

## BOOKS ABOUT TRAVEL

**The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman** by Darcy Pattison, illustrated by Joe Cepeda  
Since Uncle Ray can't visit his niece Tameka in California in person, he builds a life-sized man out of wood, Oliver K. Woodman, and sends him across the country in his place.

**Round Trip** by Ann Jonas

Striking black & white illustrations tell the story of a family's road trip into the big city for a day. Turn the book upside down to see the story of their return trip.

**Antonio on the Other Side of the World, Getting Smaller** by Malachy Doyle

Antonio travels to the other side of the world to visit his grandmother. But after a little while of staying with her he realizes something very strange...he's shrinking. The book follows Antonio's journey back home, but will he make it back home before he's too small to see?

## BOOKS ABOUT LETTERS AND POSTCARDS

**A Letter to Amy** by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter, Keats' most famous character, is faced with many obstacles when he tries to send a letter to his friend Amy inviting her to his birthday party. Did she get his letter? Will she come?

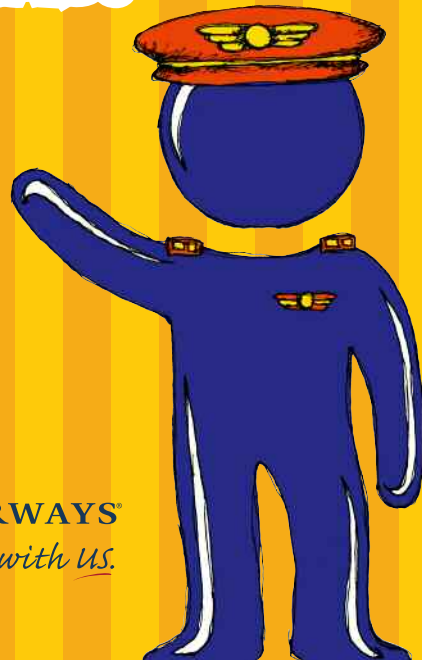
**Toot and Puddle** by Holly Hobbie

Toot and Puddle are two very different pigs. While Toot plans to take a trip around the world, Puddle finds he would much rather stay at home. Even though Toot is off on his trip they stay in touch through Toot's monthly postcards which tell Puddle all about his trip.

**Dear Mr. Blueberry** by Simon James

During summer vacation Emily makes the shocking discovery that a whale is living in the pond in her backyard. Since there is no school she writes letters to her teacher, Mr. Blueberry, to ask him about whales and what she should do about the one in her backyard.

# PASSPORT TO Literacy TRAVELING & LETTERS & POSTCARDS



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# Postcard & STAMP FUN



**Write postcards with your child during your family trips. Talking about stamps and postcards is a fun way to introduce young children to the idea of geography, travel and communication.**

**Here are a few ideas to get a discussion started:**

- Show your child the address on the postcard and explain that this is the way mail gets to the right person. Talk about all of the different designs that are on stamps and explain that each letter has its own stamp. Talk about the date and location that is printed over each stamp.
- Let your child draw or write their own postcard using a blank index card. Your child can design the front of the card, or your child can draw in the message section of the postcard.
- Make sure your child is involved in the aspects of sending the postcard. Address the postcard together, and allow your child to place the stamp in the proper place. Take a visit to the post office together. Talk about all of the different things at the post office including people who work there, their jobs, the scale machines, the different drop slots and mailboxes. There are lots of things at the post office for your child to discover.
- Begin a collection. Collect postcards, stamps, old stationery, etc. and place them in an album. Send a postcard to your home when you travel and encourage family and friends to send postcards to your child. Consider finding a pen pal. Write to convention centers seeking information on particular cities or states. Construct a map of your neighborhood to help your child begin to understand geography. Design a stamp that uniquely represents your family.