes are needed to make latkes. Rachel decides to borrow potatoes from her elderly neighbor, Mrs. Greenburg. She has Mrs. Greenburg participate in the family’s Hanukkah celebration. An intergenerational story of caring and sharing.     MULTICULTURAL

Aladdin (PS-3) $7.99
ISBN 9780689818974
Miss Tizzy is loved by all the children in the neighborhood. They love her and her colorful house and clothes. She bakes with them, lets them pick flowers, puts on puppet shows, plays her bagpipes, leads them in parades, plays dress-up, roller skates and sings songs. Everyone wants to be like Miss Tizzy when they are older. Illustrates older people as active and valued members of their communities and caring intergenerational relationships.     MULTICULTURAL

Greenfield, Eloise (1996). Grandpa’s Face
Penguin (PS-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780698113817
Tamika is a young African American girl who loves her grandfather very much. She especially enjoys spending time with him and loves his stories and their long “talk-walks”. One day Tamika sees her grandfather practicing a mean face for a play. She learns that, despite her grandfather's many faces, his feelings for her will never change, and his love is something that she can always depend on. Illustrates shared emotions, depicts the grandfather as active and vibrant, and illustrates a loving, caring relationship between grandchild and grandparent.     MULTICULTURAL

Guback, Georgia (1994). Luka’s Quilt
HarperCollins (PS-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780688121549
Luka is Hawaiian. Her grandmother “tutu” makes a quilt for her. Luka has envisioned a quilt of many bright colors and is disappointed when the quilt only has green and white colors in it. When Luka and tutu attend a Lei Day celebration Luka begins to appreciate the traditional Hawaiian quilt design and her grandmother comes up with a way to add bright colors to Luka’s quilt. An intergenerational story interlaced with culture and tradition.     MULTICULTURAL

Handy, Femida & Carpenter, Carole (2010). Sandy’s Incredible Shrinking Footprint
Second Story Press (2-3) $15.95
ISBN 9781897187692
This book conveys meaningful environmental messages. The beach by grandpa's house is Sandy's and Grandpa’s favorite place. Grandpa taught her about the beach, its environment, and showed her footprints made by the different birds. On the beach Sandy finds garbage left from a bonfire. She picked up the garbage that could be recycled and put trash that could not be recycled in another bag. At the beach there is older lady who picks up garbage and works to keep the beach clean. She tells Sandy that she should think about the footprint she is leaving on the world, and that all kinds of little choices can make her footprint smaller—like recycling a soda can. Sandy learns that she can shrink her footprint on the earth by reusing things and recycling. At the end of the book environmentally sound ways are given to help people see how they can shrink the footprints they leave on the earth.

Henkes, Kevin (2008). Old Bear
HarperCollins (PS-1) $17.99
ISBN 9780061552052
Old Bear is sleeping for the winter. He dreams about when he was a cub and all the beautiful things in the world. When he awakes he pokes his head out of his den and goes out into a beautiful spring day.
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Henkes, Kevin (1995).  Good-bye, Curtis
HarperCollins (PS-3)     $16.99
ISBN 9780688128272
Curtis has been delivering mail for 42 years.  He is retiring and today is his last day at work.  All along his mail route the mailboxes are filled with surprises.  Everyone loves Curtis, and at the last house on his route they have a party for him.  Illustrates an older person as a worker and opens up a discussion about work and retirement.

Herman, Charlotte (2010).  First Rain
Albert Whitman & Company (2-3)     $16.99
ISBN 9780807524534
It was raining when Abby and her parents moved to Israel.  When they arrive in Israel it is summertime and will not rain for a long time.  Abby is sad that her grandma did not move with them.  To keep in touch Grandma and Abby send letters to each other, talk to each other on the phone, and send e-mails.  Abby tells Grandma she is learning Hebrew, went on a “tiyul”—a hike, visited the “suk”—a marketplace, and took a trip to the Dead Sea.  Abby remembers how she and Grandma used to play on rainy days and she looks forward to the first rain of autumn in Israel.  When the first rain comes Grandma surprises Abby with a visit.  Portrays the contemporary issue of grandparents living at a distance from grandchildren.  The grandmother is an integral part of the girl’s life.  MULTICULTURAL

Herman, Charlotte (2014).  The Memory Cupboard: A Thanksgiving Story
Albert Whitman & Company (1-4)     $6.99
ISBN 9781497651883
Katie’s family gathers at Grandma’s for Thanksgiving.  On the wall in the kitchen Grandma has all the letters and drawings Katie sent her.  When clearing the table Katie accidentally broke Grandma’s antique gravy boat.  Katie was in tears, but Grandma tells Katie that “people are more important than things”.  She takes Katie’s hand and shows her a “memory” cupboard filled with old broken teapots, mugs, cookie jars, toys, and clocks.  Every object in the cupboard had “a story to tell” and Grandma shared the family memories with Katie.  The letters that Katie wrote to her Grandmother can lead into a discussion of penpals and letter writing.  The memory cupboard stories are examples of family history.  A Grandma with a good message for her granddaughter and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Hest, Amy (1992).  The Purple Coat
Aladdin (K-3)     $7.99
ISBN 9780689716348
Every autumn Gabrielle and her mother take the train to New York to Grandpa’s tailor shop for Grandpa to make Gabrielle a new navy blue coat with gold buttons.  This year Gabrielle wants a purple coat, but her mother wants her to have a blue one.  Grandfather ingeniously solves the problem by making a reversible coat.  He tells Gabrielle and her mother that "sometimes it is good to try something new".  Shows an older adult who is working, creative, and caring.  Christopher Book Award

Hest, Amy (2004).  Guess Who, Baby Duck!
Candlewick Press (PS-K)  $15.99
ISBN 9780763619817
Grandpa comes to visit baby duck with a surprise.  The surprise is a picture book of baby duck on the day he was born.  Leads into a discussion of growing up and growing older.

Hest, Amy (2013).  When Charley Met Grampa
Candlewick (PS-K)  $15.99
ISBN 9780763653149
Henry and grampa write letters back and forth and Grampa is coming by train for a visit.  Henry wants grandpa to meet his new puppy, Charley.  Grampa is a little leery and says “I’ve never been friends with a dog before”.  It is windy and snowy when grampa’s train arrives and his hat blows off.  Charley brings grampa’s hat back to him, he and grandpa become friend.  An active older adult, the somewhat lost art of letter writing is part of the story, and travel by train which is part of our country’s history is presented.  Can bring up a discussion about being a pen pal with an older person.
High, Linda (2004). *Beekeepers*
Boyds Mill Press (1-4) $12.95
ISBN 9781590780466
Grandfather is a beekeeper and a young granddaughter helps him tend his beehives. They enjoy working together. Intergenerational activities and an active Grandfather.

Hoffman, Mary (1991). *Amazing Grace*
Dial/Penguin (PS-3) $18.99
ISBN 9780803710405
Grace is a young African American girl who loves acting. Her class at school plans to do the play *Peter Pan* and Grace wants to try out for the title role. Some of her classmates discourage her, but with the support and encouragement of her grandmother, Grace auditions for the part and everyone in the class votes for her. This book portrays the grandmother as capable, sensitive, and an integral part of the family. It shows old and young enjoying each other and learning from each other. *MULTICULTURAL* 
Waldenbooks Best Children's Book Award

Holt, Kimberly Willis (2010). *The Adventure of Granny Clearwater and Little Critter*
Henry Holt and Company (1-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780805078992
A fantasy, whimsical journey about the Clearwater family moving out West. Little Critter and Granny ride in the back of the covered wagon, the wagon jolts, and both get thrown off. They had to walk across the hot, dry prairie to find their way back to the family. On the journey they fish, cross a mountain, catch a thief, ride in a stagecoach, deliver mail on Pony Express, pan for gold, and Granny did a rain dance to make it ran. They finally are reunited with the family—all under granny’s guidance.

Homan, Lynn & Reilly, Thomas (2002). *The Tuskegee Airmen Story*
Pelican Publishing (1-3) $16.99
ISBN 9781589800052
The grandkids find Granddad’s WWII uniforms, his leather flight helmet and medals. Grandma tells them that Granddad was a Tuskegee Airman. Granddad tells his grandchildren about his role with the Tuskegee Airmen, an elite squadron of African-American pilots that flew over 1,500 missions during WWII. The story introduces children to an important part of our countries history. *MULTICULTURAL*

Horrocks, Anita (2010). *Silas’ Seven Grandparents*
Orca Book Publishers (K-2) $19.95
ISBN 9781551435619
Silas has seven grandparents that he loves and who love him. When his parents go away on a business trip all of his grandparents invite Silas to stay with them. Silas does not want to say “no” to any of them. He invites all of his grandparents to come to his house to stay with him, and all seven came. Addresses a contemporary issue of having multiple sets of grandparents and step-grandparents and loving intergenerational relationships.

Houston, Gloria (1997). *My Great-Aunt Arizona*
HarperCollins (K-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780060226060
The story is about the author’s Great-Aunt Arizona who was born in a log cabin. As a young girl she liked to grow flowers, sing, and dance to fiddle music; but what she liked most of all is too read. She dreamed of going to faraway places but instead stayed in the Blue Ridge Mountains. She taught generations of children for 57 years. At the end of the story Arizona is an older woman who is still teaching. Illustrates growing up and growing older, a life fully lived, and people making a difference in their communities.

Howard, Elizabeth (1995). *Aunt Flossie’s Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)*
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3) $7.95
On Sunday afternoons Sarah and Susan, two young African American sisters, go to see Great-Great Aunt Flossie. Aunt Flossie greets them at the door and offers them tea, cookies, and crab cakes later. They love Aunt Flossie, her house, and especially her hats. Aunt Flossie tells the girls the stories about her hats.

HarpersCollins (PS-3)  $6.99
ISBN 9780688115074
Titch receives hand-me-downs from his brother and sister when he outgrows his clothes. The clothes are usually too big for him and his family tells him that he will grow into them soon. One day Titch’s mother buys him new clothes. When he outgrows them he is able to hand them down to someone else. Although there are no older characters in the book the book illustrates growing up. Children can talk about things they have outgrown and how they are growing. Can lead into a discussion of growing up and growing older.

Isadora, Rachel (2009). Happy Belly, Happy Smile
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-2)  $16.00
ISBN 9780547544786
Every Friday night Louie goes to the Chinese restaurant his grandpa owns in Chinatown and has dinner with his grandpa. The visit is always enjoyable. Grandfather is active and working.

Raven Tree Press (K-3)  $16.95
ISBN 9780974199290
The book is written in both English and Spanish. Erin wants a garden, but her parents are reluctant to let her have one. Her older neighbor, Mr. Martinez, agrees to give her part of his garden to plant her vegetables. Erin and Mr. Martinez plant and tend the garden. Erin loved to work the garden, but she loved her talks and friendship with Mr. Martinez even more. Erin enjoyed the magic of the friendship found in the garden. Illustrates intergenerational friendship, old and young enjoying each other, and learning from each other.

Johnston, Tony (2009). My Abuelita
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-1)  $16.99
ISBN 978052163303
The story has some Spanish words. A grandson lives with his active grandmother, Abuelita. Abuelita wakes up every morning with the sun, does exercises with her grandson, prepares breakfast, sings, and goes to work as a storyteller. Some drawings and descriptions are stereotypic a: “face as crinkled as a dry chile, hair is the color of salt”; however, this book addresses the contemporary issue of grandparents raising grandchildren. An active and capable grandmother.

Joosse, Barbara (2010). Sleepover at Gramma’s House
Penguin (PS-1)  $17.99
ISBN 9780152065461
A grandmother elephant and her granddaughter enjoy the granddaughter’s overnight stays. The love each other and have many activities that they do.

Juster, Norton (2005). The Hello, Goodbye Window
Disney-Hyperion (PS-2)  $15.95
ISBN 9780786809141
Nanna and Poppy live in a big house in the middle of town. In the front of their house is a kitchen window, the “Hello, Goodbye Window”. Nanna and Poppy wave hello from the window when you come and wave goodbye and blow kisses to you when you leave. It is a special window where you can play peek-a-boo, make silly faces, and get a lot of hellos before you even get inside. Tells the fun things the grandchild does with Nanna and Poppy, like riding a bike and Poppy playing the harmonica. When the grandchild grows up she wants to have a
“Hello, Goodbye Window”. Active grandparents and a loving family tradition.  
*Caldecott Medal Winner, Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Book*

**Karon, Jan (2001). *Miss Fannie’s Hat***
Penguin (PS-2) $6.99  
ISBN 9780140568127  
Miss Fannie is 99 years old and lives with her daughter Miss Wanda. Miss Fannie enjoys reading her Bible, going to church, and her hats. Her favorite hat is pink straw with silk roses and she has worn it to church every Easter Sunday for 35 years. When the minister asks her to donate a hat for the Easter auction, she donates her favorite hat. With the money earned from Miss Fannie’s hat the church planted beds of pink roses. “Now when people pass the little white church, they think they’re seeing a garden of dazzling pink roses. But what they’re really seeing is Miss Fannie’s hat, and it will always be her favorite.” Not many books have an older character who is 99 years old and active in their community. A good book to use in talking to children about how many of them will live to be as old as Miss Fannie and what they want to be and do as an older person.

**Kinchen, Devon (2010). *Pretty Penny Sets Up Shop***
Random House (PS-2) $3.99  
ISBN 9780375867354  
Pretty Penny has very big ideas for someone so small—like the time she wrote her first novel and had a puppy dog fashion show. Every summer Penny stays with her grandma who is an artist. Grandma owns the big yellow building she lives in, lives on the parlor floor, and rents out three apartments. The very top floor is the attic where Grandma keeps all of her extra stuff. Her attic is full of treasures and they have an attic sale.

**Kirk, Connie (2004). *Sky Dancers***
Lee & Low Books (1-3) $17.95  
ISBN 9781584301622  
An American Indian boy, John Cloud, lives with his parents and grandfather. His grandfather was a steelworker who used to build skyscrapers in New York City and his father is a steelworker now. John, his mother, and grandfather took the train to New York City where his father worked. Grandfather explained things along the way on the train.  
**MULTICULTURAL**

**Lainez, Rene (2005). *Playing loteria/El juego de la loteria***
Cooper Square Publishing (K-3) $15.95/$6.95  
This text is written in English and Spanish. A young girl goes to visit her Spanish speaking grandma “Abuela”. The girl speaks only English. Grandma makes a deal where she will teach the granddaughter Spanish and the granddaughter will teach her English. Every day they practice their phrases together. Active grandma who cooks and has a loteria stand. A loving intergenerational relationship.  
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**Laminack, Lester (2004). *Saturdays and Teacakes***
Peachtree (PS-3) $16.95  
ISBN 9781561453030  
Every Saturday morning a young boy rides his bike to visit his grandmother and Mammaw is waiting for him on the front porch glider. Mammaw works in the garden, grandson mows the yard, and they make teacakes together. A warm intergenerational relationship. Shows young and older enjoying each other and learning from each other. A capable and caring grandmother.

**Laminack, Lester (2008). *Jake’s 100th Day of School***
Peachtree (K-3) $8.95  
ISBN 9781561454631  
Jake’s class is celebrating the 100th day of school by bringing in collections of 100 things. Grandma Maggie and his teacher have planned a surprise for the class that day. Grandma Maggie brings her Aunt Lula to class. Aunt Lula is 100 years old. Aunt Lula and grandma help the class make a snack. Few books have a centenarian portrayed. Active older adults. Leads into a discussion of growing up and growing older and the fact that many
children will live to be centenarians.

Larson, Debra Jo (2012). *One Frozen Lake*
Minnesota Historical Society Press (PS-2) $16.95
ISBN 9780873518666
The book is written in verse and tells the story of a grandfather and grandson going ice fishing. The grandfather drives his truck with the ice fishing shack in tow and they go ice fishing. Grandfather sets up the ice fishing house. They spend the day together fishing, enjoy themselves, and at the end of the day plan to go back again. Ice fishing is a traditional northern pastime. A loving intergenerational relationship. An independent and capable grandfather.

Lasky, Katherine (2009). *Georgia Rises: A Day in the Life of Georgia O’Keefe*
Farrar, Straus and Giroux (2-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780374325299
Presents a day in the life of the legendary, energetic artist Georgia O’Keefe in her later years. In the book Georgia is an older woman with white hair. She loved and painted the landscapes of Texas and her beloved New Mexico. In New Mexico she bought a house and land called Ghost Ranch. An interesting story that details an active, successful, and productive life in old age.

Levine, Abby (2003). *This is The Turkey*
Albert Whitman (PS) $6.95
ISBN 9780807578896
Family and friends are gathered for Thanksgiving dinner. Mom trips while taking the turkey to the table and the turkey lands in the fish tank. Grandma says, “we have all we need because everyone’s here”. Grandma and grandpa help the dinner go ahead as planned.

Lipson, Eden Ross (2009). *Applesauce Season*
Roaring Brook Press (PS-2) $17.99
ISBN 9781596432161
The grandson goes with his grandmother to market to purchase apples and she declares the start of applesauce season. At home the family prepares the applesauce. Grandmother is an integral part of the family and plays a major role in the applesauce making process. Recipe for applesauce is given at the back of the book. Nonstereotypic portrayal of the grandmother.

Look, Lenore (2001). *Henry’s First-Moon Birthday*
Atheneum Books (PS-2) $18.99
ISBN 9780689822940
Gnin Gnin (paternal grandmother) came to help out for the birth of Jen’s baby brother, Henry. She knows how to make sweaters, blankets, noodles, ornaments, and can braid hair beautifully. Gnin Gnin leads the way and prepares for Henry’s first-moon (one-month) birthday. She and Jen cook food, write Chinese calligraphy, and color eggs for good luck. Capable grandmother who is an integral part of the family. Chinese words are defined. MULTICULTURAL
*American Library Association Notable Books for Children*

Lord, Janet (2008). *Albert the Fix-It Man*
Peachtree (PS-1) $15.95/$7.95
Albert has many tools and he is never too busy to help repair things for his friends and neighbors. Everyone calls him the “Fix-It Man” repairs stuff for neighbors. Active older adult who is an integral part of his community. When Albert falls ill his friends bring him meals and he is quickly on the mend. Intergenerational sharing and caring.

Lord, Janet (2005). *Here Comes Grandma!*
Henry Holt & Company (PS-K) $14.99
Grandma is coming to visit and it doesn't matter if she has to walk, bicycle, drive, ski, or fly. Grandchild is looking forward to the visit and grandma is greeted with a big hug.

Love, Maryann Cusimano (2010). **You Are My Wish**
Penguin (PS-1) $16.99
ISBN 9780399247521
The major characters are bears. Illustrates the loving relationship between grandparent and grandchild as they explore what they mean to each other.

Lum, Kate (2002). **What! Cried Granny. An Almost Bedtime Story**
Penguin (PS-1) $6.99
ISBN 9780142300923
When Patrick goes to Grandma’s to spend the night he finds he needs a bed, a pillow, a blanket and a teddy bear. His industrious Grandma makes sure Patrick has all of these.

MacLachlan, Patricia (1994). **All the Places to Love**
HarperCollins (PS-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780060210984
On the day Eli was born his grandmother held him up to the window so that what he heard first was the wind and what he saw first was all the places to love. Everyone in Eli’s family has a favorite place. Mama loves the meadows and hay fields, papa loves the fields to plow, grandmother loves the river, and grandfather loves the barn where family names are carved in the rafters. Eli’s favorite place is the marsh where ducklings follow their mother. Eli has wonderful memories of all of these places and he grows up knowing that no matter where the rest of his life takes him all the places to love are still there. Reciprocal intergenerational relationships of loving, sharing, and caring. Shows older people as active and integral members of their families. **Oklahoma Book Award**

Major, Kevin (2005). **Aunt Olga’s Christmas Postcards**
Groundwood Books (PS-2) $10.00
ISBN 9780888995933
Aunt Olga is ninety-five and has collected postcards all her life. She writes poetry, does tai chi, bakes gingerbread, speaks a number of languages, and plans to start dancing again. Her first job long ago was writing verses for Christmas postcards and she has a wonderful collection of Christmas postcards from all around the world. She shares her postcards and Christmas memories with her niece, Anna. Aunt Olga teaches Anna how to write her own Christmas verses. Illustrates a long, active, and productive life. Many of today’s children will live into their 80s, 90s and beyond. A loving intergenerational relationship.

Kar-Ben (PS-K) $7.95
ISBN 9780761352150
Grandma Rose is a seamstress and creates beautiful, magical things. She made clothes for her family when they were growing up, dolls for grandchildren, and curtains and quilts for friends and neighbors. When she sews she always sews something extra “magical” into each work, like the beautiful pink and red buttons shaped like roses on a skirt, napkins to go with a tablecloth, and a monogram on a shirt. She saved the money from her sewing so she could buy “the most beautiful set of dishes” she had ever seen—dishes just like the ones her grandmother used on Shabbos when she was a child. Grandma Rose finally saved enough money for the dishes but could not find the pattern she wanted. Her friends and family surprise her by finding the dishes and giving them to her. An active grandmother who is working and shares the gift of giving and doing for others. **MULTICULTURAL**

Square Fish (PS-2) $7.95
An American Indian boy sits by the fire with his grandfather. The boy is blind and asks his grandfather to once again tell him the story of his life. Each time the story is told the grandfather ties a knot in the "counting rope". Through telling the story the grandfather has helped the boy become strong, capable, and independent in spite of his blindness. This grandfather has had a profound and positive influence on the boy's life.

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs (1998). *Snowflake Bentley*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (1-3) $7.99  
ISBN 9780547248295  
This is the story of the life of this Wilson Bentley from childhood through adulthood. Bentley was born in Jericho Vermont. He was a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes and studied their unique formations. Colleges and universities bought copies of Bentley’s photographs, his photos inspired artists and designers, and the photos are still used today. It was Bentley who determined that each snowflake is different, and his book *Snow Crystals* has become a classic. This story shows a lifetime of accomplishment, creativity and activity. Illustrates growing up and growing older. *Caldecott Medal Winner, American Library Association Notable Books for Children, ABC Children’s Booksellers Choices Award*

Mason, Margaret (2011). *These Hands*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (1-3) $16.99  
ISBN 9780547215662  
Joseph’s grandpa could do just about anything with his hands like play the piano and throw a curve ball, but there were some things he couldn’t do with his hands. The story discusses the racial discrimination that separated people and how hands did join together to work against discrimination. The story ends with the grandfather telling Joseph that his hands can do anything. *MULTICULTURAL*

Mayer, Mercer (2007). *Grandma, Grandpa, and Me*  
HarperCollins (PS-2) $3.99  
Little Critter Series  
ISBN 9780060539511  
Little Critter has a sleepover at Grandma and Grandpa’s farm. He helps milk the cows, collects eggs, flies a kite, picks blueberries, and bakes a pie for the contest at the Country Fair. The pie has a special ingredient: "lots of love". Active grandparents, loving intergenerational relationship, and intergenerational activities.

Mayer, Mercer (2001). *Just Grandma & Me*  
Random House (PS-1) $3.99  
Little Critter series  
ISBN 9780307118936  
Tells the story of Little Critter and his grandma and the good time that they had at their day at the beach.

McCain, Becky Ray (2004). *Grandmother’s Dreamcatcher*  
Albert Whitman & Company (K-3) $6.99  
ISBN 9780807530320  
Kimmy stays with her Chippewa grandmother while her parents look for a new home. Grandmother teaches her to make a dreamcatcher to keep nightmares away and comfort her during the night. Dreamcatchers catch the bad dreams and only let the good dreams come through. Having the dreamcatcher helps to ease Kimmy’s move to her new home. Wise, capable grandmother. *MULTICULTURAL*

McCutcheon, John (2006). *Christmas in the Trenches*  
Peachtree (1-3) $19.95  
ISBN 9781561453740  
Grandpa talks about his favorite Christmas with his young grandchildren. His favorite Christmas was during World War I in 1914. Grandpa was in the battlefield trenches when a Christmas truce was called. The Christmas Truce of 1914 actually happened. Illustrates family history.
Mills, Claudia. **Gus and Grandpa Series**  
Farrar, Straus & Giroux (K-3)  
This excellent series shows a loving and warm intergenerational relationship and a grandfather who is capable, caring, sensitive, and has good advice. Unfortunately, many of the books are out-of-print but are available through vendors. Please visit the listing of out-of-print books in the series in this booklist.  
**Gus and Grandpa and Two-Wheeled Bike** (1999)  $7.99  
ISBN 9780374428167

Aladdin (PS-3)  $7.99  
ISBN 9780689819131  
Everyone has a favorite relative and for a young African American girl, Sarah Jean, it's her Uncle Jed. Jedediah Johnson was the only black barber in the county. He had a dream of opening up his own barber shop. However, a number of things kept him from achieving his dream. Uncle Jed finally opened up his shop on his seventy-ninth birthday. Parts of our country's history such as the Great Depression and segregation are discussed. The story is based on the life and dreams of the author's grandfather. Shows an older person who is working and active in his community. **MULTICULTURAL**  
Coretta Scott King Honor Book, American Library Association Notable Children's Book

Moon, Emily Kate (2013). **Joone**  
Dial (PS-1)  $16.99  
ISBN 9780803737440  
Joone and her turtle, Dr. Chin, live with her grandpa who was a scientist. They live in a yurt, a round house, that grandpa built years ago. Grandpa still fixes things at the yurt and sometimes Joone helps him. Every day grandpa and Joone learn something from each other. Joone has a treehouse and grandpa visits her in it. Illustrates the contemporary phenomena of grandparents raising grandchildren. Active, independent, capable grandfather. A loving intergenerational relationship.

Mora, Pat (1997). **A Birthday Basket for Tia**  
Aladdin (PS-2)  $6.99  
ISBN 9780689813283  
Cecilia is a young Mexican American girl. She has many happy memories of special times with her Great-Aunt Tia and decides to give her a surprise 90th birthday party with a special birthday present. A loving intergenerational relationship. Illustrates to children the prospect of a long, productive life. **MULTICULTURAL**

Mora, Pat (2008). **Sweet Dreams/Dulces Suenos**  
HarperCollins (PS-K)  $14.89  
ISBN 9780060850425  
Grandmother, Abuelita, tucks in her grandchildren, gives each a kiss, and says goodnight to each of them. Loving intergenerational relationship. Bilingual text in Spanish/English. **MULTICULTURAL**

Morris, Carla (2007). **The Boy Who Was Raised By Librarians**  
Peachtree (1-3)  $16.95  
ISBN 9781561453917  
Melvin loves the library and can always find answers there. The librarians, Marge, Betty, and Leeloa, are always at the reference desk and ready to help him. The story shows Melvin’s love of the library from when he was a little boy through high school. When he graduates from high school the librarians, who are now older, go to his high school graduation. Illustrates growing up and growing older and shows the value of reading and the library.

Morrison, Toni & Morrison, Slade (2009). **Peeny Butter Fudge**  
Simon & Schuster (PS-2)  $16.99  
ISBN 9781416983323
Grandchildren have fun visiting nana. They do lots of fun activities like singing songs, reading stories, dancing, doing puzzles, and making “peeny” butter fudge. Active African-American grandmother who is an integral part of the family. Written in rhyming verse. MULTICULTURAL.

Moser, Linda (2009). *Kisses on the Wind*  
Candlewick Press (PS-2) $15.99  
ISBN 9780763631109  
A pioneer family is moving to Oregon. Grandma is not moving with them and the young granddaughter does not want to leave her. Grandma knows what the young girl is feeling and through memories, activities, and storytelling helps her get ready to make the trip. Grandmother gives the granddaughter a book of her stories to take with her so she and her love will always be with her. As the family left for Oregon the grandmother sent the granddaughter kisses on the wind.

Clarion (PS-2) $16.00  
ISBN 9780547533803  
Charlie and Grandpap prepare to plant watermelon seeds. Charlie tells Grandpap that he wants to grow a “wishing watermelon” and Grandpap is not sure what that is. Charlie tells him that it is a very special watermelon that can give only one wish. Over the summer Charlie and Grandpap do many things together as they watch the watermelons grow. Charlie finds his watermelon and made a wish. He wished for a summer just like the one he had just had with Grandpap. Loving intergenerational relationship and an active Grandpap.

Murphy, Claire Rudolf (2011). *Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women’s Suffrage*  
Peachtree (1-3) $16.95  
ISBN 9781561455935  
When Bessie was young, girls were not allowed to do many of the things that boys did. Her brothers went hiking and bicycle riding, but she was not allowed to. One day Bessie picked up a paper and read about Susan B. Anthony. Miss Anthony is now an older woman and Bessie’s mother tells her that she has fought fifty years for women’s rights. Bessie gets to meet Miss Anthony who everyone calls “Aunt Susan” and hears her talk about women’s rights. The talk changes Bessie’s life and she works for women’s suffrage. Miss Anthony is seen as a person who dedicated her life to what she believed in. Illustrates a capable, active older person.  
*Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Children’s Book Award 2014*

Murphy, Yannick (2006). *Ahwoooooooo!*  
Clarion (K-2) $16.00  
ISBN 9780618117628  
Little Wolf wants to learn to howl but mother and father wolf are too busy to teach him. Other animals in the forest do not howl, so they cannot teach him. His grandfather teaches Little Wolf to howl. Grandfather tells him that you have to think of all the things you love when you howl.

Newman, Leslea (2012). *A Sweet Passover*  
Abrams (PS-2) $16.95  
ISBN 9780810997370  
Passover, also called the Festival of Freedom, is an eight day Jewish holiday. During Passover a young girl, Miriam, ends up eating too much matzah. By the time Passover is over she decides that she never wants to eat matzah again. Grandpa has a special Passover French toast, his special matzah brie, that he makes for her and Miriam learns to like matzah again. She and Grandpa then make matzah brie together. As the story is told things such as being humble, doing good deeds, and getting along with everyone are mentioned. The book contains a recipe for the matzah brie, a brief summary of the Passover holiday, and definitions of some of the terms used in the book. MULTICULTURAL

Newman, Nanette (2012). *What Will You Be, Grandma?*  
Candlewick Press (PS-2) $15.99
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ISBN 9780763660994

Lily asked her grandma "What do you think you'll be when you grow up?" Her grandmother said that a lot of people thought she was grown up already, but Lily told her grandmother that she still had a long way to go. Lily envisioned her grandma doing many things including her grandmother being an artist, a doctor, a gardener, an entertainer, and a fairy with a magic wand. The story indicates that the young girl sees the potentials of older adults and the ability to achieve and do throughout life. A loving intergenerational relationship where the granddaughter sees the potentials of old age.

Nicholson, Caitlin (2008). *Niwechihaw/I Help*
Groundwood Books (PS-K)  $18.95
ISBN 9780888998125

This simply told story is written in both Cree and English and illustrates Cree life and customs. The author's grandmother helped young people live with tradition and cultural values in a contemporary world, was the inspiration for the book. In Cree the word kôhkom means grandmother. Cree children have many kôhkom's. The story tells about a young boy and his grandmother as they get ready to drive to the woods. In the woods they walk, pray, pick berries, listen, eat and share time together. The book reflects the education that children receive from older adults. Share with children the dialogue, notes and acknowledgements at the end of the book. The dialogue says that children should never stop learning from elders and that elders are the key to the past and the future. Young people use kôhkom as a term of love and respect for women elders.

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Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Children’s Book Award 2010

Nielsen, Laura (2008). *Mrs. Muddle’s Holidays*
Farrar, Straus & Giroux (K-3)  $16.99
ISBN 9780374350949

Mrs. Muddle moves into Katie’s neighborhood. Mrs. Muddle rides a bicycle and celebrates more holidays than anyone. These holidays are many of her favorite things and she celebrates them with the neighborhood including First Robin Day, First Shower of April, and First Snow. The children and their families surprise Mrs. Muddle with another holiday “Mrs. Muddle Day”. At the end of the book the meaning of “holidays” is described. Capable, active older adult. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other and learning from each other Intergenerational friendship.

Numeroff, Laura (2000). *What Grandmas Do Best/What Grandpas Do Best*
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (PS-1)  $16.99
ISBN 9780689805523

Animals are the characters in the book. Read the book and find out what grandmas do best, then turn the book upside down and find out what grandpas do best. Lots of fun activities for grandparents and grandchildren to do. What grandparents do best though is give lots of love.

O'Connor, Jane (2010). *Fancy Nancy: My Family History*
HarperCollins (PS-2)  $3.99
ISBN 9780061882715

A story of family history and knowing about your ancestors. Children are writing ancestor reports in class. Bree is writing about her great-grandfather who is ninety and a war hero. Robert’s great-grandmother is one hundred and came to American on a ship that almost sank. Fancy Nancy gathers information from her Grandpa about their family history. Few books address older adults that are 90 and 100 years old. Opens up a discussion of the long lives the children can be expected to have and what they want to be and do as an older adult.

HarperCollins (PS-3)  $3.99
ISBN 9780061882715

Nancy can’t wait to attend her friend’s butterfly birthday party but finds out that she can’t go to the party because she is attending her grandparent’s 50th wedding anniversary party. She is not happy about missing her friend’s party, but her mother tells her that being married for fifty years is “exceptional, extraordinary”. When she gets to the anniversary party her grandparents are thrilled to see her and she has a wonderful time. At the party
grandma and grandpa dance and grandpa taught Nancy how to cha-cha. The day after the party her grandparents take her to the zoo to the butterfly garden. Active grandparents and non-stereotypic portrayal of older adults.

Ortega, Cristina (2006). *The Eyes of the Weaver/Los Ojus del Tejedor*
University of New Mexico Press (2-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780826339904
The author’s grandfather is the subject of this book. The Ortega family has made beautiful weavings for seven generations. Maria Christina goes to visit her grandpa in New Mexico at the family farm and experiences many traditional ways. Grandpa is a master weaver and is proud that Christina learns to weave. Hispanic culture is presented, Spanish words are used throughout the book, and a Spanish glossary of words is included. Active grandfather who is still working. Loving intergenerational relationship. MULTICULTURAL

Parr, Todd (2011). *The Grandma Book*
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (PS) $7.00
ISBN 9780316070416
Grandmas are very special and they know everything. Grandmas are happy when you spend the night with them and they like to hear from you. Mentions grandmas in a variety of roles including helping their neighbors and taking care of their grandchildren. Loving portrayal of grandma’s doing many things.

Parr, Todd (2011). *The Grandpa Book*
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (PS) $8.00
ISBN 9780316070430
Grandpas are very special. Grandpas like to hold and hug you. Talks about the many things that grandpas do including telling you stories, teaching you new things, sending you cards, taking you to school and to the park, and making you laugh.

Parish, Herman (2011). *Amelia Bedelia Makes a Friend*
HarperCollins (PS-2) $3.99
ISBN 9780062075154
Amelia Bedelia’s family moves away and she misses her best friend. One day a new neighbor moves in. The new neighbor is an older woman and she and Amelia Bedelia become friends. Few books illustrate intergenerational friendship and this book shows the potential of friendships with older adults.

Pellegrino, Marjorie (2000). *My Grandma’s the Mayor*
American Psychological Association (1-3) $14.95
ISBN 9781557986085
Annie is very proud of her grandmother when she gets elected mayor but grandma now has to spend a lot of time with her new job. Grandma and Annie work this out. This is one of the few books that shows an older person in a leadership position. It is one of only a few books that share with children the leadership roles older people often play in our nation and communities.

Penguin Group (PS-2) $15.99
ISBN 9780670010929
Wink was very happy when he was accepted in the Summer Moon School for Young Ninjas. Master Zutsu was an older ninja who taught the students. Master Zutsu has trouble getting Wink to behave like a ninja and has interesting words of wisdom. An example, when Wink was being very loud Master Zutsu stated: “The loudest cricket is the first to be caught”.

Piernas-Davenport, Gail (2007). *Shante Keys and the New Year’s Peas*
Albert Whitman (K-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780807573303
It’s New Years and Shante Keys family is going to grandmas. Grandma has forgotten to cook good-luck black-eyed peas. It’s a year of bad luck if you don’t eat black-eyed peas at New Years. Shante goes to her neighbors to find some and each of them tells her their New Year’s foods and customs from different countries. Shante finds the peas at her Auntie Marie’s. She invites all of her neighbors over for New Year’s dinner. At the end of the book it talks about New Year’s traditions in other countries.


Simon (PS-3) $17.99
ISBN 9781442482371
The book was first published in 1988 and has new a 25th anniversary edition that includes fifteen new pages and details about what has happened to the quilt that belongs to the author’s family. Great-Grandma Anna came to America from Russia as a child. When Anna outgrew the dress and the babushka she came with they, along and other family clothing, were made into a quilt. Over the years other items of family clothing were incorporated into the quilt and it has continued to be passed down through generations of the family. The quilt has been used for many thing including a Sabbath tablecloth, wedding canopy (huppa), and a blanket for welcoming new babies. The author expanded on the original edition by incorporating information on how her children and family have used the quilt including a quilt for sleep, a tent, and superhero capes. The quilt is part of the family’s history and the telling of the story of the quilt is part of family tradition.

**Sydney Taylor Book Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries**

**Polacco, Patricia (1998). *The Bee Tree***

Penguin (K-3) $7.99
ISBN 9780698116962
Mary Ellen is tired of reading and wants to do something outside. Grampa decides that they will find a bee tree. He lets a bee loose from a jar and tells Mary Ellen that the bee will lead them to a bee tree and honey. Others join in the race and the bee tree is found. Grampa invited everyone back to the house for biscuits, tea and honey.

**Polacco, Patricia (1990/1997). ***Thunder Cake***

Penguin (1-3) $7.99
ISBN 9780698115811
A grandmother helps her granddaughter overcome fear of thunderstorms. When the grandmother senses that a storm is coming she announces it is "Thunder Cake" baking weather. To be a real Thunder Cake it needs to be in the oven before the storm comes. Grandmother and granddaughter make the cake together. An independent, loving, and capable grandmother emerges from this beautifully illustrated text.

**Purmell, Ann (2006). ***Christmas Tree Farm***

Holiday House (K-2) $16.95
ISBN 9780823418862
Grandpa and his grandson ride on a tractor through the family Christmas tree farm. All year long grandpa and his family work on the farm planting, pruning, and tagging trees for Christmas. Grandpa knows about all the trees on the farm. From the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve grandpa works at his Christmas Tree Hut. On Christmas Eve the family gathers at Grandpa and Grandma’s house for an old-time tree-trimming party. Active Grandfather who is working.

**Ransome, James (2012). ***My Teacher***

Penguin (K-2) $16.99
ISBN 9780803732599
Her teacher had taught her mother and grandmothers and the girl wondered why the teacher had not retired. The teacher loves teaching, inspires children to use their talents, and encourages them to read and write. The teacher tells stories about things in the past, like the jazz played by Duke Ellington and the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem where people danced. She teaches the children the gift of sharing as they put together Thanksgiving baskets for people. She helps the children see all that they can be and do. When the young girl asks her teacher why she keeps teaching she replies “I just love teaching and being a part of your lives. I love helping to make your dreams come true”. A capable, caring older adult who is
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working.    MULTICULTURAL

Rau, Dana Meachen (2003). *Albert Einstein*
Compass Point Books (1-3)    $5.95
ISBN 9780756510503
Part of the Compass Point Biographies series. Tells the life story of one of the world’s greatest scientists from childhood through old age. As a child Einstein had trouble memorizing words but he loved math, science, ideas, games that took a lot of thought, and playing the violin. He like finding the answers to questions. He obtained a college degree in physics and won a Nobel Prize in physics. He believed that people needed to try to understand each other and was an advocate for peace. His love for mankind is evidenced in his quote: “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” He wrote theories about how the world works, discovered the theory of relativity. Even into old age he continued his work and research. Illustrates growing up and growing older and a meaningful, productive life.

Rookie Biographies
Scholastic/Children’s Press (1-3)    $4.95-$5.95
This extensive series has multiple authors. Each book presents the lives of famous people including presidents, artists, scientists, activists and inventors from childhood, to life as an adult, and older adult. Interesting pictures accompany each story. The books are inspiring. Many of the people overcame adversity to lead successful, caring, and meaningful lives. Some of the stories offer advice to children such as: ask questions such as “Why” and “How”, think of how you can help others, discover things you enjoy, find your talents, don’t be afraid to try new things, when you do something give it your all, and stay focused on your dreams. Many of the books in the series are out-of-print but some come back as revised editions. Illustrates creative life in old age. The following are some of the recent book in the series and other in-print book that may be of interest to young readers.
Please view the series online to see books of interest to your young readers.

Mara, Wil (2014). *Benjamin Franklin* ISBN 9780531212011    $5.95
Mara, Wil (2013). *Martin Luther King* ISBN 9780531247004    $5.95

Root, Phyllis (2003). *The Name Quilt*
Farrar, Straus & Giroux (K-3)    $16.00
ISBN 9780374354848
Sadie vacations at Grandma’s in the summer. Every evening grandma tucks Sadie into bed with the “name quilt.” Every name on the quilt is a member of the family and has a story. One of the quilt's patches was a piece of Grandma’s wedding dress. One day when the name quilt is on the clothesline a storm blows it away. Even with the quilt gone grandma lets Sadie know that the stories will live on. Sadie and Grandma start a new quilt.
Active grandmother. Presents family history and oral history.

Rosenbaum, Andria (2006). *A Grandma Like Yours/A Grandpa Like Yours*
Kar-Ben (PS-K) $6.95
ISBN 9781580131681

Grandmas and grandpas can be counted on to make each Jewish holiday special. Grandmas and grandpas in the book are animal characters and all are portrayed as active. Jewish traditions are portrayed. A glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish words are included. **MULTICULTURAL**

Albert Whitman & Company (K-2) $16.99
ISBN 9780807536773

Grandma rides a motor scooter. Sara and grandma play badminton and do many things together. One morning grandma asked Sara if she would like to make a challah, which is a braided or round egg bread often used on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays. Many mishaps occur in the making of the bread and grandma responds with “It’s not work making a tzimmes over”. Grandma and Sara forget to watch the dough and it rises up so much that it takes over the neighborhood. An interesting solution happens when the bread is finally baked and there is enough for the entire neighborhood. **MULTICULTURAL**

Ryan, Pam Munoz (2001). *Mice and Beans*
Scholastic (K-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780439183031

In one week Rosa Maria’s youngest grandchild, Little Catalina, will be seven years old. Rosa Maria loves to cook and she is having the whole family (including children, grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins) over for the birthday dinner. She planned the menu, ironed the tablecloths, went to the market, planned the party activities, and ordered a cake and a birthday present. The mice in the house add an interesting touch to the story. An active, capable grandmother who is a vital member of her family. **MULTICULTURAL**

Rylant, Cynthia (2013). *Mr. Putter and Tabby Drop the Ball*
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3) $14.99
ISBN 9780152050726

Part of the classic Mr. Putter and Tabby series listed below. The book is new and listed separately. Mr. Putter called Mrs. Teaberry to find out if there was a senior baseball team because he knew “she was very sporty”. Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby, along with Mrs. Teaberry and her dog Zeke, join a senior citizens baseball team, the Yankee Doodle Dandies. Mrs. Teaberry and Zeke have spiffy baseball uniforms. Zeke gets the team into trouble when he insists on running away with the balls that were hit. Active older adults participating in athletic activities. Could lead into a discussion of “lifespan” athletic activities the children may be interested in and Senior Olympics athletes in communities across the nation that compete in local, state, and national competitions. The National Senior Games Association website (http://www.nsga.org) gives information on Senior Olympians and Senior Olympic competitions. These athletes can be an inspiration for children and mentors in the various sports that children are involved in.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Series*
Harcourt (PS-3)

In the series Mr. Putter has a cat named Tabby and his friend Mrs. Merriweather has a bulldog Named Zeke. The series illustrates companionship with older adults, older adults as active, and older adults trying new things. Mr. Putter and Mrs. Merriweather enjoy each other’s company and do things together. Please review additional books in the series.

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Mr. Putter and Tabby Feed the Fish (2002). ISBN 9780613443159/ISBN 9780152163662 $15.00/$5.99


Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea (1994). ISBN 9780152009014 $5.99

Rylant, Cynthia (1987).  This Year's Garden
Antheneum (PS-3)  $7.99
ISBN 9780689711220
This book shows the seasons of the year as reflected in the family garden. This is a large family and family members are portrayed in a variety of roles. Grandmother cans the garden products. Active older people who contribute to family life.

Rylant, Cynthia (1993, 2013).  When I Was Young in the Mountains
Penguin (PS-3)  $6.99
ISBN 978014548754
A 20th anniversary edition of the book in 2013. The story is a reminiscence of the pleasures of childhood in the Appalachian Mountains. Although older adults are not main characters they appear in a variety of roles and are integrated into family and community throughout the story. A 20th anniversary edition is available.   MULTICULTURAL    Caldecott Honor Book

Rylant, Cynthia (1993).  The Relatives Came
Antheneum (PS-1)  $7.99
ISBN 9780689717383
The relatives come from Virginia to visit and have a wonderful time. Older people are integrated throughout the text. The book illustrates family relationships, allows discussion of generations, and shows older people in a variety of situations.   MULTICULTURAL

Rylant, Cynthia (2002).  The Ticky-Tacky Doll
Harcourt Children's Books (PS-2)  $17.00
ISBN 9780152010782
Grandmama made her granddaughter a ticky-tacky doll from sewing scraps and the little girl loved the doll. When the girl started school it made her sad to leave her doll at home so here grandmama made her a miniature of the doll that could fit into her book bag: “Very small and ready to go to school.” A caring and sensitive grandmother and a loving intergenerational relationship.   MULTICULTURAL

Rylant, Cynthia (2012).  Annie and Snowball and the Grandmother Night
Part of Annie and snowball series. Annie especially loved her grandmother and wore a locket with a picture of her. One night every month Annie stayed at grandmother's house. When she arrived grandmother was always waiting at the door and scooped her into her arms with a big smile. At grandmother's they bake cookies, play cookie tic-tac-toe, and have fun bedtime activities. One bedtime activity is telling stories from their life. They loved story time and learned a lot about each other—like grandmother learning to ride a horse when she was young. When Annie leaves grandmother hugs Annie and tells her that she loves her. Annie had a “perfect” time and can’t wait to come back. Loving intergenerational relationship and family history.

Sasso, Sandy (2004). *Abuelita’s Secret Matzahs*  
Clerisy Press (2-3) $9.99  
ISBN 9781578601776  
Jacobo is a young Spanish American boy. He loves to visit his grandmother, Abuelita, especially at Easter when they paint Easter eggs. Jacobo notices that some of the traditions his family follows are different than other families. They do not eat pork and, during Holy Week, his grandmother never ate bread and only served tortillas made without yeast. The different traditions become more puzzling to Jacobo and one day Abuelita shares with him “the secret of our family”. Generations ago his family had been Jewish and they still followed many of the Jewish traditions. Spanish words are integrated throughout the text.  

Say, Allen (2013). *Grandfather’s Journey*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3) $17.99/$7.99  
20th anniversary edition of the award winning book. An adult grandson tells the story of his grandfather’s travel from Japan to America, his life in America, his return to Japan with his wife and daughter, and his love of both countries. The daughter is the grandson’s mother. The grandson was born and raised in Japan and eventually goes to America and shares his time between the two countries he also loves. Illustrates growing up and growing older and family history. First published in 1994.  

Schotter, Roni (2012). *All About Grandmas*  
Penguin (PS-K) $16.99  
ISBN 9780803737143  
There are many kinds of grandmas. Illustrates grandmas doing many different things and different cultures. Some grandmas’ work, some travel, and some tell wonderful stories from times long ago. Mentions that if you don’t have a grandma all your own perhaps “you can find someone special on loan”. The child in the book has an older friend who lives down the block, is like family, and who she loves a lot. The book shares how to say grandma in languages around the world. Presents and supports the idea of intergenerational friendship.  

Schwartz, Amy (2009). *Our Corner Grocery Store*  
Tundra (PS-2) $19.95  
ISBN 9780887768682  
Saturday is the favorite day for a young granddaughter, Anna Maria, because she spends the day at Nonno Domenico and Nonna Rosa’s grocery store. The grocery store is full of activity and everyone has a job to do at the store. Her grandparents live above their store. Active grandparents who are working.  

Schwartz, Howard (2010). *Gathering Sparks*  
Roaring Brook (PS-2) $16.99  
ISBN 978596432802  
When Grandfather came to visit there was a clear night sky filled with stars. Grandfather and grandchild go out to enjoy it. They see fireflies and hear crickets chirping. The young grandchild asks where the stars come from. Grandfather tells a story of how the stars came to be as sparks of light scattered throughout the heavens and how some the sparks fell to earth. The grandchild asks how the sparks can be gathered on earth and the grandfather gives examples including doing good deeds, being kind to animals, and loving someone. He says that one day, when enough sparks are gathered, there will be peace in the world.
Sheth, Kashmira (2008). *Monsoon Afternoon*
Peachtree (K-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781561454556
It is monsoon season in India. A young boy is restless and can’t find anyone in his family to play with him except for his grandfather “Dadaji”. Dadaji and the boy make paper boats and race them in a washtub in the rain, take a walk, and watch a peacock dancing. Dadaji helps the boy play on a banyan tree and they pick mangoes to give to grandmother “Dadima”. During their outing the grandfather teaches the boy about the monsoon and what they are seeing. Loving relationship between grandson and grandfather.  
*MULTICULTURAL*

Sheth, Kashmira (2007). *My Dadima Wears a Sari*
Peachtree (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781561453924
In America Rupa’s grandmother wears a sari like she did in India. Grandmother’s sari dances in the breeze. The grandmother shares with Rupa all the wonderful things that sari’s do, like protect you from the rain, wrap up shells at the beach, and a young girl can hide there. Grandmother gives Rupa and her young sister sari’s that were hers. At the end of the book there is a picture story on how to wrap a sari. Story presents family history and cultural traditions.  
*MULTICULTURAL*

Shulimson, Sarene (2012). *Lights Out Shabbat*
Kar-Ben (PS-2) $7.95
ISBN 97807613756574
During the lighting of the Shabbat candles a there is a snow storm and a young boy and his grandparents lose the electrical power at his grandparent’s home. Snow storms are not common in Georgia. They enjoy a holiday of fun that includes eating a special “cold” meal, walks around the neighborhood, shadow puppets, making snowmen and a snow dog, grandpa telling stories, exploring the attic, and stargazing through a telescope. The power comes back on, and the unexpected snowfall had brought a special Shabbat to the boy and his grandparents.  
*MULTICULTURAL*

Solomon, Sharon (2009). *Walk With Grandpa/Un paseo con abuelo*
Raven Tree (K-3) $16.95/$7.95
Daniela and her grandfather take a walk through the woods. As they walk they play a word game to show just how much they mean to each other. When grandfather tells Daniela that she is his earth, she responds “You are my sky”. The conversation continues as they walk through the woods. They express their love for each other. Written in English and Spanish.  
*MULTICULTURAL*

Spangler, Lois (2013). *The Fort on Fourth Street: A Story About the Six Simple Machines*
Sylvan Dell (PS-K) $17.95/$9.95
Kathleen wants to build a fort in her backyard on Fourth Street. She enlists grandpa’s help. Grandpa teaches her about the machines they need to build the fort: lever, pulley, inclined plane, wheels and axels (wagon), screws, and wedge (saw). The story is told in rhyme and details the machines being used and building them. Teaches children about simple machines that “are easy to use and easy to stow, making it simple when you are on the go”. Active, capable grandfather.

Stanley, George (2013). *Wedding Cookies*
Random House Children’s (K-2) $3.99
ISBN 9780307817075 (Only available as an ebook)
Katie Lynn is happy that Grandma is getting married and she will be the flower girl. When the florist doesn’t deliver a wedding bouquet Katie Lynn gets creative and makes a bouquet of wedding cookies for Grandma’s wedding. One of the few books where older adults marry.
Stevens, Janet & Crummel, Susan Stevens (2004). *Plaidypus Lost*
Holiday House (PS-1) $17.95/$7.99
Grandma makes her old plaid shirt into a Plaidypus for her young granddaughter and the girl promises to never lose him. The young girl and Plaidypus go everywhere together. There are times when Plaidypus gets lost but fortunately he is found. One time Plaidypus gets lost for longer than usual and returns home "hurt". Grandma fixes him good as new. Capable Grandma and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Stock, Catherine (2001). *Gugu’s House*
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-3) $16.00
ISBN 9780618003891
The story is set in the grassy plains of Zimbabwe. Kukamba takes the bus from the city to visit her grandmother, Gugu. From the bus they walk the long, dusty path to Gugu’s house. Kukamba has never seen a home as beautiful. She loves the colorful paintings and sculpted animals that Gugu has made. Gugu shares village traditions and shows Kukamba how to sculpt and paint wonderful animals like zebras, leopards, and birds. The rains come and the painting and sculpting turn to mud, but grandmother tells her that the landscape is reborn with the rain. An active, creative grandmother based on a real person. A glossary of Afrikaans terms is included. MULTICULTURAL

Stolz, Mary (1990). *Storm In The Night*
HarperCollins (K-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780064432566
Thomas and his grandfather are together during a thunderstorm and the lights go off. During the storm Thomas discovers amazing things, such as the fact that he can hear better in the dark. Shows old and young enjoying and learning from each other.

Sullivan, Sara (2011). *Passing the Music Down*
Candlewick (K-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780763637538
Based on the true story of a friendship between Melvin Wine and Jake Krack. Every August people traveled from all over to hear the fiddle playing of Melvin Wine. Jake, a boy in the crowd, knows some of the older man's music and plays the music with him. The older man gives the Jake advice on how to play and Jake asks the man to teach him all of his tunes. Jake returns time after time and not only learns music but the ways of the farm, the woods, the garden, and of many other things. The old man and the boy become the best of friends. “Their lives are stitched together in a quilt of old-time tunes”. At the end of the story Melvin passes away, but Jake continues in the music. The prologue of the book shares the friendship between Melvin and Jake and shares the tradition of “passing the music down”.

Taulbert, Clifton (2003). *Little Cliff’s First Day of School*
Penguin (2-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780142500828
Little Cliff, is a young African American boy who has lived with his great-grandparents. Poppa Joe and Mama Pearl, all his life. He is apprehensive about his first day at school. His great-grandparents help him to overcome his apprehension and make this day a happy one. Few stories have great-grandparents raising great-grandchildren. These great-grandparents are depicted as capable, sensitive, and caring. MULTICULTURAL

Teevee, Ningeokuluk (2009). *Alego*
Groundwood (K-2) $17.95
ISBN 9780888999436
An Inuit girl, Alego, goes to see her grandmother  (Anaanatsiaq) almost every day. On this day they take a walk to the shore to collect clams (ammuumajuit) for dinner. Grandmother knows all about finding and catching clams. They see many things on their walk including a bright orange starfish (aggaujag) and a sea snail
Thompson, Holly (2007). *The Wakame Gatherers*

Nanami has a grandmother, Baachan, who lives with her family in Japan and a grandmother (gram) who lives in Maine. Gram comes to visit in Japan. Nanami's Japanese grandmother shows gram how to gather wakame (seaweed) to eat. The grandmothers share their experiences during World War II. When gram returns home she sends tickets for Nanami and Baachan to visit her in Maine. The two grandmothers enjoy and learn from each other and have the shared love of their granddaughter. Illustrates values and traditions of different cultures. Shares part of history about World War II. Japanese words are used in the text.

Velasquez, Eric (2001). *Grandma’s Records*

Every summer Eric and his dog Daisy go to live with his grandmother in El Barrio (Spanish Harlem). Grandmother was originally from Puerto Rico. He and his grandmother have a shared love of music. Eric would pick records to play and grandmother would always say that she liked his selection. Grandma’s nephew played in a band and give her tickets so she and Eric to attend the band’s first concert in New York City. A loving intergenerational relationship and a capable grandmother.

Venezia, Mike (2003). *Grandma Moses*

Part of the biographical *Getting To Know the World’s Greatest Artist Series*. Portrays the life of Anna Mary “Grandma” Moses. Anna loved to draw as a child but only began painting when she was about 70 years old. She became one of America’s greatest and best loved artists. Her folk art often portrayed landscapes with people doing interesting things. Illustrates art as a lifespan activity, growing up and growing older, and learning, doing, and becoming in old age.

Wahl, Jan (2011). *The Art Collector*

When Oscar was very young his Great-Granny gave him a piece of paper to draw on and she took a piece of paper and drew a chicken. Oscar drew a snow storm scene. He was disappointed in his work, but Great-Granny congratulated him. Ma and Pa framed both Great-Granny’s chicken and Oscar’s snow storm scene. Oscar’s parents took him to Sunday shows and places where artists sold pictures. Oscar bought his first picture for $1 and continued to collect pictures as he grew up. The years passed, his collection became famous, and a museum was built for it. At the end of the story Oscar is an older man sitting with a young girl and encouraging her to draw like his great-grandmother encouraged him. Oscar kept one picture that did not go to the museum; the drawing of the chicken that his grandmother had done years ago. Illustrates the lifespan activity of art and the process of growing up and growing older.

Wellington, Monica (2011). *Gabby & Grandma Go Green*

When Gabby spends a day with grandma they love doing green projects that are good for the earth. They sew reusable cloth bags and when the bags are finished they fill them with things to take for recycling and use the bags for groceries instead of plastic or paper bags. They shop at the farmers market and go to the library to find “save the Earth” books. The book notes that everyone can be involved in green projects and that every little bit helps. Tips for going green are given throughout the book and at the end of the story instructions for sewing a cloth bag, green tips, and some websites for environmental information for children are given. The book was inspired by the author’s fond memories of doing crafts with her grandmother.
Weninger, Brigitte (2011). *Happy Birthday, Davy*
North-South Books (PS-1) $6.95
ISBN 9780735840263
Davy, a young bunny, is anxiously waiting for his birthday. One big present this year is a visit from grandpa and granny who brought a whole sack full of “time” with them; time for stories, times for games and time for anything else Davy wants to do. They teach him games that they played and pranks they did when they were young, and read him stories.

Wild, Margaret (1998). *Our Granny*
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-3) $6.95
ISBN 9780395883952
Not all grandmothers are the same. This book celebrates these differences and affirms the love children have for their special granny.

Williams, Vera (2007). *A Chair For My Mother*
HarperCollins (PS-2) $6.99
ISBN 9780688040741
A little girl, her mother and grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. A story of three generations living together and caring for each other.

Winter, Jeanette (2011). *The Watcher*
Schwartz & Wade (PS-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780375867743
A biography of the life of Jane Goodall and quotes in the book are from Goodall’s autobiographies: *Africa is My Blood* and *My Life With the Chimpanzees*. As a young girl Jane loved to watch all the animals. She would perch in her favorite book in a tree and read about Tarzan and Dr. Doolittle. As a young woman she worked and saved money to go to Africa and study animals. A famous scientist, Louis Leakey, was looking for someone to study chimpanzees and asked if Jane would be interested. She traveled to Tanzania where the chimps lived. For the rest of her life studied the chimpanzees and learned their behaviors. Today Jane is an older woman and is an international expert on chimpanzees and an animal rights advocate. She is a living example of an active older adult. She established the *Roots and Shoots* organization to encourage children’s environmental efforts. Illustrates growing up and growing older and a long and meaningful life.

Wyeth, Sharon Dennis (2013). *The Granddaughter Necklace*
Scholastic (K-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780545081252
This is story of family kinship and history over many generations and the pride of the author in her African-American heritage that has ties to Ireland and Cameroon. A necklace is handed down from one generation to the other along with the stories of those who wore the necklace before. Although there are no older adults as major characters in the story, the story honors family history and ancestry. MULTICULTURAL

Salina Bookshelf (2-3) $21.95
ISBN 9781893354074
The young girl tells of her grandmother’s beautiful skirts and how each skirt was worn for a different purpose. Grandmother’s yellow skirt was worn while cooking, her green skirt for planting corn. Other colored skirts were worn for things like weaving, picking herbs, picking nuts, making cedar beads, going to a Navajo dance, and herding sheep. Grandmother’s skirts swayed back and forth when she wore them. The girl learned many things from her grandmother. Grandmother shared her knowledge, wisdom, and love when she wore her skirts. When the girl grows up she wears a skirt of many colors. This book is dedicated to all grandmothers who raised their grandchildren. Illustrations show Navajo life, culture and history. Story written in English and Navajo. There is a version of the book that contains a CD with the book text spoken in both languages. MULTICULTURAL
Yum, Hyewon (2013). *This is Our House*
Farrar Straus Giroux/Frances /Foster Books (PS-K)  $16.99
ISBN 9780374374877
Tells the story of the house the where the young girl lives today and has been in the family since her grandparents arrived years ago from far away. The young girl compares some of her life experiences at the house with those of her parents and grandparents. Older people are not major characters in the text but family history is presented.

Blue Apple (PS-K)  $17.99
ISBN 9781609051921
Lucy’s grandpa is a bird watcher. He watches birds with his binoculars and Lucy has her own binoculars. The two of them are out bird watching. Lucy wants to see a robin. They see many birds, but do not see a robin until the end of the story. Grandpa shows Lucy many different birds. As they see the birds each bird is named and explained. Active grandfather with an interesting hobby. Bird watching is something that people can do throughout life. Illustrates a lifespan activity.

Ziefert, Harriet (2012). *40 Uses for a Grandpa*
Blue Apple Books (PS-K)  $12.99
ISBN 9781609052768
This book lists 40 reasons why grandpas are the greatest. All of the things listed are positive and enjoyed by the grandchildren. Grandpas are for playing, e-mailing, mediating, coaching, teaching, storytelling, and many more things. A nonstereotypic portrayal of active grandpas and positive intergenerational relationships.

Ziefert, Harriet (2011). *41 Uses for a Grandma*
Blue Apple Books (PS-1)  $12.99
ISBN 9781609051068
This book lists 41 reasons why grandmas are the greatest. Grandmas are great keepers of secrets, personal shoppers, dance instructors, e-mail pals, movie companions, and many more things. A nonstereotypic portrayal of active grandmas and positive intergenerational relationships.

Blue Apple Books (PS-1)  $12.99
ISBN 9781593540630
In this story the author draws on memories of her vacations with her grandfather in the Catskill mountains. The story has a young girl, Emma, who goes to visit her grandpa in the country every summer. Emma loves the big tree on grandpa’s farm. She plays under it, climbs it, and swings from it. When a storm topples the tree Emma asks grandpa to find a way to save part of the tree. Grandpa went to work with his chain saw and turned the fallen tree into a tree house for Emma. Active, capable grandpa. Loving intergenerational relationship.

Zolotow, Charlotte (1992). *I Know A Lady*
Harper Trophy (PS-2)  $6.99
ISBN 9780688115197
Children should all know an older person like the one in this book. She works in a garden, takes walks with her dog, gives out candy apples at Halloween, bakes cookies, and waves to the children as they pass by her house. She is a woman who makes others feel special, and is someone people always remember. The book illustrates how old and young can enjoy each other, do for each other, and learn from each other.

HarperCollins (PS-3)  $17.00/$6.99
In this classic book William wanted a doll, but instead his father gave him a basketball and a train set. William still wanted a doll. His grandmother gets him a doll so that when he grows up he will know how to be a good father. Grandmother shows sensitivity, wisdom, and understanding.

Zolotow, Charlotte & Lobel, Anita (2000). *This Quiet Lady*
Harper Trophy (PS-3) $7.99
ISBN 9780688175276
This book portrays the author’s mother from infancy through adulthood. It provides an excellent starting point for a discussion of growing up and growing older, oral history and family history.

**SOME FAVORITE BOOKS IN PRINT**
There are many wonderful books on the booklist. The following are some of my personal favorites. A number of “favorites” have gone out-of-print over the years and some favorite OOPS (Out-of-Print Stories) are noted on the OOPS portion of the booklist.

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Book Award Winners are noted.

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Ziefert, Harriet (2005). *41 Uses for a Grandma*
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ISBN 9781593540760 $12.95

Zolotow, Charlotte (2000). *This Quiet Lady*
ISBN 9780688175276 $7.99

Zolotow, Charlotte (1992). *I Know A Lady*
ISBN 9780688115197 $6.99

Zolotow, Charlotte (1972). *William’s Doll*

**OOPS (Out of Print Stories)**

*These are some excellent books that are no longer in print. They are often available through book vendors, at your local library, or at a used book store.*

Harcourt Children’s (PS-3) $12.95
ISBN: 9780152956035
A young girl walks with her grandpa and asks him many fascinating questions. Illustrates a knowledgeable and sensitive grandfather.

Anderson, Lena (1989). **Stina**  
Greenwillow (K-3) $13.95  
ISBN 9780688088804  
Every summer Stina visits her grandfather at his house by the sea. Each day they get up early, check grandfather's fishing nets, cook meals, and do enjoyable things together. One night a storm comes and grandfather helps Stina to understand and learn from the storm. Portrays older people as intelligent and capable. Shows old and young enjoying each other and learning from each other.

Applet, Kathi (2003). **The Best Kind of Gift**  
HarperCollins (1-3) $16.99  
ISBN 9780688153922  
Jory is a rural Appalachian boy. His family is putting together gifts to offer the new preacher. Jory wants to give the perfect gift, but can't think of what he can give. Grandpa helps him to come up with the best kind of gift, a gift from the heart.

Applet, Kathi (2002). **Where, Where is Swamp Bear?**  
HarperCollins (PS-2) $15.95  
ISBN 9780688171025  
Louisiana black bears used to roam in east Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, but today they are an endangered species found only in two regions of Louisiana. Pierre and Granpere search for the Louisiana black bear, but it's not an easy task to find the bears in the swamps where they live. Granpere is very knowledgeable about the bear and shares this knowledge with his grandson. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other and learning from each other, as well as the contemporary topic of endangered species and their preservation.

Arnold, Marsha (1998). **The Chicken Salad Club**  
Dial (2-3) $15.99  
ISBN 9780803719156  
Nathaniel Hopkin's great-grandfather, Henry "Hank" Hopkins, was one hundred years old. Every day when Nathaniel came home from school he would go next door to listen to Greatpaw’s stories and eat the chicken salad sandwiches that Greatpaw made. Greatpaw came up with the idea of The Century Club made up of century old people. The Club did not materialize as planned, but Greatpaw made a new friend, Sadie Johannsen. Illustrates oral history and storytelling. This is a good opportunity to talk to the children about "centenarians", people who are 100 years old or older. By the year 2050 it is estimated that there will be 1 million centenarians in the United States. Many children today will live to be 100 years old. Greatpaw and Sadie are interesting and active.

Baker, Sanna (1995). **Grandpa is a Flyer**  
Albert Whitman (PS-3) $15.95  
ISBN 9780807530337  
When Anna goes to visit her grandparents her mother and grandmother drink coffee together while Anna's grandfather takes her flying. The story follows the grandfather's life from a young boy who dreamed of flying to becoming a flyer himself. Grandpa has his own plane. He tells Anna that one day she may be a flyer too. Illustrates shared interests between generations, life planning, and a close intergenerational relationship.

Balouch, Kristen (2006). **Mystery Bottle**  
Hyperion (PS-1) $15.99  
ISBN 9780786809998  
A package came early in the morning for Bailey with a bottle inside. When he opened the bottle the wind inside carried him in a fantasy journey across the sea to Iran the where his grandfather, Baba Bozorg, lived. They had tea and climbed the tallest mountain. At the top of the mountain the bottle was filled with wind and love, and was ready to be used again for the boy to visit his grandfather. Loving intergenerational relationship.  

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Barsotti, Joan (1996). *Christopher and Grandma on Safari*
Barsotti Books (PS-3) $6.95
ISBN 9780964211223
Christopher and grandma go on an African safari. They live in tents and have Masai guides. Christopher has a Masai friend called Moses and together they search for the rare brown giraffe. Shows an active grandmother, lifelong learning, travel and adventure, and exciting intergenerational activities. MULTICULTURAL

Bauer, Marion (1995). *When I Go Camping With Grandma*
Troll Communications (PS-3) $14.95/$5.95
A young girl goes tent camping with her grandmother. They hike deep into the woods, pitch a tent, build a fire, kayak, roast marshmallows and hot dogs, paddle a canoe and go fishing. Shows an active and capable older woman. Portrays a wonderful and adventuresome intergenerational experience. Illustrates "lifespan" activities; activities children do now that they can do throughout life.

Beardshaw, Rosalind (2001). *Grandma’s Beach*
Bloomsbury Children’s Books (PS-2) $15.95
ISBN 9781582349357
Mom has to go to the office, can’t take Emily to the beach, and Emily goes to visit grandma instead. Grandma creates an imaginary day at the beach that she and Emily enjoy. Active, capable grandmother.

Beardshaw, Rosalind (2004). *Grandpa’s Surprise*
Bloomsbury Children’s Books (PS-2) $15.95
ISBN 9781582349343
Jack won’t let Stanley ride his new tricycle. Grandpa knows Stanley is disappointed and cheers him up with helping him make a go-cart. Even though Jack wouldn’t share with Stanley. Stanley lets Jack ride on his go-cart. Brings up the concept of sharing. Grandfather is portrayed as active and capable.

Bercaw, Edna Coe (2000). *Halmoni’s Day*
Dial Books for Young Readers (2-3) $15.99
ISBN 9780803724440
Jennifer’s grandmother, Halmoni, is visiting from Korea. Halmoni does not speak English and Jennifer is worried about having her come to Grandparent’s Day at school where each grandparent tells a story. Halmoni goes to school and her story is translated for the class. Halmoni tells of her father’s service in the Korean war and how proud she is of her grandchildren. The children love her story and she won the award for the grandparent that traveled the farthest. MULTICULTURAL

Blegvad, Lenore (1993). *Once Upon a Time and Grandma*
Elderry Books (PS-2) $14.95
ISBN 9780689505485
Emma and her younger brother Luke are visiting Grandma. Grandma takes them to the house where she grew up and shares memories of her childhood, when she was a young girl called “Norrie”. The children have a hard time believing grandma was once young like them. Grandma shares memories of her childhood and the children start to understand that grandma was young too and that they are growing up and growing older. Illustrates growing up and growing older, family history, and a caring intergenerational relationship.

Blos, Joan (1994). *The Grandpa Days*
Simon & Schuster Children’s (PS-1) $8.95/3.95
Philip’s grandfather makes wonderful things out of wood with his carpenter tools. He shows Philip how to use each tool, teaches him about different kinds of wood, and together they build a sled. The grandfather is capable, skilful and knowledgeable. Illustrates shared interests and an enjoyable intergenerational relationship.
Bogart, Jo Ellen (1999). *Jeremiah Learns to Read*
Scholastic (1-3) $14.99
ISBN 9788426130662
Jeremiah is an older man who can do many things. He knows how to make a split-rail fence, how to build a table, and how to grow corn. Although Jeremiah can do all these things, he cannot read. One day he goes to the schoolhouse where the teacher and children help him to learn to read. He teaches the children how to do things such as whittle and make bird sounds. Later, Jeremiah reads to his wife from a book of poems about love. Portrays a reciprocal intergenerational relationship and a warm, loving relationship with an older couple.

Bond, Ruskin (2003). *Cherry Tree*
Boyd Mills Press (1-3) $10.95
ISBN 9781563976216
Rakhi lives in the Himalayan foothills of India with her grandfather. She likes to buy cherries at the bazaar. Grandfather suggests that she plant one of the cherry seeds in his garden. The tree and Rakhi grow older together. One year the tree is full of beautiful blossoms and Rakhi is now a young woman. She and her grandfather sit in the evening silence under the tree and watch the stars come out. Rakhi comments on how the tree has changed from a small seed into a beautiful tree. “Just like you,” her grandfather replied. This story portrays a loving intergenerational relationship, illustrates growing up and growing older, and aging as a natural and lifelong process.  *

HarperCollins (2-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780688103385
Mandy is a young girl who is deaf. Grandmother uses sign language to communicate with her. Mandy and her grandmother do many things together including baking, dancing, and taking walks. When grandmother’s cherished silver pin is lost Mandy finds it for her. Portrays an active, capable grandmother and a reciprocal relationship of loving and caring.

Bootman, Colin (2006). *Fish for the Grand Lady*
Holiday (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780823418985
Two young brothers go fishing and bring the fish back to their grandmother “Grand Lady” to cook. The grandmother is not a major character, but the story is interesting. Shows a loving intergenerational relationship. *

Bornstein, Ruth (1990). *A Beautiful Seashell*
Harper & Row (PS-1) $12.95
ISBN 9780060205942
A great-grandmother shares memories of her childhood with Rosie, her great-granddaughter. She tells Rosie about living in another country on a hill near the sea. She tells of the ships, the fog, the seagulls, and a beautiful seashell that she once found. At the end of the story great-grandmother goes into her trunk and gives Rosie her treasured seashell. An intergenerational story with and family history.

Bottner, Barbara (1996). *Nana Hannah’s Piano*
Penguin (PS-1) $15.95
ISBN 9780399226564
Nana Hannah goes to dance class and loves to tango. She and her grandson share a love of baseball and Nana Hannah is able to get the grandson interested in playing the piano.

Bowen, Anne (2004). *When You Visit Grandma and Grandpa*
Lerner (PS-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781575056104
A young girl talks to her baby brother about visits to grandma’s and grandpa’s house where she has lots of fun and “anytime” is the best time to visit. At grandma’s house they splash through puddles, sing favorite songs,
read, play hide and seek, watch fireflies flickering, play in leaves, carve a jack-o-lantern, and make snow forts. A warm intergenerational relationship and active grandparents.

Bradford, Karleen (2003). *You Can’t Rush a Cat*
Orca (PS-2) $7.95
ISBN 9781551432838
Jessica went to visit her grandfather and found that he was putting out a bowl of milk for a wild kitten that was hiding in his bushes. The milk went away, but the cat did not come in, not even when it rained the next day. Jessica was not worried because she knew that you can’t rush a cat. Jessica and her grandfather tame the kitten. When Jessica leaves her grandfather he and the kitten are friends. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other and learning from each other.

Buckley, Helen (2000). *Grandfather and I*
HarperCollins Children’s (PS-3) $6.99
ISBN 9780688175269
A grandfather and granddaughter take long, slow walks together and stop to look at things along the way. Other people are in a hurry, but they are not and take as long as they like. Back at home they sit in a chair, rock, read, and talk. Portrays young and old enjoying each other.

Bunting, Eve (1999). *The Butterfly House*
Scholastic (K-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780590848848
A little girl saves a tiny caterpillar from being eaten by a blue jay and her grandfather helps her make a butterfly house to keep it safe. The caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly and is set free. The years pass, the girl is now as old as her grandfather was when they found the caterpillar, and something “amazing” happens each spring. Each spring beautiful butterflies come to her garden. Her neighbors find this a mystery, but to her it is no mystery. To her the butterflies are saying “This is the girl, but older now. We visit her each spring to give her back the love she gave to us so long ago”. Illustrates growing up and growing older, a wise grandfather, a loving intergenerational relationship, and aging as a natural and lifelong process.

Bryan, Ashley (1989). *Turtle Knows Your Name*
Simon & Schuster Children’s (PS-3) $14.95/$4.95
The story is based on West Indian folklore. Upsilimana Tumpalerado lives with his grandmother in the West Indies. His grandmother challenges him to find out her real name, and he succeeds. The grandmother is portrayed as capable and a contributing member of society. *MULTICULTURAL*

Butterworth, Nick (2003). *My Grandpa is Amazing*
Candlewick Press (PS-1) $5.99
ISBN 9781763620571
A story told by a child about an amazing grandfather. Grandpa makes flower arrangements, dances, and has a motorcycle. He is a lot of fun, and portrayed in nontraditional activities. Shows older people as interesting and active.

Butterworth, Nick (2003). *My Grandma is Wonderful*
Candlewick Press (PS-1) $5.99
ISBN 9781763620515
A large-print story told by a child about a wonderful grandmother who knows all about nature and always seems to have whatever you need. Grandmother is portrayed as active, sensitive and capable.

Tandem Library Books (PS-3) $14.15
ISBN 97870613055451
This story is based on the real life adventures of Feodosia Belevtsov. She survived the Russian Revolution and
World War II and after the war came with her family to America. The reader is introduced to Feodosia as a young girl and travels with her to the present as she tells her life story to her granddaughter. The text introduces the reader to interesting events in history, illustrates family history and oral history, and shows aging as a natural and lifelong process.  

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Cheng, Andrea (2003).  *Grandfather Counts*  
Lee & Low (PS-3)  $8.95  
ISBN 9781584301585  
Helen’s Chinese grandfather, who does not speak English, comes to live with Helen’s family in the United States. Helen and her grandfather find a way for her to learn Chinese and for him to learn English. Illustrates young and old enjoying one another and learning from one another.  MULTICULTURAL

Chichester-Clark, Ema (2003).  *Mimi’s Book of Counting*  
Charlesbridge (PS)  $9.50  
ISBN 9781570915734  
Monkey Mimi and her grandmother spend the day counting objects from one through ten. Portrays a loving intergenerational relationship and a caring grandmother.

Chocolate, Debbi (1998).  *The Piano Man*  
Walker and Company (K-3)  $15.25  
ISBN 9780802786646  
A story about a young African American girl and her grandfather and their shared love of music. Grandfather’s life history from a young man to the present is told. He played piano for the silent movies, vaudeville, and ragtime and shares his stories with his granddaughter. A story about shared interests, growing up and growing older, family history, and oral history. An active and capable older person who is an integral part of his family.  MULTICULTURAL  

John Steptoe Award for New Talent

Choi, Sook Nyul (1993).  *Halmoni and the Picnic*  
Houghton Mifflin (2-3)  $14.95  
ISBN 9780395616260  
Yummi’s grandmother, Halmoni, has moved to New York City from Korea to be with Yummi’s family. Halmoni was a teacher in her country. Yummi’s class is having a picnic and the children would like her grandmother to be a chaperone. Halmoni does not speak English well and Yummi is worried about this. Halmoni does chaperone and the picnic is well received by everyone. The traditions of both cultures blend nicely at the picnic.  

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Cohen, Caron (2003).  *Everything is Different at Nonna’s House*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3)  $16.00  
ISBN 9780618073351  
When a young city boy visits his grandparents in the country he finds that everything is different. No taxis jam the streets and no tall buildings crowd the sky. Instead there are blueberry pancakes to make, clipping roses, feeding cows, going for walks at night, and riding on the tractor with his grandfather, Pop-Pop. Sometimes they stay out late at night and sit together on the porch swing as they watch the stars blink and hear the crickets chirp. There are lots of hugs, kisses, and laughter. Active grandparents. Intergenerational sharing and caring.

Cruise, Robin (2009).  *Bartleby Speaks*  
Farrar, Straus, & Giroux (1-3)  $16.99  
ISBN 9780374305147  
Bartleby Huddle is a happy child but at the age of three he hasn’t said a single word. His noisy family tries to make him speak but it is quiet grandfather who finally gets Bartleby to speak.

Crystal, Billy (2006).  *Grandpa’s Little One*  
HarperCollins (PS-1)  $6.99
ISBN 9780060781750
Actor and comedian Billy Crystal tells about the first year his grandson’s life. Portrays a tender, loving relationship.

**Cumberbatch, Judy (2006). *Can You Hear the Sea?***
Bloomsbury (PS-1) $15.95
ISBN 9781582347035
Sarah’s grandpa gave her a sea shell. He told her that if she listened carefully she could hear the sea. Sarah tries to hear the sea when she is at the market and farm with grandma, but she cannot. She is not able to hear the sea until grandpa helps her. Active grandparents and loving intergenerational relationship. MULTICULTURAL

**D’Arcy Karen (2001). *My Grandmother is a Singing Yaya***
Scholastic/Orchard (2-3) $15.95
ISBN 9780439293096
Lulu’s Greek grandmother, Yaya, used to sing on stage. When they are alone together Lulu loves to hear Yaya’s exuberant singing, but she sometimes finds it embarrassing. She worries about bringing Yaya to her school’s Grandparent’s Day picnic. The picnic-goers enjoy Yaya’s singing and the school principal asks Yaya to lead the group in a song. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other. MULTICULTURAL

**DeGross, Monalisa (1999). *Grandaddy’s Street Songs***
Hyperion Books for Children (PS-3) $14.99
ISBN 9780786821327
Roddy is an African American boy. He loves to bring out the old family photo album and listen to grandaddy tell stories about his days as an arabber. Arabbers were fruit and vegetable street vendors in days gone by. Grandaddy was an arabber in Baltimore and he would take his horse and wagon on the cobblestone streets and sing out calls to his customers to get their attention. Some of his calls are given in the book. Illustrates family history, oral history, and an interesting part of American history. A sharing and caring intergenerational relationship. MULTICULTURAL

**Demas, Corrine (2000). *The Disappearing Island***
Simon and Schuster (PS-3) $16.00
ISBN 9780689805394
For her 9th birthday Carrie’s grandmother takes her to Billingsgate island. Through the beauty and power of nature, the island is only visible at low tide. They travel out to the island on grandmother’s boat, Aphrodite. On the island they find shells and a piece of the old lighthouse. Grandmother talks to Carrie about the fishing community that once lived on the island. They have lunch and spend an enjoyable time together. Capable, knowledgeable and energetic grandmother.

**Denslow, Sharon (1990). *At Taylor’s Place***
Bradbury (PS-2) $13.95
ISBN 9780027286854
Tory loves to see Taylor, her neighbor, at his farm. She works with him at his woodshop, and helps him feed the goats and fill the bird feeders. They complete a weathervane they have been working on and Taylor comments: "We make a great team". Taylor is independent and capable. The two characters have a reciprocal relationship of sharing, caring, and learning.

**Dillon, Deborah Nourse (2003). ***Sasha’s Matrioshka Dolls***
Farmer, Strauss and Giroux (PS-2)
ISBN 978037444373870
Sasha and her grandfather lived in Moscow many years ago. Her grandfather was a box maker and Sasha painted the wooden boxes he made. When Sasha’s rag doll was eaten by mice her grandfather carved her a doll of wood. They name the doll "matrioshka" meaning little mother. Eventually the one doll was "nested" in other dolls to keep it safe. Others admired the nested dolls and asked for them to be make. This was the
beginning of the seven nested dolls we know today. A loving intergenerational relationship and an active
grandfather who is working.

**Disalvo, DyAnne (2002). Spaghetti Park**

*Holiday House (1-3) $16.95*
*ISBN 9780234168820*

Angelo’s neighborhood park used to be a great place but now many people in the neighborhood avoid it because
it is run down, has graffiti and group of troublemakers hang out there. Angelo and his grandfather like to go to
the park and play “bocce”, an Italian bowling game. They join a neighborhood group to clean up the park. Many
of the people who help to clean up the park are older adults. Once the park is cleaned up the troublemakers
mess it up again, but everyone once more everyone helps to make the park a good place to be.

**Disalvo, DyAnne (1997). Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen**

*SanVal/HarperCollins (K-3) $6.99*
*ISBN 9780688152857*

A young boy stays with his Uncle Willie after school. Uncle Willie is a volunteer at a local soup kitchen for people
who are homeless. One day when Willie is out of school he helps his uncle at the soup kitchen. Illustrates the
community service and volunteer work that many older adults are involved in. The older adult is a role model for
the young boy. Deals with the contemporary issues of homelessness and hunger. **MULTICULTURAL**

**Dorros, Arthur (1999). Isla**

*Penguin (PS-1) $6.99*
*ISBN 9780140565058*

A young girl, Rosalba, and her grandmother take an imaginary trip to the Caribbean island where her
grandmother grew up. A glossary of Spanish words in included. Presents family history and shows old and
young enjoying each other. **MULTICULTURAL**

**Douglass, Barbara (1982). Good as New**

*HarperCollins (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.00*
*ISBN 9780688419837*

Grady’s grandfather is known for his ability to fix just about anything. When a young cousin ruins Grady’s prize
teddy bear, grandfather does a wonderful job of fixing it. He takes it apart, sews it back together and fixes it
“good as new!” Portrays the grandfather as intelligent, creative, and sensitive to the needs of the child. The
grandfather does some nontraditional activities for a grandfather like sewing. A loving intergenerational
relationship is portrayed.

**Dunbar, James (1999). When I Was Young**

*Carolrhoda Books (PS-3) $15.95*
*ISBN 9781575053592*

Seven year old Josh learns about family history from his grandmother and the family photo album. Grandma tells
about her life as a young girl, her grandparents and great-grandparents. An interesting story for children to see
how things used to be. Good examples of family history and oral history. Children can be encouraged to
explore their own family histories. Useful information in the back of the book talks about what life was like from
the 1690s to present. Illustrates growing up and growing older.

**Duncan, Alice (1999). Miss Viola and Uncle Jed Lee**

*Atheneum (PS-2) $16.00*
*ISBN 9780688980476*

Miss Viola and Uncle Jed Lee are neighbors on Joubert Street. A young boy, Bradley, lives in a house between
the two. Bradley and Uncle Jed Lee play checkers and do things together. One day Uncle Jed Lee mentions
that he would like to make a friend of Miss Viola. How Bradley brings the two of them together is fun and
interesting. Portrays intergenerational friendship. This is one of the few stories where companionship and
dating with older adults is addressed. **MULTICULTURAL**
English, Karen (1996). *Big Wind Coming*
Albert Whitman (PS-3)  $14.95
ISBN 9780807507261
Grandpa alerts the family that a big storm is coming. The children take the animals to the barn and help board up the windows. Grandma and Grandpa are the ones who take charge of preparations for the storm. Capable, active grandparents.  *MULTICULTURAL*

Farrar (213)  $16.00
ISBN 9780374373610
Jamal asks grandma if she was ever a baby and a little girl. Grandma tells him that she was both a baby and a little girl. Grandma tells him the story of her birth and includes family history.  *MULTICULTURAL*

Ford, Juwanda (1996). *Kenya’s Family Reunion*
Scholastic (PS-2)  $2.99
ISBN 9780590537360
Kenya is a young African American girl. She is excited about the annual family reunion at her grandfather’s farmhouse. Grandfather built the farmhouse, and this year the farmhouse will be 50 years old. Kenya and her family have a special surprise for grandpa—they made him a miniature of the farmhouse and barn. Illustrates a loving, caring family and an active grandparent.  *MULTICULTURAL*

Fruisen, Catherine (2004). *My Mother’s Pearls*
Star Bright Books (PS-2)  $5.95
ISBN 9781595720054
A young girl enjoys helping her mother get dressed up and especially loves the pearls that have been in the family since her great-great-great-great-great grandmother was given them in 1788. A story that illustrates family history and oral history.

Goldman, Susan (1976). *Grandma Is Somebody Special*
Albert Whitman (PS-2)  $10.95
ISBN 9780807530344
A young girl enjoys visiting her grandmother in a tall apartment building in a big city. The grandmother demonstrates a wide range of activities—she works, goes to school, buys cookies at the bakery, and does some very interesting things with her granddaughter. The special things they do together make this a very enjoyable book. Grandmother is engaged in activities such as school and work that are often not portrayed in early children’s literature.

Greene, Rhonda (2003). *At Grandma’s*
Holt (PS)  $15.95
ISBN 9780805063360
A young dog always has a lot to do at grandma’s house. He sleeps in a big bed, eats cinnamon bread, rides with grandma in a canoe, goes for walks, has a picnic lunch works in the garden, and mends a fence. At bedtime grandma reads him a book and puts him to bed. Shows young and old enjoying each other and can lead into a discussion of what the children do with their grandparents or older friends.

Grifalconi, Ann (2007). *Ain’t Nobody a Stranger to Me*
Hyperion (K-3)  $16.99
ISBN 9780786818570
The story starts with a woman telling how, as a young girl she went with her grandfather to his apple orchard. As she and her grandfather went through the town he waved to everyone and said hello. The grandfather did not know all the people by name and tells the girl, “Ain’t nobody a stranger to me”. The grandfather talks to the girl about his escape from slavery on the Underground Railroad and the help and friendship he received along the way.  *MULTICULTURAL*
Griffith, Helen (1995). **Grandaddy’s Stars**  
Greenwillow (1-3)     $15.00  
ISBN 9780688136543  
Grandaddy leaves his Georgia farm with his mule and chickens to come visit Janetta in the city. Janetta had made a list of important things to show him and grandaddy loved all of them. Grandaddy showed Janetta something that they both shared, even when they were apart, the stars in the sky. After grandaddy leaves when he and Janetta look at the stars it is like they are still together. Illustrates shared interests and a loving, caring relationship between grandparent and grandchild.  **MULTICULTURAL**

Griffith, Helen (1993). **Grandaddy and Janetta**  
Harper Collins (K-3)     $15.00  
ISBN 9780688112264  
This is Janetta’s first visit to Grandaddy’s farm after not seeing him for a year and she worries that he will remember her. He does remember her. They have a wonderful time as they enjoy music together, gardening, and telling stories.  **MULTICULTURAL**

Griffith, Helen (1987). **Grandaddy’s Place**  
Harper Trophy (PS-3)     $15.99  
ISBN 9780688062545  
Janetta is a “city girl,” and her first visit to her grandfather’s farm was one of mixed emotions. At first she was not sure that she liked her granddaddy, his farm or the animals. She didn’t like the wasp’s nest under the roof, or the chickens that made scary noises, the mean-looking cat or the “giant” mule. Grandfather tells stories and finds ways to help her learn to love and understand the farm.  **MULTICULTURAL**

Hanson, Warren (2006). **Grandpa Has a Great Big Face**  
HarperCollins (PS-K)      $16.99  
ISBN 9780060787769  
Grandpa’s face is big along with his feet and smile. The young grandson thinks that what is biggest of all is grandpa’s loving heart. Loving intergenerational relationship.

Hawxhurst, Joan (1996). **Bubbe and Gram. My Two Grandmothers**  
Dovetail Publishing (PS-2)     $12.95  
ISBN 9780965128421  
A story about a child who learns from her two grandmothers. Bubbe, her Jewish grandmother, tells her stories about Moses, lights Sabbath candles, and shares stories of Passover. Gram, her Christian grandmother, dyes Easter eggs, recites the Lord’s Prayer, and tells the Nativity story. Shows respect for different religions and traditions. An interesting story of two active and loving grandmothers.  **MULTICULTURAL**

Helldorfer, M. C. (2004). **Got to Dance**  
Random House Children’s (PS-3)     $17.99  
ISBN 9780385908658  
A little girl has the summertime blues and wants to dance. Grandpa makes a wonderful dancing companion. Besides the dancing you see Grandpa flipping pancakes, playing cards, and going to the zoo. Intergenerational story with an active grandparent.

Puffin (PS-3)     $4.99  
ISBN 978014054172-1  
A granddaughter asks her grandmother to tell her about life when she was a little girl. Children can be encouraged to ask older family members and friends the same thing. Helps to instill a sense of history and family history.
Herrera, Juan Felipe (2002). *Grandma and Me at the Flea/Los Meros Meros Remateros*
Children’s Book Press (2-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780892391714
Every Sunday Juanito and his grandmother sell clothes at a booth at a California flea market. Juanito spends a lot of time at the many booths. Grandmother is active and working. Bilingual text in English and Spanish. MULTICULTURAL

Hest, Amy (1988). *The Crack-of-Dawn Walkers*
Puffin (PS-2) $11.95
ISBN 9780140508291
Sadie and her brother take turns going with their grandfather on Sunday morning for walks. Sadie delights in this special time with her grandmother. They talk about the "old country," stop at a bake shop, and sip cocoa. Later, as others are rising from their beds they notice the two very different size sets of tracks left by the "crack-of-dawn" walkers. Illustrates a caring intergenerational relationship and old and young enjoying each other.

Hest, Amy (1992). *The Go-Between*
Simon and Schuster Children’s (K-3) $14.95
ISBN 9780027436327
A story about two older people who are fond of each other and marry. The granddaughter plays the "go between" role in the relationship. Not many stories present older people as dating and marrying. A story about the need for companionship, love, and caring throughout life.

Hest, Amy (1993). *Nana’s Birthday Party*
Harper Collins Children’s (PS-3) $15.95
ISBN 9780688074975
Nana lives in New York city and Maggie enjoys visiting her with her cousins. They enjoy the family photos that Nana shares with them. “Remember,” Nana says, “every picture tells a story.” Every year Nana puts on a birthday party for herself with the same rules tacked to the door: no jeans; no gum; no presents, except for the ones you make yourself; no fighting and no whining. Maggie and her cousin Brette plan birthday presents for Nana. Good opportunity for discussion of family history. Active grandmother who is an integral part of the family.

Simon and Schuster Children’s (PS-3) $16.00
ISBN 9780689805738
It is grandpa’s birthday and that means a trip to the city for Gabby and her mother. On the way they shop, have lunch and Gabby gets a new haircut. They meet grandpa and go ice skating. Gabby gives grandpa the bright orange mittens that she knit for his birthday. Gabby and grandpa dance together on the ice. Mother and the skaters have a surprise birthday cake for grandpa and everyone sings happy birthday to him. Portrays an active, caring grandfather.

Hest, Amy (2001). *The Friday Nights of Nana*
Candlewick (PS-2) $15.99
ISBN 9780763606589
Friday nights with Nana begin early on Friday morning. This Friday a young Jewish girl has off school and she and her Nana start preparing for the Sabbath. Nana washes the good china, irons the lace tablecloth, fixes the Sabbath dress, and bakes. Nana and the granddaughter go for a walk and eat sandwiches in the park. They look for violet-colored flowers. When they return to Nana’s they finish preparing for the Sabbath. MULTICULTURAL

Hest, Amy (2002). *Make the Team, Baby Duck!*
Candlewick (PS-1) $16.99
ISBN 978073615413
Baby Duck wants to join the swim team but she is scared to go in the water. Grandpa knows what to say to get
her into the water and on the team. Wise and caring Grandpa.

Carolrhoda Books/Lerner Publishing (PS-2) $18.95/$5.95
Grandfather’s friend Jake has a long blue scarf that helps to keep him warm when he and grandfather go fishing. Grandfather likes Jake's scarf and decides to ask Great Aunt Maude to knit him one in red. Aunt Maude is wonderful at farming and cleaning fish, but she can't knit a scarf. Grandfather asks Jake where he got his scarf and discovers that Jake knit it himself. Grandfather learns to knit and makes himself a scarf. He enjoys knitting so much he knits things for others in the family. Portrays the grandfather as independent, active and creative, and engaged in a nontraditional activity “knitting”.

**Hines, Anna (1996). Miss Emma’s Wild Garden**
Greenwillow (PS-3) $14.89
ISBN 9780688146937
Miss Emma is a neighbor who lets her garden grow any way it wants. Her garden has dandelions, foam wild blue phlox and even wild animals. Miss Emma shows all kinds of wonderful things that happen in the garden to her young friend like deer eating flower buds, rabbits nibbling the wild ginger, a woodchuck and her baby eating sweet cicely, birds nesting, a lizard sunning on a rock, butterflies, bees sipping blossom nectar and a toad hiding in the forget-me-nots beside the creek. The young girl values her friendship with Miss Emma. Miss Emma is portrayed as active and capable. Everyone wants a friend like Miss Emma and wants to be like her when they are older. Illustrates intergenerational friendship and an active older adult.

Tandem (PS-1) $15.25
ISBN 9780833547156
Lassen and her cousins spend the night at grandmother's house. Grandma has a box full of toys and a drawer full of clothes for them to play with. When the cousins get a little wild “grandma gets grumpy”. The book ends with the children knowing that even though grandma got grumpy she loves them. Most children would agree they would get grumpy like grandma did. This book can be used to help show children how young and old share the same types of feelings and are similar in many ways.

**Herrera, Juan Felipe (2002). Grandma and Me at the Flea/Los Meros Meros Remateros**
Children’s Book Press (2-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780892391714
Every Sunday Juanito and his grandmother sell clothes at a booth at a California flea market. Juanito spends a lot of time at the many booths. Grandmother is active and working. Bilingual text in both English and Spanish. MULTICULTURAL

**Hines, Anna (2003). My Grandma is Coming to Town**
Candlewick (PS-1) $13.99
ISBN 9780763612375
Grandma lives far away but she and her grandson Albert have a long-distance relationship through phone calls, photographs, letters and presents. Grandma comes for a visit but Albert is suddenly shy and won’t talk to her. Grandma has a plan and soon Albert overcomes his shyness. Warm intergenerational relationship and a sensitive, imaginative grandmother.

**Hoberman, Mary Ann (2007). I’m Going to Grandma’s**
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-2) $16.00
ISBN 9780152165925
A young granddaughter is going to her grandparents to spend the night. Grandpa is an artist and helps her to draw. He plays music for her on his musical saw. Grandma likes dancing, has a whole closet of dress-up clothes and has planted a garden where everything grows. When it gets time to go to bed Grandma tells the girl a story of when she spent the night at her grandmothers, the granddaughters’ great-great grandmother. The great-great grandmother made a quilt that the girl was now using to sleep under. Active grandparents, a story with family history, and a loving intergenerational relationship.
Grace loved Christmas and going to church with Ma and Nana. As long as Grace could remember it had been just her, Ma, and Nana at Christmas but this year they are going to have company. Grace was not happy about having company but Nana told her that Christmas was a time for families. Nana helps Grace understand and accept the company. Grace admits that this was the best Christmas ever.

Angelina is a young mouse and she can hardly wait to dance in the Mouseland Dance Festival. Angelina’s grandparents are taking her to the festival on their boat, The Jolly Rat. Angelina practices her dancing so much on the boat that she forgets to do some things and gets into some problems. Grandparents are shown as active and capable. Grandparents are portrayed as active and capable.

Lulu suggests that she and her grandchildren, Laurie and Matthew, celebrate her birthday before they leave for the summer. They talk about many of the things they have done together. The children have a birthday surprise that is a wonderful celebration for their grandmother. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other and loving family relationships.

Actual photos of a grandmother and granddaughter. The grandmother works in a dress shop and makes a beautiful dress for her young granddaughter. One of the few books that has an older person working. Loving intergenerational relationship.

Jenny loves her visits with her grandparents. Her parents tell her that grandma and grandpa want peace, quiet, and tranquility, but Jenny knows differently. No one is better at jumping and stomping than grandfather—especially when he dances with Jenny in her red pajamas. Grandmother is a wonderful cook and knows more about cats than anyone. When grandfather tucks her into bed he tells Jenny: "Oh what a beautiful, lovely, noisy day". Illustrates similarities between young and old, older people are portrayed as active and vibrant and as integral members of the family.

Grandpa pushes his young grandson in a wheelbarrow as they go around the farm and do different things. Grandpa helps the boy dig potatoes and pick tomatoes, lettuce, and berries. An active grandfather. Shows young and old enjoying each other.

Putnam (1-3)  $15.99
ISBN 9780399236044
In 1950s Brooklyn a young African American boy, Luke, really wants to play stickball with his older brother and the other kids. One day Luke gets a chance to play, but he strikes out, and is sure the other kids would not let him play again. Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was Luke’s favorite baseball player. Luke’s Grandma takes him to see Jackie Robinson play at Ebbets Field. His Grandma tells him that he can’t give up and he doesn’t. Grandmother is supportive and wise.  

**Jacobs, Laurie (2005). *A Box of Candles***

Boyds Mill Press (2-3)    $17.95  
ISBN 9781590781692  

When Ruthie’s Grandma Gussie starts to have a friendship with Mr. Adler, Ruthie is not sure how well she likes not getting all of grandma’s attention. She thinks of many reasons not to like Mr. Adler. As time goes by Mr. Adler helps Ruthie with a Passover song, helps her learn how to ride a bike and ice skate, and takes her and grandma fishing. Ruthie and Mr. Adler become friends. Mr. Adler asks grandma to marry him and Ruthie will now have a new Grandpa. The book includes a glossary of terms and explanations of Jewish customs and traditions and tells of Jewish history. One of the few books that illustrates companionship, dating and marriage as an older adult. *MULTICULTURAL*

**James, Simon (2002). *The Birdwatchers***

Candlewick (PS-1)    $15.99  
ISBN 9780736167611  

Granddad is a birdwatcher, makes pictures of the birds, and tells his young granddaughter, Jess, interesting bird watching stories. Jess joins her grandfather on a bird watching trek and a good time is had by all.

**Johnson, Angela (1990). *When I Am Old With You***

Scholastic [Orchard Books] (PS-3)    $15.95  
ISBN 9780531058848  

A young African American girl shares enjoyable times with her grandfather and talks about what they will do "When I am old with you". The story is full of love and family history. It can help children to see that they too will someday be old, and helps them to think of activities they would like to do when they are older. *MULTICULTURAL*

**Joosse, Barbara (2001). *A Houseful of Christmas***

Henry Holt (PS-3)    $14.95  
ISBN 9780805063912  

Every Christmas all the relatives go to Granny’s house. Weeks ahead of the visit Granny starts to bake, decorate and wrap packages. On Christmas day she prepares a wonderful dinner and waits for her guests to arrive. Granny plays Christmas carols on the accordion and everyone sings along. A snow storm comes and Granny gets out blankets and pillows so everyone can sleep over. An active, capable grandmother who is an integral part of her family.

**Joossee, Barbara (2008). *Grandma Calls Me Beautiful***

Chronicle (K-3)    $16.99  
ISBN 9780811858151  

A Hawaiian grandmother tells her granddaughter the story of her birth and her name: “Beautiful”. Loving intergenerational relationship. Shows shared bond between grandmother and grandchild. *MULTICULTURAL*

**Keller, Holly (1994). *Grandfather’s Dream***

Greenwillow Books (PS-3)    $17.99  
ISBN 9780688123390  

The story takes place in Vietnam. The war in Vietnam was over but the cranes had not returned. Grandfather had a dream that the cranes would return and shares this dream with his grandson, Nam. Grandfather likes to tell Nam stories, like the one about the otters that he trained to catch fish as a boy. He and Nam continue to look for the cranes return and the cranes do return. The grandfather is wise and capable and shares a message about the importance of preserving the global environment. *MULTICULTURAL*
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Kesselman, Wendy (1993). *Emma*
ISBN 9780440408475
At age 72 years old, Emma begins to paint. At first she hides her painting from her family, but when the family comes for a surprise visit Emma does not have time to put the paintings away. The family loved her paintings. Children enjoy drawing and painting and this book helps them to see how these can be activities when they are older. Illustrates the creativity of older people, lifelong learning, similarities between young and old, and lifespan activities.

Kessler, Christina (2000). *My Great-Grandmother’s Gourd*
Scholastic (PS-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780531332849
When a new water pump comes to her Sudanese village in East Africa, Fatima is pleased. However, her grandmother decides to still save water the old way by filling their baobab tree with rain for the dry season. For centuries Fatima’s people have been using these trees as giant water gourds to store water. A broken pump and water shortage finds the village mixing the old ways with the new. A wise, active grandmother. Illustrates the knowledge of older adults. Story based on true events. MULTICULTURAL

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie (2005). *Nora’s Ark*
HarperCollins (2-3) $17.99
ISBN 9780688172442
This story is based on the real-life event of the Vermont Flood of 1927. Nora’s grandpa decided to build grandma a new house high on a hill. Just as the house is finished it started to rain and rained so much that it caused a flood. The family, neighbors and the farm animals go to the new house on the hill to escape the flood. With all the animals there the new house becomes “Nora’s Ark”. Shows active and capable grandparents and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Kovalski, Maryann (1993). *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*
Scholastic (PS-3) $14.95
ISBN 9780590456388
Jenny and Joanna get their grandma to take them to a baseball game. At the game the girl’s balloon flies away. Grandma rescues both the balloon and the ballgame.

Krebs, Laurie (2002). *The Beeman*
National (PS-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780792272243
Grandfather is known in town as the beekeeper and has special beekeeper equipment. He teaches his young granddaughter about the different bees in the hive and how to make honey. Working, knowledgeable and active grandfather.

Lasky, Kathryn (1988). *Sea Swan*
MacMillan (1-3) $14.95
ISBN 9780027517002
Elzibah Swan lived in the same house on Boston's Beacon Hill all her life. She keeps active and busy doing things including going to the library and symphony concerts, gardening, and enjoying her grandchildren. On her seventy-fifth birthday she wants to do something "new," and decides to learn how to swim. Elzibah takes swimming lessons, snorkeling, and water ballet. She loves swimming so much that she designs and with the help of her friends, builds house on the seashore. Elzibah calls her new house “Sea Swan”. The story integrates many generations into one text and illustrates how people can learn and do throughout life, “lifelong learning”.

Lyons, Marty (1997). *Catching the Fire. Phillip Simmons, Blacksmith*
Houghton Mifflin (1-3) $17.00
ISBN9780395720332
This book tells the story of Phillip Simmons, an African American blacksmith. Mr. Simmons was born on June 9,
1912 and lived in the Charleston, South Carolina area. He became a blacksmith at the age of 13. He became famous for his ornamental wrought iron creations. Although he "officially" retired in 1987 he continued to teach and create beautiful artwork throughout his life. A story based on a productive, meaningful life. A role model for growing up growing older, and making a difference in the world. **MULTICULTURAL**

**Mahy, Margaret (1994). *The Rattlebang Picnic***
Puffin Books (2-3) $NA
ISBN 9780803713185
Granny McTavish is known for loving her grandchildren and her terrible cooking. Granny goes with the family on a trip to the tip top of Mount Fogg. On the trip, Granny’s tough pizza comes in handy when the car loses a tire.

**Martin, Bill, Hr. & Sampson, Michael (2003). *Little Granny Quarterback***
Boyd Mill Press (PS-1) $15.95
ISBN 9781563979309
Watching football on television Granny Whiteoak recalls her glory days as was the first female quarterback to win the Heisman trophy. She looks at the wall where her trophies and newspaper clippings are hung. In this fantasy story Granny quarterbacks again. Although this is a fantasy, it can lead into a discussion of older people who participate in sports and Senior Olympics.

Scholastic (PS-1) $15.95/6.95
Washburn is an older man who always looks on the bright side of things. He is a fine fiddler and whittler. He can whittle a fiddle out of a log or a spider out of a stick of wood. During the story many mishaps occur including Washburn’s cow, pigs, and chickens running off. Amazingly, everything gets back to normal. Young children delight in hearing all the things that happened to Washburn. Shows an active, capable older person with a positive outlook on life.

**Martin, Jacqueline Briggs (2003). *The Water Gift and the Pig of the Pig***
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-3) $17.00
ISBN 9780618074365
For many centuries there have been people who could locate underground water by walking across the ground holding a Y-shaped branch, a “divining rod”. Isabel’s grandfather is one of those people who has the water gift. Grandfather was a sea captain and he kept a pig that even went around Cape Horn with him. Grandmother says that the pig thinks she is one of the family. When the pig gets lost Isabel convinces her Grandfather to help her find him. Active, capable and caring grandparents. **Blue Ribbon Picture Books Award**

**Matze, Claire (1999). *The Stars in My Geddoh’s Sky***
Albert Whitman (K-3) $14.95
ISBN 9780807553329
One summer an Arab American boys grandfather “Geddoh” comes to visit him. Geddoh has brought a camel saddle for his grandson and helps the boy to learn about his Arab heritage. Geddoh talks to him about the mosque where he prays. They do many fun activities together and Geddoh shows his grandson what his name looks like in Arabic. A loving, active grandfather. **MULTICULTURAL**

Chronicle (2-3) $14.95
ISBN 9780811848770
Zoe Sophia’s favorite person, her Great-Aunt Dorothy, comes to visit her in New York. Great-Aunt Dorothy stays in Greenwich Village, is a famous writer, and is doing research for a new book. She and Zoe hunt for a lost journal, The Pink Phoenix Papers. They visit interesting places in New York and find clues. They dine at a restaurant where Great-Aunt Dorothy’s friend, Mr. Irving, plays the piano. Their clues lead them to a second-
hand book shop where Zoe finds a copy of the journal. Active grandmother.

**May, Kathy (2000).** *Molasses Man*
Holiday House (PS-2)  $16.95  
ISBN 9780823414383  
Grandpa decides it is time to make molasses and his family pitches in to help. Everyone knows that Grandpa is the "Molasses Man" and makes the best molasses in his community. Grandparents are portrayed as capable and an integral part of the family. Presents family traditions of this rural African-American family. Caring intergenerational relationships.  

**Mayer, Mercer (2003/2002).** *Grandma’s Garden*
San Val/Carson-Dellosa (K-1)  $3.95  
Little Critter Series  
ISBN 9781577688464  
Little Critter and Little Sister help grandmother plant a vegetable garden.

**McCaughrean, Geraldine (2002).** *My Grandmother’s Clock*
Clarion (K-3)  $15.00  
ISBN9780618216956  
Grandmother has a clock that does not work, but she does not need a clock. She has other ways to tell time and to measure things. She shares these things with her granddaughter. Grandmother says that a lifetime, can be measured in all kinds of ways, such as birthdays and friends. A loving intergenerational relationship and an active, wise, and capable grandmother.

**McCleery, Patsy (1988).** *The Turtle Lady*
Texas Geographic Interests (1-3)  $6.95  
ISBN 9780915101030  
This is the true, biographical story of Ila Loetscher known as "The Turtle Lady". Mrs. Loetscher lived on South Padre Island in Texas. She took care of sick and injured sea turtles and helped to save them from extinction. She also taught people about the endangered sea turtles. Mrs. Loetscher is a legend in her own time. Her story helps to show children that older people are active in their communities and contributing members of society. Brings up environmental issues and the need to protect and preserve what we cannot create.

**McCourt, Lisa (2008).** *Granny’s Dragon*
Dutton Juvenile Books (2-3)  $12.99  
ISBN 9780525474630  
A young granddaughter is staying with Granny and it is now time for bed. The granddaughter does not want to go to bed because she is sure that there is a scary monster in her room. The grandmother tells an interesting story about her own dragon that will protect the little girl from the scary dragon.

**McLeod, Elaine (2002).** *Lessons from Mother Earth*
Groundwood Books  $15.95  
ISBN 9780888993120  
Tess, a young Native American girl, has visited her grandmother many times but had never been aware of her garden. Grandma teaches her that all nature can be a garden. As they visit Grandma’s garden Tess learns about the plants and how to take care of them.  

**McElroy, Lisa.** *Meet My Grandmother Series*
Milbrook Press (2-3)  
This series profiles famous grandmothers as seen through the eyes of their grandchildren. At the end of each book the author gives the children tips on how to achieve what the grandmothers did. The author’s use of actual older adults is an excellent way for children to see the real achievements that older adults have made. 

Mills, Claudia. **Gus and Grandpa Series**

Farrar, Straus & Giroux (K-3)

This excellent series shows a loving and warm intergenerational relationship and a grandfather who is capable, caring, sensitive, and has good advice. Unfortunately many of the books in the series are out-of-print. Some recommended OOPS follow:

- **Gus and Grandpa Ride the Train** (2000). ISBN 9780374428136 $5.95
- **Gus and Grandpa and the Christmas Cookies** (2000). ISBN 9780374428150 $5.95
- **Gus and Grandpa and the Two Wheeled Bike** (2001). ISBN 9780374428167 $5.95
- **Gus and Grandpa and the Halloween Costume** (2002). ISBN 9780374328160 $5.95
- **Gus and Grandpa Go Fishing** (2003). ISBN 9780374328153 $5.95
- **Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson** (2004). ISBN 9780374428150 $15.00

Mitchell, Margaree (2003). **Grandaddy’s Gift**

Tandem Library (K-3) $12.10

ISBN 9780606134491

A young African American girl grew up with her grandparents on a farm in Mississippi. The girl loves and respects her grandaddy. She follows him everywhere and is nicknamed “Little Joe”. Grandaddy teaches her the importance of education, the right to vote, and voting. He shows her the importance of standing up for what you believe in, even in the face of adversity. Presents the problems her grandfather had years ago when he tried to register to vote. Shows an active, capable older person who is respected by his family and community. Addresses some significant points in American history and civil rights. **MULTICULTURAL**

Mobin-Uddin, Asma (2007). **The Best Eid Ever**

Boyd’s Mill Press (K-3) $16.95

ISBN 9781590784310

Aneesa spends the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha with her grandmother. Her grandmother gave her a gift of beautiful clothes for the holiday and fixed her favorite food. When they meet two young girls who need food and clothing Aneesa and the grandmother share with them. **MULTICULTURAL**

Moore, Elaine (1994). **Grandma’s Garden**

Lothrop, Lee and Shepard (PS-3) $15.00jm

ISBN 9780688086947

Kim goes to her grandmothers in the spring and helps grandma “wake her garden”. Grandma supervises putting in the garden and teaches Kim about gardening. They plant together, make a scarecrow, cuddle together during a storm, and fly kites. Grandma is portrayed as fun to be with active and knowledgeable. Illustrates intergenerational learning.

Moore, Floyd (1995). **I Gave Thomas Edison My Sandwich**

Albert Whitman (2-3) $14.95

ISBN 9780807535042

Floyd Thompson was born in 1908 in Iron City, Tennessee. When he was a little boy celebrity trains often came to town. A train came to his town with President Taft, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison on it. In real life Floyd actually talked to Thomas Edison, and in the story he gives him his sandwich. An interesting story that illustrates past history, famous older people, and growing up and growing older. Can lead into a discussion of older leaders and famous older people.

Neasi, Barbara (2002). **Listen to Me**

Scholastic (K-2) $4.95

ISBN 9780516020723
When others are too busy grandmother is there to listen. Multicultural representation of older people. Illustrates a reciprocal relationship of sharing and caring. **MULTICULTURAL**

Nozick, Betsy (2001). *Grandma and Me and Her Secret Recipe*
Eakin (PS-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781571684738
A girl goes to her Grandma’s on Saturday mornings for a pancake breakfast. The young girl helps her grandma make the pancakes and they make pancake “bears” together. Her grandfather, Poppa, is there to join in the fun. The secret pancake recipe is given at the end of the book. Grandma has lots of hugs, kisses, and love to share. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other and learning from each other.

Older, Effin (2000). *My Two Grandmothers*
Harcourt Children’s (PS-1) $16.00
ISBN9780152007850
Lily has two grandmothers. Grammy Lane lives on a farm and rides a tractor and Bubbe Silver lives in a tall apartment building and likes to play golf. At the holidays she celebrates Hanukkah with one grandmother and Christmas with the other. Each grandmother teaches her family traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation. Lily wants the two grandmothers to meet so she invites them to a special party, the first traditional “Grandmothers’ Party”. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other.

Oller, Erika (2004). *The Cabbage Soup Solution*
Dutton Juvenile (K-3) $15.99
ISBN 9780525470052
Elsie is an older woman who has a cabbage farm. She drives in to town to sell her cabbages. One morning see finds nearly all of her cabbages are gone and she sets out to find who took them. With the help of her cat the mystery is solved and Elsie makes some new friends. Shows an older person who is working and active.

Olson, Arielle (1990). *Hurry Home, Grandma!*
Penguin (PS-3) $4.99
ISBN 0-14-054760-6
Timothy and Melinda anxiously anticipate their explorer grandmother's arrival for Christmas. Grandma rushes through various adventures to make it home in time. One of these adventures include flying a Grandmother is involved in many nontraditional activities. Leads into a discussion of what children would like to do as an older person.

Oppenheim, Shulamith (1994). *Fireflies for Nathan*
HarperCollins (PS-2) $16.00
ISBN 9780688121471
Nathan and his grandparents catch fireflies together at their rural home, just as Nathan's father did when he was a boy. An intergenerational story that depicts active, interesting grandparents and family history.

Oxenbury, Helen (1993). *Grandma and Grandpa*
Puffin (PS-1) $3.99
ISBN 0-14-054978-1
A small girl tells about all the good times that she has during her weekly visits to her grandparent’s house. Illustrates a warm and loving relationship between grandparents and grandchildren.

Park, Frances & Park, Ginger (2005). *The Have a Good Day Cafe*
Lee & Low (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 9781584301714
Grandma came from Korea a year ago to live with Mike and his family. Every morning the family drives to the city where they sell American–style food from their corner food cart. Business becomes slow. Grandma and Mike have a solution. They decide to make and sell Korean food from the cart. Mike names the cart “The Have a Good Day Cafe” and the business is successful again. Active, resourceful, grandmother. Loving
intergenerational relationship. Korean words are used in the story and a glossary of Korean words is at the end of the book. **MULTICULTURAL**

**Parr, Todd (2006). The Grandpa Book**  
Little, Brown and Company/Tingley Books (PS) $9.99  
ISBN 0-3160581-7  
Grandpas are very special. All grandpas like to hold and hug you. Talks about the many things that grandpas do including telling you stories, teaching you new things, sending you cards, taking you to school and to the park, and making you laugh.

**Pittman, Helena (1993). Once When I Was Scared**  
Dutton (PS-2) $4.99  
ISBN 9780140549324  
Grandfather talks to his grandson about when he was a little boy growing up in a mountain cabin. One time, he recalls, the stove went out and he had to get coal from the neighbors to restart it. Going to the "neighbors" meant going a long way across hills and through the woods. He helps the grandson learn about what life was like when he was young.

**Polacco, Patricia (2008). Someone for Mr. Sussman**  
Philomel (2-3) $16.99  
ISBN 9780399250750  
Jerome’s Bubbie (grandmother) is a "shadken". In Jewish tradition a shadken is a matchmaker. Bubbie is a great matchmaker and able to find matches for everyone except Mr. Sussman. At the end of the story Bubbie becomes a match for Mr. Sussman. An amusing story that discusses Jewish tradition and shows the interesting things Bubbie does in courting Mr. Sussman. Illustrates the topics of companionship, dating and marriage that are often not often addressed in literature with older adults. **MULTICULTURAL**

**Prater, John (2003). Is It Christmas?**  
Barron’s (PS-2) $13.95  
ISBN 9780764156687  
Baby bear is excited because Christmas is almost here. He and Grandpa Bear open cards, make cards, clean the house, bake cookies for Christmas visitors, make a snowman, dig up a Christmas tree, decorate the tree, and celebrate Christmas with the family. A loving and capable grandfather.

**Purdy, Carol (1994/1997). Mrs. Merriweather’s Musical Cat**  
G. P. Putnam’s Sons (K-3) $15.95/$5.95  
Mrs. Merriweather is an older woman who gives music lessons to the children in the neighborhood. One day a cat appears, Mrs. Merriweather calls the cat Beethoven, and right away everyone’s music becomes better and things begin to happen. Mrs. Merriweather joined an aerobics class, subscribed to Musical Adventure, redecorated her piano studio, and bought a "wild" red dress. Her neighbor, Mr. Crump, bought her a bouquet of roses to thank her for the beautiful music that came after Beethoven arrived. As the story ends, Beethoven has a surprise for them all when "he" has a litter of kittens. An active, capable older person who is working.

Millbrook (K-3) $21.90  
ISBN 9780761323648  
Grandpa has an apple farm and makes cider. He drives the tractor that pulls the wagon that carries all the aunts, uncles, cousins and grandkids out to pick the apples. Grandpa supervises the cider making process. Once the cider is made it is sold at Grandpa’s Apple Barn along with Grandma’s homemade jams, jellies and donuts. Active grandparents who are working.

**Quigley, Mary (2007). Granddad’s Fishing Buddy**  
Dial (1-3) $16.99
Growing Up and Growing Older 2015

ISBN 9780803729421
The story of a young girl staying with her grandparents at their cottage on the lake. Grandpa cooks breakfast and gets up early to go fishing. The young granddaughter goes fishing with him and granddad teaches her how to fish. Active grandparents and a loving intergenerational relationship.

Reynolds, Adrian (2001). *Pete and Polo’s Farmyard Adventure*
Scholastic (PS-1) $16.95
ISBN 9780439309134
Pete and his stuffed polar bear Polo visit Grandpa’s farm. One morning grandpa took Pete and Polo to the pond where there were new ducklings. When they got to the pond it had dried up and the search for the ducklings began. Pete finds the ducklings and takes them back to the farmhouse. Grandpa refills the duck pond and Pete and Grandpa watch the ducklings swimming happily. Illustrates an active older adult and young and old enjoying each other.

Rosa-Casanova, Sylvia (2001). *Mama Provi and the Pot of Rice*
Tandem Library Books (PS-3) $14.15
ISBN 9780689842498
Lucy is a Hispanic girl who lives on the eighth floor of an apartment building and her grandmother, Mama Provi, lives on the first floor. When Lucy spends the night with her, grandmother tells her wonderful stories and fixes her a breakfast feast. Lucy gets chickenpox and cannot go to visit. Mama Provi decides to make Lucy’s favorite dish, rice with chicken, and take it to her. As Mama Provi climbed the stairs with her huge pot of rice she noticed many wonderful smells and traded some of her rice for the food her neighbors were cooking. By the time she arrived at Lucy’s door she had a feast for Lucy. Illustrates old and young enjoying each other and an active, industrious grandmother.  

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Roseberry, Vera (2005). *Vera’s Baby Sister*
Henry Holt (1-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780805071269
Vera is having a hard time adjusting to a new baby sister and Grandfather helps her. They plant a garden and build a bean tent. The beans grow, Vera adjusts to her new baby sister, and plants a bean tent for her the next year. Loving intergenerational relationship. Thoughtful, wise grandfather.

Root, Phyllis (2003). *The Name Quilt*
Farrar, Straus & Giroux (K-3) $16.00
ISBN 9780374354848
Sadie vacations at Grandma’s in the summer. Every evening grandma tucks Sadie into bed with the “name quilt.” Every name on the quilt is a member of the family and has a story. One of the quilt’s patches was a piece of Grandma’s wedding dress. One day when the name quilt is on the clothesline a storm blows it away. Even with the quilt gone grandma lets Sadie know that the stories will live on. Sadie and Grandma start a new quilt. Active grandmother. Presents family history and oral history.

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Rosen, Michael (2005). *Fishing With Dad: Lessons of Love and Lure From Father to Son*
Artisan (PS-3) $9.95
ISBN 9781579652869
Every Sunday when the author was young he went fishing with his father. Now his son goes fishing with his father like he used to. The grandson calls the grandfather “Zee” which is short for Zayde (Yiddish for Grandpa). The pair get up early, stop for bait (night crawlers), travel down country roads, hike through a farmer’s field, and find the “fishing hole”. Grandpa has an amazing tackle box, fishing vest and hat, as well as a fishing secret that is revealed at the end of the book. Actual photographs are used to show the boy and his grandfather and their fishing excursions. Portrays a warm intergenerational relationship and an active older adult.

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Rotner, Shelly & Kelly, Sheila (2001). *Lots of Grandparents*
Milbrook Press (PS-K)   $23.90  
ISBN 9780761323136  
Shows grandparents doing many things such as working, telling stories and playing with grandchildren. Mentions that there are also great-grandparents. Notes that sometimes grandparents live where there are people to take care of them and some have hearing and vision problems, but overall the portrayals in the book are positive.

North-South (2-3)   $15.95  
ISBN 9780735819856  
Anna lived with her parents and grandparents on an island in the far north of Iceland. Anna had a pony, Prince. Prince was too young to ride and Anna was training him how to walk with a halter and lead line. One day when they were walking Prince was frightened by a tractor and ran away. Anna’s grandmother goes off with her to help her find Prince. The grandmother knows just what to do to win back the ponies trust. Wise, caring grandmother. Nonstereotypic illustrations.

Rylant, Cynthia (2002/2005).  *Christmas in the Country*  
Blue Sky Press (PS-2)   $15.95  
ISBN 9780439073349  
A girl lived with her grandparents in the country and Christmas was the time of year she most looked forward to. Grandfather always chopped a Christmas tree from the woods behind the house, and the girl and her grandmother pulled boxes of ornaments from the closet. On Christmas Eve the girl and her grandparents went to church services. After the service grandmother helped her write a note to Santa. On Christmas day grandma fixed a family dinner. Active, capable grandparents.

Rylant, Cynthia (2002).  *The Ticky-Tacky Doll*  
Harcourt Children’s Books (PS-2)   $17.00  
ISBN 9780152010782  
Grandmama made her granddaughter a ticky-tacky doll from sewing scraps and the little girl loved the doll. When the girl started school it made her sad to leave her doll at home. Her grandmother made her a miniature of the doll that fits into her book bag: “Very small and ready to go to school”. A caring and sensitive grandmother and a loving intergenerational relationship. MULTICULTURAL

Rylant, Cynthia (1993).  *Mr. Griggs’s Work*  
Scholastic (PS-1)   $6.95  
ISBN 9780531070376  
Year after year Mr. Griggs has worked at the Post Office. He loves his work and is very upset if he must miss a day. Shows an active older person who is working and a vital part of his community.

Rylant, Cynthia.  *Mr. Putter and Tabby Series*  
In the series Mr. Putter has a cat named Tabby and his friend Mrs. Merriweather has a bulldog named Zeke. Both Mr. Putter and Mrs. Merriweather are active older people. The two of them enjoy each other’s company and do things together.  

Schaap, Martine & deWolf Alex (2001).  *Mop’s Treasure Hunt*  
Gingham Dog Press (PS-1)   $12.95  
ISBN 9781577688914  
Twins Justin and Julie and Mop the sheepdog are going to Granddad’s. Granddad’s place is like a pirate’s den. Granddad shows them treasures from his sailor days and tells them exciting sea stories from his past. Illustrates young and old enjoying each other as well as family history and oral history.

Schlein, Miriam (2004).  *The Story About Me*
Grandma loves to tell stories about the family. She tells her granddaughter about activities that happened before the granddaughter was born, like great-uncle Paul calling from Washington, DC and great-aunt Sally knitting for her. Leads into a discussion of family history and oral history.

Schwartz, Amy (1998). *Oma And Bobo*
Simon & Schuster Children’s (PS-2) $5.99
ISBN 9780689821158
Alice gets a dog "Bobo" for her birthday much to her grandmother's dismay. Alice and Bobo go to dog obedience school. Grandmother starts to like Bobo and surprises Alice when she helps Bobo win a blue ribbon at the dog show. An active grandmother who is loved by her granddaughter.

Schwartz, David (1991). *Supergrandpa*
HarperCollins (1-3) $17.00
ISBN 9780688098988
This book is actually based on the story of 66 year old Gustaf Hakansson of Sweden. Gustaf was told he was too old to compete in a 1,094 mile bicycle race. He entered the race and finished first. A little girl who saw him along the route named him "Supergrandpa". The race shattered aging stereotypes and captured the hearts and adoration of his country. Gustaf became a national hero. There are few children's books that tell a true story about an older person and this one is inspirational. Illustrates an active, capable older person. Helps children to see activities they can do throughout life, "lifespan" activities, such as biking.

Schwartz, Harriet (1996). *When Artie Was Little*
Knopf (2-3) $16.99
ISBN 9780679832362
The story of Artie's life is told now when Artie is now an older man. Artie tells about his best Christmas, the most famous person he ever met, and his best friend. He tells about riding in a biplane, wanting to be a pilot, and becoming one. As the story is told pictures of Artie as an older man appear. A story of growing up and growing older and fulfilling one’s dreams.

Scott, Blackie (1992). *It's Fun At Grandmother's House*
Peachtree Publishers (PS-3) $8.95
ISBN 9780932419013
Contrasts daily events in a young girl's life at her house and at her grandmother's home. Grandmother's house provides a wonderful time for the young girl, and it is obvious that they share a special love. The illustrations are contemporary and not age stereotypic.

Shaw, Eve (2001). *Grandma’s Alphabet: Grandma Can Be Anything From A to Z*
Scholastic (PS-1) $14.95
ISBN 9780439199957
For every letter in the alphabet there is a description of a grandma. Each description is very positive and not age stereotypic. Some interesting portrayals include grandma as an artist, business woman, carpenter, doctor, engineer, judge, innkeeper, rancher, scientist, teacher, yachter, and zoologist. Shows young children the potentials of aging. Diverse cultures represented.

Shields, Carol (2000/2002). *Lucky Pennies and Hot Chocolate*
Penguin (PS) $5.99
ISBN 9780142301906
When grandpa comes for a weekend visit he and his young grandson have lots of fun together. They tell jokes, drink hot chocolate with marshmallows, eat peanut butter, go for walks, read books, do dishes, and take rides in grandpa's convertible with the top down. On a thunder filled night the young grandson finds it comforting to have grandpa, his favorite person, with him. An intergenerational relationship that shows similarities between young and old and young and old enjoying each other. An active grandparent.
Silverman, Erica (1996). *Mrs. Peachtree’s Bicycle*
Simon & Schuster Children’s (PS-3) $15.00
ISBN 9780689804779
Set in the 1800’s. Mrs. Peachtree owns a tea shop and she and her cat Shadow walk to deliver tea and biscuits each day. She decides that she needs to get a bicycle. However, she needs to learn how to ride a bike. After going to the City Riding Academy she masters bike riding. Shows an older person who is working, capable, and learning new things. Shows the children an activity that they may be already involved in, such as biking, that can be a “lifespan activity”.

Slier, Debby (1992). *Me and My Grandpa*
Checkerboard Press (PS) $2.95
ISBN 9781562881825
Pocket-sized, wipe clean books that talk about young children's activities with grandpa and grandma. Delightful pictures. Shows old and young enjoying one another.

Little, Brown and Company (PS-1) $15.99
ISBN 9780316734226
A young African-American boy tells about his grandfather, Pop Pop. He enjoys his time with Pop Pop as they bake and eat a yummy lemon cake. MULTICULTURAL

Smalls, Irene (2005). *My Nana and Me*
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (PS-2) $15.99
ISBN 9780316168212
The story tells of a day full of love and fun between a young granddaughter and her grandmother (Nana). They have a tea party, dress up and put on a show, play hide-and-seek, plait hair, and do bedtime stories. The young girl says that Nana knows everything. Nonstereotypic portrayal of grandmother. An active grandmother. MULTICULTURAL

Spinelli, Eileen (2002). *Wanda’s Monster*
Albert Whitman & Company (PS-2) $15.95
ISBN 9780807586563
Wanda suspects a monster is in her closet. Granny has an interesting approach to Wanda’s monster and helps Wanda deal with her fears. Capable, sensitive, imaginative grandmother.

Stanley, George (2001). *Wedding Cookies*
Tandem Library Books (K-2) $Not Available
Katie Lynn is happy that Grandma is getting married and she will be the flower girl. When the florist doesn’t deliver a wedding bouquet for Grandma, Katie Lynn gets creative and makes a bouquet of wedding cookies. One of the few books where older adults marry.
Steel, Danielle (1989). *Max And The Baby-Sitter*
Delacorte Press (PS-2)  $8.95
Max has a baby-sitter, Jean, when his parents are at work. Jean is an older woman who takes care of a number of young children. She reads to the children and they make puppets of paper-maché and gifts for their parents. Max likes having Jean as a sitter. Jean is shown to be a capable, loving, trustworthy person. This book shows the children an older adult who is working.

Stilz, Carol (1995). *Grandma Buffalo, May, and Me*
Sasquatch Books (2-3)  $14.95
ISBN 9781570610158
Although an older person is not a main character in the story this is a good story about family history. A young girl and her mother go to visit her Montana grandma and create their family history story. A family photo album helps to tell family history.

Stock, Catherine (2001). *Gugu’s House*
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (PS-3)  $16.00
ISBN 9780618003891
The story is set in the grassy plains of Zimbabwe. Kukamba takes the bus from the city to visit her grandmother, Gugu. From the bus they walk the long, dusty path to Gugu’s house. Kukamba has never seen a home as beautiful. She loves the colorful paintings and sculpted animals that Gugu has made. Gugu shares village traditions and shows Kukamba how to sculpt and paint wonderful animals like zebras, leopards, and birds. The rains come and the painting and sculpting turn to mud, but grandmother tells her that the landscape is reborn with the rain. An active, creative grandmother based on a real person. A glossary of Afrikaans terms is included. *MULTICULTURAL*

Sullivan, Sarah (2005). *Root Beer and Banana*
Candlewick (PS-2)  $16.99
ISBN 9780763617486
Molly and her grandfather spend time together and go to Mister Mac’s store. Mister Mac and grandfather are old friends. At the store Molly meets a young girl, Miracle. Miracle does not have enough money to buy an ice pop, but grandfather helps out and both of the girls get an ice pop. Grandfather is active, compassionate and caring. Nonstereotypic illustrations.

Taulbert, Clifton (2003). *Little Cliff’s First Day of School*
Penguin (2-3)  $6.99
ISBN 9780142500828
Little Cliff, is a young African American boy who has lived with his great-grandparents, Poppa Joe and Mama Pearl, all is life. He is apprehensive about his first day at school. His great-grandparents help him to overcome his apprehension and make this day a happy one. Few stories have great-grandparents raising great-grandchildren. These great-grandparents are depicted as capable, sensitive, and caring. *MULTICULTURAL*

Taulbert, Clifton (1999). *Little Cliff and the Porch People*
Penguin (1-3)  $16.99
ISBN 9780803721746
Little Cliff lived with his great-grandparents, Poppa Joe and Mama Pearl. He loved going with Poppa Joe to the city where they would buy things. One day he was sent to buy a pound of Miz Callie’s special butter for Mama Pearl’s candied sweet potatoes. He knew he was supposed to come back as fast as he could, but also knew he must speak respectfully to each neighbor he saw along the way. The neighbors are older friends and family. Few stories have great-grandparents raising great-grandchildren. A heartwarming, intergenerational story with capable, active older people. *MULTICULTURAL*

Tessler, Manya (2008). *Yuki’s Ride Home*
Yuki pedals her bicycle across the bridge from her house to Grandma’s house. There is so much to do at Grandma’s. Grandma has a dog, a cat, and a canary. They do many things including feeding the fish (koi) and seagulls and making origami animals. Grandma makes her Japanese udon noodle soup for dinner. After dinner they sit in the same spot where grandma used to sit with Yuki’s mother. They listen to the night music of the fish splashing in the water and the waves lapping on the shore.  

Thomasie, Tynia (1996).  *Mimi’s Tutu*  
Scholastic (PS-3)   $14.95  
ISBN 9780590440202  
Mimi’s grandmother and aunts make her a traditional African tutu for her mother’s African dance class, and she learns that her own lapa skirt has a special significance. Illustrates intergenerational sharing, culture and family history.  

Thomson, Pat (1987). *Can You Hear Me, Grandad?*  
BDD Books for Young Readers  (PS-3)   $2.50  
When the young granddaughter talks to her grandfather as they visit the zoo, he pretends not to hear well and mixes up her words. A good time is had by all. Shows old and young enjoying each other.  

Tsubakiyama, Margaret (1999).  *Mei-Mei Loves the Morning*  
Tandem Library Books  (PS-3)   $15.30  
ISBN 9780807550397  
The story is set in contemporary China. Mei-Mei is a young girl who loves the morning because she and grandpa do wonderful things together. Mei-Mei uncovers the bird cage, grandpa cooks breakfast and the two of them go on grandpa’s bicycle for a ride in the city. In the city they shop, visit friends and do tai-chi. Shows older people as active and contributing members of their families and communities.  

Farrar Straus Giroux. (1-3)   $15.95  
ISBN 9780670010929  
It’s Mother’s Sunday at church, when the ladies dress up in crisp white suits and gloves and wear beautiful hats. Clara B. loved to sit behind the best hat which always belonged to her Grandma. Clara B. comes to have a hat of her own. According to the author, Mother’s Sunday is a tradition that is practiced in many African American Baptist churches and usually occurs on Communion Sunday when the older women in the church dress up in their finest white suits and most beautiful Sunday hats. Active grandmother.  

Tusa, Tricia (1991).  *Maebelle’s Suitcase*  
Aladdin (K-2)   $18.80  
ISBN 9780689714442  
One of the few books where the main character is a centenarian. One hundred and eight year old Maebelle has a lot of hats and every year she makes a hat for the town’s annual hat contest. With the help of one of her bird friends, Blinkie, she makes an interesting hat for the contest and helps Blinkie in the process. Children will find the story amusing. It illustrates the fact that people are living longer than ever before. Many children today are expected to be centenarians.  

Underwood, Deborah (2010).  *Granny Gomez and Jigsaw*  
Hyperion (PS-2)   $16.99  
ISBN 979078685216  
Granny Gomez lived in a big farm house in the country. She liked her big house because it had lots of room for all of her things including her skis, bass drum, mountain-climbing gear, and her jigsaw puzzles. Granny decides that Granny calls the pig Jigsaw because he helps her with jigsaw puzzles. When the pig gets too big she builds the pig its own barn home.
Weatherford, Carole (1996). *Grandma and Me*
Writers and Readers Publishing (PS) $5.95
ISBN 9780863162527
A young girl describes her grandma and the things they do together. Grandma has a smile as bright as a sunny day, laughs and plays, reads stories, and rocks you to sleep. A loving portrayal of a grandparent and a caring intergenerational relationship.

Wells, Rosemary (2001). *Yoko’s Paper Cranes*
Hyperion Books for Children (PS-1) $15.99
ISBN 9780786807376
Yoko is a young Japanese girl cat. She and her grandmother, Obaasan, fed the cranes in the grandmother's garden pond. Grandmother tells Yoko the story of how the cranes only stay in the garden for a few months each year. Yoko’s grandfather, Ojissan, teaches her how to fold paper cranes. Yoko and her family go to America, but her beloved grandparents stay in Japan. Yoko finds a way to help her grandmother celebrate her birthday by making paper cranes and mailing them to her. Active, capable grandparents and a loving intergenerational relationship.  

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Williams, Barbara (1975). *Kevin’s Grandma*
Puffin Books (PS-3) $9.25/$3.95
Kevin and his friend talk about their two very different grandmothers. Kevin's grandmother likes MAD magazine, rides a Honda, arm wrestles, practices yoga and judo, belongs to mountain-climbing/scuba diving/karate clubs, fixes her own roof, goes skydiving, takes her grandchildren on trips, and makes peanut butter soup. His friend's grandmother gives piano lessons, plays checkers with him, takes him to the ice cream parlor, belongs to bridge/garden/music clubs, keeps interesting scrapbooks, takes her grandchildren on trips, and volunteers her time. Both grandmothers are portrayed as interesting and help to illustrate to children the variety of activities older people can be involved in.

Wilson, Christopher (1980). *A Treasure Hunt*
U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (K-3) Unpriced
USDHEW Publication #80-1403
This book was written as an attempt to overcome the stereotyped view of older people. As two children, Jan and Janet, walk through their neighborhood they meet many older people. The older people in the neighborhood plan a treasure hunt where the children visit their older neighbors. Intergenerational story with older people who are active in their community.

Winch, John (1997). *The Old Woman Who Loved to Read*
Holiday House (PS-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780823412814
An older woman moved from the noisy city to the country where she thought it would be quiet and she could read. She soon finds out that country life is not so peaceful. She has animals to care for, a barn to repair, fields to tend, a sheep to shear, fruit to harvest, and preserves to make. Once all the chores are done she finally has time to read. Shows older people as active and capable.

Winch, John (2000). *Keeping up With Grandma*
Holiday House (PS-3) $16.95
ISBN 9780823415632
Grandma and Grandpa are busy with their hobbies. Grandpa loves to paint and Grandma loves to bake. However, Grandma longs for adventure. She decides to do mountain climbing, sledding, white-water canoeing, diving, ballooning, cave exploring, horseback riding, dancing and dialing. During all these adventures Grandpa is busy “keeping up” with Grandma. Shows older people as active and capable. Illustrates “lifespan activities”, activities people can be involved in as children and throughout life.

Winslow, Audrey (1997). *My Grandma Says*
Strategic (PS-1) $6.95
Wise advice from grandma echo throughout the book. There is a chance for young readers to interact with the text as they are asked questions. The interactive nature is a nice feature and lets children think about their own grandparents and experiences with older people.

Yolen, Jane (2005). *Grandma’s Hurrying Child*
Gulliver Books (1-3)  $16.00
ISBN 9780152018130
Grandma tells Maddy the story of her birth. On the day that Maddy was born Grandma hurried to the hospital to see her. An active grandmother. Loving intergenerational relationship.

Ziefert, Harriet (2011). *Grandma’s Wedding Album*
Blue Apple (PS-2)  $17.99
ISBN 9781609050580
Emily and Michael are up in the attic and find grandmas and Poppy’s wedding clothes. Grandma shows them her wedding album, tells them the story of how she met Poppy, and the story of her wedding. Illustrates family history. Wedding traditions of many different cultures are discussed at the end of the book. Nonstereotypic portrayal of the grandmother.  MULTICULTURAL

Blue Apple Books (PS-2)  $16.99
ISBN 9781934706459
A grandma makes the granddaughter a dress. The next year when the dress is outgrown the grandmother talks to the girl about saving the earth, and how they should use new material only if they have too. The girl decides she likes the shorter dress, grandma makes her a pair of leggings to go with it, and the dress is “recycled”. The next year grandma offers to make a new dress, but the granddaughter likes her old dress and wants to help the environment. Together they “recycle” the dress into a jumper and a new sweater knitted by grandma. The girl calls the dress her “forever dress”. When she does outgrow the dress she “recycles” it by giving it to her cousin to be her forever dress. Active grandmother who shares a good lesson about helping the environment.

Blue Apple Books (PS-1)  $15.95
ISBN 9781593541095
Lulu wants to give her grandma the best present she has ever received. Lulu makes her grandmother a hat decorated with all of grandmother’s favorite things. Grandmother loves the hat. Loving intergenerational relationship portrayed.

Ziefert, Harriet (2006). *That’s What Grandmas Are For*
Blue Apple Books (PS-1)  $12.95
ISBN 9781593540982
A grandmother and her grandchildren take turns talking about all the things they enjoy about each other and things that make their relationship special.

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Blue Apple Books (PS-1)  $15.95
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In this story the author draws on memories of her vacations with her grandfather in the Catskill mountains. The story has a young girl, Emma, who goes to visit her grandpa in the country every summer. Emma loves the big
tree on grandpa’s farm and loves to play under it, climb it and swing from it. When a storm topples the tree Emma asks grandpa to find a way to save part of the tree. Grandpa went to work with his chain saw and turned the fallen tree into a tree house for Emma. Active, capable grandpa. Loving intergenerational relationship.

Ziefert, Harriet (2003). *Lunchtime for a Purple Snake*
Houghton/Lorraine (PS-1) $15.00
ISBN 9780618311330
Jessica’s grandfather is an artist and she loves to visit him in his studio and paint with him. Grandpa teaches Jessica about art. Grandfather is knowledgeable and working as an artist. Loving intergenerational relationship

**SOME FAVORITE OUT-OF-PRINT STORIES (OOPS)**
Over the years many excellent books have gone out-of-print. These books are often available at local libraries or through book vendors. Occasionally, some of the books return to print. The following are some of my personal favorites. A complete listing of OOPS follow this listing.

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**New This Year**

These books can be found on either the books-in-print list or the out-of-print stories list.

The *Rookie Biography* series includes books about people of different cultures, religions, and ethnic groups. Please check the series to find persons of interest.

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