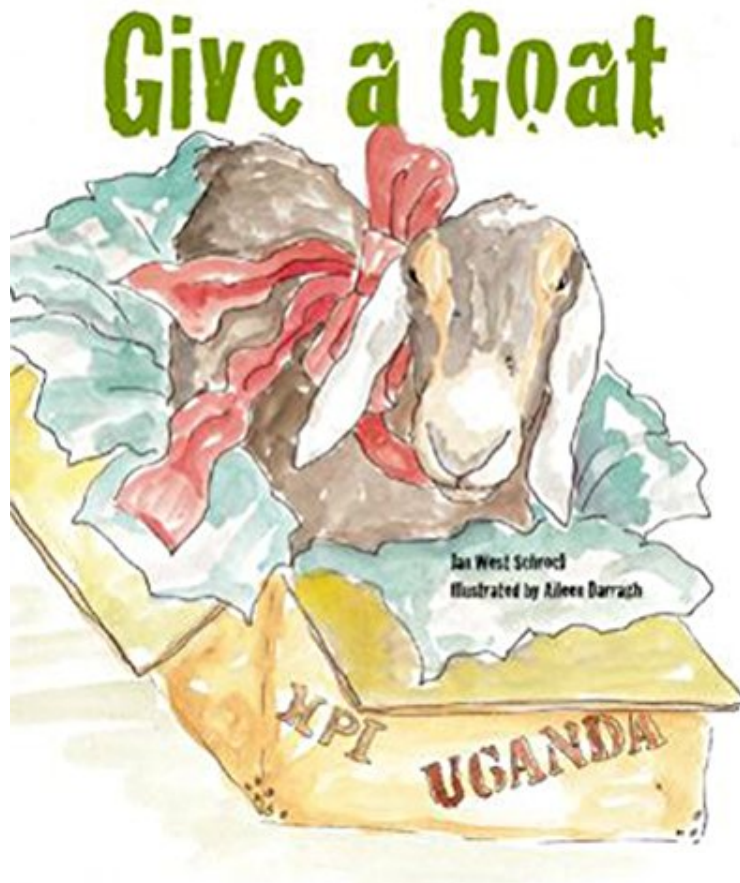


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*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People National Council for the Social Studies/Children's Book Council**Honor Book Society of School Librarians International*How can reading a picture book in one country make a difference to a family in need living thousands of miles away? And what does a goat have to do with it, anyway? When Mrs. Rowell's class is inspired by a rainy-day book to reach out with helping hands, wonderful things

happen. Not the least of these wonderful things is a combined, enthusiastic effort by the entire class to reach a common goal. In this true story readers will discover even the smallest good-will efforts are rewarded with positive results. Humorous illustrations show the philanthropic process from inspiration through brainstorming to getting down to work, collecting funds and celebrating success. Give a Goat is a template for adults and children who want to work together to experience the satisfaction of giving to others and making a difference in the world. This book may inspire you, too. Making a change for the better is as easy as giving a goat! Children / Character Education / Philanthropy

From School Library Journal Grade 15 After their teacher reads them Page McBrier's *Beatrice's Goat* (S S, 2001), a book about an impoverished Ugandan girl and how her life is improved by a special gift, a fifth-grade class is determined to collaborate on a fundraising project for the charitable organization that donated the animal. Schrock, daughter of the founder of Heifer International, uses an unnamed student as her narrator to describe the kids' efforts to raise money by selling healthy snacks. Readers will quickly identify with the classroom setting and dynamics and appreciate the author's direct approach in outlining the events. The original spark of inspiration, the planning process, the endeavor's success, the mathematics of running a business, and background information on Heifer International are seamlessly integrated into the text. Darragh's pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations match the upbeat tone of the narrative, support the facts being shared, and provide touches of humor. Though Schrock focuses on raising funds for a specific organization, the story ends with other classes reaching out to the local food pantry and the Red Cross. The message of community service is what children will ultimately remember and hopefully be inspired to emulate: "I think everyone learned that giving and passing on the gift feels really good." A first choice. Maura Bresnahan, High Plain Elementary School, Andover, MA Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Page McBrier's *Beatrice's Goat* (2001) introduced the work of Heifer International in a picture-book story about a girl whose family is changed by the gift of a goat. Illustrated in whimsical ink-and-watercolor artwork, this message-driven title by the daughter of the organization's founder shows kids how to get involved in Heifer's mission. After a teacher reads *Beatrice's Goat* to her fifth-grade class, her students work together to buy a goat for a needy family through Heifer's program. With an initial loan from their teacher, they prepare and sell healthy snacks, eventually earning more than enough to buy the animal, educating their school about Heifer's work in the process. The story, which includes interesting details of project management, is a clear advertisement for both Heifer and the rewards of community service. Still, teachers seeking portrayals of kids cooperating to make a difference, both in their communities and beyond, will find this book a welcome resource. Grades 1-3. --Gillian Engberg The message of community service is what children will ultimately remember and hopefully be inspired to emulate: "I think everyone learned that giving and passing on the gift feels really good." A first choice for schools and public libraries. - School Library Journal Teachers seeking portrayals of kids cooperating to make a difference, both in their communities and beyond, will find this book a welcome resource. - Booklist The humorous watercolor illustrations complement the text in providing a model for other class projects. These two books, *One Hen* and *Give a Goat*, are recommended as the basis for a class project and further study of African children in Ghana and Uganda as well as one type of philanthropy. For several years, this reviewer also has "given a goat" to a family in Africa. - Multicultural Jan Schrock's book about a class project will empower young readers to improve the world, and hopefully make them lifelong givers. - Pegi Deitz Shea, children's book author At Heifer International, we have seen that when people work together, seemingly small efforts can have big results. Whether it is in a remote village, a busy urban neighborhood, or in a vibrant school classroom, powerful changes occur when a community works toward a common goal. *Give a Goat* encourages children (and adults) to look for ways to make a better world and inspires compassion, generosity and cooperation. The impact made by the lively students in the story will be multiplied again and again as other children follow their example and join them in changing the world. - Jen Girtten, Ed.D., Manager of School Programs, Heifer International *Give A Goat* not only emphasizes the importance of giving, but also displays how each one of us can truly make a difference. Working together to help others in need gives kids a sense of empowerment. This book shows it can be fun too! - Kendall Ciesemier, 14, founder of Kids Caring 4 Kids