



The Kokoda Track Foundation

Are you about to walk the Kokoda Track and wondering how you can give back? One way is to support the local schools along the Track with educational resources that are useful and relevant for the PNG education system.

GIFTS

A frequently asked question is what would be appropriate to take to children living along the Kokoda Track as a gift. It can be difficult to send gifts because of the remote locations of some of the villages and expensive to post (if indeed there is a postal service due to the remote location of many villages in the catchment area). The Kokoda Track Foundation recommends trekkers bring gifts with an educational focus for children living along the Track. The Foundation's view is that education is of the highest priority for the Track communities and giving simple and small gifts such as books and stationary items is appropriate and will go a long way to helping the schools and communities.

The Kokoda Track Foundation supports all of the schools along the Kokoda Track with educational resources every year – however it is never enough! Often schools run out of stationary items before the end of the schooling year and they are always short on library books and textbooks. With trekkers help we can provide the schools with more resources that will make the teacher's jobs easier and provide a more interesting and complete learning space for the students.

SCHOOLS

In PNG, there are three levels of schooling – Elementary School goes from Preparatory (equivalent to Kindergarten) to Grade 2; Primary School goes from Grade 3 to Grade 8; and High School goes from Grade 9 to Grade 12. The following chart details the level of schooling available in villages along the Kokoda Track.

Elementary (Prep - Grade 2)	Community/Primary (Grade 3 - 8)	Secondary (Grade 9 - 12)
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EDUCATIONAL GIFT GUIDE

The table below outlines some information about the type of educational resources that might be appropriate for the various grade levels and schools along the Kokoda Track. Please use this as a guide to inform your decisions about what books or educational gifts to bring.

PNG Elementary

AUS equivalent:
Kindergarten to
Infants (age 5-7)

- Books with 1-2 words per page with large pictures
- Repetitive text with lots of pictures & few sentences
- Pencil case with basic stationery (pencil, sharpener, eraser, ruler, colour pencils)
- Poems, folk tales, nursery rhymes
- Backpack

PNG Primary School Grade 3-8

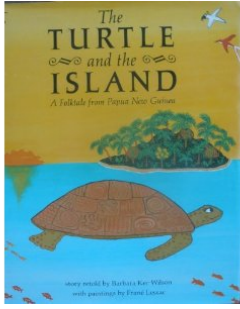
AUS equivalent:
Grade 1 -6 (Age 6-11)

- Lower Primary - books with few lines of text with pictures on each page
- Pencil case with basic stationery
- Backpack
- Picture Dictionary
- Upper Primary - chapter books

PNG High School Grade 9-10

AUS equivalent:
Grade 7-10 (Age 12-16)

- Oxford dictionary
- Non-fiction books
- Complex chapter books
- Pencil case with basic stationery and technical equipment e.g. maths equipment
- Solar powered calculator
- Backpack

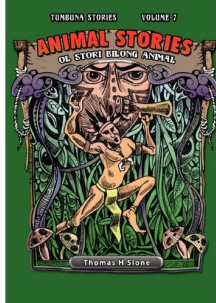


Example Books for Ages 5 - 9:

Simple chapter books with pictures, folk tales, poems and pictures. Some examples of books suitable for age 5 and up:

The Turtle and the Island: a Folktale from Papua New Guinea by Barbara Ker Wilson & Frane Lessac 1990

Retells the legend of how New Guinea was made by the great sea turtle, the mother of all sea turtles. (Details 25cm x 20cm, 420g)



Animal Stories/Stori Bilong ol Animal

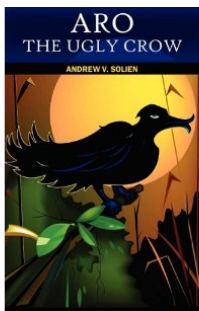
Tumbuna Stories of Papua New Guinea Vol 7

Thomas H Slone

Peter Leo Ella

Collection of folktales from PNG originally published in Wantok Newspaper in 1972. These folktales have been translated into English and are published here with the original Tok Pisin stories.

(Details Paperback 20cm x 12cm, 210g 148p)

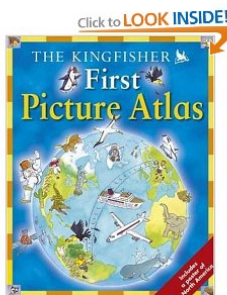


Aro the Ugly Crow

University of PNG 2010

Colour illustrated children's tale of Aro the Crow from PNG is told in both English & Tok Pisin

(Details 12cm x 20cm, 60g 36p)



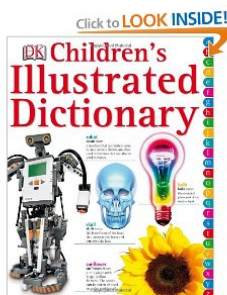
Examples of useful reference books for age 5-8 may include picture atlas and illustrated dictionaries.

The Kingfisher First Picture Atlas

Eds & Anthony Lewis 2005

Contains bright, clear maps for young students.

(Details 20cm x 22cm, 630g)



DK Children's Illustrated Dictionary

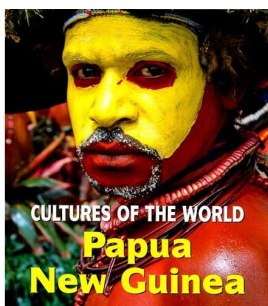
2009

Brings words and images together for young readers to improve their vocabulary & reading skills.

(Details 28cm x 20cm, 1.180kg)

Books for Ages 9 and up:

Chapter books, textbooks (PNG curriculum), non-fiction books, Dictionary, Thesaurus.

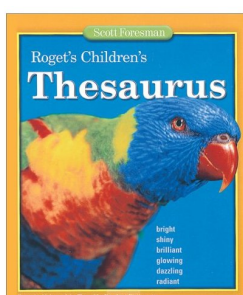


Cultures of the World Papua New Guinea

Ingrid Gascoigne 2009

Discusses the geography, history, economy, government, varied culture and peoples of the country.

(Details 23cm x 20cm, 600g)



Roget's Children's Thesaurus

Helps students make the best word choice for their writing using synonyms and example sentences.

(Details 23cm x 18cm, 550g)

On-Line Reviews

Most on-line booksellers will have categories of books suitable for different ages. The following links are quite useful:

<http://www.amazon.com>

Amazon is an on-line bookstore where you can search, purchase and obtain delivery of books suitable for different ages.

<http://www.papertigers.org>

This website is about books for young readers with a focus on the Pacific Rim

<http://www.aussiereviews.com/> Reviews some Australian children and young adult fiction books.

<http://www.australed.iinet.net>

(Division of Gleebooks) This website has a selection of fiction and nonfiction books with reviews and has recommended ages. The books are available for purchase.

<http://www.cba.org.au>

The Children's Book Council of Australia has annotated lists of books selected from submissions for the final judging for the Book of the Year Awards.

On-Line Book Stores

The following are online booksellers with sections on children's books:

<http://www.booktopia.com.au>

<http://www.gleebooks.com.au>

<http://www.dymocks.com.au>

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