

## Books on Homelessness/ Hunger

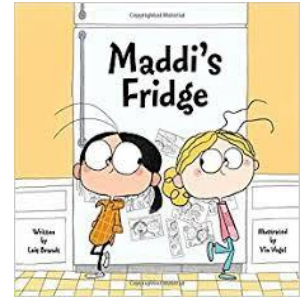
### Fiction:

#### ***Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt, illustrated by Vin Vogel**

Grades 1 - 3

Maddi and Sofia are best friends and neighbors, but Sofia learns that Maddi's family doesn't have enough money to fill her fridge with food.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.loisbrandt.com/curriculum-guide>
  - <https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/assets/pdf/education-outreach/book-of-the-month-maddis-fridge.pdf>



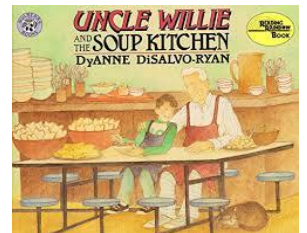
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#### ***Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by DyAnn DiSalvo- Ryan**

Grades Pre K - 3

A boy gains perspective on homelessness in her hometown after working in his local soup kitchen.

- Teacher Resources
  - <http://www.socialstudies.esmartweb.com/HTMLbibs/SPLessonPlansbib.htm>



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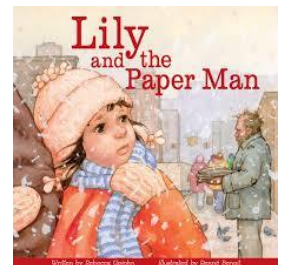
#### ***Lily and the Paper Man* by Rebecca Upjohn**

Grades K - 3

Lily begins to feel empathy for a homeless man when the weather turns cold.

Teacher Resources

<https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/Issues/Poverty/Lily%20and%20the%20Paper%20Man%20by%20Rebecca%20Upjohn.pdf>



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#### ***Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Ronald Himler**

Grades K - 3

A homeless boy and his father live in an airport terminal and find themselves desperately trying to blend in and not be noticed.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewResourceLesson/Preview/60040>
  - <http://www.carolhurst.com/titles/flyawayhome.html>

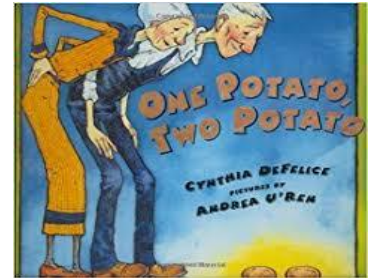


***One Potato, Two Potato* by Cynthia DeFelice, illustrated by Andrea U'Ren**

Grades Pre K - 4

Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady are used to living off one potato a day, until they discover a magic pot that doubles anything they put in it.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=10266>



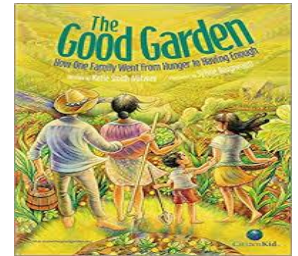
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***The Good Garden: How One Family went from Hunger to Having Enough* by Katie Smith Milway, illustrated by Sylvie Daigneult**

Grades 1 - 8

The story of a struggling family in Honduras.

- Teacher resources:
  - [http://www.citizenkidcentral.com/pdfs/GoodGardenThe\\_2105\\_teaching.pdf](http://www.citizenkidcentral.com/pdfs/GoodGardenThe_2105_teaching.pdf)



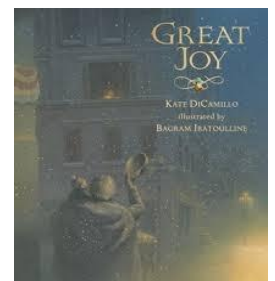
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***Great Joy* by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline**

Grades 1 - 4

The story of a young girl who worries about a homeless man during Christmas time.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=18572>



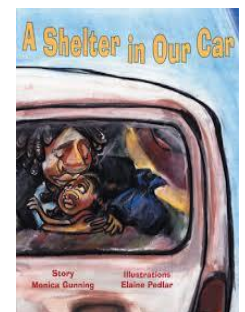
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***A Shelter in our Car* by Monica Gunning, illustrated by Elaine Pedlar**

Grades K - 3

The story of Zettie and her mother who move to the States from Jamaica, and find themselves living in their car.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.leeandlow.com/books/a-shelter-in-our-car>
  - <http://studentservices.dadeschools.net/hap/pdfs/hec/LP1-gr4-5.pdf>



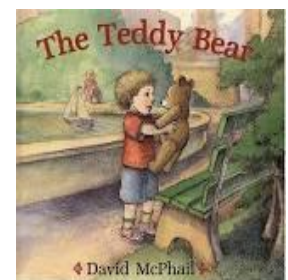
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***The Teddy Bear* by David McPhail**

Grades Pre K - 2

The story of a little boy who loses his teddy bear, which is found by a homeless man. When the boy confronts the homeless man, he realizes how much he has and how fortunate he is.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=54601>

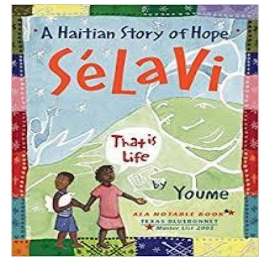


**Selavi, That is Life: A Haitian Story of Hope** by Anne C. Bromely, illustrated by Robert Casilla

Grades K - 4

The story of orphan street children in Haiti.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=6072>

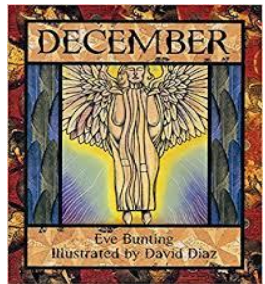


**December, By Eve Bunting, illustrated by David Diaz**

Grades 1 - 5

The story of a boy and his mother who live in a cardboard box and take in an old woman on Christmas Eve.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=1776>

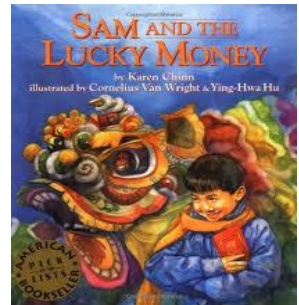


**Sam and the Lucky Money** by Karen Chinn, illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright, and Ying Hwa-Hu

Grades K - 3

Sam decides to give the money he received for the Chinese New Year to a homeless man he sees on the street.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/sam-and-lucky-money-literature-guide>
  - <http://www.warsaw.k12.in.us/document-library/guided-reading-lesson-plans-1/level-I-1/3633-sam-and-the-lucky-money-level-I/file>

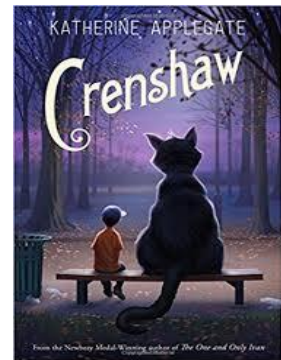


**Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate

Grades 3 - 6

When Jackson's family can no longer pay rent and are forced to live in their minivan, his imaginary friend, a giant cat Crenshaw, comes to help him.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <http://www.theclassroombookshelf.com/2015/10/crenshaw/>
  - <https://images.macmillan.com/folio-assets/teachers-guides/9781250043238TG.pdf>

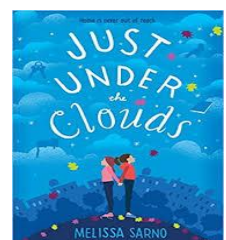


**Just Under the Clouds** by Melissa Sarno

Grades 3 - 8

Cora and her family become homeless after her father's death.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=59861>

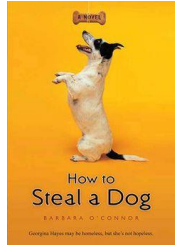


***How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor**

Grades 3 - 6

Georgina Hays and her family were evicted after her father left, and Georgina finds a missing dog with a reward for finding him.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.madriverschools.org/cms/lib03/OH01914812/Centricity/Domain/357/How%20to%20Steal%20a%20Dog%20Questions.pdf>



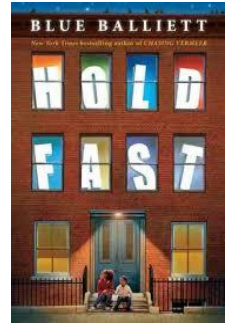
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***Hold Fast* by Blue Balliett**

Grades 3 - 6

When Early's father leaves, she and her family are forced into the shelter system.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/discussion-questions-hold-fast-blue-balliett/>



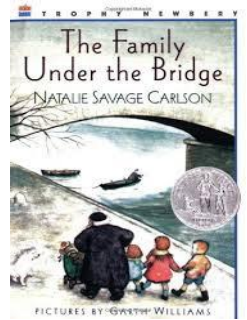
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***Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Savage Carlson, illustrated by Garth Williams**

Grades 1 - 4

Armond, an old Parisian man living on the streets unites with a homeless family living under a bridge.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/family-under-bridge-discussion-guide/>
  - <http://mrswarnerarlington.weebly.com/family-under-the-bridge.html>



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***Paper Things* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson**

Grade 5+

Ari's parents passed away, and when he is given the option of living with a guardian or his nineteen year old brother he chooses his brother. However, his brother has no place to go.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachervision.com/reading-literature/paper-things-discussion-guide>

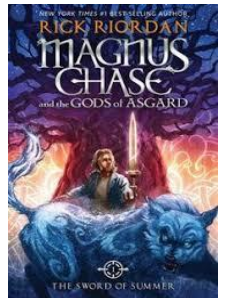


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***Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan**

Grades 2 - 5

A novel that mixes Norsk mythology and the homelessness crisis.



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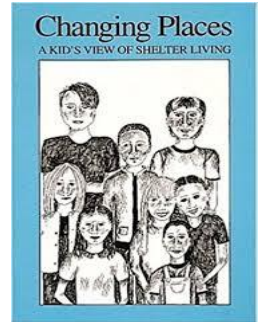
## Nonfiction:

### ***Changing Places: A Kid's View on Shelter Living* by Judy Wallace, Glen Finland, Margie Chalofsky**

Grades 1 - 6

The true accounts of eight children's experiences with homelessness and shelters.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=16410>

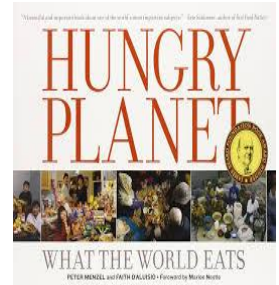


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### ***Hungry Planet: What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel, Faith D'Aluisio, and Marion Nestle**

All ages

A visual account of what meals look like around the world.



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### ***Lives Turned Upside Down: Homeless Children in their own Words and Photographs* by Jim Hubbard**

Grades 3 - 6

Children talk about their own experiences with homelessness and in shelters.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf-book-lists/picture-books-hunger-poverty-homelessness>
  - <https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2017/06/homelessness-in-childrens-books/>

