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## Setting

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### K-2

Barton, Chris. *Shark Vs. Train*. New York: Little Brown and Company, 2010. ISBN 978-0-316-00762-7. Through the play of two young boys, a toy shark and a toy train face off in a variety of contests, the results of which are dependent upon the setting of the match-up in relation to the characteristics of each contestant.

Tepper, Yona. *Passing By*. Tulsa, OK : Kane Miller, 2010. ISBN 978-1-935279-36-5. A young girl looks off the balcony to see many passers-by in her neighborhood, including animals, vehicles, and best of all, her father coming home.

### 3-4

Peet, Mal and Elspeth Graham. *Cloud Tea Monkeys*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2010. ISBN 978-0-7636-4453-6. Tashi's mother becomes too ill to pick tea at the plantation, and when Tashi tries to help, she is told she is too small. A group of monkeys that Tashi has befriended goes up to the cloudy peak of the mountain and picks tea for her that ends up being a favorite of the Royal Tea Taster, who pays her generously for the tea.

Wiviott, Meg. *Benno and the Night of Broken Glass*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben Publishing, 2010. ISBN 978-0-8225-9929-6. Benno the cat is an observer in a peaceful pre-holocaust Berlin neighborhood that is transformed when acts of hatred turn neighbor against neighbor.

### 5-6

Park, Linda Sue. *A Long Walk to Water*. New York: Clarion Books, 2010. ISBN 978-0-547-25127-1. Salva was 11 years old when the Sudanese civil war reached his village in 1985, and he had to flee for his life. Separated from his family, he walks with people from many villages seeking refuge in Ethiopia and Kenya. Nya is a young girl in Sudan in 2008. Her life and Salva's become intertwined in this tale of both tragedy and hope. Based on a true story of one of the Lost Boys of Sudan.

Stanley, Diane. *Saving Sky*. New York: HarperCollins, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-06-123905-2. Sky's family lives on a ranch in New Mexico. With no internet or television, her family is largely sheltered from the news of the terrorist attacks that occur frequently in the United States. But when Sky witnesses first-hand the injustice that her government and the American people are carrying out through acts of racial discrimination, she and her family decide to intervene and protect her classmate.