



Finland

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Introducing Finland: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5y7yRsKYxU>

Finland is the Happiest Country in the World:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOvE39u2GEU>

Welcome to Finland-A Nature Documentary:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=LVTyxmk6-08

The Best of Helsinki: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3w51XmlqOY>

Feel the Finnish Lapland: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H1ihNcd3dE>

Experience the Sami Culture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8p7V4pFNI4>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8p7V4pFNI4>

Sami Folkdance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCBsvg-LbLw>

Finnish Folkdance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ebDrtYAbWc>

Christmas in Finland: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFBwitLIFqY>

Reindeer of Santa Claus in Lapland: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_E9TBPeDI0

Finnish Paper Star for Christmas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtGuYg3U3IE>

Learn about Birch Bark Craft: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkWxEr57Exk>

History and Tradition of Sauna in Finish Culture:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbHKGKrpcnI>

Taste Finland: The Most Popular Finnish foods:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkWxEr57Exk>

Websites:

Finland: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finland>

Country Reports-Finland Facts and Culture:
<http://www.countryreports.org/country/Finland.htm>

The Sami People: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%A1mi_people

Religion in Finland: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religion_in_Finland

History of Finnish Design: <https://www.discoveringfinland.com/about-finland/finnish-design-information/history-of-finnish-design/>

Architecture of Finland: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architecture_of_Finland

Finnish Fairytales: <https://fairytales.com/region/finnish/>

The Kalevala Epic Poetry: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalevala>

Finnish National Dress: <https://fi.pinterest.com/karvinen/finnish-national-costumes/>

Finland, Sports and Fitness <https://finland.fi/life-society/finland-the-frontrunner-in-sports-and-fitness/>

Lesson Plans

Bring Finnish Style Teaching to your Classroom: <http://neatoday.org/2017/04/18/teach-like-finland/>

Lessons from Finland: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/2017/lessons-from-finland/>

Finland Teacher Resources: <https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/finland/>

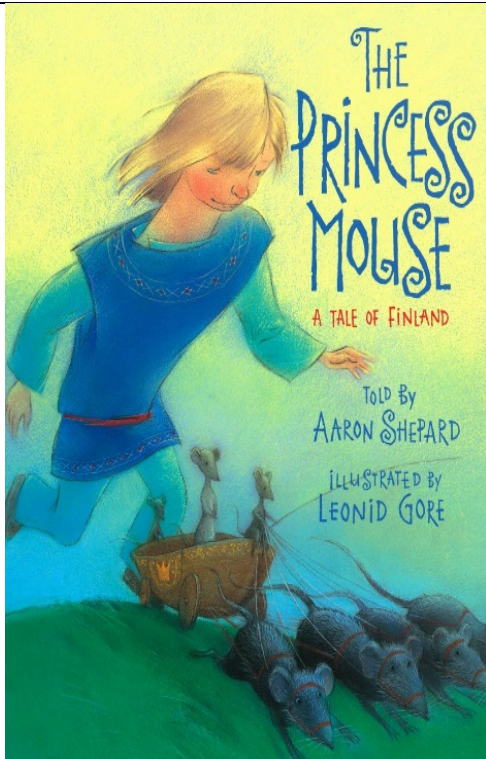
Learn About Finland: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/finland>

Finland Facts for Kids: <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/finland-facts.html>

Finland Song, Learn Geography Facts the Musical Way:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCEo0vinR_U

Dingo Lingo Finnish for Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJDEQpEfa1I>

Children's Books:



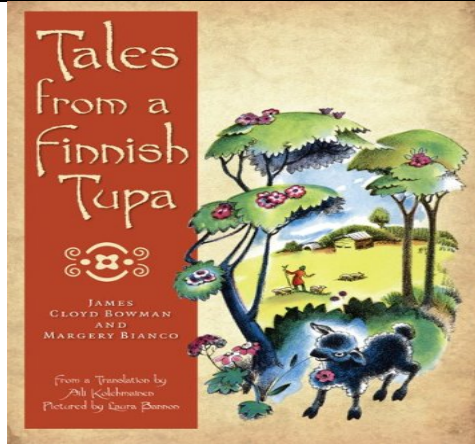
Title: The Princess Mouse: A Tale of Finland
Author: Aaron Shepard
Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3
Paperback: 40 pages
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers
(November 20, 2008)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 1416989692

Summary: In Mikko's family, young men find their sweethearts by cutting down a tree and following where it points. As his father says, "That's how we've done it, and that's how we always will." Though Mikko's brother makes his tree fall how he wants, Mikko's tree seems to have ideas of its own. So, what is Mikko to do when it sends him into the forest and all he finds there is a mouse? And what if the mouse offers gladly to be his sweetheart, and even passes the test that is set by Mikko's father?



Title: Finland-Enchantment of the World
Author: Geri Clark
Age Range: 10 and up
Grade Level: 5 and up
Lexile Measure: 980L ([What's this?](#))
Series: Enchantment of the World, Second
Library Binding: 144 pages
Publisher: Scholastic (September 1, 2008)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0531120988

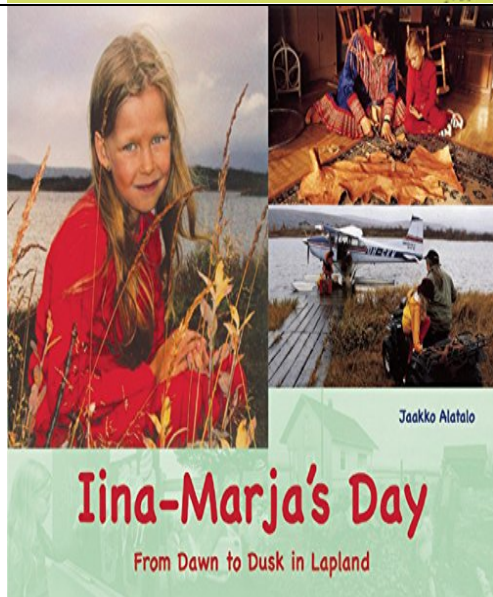
Summary: Presents the geography, climate, wildlife, history, culture, economy, government, and people of Finland.



Title: Tales from a Finnish Tupa
Author: James Cloyd Bowman
Paperback: 288 pages
Publisher: Univ. of Minnesota Press (October 2, 2009)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0816667683
Summary: This book presents tales of magic like "The Mouse Bride" and "Antti and the Wizard's Prophecy," droll stories such as "The Pig-Headed Wife," and fables from the collections of Eero Salmelainen and Iivo Härkönen, sharing Finnish wisdom on topics from the end of the world to how the Rabbit earned his self-respect.



Title: This is Finland
Author: Aino Havukainen and Sami Toivonen
Paperback: 48 Pages
Publisher: Otava Publishing Company 2007
Language: English
Summary: This is a children's book written and illustrated by Aino Havukainen and Sami Toivonen (2007). It was awarded the 2007 Finlandia Prize for Children's Literature. The artwork is pure genius—it captures contemporary Finnishness like few things I've seen. Even visiting Finland probably won't give you nearly as intimate a look into what is important to Finns both in terms of where they've come from historically and what modern life is about. And it's hilarious.



Title: Iina-Marja's Day: From Dawn to Dusk in Lapland
Author: Jaakko Alatalo
Age Range: 5 - 8 years
Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3
Series: A Child's Day
Paperback: 32 pages
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Bks (March 1, 2011)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 1845079930
Summary: This book introduces Iina Marja, who lives in a village in Lapland. Iina-Marja's day begins with morning lessons. Then she and her mother board the seaplane and fly over the water to Raittijärvi, their second home in the Arctic wilderness. At Raittijärvi, Iina-Marja helps make dinner, goes fishing on the lake and, at the end of the day, chats to her father by the fire in the goahti (tent).