

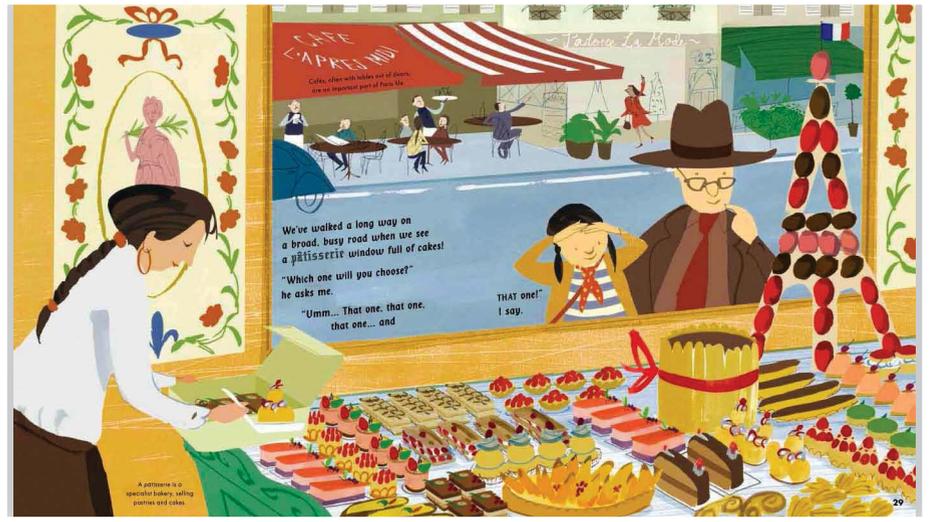
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RECOMMENDING THE BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

By Gerry P. Smith

THE GIFT OF GRANDPARENTS

The unique relationships between children and their grandparents add an extra-generational dimension that kids benefit from in uncountable ways. Drawing on their extra decades of life experience, grandparents share stories, activities and journeys that richly expand their grandchildren's knowledge and understanding of the world. They share the gift of history, tradition and life lessons that come with the authority of their years. The following titles celebrate the warmth, wisdom and wonder that is revealed when kids and grandparents enjoy their own special together time!



A Walk in Paris

By Salvatore Rubbino
(Candlewick)

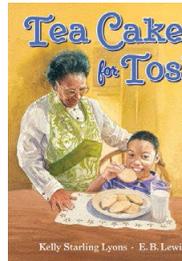


A young girl's walk through Paris with her grandpa

reveals the City of Lights in a whole new way as he shares the backstories and hidden history behind the city's famous sites. As they pass each landmark, her grandpa shares local history and traditions that have evolved over time. Their walk through the pages also features small historical trivia sidebars to accompany her grandpa's narration. Illustrating the living history that our elders add to our landscape, *A Walk in Paris* is a colorful journey shared between a grandparent and grandchild that bring history to life for both.

Tea Cakes for Tosh

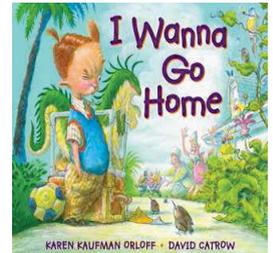
By Kelly Starling Lyons and E. B. Lewis
(G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin)



When Grandma Honey prepares her special tea cakes for her grandson Tosh, she also shares stories of how the sweet treat played a role in the lives of their enslaved ancestors long ago. Her tea cake tales carry Tosh to another place in time, sharing a history stretching back before his own memories. But over time, Grandma Honey starts to forget things. She can't remember where she parked her car. Her sister's once familiar phone number is forgotten. But when it's time for tea cakes, Tosh uses her own shared stories to bring Grandma Honey's memories back to life with a sweetness that will charm young readers again and again.

I Wanna Go Home

By Karen Kaufman Orloff,
Illustrated by David Catrow
(G.P. Putnam's Sons / Penguin)



When his parents take a trip to Bora Bora, Alex and his siblings are sent off to spend a week with their grandparents at their retirement community. Visions of the dull time ahead loom large for Alex, who immediately begins to lament the anticipated boredom through a series of letters to his parents. What develops in epistolary fashion is the discovery that Alex's grandparents are full of surprises and fun adventures. His letters evolve from pleas for rescue to missives of adventure that have him begging to stay an extra week with his (definitely not boring) grandparents. Catrow's illustrations benefit from hilarious visual perspectives that emphasize each new level of awesome the grandparents reveal. *I Wanna Go Home* is a laugh-out-loud primer for kids anticipating a long visit with the 'grands'!