

Children's Books on Food Security/Scarcity

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Do you have a favorite children's book that touches on the topic of food security/scarcity you care to share? Hilltown Families is collaborating with The Food Bank of Western MA on compiling a list of kids books that have to do with fighting hunger, soup kitchens, food banks, etc. for their [Youth Action Hunger program](#).



- Cara Letendre recommends: [Tight Times](#). Written by Barbara Shook Hazen. Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman.
- Sarah Battenwieser recommends: [A Chair for My Mother](#). Written and illustrated by Vera B. Williams.
- Katryna Nields recommends: [Meet Kit \(American Girls Collection: Kit 1934\)](#). Written by Valerie Trip. Illustrated by Walter Rane. - "The Kit series from American Girl is about a girl living through the depression. It shows lots of economic insecurity. I cannot remember if it specifically deals with food scarcity. This is a chapter book series not a picture book. But I think it does a great job of teaching about the Great Depression."
- Melissa Carta Miller recommends: [Out of the Dust](#). Written by Karen Hesse.
- Gillian Goodwin recommends: [The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough](#). Written by Katie Smith Milway. Illustrated by Sylvie Daigneault.
- Allegra Goodman recommends: [The Mighty Miss Malone](#). Written by Christopher Paul Curtis.
- Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn recommends: [December](#). Written by Eve Bunting. Illustrated by David Diaz.
- Carlen Arnett recommends: [Lu and the Swamp Ghost](#). Written by James Carville & Patricia McKissack. Illustrated by David Catrow. - "A story about a friendship between a hungry runaway boy and a girl with a family. Beautiful, funny, consoling with really enthralling moments."
- Amy Meltzer recommends: [Gettin' Through Thursday](#). Written by Melrose Cooper. Illustrated by Nineka Bennett.
- Melissa Wells Flynn & Ron Quinlingotta recommend: [Stone Soup](#). Written/illustrated by many different authors/illustrators.
- Katryna Nields recommends: [Stone Soup](#). Illustrated by Jon J. Muth.
- Mary Tessier Curro recommends: [Stone Soup](#). - "We read different versions of [Stone Soup](#), and then make stone soup as part of our kindergarten curriculum in Holyoke, MA."
- David Frazier recommends: [How Do You Feed a Hungry Giant?: A Munch-and-Sip Pop-Up Book](#). Written by Caitlin Friedman. Illustrated by Shawn Nielsen.
- John L. Grossman recommends: [Mama Panya's Pancakes](#). Written by Mary & Richard Chamberlin. Illustrated by Julia Cairns.
- Sienna Wildfield recommends: [Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen](#). By Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan. & [A Kids' Guide to Hunger & Homelessness: How to Take Action!](#) Written by Cathryn Berger Kaye.

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