

# Slothee Wants Coffee

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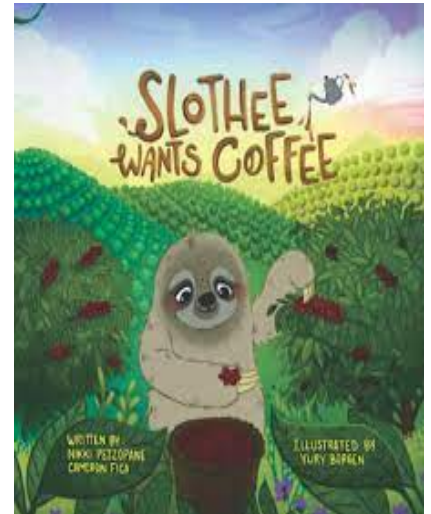
**Illustrator:** Yury Borgen

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**Themes:** Slothee decides to travel the world in search of the best cup of coffee. He tries a cup of coffee in every location, and learns about each country/community's culture along the way. This book highlights facts and traditions of multiple global communities, and also teaches that although we may all do something different, a delicious steaming cup of coffee can still be the result. Slothee learns exactly how coffee beans are grown and how coffee is made in each cultural setting he visits. Slothee goes to Costa Rica, Colombia, Ethiopia, Brazil, Indonesia, and Hawaii.

**Review:** I loved reading Slothee Wants Coffee and I believe it lends itself well as an aid to incorporating Global Music into the classroom. Each country represented in this book could become the subject of a Global Music unit, and all of these units combined could be turned into an excellent program containing solely Global Music or a combination of Western/Euro-centric music with Global pieces representing the cultures in this book. I appreciate the descriptions and depictions of other cultures, however I highly recommend going a little more in depth with each culture after reading the book to avoid any tokenism of the handful of facts that were cherry-picked for it.. I view Slothee Wants Coffee as a spectacular jumping off point or gateway to other cultures, but not the sole destination for comprehensive knowledge.

Additionally, this theme could be turned into something fun for programs and informances such as brewing pots of coffee with beans from each destination in the book and allowing audience members to have a cup of coffee at the program if they wish, or simply decorating with/placing coffee beans in the program space and making it smell like coffee.