Notable Trade Books

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This issue’s Notable Trade Books section is defined by the theme of diversity. Any of the three will provide the reader with rich work to help our children and young people understand the multicultural world in which we live.

Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella, a 2008 Notable Book, shows how an aged-old tale is not as simple as one might think. It shares many versions of a much loved children’s story and shows the casual reader that stories are not unique to only one culture. The book tells the story from the viewpoint of many lands.

Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation, a 2009 Notable Book, retells for children a story familiar to Americans from many backgrounds. The story tells, in a way that young children can understand, the story of Rosa Parks and her unwillingness to be relegated to the back of the bus. Her heroism, the action of one person, started a boycott that changed life in Montgomery, Alabama, and throughout the country.

The Colors of Us, a 2000 Notable Book, is another story for the young elementary child. It focuses on color and how a young brown-skinned girl learns that there are many shades of brown. While all of us have colored skin, the colors are never quite the same. It is a beautiful lesson of all ages, but especially the very young who often understand quickly the concept that we are all different, but need to also learn the lesson that, in more ways, we are all the same.

The Notable Trade Books Feature of Social Studies Research and Practice is seeking reviewers for future issues. If you have an interest in previewing submissions to this portion of the journal, please send a statement of interest and a copy of your vita to jbutler@westga.edu.

We have also created a guide for those who would like to publish in Social Studies Research and Practice Notable Books. Please review the guidelines for publication in this issue. We feel that developing lesson plans will be easier and reviews of manuscripts will go smoother if these guidelines are followed.

Hope you find them helpful.