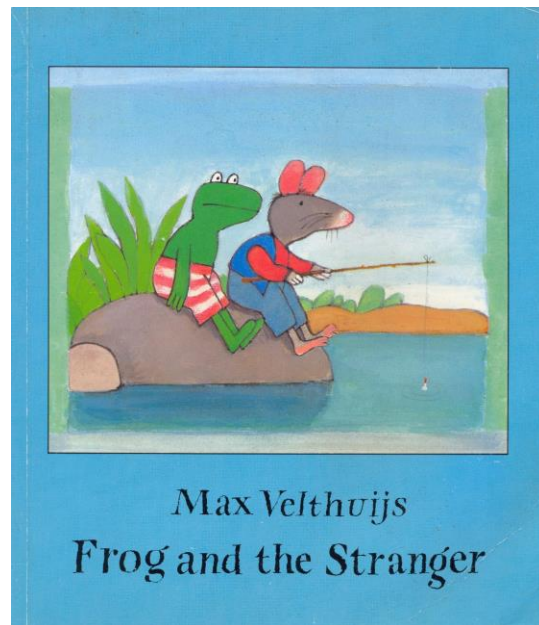


**Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuijs**  
**ISBN 0 86264 625 1**



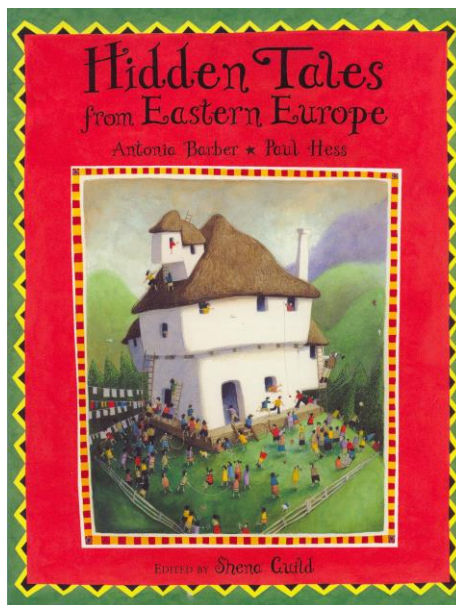
**Assembly notes**

The book deals with prejudice and the fear of the outsider. Without this being overtly aimed at issues regarding Gypsies, Travellers and Roma people, it can be read and then pointed out that June is GRT History month, and these are one group of people that often have a difficult time with other peoples views and opinions.

The book has all the ingredients of a great story about prejudice and inclusion. Rooster is prejudiced against 'people who are different' and badgers in particular. Frog meets a badger, and finds out that he has lots of useful skills to offer and tells a good story into the bargain. Badger lives in a tent, cooks over an open fire and is very practical. He teaches the animals how to mend buckets and saves Rooster from a fire, but suddenly leaves, just when everyone wants to have him as a friend.

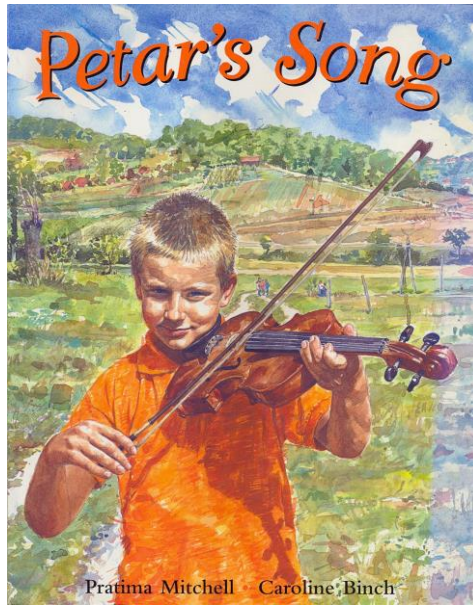
**Other stories with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller explicit and implicit themes that could be used successfully during GRT History Month are:**

- 1. Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe Antonia Barber & Paul Hess Frances Lincoln ISBN 0-7112-2118-9**



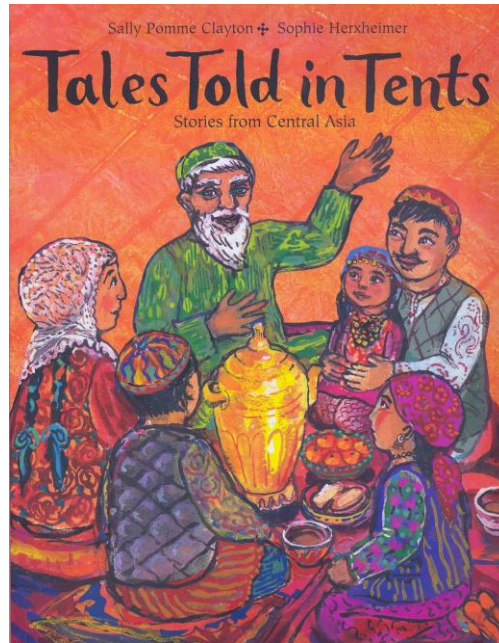
A collection of 7 little known Eastern European Folk Tales from Russia, Slovenia, Poland, Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia and Romania.

- 2. Petar's Song Pratima Mitchell and Caroline Binch Frances Lincoln ISBN 0-7112-2078-6**



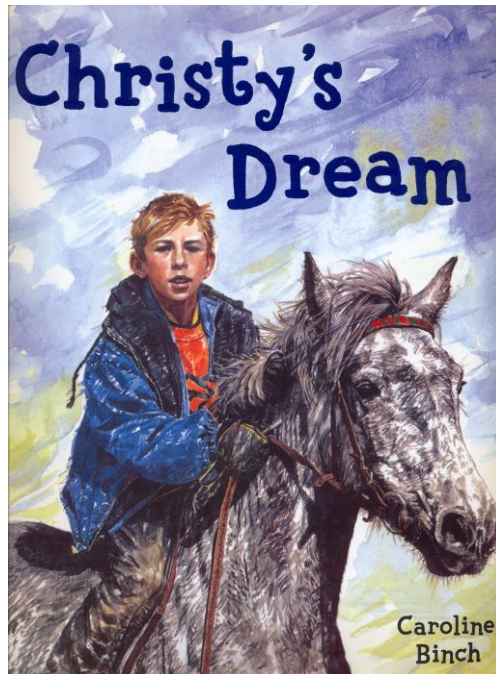
This story of the impact of war and the pain caused by family separation is powerfully illustrated by Caroline Binch. The story is set in the Balkans, and has a family that could be identified with, by Roma children.

**3. Tales Told in Tents (Stories from Central Asia) Sally Pomme Clayton and Sophie Herxheimer ISBN 1-84507-278-2**



12 stories from Central Asia that were traditionally told by nomadic peoples from Central Asia.

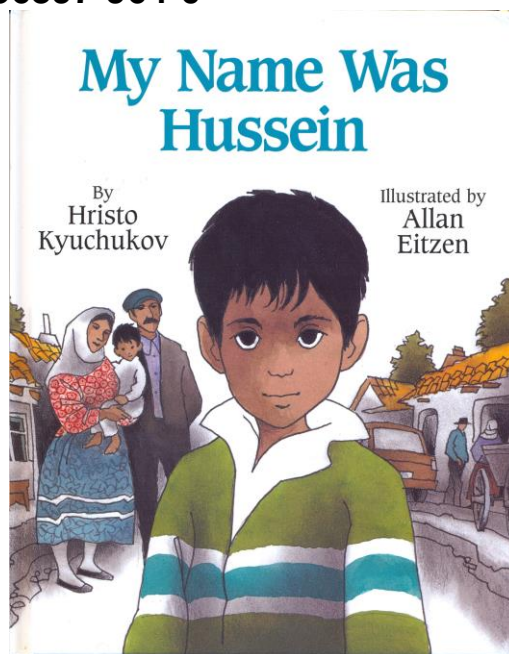
#### **4. Christie's Dream Caroline Binch Frances Lincoln**



A story about a family in Dublin, and Christie, who buys a horse at a fair, and then has to deal with the moral dilemmas it causes. Irish Traveller children will recognise the themes here.

**5. My name was Hussein Hristo Kyuchukov and Allan Eitzen**

**ISBN 1-56397-964-0**

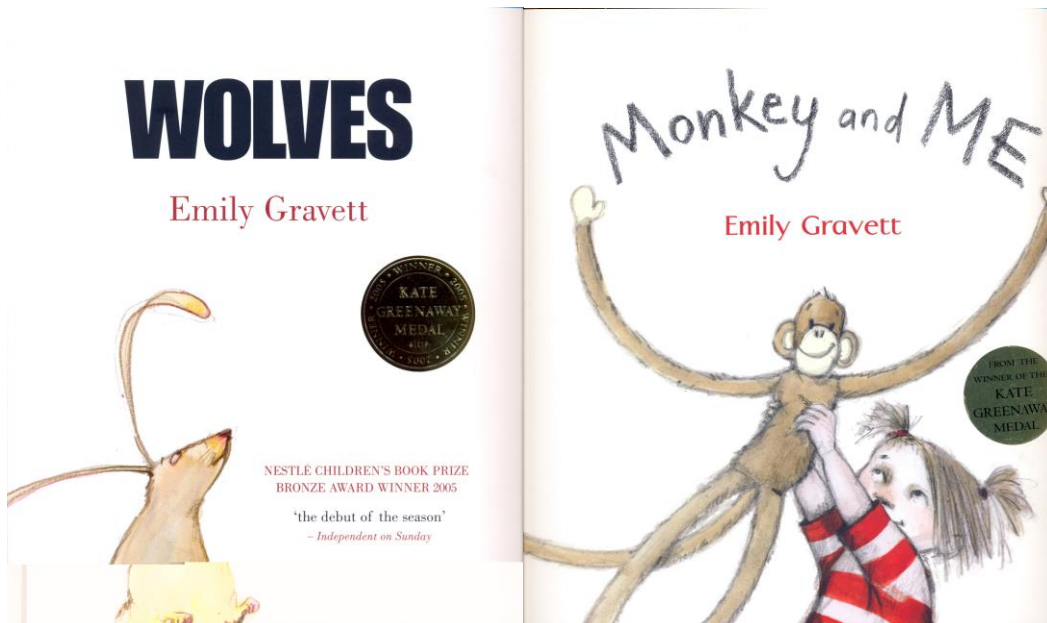
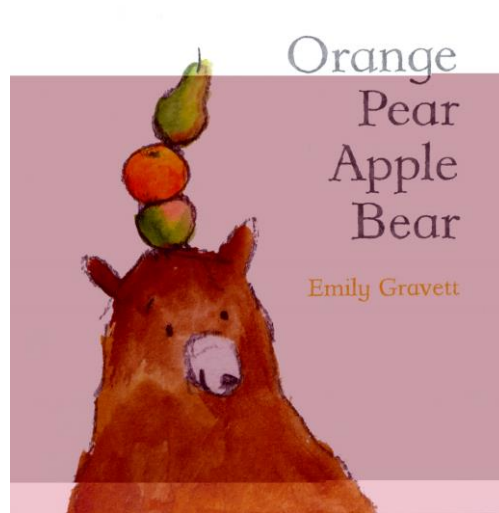




Young Hussein lives with his Roma family in a small village in Bulgaria. A story of racial and religious prejudice that is powerful and poignant.

6. **Orange Pear Apple Bear, Wolves and Monkey and Me**, all by **New Age Traveller, Emily Gravett Macmillan**

<http://www.emilygravett.com/>



6. **The Miraculous Tale of the Two Maries** Rosemary Wells

and Petra Mathers, published by Viking ISBN: 0-670-05960-9

The story of the two Maries around which the annual Gypsy Roma pilgrimage to Saintes Maries de la Mer is based on.

**7. Trubloff, John Burningham, published by Red Fox ISBN-13: 978-0099414285**

Trubloff the mouse lives with his family in the village inn, but dreams of becoming the most famous balalaika player in the whole country. One night, he runs away with a band of Gypsies who promise to teach him to play. His family are really worried, but Trubloff's gift for music saves the day.

