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Update to the July 2006 Booklist

Picture books for young children featuring different ways to celebrate the United States.

America the Beautiful by Katherine Lee Bates, illus. by Robert Sabuda. (2004) Ages 4-8
Paper engineer Sabuda illustrates the first verse of the song with pop-up scenes of the Golden Gate Bridge, Mount Rushmore, and the National Capitol, among other American symbols.

Angelina's Island by Jeanette Winter. (2007) Ages 4-8
Angelina dreams of the foods, colors, and warmth she left behind in Jamaica, until she joins the parade for West India Day in Brooklyn and learns to feel at home in New York, too.

The Best Picnic Ever by Clare Jarrett. (2005) Ages 3-7
Jack and his mother are at the park for a picnic when he wishes for a playmate. He is joined by a succession of animals, who turn the picnic into a true celebration of imagination and play.

The Biggest Parade by Elizabeth Winthrop, illus. by Mark Ulriksen. (2006) Ages 3-7
Harvey has been asked to organize a giant parade for the 250th anniversary of Bonesport. His dog Fred hates parades, but he's a good sport and helps make the costumes and hand out flags.

Celebrate Independence Day with Parades, Picnics, and Fireworks by Deborah Heligman. (2007) Ages 3-7 —from the "Holidays Around the World" series
Large print gives the basics of the holiday (parades, fireworks), while smaller print introduces readers who are ready for it to more information, and even some controversy, around the holiday.

Looking for Uncle Louie on the Fourth of July by Kathy Whitehead, illus. by Pablo Torrecilla. (2005) Ages 4-8
On the 4th of July in South Texas, a *conjunto* band plays and Uncle Louie drives a lowrider.

Phoebe's Parade by Claudia Mills, illus. by Carolyn Ewing. (1994) Ages 4-8
Phoebe's brothers tease her for being so excited to be a Peewee Majorette in the Fourth of July parade, but they are there to stick up for her when it matters most.

The Star-Spangled Banner illus. by Peter Spier. (1973) Ages 4 and up
All three verses of the national anthem are illustrated by a mix of historic scenes and the sites that commemorate them. Spier also depicts American science, industry, and diversity of faiths.

Uncle Chente's Picnic by Diane Gonzales Bertrand, illus. by Pauline Rodriguez Howard. (2001) Ages 4-8
The Cárdenas family happily awaits a visit from Uncle Chente on the Fourth. A thunderstorm spoils their plan for a picnic of *Tejano* food, but they enjoy family storytelling instead.