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TIMBERDOODLE · SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Read Around the World

Read books set in twenty different countries
this summer – and collect a stamp for every
nation your family visits.

151

DESTINATIONS

3,817

BOOK IDEAS

7

CONTINENTS

\$100

GRAND PRIZE

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Read your way around the world

Do your children know the great diversity of climates, cultures, and heritages experienced all over the world? We're looking forward to reading our way around the globe this summer – and we hope your family will join us.

1

Pick a country, pick a book

Browse more than 3,800 hand-picked titles organized by continent and country. Choose a different book for each nation you visit.

2

Read it together

Biographies, folktales, adventures, missionary stories, or a tour of the country itself – then log the title in your passport.

Finish & earn 200 points

Every family that finishes their list of 20+ books earns 200 reward points – the equivalent of a \$10 Timberdoodle gift certificate.

Grand prize entry

One winner will receive a \$100 Timberdoodle Gift Certificate to spend on the prize of their choice.

More countries, more entries

Every family member who turns in 20+ countries earns a grand-prize entry. Read books representing 40+ countries to receive two entries.

FINISH THIS SUMMER

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Send your completed list to books@timberdoodle.com by Monday, September 7th, 2026 to receive your reward points and be entered to win the grand prize. The winner will be notified Tuesday, September 8th, 2026.

More than 3,800 places to begin

A Timberdoodle-exclusive list

The full *Around the World Reading Challenge* ebook includes more than 3,800 suggested books — biographies, folktales and mythology, tours of countries, missionary stories, and adventures coincidentally set in particular regions around the world.

Many are free to read

A great number of these titles are available in ebook (Kindle) format, so you can take advantage of your library's electronic lending. Many are on Kindle Unlimited and Kindle Kids, and a few are even public-domain titles.

Ages& content

Each title has a recommended age range listed in parentheses. Books from Christian publishers are marked with an asterisk.

A note about our book ideas

Families have very different standards in their reading materials. The titles here are ones our own team has read, added to a "want to read" list, or had recommended to them. Even among our team there is a wide range in what we'd find acceptable, so we've included titles with abandon — knowing you'll be able to decide what fits your family.

This is not a "Timberdoodle would sell these books" list. We can't vouch for every title, and we can't know which are right for your particular family. We're simply offering ideas in case you're drawing a blank for a specific country. As always, we highly recommend previewing the books yourself.

(8-12)

Recommended age range

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From a Christian publisher

Where will you travel?

151 destinations across seven continents – pick any twenty to complete your passport.

Africa

CENTRAL AFRICA

Angola	Chad
Cameroon	Congo
Central African Republic	Gabon

EASTERN AFRICA

Burundi	Rwanda
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	Tanzania
Kenya	Uganda
Madagascar	Zambia
Malawi	Zimbabwe
Mozambique	

NORTHERN AFRICA

Algeria	Morocco
Egypt	Sudan
Libya	

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Botswana	South Africa
Namibia	

WESTERN AFRICA

Benin	Liberia
Burkina Faso	Mali
Cape Verde	Niger
Gambia	Nigeria
Ghana	Senegal
Ivory Coast	Sierra Leone

Asia

EAST ASIA

China	Mongolia
Japan	Taiwan
Korea	

INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Bangladesh	Pakistan
India	Sri Lanka
Nepal	

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan	Lebanon
Armenia	Oman
Bahrain	Palestine
Iran	Saudi Arabia
Iraq	Syria
Israel	Turkey
Jordan	United Arab Emirates
Kuwait	Yemen

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Cambodia	Philippines
Indonesia	Singapore
Laos	Thailand
Malaysia	Vietnam
Myanmar	

Antarctica

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Europe

EASTERN EUROPE

Czech Republic	Romania
Estonia	Russia
Hungary	Slovakia
Lithuania	Ukraine
Poland	

NORTHERN EUROPE

Denmark	Iceland
Finland	Norway
Greenland	Sweden

SOUTHERN EUROPE

Albania	Greece
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Italy
Bulgaria	Portugal
Croatia	Spain

WESTERN EUROPE

Austria	Netherlands
Belgium	Switzerland
France	United Kingdom
Germany	

North America

Canada	Mexico
United States	
CARIBBEAN ISLANDS	
Antigua and Barbuda	Jamaica
Aruba	Puerto Rico
The Bahamas	St. Lucia
Cuba	Trinidad and Tobago
Dominican Republic	Virgin Islands
Haiti	
CENTRAL AMERICA	
Belize	Honduras
Costa Rica	Nicaragua
El Salvador	Panama
Guatemala	

Oceania

AUSTRALASIA	
Australia	New Zealand
MELANESIA	
Fiji	Papua New Guinea
New Caledonia	Solomon Islands
MICRONESIA	
Guam	
POLYNESIA	
Easter Island	Samoa
Moorea	Tonga

South America

Argentina	Ecuador
Bolivia	Guyana
Brazil	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
Colombia	Venezuela

This passport belongs to

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Forty countries — two entries

Reach forty nations and earn a second entry for the grand prize.

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CONTINENT

Africa

39 destinations • 647 book ideas

Central Africa • Eastern Africa • Northern Africa • Southern Africa • Western Africa



CENTRAL AFRICA



Angola

Angola by Bethany Bryan and Sean Sheehan (10+)
Angola by Rob Staeger (8-12)
Country Jumper in Angola by Claudia Dobson-Largie (9-16)
I Am Queen Nzinga by Amina Phelps (8-12)
Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba by Ekiuwa Aire (8-12)
Nzinga by Desree Crooks (8-12)
Nzinga by Patricia McKissack (8-12)



Cameroon

Cameroon by Diane Cook (8-12)
Cameroon by Patricia K. Kummer (10-14)
Cameroon by Sean Sheehan and Josie Elias (10-12)
Country Jumper in Cameroon by Claudia Dobson-Largie (9-16)
I Am Farmer by Baptiste and Miranda Paul (7-11)
Sense Pass King by Katrin Hyman Tchana (4-8)
Snow Flower and the Panther by Fleurie Leclercq (5-7)
Snow Flower and the School Day Adventure by Fleurie Leclercq (5-7)
The Village of Round and Square Houses by Ann Grifalconi (4-8)



Central African Republic

Central African Republic in Pictures by Matt Doeden (10-14)
Country Jumper in Central African Republic by Claudia Dobson-Largie (9-16)
David's Stone by Cecile Ngebanga (8-12)*
The Good News Must Go Out by Rebecca Davis (8-12)*



Chad

Country Jumper in Chad by Claudia Dobson-Largie (9-16)
Chad by Martha Kneib (10-12)
Rain School by James Rumford (4-7)



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Child Soldier by Jessica Dee Humphreys and Michel Chikwanine (8-12)
Cloudburst by Wilbur Smith with Chris Wakling (9-13)
Country Jumper in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Claudia Dobson-Largie (9-16)
Crocodile and Hen by Joan M. Lexau (4-8)
Democratic Republic of the Congo by Jay Heale (10-12)
Democratic Republic of the Congo by Rita Milios (8-12)
Democratic Republic of the Congo by G. Scott Prentzas (9-13)
Democratic Republic of the Congo by Terri Willis (10-14)
Helen Roseveare by Janet and Geoff Benge (10-18)*
Helen Roseveare by Irene Howat (10-14)*
Helen Roseveare by Catherine Mackenzie (4-7)*
Maud Kells by Jean Gibson (10-14)*
Monkey Sunday by Sanna Stanley (5-8)
My New Home After the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Ellen Rodger (9-12)
A Refugee's Journey from the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Ellen Rodger (9-12)
Trekking in the Congo Rainforest by Alex Woolf (8-12)
Welcome to the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Jo Wynaden and Nina Kushner (7-10)
Where is the Congo? by Megan Stine (8-12)



Gabon

Albert Schweitzer by Janet and Geoff Benge (10-18)*
Country Jumper in Gabon by Claudia Dobson-Largie (9-16)





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