

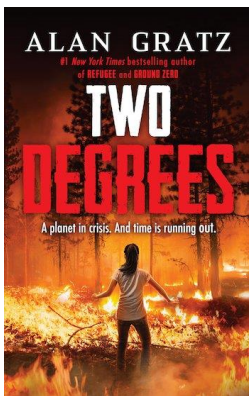
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# Geography Reading List

## Fictional Books for Primary Schools

Thanks to the School Library Service for sharing their recommendations for books this term. Do find other resources to support reading in geography on the Open Geography Moodle.

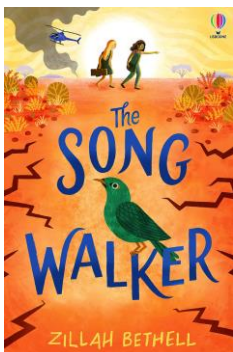
### Two degrees



Alan Gatz (2022) Scholastic Press.

This novel is aimed at upper KS2 pupils 10+ and wholly focused on climate change. Bringing characters together from three fictional events: a forest fire in Sierra Nevada amongst the giant sequoias, a polar bear attack on two boys in Alaska and a Category 5 hurricane hitting Miami the author draws all his characters together to deliver speeches at an international climate conference.

### The Song Walker



Zillah Bethell (2023) Usborne Publishing.

The most recent book by the author details a story set in the extreme Australian Outback. A girl awakens in the middle of a desert she has no idea who or where she is. With only a locked briefcase and one shoe the girl has to survive the cold desert nights and blistering hot days as she tries to find her way to a settlement. She quickly meets Tarni a first Australian and the book details their struggles to survive as they hunt for water, food and shelter.

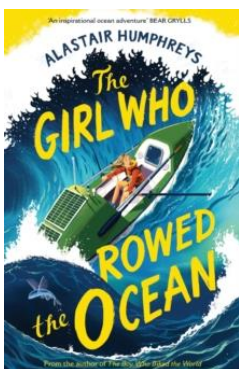
### The Shark Caller



Zillah Bethell (2021) Usborne Publishing.

This book won the childrens travel book of the year in 2022 and was a Sunday Times best seller. Set in a rural village in Papua New Guinea the book begins with a beautiful map of the village. The lead character Blue Wing wants to become a shark caller but is told she cannot as she is a girl and is made to befriend Maple the daughter of a newcomer. The landscape, climate, mountains, oceans and wildlife simply come alive in the book helped by the facts that the author is from Papua New Guinea. The book also details the girls growing appreciation of different lifestyles and cultures.

### The Girl Who Rowed the Ocean



Alistair Humphreys (2022) Lightning Books.

This book is the most recent novel by the author who write the three-book series 'The Boy Who Biked the World'. The central character Lucy wants to explore the world and take part in exciting adventures, so she decides to row the Atlantic Ocean – over 3000 miles – to the Caribbean. The book includes pieces of homework about the ocean as her classmates track her journey and learn all about the marine environment and the threats to it like plastic pollution and would support science as well as geography due to the detailed coverage of marine ecosystems and environmental issues.

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