Monthly Booklist

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Picture books for young children featuring Francophone cultures.

Crepes by Suzette by Monica Wellington. (2004) Ages 4-8
This story follows Suzette as she sells crepes from her cart all around Paris, France. The pictures are actual photographs of Paris with drawings inspired by real works of art. The glossary contains a French-English dictionary, a list of artwork referenced, and a recipe for crepes. The inside cover has a map of where Suzette travels.

Feliciana Feydra Leroux: A Cajun Tall Tale by Tynia Thomassie. Pictures by Cat Bowman Smith. (2005) Ages 4-8
When young Feliciana isn't allowed to go croc hunting, she takes matters into her own hands. A close encounter with a croc ensures her place as one of the croc hunters.

Have You Seen Josephine? by Stephanie Poulin. (1986) Ages 4-8
A boy in a working-class Montreal neighborhood follows his cat to find out where she goes every weekend: through the neighborhood, and finally to a special party.

Marven of the Great North Woods by Kathryn Lasky. Pictures by Kevin Hawkes. (1997) Ages 9-12
A boy who is sent to Minnesota to escape the flu of 1918 learns French so that he can speak with the lumberjacks. There is a short biographical note at the end.

McDuff Goes to School by Rosemary Wells. Pictures by Susan Jeffers. (2001) Ages 2-4
McDuff and the French-speaking neighbor's dog go to obedience school, but McDuff's owners forget to practice with him. He starts to practice with the neighbor and by graduation can't do any of the commands unless they are spoken in French. The book ends with a French-English glossary.

A Spree in Paree by Catherine Stock. (2004) Ages 2-4
In this book reminiscent of *Click, Clack Moo,* Monsieur Monmouton takes his farm animals on a trip to Paris, where they get to see all the sights and explore the city.

The Sugaring-Off Party by Jonathan London. Pictures by Gilles Pelletier. (1995) Ages 4-8
In illustrations reminiscent of *Grandma Moses*, or *Goodnight Moon*, a child listens to the memories of his *Grand-mere* about her childhood experiences during maple sugaring times. Contains a French-English glossary.

This is Paris by Miroslav Sasek. (2004) Ages 4-8
Reissue of a 1959 book, which explores the sites, people and other unique experiences of Paris. Provides some history of the various sites and a few French words.

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