If you are interested in reading more about West African culture and drumming, here are a few recommendations...

One Shadow on the Wall
By Leah Henderson
Age range: Grades 5 - 8
An orphaned boy in present-day Senegal must decide between doing what is right and what is easy to honor a promise made to his father.

Ikenna Goes to Nigeria
By Ifeoma Onyefulu
Age range: Grades K - 3
Ikenna and his family travel to Nigeria to visit with their relatives, where they swim, play, eat and attend the Osun Festival.

One Plastic Bag
By Miranda Paul
Age range: Grades K - 3
In this true story, Isatou Ceesay finds a way to recycle plastic bags and transform her community in Gambia.

In the Time of the Drums
By Kim L. Siegelson
Age range: Grades 2 - 5
Mentu watches his beloved grandmother, Twi, lead a rebellion of the Ibo people as they arrive from Africa on a slave ship.

Chicken in the Kitchen
By Nnedi Okorafor
Age range: Grades K - 2
Awakened by strange sounds, Anyaugo discovers a giant chicken in her kitchen and has to muster the courage to remove it before the chicken destroys her family’s preparations for the New Yam Festival.

Drums and Percussion Instruments
By Anita Ganeri
Age range: Grades 3 - 7
A cultural survey of drums and percussive instruments, showing the joy of their sound, as well as information on performers and songs.