

CHILDREN'S CORE COLLECTION

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PREFACE

Children's Core Collection is a selective list of books recommended for children from preschool through grade six, together with professional aids for children's librarians and library media specialists. This 2012 Supplement is intended for use with the Twentieth Edition of the Collection and contains entries for over 600 titles.

The items in this collection are considered appropriate for school and public libraries that provide materials for young children, though some titles overlap in their reading level with *Middle and Junior High Core Collection*. The full range of reading suitability for each title is spelled out by grade level indicators included in the bibliographic citation.

In the Directions for Use, users can find information about this supplement's arrangement and content. For a fuller introduction to the Collection, please see the prefatory pages of the Twentieth Edition.

EBSCO Publishing is indebted to the publishers who generously supplied copies of their books as well as information about editions and prices. We are also grateful to the librarians of our advisory committee, who gave so generously of their time and expertise in advising the editors in their selection process.

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

PART 1. CLASSIFIED COLLECTION

This supplement lists nonfiction books first. These books are classified by the Dewey Decimal Classification. Fiction books (Fic) and short story collections (S C) follow the nonfiction section. These sections are arranged alphabetically.

Books are listed under main entry, usually the author, and also include information about publisher, ISBN, price, and grade level; subject headings based on the *Sears List of Subject Headings*; a descriptive abstract; and excerpts from reviews. Within this section, Core Collection Stars are indicated by a star (★). Core Collection Stars are the most highly recommended titles and together form a short list that can serve as a guide to the librarian with a limited budget or one who needs a small number of books in a given area. For supplemental titles, please consult the online database.

PART 2. AUTHOR, TITLE, AND SUBJECT INDEX

This index to books in the Classified Collection of this supplement includes author, title, subject, and analytical entries; added entries for publishers' series, for joint authors, for illustrators, and for editors; and name and subject cross references, all arranged in one alphabetical listing. The number or symbol in boldface type at the end of each entry refers to the Dewey Decimal Classification section or identifies it as a Fiction or Story Collection title. Works classified in biography (92) will be found under the headings for the biographies' subjects.

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

More detailed instructions on the use of this supplement can be found in the Twentieth Edition of *Children's Core Collection*.

STANDARDS USED

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd ed., 2002 revision, 2005 update. Chicago: American Library Association, 2005.

Dewey, Melvil. *Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index*. 15th ed. Edited by Joan S. Mitchell, et al. Dublin, Ohio: OCLC, 2012.

McCarthy, Susan and Joseph Miller, eds. *Sears List of Subject Headings*. 20th ed. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 2010.

CHILDREN'S CORE COLLECTION

2012 SUPPLEMENT

CLASSIFIED COLLECTION

000 COMPUTER SCIENCE, KNOWLEDGE & SYSTEMS

001.4 Research; statistical methods

Randolph, Ryan P.

New research techniques; getting the most out of search engine tools. [by] Ryan Randolph. Rosen Central 2011 48p il lib bdg \$27.95; pa \$11.75

Grades: 5 6 7 8

001.4

1. Internet resources 2. Internet searching 3. Web search engines

ISBN 978-1-4488-1321-6 lib bdg; 1-4488-1321-2 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-2292-8 pa; 1-4488-2292-0 pa

LC 2010016912

Explains new research techniques and tools that are available for online searching. Among the topics covered are browser tools and search engine toolbars, browser add-ons, Web mashups, e-mail and text alerts, RSS feeds and readers, Boolean operators, and refining research results.

"Color illustrations, large fonts, clearly defined sub-headings, and easy to read content encourage access to copious information. . . . Teachers and librarians should find this . . . to be a highly versatile teaching tool." Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

001.9 Controversial knowledge

Allman, Toney

Are extraterrestrials a threat to mankind? ReferencePoint Press 2011 il \$27.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

001.9

1. Extraterrestrial beings

ISBN 978-1-60152-170-5; 1-60152-170-7

LC 2010046621

This "captures the subject's inherent allure, while maintaining a serious . . . tone. Kids . . . will . . . learn about the compounds necessary for life and their availability on other planets, the microbial threat of extraterrestrial life, and communication with other life forms. The solid text also includes theories about what (and who) might be out there. . . . The book's computer-generated illustrations . . . take advantage of its subject with a couple of images of scary ETs. . . . [This is a] well-sourced volume." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

Halls, Kelly Milner

In search of Sasquatch; an exercise in zoological evidence. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 47p il map \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

001.9

1. Animals 2. Sasquatch

ISBN 978-0-547-25761-7; 0-547-25761-9

LC 2011005785

"This book does a fair job of presenting the evidence for Sasquatch through stories of people who have dedicated their lives to finding the cryptid. Evidence for its existence might leave many kids unconvinced, but they will likely be entertained anyway. Black-and-white and muted color illustrations and photos of people, lush forests, clues, and Sasquatch itself are scattered throughout." SLJ

006.7 Multimedia systems

Mills, J. Elizabeth

Creating content; maximizing wikis, widgets, blogs, and more. Rosen Central 2011 48p il lib bdg \$27.95; pa \$11.75

Grades: Adult Professional

006.7

1. Internet -- Safety measures 2. Internet and teenagers 3. User generated content 4. Web 2.0

ISBN 978-1-4488-1322-3 lib bdg; 1-4488-1322-0 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-2293-5 pa; 1-4488-2293-9 pa

LC 2010026860

Describes the ways that users may generate Internet content, including blogs, Wikipedia, social networks, and sites for posting photographs and videos, and discusses Internet dangers and such activities to avoid as copyright violations.

"Color illustrations, large fonts, clearly defined sub-headings, and easy to read content encourage access to copious information. . . . Teachers and librarians should find this . . . to be a highly versatile teaching tool." Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

011.6 General bibliographies and catalogs of works for young people and people with disabilities; for specific types of libraries

Reid, Rob

Reid's read-alouds 2; modern day classics from C.S. Lewis to Lemony Snicket. American Library Association 2011 160p \$45

Grades: Adult Professional

011.6

1. Books and reading 2. Children's literature 3.

Children's literature -- Bibliography 4. Young adult literature 5. Young adult literature -- Bibliography
ISBN 0-8389-1072-6; 978-0-8389-1072-6

LC 2010028985

"The very successful first edition of Reid's Read-Alouds (ALA, 2009) profiled children's and young adult books published between the years 2000 and 2008. This companion volume showcases 200 strong titles that were published from 1950 to 1999. Reid offers a variety of genres and age levels, and a good balance between male and female protagonists. . . . The focus is on books that are great to read to groups of young people. Each entry includes a brief plot summary, suggested grade level, and Reid's signature '10 Minute Selections,' which are engaging episodes from the books that can be read in one sitting. These alone make the book a valuable resource." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

025.5 Services for users

Intner, Carol F.

Homework help from the library; in person and online. American Library Association 2011 202p il pa \$47

Grades: Adult Professional **025.5**

1. Homework 2. Libraries and students 3. Library resources

ISBN 978-0-8389-1046-7; 0-8389-1046-7

LC 2010042096

"Building on the concept that information services and education converge with homework help, the author sketches in the history of youth services and current learning theories. She offers practical suggestions for needs assessment and determining a guiding philosophy. Speaking to the public librarian, Intner outlines the points to consider in designing a homework help program and training staff. Possible workshop topics include an overview of student needs and available resources, creating a comfortable and inviting space, considering the needs of different ages, understanding youth culture, and responding to various learning styles. . . . Youth librarians will want this comprehensive and practical guide within easy reach." Voice Youth Advocates

Includes bibliographical references

027.62 Libraries for specific age groups

De las Casas, Dianne

Tell along tales! playing with participation stories; illustrated by Soleil Lisette. Libraries Unlimited 2011 125p il pa \$30

Grades: Adult Professional **027.62**

1. Children's libraries 2. Storytelling

ISBN 978-1-59884-635-5; 1-59884-635-3

LC 2011000335

"In five chapters chock-full of storyteller tips and ideas, de las Casas explains various types of participation models from call-and-response to directed role-playing and covers how to direct questions to the group. She offers valuable clues for warming up an audience and for settling boisterous children back down. . . . The main body of the book

contains the author's choices of suitable stories from around the world with suggested age levels and pointers for leaders. . . . Both novice and veteran storytellers will benefit from the myriad suggestions offered here." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

LibrarySparks: library lessons. Upstart Bks. 2011 200p \$17.95

Grades: Adult Professional **027.62**

1. Bibliographic instruction 2. Books and reading 3. Children's libraries

ISBN 978-1-60213-052-4; 1-60213-052-3

"Compiled from the first six volumes of the magazine LibrarySparks, this book contains 24 lessons by librarians and educators attuned to the interests, needs, and learning styles of youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade. . . . Students are challenged to access information in a variety of formats. This fine collection will provide rich and rewarding lessons all year long." SLJ

027.8 School libraries

Harada, Violet H.

Assessing for learning; librarians and teachers as partners. [by] Violet H. Harada and Joan M. Yoshina. 2nd ed.; Libraries Unlimited 2010 242p il pa \$45

Grades: Adult Professional **027.8**

1. Instructional materials centers 2. School libraries

ISBN 978-1-59884-470-2; 1-59884-470-9

"Using assessment tools familiar to the classroom teacher, the authors show how to use them in the library setting. Starting with the challenges that face 21st century schools, the rationale for schools as learning organizations is laid out. The tools for assessment are the main points of this title and include checklists, rubrics, rating scales, conferences, logs, personal correspondence, exit passes, graphic organizers, and student portfolios. . . . The tools for better instruction and assessment of learning need to be used by all educators, and this title provides examples and models for all librarians." Libr Media Connect

Includes bibliographical references

028.5 Reading and use of other information media by young people

Saccardi, Marianne

Books that teach kids to write. [by] Marianne C. Saccardi. Libraries Unlimited 2011 150p pa \$30; e-book \$30

Grades: Adult Professional **028.5**

1. Books and reading 2. Children's literature 3. Creative writing 4. Literature -- Study and teaching
ISBN 978-1-59884-451-1 pa; 978-1-59884-452-8 e-book

LC 2011001866

"Divided into sections such as 'Making Stories Unique,' 'Creating Memorable Characters,' and 'Putting Passion and Voice into Nonfiction Writing,' this book gives countless recommendations for teaching various skills. Saccardi offers

short, annotated summaries of mentor texts and describes how they can be used to model good writing techniques. . . . After reading this resource, educators will have a long wish list of materials to purchase.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

031.02 Books of miscellaneous facts

Shields, Amy

Little kids first big book of why. National Geographic 2011 127p \$14.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **031.02**

1. Curiosities and wonders 2. Science
ISBN 978-1-4263-0793-5; 1-4263-0793-4

“Young readers will find clear answers to a variety of basic science, nature, technology, and human body questions in this random but potentially useful volume. . . . Crisp photographs illustrate the information, including brief explanations behind everything from curly hair to blue skies to purring cats to why planes fly.” Horn Book Guide

100 PHILOSOPHY

133.1 Apparitions

Hawes, Jason

Ghost hunt 2; more chilling tales of the unknown. by Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson; with Cameron Dokey. Little Brown & Co. 2011 297p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **133.1**

1. Ghosts
ISBN 978-0-316-09958-5; 0-316-09958-9

“From ghostly spirits roaming Alcatraz to glowing red eyes in the woods, The Atlantic Paranormal Society (aka the popular reality television series Ghost Hunters) is back with a compilation of even more chilling and terrifying tales. Selections include a restless spirit terrorizing a house-sitting victim through her dreams, ghosts reappearing in the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, AZ, and a saddened ghost revisiting a lighthouse where her family was eradicated long ago.” SLJ

133.4 Demonology and witchcraft

Hirschmann, Kris

Demons. ReferencePoint Press 2011 80p il \$26.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **133.4**

1. Demonology
ISBN 978-1-60152-147-7; 1-60152-147-2

LC 2010029905

“Beginning with an introduction that explains the origins of the devilish creatures, the book discusses demon-like entities throughout cultures and religions. . . . The book’s visuals, which include contemporary photos of ceremonies and artists’ rendering of demons, can be quite startling. Excellent

sidebars . . . cover topics such as the number of exorcists in the Catholic Church.” Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

152.14 Visual perception

Spotty, stripy, swirly; what are patterns? [written and photographed by Jane Brocket] Millbrook Press 2012 31 p. Jane brocket’s clever concepts \$25.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **152.14**

1. Pattern perception -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780761346135

LC 2011022179

This illustrated children’s book, a part of Jane Brocket’s Clever Concepts Series, “examines patterns from almost every conceivable angle. There are patterns determined sometimes by shape, sometimes by color, sometimes by object. They run the gamut from simple to quite complex. There are man-made patterns such as brickwork or quilts, and patterns that occur in nature, such as geranium leaves.” (School Libr J) “[Brocket’s] up-close photos show a wide array of objects with their own distinctive patterns, from fabrics and architectural elements to food and plants. . . . [S]he delves into the reasons for patterns. They help us identify plants, stay organized, decorate and plan, but, most of all, they are pleasing to the eye.” (Kirkus)

152.4 Emotions

Graves, Sue

But why can’t I? written by Sue Graves; illustrated by Desideria Guicciardini. Free Spirit Pub. 2011 25p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **152.4**

1. Conduct of life 2. Etiquette
ISBN 1-57542-376-6; 978-1-57542-376-0

LC 2011001563

This book joins Noah and his babysitter, Jenny, who shows him how rules help keep people safe, healthy, and happy.

“Short sentences and [a] simple [plotline] create [an] excellent [lead-in] to talking about making good decisions what faced with new and difficult emotions. . . . The color cartoon illustrations help make the concepts easy to grasp. . . . Discussion questions are included in the back matter.” SLJ

I’m not happy. written by Sue Graves; illustrated by Desideria Guicciardini. Free Spirit Pub. 2011 25p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **152.4**

1. Happiness 2. Kindness
ISBN 1-57542-373-1; 978-1-57542-373-9

LC 2011001565

Ben helps cheer up his friends and shows how kids can turn sadness into smiles.

“Short sentences and [a] simple [plotline] create [an] excellent [lead-in] to talking about making good decisions when faced with new and difficult emotions. . . . The color

cartoon illustrations help make the concepts easy to grasp. . .
. Discussion questions are included in the back matter." SLJ

Not fair, won't share. written by Sue Graves; illustrated by Desideria Guicciardini. Free Spirit Pub. 2011 25p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **152.4**
1. Conduct of life 2. Interpersonal relations
ISBN 1-57542-375-8; 978-1-57542-375-3

LC 2011001566

When Nora, Dan, and Henry have trouble sharing at school, they all end up feeling mad. With the help of their teacher, the friends learn that when kids get frustrated, there are ways to calm down, share, and play fairly.

"Short sentences and [a] simple [plotline] create [an] excellent [lead-in] to talking about making good decisions when faced with new and difficult emotions. . . . The color cartoon illustrations help make the concepts easy to grasp. . . . Discussion questions are included in the back matter." SLJ

Who feels scared? written by Sue Graves; illustrated by Desideria Guicciardini. Free Spirit Pub. 2011 25p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **152.4**
1. Fear
ISBN 978-1-57542-374-6; 1-57542-374-X

LC 2011001626

Everybody feels afraid sometimes—like Jack and his friends Ravi and Kevin when they have a sleepover. This book shows children that they can cope with their fears and be brave.

"Short sentences and [a] simple [plotline] create [an] excellent [lead-in] to talking about making good decisions when faced with new and difficult emotions. . . . The color cartoon illustrations help make the concepts easy to grasp. . . . Discussion questions are included in the back matter." SLJ

155.45 Exceptional children; children by social and economic levels, by ethnic or national group

Fonseca, Christine

101 success secrets for gifted kids; the ultimate guide. Prufrock Press 2011 xi, 191p pa \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **155.45**
1. Gifted children
ISBN 978-1-59363-544-2; 1-59363-544-3

LC 2011004912

"Fonseca explains what it means to be labeled 'gifted,' how to cope in school, and how to interact with friends and family. Information is delivered in a friendly, conversational manner with firsthand advice from gifted kids and their parents. The myriad tips include how to deal with stress, how to complete homework assignments effectively, how to be respectful of others, how to accept oneself, and even how to deal with bullies. All are incredibly useful." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

200 RELIGION

232.9 Family and life of Jesus

Bible/N.T.

The **story** of Christmas; from the King James Bible; illustrations by Pamela Dalton. Handprint Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **232.9**
ISBN 978-1-4521-0470-6; 1-4521-0470-0

LC 2011025407

"Delicate paper-cut illustrations provide a lovely, solemn backdrop to the King James Bible's account of the Nativity story. . . . As shepherds, wise men, and angels gather to honor the birth of Jesus, Dalton sets her tableaux against black backgrounds, which both focus attention on the story's major players and make logical sense given the nocturnal setting of much of the story's events. The iconic nature of Dalton's scenes is ideally suited to the traditional Biblical translation used." Publ Wkly

242 Devotional literature

Piper, Sophie

I can say a prayer; illustrated by Emily Bolam. IPG/Lion 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK **242**
1. Prayers
ISBN 978-0-7459-6233-7; 0-7459-6233-5

"This collection of 12 rhyming prayers for the young child is accompanied by simple pen, ink, and watercolor illustrations that are right up preschoolers' alleys. Some of the prayers are original and some are familiar, such as the Lord's Prayer. A few are accompanied by verses from the Bible that serve to introduce that particular prayer. The prayers include familiar preschool concepts like counting, sharing, and making music. The bright, smiley illustrations, meanwhile, depict children going about their everyday activities. . . . This book does its job and does it well." Booklist

Rivett, Rachel

I imagine; a child's book of prayers; illustrated by Mique Moriushi. Lion/Trafalgar 2011 il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **242**
1. Prayers
ISBN 978-0-7459-6208-5; 0-7459-6208-4

"An unusual, whimsical collection of 12 short prayers offers an imaginative approach with a patterned text and creative responses from the children narrating the prayers. Each prayer follows a similar pattern, describing a particular circumstance or challenge familiar to young children ('if life is stormy'), followed by the child narrator's imagined action ('I imagine I'm a tree, tossed and tumbled in the wind'). In alternating spreads, there is also a comforting response from God ('you show me how my roots are getting stronger'). . . . Moriuchi's pleasing collage illustrations of chubby-cheeked children incorporate textured papers, fabrics and snippets of print along with painted elements. . . . The light, soothing atmosphere created by the well-matched prayers and illustra-

tions is deceptively simple, effectively conveying powerful images and a strong sense of comfort.” Kirkus

Rock, Lois

A **child’s** first book of prayers; illustrated by Alison Jay. IPG/Lion 2012 il \$12.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 **242**

1. Prayers

ISBN 978-0-7459-4474-6; 0-7459-4474-4

“With its portable size, thick binding, comforting illustrations, and more than 150 prayers, this book is an appealing package. . . . The book’s strength is that has something for everyone. The table of contents provides a quick guide, offering chapters like ‘This Fragile World’ and ‘Prayers for Sad Times.’ . . . The often attributed prayers, some of which rhyme, run the gamut from aspirational to celebratory to comforting and are uniformly short. . . . Jay’s omnipresent soft watercolors add a further peacefulness.” Booklist

294 Religions of Indic origin

Ollhoff, Jim

Indian mythology. ABDO Pub. 2012 32p il map lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **294**

1. Hinduism 2. Indic mythology

ISBN 978-1-61714-722-7; 1-61714-722-2

LC 2010041628

“This book offers information about Indian mythology, answering questions such as “Who is Devi? What is Ganesh? Why are myths so important in our lives? Myths are a rich source of history. People use them to make sense of our world. Even before myths were written down, people told and retold the stories of the gods and goddesses of their homeland. Readers of Indian Mythology will learn the history of myths, as well as their deeper meaning.” (Publisher’s note) The book “introduces Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Kali, and other Hindu gods and goddesses while also discussing how the deities often took on different forms called avatars.” (Booklist)

“Ollhoff writes in a clear and engaging fashion, presenting complex issues in a way that will be easy for youngsters to grasp. . . . The photographs and reproductions of art tie directly to the [text].” SLJ

296.4 Traditions, rites, public services

The **story** of Hanukkah; illustrated by Jill Weber.

Holiday House 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **296.4**

1. Children’s literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Hanukkah 3. Hanukkah stories

ISBN 978-0-8234-2295-1; 0-8234-2295-X

This retells the Hanukkah story of the Maccabees and the miracle that took place in the Temple in Jerusalem. Includes a recipe for latkes and directions for playing dreidel.

“The events commemorated in the holiday of Hanukkah are retold simply for young ears. . . . Weber’s full-spread color illustrations, with an emphasis on traditional holiday blue, convey the epic scope of the story.” Publ Wkly

297.3 Islamic worship

Murray, Julie

Ramadan. ABDO Pub. Company 2011 24p il \$25.26

Grades: 2 3 4 **297.3**

1. Ramadan

ISBN 978-1-61783-041-9; 1-61783-041-0

LC 2011002287

“This short, concise introduction is simple enough for the target audience, and it is accurate. Each two-page chapter introduces an aspect of Ramadan that is rooted in religious practices that are common to all Muslims: Sunnis and Shi’ites, Salafis and Sufis, liberals and conservatives. Each spread has a large, full-color picture. The publisher’s website provides further reading with links to additional, credible Internet resources. This title succeeds where others have been undermined by cultural bias. An excellent addition.” SLJ

299 Religions not provided for elsewhere

Williams, Marcia

Ancient Egypt; tales of gods and pharaohs. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **299**

1. Egyptian mythology

ISBN 978-0-7636-5308-8; 0-7636-5308-X

LC 2010040745

“The highpoints of Egyptian mythology—creation, the divinity of Ra, the death of Osiris, and the vengeance of his son Horus—as well as the stories of four great pharaohs—are presented in this lighthearted picture book/graphic novel. . . . This book makes them all seem like fun. Williams utilizes a beautiful, sun-soaked palette of gold, turquoise, lapis, jade, and carnelian lifted right off a sarcophagus. . . . Expressive postures, smiling faces, and playful interactions among them keep readers scouring the pages for every little joke. . . . Each figure in this book . . . fairly leaps off the page in order to grab readers’ attention.” SLJ

**300 SOCIAL SCIENCES,
SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY**

304.8 Movement of people

Kenney, Karen Latchana

Ellis Island; illustrated by Judith A. Hunt. Magic Wagon 2011 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 2 3 4 **304.8**

ISBN 978-1-61641-150-3; 1-61641-150-3

LC 2010013995

“The author describes how the existing island was built up and expanded to accommodate the station to process immigrants coming into the United States and the various buildings that were constructed. . . . The full-color artwork not only explains the text but also gives almost photographic rendering of the [topic].” SLJ

305.23 Young people

Asael, Anthony

★ **Children** of the world; how we live, learn, and play in poems, drawings, and photographs. [by] Anthony Asael [and] Stéphanie Rabemiafara. Rizoli/Universe 2011 416p il \$29.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6

305.23

1. Children

ISBN 978-0-7893-2267-8; 0-7893-2267-6

"This captivating volume, ambitious in scope and remarkable in execution, combines striking candid photographs of children from 192 nations with poems and artwork from children in each nation. Organized by country, the volume also includes details about language, diet, and local activities. . . . Asael and Rabemiafara deliver a powerful kaleidoscope of young voices, diverse yet united." Publ Wkly

305.4 Women

Bingham, Jane

Women at war; the progressive era, World War I and women's suffrage, 1900-1920. Chelsea House 2011 il \$35

Grades: 5 6 7 8

305.4

1. Women -- Employment 2. Women -- Social conditions 3. Women -- United States -- History 4. World War, 1914-1918

ISBN 978-1-6041-3932-7; 1-6041-3932-3

LC 2010044828

An "eye-catching [layout] with good use of color, photographs, and informative sidebars, many of which use primary-source quotations, are the highlights of [this] appealing [volume]. . . . After a succinct overview of contemporary events, the chapters describe women's lives at home, at work, in education, in politics, in the arts, and their role in the general culture. . . . [This book] explores the changing role of women during the Progressive Era, the impact of World War I on their lives, and the struggle for voting rights." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Carosella, Melissa

Founding mothers; women who shaped America. Teacher Created Materials 2011 il \$8.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

305.4

1. Women -- United States -- History

ISBN 143331505X; 978-1-43331505-3

"This introduction to influential women in early American history begins with the colonial period and closes with the Civil War. . . . The clear text is enhanced with archival illustrations and sidebars that highlight notable items about the women discussed in the narrative. A glossary, an index, and two suggested extension activities conclude this informative book." Booklist

Coster, Patience

A **new deal** for women; the expanding roles of women, 1938-1960. Chelsea House 2011 il \$35

Grades: 5 6 7 8

305.4

1. Feminism 2. Women -- Social conditions 3. Women -- United States -- History

ISBN 978-1-6041-3934-1; 1-6041-3934-X

LC 2010045959

An "eye-catching [layout] with good use of color, photographs, and informative sidebars, many of which use primary-source quotations, are the highlights of [this] appealing [volume]. . . . After a succinct overview of contemporary events, the chapters describe women's lives at home, at work, in education, in politics, in the arts, and their role in the general culture. . . . New opportunities for women were a part of the New Deal and World War II and together changed American culture—these topics are explored [this] volume covering the years 1938-1960." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Gorman, Jacqueline Laks

The **modern** feminist movement; sisters under the skin, 1961-1979. Chelsea House 2011 il \$35

Grades: 5 6 7 8

305.4

1. Feminism 2. Women -- Social conditions 3. Women -- United States -- History

ISBN 978-1-6041-3935-8; 1-6041-3935-8

LC 2010045990

An "eye-catching [layout] with good use of color, photographs, and informative sidebars, many of which use primary-source quotations, are the highlights of [this] appealing [volume]. . . . After a succinct overview of contemporary events, the chapters describe women's lives at home, at work, in education, in politics, in the arts, and their role in the general culture. . . . [This book] delves into the years of protest and quest for equal rights." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Stearman, Kaye

Women of today; contemporary issues and conflicts, 1980-present. [by] Kaye Stearman and Patience Coster. Chelsea House 2011 il \$35

Grades: 5 6 7 8

305.4

1. Feminism 2. Women -- Social conditions 3. Women -- United States

ISBN 978-1-6041-3936-5; 1-6041-3936-6

LC 2010046014

An "eye-catching [layout] with good use of color, photographs, and informative sidebars, many of which use primary-source quotations, are the highlights of [this] appealing [volume]. . . . After a succinct overview of contemporary events, the chapters describe women's lives at home, at work, in education, in politics, in the arts, and their role in the general culture. . . . [This book] highlights women's achievements, including U.S. Supreme Court justices, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and presidential candidates." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

305.8 Ethnic and national groups

Reynolds, Jan

Only the mountains do not move; a Maasai story of culture and conservation. Lee & Low Books 2011 40p il \$18.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **305.8**

1. Agriculture
ISBN 978-1-60060-333-4; 1-60060-333-5; 978-1-60060-844-5 pa; 1-60060-844-2 pa

LC 2010050879

"With many clear color photos and an appended glossary with pronunciation, this is an excellent addition to classroom units on Africa today." Booklist

306.8 Marriage and family

Guillain, Charlotte

A **new** brother or sister. Heinemann Library 2011 24p il lib bdg \$22; pa \$6.49

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **306.8**

1. Infants 2. Siblings
ISBN 978-1-4329-4803-0 lib bdg; 1-4329-4803-2 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4813-9 pa; 1-4329-4813-X pa

LC 2010024197

Brief text and photographs explain what happens when a new baby joins your family, the special care babies need, and how you can help take care of your new brother or sister.

323.1 Civil and political rights of nondominant groups

Watkins, Angela Farris

My Uncle Martin's words of love for America; Martin Luther King Jr.'s niece tells how he made a difference. by Angela Farris Watkins, PhD; Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Abrams Books for Young Readers 2011 40p il \$19.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **323.1**

1. African Americans -- Civil rights 2. Civil rights activists 3. Clergy 4. Nobel laureates for peace 5. Nonfiction writers
ISBN 1-4197-0022-7; 978-1-4197-0022-4

LC 2011003888

"Explaining Jim Crow laws and the Civil Rights movement to a very young audience is not easy, but Watkins and Velasquez rise to the challenge with grace and warmth. Using a childlike voice, Martin Luther King Jr.'s niece simply and clearly emphasizes themes of love, nonviolence, freedom and equality. The repetitive text instills the message 'people listened, and things changed' and focuses on the positive. While the prejudice and violence of segregation is broached, . . . the intensity and extent of that violence is omitted. . . . Though picture books about Dr. King by his family members and others abound, this stands out for its graceful, age-appropriate treatment of the Movement." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

330.9 Economic situation and conditions

Heinrichs, Ann

★ **The great** recession. Children's Press 2011 il lib bdg \$30; pa \$8.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **330.9**

1. Economic policy -- United States 2. Financial crises 3. Recessions
ISBN 978-0-531-25035-8 lib bdg; 0-531-25035-0 lib bdg; 978-0-531-26560-4 pa; 0-531-26560-9 pa

LC 2011010824

This "offers simplified but not simplistic explanations of the current great recession's course and immediate causes. The . . . design has . . . visually stimulating pages that combine big color photos, boxed side essays, and blocks of large text with bright-red headers and highlights. In simple language and a judicious, matter-of-fact tone, Heinrichs describes the origins and growth of the housing bubble and the trade in mortgage-backed securities that magnified the effects of its eventual collapse; summarizes the federal government's palliative measures; surveys the effects of hard times on general patterns of living and spending; and notes the creation of a 'Generation R,' for whom high unemployment and financial insecurity are likely to become ways of life." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

Mooney, Carla

The **Industrial** Revolution; investigate how science and technology changed the world with 25 projects; illustrated by Jen Vaughn. Nomad Press 2011 120p il \$21.95; pa \$15.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **330.9**

1. Industrial revolution
ISBN 978-1-936313-81-5; 1-936313-81-2; 978-1936313-80-8; 1-936313-80-4 pa

This "gives an overview of the era known as the Industrial Revolution as well as the consequences, good and bad, of each new development upon the average citizen. Topics covered include the transformation of textiles from homespun to manufactured, the birth of labor unions, advances in transportation and communication, the inventions of Thomas Edison, and brief profiles of 'Captains of Industry,' such as Carnegie, Vanderbilt, and Rockefeller. Each chapter ends with enticing projects related to the topic. . . . The crisp, clear format, featuring ample black-and-white sketches and diagrams and pleasingly arranged type in a large font, is in sync with the straightforward text." Booklist

331.7 Labor by industry and occupation

Hord, Colleen

My safe community. Rourke 2011 il \$22.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **331.7**

1. Occupations
ISBN 1-61741-795-5; 1-61741-997-4 pa; 978-1-61741-795-5 lib bdg; 978-1-61741-997-3 pa

This "introduces various community workers such as the mayor, police, or sanitation workers. . . . The [book has] minimal text but still [manages] to impart basic information

and even raise questions. The full-page color photographs that face the text pages are crisp." Booklist

332.024 Personal finance**Hord, Colleen**

Need it or want it? Rourke 2011 il \$22.79; pa \$7.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **332.024**

1. Personal finance

ISBN 978-1-61741-793-1; 1-61741-793-9; 978-1-61741-995-9 pa; 1-61741-995-8 pa

This book "brings up the provocative question of whether you desire something because it will be useful or just because it will be fun. Examples of both are given, and a page reminds readers they can give back to their communities by donating needed goods. The [book has] minimal text but still [manages] to impart basic information and even raise questions. The full-page color photographs that face the text pages are crisp." Booklist

Mitten, Ellen K.

Goods or services? Rourke 2011 il \$8.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **332.024**

1. Personal finance

ISBN 978-1-61741-791-7; 1-61741-791-7

In this book "the concept of different ways to use money is introduced, with pages showing how you can buy something, like an apple, or have a service provided to you, like getting a haircut. Readers are told families must make choices about how to spend their money. . . . The [book has] minimal text but still [manages] to impart basic information and even raise questions. The full-page color photographs that face the text pages are crisp." Booklist

332.4 Money**Callery, Sean**

Money matters. QEB Pub. 2010 48p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 2 3 4 **332.4**

1. Money

ISBN 978-1-59566-729-8; 1-59566-729-6

LC 2010001156

Find out all the facts about the way we use money, from the history of currency to number crunching and penny saving.

"Primary students looking for a clear, concise introduction to money, its many related topics, including taxes, budgets, savings, earnings, and history, will find everything they need in this title. . . . The text is succinct. There are plenty of photos, pictures, and charts, and an occasional money challenge for readers to try." Libr Media Connect

333.72 Conservation and protection**Bullard, Lisa**

Earth Day every day; illustrated by Xiao Xin. Millbrook Press 2011 24p col. ill. lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3 **333.72**

1. Earth Day 2. Environmental protection

ISBN 978-0-7613-6109-1; 0-7613-6109-X

LC 2010053466

On Earth Day Trina plants trees with her class. She forms an Earth Day club with her friends and explains what can you do to make every day Earth Day.

"The bright colors used in the illustrations . . . will attract young readers to the environmental science content. . . . [The] facts are written in child-friendly language and the information should be attainable by young children. . . . [This book] will raise the environmental awareness of young children." Sci Books Films

333.79 Energy**Bullard, Lisa**

Go easy on energy; illustrated by Wes Thomas. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il \$23.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **333.79**

1. Energy conservation

ISBN 0-7613-6107-3; 978-0-7613-6107-7

LC 2010053302

A boy named Tyler shows how we can use energy wisely. "The bright colors used in the illustrations . . . will attract young readers to the environmental science content. . . . [The] facts are written in child-friendly language and the information should be attainable by young children. . . . [This book] will raise the environmental awareness of young children." Sci Book Films

Includes bibliographical references

333.91 Water and lands adjoining bodies of water**Bullard, Lisa**

Watch over our water; illustrated by Xiao Xin. Millbrook Press 2011 il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3 **333.91**

1. Water 2. Water pollution

ISBN 978-0-7613-6106-0; 0-7613-6106-5

LC 2010053299

A girl named Trina shows how to care for Earth's water. "The bright colors used in the illustrations . . . will attract young readers to the environmental science content. . . . [The] facts are written in child-friendly language and the information should be attainable by young children. . . . [This book] will raise the environmental awareness of young children." Sci Books Films

333.95 Biological resources

Guerive, Gaelle

Extraordinary endangered animals. by Sandrine Silhol & Ga[^e]lle Guérive; illustrated by Marie Doucedame. Abrams 2011 il \$24.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **333.95**

1. Endangered species
ISBN 978-1-4197-0034-7; 1-4197-0034-0

“Detailed, large-scale photographs and intricate drawings depict 35 endangered species from around the globe, including the California condor, the sea otter, the golden lion tamarin, and the sawfish. Silhol and Guérive describe the habitat, behavior, and endangered status of each animal, while sidebars place each in human context, implicating our role in their endangerment. . . . Honest but not downbeat, this informative collection encourages readers to take action before these species disappear.” Publ Wkly

Morgan, Sally

Animal rescue. Cherrytree Books 2011 30p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 1 2 3 **333.95**

1. Endangered species 2. Wildlife conservation
ISBN 978-1-84234-606-8; 1-84234-606-7

LC 2010000035

This book “addresses how and why animals become endangered and what can be done. . . . The [book features] large, full-color photos with one or two paragraphs of large-print text per page. ‘Find Out More’ boxes scattered throughout give additional facts with related websites and ‘You Choose’ boxes ask students questions regarding important choices they can make. . . . [This] well-designed [book] will be useful for reports and general interest.” SLJ

Includes glossary

346 Private law

Butler, Rebecca P.

Copyright for teachers & librarians in the 21st century. Neal-Schuman Publishers 2011 274p il pa \$70

Grades: Adult Professional **346**

1. Copyright 2. Fair use (Copyright)
ISBN 978-1-55570-738-5

LC 2011012600

“Library educator Rebecca Butler explains fair use, public domain, documentation and licenses, permissions, violations and penalties, policies and ethics codes, citations, creation and ownership, how to register copyrights, and gives tips for staying out of trouble.” Publisher’s note

Includes bibliographical references

355 Military science

Souter, Janet

War in Afghanistan and Iraq; the daily life of the men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

[by] Janet Souter and Gerry Souter. Carlton Books 2011 47p il map \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **355**

1. Afghan War, 2001- 2. Iraq War, 2003-
ISBN 978-1-84732-895-3; 1-84732-895-4

“An overview of these wartorn countries’ physical and religious make-ups leads to the review of current political instability in the region. The discussion of combat techniques illustrates America’s military power, though a nod to numerous international organizations (from NATO to ISAF) conveys the global scope. Double-page spreads address the perceived catalysts for conflict and the United States’ accompanying responses (including Osama Bin Laden’s recent death). . . . Despite its slimness, a remarkably effective and timely treatment.” Kirkus

Includes glossary

362.1 People with illness and disabilities

Parker, Victoria

Going to the hospital. [by] Vic Parker. Heinemann Library 2011 24p il lib bdg \$22; pa \$6.49

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **362.1**

1. Hospitals 2. Medical care
ISBN 978-1-4329-4797-2 lib bdg; 1-4329-4797-4 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4807-8 pa; 1-4329-4807-5 pa

LC 2010024191

This describes the experience of being a patient in a hospital.

362.7 Young people

Rotner, Shelley

I’m adopted! by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly; photographs by Shelley Rotner. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **362.7**

1. Adoption
ISBN 978-0-8234-2294-4; 0-8234-2294-1

LC 2010029561

“This introduction to adoption for very young children stands out in its clear, accessible approach to [the] topic. . . . Engaging, full-color photos portray kids and parents of varying ethnicities and families of varying compositions. The process of adoption is explained in simple language that children understand. . . . Both domestic and international adoption are addressed, making this suitable for all kinds of adoptive families. The photo album-like design . . . adds to the appeal.” Kirkus

363.1 Public safety programs

Benoit, Peter

The **Hindenburg** disaster. Children’s Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28

Grades: 3 4 5

363.1

1. Aircraft accidents 2. Airships
ISBN 978-0-531-20626-3 lib bdg; 0-531-20626-2 lib
bdg; 978-0-531-29025-5 pa; 0-531-29025-5 pa
LC 2010045931

This describes how the Hindenburg blimp crashed and burned in New Jersey on May 6, 1937.

"Benoit provides unbiased information that is on target for the intended audience. . . . The photographs and reproductions enhance the [text]. . . . [This book is] well-conceived." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Nuclear meltdowns. Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.99

Grades: 3 4 5

363.1

1. Chernobyl Nuclear Accident, Chernobyl, Ukraine, 1986 2. Nuclear power plants -- Security measures
ISBN 978-0-531-25422-6 lib bdg; 0-531-25422-4;
978-0-531-26627-4 pa; 0-531-26627-3 pa
LC 2011007142

This describes nuclear power plant accidents at Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and in Japan.

This is "thoughtfully designed. . . . The information . . . is right on target: concise, accurate, and thorough. . . . The photographs . . . are especially effective at putting a human face on large-scale devastation." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

363.2 Police services

Graham, Ian

Forensic technology. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$34.25

Grades: 4 5 6 7

363.2

1. Criminal investigation 2. Forensic sciences
ISBN 978-1-599-20532-8; 1-599-20532-7
LC 2010044238

Describes the technology used by forensic scientists to gather and analyze evidence from crime scenes.

This "offers a fine overview for reports, and its attractive design may also entice middle-grade readers to learn more." Booklist

Townsend, John

Famous forensic cases. Amicus 2011 il \$19.95
Grades: 4 5 6 7

363.2

1. Criminal investigation 2. Forensic sciences
ISBN 978-1-60753-169-2; 1-60753-169-0

In this book "readers will find a straight presentation of fascinating information. Loosely organized by era, the book opens with a history of fingerprinting . . . which focuses on the 1920s and 1930s. Other topics include hair science in the 1950s, voiceprints in the 1970s, and recent advancements in DNA forensics. Scatter throughout are case studies. . . . This entry features an eye-catching layout, plenty of sidebars, and well-chosen photos. . . . Kids will go for this one." Booklist

363.7 Environmental problems

Aitken, Stephen

Earth's fever. written and illustrated by Stephen Aitken. Magic Wagon 2011 il \$28.50

Grades: K 1 2 3

363.7

1. Climate -- Environmental aspects 2. Greenhouse effect

ISBN 978-1-61641-670-6; 1-61641-670-X

LC 2011001872

This "strikes a perfect balance for young readers. Aitken presents scientific facts straightforwardly and offers practical, age-appropriate suggestions for environmentally friendly activities. . . . The earnest cartoon illustrations . . . are generally helpful." Booklist

Benoit, Peter

The **BP** oil spill. Children's Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5

363.7

1. Gulf of Mexico oil spill, 2010
ISBN 978-0-531-20630-0 lib bdg; 0-531-20630-0 lib
bdg; 978-0-531-28999-0 pa; 0-531-28999-0 pa
LC 2010045927

Photographs, maps, time lines, and text describe the events surrounding the 2010 British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Benoit provides unbiased information that is on target for the intended audience. . . . The photos are realistic and well chosen to show that current events can be examined as critically as historical events." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Bullard, Lisa

Power up to fight pollution; illustrated by Wes Thomas. Lerner 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3

363.7

1. Environmental protection 2. Pollution
ISBN 978-0-7613-6108-4; 0-7613-6108-1
LC 2010048862

A boy named Tyler shows what makes Earth's land, air, and water dirty and ways to clean up our world.

"The bright colors used in the illustrations . . . will attract young readers to the environmental science content. . . . [The] facts are written in child-friendly language and the information should be attainable by young children. . . . [This book] will raise the environmental awareness of young children." Sci Books Films

Includes bibliographical references

Jakubiak, David J.

What can we do about acid rain? PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25

Grades: 2 3 4

363.7

1. Acid rain
ISBN 9781448849840 lib bdg; 9781448851164 pa
LC 2010053329

This explains how acid rain forms, how it affects the environment, and what can be done about it.

"Every spread has a full-page, thoughtfully captioned color photograph. . . . School and public libraries will want

[this title] to round out collections or as [an update] to replace older books." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

What can we do about nuclear waste? PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25
Grades: 2 3 4 **363.7**

1. Nuclear engineering 2. Radioactive waste disposal
ISBN 978-1-4488-4983-3 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-5114-0 pa

LC 2010052216

This describes nuclear waste, how nuclear energy is used, how nuclear waste is stored, and how it affects the environment.

What can we do about oil spills and ocean pollution? PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25
Grades: 2 3 4 **363.7**

1. Marine pollution 2. Oil spills
ISBN 978-1-4488-4982-6 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-5112-6 pa

LC 2010047319

This explains the importance of oceans, how they can be polluted, and the damage caused by oil spills.

What can we do about ozone loss? PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25
Grades: 2 3 4 **363.7**

1. Greenhouse effect 2. Ozone layer 3. Pollution
ISBN 978-1-4488-4985-7 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-5118-8 pa

LC 2011000156

This explains the depletion of the ozone layer and its affect on the environment.

Morgan, Sally

Pollution. Cherrytree Books 2011 30p il lib bdg \$28.50
Grades: 1 2 3 **363.7**

1. Pollution
ISBN 978-1-84234-607-5; 1-84234-607-5

LC 2010000036

This book "discusses activities that are harming the planet and how individuals can prevent or minimize their effects. . . . The [book features] large, full-color photos with one or two paragraphs of large-print text per page. 'Find Out More' boxes scattered throughout give additional facts with related websites and 'You Choose' boxes ask students questions regarding important choices they can make. . . . [This] well-designed [book] will be useful for reports and general interest." SLJ

Includes glossary

Waste and recycling. Cherrytree Books 2010 30p il lib bdg \$28.50
Grades: 1 2 3 **363.7**

1. Recycling 2. Refuse and refuse disposal
ISBN 978-1-84234-608-2

LC 2010000037

This book "suggests how discarded items can be reduced, reused, and recycled. The [book features] large, full-color photos with one or two paragraphs of large-print text per page. 'Find Out More' boxes scattered throughout give additional facts with related websites and 'You Choose' boxes ask students questions regarding important choices they can make. . . . [This] well-designed [book] will be useful for reports and general interest." SLJ

Includes glossary

363.738 Pollutants

Arnold, Caroline

A **warmer** world; from polar bears to butterflies, how global warming is changing lives. Caroline Arnold ; illustrated by Jamie Hogan. Charlesbridge 2012 31 p. \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **363.738**

1. Climatic changes -- Juvenile literature 2. Global warming -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9781580892667

LC 2011000811

The focus of this book is how "[a] warmer world is the new reality for many animals and plants . . . and how they are reacting to climbing temperatures. . . . [Caroline] Arnold looks at the . . . impact of melting ice on polar bears and at the broadening range of Edith's checkerspot butterflies. . . . The speed of this change is leaving many species unable to adapt, and as many as a million species are feared to face extinction. A few might actually benefit from a wider habitable range, but often at a cost to other species. Combining general information on rising seas, melting ice caps, and warmer water with specific emphasis on individual animals such as loggerhead turtles, marmots, penguins, and walruses, this book offers students the opportunity to examine a natural world in flux." (School Libr J)

369.463 Girl Scouts and Girl Guides

Wadsworth, Ginger

★ **First Girl Scout.** Ginger Wadsworth. Clarion Books 2012 xiii, 210p ill. \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12 **369.463**

1. Philanthropists 2. Scout leaders
ISBN 978-0-547-24394-8; 0-547-24394-4

LC 2011009642

This book offers a biography of the founder of the Girl Scouts organization. "Juliette (Daisy) Gordon Low [who] was a . . . woman with ideas that were ahead of her time. She witnessed important eras in U.S. history, from the Civil War and Reconstruction to westward expansion to post World War I. And she made history by founding the first national organization to bring girls from all backgrounds into the out-of-doors. Daisy created controversy by encouraging them to prepare not only for traditional homemaking but also for roles as professional women in the arts, sciences, and business and for active citizenship outside the home. Her group also welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when they were usually excluded." (Publisher's note)

"This well-documented biography introduces readers to the founder of the Girl Scouts. . . . Low's personality really comes to life through the details in the narrative. Wadsworth shows readers that this remarkable woman was a skilled leader and hostess in spite of having suffered severe hearing loss that made conversation difficult. . . . The attractive book design features chapter headings that look like Girl Scout badges, and most spreads include period photos or reproductions of primary-source documents. Exemplary nonfiction." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references (p. 201-204) and index.

371 Schools and their activities; special education

Hughes, Susan

Off to class; incredible and unusual schools around the world. Owlkids Books 2011 64p il map \$22.95; pa \$12.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **371**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
 2. Schools
 3. Schools -- Juvenile literature
 4. Students
 5. Young adult literature -- Works
- ISBN 978-1-926818-85-6; 1-926818-85-7; 978-1-926818-86-3 pa; 1-926818-86-5 pa

"This book examines innovative schools around the world, the educators who brought them about, and the students who attend them. The book has three chapters. 'Working with the Environment' features boat schools, rainforest schools, and tent schools; 'No School? No Way!,' focuses on educational opportunities for disenfranchised populations; and 'One Size Doesn't Fit All' is about unconventional programs in nontraditional settings. Each spread is devoted to one school, with five to seven paragraphs of text, vivid full-color photographs, and a map indicating its general area of the world. The strong emphasis on humanitarianism will move, excite, and inspire those reading about Hurricane Katrina survivors planting gardens, homeless children in India hearing stories on a train platform, and Maasai girls going to school instead of being sold into marriage." SLJ

371.5 School discipline and related activities

Myers, Jill J.

Responding to cyber bullying; an action tool for school leaders. [by] Jill J. Myers, Donna S. McCaw, Leanda S. Hemphill. Corwin Press 2011 195p pa \$33.95

Grades: Adult Professional **371.5**

1. Bullies
 2. Cyberbullying
 3. School violence
- ISBN 978-1-4129-9484-2; 1-4129-9484-5

LC 2010040679

"The book's introduction addresses the nature of 'digital generation' students. The problem of cyberbullying is introduced in light of the generational reality. The book covers decisions made to resolve real-life situations, practical principles about censorship, and the capacity and limitations of school authority. Included is a matrix that serves

as a decision-making tool for administration. This resource is a healthy blend of the theoretical and practical." Libr Media Connect

Includes bibliographical references

372 Specific levels of education

Libresco, Andrea S.

Every book is a social studies book; how to meet standards with picture books, K-6. [by] Andrea S. Libresco, Jeannette Balantic, and Jonie C. Kipling. Libraries Unlimited 2011 269p il pa \$30

Grades: Adult Professional **372**

1. Social sciences -- Study and teaching
- ISBN 978-1-59884-520-4; 1-59884-520-9

LC 2010053649

"Based on observations and instructional surveys, the authors theorize that consistent social studies instruction no longer occurs due to the time requirements of reading and math instruction. They recommend teaching reading and social studies concurrently by using trade picture books. Each of the national standards' thematic strands is featured along with essential questions to frame classroom discussion. Three representative titles are featured for each theme, followed by social studies concepts and supporting discussion questions. Thoughtful hands-on, student-centered activities are provided for each title as well as reproducibles, study sheets, and graphic organizers." Libr Media Connect

Includes bibliographical references

373.1 Organization and activities in secondary education

Glasser, Debbie

New kid, new scene; a guide to moving and switching schools. by Debbie Glasser and Emily Schenck. Magination Press 2012 112p il \$14.95; pa 9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **373.1**

1. Moving
 2. Students
- ISBN 978-1-4338-1039-8; 1-4338-1039-5; 978-1-4338-1038-1 pa; 1-4338-1038-7 pa

LC 2011013608

"Students making the transition to new schools, new communities, or new homes will always experience a bit of anxiety, and this self-help book offers practical advice on how to make those changes smoother. The ideas and suggestions are sound and practical. . . . The eye-catching layout will keep students flipping through the pages." SLJ

375 Curricula

Bishop, Kay

Connecting libraries with classrooms; the curricular roles of the media specialist. 2nd. ed.; Linworth 2011 122p pa \$45

Grades: Adult Professional **375**
1. Instructional materials centers 2. Librarians 3.
School libraries
ISBN 978-1-59884-599-0; 1-59884-599-3
LC 2010051623

This book provides an . . . exploration of the topics that are currently relevant in K-12 curricula, including the school librarian's role in dealing with these issues, collaborating with teachers, and connecting to classrooms.

"Kay Bishop's book covers a wide range of topics and issues within the school library field. . . . Collaborative planning between classroom teacher, principal, students, and the community is also addressed. This material will be a welcome addition to the Library Media Specialist's arsenal of resources to stay current and involved." *Libr Media Connect*
Includes bibliographical references

387.2 Ships

Lavery, Brian

Legendary journeys: ships; illustrated Sebastian Quigley. Kingfisher 2011 il \$19.99
Grades: 3 4 5 **387.2**
1. Ships
ISBN 978-0-7534-6681-0; 0-7534-6681-3

"Compelling details and interactive effects appear throughout this guide to ships. . . . Recreations of Greek triremes, Viking longships, and the Titanic, among others, are enhanced by slide-out pages that double (or more) the spreads' width, providing a sense of the boats' scale. Flaps reveal cross-sections of ships' interiors, while depictions of naval, cargo, and other commercial vessels emphasize our continued reliance on ships. A thorough and well-constructed guide for boat fanatics." *Publ Wkly*

387.7 Air transportation

Parker, Steve

By air. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$28.50
Grades: 4 5 6 **387.7**
1. Aeronautics 2. Forecasting
ISBN 1608707776; 9781608707775
LC 2011000998

"Beginning with a speculative illustration featuring people of the future traveling through the air in carlike personal jets, this title . . . offers a fascinating look at prototypes for all sorts of aircraft, from small planes to passenger airliners to lighter-than-air vehicles. . . . The various possibilities for future aircraft are covered in double-page spreads that are well laid out and easy to digest. Illustrated with plenty of striking, digitally enhanced color pictures, this will probably be of equal interest to those doing reports and browsers." *Booklist*
Includes bibliographical references

392 Customs of life cycle and domestic life

Laroche, Giles

★ **If you lived here; houses of the world.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **392**
1. Houses
ISBN 978-0-547-23892-0; 0-547-23892-4
LC 2010044361

"Laroche applies his signature bas-relief cut-paper collage technique to sixteen different dwellings that illustrate the range of places that people call home. . . . Each . . . is introduced with a paragraph that begins with the phrase 'If you lived here,' enticing the reader to imagine how it might be. . . . For young readers, these profiles not only provide glimpses into the lives of people who might live very differently from us but also expand and broaden their worldview." *Horn Book*

393 Death customs

Robson, David

The mummy. ReferencePoint Press 2011 il \$27.95
Grades: 6 7 8 9 **393**
1. Mummies
ISBN 978-1-60152-182-8; 1-60152-182-0
LC 2011022437

This is "an ideal starting point for young researchers interested in the weird, mysterious, and paranormal. Using fleet, descriptive prose to communicate the impressively researched (and sourced) information, [this] medium-length [work manages] to rope in just about everything, from folklore to history to pop culture. . . . The Mummy begins with the seminal 1932 Boris Karloff film before backtracking into the worldwide 'mummy lust' that began with the 1922 discovery of King Tut's tomb and the subsequent curses and legends. . . . The illustrations are fine and varied, the sidebars always illuminating, and the back matter robust." *Booklist*

Includes bibliographical references

394.1 Eating, drinking; using drugs

Augustin, Byron

The food of Mexico. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$21.95
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **394.1**
1. Festivals -- Mexico 2. Mexican cooking
ISBN 978-1-6087-0237-4
LC 2010013830

Kras, Sara Louise

The food of Italy. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$21.95
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **394.1**
1. Festivals -- Italy 2. Italian cooking
ISBN 978-1-6087-0236-7
LC 2010021542

This explores the culture, traditions, and festivals of Italy through its food.

Kummer, Patricia K.

The **food** of Thailand. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$21.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **394.1**

1. Festivals -- Thailand 2. Thai cooking

ISBN 978-1-6087-0238-1

LC 2010023508

This explores the culture, traditions, and festivals of Thailand through its food.

Orr, Tamra

The **food** of China. [by] Tamra B. Orr. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$21.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **394.1**

1. Chinese cooking 2. Festivals -- China

ISBN 978-1-608-70234-3; 1-608-70234-0; 978-1-608-70687-7 e-book

LC 2010039293

This explores the culture, traditions, and festivals of China through its food.

"Numerous high-quality, close-up color photos of outdoor vegetable markets, food in various stages of preparation, and families gathering around the table will keep readers engaged (and hungry) throughout the accessible and enlightening food tour." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

The **food** of Greece. [by] Tamra B. Orr. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$21.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **394.1**

1. Festivals -- Greece 2. Greece -- Social life and customs 3. Greek cooking

ISBN 978-1-6087-0235-0; 978-1-6087-0688-4 e-book

LC 2010035820

This explores the culture, traditions, and festivals of Greece through its food.

394.26 Holidays**Lewis, Anne Margaret**

What am I? Halloween; illustrated by Tom Mills. Albert Whitman 2011 un il \$9.99

Grades: PreK **394.26**

1. Halloween

ISBN 978-0-8075-8959-5; 0-8075-8959-4

LC 2010049643

"When looking for a simple yet entertaining introduction to Halloween for the very youngest readers, search no further. . . . A friendly witch, pumpkin to carve, funny bat, silly scarecrow, hooting owl, happy monster, black cat, dancing skeleton, busy spider and trick-or-treater are all included in this easy interactive guessing game. . . . This nonthreatening approach will surely satisfy those who wish to avoid the scary or creepy Halloween offerings that abound. A solid introduction for toddlers." Kirkus

398.2 Folk literature**Galdone, Paul**

★ The **little** red hen; a folk tale classic. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 un il \$8.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **398.2**

1. Animals -- Folklore 2. Chickens -- Folklore 3. Folklore

ISBN 978-0-547-37018-7; 0-547-37018-0

The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the cake she makes from it.

Galdone's retelling is "straightforward and his unassuming loose-lined pictures provide just enough embellishment." Horn Book Guide

★ The **three** little pigs; a folk tale classic. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 un il \$8.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **398.2**

1. Pigs -- Folklore 2. Wolves -- Folklore

ISBN 978-0-547-37020-0; 0-547-37020-2

LC 2011281137

Retells the fatal episodes in the lives of two foolish pigs and how the third pig managed to avoid the same pigfalls.

Galdone's retelling is "straightforward and his unassuming loose-lined pictures provide just enough embellishment." Horn Book Guide

Gavin, Jamila

Tales from India; illustrated by Amanda Hall. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **398.2**

1. Folklore -- India 2. Hindu mythology

ISBN 0-7636-5564-3; 978-0-7636-5564-8

LC 2010047651

"Gavin, . . . presents 10 classic Hindu stories, accompanied by Hall's lush and elegant gouache illustrations. . . . Readers should be drawn toward the valor, action, and dramatic transformations in these powerful tales." Publ Wkly

Grimm, Jacob

★ **Fairy** tales of the Brothers Grimm; edited by Noel Daniel; translated by Matthew R. Price. Taschen 2011 il \$39.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **398.2**

1. Fairy tales 2. Folklore -- Germany

ISBN 978-3-8365-2672-2; 3-8365-2672-7

"This gorgeous treasury pairs new translations of 27 of the Grimm brothers' fairy tales with vintage illustrations dating from the 1820s to the 1950s. Brief introductions offer insight into the symbolism, themes, and contemporary relevance of each tale. Though Price and Daniel's translations feel modern . . . they honor the darkness that characterizes 'Little Red Riding Hood,' 'Snow White,' and other tales. The images show striking range. . . . The elegant presentation should entice readers to discover the cornucopia within." Publ Wkly

Harris, John

My monster notebook. [by] John Harris & Mark Todd. J. Paul Getty Museum 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **398.2**
1. Folklore 2. Monsters
ISBN 978-1-60606-050-6; 1-60606-050-3
LC 2010025302

“At its core, the volume is a descriptive list of mythological monsters, from the immortal half-woman, half-serpent Echidna to Python, the dangerous snake sent to kill baby Apollo. The notebook-style layout includes doodles, photographs, and scrap papers, making the book appear to be a relic unearthed from the ruins of a modern school locker.” Horn Book Guide

Hartman, Bob

The **Lion** storyteller book of animal tales; animal tales old and new especially for reading aloud; illustrated by Krisztina Kállai Nagy. Lion 2011 128p il \$19.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **398.2**
1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Fables 3. Folklore
ISBN 978-0-74596-131-6; 0-74596-131-2

“Hartman vibrantly retells and updates 36 animal fables hailing from ancient Greece, Africa, Japan, India, and other world cultures. The selections include trickster, morality, and animal-origin tales . . . along with a few original stories. Nagy’s bright and friendly illustrations mimic Hartman’s descriptive but accessible tone. A thoughtful collection that might inspire some readers to create animal stories of their own.” Publ Wkly

Hayes, Joe

The **coyote** under the table; = El coyote debajo de la mesa : folktales told in Spanish and English; illustrations by Antonio Castro L. Cinco Puntos Press 2011 il \$19.95; pa \$12.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **398.2**
1. Bilingual books -- English-Spanish 2. Folklore -- New Mexico
ISBN 978-1-935955-21-4; 1-935955-21-7; 978-1-935955-06-1 pa; 1-935955-06-3 pa

LC 2011011430

“Eight tales of tricksters and magical transformations are given a Southwestern setting by a veteran storyteller and paired to Spanish versions on facing pages. . . . Each tale opens with a realistically detailed black-and-white scene to set the comic or dramatic mood. . . . These wise and witty tales continue to repay fresh encounters.” Kirkus

Husain, Shahrukh

★ The **wise** fool; fables from the Islamic world. [retold by] Shahrukh Husain; [illustrated by] Micha Archer. Barefoot Books 2011 64p il \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **398.2**
1. Folklore -- Middle East
ISBN 978-1-84686-226-7; 1-84686-226-4

LC 2010041261

A retelling of twenty-two Middle Eastern folktales about Mulla Nasreddin Hoca, a wise man remembered for his insightful and humorous stories.

“The stories are short, most no more than a page or two; the morals are unstated. They’re set on full-bleed double-page spreads or opposite framed pictures in vibrant colors—

blues, reds, yellow-golds and greens. Among the geometrical designs and patterns, flat perspectives and frames from which some details escape, Mulla is easily recognizable with his beard, hooked nose and turban. Readers and storytellers looking for a particular one will find this compilation easy to use, with its numbered pages and a table of contents. . . . Most of these tales will be unfamiliar to American children, making this most welcome, as well as necessary for any folklore collection.” Kirkus

Jeffers, Susan

Hansel and Gretel. by Susan Jeffers. Rev. ed.; Dutton Children’s Books 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **398.2**
1. Fairy tales 2. Folklore -- Germany
ISBN 978-0-525-42221-1

LC 2011005246

When they are left in the woods by their parents, two children find their way home despite an encounter with a wicked witch.

“Those familiar with Jeffers’s 1980 version (Dial) will notice that this edition includes a few changes in the illustrations and a simplified text. . . . The artwork, done once again in pen, ink, and dyes, is for the most part from the earlier edition. . . . The pictures are slightly more muted overall, but are still presented in Jeffers’s very recognizable style.” SLJ

Kimmel, Eric A.

The **flying** canoe; a Christmas story. retold by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Daniel San Souci and Justin San Souci. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **398.2**
1. Christmas -- Folklore 2. Folklore -- Canada 3. French Canadians -- Folklore
ISBN 0823417301; 9780823417308; 978-0-8234-1730-8; 0-8234-1730-1

LC 2011001919

On Christmas Eve, six French-Canadian trappers meet a mysterious stranger who gives them the gift of a trip to their homes in Montreal, if only they agree not to speak until they cross their own thresholds.

“This French-Canadian folktale is brought to luminous life by the San Soucis. The atmospheric artwork, done in traditional and digital media, conveys the mystery and wonder of the snowy journey. Kimmel’s storytelling is rich and straightforward.” SLJ

Kopisch, August

The **helpful** elves; illustrated by Beatrice Braun-Fock. Floris 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **398.2**
1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Folklore -- Germany
ISBN 978-0-86315-815-5; 0-86315-815-3

“According to legend, the city of Cologne once had tiny helpers who would sneak into homes at night and complete the daily chores while the townsfolk slept. . . . Until one day the tailor’s wife grew curious to see these mysterious helpers. . . . Based on a well-known poem by Kopisch (1799-1853) and illustrated in muted tones by Braun-Fock (1898-1973), the charm of this tale lies in the tiny elf tabs found at the top of each page. Together in a row, 10 elves are perched expectantly—each made distinct with a different smile or

a long white beard-forming a miniature audience to watch readers. . . . An enchanting . . . piece of German lore brought to a new audience." Kirkus

MacDonald, Margaret Read

★ The **boy** from the dragon palace; a folktale from Japan. retold by Margaret Read MacDonald; illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa. Albert Whitman 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **398.2**

1. Folklore -- Japan
ISBN 0-8075-7513-5; 978-0-8075-7513-0

LC 2010045965

A magical boy grants a poor flower-seller's every wish until the greedy and ungrateful man grows tired of the boy's unpleasant behavior and sends him away.

"The digitally enhanced, watercolor collage art is typically Japanese in setting, clothing and the wide-eyed . . . boy's black topknot. The text is nicely repetitive and includes satisfyingly disgusting nose-blowing effects that children will love." Kirkus

Manna, Anthony L.

The **orphan**; a Cinderella story from Greece. [by] Anthony L. Manna and Soula Mitakidou; illustrated by Giselle Potter. Schwartz & Wade 2011 un il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **398.2**

1. Fairy tales 2. Folklore -- Greece
ISBN 978-0-375-86691-3; 0-375-86691-4; 978-0-375-96691-0 lib bdg; 0-375-96691-9 lib bdg

LC 2010044480

In this variation on the Cinderella story set in Greece, a girl mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters manages to captivate the prince, with help from Mother Nature and her children.

"The doll-like faces and stiff limbs of Potter's naïve-style watercolor figures suit the fairy-tale setting, and the pictures of tiny tailors and jewelers fawning before the pudgy stepsisters give the otherwise earnest story mordant humor. This Cinderella somehow seems more resourceful than her French counterpart, and her happy ending more dearly earned." Publ Wkly

Moerbeek, Kees

Aesop's fables: a pop-up book of classic tales. paper engineering by Kees Moerbeek; illustrated by Chris Beatrice & Bruce Whatley. Little Simon 2011 il \$27.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 **398.2**

1. Fables 2. Folklore 3. Pop-up books
ISBN 978-1-4169-7146-7; 1-4169-7146-7

"This book makes good use of the format to showcase 10 traditional tales. Five of the fables are presented on handsomely illustrated spreads, each including a dramatic 3D sculpture that takes center stage and two smaller foldouts embellished with movable parts that contain the bulk of the text. . . . Each centerpiece pop-up does an excellent job of grabbing readers' attention and drawing them into the story. . . . Throughout, rich earthy hues, lush forest landscapes, and vivid detail make the illustrations appealing. The straight-

forward text aptly conveys the gist of each tale, and a brief section offers background about Aesop." SLJ

Monte, Richard

The **mermaid** of Warsaw; and other tales from Poland; illustrated by Paul Hess. Frances Lincoln 2011 il pa \$8.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **398.2**

1. Folklore -- Poland
ISBN 978-1-84780-164-7; 1-84780-164-1

"A gratifying and unusual collection of folktales from Poland. There are a number of good stock characters in these pages: beautiful princesses who get themselves into trouble, warty-nosed ogres, . . . buffoons who overstep themselves or commit one-too-many deadly sins. There are also talking trees, dark forests, miraculous springs and . . . monsters. . . . The tales are told . . . in an unwavering voice, with portent enough to keep an audience listening close, and Hess' artwork has the right spidery look and sinister atmosphere. . . . That the locales are ancient and real gives the whole collection added wallop." Kirkus

Morpurgo, Michael

The **Pied Piper** of Hamelin. [retold by] Michael Morpurgo; illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 **398.2**

1. Folklore -- Germany
ISBN 978-0-7636-4824-4; 0-7636-4824-8

LC 2010050683

The Pied Piper pipes a village free of rats, and when the villagers refuse to pay him for the service, he pipes away their children as well.

"Chichester Clark's pencil-and-acrylic illustrations are bright and beautifully composed; the teeming rats radiate menace without being actively scary. An evocative and effective retelling of an old classic." Kirkus

Muller, Gerda

Goldilocks and the three bears. Floris 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **398.2**

1. Bears -- Folklore
ISBN 978-0-86315-795-0

"This delicately illustrated version of this tale, first published in France, removes some of the familiar oppositions (too hard, too soft, just right) found in earlier versions and gives the heroine a contemporary backstory (she lives in a traveling circus caravan). The charm of the book lies primarily in Muller's detailed illustrations, which are set against tan backgrounds and include an inviting fairy tale woods dotted with wildflowers and a rustic abode for the bears. . . . The story's size motif is emphasized both textually and in the art, with big, medium, and small objects appearing throughout." Publ Wkly

Naidoo, Beverley

★ **Aesop's** fables; [illustrated by] Piet Grobler. Frances Lincoln Children's Books 2011 48p il \$18.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **398.2**
1. Authors 2. Fables 3. Storytellers
ISBN 978-1-84780-007-7; 1-84780-007-6
“Wearing a deliberate African patina, this refreshing collection of 16 Aesop fables takes place in the South African veld, giving these timeless moral tales a visual and verbal facelift. . . . In typical Aesop fashion, animals serve as lead characters, but Naidoo adds to the African texture by populating the tales with distinctive African animals. . . . The single-action narrative of each fable preserves the impersonal moral tone of the originals. . . . Primitive, whimsical watercolor-and-pencil illustrations preserve the African theme.” Kirkus

Namm, Diane

Greek myths; retold from the classic originals by Diane Namm; illustrated by Eric Freeberg. Sterling 2011 152p il \$5.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **398.2**
1. Greek mythology
ISBN 978-1-4027-7312-9; 1-4027-7312-9

LC 2010039803

From Icarus’s legendary flight to Orpheus’s trip to the underworld, this introduces young readers to classic Greek myths.

“Namm retells 15 familiar myths in the simple, straightforward style that makes this series so accessible for emerging readers. . . . Motivations and feelings are described directly, allowing children to easily grasp the deeper meaning of the stories. The book ends with discussion questions and a note for parents and educators. . . . It will likely become a fixture in most libraries.” SLJ

Napoli, Donna Jo, 1948-

★ **Treasury** of Greek mythology; classic stories of gods, goddesses, heroes & monsters. National Geographic Society 2011 191p il map \$24.95; lib bdg \$33.90

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **398.2**
1. Greek mythology
ISBN 978-1-4263-0844-4; 1-4263-0844-2; 978-1-4263-0845-1 lib bdg; 1-4263-0845-0 lib bdg

LC 2011024327

“Napoli presents 25 tales introducing the major players of the Greek pantheon along with an assortment of celebrated heroes and mortals. . . . At once eloquent and elemental, these lyrically written portraits deftly detail each character’s origins, realm of power, and legendary story lines. Filled with sensual imagery, the language is poetic, yet balanced by amusing asides and wry observations that add a contemporary, almost conversational accessibility. . . . Stunning stylized paintings featuring luminous colors, rich patterns, and star-infused motifs add depth and drama to the text. . . . Interesting sidebars appear throughout, providing historical, scientific, and cultural information.” SLJ

Ollhoff, Jim

Japanese mythology. ABDO Pub. 2011 32p il lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **398.2**
1. Japanese mythology
ISBN 978-1-61714-723-4

LC 2010042019

“This book offers information about Japanese mythology, answering questions such as “Who is Hachiman? What is the Seven Gods of Fortune? Why are myths so important in our lives? Myths are a rich source of history. People use them to make sense of our world. Even before myths were written down, people told and retold the stories of the gods and goddesses of their homeland. Readers of Japanese Mythology will learn the history of myths, as well as their deeper meaning.” (Publisher’s note) “A Shinto creation story forms the backbone of [this book], which also introduces the sun goddess Amaterasu; the fabled first emperor of Japan, Jimmu; and the impish Oni.” (Booklist)

“Ollhoff writes in a clear and engaging fashion, presenting complex issues in a way that will be easy for youngsters to grasp. . . . The photographs and reproductions of art tie directly to the [text].” SLJ

Schwartz, Alvin

★ **Scary** stories to tell in the dark; collected from folklore. retold by Alvin Schwartz; illustrated by Brett Helquist. Harper 2010 113p il \$15.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **398.2**
1. Folklore -- United States 2. Ghost stories 3. Horror fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-083519-4; 0-06-083519-2; 978-0-06-083520-0 pa; 0-06-083520-6 pa

Stories of ghosts and witches, “jump” stories, scary songs, and modern-day scary stories.

“Helquist’s new illustrations for Schwartz’s classic [collection] of ghost stories inhabit an altogether more benign universe than the nightmarish Stephen Gammell originals. [This edition is] handsome and accessible, ceding the stories themselves pride of place.” Horn Book Guide

Includes bibliographical references

Singh, Rina

Nearly nonsense; Hoja tales from Turkey; illustrated by Farida Zaman. Tundra Books 2011 48p il \$17.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **398.2**
1. Folklore -- Turkey
ISBN 978-0-88776-974-0; 0-88776-974-8

“Turkey has a particularly vibrant oral tradition, and the stories of Nasrudin Hoja—a foolish/wise man—are legion and deservedly popular. . . . When he and his son take their donkey to market, they are ridiculed whether they ride, walk, or carry the animal on their backs, proving that you can’t please everyone. When Hoja wears fancy clothing, he is treated more deferentially than when he wears patched clothing, so he ‘feeds’ his coat to show the error of his host’s behavior. Lesser-known stories are also included. . . . These retellings are unembellished, but their humor and intention are clear.” SLJ

Waters, Fiona

Aesop’s fables. retold by Fiona Waters; illustrated by Fulvio Testa. Trafalgar Square 2011 il \$24.99

Grades: 1 2 3 4

1. Fables

ISBN 978-1-84939-049-1; 1-84939-049-5

"Waters deftly adds a contemporary tone in description and dialogue to her smooth rendering of 60 familiar and less-well-known tales. The terse moral of each fable, concluding each one in customary style, is usually set in traditional terms. . . . Testa's pen and watercolor drawings are fun, portraying all animals with the large eyes currently popular in cartoon art. . . . With its many comic touches, this anthology presents once again the humor, folly, ingenuity, and wisdom that make Aesop so durable." SLJ

398.2

Grades: PreK K

1. Nursery rhymes

ISBN 978-1-84507-987-1; 1-84507-987-6

"Animals figure prominently in this collection of 40 nursery rhymes, distinguished by Morris's dreamlike watercolor illustrations. For 'Lavender's Blue' and 'Lilies Are White' a king and queen ride a polar bear, all three crowned with botanicals mentioned in the verse. Later, a woman in vibrant robes knits yarn carried 'three bags full' by her enormous, shaggy black sheep. Morris places nomadic, magisterial figures against pastoral backdrops, peppered with castles and cottages, creating moments of strange, bewitching beauty." Publ Wkly

398.8

398.209 Specific continents, countries, localities

O'Connor, George

Hades. First Second 2011 \$9.99

Grades: 4 5 6

398.209

1. Hades (Greek deity) -- Comic books, strips, etc. -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9781596434349

LC 2011017563

In this book, a "tempestuous mother-daughter relationship makes up the centerpiece of [author and illustrator George] O'Connor's . . . Olympian portrait. Snatched down to the Underworld in the wake of a screaming fight with her mother Demeter, . . . raging adolescent Kore (meaning, generically 'The Maiden') initially gives her quiet, gloomy captor Hades a hard time too. After grabbing the opportunity to give herself a thorough makeover and changing her name to Persephone ('Bringer of Destruction'), though, she takes charge of her life--so surely that, when offered the opportunity to return to her remorseful mom, she lies about having eaten those pomegranate seeds so she can spend half of each year as Queen of the Dead." (Kirkus)

Ollhoff, Jim

Middle Eastern Mythology. by Jim Ollhoff. ABDO Publishing Company 2011 32p il World of mythology lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 5 6 7 8

398.209

1. Mythology -- Middle East

ISBN 1617147257; 9781617147258; 1-61714-725-7; 978-1-61714-725-8

LC 2010042977

This describes the history of myths of the Middle East, their meaning, and their gods and goddesses including Mithra, Mot, the Mesopotamian goddess Ishtar, and the Canaanite thunder god, Baal.

"Ollhoff writes in a clear and engaging fashion, presenting complex issues in a way that will be easy for youngsters to grasp. . . . The photographs and reproductions of art tie directly to the [text]." SLJ

398.8 Rhymes and rhyming games

Morris, Jackie

★ The cat and the fiddle; a treasury of nursery rhymes. Francis Lincoln 2011 il \$19.95

400 LANGUAGE

401 Philosophy and theory

Lunge-Larsen, Lise

★ Gifts from the gods. written by Lise Lunge-Larsen; illustrated by Gareth Hinds. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Childrens 2011 90p \$18.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

401

1. Classical mythology 2. Vocabulary

ISBN 978-0-547-15229-5; 0-547-15229-9

LC 2010031635

In this book "[Lise] Lunge-Larsen and [Gareth] Hinds explain what words like echo, grace, hypnotize, and janitor have in common, tracing the origins of common words and expressions to Greek and Roman myths. Readers may know that 'arachnid' derives from the story of Arachne and that modern-day 'sirens' have mythical antecedents, but this collection . . . [also explains] the roots of 'nemesis' (the goddess of justice) or 'tantalize,' after doomed Tantalus. Lunge-Larsen provides additional context, including dictionary definitions, and quotes from childrens literature. Hinds incorporates graphic novel style elements into his . . . illustrations, including dialogue balloons and filmic perspectives." (Publishers Weekly)

"Lunge-Larsen and Hinds explain what words like echo, grace, hypnotize, and janitor have in common, tracing the origins of common words and expressions to Greek and Roman myths. . . . Lunge-Larsen provides additional context, including dictionary definitions, and quotes from childrens literature. Hinds incorporates graphic novel style elements into his dynamic illustrations, including dialogue balloons and filmic perspectives. A treat for myth lovers and language lovers alike, this smart and well-executed compilation should provide readers with a deeper understanding of the ways in which language evolves and of the surprising symbolism behind certain words." Publ Wkly

413 Dictionaries of standard forms of languages

Ogburn, Jacqueline K.

★ Little treasures; endearments from around the world. Houghton Mifflin 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **413**
1. Love 2. Polyglot materials
ISBN 978-0-547-42862-8; 0-547-42862-6
“Ogburn and Raschka give families a whole new vocabulary with which to express their love, exploring terms of endearment used around the globe. Impish, doe-eyed figures rendered in broad, calligraphic brushstrokes wear with pride terms like ‘ducky,’ used in England, and ‘kullanmuru,’ which means ‘nugget of gold’ in Finland. Raschka forgoes painting his characters with black, brown, or white skin, instead using gleeful pinks, blues, teals, and greens. The phrases appear both in English and in their original languages . . . with phonetic pronunciations provided. . . . The message about familial love being a universal human trait is clearly and joyfully articulated; it’s hard to imagine a sweeter concept.” Publ Wkly

423 Dictionaries of standard English

The **Kingfisher** children’s illustrated dictionary & thesaurus; 2nd ed.; Kingfisher 2011 320p il \$16.99
Grades: 2 3 4 5 **423**
1. English language -- Dictionaries 2. Reference books
ISBN 978-0-7534-6469-4; 0-7534-6469-1
“One of the challenges when designing books for children is to present information in a way that is appealing to them. The second edition of The Kingfisher Children’s Illustrated Dictionary and Thesaurus meets this challenge. The design of the book makes it intuitive for students to use. . . . The illustrations and information on these pages will spark the imagination of the reader. . . . This book would be a good resource for elementary-school-age students and is recommended for both elementary-school and public libraries.” Booklist

428 Standard English usage (Prescriptive linguistics)

Jenkins, Emily
Small, medium, large; a book about relative sizes. illustrated by Tomek Bogacki. Star Bright Books 2011 un il \$19.95
Grades: PreK K 1 **428**
1. Size 2. Vocabulary
ISBN 978-1-59572-278-2; 1-59572-278-5
LC 2010050853
“Four colorful mouselike beings of varied sizes represent the concepts of small, medium, large, and extra large in bold, posterlike spreads rendered in black line and swathes of thick, textured paints. Similar characters, larger and smaller, join the original four to expand the notion of size at both ends of the scale (e.g., ‘huge,’ ‘enormous,’ ‘colossal’; and ‘tiny,’ ‘minuscule,’ and ‘itty-bitty’ and demonstrate how many smaller sizes can stack up to equal one ‘colossal’ size in a splendid, culminating vertical gatefold. . . . The generous trim size, large font, simple ideas, and eye-popping shapes and colors add up to a cheerful concept book ideal for sharing with a group of young children or as a lapsit.” SLJ

National Geographic Society (U.S.)

Word book; learning the words in your world.
National Geographic 2011 64p il \$15.95; lib bdg \$23.99

Grades: PreK **428**
1. Vocabulary
ISBN 978-1-4263-0789-8; 1-4263-0789-6; 978-1-4263-0790-4 lib bdg; 1-4263-0790-X lib bdg
LC 2010049462

Presents hundreds of words with images representing each word, grouped together by such themes as shapes, food, games, pets, music, and seasons.

“Small, clearly labeled photos set against single-colored squares enhance the easy-to-follow design.” Horn Book Guide

Terban, Marvin

Scholastic guide to grammar. [by] Marvin Terban as Professor Grammar. Scholastic Inc. 2011 255p il pa \$9.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **428**
1. English language -- Grammar
ISBN 978-0-545-35669-5; 0-545-35669-5

This guide to English language grammar covers the parts of speech, sentences and paragraphs, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, communicating ideas through vocabulary, homonyms, homophones, homographs, figures of speech, alliteration, hyperbole, similes, personification, and idioms, and includes a thesaurus.

500 SCIENCE

508 Natural history

Granström, Brita

Nature adventures. [by] Mick Manning & Brita Granström. Frances Lincoln Children’s Books 48p il \$18.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **508**
1. Nature study
ISBN 978-1-84780-088-6; 1-84780-088-2

“Highly illustrated, information-packed pages entice readers to explore nature wherever they might find themselves and to take an active look at the world around them. Chapters include ‘In the Town,’ ‘Fresh Water,’ ‘Woodland,’ ‘Field and Hedgerow,’ ‘Wild Country,’ ‘The Seashore,’ and ‘Through the Seasons.’ Beautifully drawn artwork in pencil and watercolor provides field-guide references for budding explorers.” SLJ

Includes glossary

508.2 Seasons

Goldstone, Bruce

★ **Awesome** autumn; Bruce Goldstone. Henry Holt and Co. 2012 48 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **508.2**
1. Autumn -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 0805092102; 9780805092103
LC 2011029043

This book is an educational resource for learning about the Autumn season. Leaves change color. Animals fly south or get ready to hibernate. People harvest crops and dress up as scary creatures for Halloween. And then there are pickup football games to play, Thanksgiving foods to eat, leaf piles to jump in all the amazing things that happen as the air turns crisp and cool. With . . . photographs, . . . explanations, and . . . craft ideas, Bruce Goldstone has created a[n] . . . exploration of autumn. (Publisher's note)

Rustad, Martha E. H.

Fall weather; cooler temperatures; illustrated by Amanda Enright. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3 **508.2**
1. Autumn
ISBN 978-0-7613-5063-7; 0-7613-5063-2
LC 2010048309

This book about Fall weather is "outstanding for . . . its clear description of seasons and the word 'equinox.' . . . Colorful illustrations fill the spreads with active, cartoonlike boys and girls surrounded by the green, brown, and orange hues of autumn." SLJ

512 Algebra

Adler, David A., 1947-

Mystery math; a first book of algebra. by David A. Adler ; illustrated by Edward Miller. Holiday House 2011 1 v. \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **512**
1. Algebra -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 0823422895; 9780823422890
LC 2010024188

Adler tackles the "topic of algebra, starting with the basics and working up from there. . . . Easy-to-understand mathematical notations guide readers through the solution to each problem, which are originally posed as word problems involving two children, Mandy and Billy, and Igor, the caretaker of a haunted house. The Halloween theme echoes the idea of algebra as the solving of mathematical mysteries, and Miller's digital artwork ups the ante with a palette strong on blacks, dark blues and lime greens." Kirkus

513 Arithmetic

Cleary, Brian P.

A **fraction's** goal; parts of a whole; illustrated by Brian Gable. Millbrook Press 2011 31p il lib bdg \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **513**
1. Fractions
ISBN 978-0-8225-7881-9; 0-8225-7881-6
LC 2010051518

This "title presents fractions as a way to express parts of an entity (pizza) or group (jugglers). The rhyming lines of text bounce along in a genial way. . . . Brightened with eye-catching color combinations, Gable's cartoon-style illustrations express the simple mathematical ideas clearly, while his wacky critters add a good deal of humor." Booklist

516 Geometry

Loughrey, Anita

Circles. QEB Pub. 2010 23p il lib bdg \$24.25
Grades: PreK K 1 2 **516**
1. Shape
ISBN 978-1-59566-918-6; 1-59566-918-3
LC 2010005380

This "has a good grasp of how children best learn new math concepts. [The] book begins with a bright illustration of the shape and asks children to trace it with a finger. Subsequent pages present the shape in a variety of colorful sizes, places where it can be found, and activities. Well-thought-out, age appropriate, and attractive." Horn Book Guide

Rectangles. QEB Pub. 2010 23p il lib bdg \$24.25

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **516**
1. Shape
ISBN 978-1-59566-915-5; 1-59566-915-9
LC 2010005381

This "has a good grasp of how children best learn new math concepts. [The] book begins with a bright illustration of the shape and asks children to trace it with a finger. Subsequent pages present the shape in a variety of colorful sizes, places where it can be found, and activities. Well-thought-out, age appropriate, and attractive." Horn Book Guide

Squares. QEB Pub. 2010 23p il lib bdg \$24.25
Grades: PreK K 1 2 **516**
1. Shape 2. Square
ISBN 978-1-59566-917-9; 1-59566-917-5
LC 2010005382

This "has a good grasp of how children best learn new math concepts. [The] book begins with a bright illustration of the shape and asks children to trace it with a finger. Subsequent pages present the shape in a variety of colorful sizes, places where it can be found, and activities. Well-thought-out, age appropriate, and attractive." Horn Book Guide

Triangles. QEB Pub. 2010 23p il lib bdg \$24.25
Grades: PreK K 1 2 **516**
1. Shape
ISBN 978-1-59566-916-2; 1-59566-916-7
LC 2010005383

This "has a good grasp of how children best learn new math concepts. [The] book begins with a bright illustration of the shape and asks children to trace it with a finger. Subsequent pages present the shape in a variety of colorful sizes, places where it can be found, and activities. Well-thought-out, age appropriate, and attractive." Horn Book Guide

516.2 Euclidean geometry

Green, Dan

Algebra & geometry; anything but square; illustrated by Simon Basher. Kingfisher 2011 il \$14.99; pa \$8.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **516.2**

1. Algebra 2. Geometry
ISBN 978-0-7534-6627-8; 978-0-7534-6597-4 pa

523.2 Planetary systems

Kops, Deborah

Exploring exoplanets. Lerner Publications 2011 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 4 5 6 **523.2**

1. Extrasolar planets
ISBN 978-0-7613-5444-4; 0-7613-5444-1
LC 2010046109

This explains how scientists have discovered other planets in the universe similar to those in our solar system.

523.8 Stars

Abramson, Andra Serlin

Inside stars; by Andra Serlin Abramson and Mordecai-Mark Mac Low. Sterling Children's Books 2011 48p il \$16.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **523.8**

1. Stars
ISBN 978-1-4027-7709-7; 1-4027-7709-4; 978-1-4027-8162-9 pa; 1-4027-8162-8 pa
LC 2011283564

Presents an illustrated overview of stars, including information on how they affect the Earth, how scientists study them, how they are classified, how they form and die, and specific information about our star, the Sun.

"On full but not crowded-looking pages, the captions, vocabulary words and digestible blocks of text are set into and around an engagingly diverse mix of cutaway views, digital paintings and eye-widening deep-space photographs. . . . There's plenty here to stimulate both random browsers and confirmed young sky watchers." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Waxman, Laura Hamilton

Exploring black holes. Lerner Publications Company 2011 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 4 5 6 **523.8**

1. Black holes (Astronomy)
ISBN 978-0-7613-5442-0; 0-7613-5442-5
LC 2010035378

This book about black holes in space is "written in simple language, [and] illustrated nicely. . . . The information presented is factually correct. . . . Every page includes a well-chosen illustration or photograph." Sci Books Films

529 Chronology

Jenkins, Steve

★ **Just** a second. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **529**

1. Nature 2. Time
ISBN 978-0-618-70896-3; 0-618-70896-0
LC 2011002104

This non-fiction picture book explores time and how we think about it in a different way—as a series of events in the natural world (some of them directly observable, others not) that take place in a given unit of time.

"Jenkins brings fresh perspective to the passage of time in a thought-provoking picture book that features his typically elegant cut-paper collages. . . . Back matter offers information about life spans, population growth, and Earth's history. This subtly philosophical examination of time, scale, and the mechanics of life is all but certain to leave readers reconsidering the world and their place in it." Publ Wkly

530 Physics

Adams, Tom

Feel the force! full of pop-up physics fun! illustrated by Thomas Flintham. Candlewick 2011 20p il \$18.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **530**

1. Physics 2. Pop-up books
ISBN 0-7636-5566-X; 978-0-7636-5566-2

"This high-energy pop-up takes a hands-on approach to physics. The text explains such concepts as force, gravity, friction, sound waves, light, and magnetism. . . . Cartoons, pop-ups, mini-books, flaps, tabs, and sidebars further elaborate on the various topics, and numerous experiments encourage further exploration and scrutiny."

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Mason, Adrienne

Motion, magnets and more; the big book of primary physical science. written by Adrienne Mason; illustrated by Claudia Dávila. Kids Can Press 2011 127p il \$18.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **530**

1. Physical sciences
ISBN 978-1-55453-707-5; 1-55453-707-X

This book "is divided into four chapters that start readers off with the easy and familiar and work up to some larger science concepts, introducing and defining proper vocabulary along the way. . . . Short sentences, simple vocabulary and only a few paragraphs per page make this accessible for even the youngest of science explorers, while the 19 activities scattered throughout will deepen their understanding and hold their focus. . . . Dávila's charming digital illustra-

tions depict rosy, round-faced multiethnic children in a variety of settings exploring the world around them." Kirkus

Taylor-Butler, Christine

Think like a scientist in the gym. Cherry Lake 2011 32p il \$27.07

Grades: 3 4 5 **530**

1. Physics 2. Science -- Experiments 3. Sports
ISBN 978-1-61080-163-8; 1-61080-163-6

"This is a kid-friendly approach to physics in particular and the scientific method in general, arranging much of the information around places and ideas kids can relate to: the gym, the track, and sports. . . . Five short chapters highlight how scientists and kids can find out how things work through experiments. . . . Photos of kids playing sports and simple but bright cartoon illustrations make this a lively read." Booklist

531 Classical mechanics**Gray, Susan Heinrichs**

Experiments with motion. [by] Susan H. Gray. Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **531**

1. Motion 2. Science -- Experiments
ISBN 978-0-531-26346-4 lib bdg; 0-531-26346-0 lib bdg; 978-0-531-26646-5 pa; 0-531-26646-X pa

LC 2011011971

"In just four short chapters with glossy pages and plentiful color photographs, the author breaks down some fairly complicated concepts and takes readers through laws governing motion and scientific investigation. . . . Multiethnic upper elementary children demonstrate experiments using readily available everyday materials, while the text gives clear explanations." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

535.6 Color**Brockett, Jane**

Ruby, violet, lime; looking for color. [text and photographs by Jane Brockett] Millbrook Press 2012 30p il lib bdg \$25.26

Grades: PreK K **535.6**

1. Color
ISBN 978-0-7613-4612-8; 0-7613-4612-0

LC 2010051757

Presents brightly colored photograph illustrations that demonstrate the three primary colors and three secondary colors, as well as brown, pink, black, white, gray, silver, and gold.

"Isolating each featured color in snapshots (often close-ups) of everyday objects, the spreads are completely filled with a grid of three to five photos that prove to readers that colors can be found anywhere and everywhere. . . . Worthy of even the most overflowing of colorful collections, this is sure to be the beginning of many a color adventure, both in school and out." Kirkus

550 Earth sciences**Strother, Ruth**

B is for blue planet; an earth science alphabet. written by Ruth Strother and illustrated by Bob Marstall. Sleeping Bear Press 2011 40 p. \$16.95

Grades: 1 2 **550**

1. Earth sciences -- Juvenile literature 2. English language -- Alphabet -- Juvenile literature 3. Geology -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9781585364541

LC 2010030635

In this picture book, "[t]he . . . poetic text and . . . illustrations provide an . . . entree into . . . Earth science topics . . . while sidebars provide . . . information on each topic." (Science & Children) "Planet Earth has been home to mankind for hundreds of thousands of years and while scientists have learned a lot about it, they're still unraveling many of its mysteries. "B is for Blue Planet: An Earth Science Alphabet." explains what we do know about our planet and what more we have to learn. [It e]xamine[s] Earth's diverse ecosystems (deserts), . . . geological wonders (karst caves), . . . weather phenomena (hurricanes), and much more." (Publisher's note)

551.2 Volcanoes, earthquakes, thermal waters and gases**Benoit, Peter**

The **Krakatau** eruption. Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **551.2**

1. Volcanoes
ISBN 978-0-531-20628-7 lib bdg; 978-0-531-29027-9 pa

LC 2010045930

This describes the 1883 volcanic eruption on the island of Krakatau.

"Benoit provides unbiased information that is on target for the intended audience. . . . The photographs and reproductions enhance the [text]. . . . [This book is] well-conceived." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Stewart, Melissa

Inside earthquakes. Sterling Publishing Co., Inc. 2011 48p il map \$16.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **551.2**

1. Earthquakes
ISBN 978-1-4027-5877-5; 978-1-4027-8163-6 pa

LC 2010046452

This book about earthquakes "explores its topic in an engaging way, and the many illustrations work well with adjacent text and captions. . . . The [book's] varied page layouts and attractive and the quality of photos, computer-generated images, original illustrations, and charts is . . . excellent. . . . [The book] looks at the geology of the earth's crust as well as the effects of quakes on people and cities, landforms and coastlines." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

Inside volcanoes. Sterling Publishing Co. 2011
48p il map \$16.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **551.2**

1. Volcanoes
ISBN 978-1-4027-5876-8; 1-4027-5876-6; 978-1-
4027-8164-3 pa; 1-4027-8164-4 pa

LC 2010046451

Examines the nature of volcanoes, how they are formed, what they look like, and how they are measured, in a text with ten foldout pages.

“With pages that fold out or flip up, well-reproduced photographs of volcanoes at rest and in action, diagrams, maps, charts, timelines and short explanations, there is much to look at and to learn. . . . Appropriately for a book that is clearly designed to stimulate interest, there are solid suggestions for both books and websites for further exploration. A good starting-place for volcano explorations.” Kirkus

551.3 Surface and exogenous processes and their agents

Silverman, Buffy

Exploring dangers in space; asteroids, space junk, and more. Lerner Publications 2011 40p il \$27.93

Grades: 4 5 6 **551.3**

1. Asteroids 2. Comets 3. Meteors 4. Space debris
ISBN 978-0-7613-5446-8

LC 2010046078

This discusses meteoroids, space junk, comets and asteroids that fall to Earth, how scientists watch out for large collisions, and what they might do if Earth is in danger.

This book is “written in simple language, [and] illustrated nicely. . . . The information presented is factually correct. . . . Every page includes a well-chosen illustration or photograph.” Sci Books Films

Includes bibliographical references

551.46 Oceanography and submarine geology

Nivola, Claire A.

★ **Life** in the ocean. Claire A. Nivola. Frances Foster Books, Farrar Straus Giroux 2012 1 v. (unpaged) col. ill. \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 **551.46**

1. Marine biologists -- United States -- Juvenile literature
2. Women explorers -- United States -- Biography -- Juvenile literature 3. Women marine biologists -- United States -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780374380687

LC 2011016645

This picture book presents a “biography of oceanographer Sylvia Earle, a pioneer and entrepreneur in her field who also set an example for women of the mid 20th century. The initial spread of Earle’s childhood farm is a . . . collection of pale greens, earth tones, . . . [including] other details: a pair of mallards in a dusky pond, a red cardinal atop a willow. The . . . illustrations soon move underwater, as Earless relocates to the Gulf Coast, and her interests lead her

deeper into ocean exploration. . . . [Next is a] watercolor of Earle scuba diving amid a tropical reef, the coral and sea life forming a colorful border as she swims between the pages. The . . . narrative highlights Earless career and also provides a few . . . closeups from specific dives.” (Publishers Weekly)

551.55 Atmospheric disturbances and formations

Fradin, Dennis Brindell

Tornado! the story behind these twisting, turning, spinning, and spiraling storms. by Judith Bloom Fradin & Dennis Brindell Fradin. National Geographic 2011 63p il map \$16.95; lib bdg \$26.90

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **551.55**

1. Tornadoes
ISBN 978-1-4263-0779-9; 1-4263-0779-9; 978-1-
4263-0780-5 lib bdg; 1-4263-0780-2 lib bdg

LC 2010042813

“Two of the four chapters describe deadly twisters in the U.S., while the others discuss the science and predictability of tornadoes. Throughout, there are first-person accounts. . . . Excellent color photos make this book a magnet for browsers, while the informative text and diagrams bring meaning to the images and provide content that students will find helpful for reports.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

551.56 Atmospheric electricity and optics

Stewart, Melissa

★ **Inside** lightning; illustrations by Cynthia Shaw. Sterling 2011 48p il \$16.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **551.56**

1. Lightning
ISBN 978-1-4027-5878-2; 1-4027-5878-2

This book about lightning “explores its topic in an engaging way, and the many illustrations work well with adjacent text and captions. . . . The [book’s] varied page layouts and attractive and the quality of photos, computer-generated images, original illustrations, and charts is . . . excellent. . . . Featuring a step-by-step, illustrated explanation of lightning formation as well as comments from people who have had close encounters with the phenomenon, Inside Lightning provides a vivid and unusually informative introduction to the subject.” Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

551.57 Hydrometeorology

Gibbons, Gail

It’s snowing! Holiday House 2011 32p il \$17.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **551.57**

1. Snow
ISBN 978-0-8234-2237-1

LC 2010029570

Introduces snow, discussing how snowflakes are formed, what causes it to snow, where snow occurs around the world, different types of snowstorms, and what to do during a heavy winter storm.

"This is a crystal-clear introduction that illustrates how snow can be dangerous, but plenty of fun, too." Booklist

551.63 Weather forecasting and forecasts, reporting and reports

Fleisher, Paul

Doppler radar, satellites, and computer models; the science of weather forecasting. Lerner Publications 2010 48p il map lib bdg \$29.27

Grades: 4 5 6

551.63

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
2. Weather forecasting
3. Weather forecasting -- Juvenile literature
4. Young adult literature -- Works

ISBN 978-0-8225-7535-1; 0-8225-7535-3

LC 2009-44919

This describes how scientists predict the weather, the tools and instruments that help them make forecasts, and how far in advance can they make good predictions.

"Chapters are well-organized and contain clear explanations. The crisp layout contains plenty of captioned photos and diagrams, as well as sidebars that feature interesting facts and suggestions for observations readers can record in their backyards." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

567.9 Reptiles

Bacchin, Matteo

Giant vs. giant; *Argentinosaurus* and *Giganotosaurus*. drawings and story, Matteo Bacchin; essays, Marco Signore; translated from the Italian by Marguerite Shore. Abbeville Kids 2010 61p il \$15.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

567.9

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
2. Dinosaurs
3. Dinosaurs -- Juvenile literature
4. Fossils

ISBN 978-0-7892-1013-5; 0-7892-1013-4

LC 2010-21120

This "book is split into two sections: the first contains parts . . . of a serial graphic novel about dinosaur survival, complete with dramatic narrative and grisly, to-the-death battles. The second half is a higher-level traditional nonfiction text with color photographs and diagrams, focusing on the science behind the comics. The unique format is generally engaging and effective." Horn Book Guide

T. rex and the great extinction. drawings and story, Matteo Bacchin; essays, Marco Signore; translated from the Italian by Marguerite Shore. Abbeville Kids 2010 il \$15.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

567.9

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
2. Dinosaurs
3. Dinosaurs -- Juvenile literature
- 4.

Fossils 5. Fossils -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9780789210142; 0789210142

LC 2010021123

This "book is split into two sections: the first contains parts . . . of a serial graphic novel about dinosaur survival, complete with dramatic narrative and grisly, to-the-death battles. The second half is a higher-level traditional nonfiction text with color photographs and diagrams, focusing on the science behind the comics. The unique format is generally engaging and effective." Horn Book Guide

Hartland, Jessie

★ **How** the dinosaur got to the museum. Blue Apple Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: 3 4 5

567.9

1. Dinosaurs
2. Fossils
3. Museums

ISBN 978-1-60905-090-0; 1-60905-090-8

LC 2011018921

"This cumulative narrative follows the journey of a set of dinosaur bones belonging to a *Diplodocus longus* that lived 145 million years ago to its present home in the display halls of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. . . . It . . . describes the work of many hands involved, . . . starting with the dinosaur hunter who discovered the bones and the paleontologist who went to Utah to identify them and culminating with the museum director who opened the exhibit. . . . [The author's] verbs are interestingly varied, as are the many things these people do. The text is printed on double-page illustrations, painted in a childlike manner but detailed enough to show all the people and activities." Kirkus

Hughes, Catherine D.

First big book of dinosaurs. National Geographic 2011 127p \$14.95; lib bdg \$21.90

Grades: PreK K 1 2

567.9

1. Dinosaurs

ISBN 978-1-4263-0846-8; 1-4263-0846-9; 978-1-

4263-0847-5 lib ed; 1-4263-0847-7 lib bdg

LC 2011015051

"A bright, eye-catching format, naturalistic illustrations, and concise prose introduce readers to 52 dinosaur species, organized by size—small, big, giant, or gigantic. Distinguishing characteristics of each dinosaur . . . appear in a large font like a headline on each spread; informative sidebars, charts that compare each dino's size to a human, phonetic pronunciations, and lively interactive prompts . . . make this an especially engaging primer." Publ Wkly

569 Fossil mammals

Sloan, Christopher

Baby mammoth mummy; frozen in time: a prehistoric animal's journey into the 21st century. National Geographic 2011 il map \$17.95; lib bdg 26.90

Grades: 4 5 6 7

569

1. Fossils
2. Mammoths

ISBN 978-1-4263-0865-9; 1-4263-0865-5; 978-1-

4263-0866-6 lib bdg; 1-4263-0866-3 lib bdg

LC 2010044003

“From CAT scans to the use of surgical cameras, the mummy of a baby mammoth found dislodged from Siberian ice undergoes veritable CSI treatment in the Netherlands, Japan, the U.S., and in her Russian homeland as scientists scramble to discover her historic age (42,000 years), her chronological age (32 days), her diet (mother’s milk), and the cause of her demise (suffocation in mud). Sloan’s clear, readable text follows this journey in nicely defined stages, with explanations along the way for possibly unfamiliar processes. Plentiful photos, a pair of maps, some diagrams, and colorful artwork accompany the information.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

576.8 Evolution

Pringle, Laurence P.

★ **Billions** of years, amazing changes; the story of evolution. Boyds Mills Press 2011 102p il \$17.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **576.8**

1. Evolution

ISBN 978-1-59078-723-6; 1-59078-723-4

“Pringle provides an accessible introduction to complex concepts such as natural selection and genetics, paired with Jenkins’s characteristically elegant collages. . . . Compelling photographs of fossils and living creatures, as well as Jenkins’s paper collages, augment the substantial text. The presentation should help children gain a confident grasp on the fundamentals of evolution.” Publ Wkly

577.3 Ecology of specific environments

Callery, Sean

Rainforest; discover Earth’s ecosystems. Kingfisher 2011 32p il map \$12.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **577.3**

1. Food chains (Ecology) 2. Rain forest animals 3. Rain forest ecology

ISBN 978-0-7534-6576-9; 0-7534-6576-0

After a brief introduction to the rain forest ecosystem “examples of three actual food chains within that ecosystem are presented . . . leaf-cutter ant, armadillo, jaguar. Well-designed double-page spreads . . . provide brief information about each creature and its place in the chain. Vivid photos and vibrantly colored pages are eye-catching. Useful food web charts summarizing content are appended.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary

577.4 Grassland ecology

Pattison, Darcy

Prairie storms. by Darcy Pattison; illustrated by Kathleen Rietz. Sylvan Dell Pub. 2011 un il map \$16.95; pa \$8.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

577.4

1. Prairie animals 2. Prairie ecology 3. Storms
ISBN 978-1-60718-129-3; 1-60718-129-0; 978-1-60718-139-2 pa; 1-60718-139-8 pa; 978-1-60718-149-1 e-book; 1-60718-149-5 English e-book; 978-1-60718-159-0 Spanish e-book; 1-60718-159-2 Spanish e-book

LC 2011016339

This describes the prairie ecosystem through its ever-changing weather. Each month features a storm typical of that season and a prairie animal who must shelter, hide, escape, or endure those storms.

“Beautiful two-page framed spreads do a good job of showing an animal or bird of the plains and the weather conditions that might be currently affecting. The book gives a unique look at the differing plains habitats.” Sci Books Films

577.5 Ecology of miscellaneous environments

Callery, Sean

Polar lands. Kingfisher 2011 il \$12.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **577.5**

1. Food chains (Ecology)

ISBN 978-0-7534-6691-9; 0-7534-6691-0

“This focuses on 11 Arctic and Antarctic animals, exploring their life cycles and the ways in which they are interconnected by a food chain. The first food chain Callery presents is hermit crab, Arctic tern, Arctic fox, polar bear. Each spread is devoted to a single animal. . . . Beautiful closeup photographs show the animals in their natural habitats eating, playing and interacting with one another. . . . A great beginning look at the lifecycles of some fascinating animals and a solid tool for learning about food chains.” Kirkus

Moss, Miriam

This is the mountain; illustrated by Adrienne Kennaway. Frances Lincoln 2011 un il \$17.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **577.5**

1. Mountain ecology 2. Natural history -- Africa

ISBN 978-1-84507-984-0; 1-84507-984-1

“Illustrated with attractive accessible watercolors, this picture book introduces Mount Kilimanjaro, from the people and animals living on the plains around it to the mountain-side and the glaciers at its peak. . . . The book has real value for children. Not only does it show life on and around Mount Kilimanjaro, it shows how the landforms and ecosystems change as one moves up the mountain.” Booklist

577.7 Marine ecology

Callery, Sean

Ocean. Kingfisher 2011 32p il \$12.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **577.7**

1. Food chains (Ecology) 2. Marine animals 3. Marine ecology

ISBN 0-7534-6577-9; 978-0-7534-6577-6

After a brief introduction to the ocean ecosystem “examples of three actual food chains within that ecosystem are presented. . . . Well-designed double-page spreads . . . provide brief information about each creature and its place

in the chain. Vivid photos and vibrantly colored pages are eye-catching. Useful food web charts summarizing content are appended." Horn Book Guide

Chin, Jason

Coral reefs. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **577.7**

1. Coral reefs and islands
ISBN 978-1-5964-3563-6; 1-5964-3563-1

LC 2010045189

"Chin, who pioneered this hybrid form of straightforward nonfiction text and fanciful pictures with Redwoods (2009), offers another a statement about the power of reading for an imaginative child with this appealing introduction to a complex world. He opens and closes his narrative with accurate and clearly labeled pencil sketches of a large variety of reef-dwellers. Inside, realistic watercolor images, some in panels, some in full-bleed pages and even double-page spreads, complement the text." Kirkus

578.4 Adaptation**Rustad, Martha E. H.**

Animals in fall; preparing for winter; illustrated by Amanda Enright. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3 **578.4**

1. Animal behavior 2. Autumn 3. Winter
ISBN 978-0-7613-5066-8; 0-7613-5066-7

LC 2010053468

This "relates the animals preparation for winter through pictures and text. . . . At the end of the book an activity that children can do to understand how extra fat can keep you warm is featured. . . . Children will enjoy the colorful, expressive illustrations." Sci Books Films

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

578.7 Organisms characteristic of specific kinds of environments**Kirby, Richard R.**

Ocean drifters; a secret world beneath the waves. Firefly Books 2011 192p il \$29.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Adult **578.7**

1. Marine plankton
ISBN 978-1-55407-982-7; 1-55407-982-9

LC 2011284690

"This is a very well illustrated book of some 121 full-page color photographs of microscopic marine organisms. Each illustration is accompanied by a brief description and explanation. Phytoplankton and zooplankton are featured, but also included are picoplankton, virioplankton, and bacterioplankton, with emphasis on the role played by plankton in the carbon cycle, oxygen production, and as the base of the marine food pyramid as the primary producers. Their importance in sustaining the life of the oceans, in petroleum

and natural gas resources, and in climate is also discussed." Sci Books Films

Includes bibliographical references

580 Natural history of plants and animals**Gould, Margee**

Giant plants. The Rosen Pub. Group 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **580**

1. Plants 2. Size
ISBN 978-1-4488-4990-1; 1-4488-4990-X

LC 2010052217

This "colorful [introduction has] bright, full-color photographs that are detailed enough to enable identification in the field. . . . [The book] includes not only the tallest and most massive plants, but also those with giant odors. One of the illustrations for the corpse flower shows kids at a greenhouse holding their noses as they observe the huge flower that smells like rotting meat. . . . Useful for reports and fun to browse, read, and learn." SLJ

Includes glossary

581.4 Adaptation**Gould, Margee**

Prickly plants. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **581.4**

1. Cactus 2. Plants
ISBN 978-1-4488-4991-8; 1-4488-4991-8

LC 2010053141

This describes prickly plants including cacti, stinging nettles, the silk floss tree and the honey locust tree.

This "colorful [introduction has] bright, full-color photographs that are detailed enough to enable identification in the field. . . . Useful for reports and fun to browse, read, and learn." SLJ

Includes glossary

Rustad, Martha E. H.

Fall leaves; colorful and crunchy; illustrated by Amanda Enright. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3 **581.4**

1. Autumn 2. Leaves
ISBN 978-0-7613-5062-0; 0-7613-5062-4

LC 2010053301

In this book "a young girl spies leaves changing color in the fall. She explores how different weather and amounts of sunlight allow the leaves to grow, get food and water, change color, and then fall as the seasons change. . . . In the back of the book, instructions are given for making a leaf print. . . . Children will enjoy the colorful, expressive illustrations." Sci Books Films

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

581.6 Miscellaneous nontaxonomic kinds of plants

Gould, Margee

Poisonous plants. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25
Grades: 3 4 5 **581.6**

1. Poisonous plants
ISBN 978-1-4488-4989-5; 1-4488-4989-6
LC 2010050512

This "colorful [introduction has] bright, full-color photographs that are detailed enough to enable identification in the field, especially of such common poisonous plants as poison ivy, oak, and sumac. . . . Useful for reports and fun to browse, read, and learn." SLJ

Includes glossary

583 Dicotyledons

Gould, Margee

Meat-eating plants. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25
Grades: 3 4 5 **583**

1. Carnivorous plants
ISBN 978-1-4488-4988-8; 1-4488-4988-8
LC 2010047870

This describes meat-eating plants including the venus flytrap, the bladderwort, the pitcher plant, and the sundew.

This "colorful [introduction has] bright, full-color photographs that are detailed enough to enable identification in the field. . . . Useful for reports and fun to browse, read, and learn." SLJ

Includes glossary

590 Animals

Berkes, Marianne Collins

Animalogy; animal analogies. by Marianne Berkes; illustrated by Cathy Morrison. Sylvan Dell 2011 un il \$16.95; pa \$8.95; English ebook \$9.95; Spanish ebook \$9.95
Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 4 **590**

1. Analogy 2. Animals
ISBN 978-1-60718-127-9; 1-60718-127-4; 978-1-60718-137-8 pa; 1-60718-137-1 pa; 978-1-60718-147-7 English ebook; 978-1-60718-157-6 Spanish ebook
LC 2011006510

"Use this rhyming book about animals with students to explain the concept of analogies. 'Robin is to wing, as goldfish is to fin. Beaver is to build, as spider is to spin.' Body parts, size, sounds, actions, and animal classification are all included in the examples. Detailed and realistic illustrations give moose, bears, and frogs a ready-to-jump-off-the-page appearance. . . . This book makes learning about analogies, new vocabulary, and animals easy to understand and fun." SLJ

Cusick, Dawn

Get the scoop on animal poop; from lions to tapeworms, 251 cool facts about scat, frass, dung & more. Dawn Cusick. Imagine Pub. 2012 80 p. \$14.95
Grades: 3 4 5 **590**

1. Animal droppings -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9781936140428
LC 2011025982

This book is a "guide to coprology, the study of feces. . . . Every page is packed with colorful photographs, and the text is an accumulation of snippets, a few sentences about each of the hundreds of topics." (Kirkus) "Topics covered include digestive systems of various animals, parasites, animals that eat feces, and bathroom habits. Back matter includes a guide to identify types of animal feces, a "poo interview" with a veterinarian, activity ideas, a glossary and reading list . . . , a subject index, and an index by organism." (School Libr J)

McGuinness, Lisa

The dictionary of ordinary extraordinary animals. by Lisa McGuinness and Leslie Jonath ; illustrated by Lisa Congdon. Running Press 2011 un il \$18.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **590**
1. Animals -- Encyclopedias
ISBN 978-0-7624-4063-4; 0-7624-4063-5
LC 2010935841

"An alphabetically organized discussion of 150 animals, this informative guidebook combines casual descriptions of the animals with grainy illustrations reminiscent of vintage flashcards. . . . Congdon's paintings are characterized by naturalistic details and touches of surprising whimsy . . . communicating a palpable sense of wonder." Publ Wkly

Baby animal pop! with 5 incredible, life-size fold-outs. National Geographic 2011 il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **590**
1. Animal babies
ISBN 978-1-4263-0765-2; 1-4263-0765-9

"This well-written book has exquisite life-size photos. Between the appealing pictures, an educational text for older children details the environment, anatomy, food, and homes of bunnies, ducklings, piglets, lambs, and ponies. The diagrams and photos give youngsters insight into the first year of the animals' lives." SLJ

★ **A zeal** of zebras; an alphabet of collective nouns. by Woop Studios. Chronicle Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K **590**
1. Alphabet 2. Animals
ISBN 978-1-4521-0492-8; 1-4521-0492-1
LC 2011008011

"From the graphic designers of the Harry Potter franchise, this ABC book of collective nouns couples informative text with digitally created tableaux reminiscent of vintage posters that wryly play on the terms. . . . The thoughtful and provocative portraits will leave readers teasing out their subtleties." Publ Wkly

591.4 Physical adaptation

Fielding, Beth

★ **Animal** tails. EarlyLight Books 2011 36p
il \$14.95

Grades: 1 2 3 **591.4**

1. Animals 2. Tails

ISBN 0-9797455-8-6; 978-0-9797455-8-4

"Fielding describes how tails work for elephants, kangaroos, primates, cats, squirrels, chameleons, lizards, snakes, birds, whales, stingrays, and caterpillars. More than 13 styles of tails, such as scaly, stinging, and spraying, are paired with various functions performed by these animals. . . . The full-color photography is quite bright, clear, and eye-catching. . . . A visually appeal and interesting introduction." SLJ

Hodgkins, Fran

Amazing eggs; with illustrations by Wendy Smith. Treasure Bay 2011 41p il \$9.95

Grades: K 1 2 **591.4**

1. Eggs

ISBN 1-60115-251-5; 1-60115-252-3 pa; 978-1-60115-251-0; 978-1-60115-252-7 pa

"A colorful and scientific explanation of eggs and the development of insects, reptiles, birds, and fish. The well-written, easy-to-understand text and the inviting format will encourage emerging readers to pick up the book on their own. Intended as a shared reading experience for adult and child, the dual differentiated text appears on each page, accompanied by clear, informative, full-color photos. An attractive addition that covers an important science-curriculum subject." SLJ

Hulbert, Laura

Who has these feet? illustrated by Erik Brooks. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **591.4**

1. Animals 2. Foot

ISBN 978-0-8050-8907-3; 0-8050-8907-1

LC 2010033429

"This guess-the-animal book asks readers to identify species by looking at their feet. Hulbert describes how each animal's treads are acclimated to its particular environment: a tree frog's toes are sticky; a squirrel uses the claws on its toes to scamper along trees; and a sea turtle has flippers for swimming. A gatefold features all of the animals together. . . . Brooks's naturalistic yet affable animals will likely inspire readers to take a closer look at their own feet." Publ Wkly

Kaner, Etta

Have you ever seen a hippo with sunscreen? written by Etta Kaner; illustrated by Jeff Szuc. Kids Can Press 2010 il \$14.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **591.4**

1. Animals

ISBN 978-1-55453-337-4; 1-55453-337-6

"People may wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and snowshoes, but the seven featured animals have their own physical adaptations to their environments. Large type, very brief question-and-answer text . . . and humorous illustrations make the volume accessible and entertaining for young readers." Horn Book Guide

Messner, Kate

★ **Over** and under the snow. Chronicle Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **591.4**

1. Animals -- Habitations 2. Winter

ISBN 978-0-8118-6784-9; 0-8118-6784-6

LC 2009028984

"The lyrical descriptions of the text and the gray/brown/ice-blue palette of the illustrations leave readers with a retro feel that harkens back to earlier days of children's books and bygone times when life seemed simpler. Utterly charming, and informative, to boot; readers brought up on a diet of rhymes, bright colors and adorable fluffy animals will find its simple beauty a balm." Kirkus

591.5 Behavior

Barner, Bob

Animal baths. Chronicle Books 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **591.5**

1. Animal behavior 2. Baths

ISBN 978-1-4521-0056-2; 1-4521-0056-X

LC 2011008001

"Eleven colorful two-page spreads (illustrated in cut paper, ribbon and pastel) show a variety of animals bathing, with accompanying two-line verses. . . . Finally, there's a little boy in a tub rub-a-dubbing and covered in bubbles. Then, a fitting encore: A longer poem against a background of bubbles and a child's bathtime accessories goes through the child's whole bath routine with shoutouts to some of the animals. . . . Barner's text is crisp and age-appropriate, but his well-composed, clever pictures really carry the story. . . . Well-conceived in its simplicity from beginning to end; even pre-readers can follow along." Kirkus

Hile, Lori

Animal survival. Raintree 2011 56p il lib bdg \$33.50

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **591.5**

1. Animal behavior 2. Animals 3. Natural disasters
4. Pets

ISBN 978-1-4109-3973-9; 1-4109-3973-1

LC 2010028842

This book is "fun and informative. [This] well-organized title starts with an overview [of animal survival], offers some specific examples, and includes additional facts or tips and resources. . . . [It features] dramatic archival and full-color photos on nearly every page. . . . The first chapter introduces resilient creatures that beat the odds and then follows with their journeys, animal heroes, and their work while surviving natural disasters. . . . [This is a book] that youngsters will enjoy and talk about." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Thimmesh, Catherine

Friends. written by Catherine Thimmesh. Houghton Mifflin 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **591.5**
1. Animal behavior
ISBN 0547390106; 9780547390109; 978-0-547-39010-9; 0-547-39010-6

LC 2010025122

This book offers a photo exploration of unlikely animal friendships.

"The photos radiate trust and warmth, and the text is soothing and reassuring." SLJ

591.56 Behavior relating to life cycle

Dowson, Nick

North; the story of Arctic migration; illustrated by Patrick Benson. Candlewick Press 2011 56p il \$16.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **591.56**
1. Animals -- Migration
ISBN 978-0-7636-5271-5; 0-7636-5271-7

LC 2010048131

"In the dark Arctic winters, few species can survive, but in short, lush summers, millions of animals return to reproduce. This combination of lyrical prose and striking illustrations conveys the mystery and magic of the far North and the cycle of darkness and rebirth that includes some astonishing migratory journeys. . . . Simple but effective, this is a beautiful introduction to a remarkable region that should encourage any child's sense of wonder." Kirkus

591.59 Communication

Davies, Nicola

Talk talk squawk; how and why animals communicate; illustrated by Neal Layton. Walker & Company 2011 64 p. \$15

Grades: 3 4 5 **591.59**

1. Animal communication
ISBN 0763650889 (Candlewick); 1406321184 (Walker & Co.); 9780763650889 (Candlewick); 9781406321180 (Walker & Co.)

LC 2010040794

"Davies and Layton turn to animal communication, describing how animals send and receive messages by sound, sight, smell and touch, for a variety of purposes. . . . Cartoon-like illustrations, almost doodles, done in ink and colored digitally, add humor to every page, even in the backmatter. They often include speech balloons demonstrating the animals' messages. . . . Something to crow about." Kirkus

591.6 Miscellaneous nontaxonomic kinds of animals

Stewart, Melissa

Deadliest animals. National Geographic 2011 48p il lib bdg \$11.90; pa \$3.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **591.6**
1. Dangerous animals
ISBN 978-1-4263-0758-4 lib bdg; 1-4263-0758-6 lib ed; 978-1-4263-0757-7 pa; 1-4263-0757-8 pa

LC 2011284182

This describes 12 dangerous species including sharks, snakes, jellyfish, bears, tigers and mosquitoes.

"Vivid nature photos show the deadly creatures in action. Silly jokes . . . and . . . sidebars maintain readers' attention." Horn Book Guide

591.7 Animal ecology, animals characteristic of specific environments

Mitton, Tony

Fantastic forest; [illustrated by] Ant Parker. Kingfisher 2010 un il \$9.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **591.7**
1. Forest animals
ISBN 978-0-7534-3007-1; 0-7534-3007-X

"Three animal friends in human garb wander through a forest . . . to introduce young readers to various animals in [that habitat]. The bouncy rhymed [text] and colorful cartoonlike illustrations, along with being entertaining, offer some surprisingly substantive facts about the creatures." Horn Book Guide

Ocean odyssey; [illustrated by] Ant Parker. Kingfisher 2010 un il \$9.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **591.7**
1. Marine animals
ISBN 978-0-7534-3006-4; 0-7534-3006-1

"Three animal friends in human garb . . . explore the undersea world to introduce young readers to various animals in [that habitat]. The bouncy rhymed [text] and colorful cartoonlike illustrations, along with being entertaining, offer some surprisingly substantive facts about the creatures." Horn Book Guide

Webb, Sophie

Far from shore; a naturalist explores the deep ocean. written and illustrated by Sophie Webb. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 80p il \$17.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **591.7**
1. Dolphins 2. Marine animals 3. Water birds
ISBN 978-0-618-59729-1; 0-618-59729-8

LC 2010025121

Webb "returns with another richly detailed journal of her travels as a naturalist, combining scientific information, field guide-like illustrations, and a thorough account of the day-to-day experiments of a field scientist. The setting is a four-month-long research cruise on a National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration ship to study the impact of fishing on two dolphin populations that reside in the Eastern Tropical Pacific." Horn Book

Includes glossary

591.9 Animals by specific continents, countries, localities

Baby animals: in the jungle. Kingfisher 2011 un il bd bk \$5.99

Grades: PreK **591.9**

1. Animal babies 2. Animals -- Africa 3. Board books for children

ISBN 978-0-7534-6491-5; 0-7534-6491-8

"Although the adorable pics of jungle critters will be the dominant draw in this compact board book, that's not all it has going on. The assembled cast includes familiar faces of tiger, elephant, and gorilla tykes but also includes a tapir, lemur, and group of froglets. The descriptive and action-oriented text accompanying each pic holds a few surprises as well, using creative typography to help convey meaning. . . . Irresistible and educational in equal measure." Booklist

593.5 Coelenterates

Metz, Lorijo

Discovering jellyfish. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **593.5**

1. Jellyfishes

ISBN 978-1-4488-4997-0; 1-4488-4997-7

LC 2011000159

This book about jellyfish "briefly describes the major physical and behavioral characteristics common to all [jellyfish] and one or two distinctive characteristics of about a half dozen species. . . . One or two sharp color photographs of representative species, most of which are close-ups, accompany the text on every page. . . . [This is] well organized and smoothly written in an engaging style." SLJ

Includes glossary

593.9 Echinoderms and hemichordates

Metz, Lorijo

Discovering starfish. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **593.9**

1. Starfishes

ISBN 978-1-4488-4996-3; 1-4488-4996-9

LC 2011000152

This book about starfish "briefly describes the major physical and behavioral characteristics common to all [starfish] and one or two distinctive characteristics of about a half dozen species. . . . One or two sharp color photographs of representative species, most of which are closeups, accompany the text on every page. . . . [This is] well organized and smoothly written in an engaging style." SLJ

594 Mollusks and molluscoids

Metz, Lorijo

Discovering clams. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5

1. Clams

ISBN 978-1-4488-4994-9; 1-4488-4994-2

594

LC 2011000158

This book about clams "briefly describes the major physical and behavioral characteristics common to all [clams] and one or two distinctive characteristics of about a half dozen species. . . . One or two sharp color photographs of representative species, most of which are closeups, accompany the text on every page. . . . [This is] well organized and smoothly written in an engaging style." SLJ

Owens, L. L.

The life cycle of a snail. Child's World 2011 il \$27.07

Grades: K 1 2 3 **594**

1. Snails

ISBN 978-1-60973-191-5; 1-60973-191-3

"The life cycle of a snail is divided as follows: egg, hatchling, and adult. With big, clear full-page photos . . . as well as straightforward text, readers can follow along on the slimy journey from egg to snail. . . . This title features beautiful photos and text simple enough for very young gastropod lovers." Booklist

595.3 Crustaceans

Metz, Lorijo

Discovering crabs. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **595.3**

1. Crabs

ISBN 978-1-4488-4993-2; 1-4488-4993-4

LC 2011000153

This book about crabs "briefly describes the major physical and behavioral characteristics common to all [crabs] and one or two distinctive characteristics of about a half dozen species. . . . One or two sharp color photographs of representative species, most of which are closeups, accompany the text on every page. . . . [This is] well organized and smoothly written in an engaging style." SLJ

Includes glossary

595.4 Chelicerates

Markle, Sandra

Crab spiders; phantom hunters. Sandra Markle. Lerner Pub. Company 2012 48 p. col. ill. Arachnid world \$29.27

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.4**

1. Crab spiders 2. Crab spiders -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 0761350454; 9780761350453

LC 2011020443

This book is part of Sandra Markles sArachnid WorldA series. In this book, you will learn how crab spiders are similar to and different from other arachnids. Close-up photographs and diagrams reveal extraordinary details about the crab spider's body both inside and out. A hands-on activity illustrates how a crab spider can quickly ambush a flying

insect. . . . Enter the . . . world of the arachnid family with award-winning science author Sandra Markle! Too often lumped together with insects, these fascinating animals have distinctive characteristics and habits that are all their own.I (Publisher's note)

Fishing spiders; water ninjas. Sandra Markle. Lerner Publications Company 2012 48 p. col. ill. Arachnid world \$29.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.4**

1. Dolomedes -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780761350446

LC 2011020442

This book is part of Sandra Markle's "Arachnid World" series. In this book, you will learn how fishing spiders are similar to and different from other arachnids. Close-up photographs and diagrams reveal extraordinary details about the fishing spider's body both inside and out. A hands-on activity shows how the fishing spider's hairy coat helps it walk on water. . . . Enter the . . . world of the arachnid family with award-winning science author Sandra Markle! Too often lumped together with insects, these fascinating animals have distinctive characteristics and habits that are all their own.I (Publisher's note)

Jumping spiders; gold-medal stalkers. by Sandra Markle. Lerner Publications 2012 48 p. col. ill. Arachnid world \$29.27
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.4**

1. Jumping spiders -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 0761350470; 9780761350477

LC 2011021598

This book is part of Sandra Markle's "Arachnid World" series. In this book, you will learn how jumping spiders are similar to and different from other arachnids. Close-up photographs and diagrams reveal extraordinary details about the jumping spider's body both inside and out. A hands-on activity compares the reader's jumping ability with that of a jumping spider. . . . Enter the . . . world of the arachnid family with award-winning science author Sandra Markle! Too often lumped together with insects, these fascinating animals have distinctive characteristics and habits that are all their own.I (Publisher's note)

Markle, Sandra, 1946-

Mites; master sneaks. by Sandra Markle. Lerner Publications 2012 48 p. Arachnid world \$29.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.4**

1. Mites -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780761350460

LC 2011021462

In this book, a volume of the Arachnid World series, readers "will learn how mites are similar to and different from other arachnids. Close-up photographs, micrographs, and diagrams reveal . . . details about a mite's body both inside and out. A hands-on activity shows how quickly a few mites can multiply into hundreds." (Publisher's note) The book "discuss[es] . . . [their] physical structure, life cycle, and characteristic behaviors. . . . In "Mites." [author Sandra] Markle discusses a variety of these . . . creatures." (Booklist)

Tarantulas; supersized predators. by Sandra Markle. Lerner Publications Company 2012 48 p. Arachnid world \$29.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.4**

1. Tarantulas -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780761350439

LC 2011020437

In this book, a volume of the Arachnid World series, readers "will learn how tarantulas are similar to and different from other arachnids. Close-up photographs and diagrams reveal extraordinary details about the tarantula's body both inside and out. A hands-on activity illustrates how a tarantula grows bigger and bigger by molting." (Publisher's note) The book "discuss[es] . . . [their] physical structure, life cycle, and characteristic behaviors. . . . "Tarantula." looks at the lives of these large, hairy spiders and points out that they help control insect populations." (Booklist)

Wind scorpions; killer jaws. Sandra Markle. Lerner Publications 2012 48 p. Arachnid world (lib. bdg. : alk. paper) \$30.60
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.4**

1. Solpugida 2. Solpugida -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 0761350489; 9780761350484

LC 2011021599

In this book, a volume of the Arachnid World series, readers "will learn how wind scorpions are similar to and very different from other arachnids. Close-up photographs and diagrams reveal extraordinary details about the wind scorpion's body both inside and out. A hands-on activity demonstrates how wind scorpions are able to pick up prey to eat it." (Publisher's note) The book "discuss[es] . . . [their] physical structure, life cycle, and characteristic behaviors. . . . "Wind Scorpion." introduces a group of arachnids that use supersize jaws to defend themselves and to attack their prey." (Booklist)

Ofinoski, Steven

Scorpions. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il lib bdg \$20.95
Grades: 3 4 5 **595.4**

1. Scorpions
ISBN 978-0-7614-4878-5; 0-7614-4878-0

LC 2010016035

Provides information on the anatomy, special skills, habitats, and diet of scorpions.

This offers "comprehensive text and striking, well-chosen photos. . . . [This is] packed with engaging facts and trivia, as well as an upbeat tone." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

595.7 Insects

Catt, Thessaly

Migrating with the monarch butterfly. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25

Grades: 2 3 4 **595.7**
1. Butterflies -- Migration
ISBN 978-1-4488-2546-2 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-2676-6 pa

LC 2010030647

This describes the yearly migration of the monarch butterfly, which can travel between 50 to 100 miles a day.

Glaser, Linda

Not a buzz to be found; insects in winter; illustrations by Jaime Zollars. Millbrook Press 2011 31p il lib bdg \$25.26

Grades: K 1 2 3 **595.7**
1. Insects 2. Winter
ISBN 978-0-7613-5644-8; 0-7613-5644-4

LC 2011001148

"This look at how insects survive the cold may have young naturalists scouring the winter landscape to find them for themselves. From those who migrate or hibernate to ones that hide or are still eggs, Glaser has assembled a wide variety of 12 of the more common insects, including ants, ladybugs, dragonflies, honeybees, monarchs, praying mantises and black swallowtail butterflies. Short verses present readers with how each gets through the winter. . . . Gorgeous full-bleed illustrations filled with color and detail depict the insects in winter." Kirkus

Gray, Susan Heinrichs

The **life** cycle of insects. [by] Susan H. Gray. Heinemann Library 2011 48p il lib bdg \$35; pa \$8.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **595.7**
1. Insects
ISBN 978-1-4329-4983-9 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4990-7 pa

LC 2010038508

This describes what an insect is, types of insects, their life cycles, habitats, foods, defenses, and relationships to humans.

Johnson, Jinny

Insects and creepy-crawlies; Jinny Johnson. Kingfisher 2011 32 p. \$10.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **595.7**
ISBN 0753465922; 9780753465929

In this book, "readers get an up-close view of life in a wide variety of insect colonies through six illustrated story scenes that each examine a key aspect of entomological study—from insect homes, to reproduction, life in the water, hunting and gathering, and insects that fly. Once readers absorb the key elements of the story, they explore the science through photos and fact boxes on the following page." (Publisher's note) This book is "[p]art of [Kingfisher/Macmillan Children's Books]s 'Explore.' series." (Children's Lit)

Simon, Seymour

★ **Butterflies**. Collins 2011 30p il \$17.99

Grades: 1 2 3 4 **595.7**
1. Butterflies
ISBN 978-0-06-191493-5; 0-06-191493-2

LC 2010032203

"Science writer Simon vividly explores the life cycles of butterflies and moths around the globe. . . . Simon's often breathtaking photographs offer closeup views of the insects, demonstrating color variations and their incredible transformations from pupa to adult moth or butterfly. Readers will be armed for the field with juicy vocabulary . . . and tantalizing anatomical descriptions to share." Publ Wkly

Singer, Marilyn, 1948-

Caterpillars. EarlyLight Books 40p il \$14.95
Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 4 **595.7**

1. Caterpillars
ISBN 978-0-9797455-7-7; 0-9797455-7-8

"This basic introduction to caterpillar reproduction, development, diet, survival, habitat, and anatomy is combined with powerfully clear photography that will captivate a wide audience. The book has two levels of text: simple capitalized red letters that swirl across the pages for the youngest readers to more complicated paragraphs easy enough for third or fourth graders to enjoy." SLJ

Siy, Alexandra

Bug shots; the good, the bad, and the bugly. text and photography by Alexandra Siy; photomicrographs by Dennis Kunkel. Holiday House 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **595.7**
1. Insects
ISBN 978-0-8234-2286-9; 0-8234-2286-0

LC 2010024063

"Insects are virtually on trial in this unusual introduction. The book begins by suggesting that readers 'Join the FBI-become a Fellow Bug Investigator' study the insects' 'mug shots,' read their 'rap sheets,' and decide if they are good or bad. After offering general information on classification, anatomy, numbers of species, etc., successive chapters focus on the 'suspects,' comprised of five large insect groups: true bugs; beetles; butterflies and moths; bees, ants, and wasps; and true flies. Each chapter describes the group's outstanding characteristics, as well as the distinctive physical and/or behavioral characteristics of representative species, their diet, harmful or beneficial effects on humans, and so on. . . . Photomicrographs of the insects or body parts illustrate the text on every page; all are brightly colored to highlight anatomical features. . . . The text is clearly written, and the photomicrographs are remarkably detailed." SLJ

Wilson, J. V.

Bumblebee. Frances Lincoln 2011 il \$16.95
Grades: K 1 2 3 **595.7**

1. Bees
ISBN 1847800084; 1-84780-008-4

"The pastoral life of a bumblebee queen. Her yearly cycle begins on the first day of spring, when she sleepily flies in search of food and a nest. . . . On the last day of summer, 'the old bumblebee queen flies out of her wonderful nest for the last time.' And in the autumn, all the new queens fly out to find drones to mate with before settling into another winter of sleep. Wilson's narrative is crisp and concise. . . . Kennaway's watercolors are straightforward and mostly realistic in their particulars. A valuable page about 'Helping

bumblebees' and a glossary conclude the book. Informative and, in its way, lovely." Kirkus
Includes glossary

595.76 Beetles

Jenkins, Steve

The **beetle** book; Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 31 p. \$16.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **595.76**
1. Beetles -- Juvenile literature 2. Children's reference books 3. Entomology 4. Illustrated children's books 5. Natural history literature
ISBN 9780547680842

LC 2011027129

This nonfiction natural history book presents pictures and information about an "array of beetles." Author/illustrator Steve Jenkins describes "the colors and patterns of this ubiquitous insect . . . [and] the details about the various adaptations that beetles have made over millennia in response to their environment, diet, and predators." Jenkins claims that "one out of four creatures on the planet is a beetle." and "that without the dung beetle 'the world's grasslands would soon be buried in animal droppings.'" (Kirkus)

597 Cold-blooded vertebrates

Catt, Thessaly

Migrating with the salmon. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il map lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25

Grades: 2 3 4 **597**
1. Animals -- Migration 2. Salmon
ISBN 978-1-4488-2545-5 lib bdg; 1-4488-2545-8 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-2674-2 pa; 1-4488-2674-8 pa
LC 2010029655

Learn about the life cycle and migration patterns of the salmon.

"Keywords are bolded throughout and can be found in the glossary. The format is attractive with inset captioned photographs and page heading that seem to move across the page." Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary

Stille, Darlene R.

The **life** cycle of fish. Heinemann Library 2011 48p il lib bdg \$35; pa \$8.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **597**
1. Fishes
ISBN 978-1-4329-4980-8 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4987-7 pa

LC 2010038278

This describes what a fish is, types of fishes, their life cycles, habitats, foods, defenses, and relationships to humans.

Swinney, Geoff

Fish facts; illustrated by Janeen Mason. Pelican Pub. Co. 2011 48p il \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

1. Fishes
ISBN 978-1-58980-908-6; 1-58980-908-4

LC 2010046220

"This comprehensive collection of facts about fish is sure to educate as well as fascinate. . . . From fish that produce light and fish that are capable of powered flight, to fish that can change sex and fish that carry their offspring in their mouths, this is chock full of both the amazing and the weird. . . . While the rather advanced vocabulary and biology that Swinney delves into mark this as a book for older readers, younger ones can certainly enjoy both the illustrations and the occasional factoid. Mason's artwork is both painstakingly detailed and realistically colored, even down to the muting effect that water has on colors. Few books come close to this one's inclusiveness." Kirkus

597.8 Amphibians

Markle, Sandra, 1946-

★ The **case** of the vanishing golden frogs. Milbrook Press 2011 48p il \$29.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **597.8**
1. Endangered species 2. Frogs 3. Wildlife conservation
ISBN 0761351086; 9780761351085

LC 2010042642

"Notable for clarity, directness, and simplicity of writing and design alike, this volume [is] both handsome and fascinating. . . . Excellent photos, microscopic views, and maps illustrate the book." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Stille, Darlene R.

The **life** cycle of amphibians. Heinemann Library 2011 48p il lib bdg \$32; pa \$8.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **597.8**
1. Amphibians
ISBN 978-1-4329-4978-5 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4985-3 pa

LC 2010038276

This describes how amphibians "are born or hatched, where they live, and how they grow, move, protect themselves, spend their time, and reproduce. Focusing on frogs, toads, salamanders, and caecilians, [this book] is informative."

597.9 Reptiles

Hutchinson, Mark

Reptiles. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 64p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **597.9**
1. Reptiles
ISBN 978-1-4424-3276-5; 1-4424-3276-4

"Arranged around the digitally rendered, sharply focused central images . . . smaller inset pictures and blocks of text systematically present distinctive physical features, typical behaviors, habitats, ranges, diets, and other infor-

mation about each type of reptile. . . . This book will wow casual browsers and budding herpetologists alike." Booklist

Stille, Darlene R.

The **life** cycle of reptiles. Heinemann Library 2011 48p il map \$32.65

Grades: 3 4 5 **597.9**

1. Reptiles

ISBN 9781432949822 lib bdg; 9781432949891

LC 2010038507

This describes what a reptile is, types of reptiles, their life cycles, habitats, foods, and defenses.

"The book offers a good sense of the variety of reptiles in the world. The books' colorful illustrations include many fine photos from a variety of sources as well as some clearly delineated digital drawings." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

597.92 Turtles**Allen, Kathy**

★ **Sea** turtles' race to the sea; a cause and effect investigation. Capstone Press 2011 32p il map lib bdg \$25.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **597.92**

1. Endangered species 2. Sea turtles

ISBN 978-1-4296-5402-9; 1-4296-5402-3

LC 2010033003

Describes the sea turtle and its disappearing habitat.

"The thoughtfulness with which this . . . book is arranged shows through on each page. Photos truly complement the text without overwhelming it. . . . The book merits praise for its content and its compound contribution to the environment." Sci Books Films

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

597.95 Lizards**Gish, Melissa**

Komodo dragons. Creative Education 2011 48p il lib bdg \$23.95; pa \$8.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **597.95**

1. Komodo dragon

ISBN 978-1-60818-080-6 lib bdg; 1-60818-080-8 lib

bdg; 978-0-89812-672-3 pa; 0-89812-672-X pa

LC 2010028307

A look at Komodo dragons, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their sawlike teeth, behaviors, relationships with humans, and threatened status in the world today.

"Stunning, full-page photographs create immediate visual interest. A brief narrative introduction sets the scene for the richer, more scientific information in the rest of the text." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

597.98 Crocodilians**Meinking, Mary**

Crocodile vs. wildebeest. Raintree 2011 32p il \$29; pa \$7.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **597.98**

1. Crocodiles 2. Gnu 3. Predatory animals

ISBN 978-1-4109-3935-7; 1-4109-3935-9; 978-1-

4109-3944-9 pa; 1-4109-3944-8 pa

Explores the features of crocodiles and gnu that make them particularly suited to catch or evade.

"The struggle between predator crocodile and its wildebeest prey is described in clear language and illustrated with engaging color photographs." Horn Book Guide

Riggs, Kate

Alligators; by Kate Riggs. Creative Education 2012 24 p. Amazing animals \$25.99

Grades: K 1 2 **597.98**

1. Alligators -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 1608181049; 9781608181049

LC 2010049122

This book, a volume of the Amazing Animals series, offers an "exploration of the appearance, behavior, and habitat of alligators. . . . Also included is a story from folklore explaining why alligators and dogs don't get along." (Publisher's note) "This book also shows alligator hatchlings breaking free from an egg, open-jawed waiting to feed, and clinging as it rides on its mother's back. This book also addresses the question: How do you tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? . . . This book shares with readers how the alligator lives in the swamplands, how it hunts, raises young, and lives mostly alone." (Children's Literature)

598 Birds**Gish, Melissa**

Hummingbirds. Creative Education 2011 46p il map lib bdg \$23.95; pa \$8.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **598**

1. Hummingbirds

ISBN 978-1-60818-078-3; 1-60818-078-6; 978-0-

89812-670-9 pa; 0-89812-670-3 pa

LC 2010028314

A look at hummingbirds, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their ability to hover, behaviors, relationships with humans, and admired status in the world today.

"Stunning, full-page photographs create immediate visual interest. A brief narrative introduction sets the scene for the richer, more scientific information in the rest of the text." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Owls. Creative Education 2011 46p il map lib bdg \$23.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **598**

1. Owls

ISBN 978-1-60818-081-3; 1-60818-081-6

LC 2010028308

A look at owls, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their large and observant eyes, behaviors, relationships with humans, and protected status in the world today.

“Stunning, full-page photographs create immediate visual interest. A brief narrative introduction sets the scene for the richer, more scientific information in the rest of the text.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Gray, Susan H.

The **life** cycle of birds. [by] Susan H. Gray. Heinemann Library 2011 48p il \$32.65

Grades: 3 4 5 **598**

1. Birds

ISBN 9781432949792 lib bdg; 9781432949860

LC 2010038277

This describes how birds are “hatched, where they live, and how they grow, move, protect themselves, spend their time, and reproduce. . . . [This book] provides a well-organized account of avian creatures, including topics such as preening, digestion, and adaptations to different habitats.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Metz, Lorijo

Discovering seagulls. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **598**

1. Gulls

ISBN 978-1-4488-4995-6; 1-4488-4995-0

LC 2011000154

This book about seagulls “briefly describes the major physical and behavioral characteristics common to all [seagulls] and one or two distinctive characteristics of about a half dozen species. . . . One or two sharp color photographs of representative species, most of which are closeups, accompany the text on every page. . . . [This is] well organized and smoothly written in an engaging style.” SLJ

Includes glossary

Rebman, Renee C.

Vultures. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il lib bdg \$20.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **598**

1. Vultures

ISBN 978-0-7614-4880-8; 0-7614-4880-2

LC 2010016037

Provides information on the anatomy, special skills, habitats, and diet of vultures.

This offers “comprehensive text and striking, well-chosen photos. . . . [This is] packed with engaging facts and trivia, as well as an upbeat tone.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Sill, Cathryn

About hummingbirds; a guide for children. [by] Cathryn Sill; illustrated by John Sill. Peachtree Publishers 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

598

1. Hummingbirds

ISBN 1561455881; 9781561455881; 978-1-56145-588-1; 1-56145-588-1

LC 2010051999

“The Sills cover the [hummingbird’s] diet, size, migratory habits, anatomical features, reproduction, predators, and habitats. Of special interest are their hovering skills and aerobatic displays. Each spread consists of one large-type sentence and a large watercolor depiction with just enough information for youngsters to gain an introduction to hummingbirds. The text and art combine to make this title a useful and engaging read.”

“The Sills cover the [hummingbird’s] diet, size, migratory habits, anatomical features, reproduction, predators, and habitats. Of special interest are their hovering skills and aerobatic displays. Each spread consists of one large-type sentence and a large watercolor depiction with just enough information for youngsters to gain an introduction to hummingbirds. The text and art combine to make this title a useful and engaging read.” SLJ

Vande Griek, Susan

Loon; pictures by Karen Reczuch. Greenwood Books 2011 il \$18.95

Grades: K 1 2 **598**

1. Loons

ISBN 978-1-55498-077-2; 1-55498-077-1

“This book follows two loon chicks from birth to maturity and has a lyrical text and lush, full-color illustrations. The acrylic-on-canvas paintings are presented from different perspectives to engage viewers—straight on, closeup, and far away.” SLJ

598.9 Falconiformes, Caprimulgiformes, owls

Riggs, Kate

Eagles. by Kate Riggs. Creative Paperbacks 2012 24p. col. ill. Amazing animals \$6.99

Grades: K 1 2 **598.9**

1. Eagles -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9780898126914

LC 2012008602

599 Mammals

Gray, Susan Heinrichs

The **life** cycle of mammals. [by] Susan H. Gray. Heinemann Library 2011 48p il lib bdg \$32; pa \$8.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **599**

1. Mammals

ISBN 978-1-4329-4981-5 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4988-4 pa

LC 2010038498

This describes what a mammal is, types of mammals, their life cycles, habitats, foods, defenses, and relationships to humans.

599.2 Marsupials and monotremes

Heos, Bridget

What to expect when you're expecting joeys; a guide for marsupial parents (and curious kids); illustrated by Stephane Jorisch. Millbrook Press 2011 il \$26.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **599.2**

1. Marsupials

ISBN 0761358595; 9780761358596

LC 2010051506

"Directed at marsupial parents of all kinds, from kangaroos and koalas to possums and bandicoots, this tongue-in-cheek guide to joey development takes it step by step, from the birth of your pinkie to where your baby goes after it leaves the pouch. Never once dropping the pretense that this is written for pouched mammals, this manages to be both entertaining and informative. . . . [The author] uses appropriate vocabulary, making meanings clear in context and also providing a glossary. Jorisch's painted pen-and-ink sketches show lively, lightly anthropomorphized animals and add considerably to the humor." Kirkus

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Riggs, Kate

Kangaroos. by Kate Riggs. Creative Education 2012 24 p. col. ill. Amazing animals \$25.99

Grades: K 1 2 **599.2**

1. Kangaroos -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 1608181081; 9781608181087

LC 2010049210

This childrens book, part of Kate Riggs's Amazing Animals series, focuses on kangaroos. This . . . popular series continues traveling the planet to study alligators, bats, and other fascinating animals. . . . [P]hotos are paired with . . . text to examine the featured creature's appearance, habitat, behaviors, and life cycle. . . . A basic exploration of the appearance, behavior, and habitat of kangaroos, Australia's iconic marsupials. Also included is a story from folklore explaining why kangaroos jump instead of run." (Publisher's note)

599.3 Miscellaneous orders of placental mammals

Bailer, Darice

Prairie dogs. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il lib bdg \$20.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **599.3**

1. Prairie dogs

ISBN 978-0-7614-4876-1; 0-7614-4876-4

LC 2010016033

Provides information on the anatomy, special skills, habitats, and diet of prairie dogs.

599.35 Rodents

Rebman, Renee C.

Rats. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il lib bdg \$20.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **599.35**

1. Rats

ISBN 978-0-7614-4877-8; 0-7614-4877-2

LC 2010016034

Provides information on the anatomy, special skills, habitats, and diet of rats.

This "book features full-color photographs that often capture moments in the animals' natural environment that are rarely seen by humans. The accompanying captions add enriching facts." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

599.4 Bats

Riggs, Kate

Bats. by Kate Riggs. Creative Education 2012 24 p. col. ill. Amazing animals \$25.99

Grades: K 1 2 **599.4**

1. Bats -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 1608181057; 9781608181056

LC 2010049117

This childrens book is part of Kate Riggs' Amazing Animals series, which presents photographs and general facts about physiology, behaviors, eating habits, habitats, and life spans of various animals. (Booklist) "A basic exploration of the appearance, behavior, and habitat of bats, Earth's only flying mammals. Also included is a story from folklore explaining how bats helped shape the earth." (Publisher's note)

599.5 Cetaceans and sea cows

Gish, Melissa

Whales. Creative Education 2011 46p il map lib bdg \$23.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **599.5**

1. Whales

ISBN 978-1-60818-084-4

LC 2010028414

A look at whales, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their streamlined bodies, behaviors, relationships with humans, and threatened status in the world today.

599.53 Dolphins and porpoises

Riggs, Kate

Killer whales. by Kate Riggs. Creative Education 2012 24 p. Amazing animals \$25.99

Grades: K 1 2 **599.53**

1. Killer whale -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9781608181094

LC 2010049129

This book offers a “look at killer whales, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their unique coloration, behaviors, relationships with humans, and protected status.” (Publisher’s note) “This book shares with readers how the whale waits above water for food, how there is only one killer whale and it is found in the coldest oceans. The reader is then informed about the whale’s ability to maintain its warmth thanks to blubber before attention turns toward how the whale moves and swims with the help of its strong tail and flukes.” (Children’s Literature)

599.64 Bovids

Catt, Thessaly

Migrating with the wildebeest. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il map lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25
Grades: 2 3 4 **599.64**

1. Animals -- Migration 2. Gnus
ISBN 978-1-4488-2544-8 lib bdg; 1-4488-2544-X lib bdg; 978-1-4488-2795-4 pa; 1-4488-2795-7 pa
LC 2010028194

Learn about the wildebeest and its migration patterns.
“Keywords are bolded throughout and can be found in the glossary. The format is attractive with inset captioned photographs and page heading that seem to move across the page.” Libr Media Connect
Includes glossary

Gish, Melissa

Bison. Creative Education 2011 46p il map \$23.95
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **599.64**

1. Bison
ISBN 978-1-60818-077-6; 1-60818-077-8
LC 2010028305

A look at bison, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their shaggy coats, behaviors, relationships with humans, and threatened status in the world today.
This offers “an array of interesting facts. Photography is large and beautiful—a real draw.” SLJ
Includes bibliographical references

599.65 Deer

Catt, Thessaly

Migrating with the caribou. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il map lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25
Grades: 2 3 4 **599.65**

1. Animals -- Migration 2. Caribou
ISBN 978-1-4488-2541-7 lib bdg; 1-4488-2541-5 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-2666-7 pa; 1-4488-2666-7 pa
LC 2010024146

Learn about the life cycle of the caribou and its migration patterns.
“Keywords are bolded throughout and can be found in the glossary. The format is attractive with inset captioned photographs and page heading that seem to move across the page.” Libr Media Connect
Includes glossary

Riggs, Kate

Moose. by Kate Riggs. Creative Education 2012 24 p. col. ill. Amazing animals \$25.65
Grades: K 1 2 **599.65**
1. Moose -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9781608181117

LC 2010049131

This childrens book, part of Kate Riggs’s Amazing Animals series, focuses on moose. This . . . popular series continues traveling the planet to study alligators, bats, and other fascinating animals. . . . [P]hotos are paired with . . . text to examine the featured creature’s appearance, habitat, behaviors, and life cycle. . . . “A basic exploration of the appearance, behavior, and habitat of moose, Earth’s largest deer. Also included is a story from folklore explaining how moose interact with other animals.” (Publisher’s note)

599.66 Odd-toed ungulates

Gish, Melissa

Rhinoceroses. Creative Education 2011 46p il map lib bdg \$23.95
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **599.66**

1. Rhinoceros
ISBN 978-1-60818-083-7; 1-60818-083-2
LC 2010028316

A look at rhinoceroses, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their horned noses, behaviors, relationships with humans, and protected status in the world today.

599.67 Elephants

Jackson, Donna M.

★ The **elephant** scientist. by Caitlin O’Connell and Donna M. Jackson; photographs by Caitlin O’Connell and Timothy Rodwell. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 70p il map \$19.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **599.67**
1. Animal communication 2. Biologists 3. Ecologists
4. Elephants 5. Scientific literature
ISBN 978-0-547-05344-8; 0-547-05344-4

LC 2010014134

In this book, O’Connell traveled to Africa in 1992 to observe wild animals; the trip turned into a job offer to study elephants at Etosha National Park; the text focuses on the scientists’ work, findings, and problems encountered. The authors offer [a] . . . look at new discoveries about elephant communication and how this knowledge can be used to slow the animal’s slump into extinction. Combined with . . . full-color photographs by the scientists, the elephants’ world is brought to the forefront. Readers enter the researchers’ camp to see their setup, fieldwork, and takedown in action. They will learn how elephant anatomy and hierarchy work together to aid in communication. (School Library Journal)

O’Connell “worked with other scientists to [identify] the vibration-sensitive cells in elephants’ feet and trunks that enabled them to ‘hear’ sounds transmitted through the ground. Illustrated with many well-captioned, color pho-

tos, this eye-catching book provides a sometimes fascinating look at O'Connell's work with elephants in America and in Namibia." Booklist

599.75 Cat family**Gish, Melissa**

Jaguars. Creative Education 2011 46p il map lib bdg \$23.95

Grades: 5 6 7 **599.75**

1. Jaguars

ISBN 978-1-60818-079-0; 1-60818-079-4

LC 2010028315

A look at jaguars, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their powerful jaws, behaviors, relationships with humans, and threatened status in the world today.

This offers "an array of interesting facts. Photography is large and beautiful—a real draw." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Meinking, Mary

Polar bear vs. seal. Raintree 2011 32p il \$29; pa \$7.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **599.75**

1. Polar bear 2. Predatory animals 3. Seals (Animals)
ISBN 978-1-4109-3939-5; 978-1-4109-3948-7 pa

Explores the features of the polar bear and the seal that make them particularly suited to catch or evade the other.

"The struggle between polar bear and seal is described in clear language and illustrated with engaging color photographs." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Riggs, Kate

Leopards. by Kate Riggs. Creative Education 2012 24 p. col. ill. Amazing animals \$25.99

Grades: K 1 2 **599.75**

1. Leopard -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 1608181103; 9781608181100

LC 2010049130

This childrens book, part of Kate Riggs's Amazing Animals series, focuses on leopards. This . . . popular series continues traveling the planet to study alligators, bats, and other fascinating animals. . . . [P]hotos are paired with . . . text to examine the featured creature's appearance, habitat, behaviors, and life cycle. . . . "A basic exploration of the appearance, behavior, and habitat of leopards, Earth's fourth-largest cats. Also included is a story from folklore explaining why leopards and baboons don't get along." (Publisher's note)

599.77 Dog family**Read, Tracy C.**

Exploring the world of coyotes. Firefly 2011 24p il \$16.95; pa \$6.95

Grades: 4 5 6

599.77

1. Coyotes

ISBN 978-1-55407-795-3; 1-55407-795-8; 978-1-55407-796-0 pa; 1-55407-796-6 pa

This describes the physical features, habitat, diet, and behavior of coyotes.

A "well-organized [text] and good-quality pictures taken from photo archives provide the basics. [This book] reveals how North America's 'super dog' has had to adapt to survive humankind's continuous assault. . . . Insets of information in colorful circles add to the attractive configuration. [The book offers] simple language and good use of space." SLJ

599.78 Bears**Gish, Melissa**

Pandas. Creative Education 2011 48p il lib bdg \$23.95; pa \$8.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **599.78**

1. Giant panda

ISBN 978-1-60818-082-0 lib bdg; 1-60818-082-4 lib bdg; 978-1-60818-082-0 pa; 1-60818-082-4 pa

LC 2010028311

A look at pandas, including their habitats, physical characteristics such as their black-and-white fur, behaviors, relationships with humans, and threatened status in the world today.

599.79 Marine carnivores**Metz, Lorijo**

Discovering sea lions. PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **599.79**

1. Seals (Animals)

ISBN 978-1-4488-4992-5; 1-4488-4992-6

LC 2010047570

This book about sea lions "briefly describes the major physical and behavioral characteristics common to all [sea lions] and one or two distinctive characteristics of about a half dozen species. . . . [The book] outlines the major physical differences between [sea lions] and seals. . . . One or two sharp color photographs of representative species, most of which are closeups, accompany the text on every page. . . . [This is] well organized and smoothly written in an engaging style." SLJ

Includes glossary

Read, Tracy C.

Exploring the world of seals and walruses. Firefly 2011 24p il \$16.95; pa \$6.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **599.79**

1. Seals (Animals) 2. Walruses

ISBN 978-1-55407-784-7; 1-55407-784-2; 978-1-55407-797-7 pa; 1-55407-797-4 pa

This describes the physical features, habitats, diets, and behavior of seals and walruses.

A "well-organized [text] and good-quality pictures taken from photo archives provide the basics. . . . [This focuses] on

the different habitats and challenges faced by three pinniped subgroups: eared and earless seals and the walrus. Insets of information in colorful circles add to the attractive configuration. [The book offers] simple language and good use of space." SLJ

Rebman, Renee C.

Walruses. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il lib bdg \$20.95
Grades: 3 4 5 **599.79**

1. Walruses
ISBN 978-0-7614-4881-5; 0-7614-4881-0
LC 2010016036

This offers information on the anatomy, special skills, habitats, and diet of walruses.

This offers "comprehensive text and striking, well-chosen photos. . . . [This is] packed with engaging facts and trivia, as well as an upbeat tone." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

600 TECHNOLOGY

608 Patents

Lee, Dora

Biomimicry; inventions inspired by nature. written by Dora Lee; illustrated by Margot Thompson. Kids Can Press 2011 40 p. \$18.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **608**
1. Inventions
ISBN 9781554534678

This book explores "modern innovations [that] have sprung from observation and imitation of the natural world. In typically organized double-page spreads, [Dora] Lee describes shapes and structures, materials and designs, as well as systems for exploration, communication, rescue and delivery. . . . Three or four specific examples, each with illustrative vignettes, follow or sometimes precede the general explanation. These topics range widely and include medical marvels, new power sources, [and] biological computers and robots. . . . [The book] includes a strong ecological message: The most important natural model is the sustainable ecosystem. Through biomimicry, humans can learn to live in balance on the Earth as well." (Kirkus)

610 Medicine and health

Bredeson, Carmen

Don't let the barber pull your teeth; could you survive medieval medicine? illustrated by Gerald Kelley. Enslow Publishers 2011 48p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **610**
1. Medicine -- History 2. Medieval civilization
ISBN 978-0-7660-3693-2

LC 2010011898
This describes medieval medicine.

610.69 Medical personnel and relationships

Marsico, Katie

The doctor. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **610.69**
1. Medicine -- History 2. Physicians
ISBN 978-1-60870-412-5; 1-60870-412-2
LC 2010033895

This describes the life of a colonial doctor and his importance to the community, as well as everyday life, responsibilities, and social practices during that time.

This "lively [text] and colorful reproductions and photos will engage casual readers and researchers alike. . . . Large illustrations and thoughtful captions explain complicated scientific ideas. . . . [The] volume also includes step-by-step instructions for a related craft project. . . . [This is a] must-have." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

612 Human physiology

Fromer, Liza

My achy body. Tundra Books 2011 un il \$14.99
Grades: 2 3 4 5 **612**

1. Human body 2. Pain 3. Wounds and injuries
ISBN 978-1-77049-204-2; 1-77049-204-6

This describes bruises, scrapes, scabs, broken bones, sprains, stomach aches, earaches, and sore throats.

My messy body. [by] Liza Fromer and Francine Gerstein; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Tundra Books 2011 un il \$12.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **612**
1. Human body
ISBN 978-1-77049-202-8; 1-77049-202-X

This describes the purpose of the body's secretions, including tears, sweat, snot, urine, excrement, earwax, vomit, pus, and mucus.

My noisy body. [by] Liza Fromer and Francine Gerstein; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Tundra Books 2011 un il \$12.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **612**
1. Human body
ISBN 978-1-77049-201-1; 1-77049-201-1

This describes the meaning of sounds the body creates, including the voice, burps, hiccups, stomach growls, farts, sneezes and coughs.

The authors explain noisy body functions "with a playful attitude and with that buffet a solid body of factual information. . . . Weissmann's squiggly paintings are amusing. . . . This . . . offers a fun, frank look at sometimes taboo topics." Booklist

612.3 Digestive system**Thomas, Isabel****Why** do I burp? digestion and diet. Raintree 2011 32p il lib bdg \$29; pa \$7.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

612.3

1. Digestion

ISBN 978-1-4109-4014-8 lib bdg; 1-4109-4014-4 lib bdg; 978-1-4109-4025-4 pa; 1-4109-4025-X pa

LC 2010024679

"Double-page spreads begin with questions related to the . . . digestive system. The answers, in the form of short paragraphs, bulleted lists, labeled diagrams and schematics, charts, and captioned photos, pack a surprising amount of information into relatively uncluttered pages. . . . Sidebars debunk common misconceptions, give practical advice, and add quirky facts." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

612.6 Reproduction, development, maturation**Fromer, Liza****My** stretchy body. [by] Liza Fromer and Francine Gerstein; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Tundra Books 2011 un il \$12.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5

612.6

1. Growth

ISBN 978-1-77049-203-5; 1-77049-203-8

This describes how we grow, including hair, skin, nails, teeth, muscles, and bones, as well as growth spurts and growing pains.

Harris, Robie H.★ **Who** has what? all about girls' bodies and boys' bodies. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1

612.6

1. Human body 2. Sex education

ISBN 978-0-7636-2931-1; 0-7636-2931-6

LC 2010040464

"A family outing to the beach provides the opportunity for a discussion of the similarities and differences between boys and girls. Nellie's play on the words 'everybody' and 'every body' leads Gus to wondering about body parts. Their beach visit provides an opportunity to see a variety of people and puppies, to itemize all the parts that boys and girls and dogs have in common. . . . Harris . . . matter-of-factly combines common childhood language . . . and anatomically correct terms. . . . Westcott's digital cartoonlike illustrations show different compositions of families representing a wide range of ages, races and nationalities." Kirkus

Plaisted, Caroline**Boy** talk; a survival guide to growing up; illustrated by Chris Dickason. QEB Pub. 2011 il \$35.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

612.6

1. Boys 2. Puberty

ISBN 1-60992-085-6; 978-1-60992-085-2

LC 2011009206

Discusses body changes that happen to boys during puberty, such as acne, body hair, body odor, mood swings,

crushes, and more, and gives suggestions to teen boys for taking care of their hygiene and keeping good relationships.

"Using a colorful design featuring Dickason's wacky, mugging cartoon characters, this is about as appealing as a book on these topics can get, and it maintains a mildly funny, usually frank, and always healthy tone." Booklist

Girl talk; a survival guide to growing up; illustrated by Chris Dickason. QEB Pub. 2011 il lib bdg \$23.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

612.6

1. Girls 2. Puberty

ISBN 978-1-60992-084-5; 1-60992-084-8

LC 2011009125

Discusses body changes that happen to girls during puberty, such as acne, periods, cramps, body hair, mood swings, and more, and gives suggestions to teen girls for taking care of their health.

612.7 Musculoskeletal system, integument**Parker, Steve****How** do my muscles get strong? Raintree 2011 32p il lib bdg \$29; pa \$7.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

612.7

1. Exercise 2. Muscles

ISBN 978-1-4109-4017-9 lib bdg; 1-4109-4017-9 lib bdg; 978-1-4109-4028-5 pa; 1-4109-4028-4 pa

LC 2010024800

"Double-page spreads begin with questions related to the human muscular . . . system. The answers, in the form of short paragraphs, bulleted lists, labeled diagrams and schematics, charts, and captioned photos, pack a surprising amount of information into relatively uncluttered pages. . . . Sidebars debunk common misconceptions, give practical advice, and add quirky facts." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

613.2 Dietetics**Durrie, Karen****Health.** Weigl 2011 il \$27.13

Grades: PreK K 1 2

613.2

1. Health 2. Nutrition

ISBN 978-1-61690-950-5; 1-61690-950-1

LC 2011024904

"A diverse group of people represents seven occupations: doctor, nurse, optometrist, fitness teacher, nutritionist, counselor, and dentist. A large, color photo fills each double-page spread, along with a text box carrying a sentence, such as 'I check your teeth and gums to make sure they are healthy.' . . . All the clearly reproduced photos provide clues that will help children guess who is speaking." Booklist

613.6 Personal safety and special topics of health

Catel, Patrick

Surviving stunts and other amazing feats. Raintree 2011 56p il \$33.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **613.6**

1. Stunts
ISBN 1-4109-3969-3; 978-1-4109-3969-2
LC 2010028690

This book is “fun and informative. [This] well-organized title starts with an overview, offers some specific examples, and includes additional facts or tips and resources. Catel defines activities that encompass adventure and amazement and then leads readers through a discussion of sideshows, movies, and daring stunts (some of which include fire). . . . [It features] dramatic archival and full-color photos on nearly every page. . . . [This is a book] that youngsters will enjoy and talk about.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Hurley, Michael

Surviving the wilderness. Raintree 2011 56p il lib bdg \$33.50

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **613.6**

1. Wilderness survival
ISBN 978-1-4109-3972-2; 1-4109-3972-3
LC 2010028839

This book is “fun and informative. [This] well-organized title starts with an overview [of wilderness survival], offers some specific examples, and includes additional facts or tips and resources. . . . [It features] dramatic archival and full-color photos on nearly every page. . . . [This is a book] that youngsters will enjoy and talk about.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

613.7 Physical fitness

Eason, Sarah

Free running. by Paul Mason and Sarah Eason. Lerner Publications 2011 il \$26.60

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **613.7**

1. Parkour 2. Running
ISBN 076137759X; 9780761377597
LC 2011000467

“Free running, also known as parkour, is a combination of speed running, gymnastics, and, in some cases, sheer fearlessness. Lovers of the sport launch over walls, clear fences in a single bound, and somersault down stairwells. This . . . captures the adrenaline-fueled energy of runners, using bold graphics, bright colors, and short interviews to showcase professionals, demonstrate moves, and trace the origins of free running.” Booklist

Mason, Paul

Improving endurance. PowerKids Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **613.7**

1. Exercise 2. Sports
ISBN 978-1-4488-3300-9; 1-4488-3300-0
LC 2010024356

This offers “detailed tips on improving . . . endurance. All-around athletes will love this and so will kids who just want to work on getting fit.” Booklist

Improving flexibility. PowerKids Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **613.7**

1. Exercise 2. Sports
ISBN 978-1-4488-3299-6; 1-4488-3299-3
LC 2010024359

This offers tips on improving flexibility for sports. “All-around athletes will love this and so will kids who just want to work on getting fit.” Booklist

Improving speed. PowerKids Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **613.7**

1. Exercise 2. Speed 3. Sports
ISBN 978-1-4488-3302-3; 1-4488-3302-3
LC 2010024354

This offers “detailed tips on improving speed. . . . All-around athletes will love this and so will kids who just want to work on getting fit.” Booklist

Improving strength & power. PowerKids Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **613.7**

1. Exercise 2. Physical fitness
ISBN 978-1-4488-3301-6; 1-4488-3301-6
LC 2010024425

This offers tips on improving strength and power for sports.

“All-around athletes will love this and so will kids who just want to work on getting fit.” Booklist

Tuminelly, Nancy

Super simple bend & stretch; healthy & fun activities to move your body. ABDO Pub. Company 2012 32p il lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 1 2 3 **613.7**

1. Exercise 2. Physical fitness
ISBN 978-1-61714-959-7; 1-61714-959-4
LC 2011000963

“This volume opens with general pages on the benefits of healthy eating and physical activities as well as instructions for making a chart to track each week’s efforts. Some of the book’s double-page spreads explain and demonstrate several exercise ideas related to a theme. . . . Other spreads present a single activity. . . . Colorful photos show smiling children demonstrating the moves. A cheerful introduction to some basic exercises.” Booklist

Includes glossary

614.4 Incidence of and public measures to prevent disease**Cunningham, Kevin****Pandemics.** Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.99Grades: 3 4 5 **614.4**

1. Communicable diseases 2. Epidemics
ISBN 978-0-531-25423-3 lib bdg; 0-531-25423-2;
978-0-531-26628-1 pa; 0-531-26628-1 pa

LC 2011007507

This describes epidemics of smallpox, cholera, plague, influenza, and HIV/AIDS.

This is "thoughtfully designed. . . . The information . . . is right on target: concise, accurate, and thorough. . . . The photographs . . . are especially effective at putting a human face on large-scale devastation." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

615.9 Toxicology**Jakubiak, David J.****What** can we do about toxins in the environment? PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25Grades: 2 3 4 **615.9**

1. Poisons and poisoning 2. Pollution
ISBN 978-1-4488-4987-1 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-5121-8 pa

LC 2011000151

This explains the harm that toxins do in the environment and what can be done about them.

"Every spread has a full-page, thoughtfully captioned color photograph. . . . School and public libraries will want [this title] to round out collections or as [an update] to replace older books." SLJ

Includes glossary

616.85 Miscellaneous diseases of nervous system and mental disorders**Andrews, Beth****Why** are you so scared? a child's book about parents with PTSD; illustrated by Katherine Kirkland. Magination Press 2011 un il \$14.95; pa \$9.95Grades: 1 2 3 4 **616.85**

1. Post-traumatic stress disorder
ISBN 978-1-4338-1045-9; 1-4338-1045-X; 978-1-4338-1044-2 pa; 1-4338-1044-1 pa

LC 2011011082

"This straightforward, reassuring guide strives to explain some of the causes of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder . . . while not skimping on day-to-day survival tips. . . . Kirkland uses soft, hopeful illustrations that underscore the message that kids are not alone and that their parent's tired, cranky, jumpy emotions are to be expected. . . . The material is far too useful to be ignored." Booklist

Levy, Joel**Phobiapedia;** all the things we fear the most! Scholastic 2011 80p il pa \$8.99Grades: 4 5 6 7 **616.85**

1. Phobias
ISBN 978-0-545-34929-1; 0-545-34929-X

This briefly describes over 50 phobias.

"With an appealing layout, plenty of color, and enough germs, snakes, and bats to get the heart racing, this title has kid written all over it." Booklist

617.7 Ophthalmology**Parker, Victoria****Having** an eye test. [by] Vic Parker. Heinemann Library 2011 24p il lib bdg \$22; pa \$6.49Grades: PreK K 1 2 **617.7**

1. Eye
ISBN 978-1-4329-4798-9 lib bdg; 1-4329-4798-2 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4808-5 pa; 1-4329-4808-3 pa

LC 2010024192

This explains what to expect from an eye test.

617.8 Otolaryngology**Parker, Victoria****Having** a hearing test. [by] Vic Parker. Heinemann Library 2011 24p il lib bdg \$22; pa \$6.49Grades: PreK K 1 2 **617.8**

1. Hearing
ISBN 978-1-4329-4799-6 lib bdg; 1-4329-4799-0 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4809-2 pa; 1-4329-4809-1 pa

LC 2010024193

This explains how a hearing test works and possible next steps for those with hearing problems.

"The text is simple, and the pictures are big and bright." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

621.8 Machine engineering**Caterpillar Inc.****My** big book of trucks & diggers. Chronicle Books 2011 il bd bk \$7.99Grades: PreK K **621.8**

1. Board books for children 2. Construction equipment
3. Trucks
ISBN 978-0-8118-7892-0; 0-8118-7892-9

LC 2010053590

An oversized board book featuring photos of 10 Caterpillar machines—a bulldozer, excavator, dump truck, skid steer loader, paver, motor grader, wheel loader, backhoe loader, material handler, and telehandler.

"This board book uses excellent photographs. . . . The bold colors and clear text enhance the presentation. Even though the terms are a bit challenging, the simplicity of the book and the sharp photographs will have youngsters very excited." SLJ

Walker, Sally M.

Put inclined planes to the test. by Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldmann. Lerner Publications Co. 2012 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **621.8**

1. Inclined planes

ISBN 978-0-7613-5324-9; 0-7613-5324-0

LC 2009032228

“Written in simple language and sentences, [this title offers a] straightforward [explanation] of how [inclined planes] work. Starting with the basics, the material gradually builds upon readers’ growing understanding of the concepts presented. The experiments suggested can be performed with little assistance and with materials found in the home. Clear, distinct, color photos of children demonstrating the activities on each page help reinforce the concepts, as do the many drawings and diagrams.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Put levers to the test. by Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldmann. Lerner Publications Co. 2011 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **621.8**

1. Levers

ISBN 978-0-7613-5321-8; 0-7613-5321-6

LC 2010035551

“Written in simple language and sentences, [this title offers a] straightforward [explanation] of how [levers] work. Starting with the basics, the material gradually builds upon readers’ growing understanding of the concepts presented. The experiments suggested can be performed with little assistance and with materials found in the home. Clear, distinct, color photos of children demonstrating the activities on each page help reinforce the concepts, as do the many drawings and diagrams.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Put pulleys to the test. [by] Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldmann. Lerner Publications Co. 2012 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **621.8**

1. Force and energy 2. Gravity 3. Pulleys 4. Science -- Experiments

ISBN 978-0-7613-5322-5; 0-7613-5322-4

LC 2010035395

“Written in simple language and sentences, [this] slim [title offers a] straightforward [explanation] of how [pulleys] work. Starting with the basics, the material gradually builds upon readers’ growing understanding. . . . The experiments suggested can be performed with little assistance and with materials found in the home. Clear, distinct, color photos of children demonstrating the activities on each page help reinforce the concepts, as do the many drawings and diagrams. Children will find [this] accessible [title] informative.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Put screws to the test. by Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldmann. Lerner Publications Company 2011 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 3 4 5

621.8

1. Screws

ISBN 978-0-7613-5323-2; 0-7613-5323-2

LC 2010035552

“Written in simple language and sentences, [this title offers a] straightforward [explanation] of how [screws] work. Starting with the basics, the material gradually builds upon readers’ growing understanding of the concepts presented. The experiments suggested can be performed with little assistance and with materials found in the home. Clear, distinct, color photos of children demonstrating the activities on each page help reinforce the concepts, as do the many drawings and diagrams.” SLJ

Put wedges to the test. [by] Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldmann. Lerner Publications 2012 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **621.8**

1. Wedges

ISBN 978-0-7613-5325-6; 0-7613-5325-9

LC 2009032230

“Written in simple language and sentences, [this title offers a] straightforward [explanation] of how [wedges] work. Starting with the basics, the material gradually builds upon readers’ growing understanding of the concepts presented. The experiments suggested can be performed with little assistance and with materials found in the home. Clear, distinct, color photos of children demonstrating the activities on each page help reinforce the concepts, as do the many drawings and diagrams.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Put wheels and axles to the test. [by] Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldmann. Lerner Publications Co. 2011 39p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **621.8**

1. Axles 2. Wheels

ISBN 978-0-7613-5326-3; 0-7613-5326-7

LC 2010029108

“Written in simple language and sentences, [this title offers a] straightforward [explanation] of how [wheels and axles] work. Starting with the basics, the material gradually builds upon readers’ growing understanding of the concepts presented. The experiments suggested can be performed with little assistance and with materials found in the home. Clear, distinct, color photos of children demonstrating the activities on each page help reinforce the concepts, as do the many drawings and diagrams.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Yasuda, Anita

Explore simple machines; 25 great projects, activities, experiments; illustrated by Bryan Stone. Nomad Press 2011 il pa \$12.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **621.8**

1. Simple machines

ISBN 978-1-936313-82-2; 1-936313-82-0

This “introduces the six simple machines in enough detail to include worm gears, all three kinds of levers, compound pulleys, and unusual examples. . . . Yasuda writes in particularly clear simple language and intersperses her explanations with historical notes, jokes . . . and 25 easy

projects or demonstrations constructed from common materials." Booklist

628.1 Water supply

Person, Stephen

Saving animals from oil spills. Bearport Pub. 2011 32p il map lib bdg \$25.27

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **628.1**

1. Animal rescue 2. Oil spills
- ISBN 978-1-61772-288-2; 1-61772-288-X

LC 2011002430

"Featuring colorful, visually packed pages and readable prose, this title . . . offers an accessible introduction to the impact of oil spills on a variety of creatures. . . . Throughout, basic concepts are well conveyed, and inset text adds additional, useful commentary on each page." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

629 Other branches of engineering

Biggs, Brian

Everything goes: On land. Balzer + Bray 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **629**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Vehicles
- ISBN 0-06-195809-3; 978-0-06-195809-0

LC 2011019349

A young boy learns about land vehicles from bicycles to subways and trolleys as he and his father travel to the train station.

"Biggs has a cheery cartooning style that's reminiscent of R. Crumb and ideal for populating his oversized pages with a multitude of players and detail. With running visual jokes and mini-narratives adding to the fun, Biggs gives readers lots to take in and enjoy." Publ Wkly

629.13 Aeronautics

Hardesty, Von

Epic flights. Kingfisher 2011 il \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **629.13**

1. Aeronautics -- History
- ISBN 978-0-7534-6669-8; 0-7534-6669-4

LC 2011041637

This describes Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic flight; the Breitling Orbiter 3 which set a record for non-stop around the world flight by balloon; the Apollo 11 flight to the moon; Amy Johnson's solo flight from England to Australia in a small bi-plane; and the Voyager, which set a record by flying non-stop around the world without refueling.

"The graphics will grab readers in [this] exciting, extra-large-size [title] . . . packed with high-quality color photos on every double-page spread. Just as gripping are the narratives, captions, and technical details of exploration, adventure, and survival." Booklist

Includes glossary

629.2 Motor land vehicles, cycles

Gifford, Clive

Things that go. Kingfisher 2011 32 p. ill. Explorers \$10.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **629.2**

ISBN 0753465930; 9780753465936

This illustrated children's book uses a series of . . . story scenes to set the stage for a[n] . . . examination of the science behind motion. From the speed of racing, to transport on the rails, the science of heavy machinery, the physics of flight, and what keeps boats afloat. After readers absorb the elements of each story, they can explore the details through photographs and explanations on the following page. If they are interested in a particular aspect of transportation they can hop through the book following one of four icons related to their interest. Back matter offers plenty of resources for further multimedia exploration. (Publisher's note)

629.222 Gasoline-powered, oil-powered, man-powered vehicles

Swanson, Jennifer

★ **How** hybrid cars work; illustrated by Glen Mullaly. Child's World 2011 il \$27

Grades: 4 5 6 **629.222**

1. Electric automobiles
- ISBN 1-60973-217-0; 978-1-60973-217-2

LC 2011010917

This volume "is bouncy, savvy, and, above all, clear; it is hard to come away without a working knowledge of everything from the mechanics of hybrid engines to why dependence on foreign oil is bad. Hosting the series are two cartoons—a robot and a caveman—especially apt choices for a book couched in the concept of discarding old energy sources for new. . . . This is a model of how to make science appeal to young readers." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

629.44 Auxiliary spacecraft

Waxman, Laura Hamilton

Exploring the International Space Station. Lerner Publications 2011 40p il lib bdg \$27.23

Grades: 4 5 6 **629.44**

1. Astronautics 2. Space stations
- ISBN 978-0-7613-5443-7; 0-7613-5443-3

LC 2010035394

This describes how the International Space Station was built and how crew members live and work there.

This book is "written in simple language, [and] illustrated nicely. . . . The information presented is factually correct. . . . Every page includes a well-chosen illustration or photograph." Sci Books Films

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

629.45 Manned space flight

Waxman, Laura Hamilton

Exploring space travel. Lerner Publications Company 2011 40p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 4 5 6

629.45

1. Astronautics 2. Space flight

ISBN 978-0-7613-5447-5; 0-7613-5447-6

LC 2010042471

This describes what it's like to be an astronaut in space.

629.46 Engineering of unmanned spacecraft

Kops, Deborah

Exploring space robots. Lerner Publications 2011 40p il map lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 4 5 6

629.46

1. Robots

ISBN 978-0-7613-5445-1; 0-7613-5445-X

LC 2010044213

This explains how robots help us explore space, including a probe called New Horizons which is heading toward Pluto.

This book is "written in simple language, [and] illustrated nicely. . . . The information presented is factually correct. . . . Every page includes a well-chosen illustration or photograph." Sci Books Films

Includes bibliographical references

629.8 Automatic control engineering

Graham, Ian

Robot technology. Smart Apple Media 2012 il \$35.65

Grades: 4 5 6 7

629.8

1. Robots

ISBN 1-599-20533-5; 978-1-599-20533-5

LC 2010044240

Describes current robotics technology, including the applications of robots in space, in the military, in industry, and around the house. Discusses the pros and cons of creating fully autonomous robots.

This "offers a fine overview for reports, and its attractive design may also entice middle-grade readers to learn more." Booklist

630 Agriculture and related technologies

Macceca, Stephanie

George Washington Carver; agriculture pioneer. by Stephanie Macceca. Compass Point Books 2010 40 p. ill. (chiefly col.) Mission: science (library binding) \$27.99

Grades: 4 5 6

630

1. African American agriculturists -- Biography -- Juvenile literature 2. Agriculturists -- United States --

Biography -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9780756543051

LC 2009034855

This book offers a biography of George Washington Carver who was "[b]orn into slavery, . . . earned a university graduate degree, and eventually became a world famous expert on plants. By experimenting with peanuts and other plants, he learned how to make many useful products from them. Carver taught students and farmers how to grow plants without damaging the soil." (Publisher's note) This book is a textbook that is intended to be used in the middle school classroom. It includes a glossary, vocabulary, and a timeline.

631.5 Cultivation and harvesting

Rustad, Martha E. H.

Fall harvests; bringing in food; illustrated by Amanda Enright. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

631.5

1. Agriculture 2. Autumn

ISBN 978-0-7613-5067-5; 0-7613-5067-5

LC 2010053467

"This offers . . . information about planting or reaping, and directions for making a cornhusk doll. . . . Colorful illustrations fill the spreads with active, cartoonlike boys and girls surrounded by the green, brown, and orange hues of autumn." SLJ

634 Orchards, fruits, forestry

Malam, John

Grow your own smoothie. Heinemann Library 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26; pa \$7.99

Grades: K 1 2

634

1. Cooking 2. Strawberries 3. Vegetable gardening
ISBN 978-1-4329-5111-5 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-5118-4 pa

LC 2010049836

This describes how to grow strawberries and how to make a strawberry smoothie.

Rustad, Martha E. H.

Fall apples; crisp and juicy; illustrated by Amanda Enright. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3

634

1. Apples 2. Cooking

ISBN 978-0-7613-5064-4; 0-7613-5064-0

LC 2010051510

"In this book, the reader discovers how fall apples grow and the many things that you can make with them. . . . Colorful illustrations enhance the lively text." Sci Books Films

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

634.9 Forestry

Jakubiak, David J.

What can we do about deforestation? PowerKids Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$21.25; pa \$8.25
Grades: 2 3 4 **634.9**

1. Deforestation

ISBN 978-1-4488-4986-4 lib bdg; 1-4488-4986-1 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-5119-5 pa; 1-4488-5119-X pa

LC 2011000160

This explains the importance of forests and trees in our environment, the reasons for deforestation and the damage caused by the destruction of trees.

"Every spread has a full-page, thoughtfully captioned color photograph. . . . School and public libraries will want [this title] to round out collections or as [an update] to replace older books." SLJ

Includes glossary

635 Garden crops (Horticulture)**Malam, John**

Grow your own sandwich. Heinemann Library 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26; pa \$7.99

Grades: K 1 2 **635**

1. Cooking 2. Tomatoes 3. Vegetable gardening

ISBN 978-1-4329-5108-5 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-5115-3 pa

LC 2010049833

This describes how to grow tomatoes and how to make a cheese and tomato sandwich.

Grow your own soup. Heinemann Library 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26; pa \$7.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **635**

1. Cooking 2. Pumpkin 3. Vegetable gardening

ISBN 978-1-4329-5106-1 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-5113-9 pa

LC 2010049830

This describes how pumpkins grow, how to plant and raise your own, and how to make pumpkin soup.

Rustad, Martha E. H.

Fall pumpkins; orange and plump; illustrated by Amanda Enright. Millbrook Press 2011 24p il lib bdg \$23.93

Grades: K 1 2 3 **635**

1. Pumpkin

ISBN 978-0-7613-5065-1; 0-7613-5065-9

LC 2010048310

The author "takes the young reader on a journey to learn how pumpkins are planted, tended, and grown. . . . The book also shows the reader how to use fully grown pumpkins: carving them for Halloween, making roasted pumpkins seeds, and us the pumpkin meat to make pumpkin pie. . . . The illustrations are very colorful." Sci Books Films

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

636.1 Horses

Bailer, Darice

Donkeys. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il lib bdg \$20.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **636.1**

1. Donkeys

ISBN 978-0-7614-4875-4; 0-7614-4875-6

LC 2010033889

Provides information on the anatomy, special skills, habitats, and diet of donkeys.

This offers "comprehensive text and striking, well-chosen photos. . . . [This is] packed with engaging facts and trivia, as well as an upbeat tone." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Crosby, Jeff

Harness horses, bucking broncos & pit ponies; a history of horse breeds. written and illustrated by Jeff Crosby and Shelley Ann Jackson. Tundra Books 2011 69p il map \$21.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **636.1**

1. Horses

ISBN 978-0-88776-986-3; 0-88776-986-1

"After a brief introduction, the animals are grouped by the roles they have played in relation to people: 'Rapid Transit,' 'Military Advantage,' 'Horsepower,' 'Equine Entertainment,' and 'Feral Horses.' The concise and interesting information on each of the 43 breeds is accompanied by an illustration of the type as well as one of the horse in action and often includes a small map showing its origins. The excellent painterly pictures clearly capture the unique life of each horse." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

636.7 Dogs**Carnesi, Monica**

Little dog lost; a true story of a brave dog named Baltic. Nancy Paulsen Books 2012 il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K **636.7**

1. Animal rescue 2. Dogs

ISBN 978-0-399-25666-0; 0-399-25666-0

On a cold winter day, a curious dog wandered onto a frozen river, and before he knew it he was traveling fast on a sheet of ice. Many people tried to help, but the dog could not be reached. Finally, after two nights and seventy-five miles, the little dog was saved by a ship out in the Baltic Sea.

"The story is told simply and charmingly. The author's use of the present tense gives the narrative immediacy, and with very brief sentences, some dialogue and questions posed to readers, Carnesi imbues the tale with a strong sense of drama that will captivate young listeners." Kirkus

Urbigkit, Cat

The **guardian** team; on the job with Rena and Roo. Boyds Mills Press 2011 32p il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **636.7**

1. Donkeys 2. Ranch life 3. Sheep 4. Working dogs

ISBN 1590787706; 9781590787700

“Orphaned wild burro Roo and litter-runt puppy Rena become livestock guardians and, eventually, friends on the author’s ranch. They are initially paired to protect lamb orphans from predators. Youthful, mutual wariness eventually unfolds into friendship between the two. . . . Heartwarming photos and clear, accessible text combine to make this story a winner.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

636.8 Cats

Malam, John

Grow your own cat toy. Heinemann Library 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26; pa \$7.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **636.8**

1. Catnip
 2. Gardening
 3. Handicraft
- ISBN 978-1-4329-5110-8 lib bdg; 1-4329-5110-6;
978-1-4329-5117-7 pa; 1-4329-5117-3 pa

LC 2010049835

This describes the catnip plant and why cats like it, how to grow it, and how to make a catnip toy.

This book “turns the idea [of growing a catnip toy] into a fun and fascinating project. . . . A big part of the book’s appeal is the crisp color photographs. . . . Simple sentences in an easily read typeface . . . are just right for the elementary-school age group. . . . A well-done package in every way.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

638 Insect culture

Malam, John

Grow your own butterfly farm. Heinemann Library 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26; pa \$7.99

Grades: K 1 2 **638**

1. Butterflies
 2. Gardening
- ISBN 978-1-4329-5109-2 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-5116-0 pa

LC 2010049834

This describes how to grow a flower garden which attracts butterflies.

641.3 Food

Llewellyn, Claire

Cooking with fruits and vegetables. by Claire Llewellyn with recipes by Clare O’Shea. Rosen Central 2011 48p il lib bdg \$27.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **641.3**

1. Cooking
 2. Fruit
 3. Vegetables
- ISBN 978-1-4488-4844-7; 1-4488-4844-X

LC 2010039333

This book pairs “facts about [fruits and vegetables], including where it is eaten, with eye-catching photos. . . . Each course (section) has an overview of the vegetable group . . . followed by recipes from all over the world. They vary in difficulty. . . . The cooking directions are clear and straightforward. . . . [The book is] profusely illustrated with full-col-

or photos. Students who are learning to cook will appreciate [this] excellently organized [read].” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Malam, John

Grow your own snack. Heinemann Library 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26; pa \$7.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **641.3**

1. Beans
 2. Cooking
 3. Vegetable gardening
- ISBN 978-1-4329-5107-8 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-5114-6 pa

LC 2010049849

This describes how to grow broad beans, and how to fry them for a snack.

641.5 Cooking

Beery, Barbara

Barbara Beery’s pink princess party cookbook; photography by Zac Williams. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 55p il spiral \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **641.5**

1. Cooking
 2. Entertaining
 3. Parties
- ISBN 978-1-4424-1231-6; 1-4424-1231-3

LC 2010017691

“Beery offers ideas for six themed celebrations, such as a mermaid princess party, a garden fairy princess party, and a spa princess party. They all include delicate but easy-to-follow recipes for punch, cookies, cakes, sushi, and decorations, as well as themed crafts such as body lotion and floral headbands. These are well-planned ideas, with plenty of full-color photographs to support the text.” SLJ

Blaxland, Wendy

American food. Smart Apple Media 2012 32p il map lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Cooking
- ISBN 978-1-59920-667-7; 1-59920-667-6

LC 2011005443

Describes historical, cultural, and geographical factors that have influenced the cuisine of the United States. Includes recipes to create American food.

This includes “recipes with kid appeal. . . . Captioned, full-color photographs provide step-by-step directions. . . . [An] ideal [supplement] to culture and country studies.” SLJ

Includes glossary

Chinese food. Smart Apple Media 2012 32p il map lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Chinese cooking
- ISBN 978-1-59920-671-4; 1-59920-671-4

LC 2011005448

Describes historical, cultural, and geographical factors that have influenced the cuisine of China. Includes recipes to create Chinese food.

This includes “recipes with kid appeal. . . . Captioned, full-color photographs provide step-by-step directions. . . . [An] ideal [supplement] to culture and country studies.” SLJ
Includes glossary

French food. Smart Apple Media 2012 32p il
map lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. French cooking

ISBN 978-1-59920-669-1; 1-59920-669-2

LC 2011005445

Describes historical, cultural, and geographical factors that have influenced the cuisine of France. Includes recipes to create French food.

This includes “recipes with kid appeal. . . . Captioned, full-color photographs provide step-by-step directions. . . . [An] ideal [supplement] to culture and country studies.” SLJ
Includes glossary

Italian food. Smart Apple Media 2012 32p il
map lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Italian cooking

ISBN 978-1-59920-670-7; 1-59920-670-6

LC 2011005446

Describes historical, cultural, and geographical factors that have influenced the cuisine of Italy. Includes recipes to create Italian food.

Mexican food. Smart Apple Media 2012 32p il
map lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Mexican cooking

ISBN 978-1-59920-668-4; 1-59920-668-4

LC 2011005444

Describes historical, cultural, and geographical factors that have influenced the cuisine of Mexico. Includes recipes to create Mexican food.

This includes “recipes with kid appeal. . . . Captioned, full-color photographs provide step-by-step directions. . . . [An] ideal [supplement] to culture and country studies.” SLJ
Includes glossary

Middle Eastern food. Smart Apple Media 2012
32p il map lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Middle Eastern cooking

ISBN 978-1-59920-672-1

LC 2011005450

Describes historical, cultural, and geographical factors that have influenced the cuisine of the Middle East. Includes recipes to create Middle-Eastern food.

This includes “recipes with kid appeal. . . . Captioned, full-color photographs provide step-by-step directions. . . . [An] ideal [supplement] to culture and country studies.” SLJ
Includes glossary

LaPenta, Marilyn

Way cool drinks. Bearport Pub. 2011 24p il lib
bdg \$22.61

Grades: 3 4 5 6

641.5

1. Beverages 2. Cooking

ISBN 978-1-61772-163-2; 1-61772-163-8

LC 2011017444

This offers recipes for fruit drinks such as mango tango, fruit fusion, and blueberry bash smoothie.

“All 14 recipes are easy to follow with little more than four or five listed steps, clearly defined serving sizes, and minimal prep time. A healthy tip and oather facts are included with each recipe.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Mendez, Sean

One world kids cookbook; easy, healthy and affordable family meals. foreword by Ferran Adrià. Interlink 2011 96p il \$20

Grades: 4 5 6

641.5

1. Cooking

ISBN 978-1-56656-866-1; 1-56656-866-8

“International recipes for families interested in cooking a variety of world cuisines together. This colorful, amply illustrated cookbook emphasizes the educational, nutritional and social benefits of cooking with children, offering 19 recipes from as many nations. The book devotes four pages to each recipe and country, along with enriching notes on food and cultural facts. The country’s flag is depicted with a map locating the country, followed by a double-page spread documenting how to create each recipe. . . . This cookbook offers complex, authentic international flavors without over-complicating the process, and the result is something you’d really enjoy having for dinner. A deliciously engaging fusion of cookbook and cultural lesson.” Kirkus

Sheen, Barbara

Foods of Chile. KidHaven Press 2011 64p il
map \$28.75

Grades: 4 5 6

641.5

1. Chilean cooking

ISBN 978-0-7377-5421-6; 0-7377-5421-4

LC 2010035995

“Demonstrating that a nation’s cuisine springs from its geography, history, and traditions, [this volume explores Chile’s background], the availability of fresh ingredients, and recipes that followed. . . . Culturally specific foods are described alongside some accompanying recipes and photos of people enjoying the dishes.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Foods of Cuba. KidHaven Press 2011 64p il
map \$28.75

Grades: 4 5 6

641.5

1. Cuban cooking

ISBN 978-0-7377-5113-0; 0-7377-5113-4

LC 2010030795

“Demonstrating that a nation’s cuisine springs from its geography, history, and traditions, [this volume explores Cuba’s background], the availability of fresh ingredients, and recipes that followed. . . . Culturally specific foods are described alongside some accompanying recipes and photos of people enjoying the dishes.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Foods of Egypt. KidHaven Press 2010 64p il
map \$28.75

Grades: 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Egyptian cooking
ISBN 978-0-7377-4843-7; 0-7377-4843-5

LC 2009038461

“Sheen explores how different native dishes and types of local celebrations emerge from [Egypt’s] culture and surroundings. [An] introductory [map] with a [key] to areas of food production illuminate the country’s cuisine by identifying geographical landforms and climate. Traditions and tastes are described in accessible detail; key recipes are included and unfamiliar foods are pictured.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Foods of Ireland. KidHaven Press 2011 64p il
map \$28.75

Grades: 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Irish cooking
ISBN 978-0-7377-5114-7; 0-7377-5114-2

LC 2010018791

“Sheen explores how different native dishes and types of local celebrations emerge from [Ireland’s] culture and surroundings. [An] introductory [map] with a [key] to areas of food production illuminate the country’s cuisine by identifying geographical landforms and climate. Traditions and tastes are described in accessible detail; key recipes are included and unfamiliar foods are pictured.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Foods of Kenya. KidHaven Press 2010 64p il
map \$28.75

Grades: 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. African cooking 2. Kenyan cooking
ISBN 978-0-7377-4813-0; 0-7377-4813-3

LC 2009048378

“Sheen explores how different native dishes and types of local celebrations emerge from [Kenya’s] culture and surroundings. [An] introductory [map] with a [key] to areas of food production illuminate the country’s cuisine by identifying geographical landforms and climate. Traditions and tastes are described in accessible detail; key recipes are included and unfamiliar foods are pictured.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Foods of Korea. KidHaven Press 2011 64p il
map \$26.75

Grades: 4 5 6 **641.5**

1. Korean cooking
ISBN 978-0-7377-5115-4; 0-7377-5115-0

LC 2010018789

“Demonstrating that a nation’s cuisine springs from its geography, history, and traditions, [this volume explores Korea’s background], the availability of fresh ingredients, and recipes that followed. . . . Culturally specific foods are described alongside some accompanying recipes and photos of people enjoying the dishes.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Foods of Peru. KidHaven Press 2011 64p il
map \$28.75

Grades: 4 5 6

641.5

1. Peruvian cooking
ISBN 978-0-7377-5346-2; 0-7377-5346-3

LC 2010032959

“Demonstrating that a nation’s cuisine springs from its geography, history, and traditions, [this volume explores Peru’s background], the availability of fresh ingredients, and recipes that followed. . . . Culturally specific foods are described alongside some accompanying recipes and photos of people enjoying the dishes.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

641.6 Cooking specific materials

Llewellyn, Claire

Cooking with meat and fish. [by] Claire Llewellyn, Clare O’Shea. Rosen Central 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$27.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **641.6**

1. Cooking 2. Meat 3. Seafood
ISBN 978-1-4488-4845-4; 1-4488-4845-8

LC 2010039337

A description of each type of meat and fish, how to cook them in a healthy manner, and recipe examples of each.

This book pairs “facts about [meat and fish], including where it is eaten, with eye-catching photos. . . . Each course (section) has an overview of the . . . [meat] followed by recipes from all over the world. They vary in difficulty. . . . The cooking directions are clear and straightforward. . . . [The book is] profusely illustrated with full-color photos. Students who are learning to cook will appreciate [this] excellently organized [read].” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

646.4 Clothing and accessories construction

Petersen, Christine

The tailor. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **646.4**

1. Tailoring
ISBN 978-1-60870-417-0; 1-60870-417-3

LC 2010016864

This describes the life of a colonial tailor and his importance to the community, as well as everyday life, responsibilities, and social practices during that time.

This “lively [text] and colorful reproductions and photos will engage casual readers and researchers alike. . . . Large illustrations and thoughtful captions explain complicated scientific ideas. . . . [The] volume also includes step-by-step instructions for a related craft project. . . . [This is a] must-have.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Torres, Laura

Rock your wardrobe. QEB Pub. 2010 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6

646.4

1. Clothing and dress 2. Fashion 3. Handicraft

ISBN 978-1-59566-937-7; 1-59566-937-X

LC 2010010671

This book "gives kids easy step-by-step ways to . . . fashion clothes with simple, easily found scraps and a little glue and paint. Colorful photographs show youngsters crafting appealing T-shirts . . . etc., some of which are created from recycled found items. All are projects they can complete by themselves." Horn Book Guide

646.7 Management of personal and family life**Buchholz, Rachel**

How to survive anything; shark attack, quicksand, embarrassing parents, pop quizzes, and other perilous situations; illustrations by Chris Philpot. National Geographic 2011 176p il pa \$12.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

646.7

1. Life skills 2. Survival skills

ISBN 978-1-4263-0774-4; 1-4263-0774-8

LC 2010028045

"Buchholz doles out hilarious and handy advice for suffering through both natural and manmade catastrophes. Part survival guide and part self-help book, it provides honest, tongue-in-cheek answers to questions teens may be reluctant to ask out loud, in addition to imparting disaster preparedness strategies. It's a clever, winning combination. Superb full-color digital illustrations and photographs and a lively, conversational tone will catch and keep readers' attention, and the list-heavy layout is fun to read and easy to understand." SLJ

Chancellor, Deborah

Happy and healthy. QEB Pub. 2011 32p il lib bdg \$18.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5

646.7

1. Girls -- Health and hygiene 2. Life skills 3. Personal grooming

ISBN 978-1-60992-104-0; 1-60992-104-6

LC 2011006913

This guide for girls gives advice on how to keep healthy, including exercise and keeping fit, creative cooking, skin and hair care, healthy foods, and sports.

"Each lively, readable spread is packed with color photos, computer graphics, and lots of boxes filled with facts, lists, and practical suggestions." Booklist

648 Housekeeping**Parker, Victoria**

Moving. [by] Vic Parker. Heinemann Library 2011 24p il lib bdg \$22; pa \$6.49

Grades: PreK K 1 2

648

1. Moving

ISBN 978-1-4329-4800-9 lib bdg; 1-4329-4800-8 lib bdg; 978-1-4329-4810-8 pa; 1-4329-4810-5 pa

LC 2010024194

This explains what to expect from a move across the street or across the country.

664 Food technology**Petersen, Christine**

The **miller.** Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 3 4 5 6

664

1. Flour mills

ISBN 978-1-60870-416-3; 1-60870-416-5

LC 2010033890

This describes the life of a colonial miller and his importance to the community, as well as everyday life, responsibilities, and social practices during that time.

This "lively [text] and colorful reproductions and photos will engage casual readers and researchers alike. . . . Large illustrations and thoughtful captions explain complicated scientific ideas. . . . [The] volume also includes step-by-step instructions for a related craft project. . . . [This is a] must-have." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

666 Ceramic and allied technologies**Petersen, Christine**

The **glassblower.** Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 3 4 5 6

666

1. Glassblowing

ISBN 978-1-60870-413-2; 1-60870-413-0

LC 2010033901

This describes the life of a colonial glassblower and his importance to the community, as well as everyday life, responsibilities, and social practices during that time.

This "lively [text] and colorful reproductions and photos will engage casual readers and researchers alike. . . . Large illustrations and thoughtful captions explain complicated scientific ideas. . . . [The] volume also includes step-by-step instructions for a related craft project. . . . [This is a] must-have." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

675 Leather and fur processing**Petersen, Christine**

The **tanner.** Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 3 4 5 6

675

1. Leather industry

ISBN 978-1-60870-418-7; 1-60870-418-1

LC 2010033896

This describes the life of a colonial tanner and his importance to the community, as well as everyday life, responsibilities, and social practices during that time.

This "lively [text] and colorful reproductions and photos will engage casual readers and researchers alike. . . . Large illustrations and thoughtful captions explain complicated

scientific ideas. . . . [The] volume also includes step-by-step instructions for a related craft project. . . . [This is a] must-have." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

688.7 Recreational equipment

Ross, Stewart

Sports technology. Smart Apple Media 2011 il \$35.65

Grades: 4 5 6 7

688.7

1. Sports

ISBN 1-599-20534-3; 978-1-599-20534-2

LC 2010044241

Describes the technological advances in the sports industry, including the technology used to create better equipment, sports wear, judging tools, and playing surfaces.

This "offers a fine overview for reports, and its attractive design may also entice middle-grade readers to learn more." Booklist

690 Construction of buildings

Ritchie, Scot

Look at that building! a first book of structures. written and illustrated by Scot Ritchie. Kids Can Press 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

690

1. Building

ISBN 978-1-5545-3696-2; 1-5545-3696-0

This book introduces young readers to basic construction concepts through the eyes of five friends keen on building a doghouse for their pet pooch, Max. To find out more about the task, Yulee, Martin, Nick, Sally and Pedro head to the library, where they learn about foundations, beams, frames and other building fundamentals.

"Winsome cartoon art shows a multicultural group of friends taking steps to tackle their project. . . . Budding architects and anyone researching the process will appreciate this colorful overview." Booklist

700 ARTS

700 The arts

Speaking of art; colorful quotes by famous painters. edited by Bob Raczka. Millbrook Press 2010 31 p. col. ill. \$25.99

Grades: 3 4 5

700

1. Art--Quotations, maxims, etc 2. Artists--Quotations
ISBN 9780761350545

LC 2009023484

This book presents information about eighteen famous artists and answers questions such as "When did Vincent Van Gogh feel most alive? Why did Juan Gris always pet a dog with his left hand? . . . Art lover [and author] Bob Raczka pairs . . . quotes by famous painters with . . . examples

of their best work. The result is a . . . gallery of observations about the joys and the mysteries of art. From Edgar Degas' The Rehearsal (1878-79) to Georgia O Keeffe's Evening Star, No. III (1917) to Romare Beardens' Family (1986), you'll discover the works - and the wisdom - of eighteen artistic masters." (Publisher's note)

709.04 20th century, 1900-1999

Finger, Brad

13 modern artists children should know. Prestel 2010 il \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6

709.04

1. Art appreciation 2. Artists 3. Modern art

ISBN 978-3-7913-7015-6; 3-7913-7015-4

This "large-format, brightly colored [survey provides a] well-organized [introduction] to the [modern] art world. . . . [It provides] short bios and reproductions of one or more works that illustrate the artist's accomplishments. Leading questions encourage budding artists to use the featured subjects and artworks as inspiration." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary

709.2 Biography

Winter, Jonah

Just behave, Pablo Picasso! by Jonah Winter ; pictures by Kevin Hawkes. Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic 2012 48 p. \$18.99

Grades: 1 2 3 4

709.2

ISBN 9780545132916; 9780545132923

LC 2011026234

This book offers aspiring children artists encouragement through the story of artist Pablo "Picasso [who] did not always behave. He refused to conform to popular taste or replicate his own successes. . . . [Author Jonah] Winter provides glimpses of the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication that ruled the artist's world. In covering his early years (his experimentation with style, perspective, and color were not always appreciated), the author delivers a . . . message to today's young artists: don't be discouraged if your creative efforts are criticized. In doing so, Winter reminds readers that Picasso, despite being mocked, brought a whole new way of looking at the world through Cubism." (School Libr J)

720 Architecture

Barker, Geoff P.

Incredible skyscrapers. Amicus 2011 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 5 6 7 8

720

1. Skyscrapers

ISBN 978-1-6075-3133-3; 1-6075-3133-X

LC 2009044044

"The vivid illustrations often help clarify points made in the text. . . . [This] colorful, informative [book offers] intriguing glimpses of notable engineering feats." Booklist
Includes bibliographical references

Hill, Isabel

Building stories. Star Bright Books 2011 il \$17.95; pa \$7.95
Grades: 2 3 4 **720**

1. Buildings 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-1-59572-279-9; 1-59572-279-3; 978-1-59572-280-5 pa; 1-59572-280-7 pa

LC 2010050860

Rhyming text and photographs of icons on buildings invite the reader to guess what was done or made in each building originally. Includes "stories, characters, and plots" of the buildings, as well as their settings.

"The sharp, clear pictures of the ornaments appear opposite those of the exterior and interior of the buildings on which they are found. . . . [This is a] good resource." SLJ

731 Sculpture**Wenzel, Angela**

13 sculptures children should know. Prestel 2010 il \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **731**

1. Art appreciation 2. Sculpture
ISBN 978-3-7913-7010-1; 3-7913-7010-3

This "large-format, brightly colored [survey provides a] well-organized [introduction] to the . . . world [of sculpture]. [It] highlights a variety of works from antiquity to modern times. . . . Leading questions encourage budding artists to use the featured subjects and artworks as inspiration." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary

736 Other plastic arts**Boursin, Didier**

Origami for everyone; beginner-intemmediate-advanced. Firefly 2011 il pa \$29.95; pa \$19.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **736**

1. Origami
ISBN 978-1-55407-958-2; 1554079586; 978-1-55407-792-2 pa; 1-55407-792-3 pa

"Though most (possibly all) of the photographs and step diagrams for these 68 paper-folding projects are recycled from Boursin's earlier collections, he has both revised the instructions and commentary and grouped the models according to estimated difficulty. After an extensive opening tutorial of folds and bases adorned with savvy general folding tips, he offers a randomly ordered assortment of aircraft, animals, stars, ornaments, and spinners. . . . The author's lighthearted, fanciful outlook gives this extensive sampler a bright and inviting tone." SLJ

Nguyen, Duy

Zombigami; paper folding for the living dead. Sterling 2011 il pa \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **736**

1. Origami 2. Zombies
ISBN 978-1-4027-8646-4; 1-4027-8646-8

"Featuring both a detachable photo gallery of folded ghouls placed in atmospheric settings and a package of origami paper in suitably ominous colors and patterns, this collection of 13 undead figures may not survive intact for long but offers experienced paper folders hours of creepy fun. Nguyen opens with a tutorial of creases and folding symbology then . . . goes on to show how each figure is folded with plenty of carefully drawn and clearly labeled step diagrams. Nonetheless, most of these models are challenging projects." SLJ

741.5 Cartoons, graphic novels, caricatures, comics**Arni, Samhita**

★ **Sita's** Ramayana; Moyna Chitrakar, illustrator. Greenwood Books 2011 il \$24.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **741.5**

1. Graphic novels 2. Hindu mythology -- Graphic novels
ISBN 978-1-55498-145-8; 1-55498-145-X

"The Ramayana is the story of the exiled prince Rama and his beautiful wife, Sita. When she is kidnapped by a love-struck demon king, her husband's efforts to rescue her result in a war that eventually involves not only demons and mortals, but also gods, monsters, and even animals. . . . Here, a Patua scroll painter has adapted it as a fast-paced, brilliantly bold graphic novel. All of the suspense, treachery, sorcery, and pathos of this epic is depicted in homemade natural dyes layered onto paper in energetic lines, rhythmic patterns, and fields of hot, bright colors. . . . This book would be a must-purchase based on the strength of its dramatic story and arresting art, enhanced by superior design and high-quality production. Brilliant and fresh." SLJ

Barks, Carl

Walt Disney's Donald Duck: lost in the Andes. Fantagraphics 2011 \$24.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Cartoons and caricatures
ISBN 978-1-60699-474-0; 1-60699-474-3

"One of comics revered masters gets a fresh new reprinting worthy of his work and accessible to kids. . . . Barks toiled for Disney in anonymity throughout the 1940s and '50s while creating such great characters as Scrooge McDuck and Gyro Gearloose. This volume finds him at a creative peak. . . . In the title story Donald and his three nephews travel deep into a magical Andes region to find the source of the square eggs scientists covet. . . . The best stories, however, set up Donald and his nephews as foes, a simple motivation comically escalating until the only result is total disaster. . . . Despite the dark undertones, the comic expressions and dialogue is still laugh-out-loud funny." Publ Wkly

Camuso, Frank

Knights of the lunch table: the battling bands. Graphix 2011 127p pa \$10.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Graphic novels 2. Humorous graphic novels 3. Rock music -- Graphic novels 4. Schools -- Graphic

novels

ISBN 978-0-439-90318-9; 0-439-90318-1

Artie, Wayne, and Percy enter the talent show at Camelot Middle School in a rock music band.

Coudray, Philippe

Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy thinking; a Toon book. Toon Books 2011 32p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **741.5**

1. Bears -- Graphic novels
 2. Graphic novels
 3. Humorous graphic novels
- ISBN 978-1-935179-12-2; 1-935179-12-8
LC 2011000801

Although he is a very serious bear, Benjamin Bear has a funny way of doing things, like drying dishes on a rabbit's back or sharing his sweater without taking it off.

"Coudray's droll vignettes in a muted palette will be the perfect enticement for those with a visual sense of humor who are just starting to read." Kirkus

Craddock, Erik

Night of the living dust bunnies. Random House 2011 93p il lib bdg \$12.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **741.5**

1. Animals -- Graphic novels
 2. Graphic novels
 3. Halloween -- Graphic novels
 4. Humorous graphic novels
 5. Rabbits -- Graphic novels
 6. Zombies -- Graphic novels
- ISBN 978-0-375-96724-5 lib bdg; 0-375-96724-9 lib bdg; 978-0-375-86724-8 pa; 0-375-86724-4 pa
LC 2010023489

While Stone Rabbit, Andy Wolf, and Henri Tortoise are trick-or-treating, zombie dust bunnies are taking over their town.

Dahl, Michael

Alien snow; illustrated by Roberta Pares. Stone Arch Books 2011 un il lib bdg \$22.65

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **741.5**

1. Extraterrestrial beings -- Fiction
 2. Good and evil -- Fiction
 3. Graphic novels
- ISBN 978-1-4342-2090-5; 1-4342-2090-7
LC 2010004111

"When young Noah Urbain walks into an antique shop, he unknowingly walks into a trap. . . . In this story, told from two perspectives ('evil' and 'good'), the storekeeper traps Noah in a snow globe. . . . The ultralow word count . . . and suspenseful action of this title . . . will help lure in reluctant readers." Booklist

Deas, Mike

Dalen & Gole; scandal in Port Angus. Orca Book Publishers 2011 123p il pa \$9.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **741.5**

1. Extraterrestrial beings -- Graphic novels
 2. Graphic novels
 3. Science fiction graphic novels
- ISBN 978-1-55469-800-4; 1-55469-800-6

Dalen and Gole, refugees on Earth from the distant planet of Budap, must solve the mystery of diminishing fish stocks and save their home planet from an evil plot.

Deas "provides solid graphics, pacing, dialogue, and humor. . . . A fun mystery-adventure that's just right for young space cases." Booklist

Duffy, Chris

★ **Nursery** rhyme comics; 50 timeless rhymes by 50 celebrated cartoonists. First Second 2011 il \$18.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 5 **741.5**

1. Graphic novels
 2. Nursery rhymes
- ISBN 978-1-59643-600-8; 1-59643-600-X

"No fewer than 50 cartoonists and comic-book artists provide distinctive visual riffs on as many nursery rhymes in this memorable showcase. . . . Visually far more complicated than the usual toddler-friendly nursery fare, this is best saved for older children. . . . As much as the visual styles may vary, the high levels of wit and invention never falter." Kirkus

Eliopoulos, Chris

Okie Dokie Donuts; open for business! Top Shelf 2011 il \$9.95

Grades: 1 2 3 **741.5**

1. Baking -- Fiction
 2. Graphic novels
 3. Robots -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-603090-68-1; 1-603090-68-1

"Big Mama, proprietor of Okie Dokie Donuts, is so beloved and her donuts so coveted that she is regaled in rhyming song by her customers every morning. . . . Mr. Mayweather [is] a kitchen-appliance salesman. His new ware, Mr. Baker, is a doughnut-making robot that will streamline the workload and multiply the profits. . . . Young readers may well see what's coming . . . especially when Mr. Baker's ingredient slot is accidentally loaded with garbage, but that won't detract one iota from the fun. . . . Eliopoulos creates a confection of zaniness, from the breathless slapstick and the wild, blocky art right down to the childlike lettering that fills the speech balloons." Booklist

Ford, Christopher

Stickman Odyssey; an epic doodle. Philomel Books 2011 200p il \$12.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels
 2. Graphic novels
 3. Graphic novels -- Juvenile literature
 4. Greek mythology -- Graphic novels
 5. Humorous graphic novels
 6. Young adult literature -- Works
- ISBN 978-0-399-25426-0; 0-399-25426-9
LC 2010-36900

In this humorous take on the Odyssey, Zozimos, banished from his country by his evil stepmother, has many adventures as he prepares to return home to reclaim the throne that is rightfully his.

"The black-and-white illustrations are occasionally simple to the point of hilarity. . . . There is subtlety and depth here, however, and the contrast between the intentionally plain characters and their seemingly larger-than-life (but ultimately universal) quests . . . makes the final product both the promised Greek epic tale and an examination of the ways in which modern humans are isolated and lost. . . . Ford balances allegory and madcap quest so perfectly that the book inspires reflection even while it is clearly a quick-reading, ridiculous, often gross adventure." Bull Cent Child Books

Gownley, Jimmy

Amelia rules!: The meaning of life--and other stuff. written and illustrated by Jimmy Gownley. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2011 147p il \$19.99; pa \$10.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Graphic novels 3. Meaning (Philosophy) -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169861-3-3; 1-4169861-3-8; 978-1-4169861-2-6 pa; 1-4169861-2-X pa

LC 2011018407

While trying to figure out the meaning of life, Amelia learns that even when the world is scary and life is as mysterious as ever, some things, such as friends, do last.

"Though it is a slender volume, Gownley does not shy away from tough topics, presenting them in a way that is both approachable and understandable to kids." Kirkus

Gravel, Elise

A day in the office of Doctor Bugspit. Blue Apple 2011 il \$10.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **741.5**

1. Extraterrestrial beings -- Fiction 2. Graphic novels 3. Physicians -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-60905-092-4; 1-60905-092-4

"Looking like a cross between a slug and a sock puppet in Gravel's crudely drawn, garishly colored cartoons, alien Doctor Bugspit plies his trade. He blithely dispenses jars of 'Fix-It-Up Syrup' (made from sock juice, dead flies, moldy meat, pickle juice and ear wax) and other nostrums to extraterrestrial patients complaining of maladies ranging from split brains . . . to an all-body outbreak of toes. . . . Presented in a loose assortment of graphic panels, page-sized or smaller, this . . . will exert a strong draw on budding graphic-novel fans as well as children fascinated by yucky stuff." Kirkus

Hergé, 1907-1983

The **secret** of the unicorn. Hergé ; [translated by Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper and Michael Turner]. Joy Street Books 1991 62 p. col. ill. Adventures of Tintin (pb) \$10.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **741.5**

1. Adventure and adventurers -- Fiction 2. Buried treasure -- Fiction 3. Cartoons and comics
ISBN 0316358320; 0316359025

LC 92153472

This graphic novel is "one of the first truly great Tintin adventures and Herge's personal favorite, combining a puzzling mystery with a ripping pirate yarn. When Tintin finds a magnificent model ship in the street market, his attempt to buy it for Captain Haddock leads him on a trail of pickpockets, burglars, and secret treasure. . . . The story is also notable for Herge's fantastic eye for ship detail as well as the first appearances of Nestor and Marlinspike Hall." (Amazon)

Herrod, Mike

Doggie dreams. Blue Apple Books 2011 il \$10.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **741.5**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Dreams -- Fiction 3. Graphic

novels

ISBN 978-1-60905-065-8; 1-60905-065-7

LC 2010046646

Simple text and illustrations in comic book style reveal a dog's dreams, which feature abundant food, singing, and an opportunity to demonstrate courage.

"Unfussy illustrations of the ambitious pup in repose enhance the story's humor." Horn Book Guide

Holm, Jennifer L.

Brave new pond. by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. Random House Childrens Books 2011 90p il lib bdg \$12.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **741.5**

1. Amebas -- Fiction 2. Graphic novels 3. Popularity -- Fiction 4. School stories 5. Superheroes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-93784-2 lib bdg; 0-375-93784-6 lib bdg; 978-0-375-84390-7 pa; 0-375-84390-6 pa

LC 2010028084

Starting a new school year, Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," is determined to get picked for kickball and hang out with the cool kids.

A very Babymouse Christmas. by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm. Random House Childrens Books 2011 89p il \$12.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 3. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 4. Christmas -- Fiction 5. Christmas stories 6. Gifts -- Fiction 7. Graphic novels 8. Humorous graphic novels 9. Imagination -- Fiction 10. Mice -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-96779-5; 978-0-375-86779-8 pa

LC 2010027988

Babymouse is determined to get the latest electronic gadget for Christmas even if she has to outfox Santa himself to get it.

"Both fans and readers new to the series will linger to read Babymouse's pink-saturated Yuletide adventures cover to cover." SLJ

Ita, Sam

★ **The Odyssey**; a pop-up book. Sterling 2011 il \$26.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels 2. Graphic novels 3. Pop-up books
ISBN 978-1-4027-5867-6; 1-4027-5867-7

"A highlight-reel version of Odysseus' journey home, framed as a graphic novel and plastered with fantastically dramatic pop-ups and other special effects. Opening with Penelope working on a tapestry that transforms into an entirely different scene with the drop of a step-flap, the tale plunges on into the many escapes of Odysseus and his crew. . . . Ita . . . tells the tale in balloons of colloquial dialogue. . . . Even newbies will be riveted by this nonstop, high-energy retelling. Homer himself would be agog." Kirkus

Kibuishi, Kazu

Amulet, book four: The Last Council. Graphix 2011 207p pa \$10.99
Grades: 3 4 5 6 7 8 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels 2. Fantasy graphic novels
3. Graphic novels 4. Mystery graphic novels
ISBN 978-0-545-20887-1; 0-545-20887-4

Emily and her friends think they'll find the help they need in Cielis, but something isn't right. Streets that were once busy are deserted, and the townspeople who are left live in crippling fear. Emily is escorted to the Academy where she's expected to compete for a spot on the Guardian Council, the most powerful Stonekeepers. But as the number of competitors gets smaller and smaller, a terrible secret is slowly uncovered.

Krosoczka, Jarrett J.

Lunch Lady and the field trip fiasco. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 un il \$12.99; pa \$6.99
Grades: 3 4 5 6 7 8 **741.5**

1. Art -- Forgeries -- Fiction 2. Graphic novels 3. Mystery fiction 4. School stories -- Graphic novels
ISBN 978-0-375-96730-6; 978-0-375-86730-9 pa
LC 2011005907

Lunch Lady, a secret crime fighter, accompanies the Breakfast Bunch on a class trip to an art museum, but when Dee, Hector, and Terrence begin to think there is something strange afoot, she suspects nothing.

Littlefield, Holly

The **rooftop** adventure of Minnie and Tessa, factory fire survivors. by Holly Littlefield; adaptation by Amanda Doering Tourville; illustrated by Ted Hammond and Richard Carbajal. Graphic Universe 2011 31p il \$26.60
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Catholics -- Fiction 2. Graphic novels 3. Immigrants -- Fiction 4. Jews -- United States -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7613-6179-4; 0-7613-6179-0
LC 2010028952

Two immigrant friends, Jewish Minnie and Catholic Tessa, work long hours at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, and when a fire breaks out on March 25, 1911, trapping dozens of workers inside, they help one another to escape the flames. Includes facts about the factory, the fire, and its aftermath.

"Presented in graphic novel form, the dark intensity of the illustrations engages the reader." Jewish Book World
Includes bibliographical references

Macherot, R.

Sibyl-Anne vs. Ratticus; translated from the French by Kim Thompson. Fantagraphics 2011 64p il \$16.99
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **741.5**

1. Graphic novels 2. Mice -- Graphic novels
ISBN 978-1-60699-452-8; 1-60699-452-2

"This collection of comics, originally published in Spirou magazine in 1966 and 1967, contains several stories in which the mouse Sibyl-Anne and her friends fight back the greedy villain Ratticus. This is the first time that American

audiences will be able to appreciate this story arc from the golden age of Franco-Belgian comics. . . . [The stories] are lighthearted and sometimes surreal adventures that use an artistic style reminiscent of classic comics such as Blondie or Pogo. The colors are bright and the creatures are adorable. . . . An enjoyable read for kids, teens, and even adults." SLJ

McGuinness, Dan

Pilot & Huxley: the next adventure. Graphix 2011 60p il pa \$7.99
Grades: 3 4 5 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels 2. Graphic novels
ISBN 978-0-545-26845-5; 0-545-26845-1

Pilot and Huxley just want to get home, but an unexpected glitch hurtles them into the holiday lands instead. Now they're stuck in a bizarre world where ghouls and zombies in Halloween Land are friendly, and Santa and his elves in Christmas Land are evil.

"The book is full of inspired nonsense." Kirkus

Naujokaitis, Pranas T.

The **totally** awesome epic quest of the brave boy knight. Blue Apple Books 2011 40p il \$10.99
Grades: K 1 2 3 **741.5**

1. Buried treasure -- Fiction 2. Graphic novels 3. Knights and knighthood -- Fiction 4. Monsters -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-60905-099-3; 1-60905-099-1
LC 2011019009

A young boy and his furry friend, Butterscotch, as brave knights, battle a green monster that is destroying a princess's kingdom, seek a hidden treasure, and patrol the kingdom.

"The tales are loopily involving, allowing both the boy and the girl to play big parts, with humor that comes in broad strokes that Naujokaitis vividly paints on the faces of the actors." Kirkus

Phelan, Matt

★ **Around** the world. Candlewick Press 2011 240p il \$24.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **741.5**

1. Graphic novels 2. Voyages and travels
ISBN 978-0-7636-3619-7; 0-7636-3619-3
LC 2010043153

"Phelan presents three true stories of around-the-world adventures inspired by Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days* that, even though they were undertaken in the late 1800s, would be hardly less arduous today. Thomas Stevens, Joshua Slocum, and Nellie Bly saw the world from the seat of a bicycle, aboard a 36-foot sloop, and via trains and ships, respectively. The small, specific pleasures of Phelan's work . . . are showcased in panels laid out in horizontal bands, reinforcing the linear, ever-onward nature of each narrative. The use of limited color palettes enhances the artist's characteristic delicate, expressive pen-and-ink drawings without overpowering them, allowing each traveler's character to be the dominant story element. . . . Design elements such as borders and frames lend a jaunty festivity to a graphic novel that will appeal to aficionados of the form and any reader in search of engrossing true journeys." SLJ

Robbins, Trina

Lily Renée, escape artist; illustrated by Anne Timmons and Mo Oh. Graphic Universe 2011 96p. chiefly col. ill. \$7.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **741.5**

1. Artists 2. Graphic novels 3. Holocaust, 1933-1945 -- Graphic novels 4. Illustrators 5. Jews -- Biography ISBN 978-0-7613-6010-0; 0-7613-6010-7

LC 2011001084

Presents the story of Lily Renée Wilhelm, the Jewish girl who escaped from the Nazis through the Kindertransport operation, leaving her parents behind and traveling alone to England, later becoming a comic book artist in New York.

"This comic-book biography of a Jewish girl's life under the Nazi jackboot and then as a refugee is low key and that much more profound for it. The panels are brightly lit, and the narrative is crisp, both of which serve to chillingly amplify the everyday banality of evil. . . . A fitting tribute." Kirkus

Slavin, Bill

Big city Otto: elephants never forget. Kids Can Press 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels 2. Elephants -- Fiction 3. Graphic novels

ISBN 1-55453-476-3; 1-55453-477-1 pa; 978-1-55453-476-0; 978-1-55453-477-7 pa

"Simpleton pachyderm Otto enlists his friend, a clever green parrot named Crackers, to help him find Otto's very best friend, Georgie, a chimpanzee who was stolen from their African jungle home by 'the man with the wooden nose.' The duo must make their way out of the jungle and soon find themselves across the pond in America, in the big city. When the pair falls in with a gang of crooked gators who take advantage of Otto's unfortunate peanut allergy (to help them steal gator-ade, of course), Otto and Crackers need to learn who is trustworthy—and who is out to take advantage of their naivete. Slavin's lush, full-color illustrations have a yesteryear feel with a dash of European influence." Kirkus

Spires, Ashley

Binky under pressure; a Binky adventure. Kids Can Press 2011 64p il \$16.95; pa \$8.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels 2. Cats -- Graphic novels 3. Graphic novels 4. Humorous graphic novels

ISBN 978-1-55453-504-0; 1-55453-504-2; 978-1-55453-767-9 pa; 1-55453-767-3 pa

Binky is shaken out of his routine when he's forced to contend with Gracie, a foster kitty who comes to live at Binky's space station (aka his home at 42 Sentinel Parkway). Presented in comic book format.

"All the ingredients are present for Spires' chubby and sweetly delusional kitty's return: Binky's wild imaginings, deadpan humor, occasional space gas (poot). Fans will celebrate; aliens will quiver in fright." Kirkus

Steig, Jeanne

★ **Cats**, dogs, men, women, ninnies, & clowns; the lost art of William Steig. with illustrations by William Steig. Abrams 2011 il \$40

Grades: Adult Professional **741.5**

1. American wit and humor 2. Artists 3. Authors 4. Authors, American 5. Cartoonists 6. Children's authors 7. Illustrators

ISBN 978-0-8109-9577-2; 0-8109-9577-8

LC 2010041853

"A treasure trove of hundreds of previously unpublished illustrations by children's book icon Steig, this compendium is organized thematically (people, dogs, 'odd ducks,' etc.); the late Steig's wife, Jeanne, introduces each section with delightful, insightful anecdotes." Publ Wkly

Steinke, Aron Nels

The Super Duper Dog Park. Blue Apple Books 2011 il \$10.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **741.5**

1. Amusement parks -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Graphic novels

ISBN 978-1-60905-093-1; 1-60905-093-2

LC 2011019077

Dog lovers and their canine friends make their way to the Super Duper Dog Park on Dog Island, where dogs ride bicycles, make music, and enjoy a perfect day.

"Steinke's text is geared to be easy reading, but it is not without cleverness: snatches of rhyme or onomatopoeic devices that give a good taste of sound. . . . The artwork follows the text's accessible engagement. . . . Both colorful and high spirited, this title will give new readers a good run for their money." Kirkus

Trondheim, Lewis

Monster Christmas; [Joe Johnson, translation; Lea Hernandez, lettering] Papercutz 2011 32p il \$9.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **741.5**

1. Christmas -- Graphic novels 2. Family life -- Graphic novels 3. Graphic novels 4. Monsters -- Graphic novels ISBN 978-1-59707-288-5; 1-59707-288-5

"A brother, Petey, and a sister, Jean, go on a Christmas vacation to the snowy mountains with their Mom and Dad and pet monster, Kriss. On the way they encounter another monster chasing Santa Claus and have to rely on their creativity, quick thinking, and a monster of their own to save Santa and themselves. Both Trondheim's art and the English-language translation create a story that could come from the mind of a child, despite its bizarre creatures and sudden surprises. Yet it's also the work of a talented artist channeling that childish wonder into a finely crafted tale for young audiences." Publ Wkly

Venable, Colleen AF

Fish you were here; illustrated by Stephanie Yue. Graphic Universe 2011 46p il lib bdg \$27.93

Grades: 2 3 4 **741.5**

1. Graphic novels 2. Guinea pigs -- Graphic novels 3. Hamsters -- Graphic novels 4. Humorous graphic novels 5. Mystery graphic novels

ISBN 978-0-7613-5224-2; 0-7613-5224-4

LC 2011001079

Guinea pig Sasspants knows something is wrong with ninth-grader Viola, the new pet shop assistant, so when Mr.

Venezi goes missing Sasspants and Hamisher put their private investigation skills to the test.

“Young readers will enjoy the wacky detective interviews.” Booklist

The **sign** of the black rock; written and illustrated by Scott Chantler. Kids Can Press 2011 il \$8.95
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **741.5**

1. Adventure graphic novels 2. Graphic novels
ISBN 978-1-55453-416-6; 978-1-55453-417-3 pa

Three goodhearted fugitives stop at a roadside inn during a ferocious thunderstorm. Narrow escapes ensue as Grig, the scheming and selfish innkeeper, endeavors to capture the trio and secure a reward from the Queen. Tensions mount further as the Queen’s Dragons arrive at the tavern, hot on the trail of the fugitives and immediately suspicious of the smarmy Grig.

“Chantler not only shows an ability to pack plenty of clearly defined action into his graphic panels, but also develops unusually nuanced characters through glances, gestures, subtleties of facial expression and the occasional quick flashback. . . . Readers should start with the first volume to get the characters’ back stories, but here’s an animated, breathlessly paced adventure that’s just hitting its stride.” Kirkus

741.6 Graphic design, illustration, commercial art

Nahson, Claudia J.

The **snowy** day and the art of Ezra Jack Keats. Claudia J. Nahson; with an essay by Maurice Berger. Jewish Museum, under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America 2011 104p il \$27.50

Grades: Adult Professional **741.6**
1. Artists 2. Authors 3. Authors, American 4. Children’s authors 5. Illustrators
ISBN 978-0-300-17022-1; 0-300-17022-X

LC 2011007880

“Keats’s Caldecott-winning story about a boy’s winter-time exploration of his neighborhood turns 50 in 2012; this fascinating examination of Keats and his oeuvre, complete with 80 full-color reproductions, coincides with the first major U.S. exhibition devoted to his work. . . . Nahson, curator at the Jewish Museum, writes that The Snowy Day reflected Keats’s interest in ‘rendering visible what has hitherto been invisible to his audience, be that an inner-city child, a message graffitied on a wall, or a dilapidated building.’ Her essay joins one from historian/art critic Maurice Berger that makes abundantly clear the book’s societal importance.” Publ Wkly

Includes bibliographical references

★ **Drawing** from memory; Allen Say. 1st ed. Scholastic Press 2011 63p ill. (some col.), col. map \$17.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9 **741.6**
1. Juvenile Fiction -- Family -- General 2. Juvenile Nonfiction -- People & Places -- Other 3. Japanese

American artists -- Biography -- Comic books, strips, etc.

ISBN 0545176875; 9780545176866; 9780545176873
LC 2011016324

This book “opens with a . . . watercolor map of Japan on the left, framed in a rectangle, while on the right is a . . . watercolor of Yokohamas seashore and fishing village, with two black-and-white photographs pasted on: Say as a child, and the stone beach wall. The early arc takes readers from [Allen] Say’s 1937 birth, through family moves to escape 1941 bombings and then Say’s nigh-emancipation at age 12, when his mother supported him in his own Tokyo apartment. The one-room apartment ‘was for me to study in, but studying was far from my mind this was going to be my art studio!’ The art table’s drawer handle resembles a smile. . . . [A]pprenticing with famous cartoonist Noro Shinpei, Say works dedicatedly on comic panels, still-lives and life drawing. Nothing not political unrest, not U.S. occupation, not paternal disapproval derails his singular goal of becoming a cartoonist.” (Kirkus)

743 Drawing and drawings by subject

Bergin, Mark

How to draw pets. PowerKids Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$25.25; pa \$11.75

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **743**
1. Animals in art 2. Drawing -- Technique
ISBN 978-1-4488-4511-8 lib bdg; 978-1-4488-4517-0 pa

LC 2010049184

“The cover features sketches of a cat, dog, and rabbit, allowing children to see both structure as well as finished product. Inside, the book starts by showing pictures of animals drawn with different materials such as pencils, ink, charcoals, and pastels, and explains what each medium accomplishes. Next comes an introduction to perspective and looks at different parts of animals. The familiar circle method then gets kids drawing pets from head to tails. . . . The amount of information throughout is just right: thorough but not overwhelming.” Booklist

Includes glossary

Farrell, Russell

All about drawing horses & pets. Walter Foster 2010 80p \$34.25; pa \$9.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **743**
1. Animals in art 2. Drawing -- Technique 3. Horses in art
ISBN 978-1-936309-06-1; 1-936309-06-8; 978-1-600585-80-7 pa; 1-600585-80-9 pa

LC 2010004211

“Starting with simple geometric shapes, readers are led step-by-step through stages to draw [horses and pets]; close observation is presented as key to drawing lifelike forms. Photos or illustrations of the real creatures are included with ‘Fun Facts’ about them for readers’ reference.” Horn Book Guide

Fisher, Diana

All about drawing dinosaurs & reptiles. Walter Foster 2011 80p \$34.25

Grades: K 1 2 3 **743**

1. Dinosaurs in art 2. Drawing -- Technique 3. Reptiles in art

ISBN 978-1-936309-07-8; 1-936309-07-6

LC 2010004210

"Starting with simple geometric shapes, readers are led step-by-step through stages to draw [dinosaurs and reptiles]; close observation is presented as key to drawing lifelike forms. Photos or illustrations of the real creatures are included with 'Fun Facts' about them for readers' reference." Horn Book Guide

745.5 Handicrafts**Torres, Laura**

Rock your school stuff. QEB Pub. 2010 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **745.5**

1. Handicraft 2. Schools -- Equipment and supplies

ISBN 978-1-59566-936-0; 1-59566-936-1

LC 2010010670

This book "gives kids easy step-by-step ways to . . . personalize school supplies. . . . Colorful photographs show youngsters crafting [such items as beaded pens, recycled paperclip bookmarks, backpack zipper pulls] . . . some of which are created from recycled found items. All are projects they can complete by themselves." Horn Book Guide

My art book; amazing art projects inspired by masterpieces. DK Pub. 2011 80p il \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **745.5**

1. Art 2. Handicraft

ISBN 978-0-7566-7582-0; 0-7566-7582-0

"Representing a variety of cultures and styles, this book highlights 14 famous artworks and offers a craft project related to each one. The arrangement is roughly chronological, beginning with the cave paintings of Lascaux, France, and ending with the Pop Art of Andy Warhol. Each work is reproduced in a high-quality color photograph and described in a few paragraphs of succinct but interesting text. The projects are varied and appealing, and no two use the same medium or technique. . . . A great resource for teaching art history though hands-on activities." SLJ

745.54 Papers**Torres, Laura**

Rock your party. QEB Pub. 2010 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **745.54**

1. Handicraft 2. Paper crafts 3. Parties

ISBN 978-1-59566-935-3; 1-59566-935-3

LC 2010010668

This book "gives kids easy step-by-step ways to make decorations for their . . . parties. . . . Colorful photographs show youngsters crafting appealing . . . party hats, etc. some

of which are created from recycled found items. All are projects they can complete by themselves." Horn Book Guide

745.594 Decorative objects**Fritsch, P.**

Pennsylvania Dutch Halloween scherenschnitte. written and illustrated by Peter V. Fritsch. Pelican 2011 78p il \$19.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **745.594**

1. Halloween -- Poetry 2. Paper crafts 3. Pennsylvania Dutch folk art

ISBN 978-1-58980-956-7; 1-58980-956-4

LC 2011012276

"In the tradition of Pennsylvania Dutch folk art, Fritsch arranges scherenschnitte (scissor-cut) silhouettes against flaming orange backgrounds. Short poems, which appear both in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect and in English, mine folklore with rascally and sometimes frightening results, and are set against often symmetrical scenes of angular cats, ghosts, witches, and other devilish creatures. An elegant treat harkens back to early American celebrations of Halloween." Publ Wkly

Trusty, Brad

The kids' guide to balloon twisting. by Brad and Cindy Trusty. Capstone Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26.65

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **745.594**

1. Balloons 2. Handicraft

ISBN 978-1-4296-5444-9; 1-4296-5444-9

LC 2010036470

Gives kids step-by-step instructions about how to twist balloon animals and other shapes.

"Rare is the kid not dazzled by the squeaking, twisting balloon maestros out there, and this brightly illustrated, step-by-step guide makes it easy—well, easy-ish." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

746 Textile arts**Farrell, Russell**

All about drawing sea creatures & animals; illustrated by Russell Farrell and Diana Fisher. Walter Foster 2010 80p il \$34.25; pa \$9.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **746**

1. Drawing -- Technique 2. Marine animals in art

ISBN 978-1-936309-08-5; 1-936309-08-4; 978-1-

600585-81-4 pa; 1-600585-81-7 pa

"Starting with simple geometric shapes, readers are led step-by-step through stages to draw [sea creatures and animals]; close observation is presented as key to drawing lifelike forms. Photos or illustrations of the real creatures are included with 'Fun Facts' about them for readers' reference." Horn Book Guide

Kesselring, Susan

5 steps to drawing faces; illustrated by Dana Regan. Child's World 2011 il lib bdg \$25.64

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **746**

1. Drawing -- Technique 2. Face in art
ISBN 978-1-60973-197-7; 1-60973-197-2

"This colorful guide to drawing faces opens with an introductory section that provides drawing tips and a list of tools to get started, and offers supportive advice. . . . Different spreads are devoted to drawing the specific features of eyes, nose, and mouth. The book then goes on to explain how to create various facial expressions. . . . The inviting format and simple step-by-step instructions make this a good place for budding artists to begin." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Torres, Laura

Rock your room. QEB Pub. 32p il \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **746**

1. Handicraft 2. Interior design
ISBN 978-1-59566-938-4; 1-59566-938-8

This book "gives kids easy step-by-step ways to make decorations for their rooms. . . . Colorful photographs show youngsters crafting appealing . . . wall decorations, . . . etc., some of which are created from recycled found items. All are projects they can complete by themselves." Horn Book Guide

752 Color

Vry, Silke

Red-yellow-blue; colors in art. Prestel 96p il lib bdg \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **752**

1. Color in art
ISBN 978-3-7913-7053-8; 3-7913-7053-7

"With an emphasis on the historical use of color in fine art, Vry touches on the meaning of colors, the emotions they evoke, and how they have been created. The fascinating material is organized into sections identified by various hues. . . . Though detailed, the text is lively and invites reader participation through the inclusion of interactive questions. . . . and supplemental art activities. Children can create a color wheel, stained-glass window, rose-colored glasses, or paper-doll clothing." SLJ

759.13 United States

Close, Chuck, 1940-

Chuck Close; face book. by Chuck Close. Abrams Books for Young Readers 2012 64 p. \$18.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 7 **759.13**

1. Artists -- United States -- Biography -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9781419701634

LC 2011034557

This book grew out of a studio visit/conversation between [Chuck] Close and a dozen Brooklyn fifth graders. Through the kids' simple questions and the artist's forthright answers, readers eavesdrop on the event. . . . Close discloses struggles with childhood ill health and severe dyslexia. He tells how his early artistic promise was nurtured by caring parents and teachers and how he adjusted for his prosp-

agnosia (face blindness). . . . He also discloses the many "how." of his astonishing technique: how he uses gridded photos to build his faces and how he works from his wheelchair and wields his brush with less-abled hands. . . . At the book's . . . center is the irresistible opportunity to "mix 'n' matc." various eyes, noses and mouths among 14 of the artist's . . . self-portraits." (Kirkus)

759.2 European painting

Wenzel, Angela

13 art mysteries children should know. Prestel 2011 45p il \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **759.2**

1. Art 2. Artists 3. Painting
ISBN 978-3-7913-7044-6; 379-1-37044-8

Presents information about thirteen mysteries from the art world, including questions about the Mona Lisa, van Gogh, and the street artist Banksy.

"Excellent-quality reproductions appear throughout. This is definitely a different approach for introducing young people to various aspects of art history. . . . The illustrations are well chosen to support these succinct inquiries into some perplexing puzzlements from the world of art." SLJ

770 Photography, computer art, cinematography, videography

Finger, Brad

13 photos children should know. Prestel 2011 45p il lib bdg \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **770**

1. Documentary photography 2. Modern history
ISBN 978-3-7913-7047-7; 3-7913-7047-2

Examines the history behind thirteen popular photographs, including the moon landing, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

782.42 Songs

Cabrera, Jane

The **wheels** on the bus. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K **782.42**

1. Animals -- Songs 2. Songs
ISBN 978-0-8234-2350-7; 0-8234-2350-6

LC 2011000120

In this version of the classic song, animal passengers roar, flap, and chatter while riding a bus.

"Readers will enjoy the journey Cabrera illustrates with her easily recognizable style—bright hues outlined in black, with a finger-paint—like texture." Kirkus

Collins, Judy

When you wish upon a star; performed by Judy Collins; paintings by Eric Puybaret; music by Ned Washington; lyrics by Leigh Harline. Charlesbridge 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **782.42**
1. Songs 2. Wishes -- Songs
ISBN 978-1-936140-35-0; 1-936140-35-7
LC 2011004945

"A short introductory verse and the song's lyrics accompany the illustrations, glossy spreads that feature an international group of children—an Eskimo, an Asian child in a bamboo hat, a boy in a turban, and half a dozen others. All of them spot a brilliant star, smiling in the sky; soon after, a woman in a blue cape and fairy wings materializes and leads the children to a country with jaunty toy buildings and candy-cane trees. . . . There, the children's wishes are fulfilled. . . . Puybaret's polished drafting gives the spreads a compelling combination of splendor and restraint." *Publ Wkly*

Henderson, Kathy

Hush, baby, hush! lullabies from around the world; illustrated by Pam Smy. Frances Lincoln Children's Books 2011 43p il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **782.42**
1. Lullabies
ISBN 978-1-84507-967-3; 1-84507-967-1

"This collection includes 29 lullabies from countries including Japan, Nigeria, Malawi and Greenland. . . . Music for about half the lullabies is provided. Most songs are printed in their original languages, but lullabies in languages such as Arabic and Korean are transliterated instead of being rendered in original scripts. Animated oil-and-colored-pencil paintings show adults and children in fully-realized landscapes, city streets, marketplaces and bedrooms. . . . This attractive presentation is appropriate as a baby gift, for day-care and preschool collections and public libraries." *Kirkus*

Long, Laurel

★ The **twelve** days of Christmas; illustrated by Laurel Long. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K **782.42**
1. Christmas -- Songs 2. Folk songs 3. Songs
ISBN 978-0-8037-3357-2; 0-8037-3357-7
LC 2008015774

An illustrated version of the traditional song.

"Long's lyrical and lush oil paintings, reminiscent of Russian icon art, combined with a tricky interactive element, make this version of the traditional carol special." *SLJ*

Lyon, George Ella

Which side are you on? the story of a song; artwork by Christopher Cardinale. Cinco Puntos Press 2011 un il \$17.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **782.42**
1. Coal mines and mining -- Songs 2. Labor unions
3. Miners
ISBN 978-1-933693-96-5; 1-933693-96-7
LC 2010037398

This tells the story of a song which was written in 1931 by Florence Reece in a rain of bullets. Florence's husband Sam was a coal miner in Kentucky. Miners went on strike until they could get better pay, safer working conditions, and health care. The company hired thugs to attack the organizers like Sam Reece. George Ella Lyon tells this story through the eyes of one of Florence's daughters.

"Ribbons of song lyrics weave across scenes of the miners' tools of their trade and the guns of hired company toughs. A thorough author's note follows the text, ending with the song's musical notation and one version of the words on the back cover. The use of music as a protest element makes an interesting addendum to resources on union history or the time period." *SLJ*

Ray, Jane

★ The **twelve** days of Christmas. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **782.42**
1. Christmas -- Songs 2. Folk songs 3. Songs
ISBN 978-0-7636-5735-2; 0-7636-5735-2
LC 2010052222

On each of the twelve days of Christmas, more and more gifts arrive from the recipient's true love.

"Ray's intricate illustrations offer a wealth of details to explore up close. The images are slightly busy for sharing with a large group, but irresistible for a smaller group or one-on-one. A very nice version indeed." *SLJ*

Roslonek, Steve

The **shape** song swingalong; written and sung by SteveSongs; illustrated by David Sim. Barefoot 2011 il \$16.99; pa \$9.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **782.42**
1. Shape 2. Songs
ISBN 978-1-84686-671-5; 1-84686-671-5; 978-1-84686-679-1 pa; 1-84686-679-0 pa

"Children in primary colored, mixed-media spreads create the very scenes that they inhabit, using large crayons to draw various shapes that form everything from a city of brick skyscrapers to a sunny beach where Sim's naïf figures ride a purple waterslide. A jazzy song by the children's musical group SteveSongs describes the children's drawings and the shapes that they use to create specific images. . . . The shape-focused chorus, bouncy verses, and whimsical storytelling should have kids singing along with the included CD recording, which also features a video animation of the story." *Publ Wkly*

786 Specific instruments and their music

Ganeri, Anita

Pianos and keyboards. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **786**
1. Keyboard instruments
ISBN 978-1-599-20479-6; 1-599-20479-7
LC 2010052912

Describes various keyboard instruments from around the world, such as the familiar piano and organ, along with other keyboard instruments such as the accordion, harpsichord, and the hurdy-gurdy.

"The text reads smoothly, the layout is attractive. . . . This will be useful for collections serving schools, especially those assigning instrument reports." *Booklist*

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

786.8 Percussion instruments

Ganeri, Anita

Drums and percussion instruments. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **786.8**

1. Percussion instruments
ISBN 978-1-599-20478-9

LC 2010043356

Describes various percussion instruments from around the world, including current drum kits, orchestral instruments such as the xylophone, and more traditional drums from Africa and Asia.

787 Stringed instruments (Chordophones)

Ganeri, Anita

Stringed instruments. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **787**

1. Stringed instruments
ISBN 978-1-599-20480-2

LC 2010042418

Describes various stringed instruments from around the world including familiar instruments such as the guitar and violin, along with other traditional instruments such as the Japanese Koto and Indian lutes.

788 Wind instruments (Aerophones)

Ganeri, Anita

Brass instruments. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **788**

1. Wind instruments
ISBN 978-1-599-20477-2

LC 2010053889

Describes various brass instruments from around the world, such as the familiar trumpet and trombone, along with historical instruments such as the Alphon, serpent, and traditional instruments still played today, including the didgeridoo and the dung-chen.

Wind instruments. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **788**

1. Wind instruments
ISBN 978-1-599-20482-6

LC 2010042423

Describes various wind instruments from around the world, such as the familiar clarinet, saxophone, and flute, along with other traditional instruments such as the Chinese flute, nose flute, and pan pipes.

790.1 General kinds of recreational activities

Danks, Fiona

Run wild! outdoor games and adventures. [by] Fiona Danks and [photography by] Jo Schofield. Frances Lincoln 2011 159p il pa \$24.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **790.1**

1. Games 2. Handicraft 3. Nature study 4. Outdoor life 5. Parties 6. Storytelling
ISBN 978-0-7112-3172-6; 0-7112-3172-9

“This large-format book introduces a cornucopia of ideas for outdoor activities, along with mesmerizing color photos of children and teens creatively enjoying themselves in fields, woods, backyards, and at rivers and beaches. . . . From skipping stones to making leaf masks to whittling walking sticks to following treasure trails, here’s an enticing array of ideas for outdoor fun and wilderness discovery.” Booklist

Gillman, Claire

The **kids’** summer fun book; great games, activities, and adventures for the entire family. [by] Claire Gillman & Sam Martin. Barron’s 2011 128p il pa \$12.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **790.1**

1. Cooking 2. Games 3. Handicraft 4. Recreation 5. Sports 6. Summer
ISBN 978-0-7641-4581-0; 0-7641-4581-9

This offers ideas for summer activities such as beach parties, sand castle building, hiking and camping trips, kite flying, snorkeling, croquet, fishing, games, water sports, handicrafts, and cooking.

The **kids’** winter fun book; homespun adventures for family fun. [by] Claire Gillman & Sam Martin. Barron’s 2011 128p il pa \$12.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **790.1**

1. Amusements 2. Cooking 3. Handicraft 4. Indoor games 5. Recreation 6. Sports 7. Winter
ISBN 978-0-7641-4726-5; 0-7641-4726-9

This book “offers a variety of activities, games, crafts, and opportunities for family bonding throughout the winter. Indoor projects include knitting scarves, making a snow globe, and creating an obstacle course. Among the outdoor activities are hiking, winter photography, ice skating, and making a sled; more than a dozen recipes for items like caramel apples and winter stew are also included.” Publ Wkly

791 Public performances

Lusted, Marcia Amidon

Entertainment. ABDO Pub. Company 2011 112p il \$23.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **791**

1. Performing arts -- Vocational guidance
ISBN 978-1-61714-799-9; 1-61714-799-0

LC 2010041255

This “well-designed [book describes] a variety of careers in [entertainment]. Because [it helps] readers assess if these positions are suitable for their personality types and backgrounds, the [title is a] good [choice] for career exploration

and self-discovery. [It is] also useful for research and reports. . . . Sidebars and full-color photos appear throughout." SLJ
Includes bibliographical references

791.43 Motion pictures**McDonald, Megan**

Judy Moody goes to Hollywood; behind the scenes with Judy Moody and friends. by Megan McDonald with Richard Haynes; set photography by Suzanne Tenner. Candlewick Press 2011 144p il map \$14.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **791.43**

1. Motion pictures -- Production and direction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5551-8; 0-7636-5551-1

LC 2011283432

"This behind the scenes look to the 2011 movie *Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer* is filled with facts about the characters and the actors who play them. It also gives a surprisingly detailed yet accessible view of movie-making, explaining key elements of everything from set design to lighting." Horn Book Guide

791.6 Pageantry**Gitlin, Marty**

Cheerleading. Norwood House Press 2011 64p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **791.6**

1. Cheerleading
ISBN 978-1-59953-462-6; 1-59953-462-2

LC 2011011035

Covers the history, rules, fundamentals, and significant personalities of the sport of women's cheerleading. Topics include: techniques, strategies, competitive events, and equipment.

792.8 Ballet and modern dance**Kupescic, Rajka**

The white ballets. Tundra Books 2011 40p il \$19.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **792.8**

1. Ballet -- Stories, plots, etc.
ISBN 978-0-88776-923-8; 0-88776-923-3

This retells the stories of *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, and *La Bayadère* and includes information and comments on the three ballets.

"The tales are well told, and the author, a former ballerina, provides information on the history of the ballet. Each painting in gold leaf and oil represents a scene from one of the ballets. The richly colored illustrations are very stylized with graceful figures dressed in flowing, romantic costumes, and Kupescic elaborates on the details, symbols, and characters in her artwork. . . . For ballet enthusiasts this is a unique look at these classics." SLJ

Marsico, Katie

Choreographer. Cherry Lake Pub. 2011 il lib bdg \$18.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **792.8**

1. Choreographers 2. Dance 3. Vocational guidance
ISBN 978-1-61080-136-2; 1-61080-136-9

LC 2011001170

"Illustrated with color photos of the famous, the young, and the fabulously festooned, this is a sturdy presentation of facts and case studies that will bring the process of professional choreography home to those students considering such a competitive and demanding career." Booklist
Includes bibliographical references

Relota, Agatha

Carla and Leo's world of dance; illustrations by Thierry Perez. Thames & Hudson 2011 il \$19.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **792.8**

1. Dance
ISBN 978-0-500-51560-0; 0-500-51560-3

"Ten-year-old Carla and her friend, Leo, sign up for ballroom-dance classes. As they learn the Viennese waltz, foxtrot, swing, merengue, mambo, cha-cha, rumba, salsa, and tango, their teacher offers information on the history and culture of these dances. The format has a comic-book, poster-art style with the print highlighted in rectangular colored shapes. The bold, linear illustrations of the dancers fill the pages as Carla and Leo demonstrate the steps with grace and zest. . . . This is not a how-to manual but a celebration and introduction to the diverse dances. The enthusiasm of these two characters is infectious, and the slick artwork captures the elegance and drama of these movements and makes them look like lots of fun." SLJ

793.2 Parties and entertainments**Kenney, Karen Latchana**

Cool family parties; perfect party planning for kids. Abdo Pub. 2011 il lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **793.2**

1. Parties
ISBN 978-1-61714-973-3; 1-61714-973-X

LC 2011003503

This book about family parties "has a lot of child appeal. The vivid photos and well-organized and readable content provide great springboards for party ideas. . . . Step-by-step crafts, sample menus, and easy-to-replicate games and activities add to the fun." SLJ

Cool holiday parties; perfect party planning for kids. Abdo Pub. Co. 2011 il lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **793.2**

1. Holidays 2. Parties
ISBN 978-1-61714-974-0; 1-61714-974-8

LC 2011003504

This book about holiday parties "has a lot of child appeal. The vivid photos and well-organized and readable content provide great springboards for party ideas. . . . Step-by-

step crafts, sample menus, and easy-to-replicate games and activities add to the fun.” SLJ

Cool international parties; perfect party planning for kids. ABDO Pub. Co. 2011 il lib bdg \$27.07
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **793.2**

1. Parties
ISBN 978-1-61714-975-7

LC 2011003498

This book about international parties “has a lot of child appeal. The vivid photos and well-organized and readable content provide great springboards for party ideas. . . . Step-by-step crafts, sample menus, and easy-to-replicate games and activities add to the fun.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Cool slumber parties; perfect party planning for kids. ABDO Pub. Co. 2011 il lib bdg \$27.07
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **793.2**

1. Parties 2. Sleepovers
ISBN 978-1-61714-976-4; 1-61714-976-4

LC 2011004213

This book about slumber parties “has a lot of child appeal. The vivid photos and well-organized and readable content provide great springboards for party ideas. . . . Step-by-step crafts, sample menus, and easy-to-replicate games and activities add to the fun.” SLJ

Cool sports parties; perfect party planning for kids. Abdo Pub. Co. 2012 il lib bdg \$27.07
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **793.2**

1. Parties 2. Sports
ISBN 978-1-61714-977-1; 1-61714-977-2

LC 2011004214

This book about sports parties “has a lot of child appeal. The vivid photos and well-organized and readable content provide great springboards for party ideas. . . . Step-by-step crafts, sample menus, and easy-to-replicate games and activities add to the fun.” SLJ

Cool theme parties; perfect party planning for kids. ABDO Pub. Co. 2011 il lib bdg \$27.07
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **793.2**

1. Parties
ISBN 978-1-61714-978-8; 1-61714-978-0

LC 2011004215

This book about theme parties “has a lot of child appeal. The vivid photos and well-organized and readable content provide great springboards for party ideas. . . . Step-by-step crafts, sample menus, and easy-to-replicate games and activities add to the fun.” SLJ

793.3 Social, folk, national dancing

Haney, Johannah

Capoeira. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 4 5 6 7

793.3

1. Capoeira (Dance)
ISBN 978-0-7614-4932-4; 978-1-6087-0362-3 e-book
LC 2010013829

This describes the history, equipment, and technique of capoeira.

This treats “martial arts with the dignity that serious enthusiasts bring to the sport. . . . Illustrations include not only photos of modern gear and from films but also historical images.” Booklist

793.73 Puzzles and puzzle games

Sirett, Dawn

Hide and seek first words. [written by Dawn Sirett ; photography by Dave King]. DK Publishing 2010 48p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK **793.73**

1. Picture puzzles 2. Vocabulary
ISBN 978-0-7566-6300-1; 0-7566-6300-8

LC 2010280415

“This seek-and-find, with its colorful collection of photographic puzzles, will capture the attention of young children and draw them into the book. Working with an adult to locate the brightly colored objects hidden throughout loosely themed spreads . . . preschoolers will also be helping build reading readiness and verbal skills through short rhyming text and object labeling.” Horn Book Guide

Wick, Walter

Can you see what I see? toyland express. Scholastic 2011 35p il \$13.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **793.73**

1. Puzzles
ISBN 978-0-545-24483-1; 0-545-24483-8

“Complex seek-and-find images provide an intriguing backdrop for the story of a tenacious toy train. This latest collection of picture puzzles in the Can You See What I See? series provides a nostalgic glimpse into the life, death and resurrection of a wooden train. . . . Wick plays with similar colors to enhance these expressive camouflaged spreads. Digitally processed photographs capture crisp dimensions with remarkable clarity. No puzzle here—these well-designed scenes are another success from the picture-challenge master.” Kirkus

794.8 Electronic games

Oxlade, Chris

Gaming technology. Smart Apple Media 2011 il lib bdg \$34.25

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **794.8**

1. Computer games 2. Video games
ISBN 1599205319; 9781599205311; 978-1-599-20531-1; 1-599-20531-9

LC 2010044239

This “offers a fine overview for reports, and its attractive design may also entice middle-grade readers to learn more.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

796 Athletic and outdoor sports and games

Hile, Lori

Surviving extreme sports. Raintree 2011 56p il lib bdg \$33.50

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796**

1. Extreme sports 2. Wilderness survival

ISBN 978-1-4109-3968-5; 1-4109-3968-5

LC 2010028689

This book is “fun and informative. [This] well-organized title starts with an overview [of extreme sports], offers some specific examples, and includes additional facts or tips and resources. . . . [It features] dramatic archival and full-color photos on nearly every page. . . . [This is a book] that youngsters will enjoy and talk about.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Howell, Brian

Sports. ABDO Pub. Co. 2011 112p il lib bdg \$23.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **796**

1. Sports -- Vocational guidance

ISBN 978-1-61714-804-0; 1-61714-804-0

LC 2010042558

This “well-designed [book describes] a variety of careers in [sports]. Because [it helps] readers assess if these positions are suitable for their personality types and backgrounds, the [title is a] good [choice] for career exploration and self-discovery. [It is] also useful for research and reports. . . . Sidebars and full-color photos appear throughout.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Rose, Julianna

Go out and play! Candlewick Press 2011 il pa \$11.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 **796**

1. Children's literature 2. Games 3. Group games 4. Kaboom Inc. 5. Outdoor games 6. Recreation

ISBN 978-0-7636-5530-3; 0-7636-5530-9

This resource book is a collection of 69 group games, presented by the nonprofit organization KaBOOM . . . to encourage children to engage in outdoor play. Organized according to game type, the book focuses on versions of tag, hide-and-seek, ball games, team games, sidewalk games, circle games and races. . . . simple drawings and photos of diverse children at play add color and break up the text. Sections at the beginning and end tell adults how to best be partners in children's play and how to create safe play spaces that will get kids outdoors. (Kirkus)

“This lively offering describes and outlines simple games that center on physical activity, including multiple versions of tag, hide-and-seek, ball games, race games, and ‘no-rules games.’ Each game is introduced in basic language, with a brief sidebar highlighting the number of players, recommended ages, space required, and suggested materials. Enlivened with cartoon spot art and photographs

of children at play, the book should give readers plenty of activity options come spring.” Publ Wkly

796.2 Activities and games requiring equipment

Bell-Rehwooldt, Sheri

The **kids'** guide to jumping rope. Capstone Press 2011 32p il lib bdg \$26.65

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.2**

1. Rope skipping

ISBN 978-1-4296-5443-2; 1-4296-5443-0

LC 2010035018

Describes the sport of jumping rope, including how-to information on jumps and tricks.

This includes “plentiful photos of giddy girls (and a few guys) madly skipping rope. . . . This makes jumping rope look like the best time in the world.” Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

796.323 Basketball

Yancey, Diane

Basketball. Lucent Books 2011 112p il lib bdg \$33.45

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **796.323**

1. Basketball

ISBN 978-1-4205-0293-0; 1-4205-0293-X

LC 2010035239

This “explores the scientific principles such as momentum, gravity, friction, and aerodynamics, plus many more, behind [basketball]. . . . [The author discusses the sport's] origins, history, and changes, . . . the biomechanics and physiology of playing, related health and medical concerns, and the causes and treatment of sports-related injuries. Additional information tells how exercise, diet and nutrition, warming up, and training relate to peak performance and enjoyment of the sport. . . . [The book] has features on possible side effects of anabolic steroid use; how MRIs work; and how various improvements to the courts, basketballs, shoes, and uniforms have affected the game. The action photography . . . is fantastic. . . . [A must-have] for sports fans, athletes, science students, and even anyone considering a career in sports-related medicine, coaching, or other connected fields.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

796.334 Soccer (Association football)

Kassouf, Jeff

Soccer. Norwood House Press 2011 64p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.334**

1. Soccer

ISBN 978-1-59953-464-0; 1-59953-464-9

LC 2011011037

Covers the history, rules, fundamentals, and significant personalities of the sport of women's soccer. Topics include: techniques, strategies, competitive events, and equipment.

796.34 Racket games

Smolka, Bo

Lacrosse. Norwood House Press 2011 64p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.34**

1. Lacrosse
ISBN 978-1-59953-463-3; 1-59953-463-0
LC 2011011050

Covers the history, rules, fundamentals, and significant personalities of the sport of women's lacrosse. Topics include: techniques, strategies, competitive events, and equipment.

796.357 Baseball

Fragar, Ray

Baltimore Orioles. ABDO Pub. Co. 2011 48p il \$31.35

Grades: 4 5 6 **796.357**

1. Baseball
ISBN 978-1-61714-036-5; 1-61714-036-8
LC 2010036557

"Written by [a] professional [sports]writer, peppered with well-chosen quotations and illustrated with photos on every page turn, this [book about the Baltimore Orioles] will interest die-hard baseball fans and is likely to engage reluctant readers." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Freedman, Lew

Boston Red Sox. ABDO Pub. Co. 2011 48p il \$31.35

Grades: 4 5 6 **796.357**

1. Baseball
ISBN 9781617140372; 1617140376
LC 2010036554

"Written by [a] professional [sports]writer, peppered with well-chosen quotations and illustrated with photos on every page turn, this [book about the Boston Red Sox] will interest die-hard baseball fans and is likely to engage reluctant readers." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Gitlin, Marty

Softball. Norwood House Press 2011 64p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.357**

1. Softball
ISBN 978-1-59953-465-7; 1-59953-465-7
LC 2011011051

Covers the history, rules, fundamentals, and significant personalities of the sport of women's softball. Topics include: techniques, strategies, competitive events, and equipment.

Howell, Brian

Atlanta Braves. Abdo Pub. Co. 2011 48p il lib bdg \$31.35

Grades: 4 5 6

796.357

1. Baseball
ISBN 978-1-61714-035-8; 1-61714-035-X
LC 2010036555

"Written by [a] professional [sports]writer, peppered with well-chosen quotations and illustrated with photos on every page turn, this [book about the Atlanta Braves] will interest die-hard baseball fans and is likely to engage reluctant readers." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Smith, Charles R.

Stars in the shadows; the Negro league all-star game of 1934; illustrated by Frank Morrison. Atheneum 2012 il \$14.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **796.357**

1. African American athletes 2. Baseball -- History 3. Negro leagues
ISBN 978-0-689-86638-8; 0-689-86638-0
LC 2011017469

"Some of the best-ever baseball players face off in 1934 at the second annual Negro League All-Star game in Chicago. . . . Cool Papa Bell, Josh Gibson, Willie Wells, Satchel Paige and Oscar Charleston are legendary names despite the segregation that kept them from competing in one integrated league for their entire careers. The concept behind this slim volume is excellent—a story in poems told in nine innings, each inning properly divided into the top of the inning and bottom. Graphite illustrations lend an old-timey feel to the text, and various advertisements, fan comments and even a performance by the Jubilee Singers complete the event." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Tricchinelli, Rob

Arizona Diamondbacks. Abdo Pub. 2011 48p il lib bdg \$31.35

Grades: 4 5 6 **796.357**

1. Baseball
ISBN 978-1-61714-034-1; 1-61714-034-1
LC 2010036458

Traces the history of the Arizona Diamondbacks, highlights significant games and players, and includes photographs, a time line, statistics, quotes, anecdotes, and a glossary.

"Written by [a] professional [sports]writer, peppered with well-chosen quotations and illustrated with photos on every page turn, this [book] will interest die-hard baseball fans and is likely to engage reluctant readers." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Vernick, Audrey

★ **Brothers** at bat; the true story of an amazing all-brother baseball team. by Audrey Vernick; illustrated by Steven Salerno. Clarion Books 2012 39 p. \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **796.357**

1. Baseball teams -- New Jersey -- History 2. Baseball teams -- United States -- History 3. Brothers -- New Jersey -- Biography -- Juvenile literature 4. Brothers

-- United States -- Biography -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780547385570

LC 2011025645

This biographical picture book depicts "a time when local baseball was part of the American landscape, one family fielded its own team. The Acerra family numbered 16 children, 12 of whom were brothers who all loved to play baseball. The boys played in high school and later formed their own semi-pro team. They played wherever they could get a good game and were known as highly skilled players and crowd pleasers. They shared a special closeness and loyalty. . . . That loyalty extended to a love of country as six of them fought in World War II. . . . After the war they continued to play in local leagues, with younger brothers taking over when big brothers aged out. In 1997 they were recognized by the Baseball Hall of Fame as the all-time longest playing all-brother team." (Kirkus)

796.4 Weight lifting, track and field, gymnastics

Schwartz, Heather E.

Gymnastics. Lucent Books 2011 96p il lib bdg \$33.45

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **796.4**

1. Gymnastics

ISBN 978-1-4205-0277-0; 1-4205-0277-8

LC 2010033544

This "explores the scientific principles such as momentum, gravity, friction, and aerodynamics, plus many more, behind [gymnastics]. . . . [The author discusses the sport's] origins, history, and changes, . . . the biomechanics and physiology of playing, related health and medical concerns, and the causes and treatment of sports-related injuries. Additional information tells how exercise, diet and nutrition, warming up, and training relate to peak performance and enjoyment of the sport. . . . One of the most interesting chapters . . . is 'The Psychology of Gymnastics,' which discusses fears, force of will, honing the competitive edge, and the pressure to succeed. . . . [This volume is] jam-packed full of information. [A must-have] for sports fans, athletes, science students, and even anyone considering a career in sports-related medicine, coaching, or other connected fields." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

796.42 Track and field

McDougall, Chros

Track & field. Norwood House Press 2011 64p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.42**

1. Track athletics

ISBN 978-1-59953-467-1; 1-59953-467-3

LC 2011011053

Covers the history, rules, fundamentals, and significant personalities of the sport of women's track and field. Topics include: techniques, strategies, competitive events, and equipment.

796.48 Olympic games

Butterfield, Moira

Events. Sea-to-Sea Publications 2011 il lib bdg \$19.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.48**

1. Olympic games

ISBN 978-1-5977-1321-4; 1-5977-1321-X

LC 2011006465

This describes events of the Olympics.

History. Sea-to-Sea Publications 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.48**

1. Olympic games

ISBN 978-1-5977-1319-1; 1-5977-1319-8

LC 2011006470

This is a history of the Olympics.

Scandals. Sea-to-Sea Publications 2011 il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.48**

1. Olympic games 2. Sports -- Corrupt practices

ISBN 978-1-5977-1320-7; 1-5977-1320-1

LC 2011006473

"The book is divided into chapters that cover such topics as bribes, doping, and political problems. Along with famous events, such as the tragedy at the Munich Olympics, in which Israeli athletes were murdered, and the Marion Jones running scandal, in which she was stripped of her medals, there are other shocking and surprising moments. . . . This . . . volume, full of historical and contemporary photos, gives readers a lot to think about." Booklist

796.8 Combat sports

Bjorklund, Ruth

Aikido. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.8**

1. Aikido

ISBN 978-0-7614-4931-7; 978-1-6087-0361-6 e-book

LC 2010013820

This describes the history, equipment, and technique of aikido.

This treats "martial arts with the dignity that serious enthusiasts bring to the sport. . . . Illustrations include not only photos of modern gear and from films but also historical images." Booklist

Ellis, Carol

Judo and jujitsu. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.8**

1. Jiu-jitsu 2. Judo

ISBN 978-0-7614-4933-1; 978-1-6087-0363-0 e-book

LC 2010013821

This describes the history, equipment, and technique of judo and jujitsu.

This treats “martial arts with the dignity that serious enthusiasts bring to the sport. . . . Illustrations include not only photos of modern gear and from films but also historical images.” Booklist

Haney-Withrow, Anna

Tae kwon do. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark
2011 il \$29.93

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.8**

1. Tae kwon do
ISBN 978-0-7614-4940-9; 978-1-6087-0368-5 e-book
LC 2010013828

This describes the history, equipment, and technique of tae kwon do.

This treats “martial arts with the dignity that serious enthusiasts bring to the sport. . . . Illustrations include not only photos of modern gear and from films but also historical images.” Booklist

Mack, Gail

Kickboxing. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark
2011 il lib bdg \$29.93

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **796.8**

1. Kickboxing
ISBN 978-0-7614-4936-2; 978-1-6087-0366-1 e-book
LC 2010014798

This describes the history, equipment, and technique of kickboxing.

This treats “martial arts with the dignity that serious enthusiasts bring to the sport. . . . Illustrations include not only photos of modern gear and from films but also historical images.” Booklist

796.93 Skiing and snowboarding

Schwartz, Heather E.

Snowboarding. Lucent Books 2011 il \$33.45
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **796.93**

1. Snowboarding
ISBN 978-1-4205-0322-7; 1-4205-0322-7
LC 2010033274

This “explores the scientific principles such as momentum, gravity, friction, and aerodynamics, plus many more, behind [snowboarding]. . . . [The author discusses the sport’s] origins, history, and changes, . . . the biomechanics and physiology of playing, related health and medical concerns, and the causes and treatment of sports-related injuries. Additional information tells how exercise, diet and nutrition, warming up, and training relate to peak performance and enjoyment of the sport. . . . The action photography . . . is fantastic. . . . [This volume is] jam-packed full of information. [A must-have] for sports fans, athletes, science students, and even anyone considering a career in sports-related medicine, coaching, or other connected fields.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

796.962 Ice hockey

Adams, Carly

Queens of the ice; they were fast, they were fierce, they were teenage girls. Lorimer 2011 131p il \$16.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **796.962**

1. Hockey 2. Women athletes
ISBN 978-1-55277-721-3; 1-55277-721-9; 978-1-55277-720-6 pa; 1-55277-720-0 pa

“Filled with exciting action, this . . . title . . . showcases the history of the Preston Rivulettes, a Canadian hockey team of teenage girls who played together for 10 seasons, from 1931 until 1940, without losing a game and at a time when many believed that girls could not play the sport and needed chaperones. . . . Adams deepens the story with the historical background of the Great Depression and the team’s struggle to find money. Occasional archival photos and boxed inserts add to the clear, readable account.” Booklist

Sharp, Anne Wallace

Ice hockey. Lucent Books 2011 112p il map lib bdg \$33.45

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **796.962**

1. Hockey
ISBN 978-1-4205-0281-7; 1-4205-0281-6
LC 2010025670

This book about ice hockey highlights “performance; chapter headings include topics such as ‘Training and Nutrition,’ ‘High-Tech Equipment,’ and ‘Injuries and Treatments.’ Physics, biology, and psychology concepts related to the [sport] are . . . wrapped into technical discussions of moves and techniques. Many photographs of pros and novices in action add interest.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

797.1 Aquatic sports

Storey, Rita

Sailing. Sea-to-Sea Publications 2011 30p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6 **797.1**

1. Sailing
ISBN 978-1-59771-286-6
LC 2010003439

This “volume provides an introduction to the equipment, techniques, and safety measures for [sailing]. . . . Instructive photographs help illustrate such concepts as [tacking a sailboat], . . . while engaging stock images capture the excitement on the water. The [volume concludes] with racing information, profiling top racers, rules, and tactics.” Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary

Thorpe, Yvonne

Canoeing and kayaking. Sea-to-Sea Publications
2011 30p il \$28.50

Grades: 4 5 6

797.1

1. Canoes and canoeing 2. Kayaks and kayaking

ISBN 9781597712859

LC 2010003438

This "volume provides an introduction to the equipment, techniques, and safety measures for [canoeing and kayaking]. . . . Instructive photographs help illustrate such concepts as . . . paddling a kayak, while engaging stock images capture the excitement on the water. The [volume concludes] with racing information, profiling top racers, rules, and tactics." Horn Book Guide

Includes glossary

797.2 Swimming and diving**Hoblin, Paul**

Swimming & diving. Norwood House Press
2011 64p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 4 5 6 7

797.2

1. Diving 2. Swimming

ISBN 978-1-59953-466-4; 1-59953-466-5

LC 2011011038

Covers the history, rules, fundamentals, and significant personalities of the sport of women's swimming and diving. Topics include: techniques, strategies, competitive events, and equipment.

799.2 Hunting**Peterson, Judy Monroe**

Big game hunting. Rosen Central 2011 64p il
map lib bdg \$29.25; pa \$12.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

799.2

1. Hunting

ISBN 978-1-4488-1240-0 lib bdg; 1-4488-1240-2 lib
bdg; 978-1-4488-2270-6 pa; 1-4488-2270-X pa

LC 2010006859

In this introduction to big game hunting "Peterson displays an impressive grasp of the pastime by throwing in almost everything: types of guns and bows, safety laws, licenses, land access, animal behavior, clothing, methods of hunting, and preparing harvested meat. . . . [The book] is jam-packed with info. . . . A green-heavy design, bright photos of hunters . . . and prey, and above average back matter close out this solid entry." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

Varmint hunting. Rosen Central 2011 64p il
map lib bdg \$30.60; pa \$12.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

799.2

1. Hunting 2. Pest control

ISBN 9781448812455 lib bdg; 1-4488-1245-3 lib
bdg; 978-1-4488-2275-1 pa; 1-4488-2275-0 pa

LC 2010015514

"Animals that are considered varmints include raccoons, opossums, coyotes, bobcats, and prairie dogs. Varmint hunting controls excess animal populations, providing farmers and ranchers with a . . . method of restricting nuisance wildlife populations so that they don't overrun and overgraze

farmlands. This . . . book explains preparation, responsibilities, ethics, hunting techniques, and steps to take after a harvest." Publisher's note

Includes bibliographical references

Wolny, Philip

Waterfowl. Rosen Central 2011 64p il lib bdg
\$29.25; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

799.2

1. Hunting 2. Water birds

ISBN 978-1-4488-1243-1 lib bdg; 1-4488-1243-7 lib
bdg; 978-1-4488-2273-7 pa; 1-4488-2273-4 pa

LC 2010017396

This guide to waterfowl hunting covers what to wear and pack, shooting strategies, the construction of duck blinds, gun safety, hunting permits and licenses, and other laws relating to hunting limits, seasons, and private and public property.

800 LITERATURE, RHETORIC & CRITICISM**808.8 Collections of literary texts from more than two literatures****Griffiths, Andy**

Killer koalas from outer space; and lots of other very bad stuff that will make your brain explode! illustrations by Terry Denton. Feiweil and Friends 2011 172p il \$12.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

808.8

1. Literature -- Collections

ISBN 978-0-312-36789-3; 0-312-36789-9

"Sometimes bad can be very, very good indeed. Griffiths proves this time and again in this hilarious collection of rude, lewd and crude poems, jokes and cautionary tales. Deliciously revolting characters in stories . . . are sure to leave young, potty-humor-loving readers in stitches. Denton's edgy, stick-figure illustrations only add to the fun, upping the gross-out ante and giving the collection a frenetic energy that makes the book nearly impossible to put down. . . . The genius of this subversive little tome lies in its perfect combination of zany subject matter that will appeal to a broad spectrum of readers and a format that make it easily accessible to beginning and struggling readers." Kirkus

811 American poetry**Child, Lydia Maria Francis**

Over the river and through the wood; the New England boy's song about Thanksgiving day. [by] L. Maria Child; illustrated by Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 2 3 4

811

1. Poetry -- By individual authors 2. Thanksgiving Day

-- Poetry

ISBN 978-0-7636-2790-4; 0-7636-2790-9

LC 2010038878

"A charming and dynamic rendition of the song about Thanksgiving Day, originally published in 1844. All 12 original verses are included, each old-fashioned scene appropriately matching the text. Tavares's watercolor, ink, and pencil illustrations are crisp and bright, expertly capturing the wind-whipped outdoor scenes of the sleigh moving from page to page and ultimately to grandfather's house for a feast." SLJ

Coombs, Kate

Water sings blue; ocean poems. by Kate Coombs ; illustrated by Meilo So. Chronicle Books 2012 36 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 **811**

1. Sea poetry
ISBN 9780811872843

LC 2010030163

This picture book presents "twenty-three poems and evocative watercolor paintings [that] pay tribute to the wonders of the ocean world. . . . [Kate Coombs] invites young readers into her celebration with an opening "Song of the Boa." and ends with the message of the "Tideline." . . . [In another poem] Gulper Eel's "astronomical ma." is compared to a black hole. . . . A series of couplets describing "What the Waves Sa." is illustrated with panels of varying water-surface patterns. Three different jellyfish poems share a double-page spread; another spread emphasizes the size of a blue whale with its vertical orientation and a shipwreck lying at the bottom. Sand-colored endpapers show objects washed up on shore: a shell, a feather, a crab's claw and what might just be the remains of a footprint." (Kirkus)

Dakos, Kalli

A **funeral** in the bathroom; and other school bathroom poems; illustrated by Mark Beech. Albert Whitman & Co. 2011 47p il \$14.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **811**

1. Bathrooms -- Poetry 2. Poetry -- By individual authors 3. Schools -- Poetry
ISBN 0-8075-2675-4; 978-0-8075-2675-0

LC 2010045591

"Dakos's humorous, bittersweet poems and Beech's mischievous illustrations center on the school bathroom as a place of refuge, camaraderie, and, of course, necessity. . . . A heartfelt collage of relatable moments." Publ Wkly

Forler, Nan

Winterberries and apple blossoms; reflections and flavors of a Mennonite year; paintings by Peter Etril Snyder. Tundra Books 2011 39p il \$22.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **811**

1. Cooking 2. Mennonites -- Poetry 3. Months -- Poetry 4. Poetry -- By individual authors
ISBN 978-1-77049-254-7; 1-77049-254-2

With a poem for every month of the year, young Naomi introduces us to her family and hosts a journey through the seasonal rhythms of her rural Mennonite community. Includes a recipe for each month of the year.

This includes "12 evocative poems. . . . Snyder . . . contributes smudgy, sunlit acrylic scenes that convey a close-knit family that works, plays, and prays together. Along with Forler's graceful verse, and recipes for every season, it all adds up to a warm portrait of a community seldom found in the spotlight." Publ Wkly

Gerstein, Mordicai, 1935-

Dear hot dog; poems about everyday stuff. Abrams 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **811**

1. Poetry -- By individual authors
ISBN 0810997320; 9780810997325

This collection of poems follows three friends from the time they wake up and brush their teeth to when they snuggle up for bed with their favorite stuffed animal.

This is "lyrical yet accessible. . . . Gerstein infuses humanity into a toothbrush, shoes, a bowl, a kite, leaves and an ice-cream cone. His acrylic illustrations are in harmony with his verses; sharp black lines and rich colors that spread outside their outlines, giving a dreamy yet vivid effect." Kirkus

Katz, Alan

Poems I wrote when no one was looking; drawings by Edward Koren. Margaret K. McElderry Books 2011 153p il \$17.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **811**

1. Humorous poetry 2. Poetry -- By individual authors
ISBN 978-1-4169-3518-6; 1-4169-3518-5

LC 2007052523

"Accompanied by Koren's impish, characteristically furry caricatures, Katz's comedic poems take aim at familiar experiences like family squabbling and avoiding homework, while offering child-centric observations about the world. . . . Kids will revel in the gently wicked jokes . . . and mild gross-out gags . . . that run throughout the collection." Publ Wkly

Lewis, J. Patrick

★ **Self**-portrait with seven fingers; the life of Marc Chagall in verse. [by] J. Patrick Lewis & Jane Yolen. Creative Editions 2011 38p il \$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **811**

1. Artists 2. Artists -- Poetry 3. Jews -- Biography 4. Jews -- Poetry 5. Painters
ISBN 978-1-56846-211-0; 1-56846-211-5

LC 2009034767

"Lewis and Yolen pair 14 poems about Marc Chagall (1887–1985) with reproductions of more than a dozen of his paintings (as well as vintage photographs) in this moving account of the artist's Jewish upbringing in what is now Belarus, . . . his ascent in the art world, and his loves and losses, including arrest by the Nazis while living in Paris. . . . The duo's emphatic and empathetic verse is put into context by informative biographical sidebars that appear beneath each poem. A study in resilience, dedication, and wide-ranging talent." Publ Wkly

Includes bibliographical references

Moore, Clement C.

★ **The night** before Christmas; [illustrated by] Charles Santore. Applesauce 2011 il \$18.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **811**
 1. Christmas -- Poetry 2. Poetry -- By individual authors 3. Santa Claus -- Poetry
 ISBN 978-1-60433-237-7; 1-60433-237-9
 Santore "brings to life Moore's 'A Visit from St. Nicholas' in characteristically elegant and detail-rich paintings. His is a very traditional vision, as he brings readers inside a stately colonial home, tastefully appointed with wreaths, garlands, and stockings. . . . It's a gorgeous interpretation of a beloved holiday classic." Publ Wkly

Moore, Clement Clarke

The **night** before Christmas; illustrated by Tomie de Paola. Holiday House 2010 un il \$8.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **811**
 1. Board books for children 2. Christmas -- Poetry 3. Poetry -- By individual authors 4. Santa Claus -- Poetry
 ISBN 978-0-8234-2284-5; 0-8234-2284-4
 The classic poem of the visit from St. Nicholas on Christmas eve.

"Set in 1840s New Hampshire, dePaola's watercolor and ink illustrations, framed with quilt pattern designs, exude rustic spirit and wholesome charm. This board book edition uses a bolder font that has an Old World feel." Horn Book Guide

Nash, Ogden

★ **Lineup** for yesterday; illustrated by C. F. Payne. Creative Editions 2011 55p il \$19.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **811**
 1. Alphabet 2. Baseball -- Poetry 3. Poetry -- By individual authors
 ISBN 978-1-56846-212-7; 1-56846-212-3
 LC 2010040121

"Baseball legends of yesteryear come alive more or less alphabetically in Nash's pithy verses. Twenty-four players of the first half of the 20th century are profiled in playful, humorous short poems with an ABCB rhyme scheme. . . . The verses are accompanied by statistical information and delightful, large-scale, closeup depictions of the players in action, rendered by Payne in layers of colored pencil, acrylics, water colors and a variety of other media. . . . Following each group of three or four verses, and headed by a diminutive version of the appropriate illustration, Nash's daughter Linell Nash Smith provides more detailed information about each player. She also contributes a charming introduction." Kirkus

Rosen, Michael J.

★ The **Hound** dog's haiku; and other poems for dog lovers; [illustrated by] Mary Azarian. Candlewick Press 2011 56p il \$17.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **811**
 1. Dogs -- Poetry 2. Haiku 3. Poetry -- By individual authors
 ISBN 0-7636-4499-4; 978-0-7636-4499-4

"These delightful selections will engage haiku composers and dog lovers. . . . Twenty canines are represented, with each dog given a fully illustrated spread; the breed's name is in large letters and the haiku on the opposing page is in a smaller font. Endnotes take the form of visual avatars culled from the illustrations, with a short paragraph about

the breed. Fetch this title full of wordplay, creative romps, and pet prompts for a fun read." SLJ

Salas, Laura Purdie

Bookspeak! poems about books. written by Laura Purdie Salas; illustrated by Josée Bisaillon. Clarion Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **811**
 1. Books and reading -- Poetry 2. Poetry -- By individual authors
 ISBN 978-0-547-22300-1; 0-547-22300-5
 LC 2010043173

"This collection of poems makes its message clear: books are where it's at. Salas's polished verse demonstrates a deep love for all aspects of books. . . . Bisaillon's mixed media illustrations are dizzyingly inventive, their bright colors, sampling of typography, and whimsical details underscoring the idea of the potential that awaits between the covers." Publ Wkly

Shange, Ntozake

★ **Freedom's** a-callin' me; poems by Ntozake Shange; paintings by Rod Brown. Amistad/Collins 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **811**
 1. African Americans -- Poetry 2. Slavery -- Poetry 3. Underground railroad -- Poetry
 ISBN 978-0-06-133741-3; 0-06-133741-2
 LC 2010050515

The author and illustrator present "a series of poems and paintings that express the hope and frustration of enslaved people trying to navigate the Underground Railroad. Using dialect to convey a Southern cadence, Shange's poems communicate powerful emotions. . . . These poems are a cry from the heart. . . . The expressive, impressionistic paintings capture attention with their bold strokes and vivid coloring." SLJ

Sidman, Joyce

★ **Swirl** by swirl; spirals in nature. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 40p il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **811**
 1. Nature poetry 2. Poetry -- By individual authors 3. Shape -- Poetry
 ISBN 978-0-547-31583-6; 0-547-31583-X
 LC 2010040724

"Krommes's scratchboard illustrations suffuse every spread with color, shape, and movement, vividly depicting spirals in nature. . . . Sidman's very simple text provides the perfect backdrop: powerful, poetic, good for reading aloud and reading again. . . . This book is elegantly constructed, and as poetry, picture book, or nonfiction, a success in every way." Horn Book

Silverstein, Shel

★ **Every** thing on it; poems and drawings by Shel Silverstein. Harper 2011 194p il \$19.99; lib bdg \$20.89

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **811**
 1. Humorous poetry 2. Nonsense verses 3. Poetry --

By individual authors

ISBN 978-0-06-199816-4; 0-06-199816-8; 978-0-06-199817-1 lib bdg; 0-06-199817-6 lib bdg

The second original book to be published since Silverstein's passing in 1999, this poetry collection includes more than one hundred and thirty never-before-seen poems and drawings completed by the cherished American artist and selected by his family from his archives.

"Silverstein's inspired word play and impish sense of humor are in abundant evidence. His signature line drawings accompany many of the poems and complete the jokes of some. . . . Adults who grew up with Uncle Shelby will find themselves wiping their eyes by the time they get to the end of this collection; children new to the master will find themselves hooked." Kirkus

Singer, Marilyn

★ A **stick** is an excellent thing; poems celebrating outdoor play; illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Clarion Books 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

811

1. Imagination -- Poetry
2. Outdoor recreation -- Poetry
3. Poetry -- By individual authors

ISBN 978-0-547-12493-3; 0-547-12493-7

LC 2011009848

"Singer presents the full spectrum of outdoor activities in rhymed poems consummately animated by Pham's vibrant drawings. . . . While many of the snappy lyrics show off the pleasures of moving . . . a real strength of the collection is its engagement of the imagination. . . . Pham's evocative artwork heightens the imagination's importance in play, with her digitally colored pencil-and-ink renderings so finely textured that they radiate a warmth as arresting as Ezra Jack Keats'. A thrilling integration of verse and image." Kirkus

813 American fiction in English

Juster, Norton

The **annotated** Phantom tollbooth. by Norton Juster; illustrations by Jules Feiffer; introduction and notes by Leonard Marcus. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 284p il \$29.99; lib bdg \$32.22

Grades: Adult Professional

813

1. Architects
 2. Authors
 3. Children's authors
- ISBN 978-0-375-85715-7; 0-375-85715-X; 978-0-375-95715-4 lib bdg; 0-375-95715-4 lib bdg

LC 2011013174

"Still ferrying dazzled readers to Dictionopolis and beyond 50 years after his first appearance, young Milo is accompanied this time through by encyclopedic commentary from our generation's leading (and most readable) expert on the history of children's literature and publishing. . . . Leonard opens with typically lucid and well-organized pictures of both Juster's and Feiffer's formative years and later careers, interwoven with accounts of the book's conception, publication and critical response. In notes running alongside the ensuing facsimile, he puts on an intellectual show. . . . he delivers notes on topics as diverse as the etymological origins of "BALDERDASH!" and mimetic architecture to textual parallels with the Wizard of Oz and echoes of Winsor McKay and George Grosz in the art. Family photos,

scrawled notes and images of handwritten and typescript manuscript pages further gloss a work that never ages nor fails to astonish." Kirkus

831 German poetry

Rasmussen, Halfdan

★ A **little** bitty man and other poems for the very young. Halfdan Rasmussen ; translated by Marilyn Nelson and Pamela Espeland ; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Candlewick Press 2011 29 p. \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1

831

1. Children's poetry, Danish -- Translations into English
- ISBN 9780763623791

LC 2009007515

"A charming collection of poems finds an American audience in a splendid translation. . . . Rasmussen (1915-2002) was a beloved Danish poet, known both for his human-rights writings as well as nonsense verse for children. A sweet compendium of the latter is translated here . . . and animated by Hawkes' dynamic, colorful acrylic-and-pencil renderings, effectively capturing the playfulness of Rasmussen's verse in both sound and image." Kirkus

883 Classical Greek epic poetry and fiction

Landmann, Bimba

★ The **fate** of Achilles. Getty 2011 il \$19.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

883

1. Authors
2. Poets

ISBN 978-1-60606-085-8; 1-60606-085-6

"Landmann (The Incredible Voyage of Ulysses) continues her retelling of Homer's epics with this haunting version of the Iliad. Ghostly, Giacometti-style figures accompany the story of Achilles's life, from his baptism in the river Styx . . . to his departure for Troy, . . . the death of his dearest friend, . . . and his reconciliation with the father of the enemy he has slain. . . . Readers with the patience to sit through saga-length narratives will be fascinated by her prose, which moves easily through the sprawling epic without feeling ponderous or hurried. These kinds of retellings are few and far between, and hers are magic." Publ Wkly

900 HISTORY

910.3 Dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances, gazetteers

★ The **World Book** encyclopedia of people and places. World Book 2011 7v il map set \$351

Grades: 5 6 7 8

910.3

1. Encyclopedias and dictionaries
 2. Geography -- Encyclopedias
 3. Reference books
- ISBN 978-0-7166-3758-5

"The text is accompanied by an abundance of full-color maps, charts, flags, and stunning photographs. . . . A solid purchase, highly recommended for school and public li-

braries serving researchers in upper-elementary and middle school." Booklist

910.4 Accounts of travel and facilities for travelers

Denenberg, Barry

★ **Titanic** sinks! Viking 2011 72p il \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **910.4**

1. Shipwrecks

ISBN 0670012432; 9780670012435

LC 2011012040

This is a "gripping recounting of the Titanic's doomed maiden voyage, chronicled in the tabloid-style pages of a fictional magazine. . . . Melding fact and fiction, the book compiles dramatic headlines, articles that range from news bulletins about the building of the ship to a chatty tour of its lavish interior, and an array of stunning period photographs." Publ Wkly

Hagglund, Betty

Epic treks. Kingfisher 2011 64p il \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **910.4**

1. Explorers 2. Voyages and travels

ISBN 978-0-7534-6668-1; 0-7534-6668-6

LC 2011041638

"The graphics will grab readers in [this] exciting, extra-large-size [title] . . . packed with high-quality color photos on every double-page spread. Just as gripping are the narratives, captions, and technical details of exploration, adventure, and survival. . . . Epic Treks covers Lewis and Clark, Livingston and Stanley, Burk and Wells, and Amundsen and Scott, each journey an exciting adventure filled with details about what they endured and what they found, as well as their failures and shortcomings." Booklist

Includes glossary

Hopkinson, Deborah

Titanic; voices from the disaster. Scholastic Press 2012 il \$17.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **910.4**

1. Shipwrecks

ISBN 978-0-545-11674-9; 0-545-11674-0

LC 2011006695

"This sturdy synthesis of the events leading up, during, and following the Titanic disaster is . . . a model of minute-by-minute reconstruction. What gives Hopkinson's effort a unique flavor is her almost exclusive use of the recollections of survivors as her source material, giving the tale we know so well a grittier, far less mythic feel." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

McPherson, Stephanie Sammartino

★ **Iceberg** right ahead! the tragedy of the Titanic. Twenty-First Century Books 2011 112p il \$33.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **910.4**

1. Shipwrecks

ISBN 9780761367567

LC 2011002352

"With innumerable books, movies, documentaries, novels, and biographies all telling versions of the Titanic story, it would seem that there is little more to learn, yet by providing more details and some of the most up-to-date research, McPherson's compelling, thoughtful narrative proves otherwise. . . . The layout includes plenty of period photographs, diagrams, artwork, and sidebars with interesting tangential tidbits, making for a thorough resource. . . . A comprehensive, well-written, thoroughly researched title." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

912 Graphic representations of surface of earth and of extraterrestrial worlds

Crane, Nicholas

Barefoot Books world atlas. Barefoot Books 2011 56p \$19.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **912**

1. Atlases 2. Geography 3. Maps

ISBN 1-84686-333-3; 978-1-84686-333-2

"This fresh and informative atlas offers engaging, fact-filled overviews of Earth's oceans and continents. Mini-books, flaps, and sidebars address topics ranging from 'People and Places' to 'Transport.' Dean's maps are crowded with warmly illustrated people, animals, places, and objects that represent particular areas of the world. . . . With its emphasis on sustainability, interconnectedness, and diversity, the book offers young armchair travelers and globe-trotters much to discover. Includes a removable world map. An app is also available." Publ Wkly

★ **National Geographic Kids** beginner's world atlas; 3rd ed.; National Geographic 2011 il map \$27.90

Grades: K 1 2 3 **912**

1. Atlases 2. Reference books

ISBN 978-1-4263-0839-0; 1-4263-0839-6

This is an "eye-catching atlas for the child who is ready to learn about the world beyond his or her own community. Enticing panoramic photographs introduce each continent, and easy-to-decipher maps make this oversize volume one that will fascinate inquisitive young children given to browsing." Booklist

92

Bauer, Helen

Beethoven for kids; his life and music with 21 activities. Chicago Review Press 2011 129p il \$16.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Composers 2. Composers, Austrian

ISBN 1-56976-711-4; 978-1-56976-711-5

LC 2011018131

"This introduction to the towering classical composer sets the story of his life and work in the context of the revolutionary events of early-19th-century Europe. . . . The author's own extensive musical experience contributes to the breadth of this title. Sidebars and historical prints add further

information about musical forms and instruments, historical events and people mentioned. . . . This will be particularly useful for parents and classroom teachers hoping to make the study of great music more interesting." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Bernier-Grand, Carmen T.

★ **Alicia** Alonso; prima ballerina; illustrated by Raúl Colón. Marshall Cavendish Children's 2011 64p il \$19.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Ballet dancers 2. Choreographers 3. Cubans 4. Dance directors

ISBN 978-0-7614-5562-2; 0-7614-5562-0

LC 2010018269

"An informative, beautifully illustrated introduction to the world-renowned dancer. Alonso's focused life and illustrious career are made even more remarkable by the fact that she lost her peripheral vision at age 19 and had to learn to visualize both the stage set and the dance itself in order to execute spins and lifts, and to choreograph ballets. Each one is presented as a titled one-page piece in abbreviated poetic prose; many face full-page textured paintings rendered in Colón's distinctive mix of watercolor, colored, and lithograph pencils." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Collier, James Lincoln

★ The **Tecumseh** you never knew. [by] James Lincoln Collier; [illustrations by Greg Copeland] Children's Press 2004 80p il map lib bdg \$25.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Indian chiefs 2. Shawnee Indians

ISBN 0-516-24426-4

LC 2003-28205

A biography of the Shawnee Indian chief who struggled to build a confederacy of Indians in order to thwart American expansionism after the Revolutionary war.

"A mix of realistic paintings and reproductions depict Tecumseh's life. Easy-to-read type on spacious white pages may tempt children into reading biographies." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Demi

Joan of Arc. Marshall Cavendish Children 2011 un il \$19.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **92**

1. Christian saints 2. Saints

ISBN 978-0-7614-5953-8; 0-7614-5953-7

LC 2011001123

"Joan of Arc's story told in the ravishing line and color of Demi's art. . . . The text unequivocally treats the 15th-century Joan as a saint, casting the craven King Charles VII as the villain he was. Joan's life is recounted with a strong emphasis on prayer and the will of God, from her beginnings as a devout peasant girl who heeded angelic and saintly voices through her victories and defeats to her imprisonment, trial and martyrdom at the stake. . . . A young female hero par excellence." Kirkus

Doeden, Matt

Prince William & Kate; a royal romance. Lerner Publications 2011 48p il lib bdg \$26.60

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **92**

1. Princes 2. Princesses

ISBN 978-0-7613-8029-0; 0-7613-8029-9

LC 2011003413

"This short and sweet volume accents what down-to-earth and normal newlyweds Prince William and Kate Middleton are really like. After a brief recap of the couple's engagement interview, the book goes on to profile the pair individually and then as a duo. . . . This is an upbeat, readable narrative about a handsome, appealing couple. The color photographs are well chosen." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Fillion, Susan

★ **Miss** Etta and Dr. Claribel; Bringing Matisse to America. David R. Godine 2011 83p il \$18.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Art -- Collectors and collecting 2. Art collectors 3. Artists 4. Painters 5. Physicians

ISBN 978-1-56792-434-3; 1-56792-434-4

LC 2010048937

"An affectionate, lively examination of the reciprocal relationship between a great artist and two great art lovers. Etta and Claribel Cone, unmarried sisters from a wealthy Baltimore family . . . [were] discerning collectors of modern art, particularly that of Henri Matisse. . . . Their account is lavishly illustrated in full color by reproductions from the Cone Collection at the Baltimore Museum of Art and Matisse-inflected paintings by the author, who drew extensively on the Cone archive that is also housed at the museum. . . . This appealing work stands as both a portrait of two unconventional women and a celebration of the possibilities of arts patronage." Kirkus

Gerber, Carole

Annie Jump Cannon, astronomer; illustrated by Christina Wald. Pelican Pub. 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **92**

1. Astronomers 2. Curators 3. Deaf 4. Women astronomers

ISBN 9781589809116; 1589809114

LC 2011012147

"This inspiring picture-book biography of a trailblazer in the field presents insight into the challenges of women interested in science during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Cannon was born in 1863 and as a young girl her mother nurtured her interest in the night sky. . . . When her father learned that Wellesley College was the only women's college offering physics classes, he enrolled her. She graduated with a degree in physics and had a successful career in astronomy. . . . The realistic illustrations capture the time period and complement the text. They're scientifically accurate. . . . A solid resource." SLJ

Goldsworthy, Steve

Richard Branson. 2011 il \$27.13; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Airline executives 2. Businessmen 3. Financiers

4. Retail executives 5. Telecommunications executives
ISBN 978-1-61690-671-9; 978-1-61690-676-4 pa

LC 2010051145

A biography of British financier Richard Branson.

Steve Jobs. Weigl 2011 24p il \$27.13; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **92**

1. Businesspeople 2. Computer industry 3. Computer industry executives 4. Computer scientists 5. Electronics industry executives 6. Entrepreneurs
ISBN 978-1-6169-0670-2; 1-6169-0670-7; 978-1-6169-0675-7 pa; 1-6169-0675-8 pa

LC 2010050999

This looks at Steve Jobs' "life, accomplishments, and challenges while including a page of quotes, an annotated list of contemporaries and influences, starter suggestions for writing a paper, and a time line and glossary. . . . [This book] kicks off as current as possible with a picture of the bearded Apple CEO displaying an iPad, before getting into the ups (he became a multimillionaire in just two years) and downs (his struggle with cancer)." Booklist

Griffith, Victoria

The **fabulous** flying machines of Alberto Santos-Dumont; illustrated by Eva Montanari. Abrams Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: 1 2 3 4 **92**

1. Aeronautics -- History 2. Air pilots 3. Airships 4. Engineers 5. Inventors
ISBN 978-1-4197-0011-8; 1-4197-0011-1

LC 2010048781

"Dumont is credited as being the first one to get an airplane off the ground under its own power, in 1906. In this fictionalized account, readers learn of the man's idiosyncratic and highly inventive nature. Although he was born in Brazil, he later made Paris his home where he became a larger-than-life personality, partly because of his reputation for—and the spectacle of—his chosen mode of transportation to run everyday errands: a dirigible. His quest to move through the air at a faster pace and for greater distances led to his invention of a biplane. . . . Montanari captures the look, dress, and formality of the era in her splendid, impressionistic pastel, chalk, and oil paintings. The endnotes add details and facts about the life of this charismatic, adventurous man and mark his place in aviation history." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Jordan-Fenton, Christy

A **stranger** at home; a true story. [by] Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton; artwork by Liz Amini-Holmes. Annick Press 2011 124p il \$21.95; pa \$12.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **92**

1. Artisans 2. Authors 3. Children's authors 4. Inuit 5. Native Americans -- Canada
ISBN 978-1-55451-362-8; 1-55451-362-6; 978-1-55451-361-1 pa; 1-55451-361-8 pa

"After two years in Catholic residential school, 10-year-old Olemaun returns to Tuktoyaktuk on Canada's Arctic coast, a stranger to her friends and family, unaccustomed to the food and clothing and unable to speak or understand

her native language. Margaret Pokiak's story continues after the events of *Fatty Legs* (2010), which described her boarding-school experience. In this stand-alone sequel, she describes a year of reintegration into her Inuvialuit world. . . . Olemaun's spirit and determination shine through this moving memoir." Kirkus

Krensky, Stephen

Clara Barton. DK Pub. 2011 128p il \$14.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **92**

1. Nurses 2. Red Cross officials 3. Social welfare leaders

ISBN 978-0-7566-7279-9; 0-7566-7279-1; 978-0-7566-7278-2 pa; 0-7566-7278-3 pa

Describes the life and accomplishments of Clara Barton, a teacher who organized efforts to bring nursing care to wounded soldiers during the Civil War and who went on to become the founder of the American Red Cross.

"Barton is placed in historical context, and key concepts, such as the causes of the Civil War, the struggle for women's suffrage, and the importance of the Geneva Convention, are explained. Compact in form, the text is complemented by full-color and archival photographs and reproductions on every spread. . . . An excellent resource for reports that will also appeal to fans of biography." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

Krull, Kathleen

Jim Henson; the guy who played with puppets; paintings by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher. Random House 2011 35p il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **92**

1. Puppeteers 2. Puppets and puppet plays 3. Television programs
ISBN 978-0-375-85721-8; 0-375-85721-4; 978-0-375-95721-5 lib bdg; 0-375-95721-9 lib bdg

LC 2010043837

"Krull, Johnson, and Fancher offer an inspiring and timely portrait of the late Henson. The book covers Henson's upbringing, experimentation with and study of puppetry, and the creation and success of his beloved Muppets on TV and on the big screen. . . . Johnson and Fancher's paintings exude a warm, nostalgic glow as they show the early roots of Henson's creativity and behind-the-scenes images of him at work." Publ Wkly

Includes bibliographical references

Kulling, Monica

In the bag!: Margaret Knight wraps it up; illustrated by David Parkins. un il \$19.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **92**

1. Inventors 2. Women inventors
ISBN 978-1-77049-239-4; 1-77049-239-9

This introduces Margaret Knight, inventor of ninety inventions, including a stop motion safety device for shuttles and the machine-made flat-bottom paper bag.

This is written "in clean, straightforward prose. . . . [The text is] paired with Parkin's detailed and handsome pen-and-ink illustrations." Publ Wkly

Manning, Mick

Charles Dickens; scenes from an extraordinary life; [illustrated by] Brita Granström. Frances Lincoln 2011 un il \$18.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **92**

1. Authors 2. Authors, English 3. Novelists
ISBN 978-1-84780-187-6; 1-84780-187-0

“Dickens narrates his own life story in this biography. . . . Loosely rendered pencil-and-watercolor scenes with speech-bubble interjections from characters take center stage, while small illustrated sidebars provide additional context. . . . A bonus: tidy comic strip panels provide quick summaries of several Dickens novels, which may whet readers’ appetite to further explore his writing.” *Publ Wkly*

Mara, Wil

Dwight Eisenhower. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2011 112p il lib bdg \$34.21

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **92**

1. College presidents 2. Generals 3. Presidents 4. Presidents -- United States
ISBN 978-0-7614-4812-9; 0-7614-4812-8

LC 2009033042

“The size makes it ideal for that one-hundred page biography assignment; the readability makes the titles accessible to reluctant readers in high school; the succinct, well-presented information makes the volumes fitting for initial research at both the middle and high school level.” *Voice Youth Advocates*

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

McCloskey, Jane

Robert McCloskey; a private life in words and pictures. Seapoint Books 2011 il \$24.95

Grades: Adult Professional **92**

1. Artists 2. Authors 3. Authors, American 4. Children’s authors 5. Illustrators
ISBN 978-0-9786899-6-4; 0-9786899-6-8

In this “biography of the great author/illustrator, his younger daughter reconstructs his life, her recollections nicely complemented by scores of beautifully reproduced illustrations from her father’s books as well as photos and never-before-published sketches and paintings. The text is artless in the best sense, not a formal biography but a sequence of significant circumstances and events as Jane observed them.” *Horn Book*

Miller, Brandon Marie

Thomas Jefferson for kids; his life and times, with 21 activities. Chicago Review Press 2011 ix, 132p il \$16.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Architects 2. Essayists 3. Presidents 4. Presidents -- United States 5. Vice-presidents
ISBN 978-1-56976-348-3; 1-56976-348-8

LC 2011019318

“Miller offers a thorough and methodical overview of Jefferson’s life and political career. . . . The presentation is especially forthright about Jefferson’s ownership of slaves and his fathering of children with Sally Hemmings. . . . The

volume offers the chance to delve into Jefferson’s life and be inspired by the range of his interests.” *Kirkus*

Includes bibliographical references

Pearce, Q. L.

★ **Red** Bird sings: the story of Zitkala-Sa. by Gina Capaldi & Q.L. Pearce; illustrated by Gina Capaldi. Carolrhoda Books 2011 32p il lib bdg \$17.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **92**

1. Authors 2. Authors, American 3. Biographies 4. Essayists 5. Indian leaders 6. Native Americans -- Biography 7. Political activists 8. Short story writers 9. Women authors 10. Women musicians 11. Yankton Indians

ISBN 978-0-7613-5257-0; 0-7613-5257-0

LC 2011003014

This childrens biography describes the life of Gertrude Simmons Bonnin of the Yankton Sioux, later known as Zitkala-Sa [who] bridged the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and the white and Indian cultures . . . readers follow her school days, her later career as a political advocate for Indian rights, and her struggle to reconcile her determination for personal advancement with feelings of guilt for abandoning her family. The book includes [f]irst-person narration adapted from Zitkala-Sa’s own writings and supplemented with additional primary and secondary sources.” (*Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books*)

“Capaldi and Pearce document the life of Gertrude Simmons, an author, musician, and activist best known by her pen name, Zitkala-Sa (Red Bird). Drawing from semiautobiographical stories that Zitkala-Sa wrote for the *Atlantic Monthly* in the early 1900s, Capaldi and Pearce eloquently describe her experience at a Quaker boarding school, where she laments the loss of her culture, but also develops passions for violin and women’s suffrage. . . . Capaldi’s understated illustrations integrate solid colors and doll-like characterizations with reproductions of period materials, while appended information on Zitkala-Sa rounds out this fascinating portrait.” *Publ Wkly*

Includes bibliographical references

Rappoport, Ken

David Wright; a baseball star who cares. Enslow 2011 il \$23.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **92**

1. Baseball -- Biography 2. Baseball players
ISBN 978-0-7660-3775-5; 0-7660-3775-4

A biography of the all-star third baseman for the New York Mets who has worked with charities and who established the David Wright Foundation.

This is “especially good for book reports.” *Booklist*

Rose, Simon

Aung San Suu Kyi. 2011 il por \$27.13; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Dissenters 2. Human rights activists 3. Nobel laureates for peace 4. Nonfiction writers 5. Political leaders 6. Political prisoners 7. Women political

activists

ISBN 978-1-61690-833-1; 1-61690-833-5; 978-1-61690-834-8 pa; 1-61690-834-3 pa

LC 2011011584

This looks at Aung San Suu Kyi's "life, accomplishments, and challenges while including a page of quotes, an annotated list of contemporaries and influences, starter suggestions for writing a paper, and a time line and glossary. [The book] looks into the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Myanmar activist, whose struggle for democracy has landed her under house arrest multiple times." Booklist

Shapiro, J. H.

Magic trash; a story of Tyree Guyton and his art. [by] J.H. Shapiro; illustrated by Vanessa Newton. Charlesbridge 2011 32p il \$15.95

Grades: K 1 3 4

92

1. Artists

ISBN 1580893856 lib bdg; 9781580893855 1

LC 2010023524

"Multicolored, multilayered, multimedia illustrations trace the life of Tyree Guyton and his visionary artwork, which used reclaimed trash to turn a derelict Detroit street into community-activist art. . . . Readers whiz through Tyree's story, propelled by his energy and zinging, trippy triplets that cap each significant event in his life. . . . An inspiring, exciting introduction to avant-garde art and social commentary, this biography convinces young readers that art can exist, thrive and effect change outside in the real world." Kirkus

Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk

The **Christmas** coat; memories of my Sioux childhood; illustrated by Ellen Beier. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

92

1. Authors 2. Children's authors 3. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 4. Christmas 5. Christmas stories 6. Clothing and dress 7. Dakota Indians 8. Native Americans -- Biography 9. Novelists 10. Young adult authors

ISBN 978-0-8234-2134-3; 0-8234-2134-1

LC 2010029562

Virginia's coat is too small and hardly protects her from the frigid South Dakota winter. As Christmas approaches, all the children on the Sioux reservation look forward to receiving boxes full of clothing sent by congregations in the East. Virginia spots a beautiful gray fur coat but holds back tears as it is claimed by one of her classmates. Later, Virginia can't believe what Mama brings home. Based on an event from the author's childhood.

"Virginia's personality shines through in this poignant story that entertains and informs without recourse to stereotypes." Kirkus

Spielman, Gloria

Marcel Marceau; master of mime; illustrated by Manon Gauthier. Kar-Ben Pub. 2011 un il lib bdg \$17.95

Grades: 3 4 5

92

1. Actors 2. Jews -- Biography 3. Mime 4. Mimes 5.

World War, 1939-1945 -- France

ISBN 978-0-7613-3961-8; 0-7613-3961-2

LC 2010027787

"Readers are introduced to the world-famous reviver of the lost art of mime in this attractive and accessible picture-book biography. Melding Marceau's childhood and evolution as an artist with world events, Spielman reveals how the young son of a kosher butcher in Strasbourg, France, pursued his dream, despite the Nazi invasion in 1939. . . . Gauthier's childlike mixed-media illustrations feature myriad rosy-cheeked characters and capture both the whimsy of Marceau's performances and the more somber conditions of war-torn France." SLJ

Sweet, Melissa

★ **Balloons** over Broadway; the true story of the puppeteer of Macy's Parade. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 40p il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2

92

1. Artists 2. Illustrators 3. Parades 4. Puppeteers 5. Puppets and puppet plays 6. Thanksgiving Day

ISBN 978-0-547-19945-0; 0-547-19945-7

LC 2010044181

"Tony Sarg . . . the man who invented the giant balloons of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, has found a worthy biographer in . . . Sweet. . . . With lighthearted watercolors, fanciful scrapbooking, and collaged typography, Sweet shows how Sarg, a self-taught immigrant, combined an indomitable curiosity with an engineer's know-how and a forever-young imagination. The story walks readers through each stage of Sarg's development as a master of puppetry—his childhood fascination with mechanics and marionettes, his first big break as a developer of window displays for Macy's, and his early earthbound parade creations (essentially air-filled rubber bags that were steered down the street). . . . Sweet captures it all in what is truly a story for all ages." Publ Wkly

Thomas, Peggy

For the birds: the life of Roger Tory Peterson; illustrated by Laura Jacques. Calkins Creek 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5

92

1. Artists 2. Artists -- United States 3. Birds 4. Illustrators 5. Naturalists 6. Ornithologists 7. Writers on nature

ISBN 978-1-59078-764-9; 1-59078-764-1

"Intrigued from childhood by the wildlife around him, Roger Tory Peterson grew up to publish, in 1934, the first pocket-sized bird guide. . . . Using language and imagery relevant to her topic, Thomas . . . provides a lively chronological narrative. . . . Jacques' hyper-realistic mixed-media paintings have sharp edges and blended shadows, giving the appearance of acylics and collage digitally combined. . . . An excellent addition to the 'sense of wonder' shelf." Kirkus

Vaughan, Marcia

Irena's jars of secrets; illustrated by Ron Mazellan. Lee & Low Books 2011 il \$18.95

Grades: 3 4 5

92

1. Holocaust, 1933-1945 2. Humanitarians 3. Jews -- Poland 4. World War, 1939-1945 -- Children 5. World

War, 1939-1945 -- Jews -- Rescue
ISBN 978-1-60060-439-3; 1-60060-439-0

LC 2011016386

“Vaughan tells the true story without embellishment, employing stark, unadorned syntax that never wavers into pathos, sentiment or myth. It is a definition of quiet heroism. Mazellan’s very dark, deeply shadowed oil paintings capture the unabated terror and sorrow. Children should read this work with an adult who is armed with some knowledge of the material. Powerful.” Kirkus

Weaver, Janice

★ **Harry Houdini**; the legend of the world’s greatest escape artist; illustrations, Chris Lane. Abrams 2011 48p il \$18.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **92**

1. Magicians 2. Nonfiction writers
ISBN 978-1-4197-0014-9; 1-4197-0014-6

The life of Harry Houdini and his less famous partner, his brother Dash, includes details of his well-known career as a magician, as well as his interest in exposing fake mediums and other frauds. Sidebars highlight topics related to the early 20th century, such as child labor, the dime museums, and early aviation, an interest of Houdini’s.

Weaver’s “well-researched biography of Harry Houdini paints a complex picture of the escape artist. . . . Each spread is visually inviting, mixing b&w photographs and colorful playbills, sometimes alongside moody full-page paintings from Lane, . . . which contribute to an overall air of mystery. A well-rounded addition to the children’s bookshelf.” Publ Wkly

Wells-Cole, Catherine

Charles Dickens; England’s most captivating storyteller. Candlewick/Templar 2011 il \$19.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Authors 2. Authors, English 3. Novelists
ISBN 978-0-7636-5567-9; 0-7636-5567-8

“In this scrapbook homage to Dickens, each page teems with images and reproductions, from letters to book excerpts to maps, all pertaining to a different area of Dickens’s life and work. The topics range widely, skimming the surface of both the esteemed author’s life and the subjects that interested him most. . . . The gorgeous, high-quality reproductions make a strong visual impact, and while the flaps, folds, and envelopes make readers work to uncover information, most will be quickly drawn into the hunt for more treasured tidbits about Dickens and his time.” SLJ

White, Becky

Betsy Ross; illustrated by Megan Lloyd. Holiday House 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 **92**

1. Dressmakers 2. Flags -- United States 3. Generals
4. Needleworkers 5. Presidents
ISBN 978-0-8234-1908-1; 0-8234-1908-8

LC 2009054296

“Fourteen spreads with four to six rhythmic words on each one tell the story of the first American flag. . . . The large, simple text, paired with the irresistible appliqué art, makes this a perfect introduction to the Stars and Stripes. Using cotton fabric, embroidery thread, dye, paint, and lino-

leum-block prints, Lloyd captures the period, hard work, and ingenuity of this favorite colonial figure.” SLJ

Wilner, Barry

Kevin Garnett; a basketball star who cares. Enslow 2011 48p il \$23.93

Grades: 3 4 5 **92**

1. Basketball -- Biography 2. Basketball players
ISBN 978-0-7660-3772-4; 0-7660-3772-X

This is a biography of the forward for the Boston Celtics who, through his 4XL Foundation, helps teens prepare for careers in business and who donated more than \$1 million to help rebuild areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

This is “especially good for book reports.” Booklist

Winter, Jonah

★ **Jazz** age Josephine; illustrated by Marjorie Priceman. Atheneum 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **92**

1. Actors 2. African American singers 3. African American women -- Biography 4. Dancers 5. Jazz music 6. Singers
ISBN 978-1-4169-6123-9; 1-4169-6123-2

“Even though the ranks of picture-book biographies of significant artists (many of whom kids have likely never heard of) have swollen considerably in recent years, this one about the singer, dancer, and all-around entertainer Josephine Baker still manages to dazzle. . . . The biographical details . . . are covered in broad strokes, with more attention given to recreating the style and swagger of her onstage performances. . . . Winter’s syncopated language dances nearly as much as the energized, loose-limbed figures in Priceman’s kinetic artwork to convey the spirit, as much as the life, of the subject.” Booklist

Yasuda, Anita

Justin Bieber. 2011 24p il lib bdg \$27.13; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Pop musicians 2. Singers
ISBN 978-1-61690-667-2 lib bdg; 1-61690-667-7 lib bdg; 978-1-61690-672-6 pa; 1-61690-672-3 pa

LC 2010051002

This looks at Justin Bieber’s “life, accomplishments, and challenges while including a page of quotes, an annotated list of contemporaries and influences, starter suggestions for writing a paper, and a time line and glossary. . . . [This book] tracks the music sensation from 12-year-old YouTube phenom to the kind of celebrity who’s earned such numbing fun facts as ‘Justin has a dog named Sam.’” Booklist

Lebron James. 2011 24p il \$27.13; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Basketball -- Biography 2. Basketball players
ISBN 978-1-6169-0669-6; 1-6169-0669-3; 978-1-6169-0674-0 pa; 1-6169-0674-X pa

LC 2010051003

This looks at Lebron James’ “life, accomplishments, and challenges while including a page of quotes, an annotated list of contemporaries and influences, starter suggestions for writing a paper, and a time line and glossary. . . . [This book] follows basketball’s ‘King James’ from his early life with a

single teen mother to his splashy entry into the NBA at age 19." Booklist

Miranda Cosgrove. Weigl 2011 24p il \$27.13; pa \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **92**

1. Actors 2. Singers
ISBN 978-1-6169-0668-9; 1-6169-0668-5; 978-1-6169-0673-3 pa; 1-6169-0673-1 pa

LC 2010051144

A biography of actress and singer Miranda Cosgrove

Young, Ed

★ The **house** Baba built; an artist's childhood in China. Little, Brown and Co. 2011 48p il \$17.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **92**

1. Artists 2. Artists -- United States 3. Authors 4. Authors, American 5. Children's authors 6. Chinese Americans -- Biography 7. Illustrators
ISBN 978-0-316-07628-9; 0-316-07628-7

LC 2011005396

"In this picture book memoir by the Caldecott Medalist, which opens in 1931 (the year he was born), the stock market has crashed, and China is in turmoil. Young's father, Baba, persuades a landowner in Shanghai to let him construct a huge brick house on his land; Baba promises to return the house after 20 years, long enough to keep his family safe until WWII ends. Young's creation, shaped with help from author Libby Koponen, is as complex and labyrinthine as Baba's house, with foldout pages that open to reveal drawings, photos, maps, and memories. Tender portraits of his siblings, torn-paper collages showing tiny figures at play, and old photos of stylish adults intermingle, as if they'd been found forgotten in a drawer." Publ Wkly

920 Biography, genealogy, insignia

Winter, Jonah

Wild women of the Wild West; illustrated by Susan Guevara. Holiday House 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **920**

1. Frontier and pioneer life -- West (U.S.) 2. Women -- Biography
ISBN 978-0-8234-1601-1; 0-8234-1601-1

LC 2010030911

"This book introduces 16 figures who made their mark between the California Gold Rush and the end of the 19th century. . . . Each page-long biographical sketch is written in a delightful colloquial style that gives the text verve and sparkle. Each biography is accompanied by a full-page, watercolor and ink portrait of the subject. All are based on historical photos and show the women as strong and powerful." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

920.003 Dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances of biography as a discipline

Biography for beginners: women who made a difference. Favorable Impressions 2011 \$49

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **920.003**

1. Reference books 2. Women -- Biography
ISBN 978-1-931360-43-2

LC 2011017258

This is a "collection of 60 biographies of women who made an impact in their fields. . . . Each 6- to 10-page article is accompanied by well-chosen illustrations of the women. . . . The articles . . . are written at the appropriate level for elementary-school to middle-grade students and divided into sections that use bold type for the first few words to catch the reader's eye. The use of quotes from the subjects and others enhances the biographies and makes them more personal. . . . The biographies . . . serve as solid resources for young readers." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

929 Genealogy, names, insignia

Waddell, Dan

Who do you think you are? be a family tree detective. Candlewick Press 2011 24p il \$19.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **929**

1. Genealogy
ISBN 978-0-7636-5547-1; 0-7636-5547-3

LC 2010050054

"This guide to genealogy . . . takes readers through the steps of tracing their origins, starting with a who's who of possible extended family members and an explanation of genes. Waddell provides oral history interview tips, Internet search guidelines, and suggestions such as consulting censuses for clues about deceased relatives. Flaps and other interactive features hold additional information. . . . Those with an interest in the topic should discover useful insights, ideas, and tips for conducting research." Publ Wkly

932 Egypt to 640

Malam, John

The **Egyptians**. PowerKids Press 2011 30p il map lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **932**

ISBN 978-1-4488-3283-5; 1-4488-3283-7

LC 2010023834

Uses artifacts and other archaeological evidence to describe daily life in ancient Egypt, including their homes and towns, clothes, rulers, religion, and how they fought in war.

"The information is well-written and easily understood, well suited to the curriculum and national standards. Website links are intriguing and students will enjoy adding this piece to their research." Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Ancient Egypt; edited by Sherman Hollar. Britannica Educational Pub. in association with Rosen

Educational Services 2011 87p il map lib bdg
\$31.70

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **932**

ISBN 978-1-61530-523-0; 1-61530-523-8

LC 2011004714

This book provides “enough information about the development, way of life, accomplishments, and decline of [Ancient Egypt] without overwhelming readers. Maps; full-color illustrations and photographs, many full page; and sidebars provide additional focus. . . . The use of the Nile and its influence on the development of this civilization is emphasized. . . . The building of the great pyramids and the art of mummification are also mentioned. A detailed discussion of the everyday lives of the rich and the poor provide valuable insight.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

937 Italian Peninsula to 476 and adjacent territories to 476

Malam, John

The **Romans**. PowerKids Press 2011 30p il map lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **937**

ISBN 978-1-4488-3285-9; 1-4488-3285-3

LC 2010023832

This book about the Romans includes information about “homes and towns, daily life, clothing, religion, and entertainment. . . . The layout is crisp and the object illustrations and photographs, plus the ‘What does it tell us’ section provide visual understanding. These qualities will assist the teacher who needs to differentiate instruction. The information is well-written and easily understood, well suited to the curriculum and national standards. Website links are intriguing and students will enjoy adding this piece to their research.” Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Ancient Rome; edited by Michael Anderson. Britannica Educational Pub. in association with Rosen Educational Services 2011 88p il map lib bdg \$31.70

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **937**

ISBN 978-1-61530-522-3; 1-61530-522-X

LC 2011004749

This book provides “enough information about the development, way of life, accomplishments, and decline of [Ancient Rome] without overwhelming readers. Maps; full-color illustrations and photographs, many full page; and sidebars provide additional focus. . . . [The book] discusses the military expertise of Caesar and Pompey and the winning of the Punic Wars that led to world domination. The Romans’ genius in engineering is highlighted.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

938 Greece to 323

Malam, John

The **Greeks**. PowerKids Press 2011 30p il map lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 3 4 5 **938**

ISBN 978-1-4488-3284-2; 1-4488-3284-5

LC 2010023833

This book about the ancient Greeks includes information about “homes and towns, daily life, clothing, religion, and entertainment. . . . The layout is crisp and the object illustrations and photographs, plus the ‘What does it tell us’ section provide visual understanding. These qualities will assist the teacher who needs to differentiate instruction. The information is well-written and easily understood, well suited to the curriculum and national standards. Website links are intriguing and students will enjoy adding this piece to their research.” Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Ancient Greece; edited by Michael Anderson. Britannica Educational Pub. in association with Rosen Educational Services 2012 88p il lib bdg \$31.70

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **938**

ISBN 978-1-61530-513-1; 1-61530-513-0

LC 2011000086

This book provides “enough information about the development, way of life, accomplishments, and decline of [Ancient Greece] without overwhelming readers. Maps; full-color illustrations and photographs, many full page; and sidebars provide additional focus. . . . The system of city-states is explained. Literature, art, and architecture and their lasting influence are described in detail.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

940.53 World War II, 1939-1945

Wood, Douglas

★ **Franklin** and Winston; a Christmas that changed the world; illustrated by Barry Moser. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **940.53**

1. Cabinet members 2. Children of presidents 3. Children’s literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 4. Children’s literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 5. Governors 6. Handicapped 7. Historians 8. Members of Parliament 9. Memoirists 10. Nobel laureates for literature 11. Philatelists 12. Presidents 13. Prime ministers 14. Statesmen 15. World War, 1939-1945 -- Diplomatic history 16. World War, 1939-1945 -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 978-0-7636-3383-7; 0-7636-3383-6

LC 2008025456

“An engaging chronicle of the month that Roosevelt and Churchill spent together at the White House, forging an affectionate friendship as well as a world-changing alliance. . . . Wood’s narrative effectively captures both the desperation of the times and how much Churchill and Roosevelt genuinely enjoyed each other’s company. Moser’s de-

tailed watercolor illustrations likewise capture their robust personalities." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

940.54 Military history of World War II

Seiple, Samantha

Ghosts in the fog; the untold story of Alaska's WWII invasion. Scholastic 2011 221p il map \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

940.54

1. World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns
ISBN 978-0-545-29654-0; 0-545-29654-4

LC 2011027821

"A little-known story from World War II shows the unique role played by a small group of military personal and native civilians in a remote region of the county. The role of Alaska in World War II following the attack on Pearl Harbor is not often told. . . . The story illuminates the cultural differences between the American and Japanese cultures at that time as well as the reluctance of the U.S. government to treat the native Alaskans as full citizens. The narrative is full of details, and . . . the text is supported by many photographs of those involved. Maps, including a strategic military map, increase the level of specificity." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

944 France and Monaco

Dubowski, Mark

Discovery in the cave. by Mark Dubowski ; illustrated by Bryn Barnard. Random House 2010 48 p. col. ill. Step into reading. Step 4, Reading paragraphs \$12.99

Grades: 1 2 3

944

1. Art, Prehistoric -- France -- Montignac (Dordogne) -- Juvenile literature 2. Cave paintings -- France -- Montignac (Dordogne) -- Juvenile literature 3. Magdalenian culture -- France -- Montignac (Dordogne) -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 0375858938; 0375958932; 9780375858932; 9780375958939

LC 2009007099

This book tells the "true adventure story about the discovery of the Lascaux Cave. . . . In 1940, four teenage boys and a dog dropped themselves into a hole in the forest floor. Using a flaming grease gun as a torch, they ventured deep underground, eventually coming to a huge cave, the walls of which were covered with life-size paintings of animals. Whole herds of horses! Deer with horns as big as tree branches! Giant bison! The boys were amazed by their discovery. They'd stumbled upon the world's finest examples of prehistoric painting!" (Publisher's note)

948 Scandinavia

Malam, John

The **Vikings**. PowerKids Press 2011 30p il lib bdg \$25.25

Grades: 3 4 5

948

1. Vikings

ISBN 978-1-4488-3286-6; 1-4488-3286-1

LC 2010023867

This book about the Vikings includes information about "homes and towns, daily life, clothing, religion, and entertainment. . . . The layout is crisp and the object illustrations and photographs, plus the 'What does it tell us' section provide visual understanding. These qualities will assist the teacher who needs to differentiate instruction. The information is well-written and easily understood, well suited to the curriculum and national standards. Website links are intriguing and students will enjoy adding this piece to their research." Libr Media Connect

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

951.9 Korea

Bowler, Ann Martin

All about Korea; stories, songs, crafts, and more. illustrated by Soosoonam Barg. Periplus Editions 2011 64p il \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5

951.9

ISBN 978-0-8048-4012-5; 0-8048-4012-1 (hardcover)

LC 2010040845

Introduces Korea, describing its history, culture, everyday life, food, sports, and holidays, as well as providing examples of Korean poems, songs, handicrafts, writing, legends, and folklore.

959.6 Cambodia

Sobol, Richard

The **mysteries** of Angkor Wat; exploring Cambodia's ancient temple. Candlewick Press 2011 42p il map \$17.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

959.6

1. Temples

ISBN 978-0-7636-4166-5; 0-7636-4166-9

LC 2010041479

"This ancient temple, located in the jungles of Cambodia, has long been a source of mystery, reverence, and wonder. Sobol takes readers on a journey into the heart of the 1000-year-old ruins and presents a fascinating look at the history of the temple, the people who built it and worshipped there, and the current culture surrounding it. A good amount of information is presented while keeping the text conversational and accessible for young people. . . . The handsome book contains captioned color photographs on each page; they give interesting glimpses into the modern lives of the people living around this ancient site and a fascinating look at the ruins themselves." SLJ

Includes glossary

967.62 Kenya

Williams, Karen Lynn

Beatrice's dream; a story of Kibera slum; photographs by Wendy Stone. Frances Lincoln 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **967.62**

ISBN 978-1-84780-019-0; 1-84780-019-X

"Beatrice, a 13-year-old orphan who lives with her brother and his wife in a Kenyan slum, describes her current life and her hopes for the future. She touches on her 30-minute walks to school, her classes, and helping her brother in his shop. Vivid color photographs give readers a firsthand glimpse into a world about which they are likely to know nothing. . . . Although the book deals with difficult subject matter, it does so in an upbeat and positive way. . . . A unique and important addition." SLJ

970.004 North American native peoples

Cunningham, Kevin

The **Cheyenne**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **970.004**

1. Cheyenne Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20759-8 lib bdg; 0-531-20759-5 lib bdg; 978-0-531-29301-0 pa; 0-531-29301-7 pa

LC 2010049082

An introduction to the Cheyenne people, explaining who they are, reviewing the history of the Cheyenne, looking at how the Cheyenne lived, their beliefs, and rituals, and discussing the Council of Forty-Four.

The **Comanche**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **970.004**

1. Comanche Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20770-3 lib bdg; 0-531-20770-6 lib bdg; 978-0-531-29312-6 pa; 0-531-29312-2 pa

LC 2010049081

This book "covers cultural basics such as diet, clothing, lifestyle, and child rearing for [the Comanche]. Relevant historical events are also covered simply and clearly, including a time line of highlights in each group's history. This balance between history and culture keeps the series dynamic and interesting. Photos, paintings, and drawings—as well as occasional contemporary illustrations—add visual interest to the well-designed package and keep the [title] from feeling formulaic. The [book] traces the historical changes in Comanche life and their causes, from the 1600s to the twentieth century." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

The **Inuit**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5

970.004

1. Inuit

ISBN 978-0-531-20760-4 lib bdg; 978-0-531-29302-7 pa

LC 2010049080

This book "covers cultural basics such as diet, clothing, lifestyle, and child rearing for [the Inuit]. Relevant historical events are also covered simply and clearly, including a time line of highlights in each group's history. This balance between history and culture keeps the series dynamic and interesting. Photos, paintings, and drawings—as well as occasional contemporary illustrations—add visual interest to the well-designed package and keep the [title] from feeling formulaic." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

The **Navajo**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **970.004**

1. Navajo Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20762-8 lib bdg; 0-531-20762-5 lib bdg; 978-0-531-29304-1 pa; 0-531-29304-1 pa

LC 2010050837

An exploration of the Navajo Indians, discussing the nation's relationship with Spaniards and settlers, culture, crafts, and more.

The "balance between history and culture keeps the [book] dynamic and interesting. Photos, paintings, and drawings—as well as occasional contemporary illustrations—add visual interest to the well-designed package and keep the [title] from feeling formulaic." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

The **Pueblo**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **970.004**

1. Pueblo Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20763-5 lib bdg; 0-531-20763-3 lib bdg; 978-0-531-29305-8 pa; 0-531-29305-X pa

LC 2010050838

An introduction to the Pueblo people, explaining who they are, reviewing the history of the Pueblo, examining key aspects of Pueblo culture, and looking at Pueblo traditions that continue into the twenty-first century.

The **Sioux**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **970.004**

1. Teton Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20768-0 lib bdg; 0-531-207684- lib bdg; 978-0-531-29310-2 pa; 0-531-29310-6 pa

LC 2010049083

An introduction to the Sioux people, explaining who they are, reviewing the history of the Sioux, telling the story of Little Bighorn, and examining key parts of Sioux culture.

The **Zuni**. [by] Kevin Cunningham and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il map \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5

970.004

1. Zuni Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20761-1; 978-0-531-29303-4 pa

LC 2010050846

This book "covers cultural basics such as diet, clothing, lifestyle, and child rearing for [the Zuni]. Relevant historical events are also covered simply and clearly, including a time line of highlights in each group's history. This balance between history and culture keeps the [book] dynamic and interesting. Photos, paintings, and drawings-as well as occasional contemporary illustrations-add visual interest to the well-designed package and keep the [title] from feeling formulaic." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references

Dolbear, Emily J.

The **Iroquois**. [by] Emily J. Dolbear and Peter Benoit. Children's Press 2011 48p il map lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5

970.004

1. Iroquois Indians

ISBN 978-0-531-20771-0 lib bdg; 0-531-20771-4 lib

bdg; 978-0-531-29313-3 pa; 0-531-29313-0 pa

LC 2010049079

This covers cultural basics of the Iroquois such as diet, clothing, lifestyle, and child rearing as well as relevant historical events.

Enzoe, Pete

The **caribou** feed our soul. [by] Pete Enzoe and Mindy Willett; photographs by Tessa Macintosh. Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2011 26p il \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6

970.004

1. Caribou 2. Chipewyan Indians 3. Wildlife conservation

ISBN 978-1-89725-267-3; 1-89725-267-6

LC 2010-9045793

"This informative first-person narrative cleanly captures the Dénésôliné (Chipewyan) culture's dependence on and reverence for the caribou, the predominant symbol of the tribe's existence. . . . Enzoe, a Native spokesperson, teacher, and hunter, explains aspects of his tribe's daily life in the Northwest Territories. He speaks of the mysticism of the caribou and illustrates its importance in feeding and clothing the tribe. . . . The book is thoughtfully illustrated with a variety of engaging photographs of the area and its people, immersed in the daily goings-on of their lives. The aerial photography gives readers a grand view of the stunning geography." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

Zimmerman, Dwight Jon

Saga of the Sioux; an adaptation of Dee Brown's *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. [adapted] by Dwight Jon Zimmerman. Henry Holt and Company 2011 208p il map \$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

970.004

1. Dakota Indians 2. Native Americans -- Wars

ISBN 978-0-8050-9364-3; 0-8050-9364-8

LC 2011004792

"Dwight Jon Zimmerman has created a masterful adaptation of Dee Brown's *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, presenting late nineteenth century history from a Native American viewpoint. While Brown's book traces the fates of several Native American tribes in the western United States, Zimmerman's adaptation focuses solely on the Sioux. . . . Historical figures central to the narrative, both Native American and white, are portrayed as real people, rather than caricatures. Rather than simply describing what happened, the book looks at why it happened. Individuals' motivations, strengths, and flaws are all explored in relation to how historical events unfolded. The book includes numerous photographs, illustrations, and maps that aid understanding and create visual appeal. . . . This is a must-have addition to any United States history collection serving teens." Voice Youth Advocates

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

970.01 Historical periods

Mooney, Carla

Explorers of the New World; discover the golden age of exploration; with 22 projects; illustrated by Tom Casteel. Nomad 2011 120p il map pa \$15.95

Grades: 4 5 6

970.01

1. Explorers

ISBN 978-1-936313-44-0; 1-936313-44-8

Provides twenty-two step-by-step projects to help readers learn about the explorers that discovered America and their voyages.

"This informative, entertaining activity book takes readers on a fascinating voyage of their own. . . . Each chapter concludes with 'Make Your Own' activities that bring life to the history with instructions for the construction of a log-book, clay activities, recipes, games, etc. Some may require the assistance of an adult but are not complicated or time consuming." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

971 Countries and localities

Walker, Sally M.

★ **Blizzard** of glass; the Halifax explosion of 1917. Henry Holt 2011 xii, 145p il \$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

971

1. World War, 1914-1918 -- Naval operations

ISBN 978-0-8050-8945-5; 0-8050-8945-4

LC 2011005914

"The text reads smoothly with unfamiliar words defined in the text. Illustrations consist of two full-page maps and numerous black-and-white photos. The final chapter revisits the featured families and their descendants, thus tying up the loose ends. . . . This tragic, but well-told story belongs in most collections." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

972.81 Guatemala

Ollhoff, Jim

Mayan and Aztec mythology. by Jim Ollhoff. ABDO Publishing Company 2011 32p. ill. lib bdg \$27.07

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **972.81**

1. Aztecs -- Religion 2. Mayas -- Religion
ISBN 978-1-61714-724-1; 1-61714-724-9;
9781617147241

LC 2010042976

This describes the history of myths of the Maya and Aztecs, their meaning, and their gods and goddesses including Itzamna, Xolotl, the Aztec feathered serpent god Quetzalcoatl, and the Mayan rain god Chac.

"Ollhoff writes in a clear and engaging fashion, presenting complex issues in a way that will be easy for youngsters to grasp. . . . The photographs and reproductions of art tie directly to the [text]." SLJ

972.82 Belize

Jermyn, Leslie

Belize. [by] Leslie Jermyn and Yong Jui Lin. 2nd ed.; Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2012 144p il map lib bdg \$42.79

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **972.82**

ISBN 978-1-60870-452-1; 1-60870-452-1

LC 2010035966

Provides information on the geography, history, wild-life, governmental structure, economy, cultural diversity, peoples, religion, and culture of Belize.

"The concise writing offers enough material for report writers without overwhelming them. Numerous full-color and black-and-white photos of interest, a clean layout, and use of pastels to highlight headings and sidebars contribute to the attractiveness of. . . . [this presentation]." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

972.94 Haiti

Benoit, Peter

The **Haitian** earthquake of 2010. Children's Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **972.94**

1. Earthquakes
ISBN 978-0-531-25420-2 lib bdg; 0-531-25420-8;
978-0-531-26625-0 pa; 0-531-26625-7 pa

LC 2011007912

This book about the earthquake in Haiti in 2010 and its aftermath is "thoughtfully designed. . . . The information . . . is right on target: concise, accurate, and thorough. . . . The photographs . . . are especially effective at putting a human face on large-scale devastation." Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

973 United States

Isaacs, Sally Senzell

Colonists and independence. Kingfisher 2011 32p il map \$9.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **973**

ISBN 0-7534-6513-2 pa; 0-7534-6581-7; 978-0-7534-6513-4 pa; 978-0-7534-6581-3

This book covers U.S. history from 1600 to 1800.

This "visually appealing [title] effectively [combines] paintings, engravings, primary documents, and photographs with cartoon illustrations. The eye-catching [layout includes] different font sizes, bold type, and text boxes to highlight different pieces of information. The content is interesting and pithy." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

973.4 Constitutional period, 1789-1809

Jurmain, Suzanne

★ The **worst** of friends; Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the true story of an American feud; illustrated by Larry Day. Dutton Children's Books 2011 32p il \$16.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **973.4**

1. Architects 2. Essayists 3. Presidents 4. Presidents -- United States 5. Vice-presidents
ISBN 978-0-525-47903-1; 0-525-47903-1

LC 2011005190

"In zingy prose, Jurmain tells how Thomas Jefferson and John Adams 'were as different as pickles and ice cream.' . . . Yet she emphasizes that the two were best friends who worked together to shape America before parting ways when Jefferson backed the Republicans and Adams the Federalists. Entertaining anecdotes about both presidents' personal and political lives are energized by Day's lightly caricatured watercolor cartoons, which flesh out their personalities. . . . This entertaining and character-driven slice of history also offers a clear message about friendship." Publ Wkly

Includes bibliographical references

Kerley, Barbara

★ **Those** rebels, John and Tom; illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham. Scholastic Press 2012 il \$17.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **973.4**

1. Architects 2. Essayists 3. Presidents 4. Presidents -- United States 5. Vice-presidents
ISBN 978-0-545-22268-6; 0-545-22268-0

LC 2011002131

"Kerley and Fotheringham . . . cleverly contrast two diverse founding fathers and early presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Entertaining verse and droll illustrations parlay their differences and similarities into a lens through which to view the start of the American Revolution. . . . A playful tone also is reflected in the typeface, with certain phrases enlarged for shout-out emphasis, and in the caricatured artwork. Skillfully rendered and decidedly modern in a patriotic palette of red, white, blue, and brown, the

digitally created scenes mirror and enhance the text's wit."
Publ Wkly
Includes bibliographical references

973.7 Administration of Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865

Kostyal, K. M.

1862, Fredericksburg; a new look at a bitter Civil War battle. National Geographic 2011 48p \$17.95
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **973.7**

ISBN 1-4263-0835-3; 1-4263-0836-1 lib bdg; 978-1-4263-0835-2; 978-1-4263-0836-9 lib bdg
LC 2011011798

Details the Civil War battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and profiles some of the key figures involved in what was a decisive victory for the Confederacy.

"Realistic, full-color pictures of modern-day re-enactors mix with clear language to bring the action to life. The text is interspersed with personal accounts. . . . Brief chapters tell the war's story from the perspective of what happened at Fredericksburg in a concise manner. . . . A valuable resource for classrooms, libraries, and travelers to Fredericksburg and the surrounding area." SLJ

973.709 Biography

Freedman, Russell

★ **Abraham** Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; the story behind an American friendship. by Russell Freedman. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2012 119 p. \$18.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **973.709**

1. African American abolitionists -- Biography -- Juvenile literature 2. Friendship -- United States -- Juvenile literature 3. Presidents -- United States -- Biography -- Juvenile literature
ISBN 9780547385624

LC 2011025953

This book tells the story of Abraham Lincoln, "the 16th president, . . . [along] with his friend and ally, abolitionist Frederick Douglass. The story opens with Douglass anxiously waiting to meet Lincoln for the first time to air grievances about the treatment of African-American soldiers during the Civil War. . . . Subsequent chapters detail the leader." often parallel biographies. Both were self-made and shared a passion for reading, rising from poverty to prominence. . . . Appendices, source notes, and a bibliography conclude . . . [not only a] story of two powerful men . . . [but also] a brief history of the war that raged while they forged a fast but deep friendship." (Publishers Weekly)

Kalman, Maira

Looking at Lincoln; Maira Kalman. Nancy Paulsen Books 2012 1 v. \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 5 **973.709**

1. Presidents -- United States -- Biography -- Juvenile

literature
ISBN 9780399240393

LC 2011046953

"This children's book offers an account of former U.S. President "Abraham Lincoln [who] is one of the first giants of history children are introduced to. . . . Lincoln's legacy is everywhere - there he is on your penny and five-dollar bill. And we are still the United States because Lincoln helped hold them together. But who was he, really? The little girl in this book wants to find out. Among the many other things, she discovers our sixteenth president was a man who believed in freedom for all, had a dog named Fido, loved Mozart, apples, and his wife's vanilla cake, and kept his notes in his hat. From his boyhood in a log cabin to his famous presidency and untimely death, Kalman shares Lincoln's . . . life with young readers." (Publisher's note)

973.8 Reconstruction period, 1865-1901

Howell, Brian

The **US** Civil War and Reconstruction. Cherry Lake Pub. 2011 il \$18.95; pa \$14.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **973.8**

1. Reconstruction (1865-1876)

ISBN 978-1-61080-201-7; 978-1-61080-289-5 pa

LC 2011015126

"This compact volume is narrated by an unnamed child, who is helping a museum curator set up a Civil War museum. The first boxes that the narrator unpacks hold documents and exhibits about slavery. Each day, the child learns more about the origins of the war, its battles, and Reconstruction. Through simply told prose in first person, the book provides a great deal of information presented in ways that kids can understand. It also gives solid background in how research is done. . . . Photographs and numerous reproductions of historical documents add to the usefulness of this slim book." Booklist

Todras, Ellen H.

Wagon trains and settlers. Kingfisher 2011 32p il \$19.89; pa \$9.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **973.8**

1. Frontier and pioneer life 2. Overland journeys to the Pacific

ISBN 978-0-7534-6583-7; 0-7534-6583-3; 978-0-7534-6511-0 pa; 0-7534-6511-6 pa

This describes westward migration and pioneer life in the United States in the 19th century.

This "visually appealing [title] effectively [combines] paintings, engravings, primary documents, and photographs with cartoon illustrations. The eye-catching [layout includes] different font sizes, bold type, and text boxes to highlight different pieces of information. The content is interesting and pithy." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

973.91 1901-1953

Bingham, Jane

The **Great Depression**; the Jazz Age, Prohibition, and the Great Depression, 1921-1937. Chelsea House 2011 il \$35

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **973.91**

1. Great Depression, 1929-1939 2. Women -- United States 3. Women -- United States -- History
ISBN 978-1-60413-933-4; 1-60413-933-1

LC 2010044889

An “eye-catching [layout] with good use of color, photographs, and informative sidebars, many of which use primary-source quotations, are the highlights of [this] appealing [volume]. . . . After a succinct overview of contemporary events, the chapters describe women’s lives at home, at work, in education, in politics, in the arts, and their role in the general culture. . . . [This book] surveys an era after women won the right to vote and when the nation’s economic crash placed new hardships on families.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

973.931 Administration of George W. Bush, 2001-2009

Brown, Don

★ **America** is under attack; September 11, 2001: the day the towers fell. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **973.931**

1. September 11 terrorist attacks, 2001 2. Terrorism 3. War on terrorism
ISBN 978-1-5964-3694-7; 1-5964-3694-8

LC 2010045417

“Brown’s compelling narrative chronologically recounts the morning’s events in a tone both straightforward and compassionate, without resorting to sensationalism. Brown’s watercolor illustrations, covering most of each spread, mirror this voice, conveying the day’s chaos and despair without unnecessarily frightening readers.” SLJ

975.3 District of Columbia (Washington)

Kenney, Karen Latchana

The **White House**; illustrated by Judith A. Hunt. Magic Wagon 2011 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 2 3 4 **975.3**

ISBN 978-1-61641-154-1; 1-61641-154-6

LC 2010014010

In this title about the White House “the author describes how the land was chosen, how the White House was built, the fact it burned down in 1814 and was rebuilt in 1817, and that it takes 570 buckets of white paint to cover the outside. . . . The full-color artwork not only explains the text but also gives the most photographic renderings of the [topic].” SLJ

976.3 Louisiana

Benoit, Peter

Hurricane Katrina. Children’s Press 2011 48p il lib bdg \$28; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **976.3**

1. Hurricane Katrina, 2005
ISBN 978-0-531-25421-9 lib bdg; 0-531-25421-6; 978-0-531-26626-7 pa; 0-531-26626-5 pa

LC 2011007145

This book about Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and its aftermath is “thoughtfully designed. . . . The information . . . is right on target: concise, accurate, and thorough. . . . The photographs . . . are especially effective at putting a human face on large-scale devastation.” Booklist

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

976.4 Texas

Winter, Jonah

Born and bred in the Great Depression. Schwartz & Wade Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: 1 2 **976.4**

1. Great Depression, 1929-1939
ISBN 978-0-375-86197-0; 0-375-86197-1

Jonah Winter offers an “account of his father’s hard-scrabble Depression-era childhood. She softens the rough edges and sees the beauty of the East Texas country where Grandpa Winter lives with his wife and eight children. Directly addressing his father in second-person narration, Winter pulls no punches about the humiliation Grandpa Winter faced to keep his family fed. . . . Winters writing is thoughtful and deeply felt. Root’s portraits of the boy’s solitary exploration convey the force of Winter’s message about ‘learning to love those things/ that didn’t cost a single penny.’” Publ Wkly

978 Western United States

Staton, Hilarie

Cowboys and the wild West. Kingfisher 2011 32p il map \$9.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **978**

1. Cowhands 2. Frontier and pioneer life -- West (U.S.)
ISBN 0-7534-6510-8 pa; 0-7534-6582-5; 978-0-7534-6510-3 pa; 978-0-7534-6582-0

This is a history of cowboys and the American West from the early 1800s to around 1890.

This “visually appealing [title] effectively [combines] paintings, engravings, primary documents, and photographs with cartoon illustrations. The eye-catching [layout includes] different font sizes, bold type, and text boxes to highlight different pieces of information. The content is interesting and pithy.” SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

978.2 Nebraska

Bjorklund, Ruth

Nebraska. [by] Ruth Bjorklund and Marlee Richards. 2nd ed.; Marshall Cavendish Benchmark 2010 144p il map \$42.79

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **978.2**

ISBN 978-0-7614-4732-0; 0-7614-4732-6

"Every school library should purchase this." Voice Youth Advocates

978.3 South Dakota

Kenney, Karen Latchana

Mount Rushmore; illustrated by Judith A. Hunt. Magic Wagon 2011 32p il lib bdg \$28.50

Grades: 2 3 4 **978.3**

ISBN 978-1-61641-153-4; 1-61641-153-8

LC 2010014009

This book "tells of the sculptor who came to work on the carving, how men were lowered on special harnesses to do the work, and how dynamite specialists and drillers prepared the mountain. . . . The full-color artwork not only explains the text but also gives almost photographic renderings of the [topic]." SLJ

979.4 California

Walker, Paul Robert

Gold rush and riches. Kingfisher 2011 32p il map \$9.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **979.4**

1. Frontier and pioneer life -- California

ISBN 0-7534-6512-4 pa; 0-7534-6584-1; 978-0-7534-6512-7 pa; 978-0-7534-6584-4

This book looks at California and its neighboring states starting in 1848, with the discovery of gold and other precious metals.

This "visually appealing [title] effectively [combines] paintings, engravings, primary documents, and photographs with cartoon illustrations. The eye-catching [layout includes] different font sizes, bold type, and text boxes to highlight different pieces of information. The content is interesting and pithy." SLJ

Includes glossary and bibliographical references

998 Arctic islands and Antarctica

Wade, Rosalyn

Polar worlds. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 64p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **998**

ISBN 978-1-4424-3275-8; 1-4424-3275-6

This "takes a look at the nether regions of the globe in this browser-friendly resource. . . . 'Introducing' opens with a geographic look at the Arctic and Antarctic regions, then moves on to the related topics of icebergs, plant and animal life, exploration, survival measures, and environmental

threats. The 'In Focus' section zeroes in on 12 specific animals found in polar regions. . . . Each spread is dominated by a sharply rendered, often dramatic digital illustration. . . . A fine introduction to the world's deep freezers." Booklist

E EASY BOOKS

Adams, Sarah

Dave & Violet. Frances Lincoln 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Dragons -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-84780-052-7; 1-84780-052-1

"Violet's best friend Dave has a hard time fitting in. Not only is he a dragon, Dave is also shy. Violet, a little girl, takes him to the park to meet her friends, who have never seen a dragon before. They approach him amiably, but Dave gets very nervous. He turns bright orange, and a huge flame gushes from his mouth. . . . Adams' illustrations, like her story, are simple and direct; the lino prints have bold outlines and bright colors, and eggplant-shaped, mop-topped Dave has a goofy appeal. A fitting fable for the very young about friendship and diversity." Kirkus

Adler, Victoria

Baby, come away; pictures by David Walker. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Infants -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-374-30480-5; 0-374-30480-7

LC 2010036234

A bird, a cat, a dog, and a fish each imagines an ideal day spent with a baby.

"This offering is destined to become a cherished favorite. [It has] utterly charming paintings. . . . Full of rhyme, alliteration, and playful wording, the text lends itself to group reading or one-on-one sharing equally well." SLJ

Agee, Jon

My rhinoceros. Scholastic 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Pets -- Fiction 3. Rhinoceros -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-29441-6; 0-545-29441-X

"Adopting a rhinoceros, in and of itself, would be absurd enough for most storytellers. For Agee, . . . it is simply the first in a series of weird narrative curveballs. . . . When two bank robbers attempt a getaway, using a hot-air balloon and a hang-glider, does the rhinoceros prove its mettle, springing into superheroic action and demonstrating a third, even more surprising ability. Agee's deadpan voice and blocky, India-ink-and-watercolor pictures play into the inherent oddity of the story." Publ Wkly

Ainsworth, Kimberly

Hootenanny! a festive counting book; illustrated by Jo Brown. Little Simon 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Counting 2. Owls -- Fiction 3. Parties -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-2273-5; 1-4424-2273-4; 978-1-4424-3490-5 e-book; 1-4424-3490-2 e-book

LC 2011006557

"Five owls help youngsters learn to count from one to five as they get ready for a party at the top of an old oak tree. . . . The text is printed in a large, easy-to-read font with each numeral highlighted in a different color. The bright spreads feature a rainbow of colors, smiling characters, and some humorous details. With its jazzy vocabulary and cheerful illustrations, the book lives up to its title." SLJ

Alexander, Kwame

Acoustic Rooster and his barnyard band. written by Kwame Alexander; illustrated by Tim Bowers. Sleeping Bear Press 2011 il \$15.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Contests -- Fiction 2. Domestic animals -- Fiction 3. Jazz music -- Fiction 4. Musicians -- Fiction 5. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-1-58536-688-0; 1-58536-688-9

LC 2010053709

Acoustic Rooster forms a jazz band with Duck Ellington, Bee Holliday, and Pepe Ernesto Cruz to compete in the annual Barnyard Talent Show against such greats as Thelonius Steer, Mules Davis, and Ella Finchgerald. Includes glossary, notes on the characters and songs, and jazz timeline.

This is a "delightful picture book. . . . The large illustrations are done in bold colors and have humorous, jazzy details." SLJ

Alko, Selina

Every-day dress-up. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 un il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Costume -- Fiction 2. Imagination -- Fiction 3. Week -- Fiction 4. Women -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86092-8; 0-375-86092-4; 978-0-375-96092-5 lib bdg; 0-375-96092-9 lib bdg

LC 2010001604

A young girl imagines her own future as she puts on costumes and pretends to be great women from history, including Amelia Earhart, Lucille Ball, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

All the great women "are introduced in a fun way with minimal text. Humorous, detailed gouache and collage illustrations will hold children's attention and spark their imagination." SLJ

Andersen, Hans Christian

The **nightingale**; illustrated by Pirkko Vainio. North South Books 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Nightingales -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7358-4029-4; 0-7358-4029-6

Though the emperor banishes the nightingale in preference of a jeweled mechanical imitation, the little bird remains faithful and returns years later when the emperor is near death and no one else can help him.

"A fresh version of Andersen's tender tale is illustrated with delicate watercolors. . . . This retelling, first published

in Switzerland . . . is straightforward, allowing the soft, muted artwork to accent the details and ambiance." Kirkus

Anderson, Brian

The **Prince's** new pet. Roaring Brook Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Color -- Fiction 2. Pets -- Fiction 3. Princes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59643-357-1; 1-59643-357-4

LC 2010036798

In a gray and colorless kingdom, the Prince receives an unusual, colorful new pet called a woogleafoo for his birthday.

"Fans of Tim Burton's films will love the stylized artwork and the oh-so-dreary palette. To keep it visually interesting, Anderson plays with the design by adding insets that pop off the page despite the shared palette. . . . Careful readers will chuckle at the wordplay." SLJ

Armand, Glenda

Love twelve miles long; illustrated by Colin Bootman. Lee & Low Books 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Abolitionists 2. Authors 3. Memoirists 4. Mother-son relationship -- Fiction 5. Slavery -- Fiction 6. Slaves
ISBN 978-1-60060-245-0; 1-60060-245-2

LC 2011014275

In 1820s Maryland, Frederick's mother, who is a slave on a different plantation, walks twelve miles each way for a nighttime visit with her son, during which she recounts what each mile of the journey represents. Based on the childhood of Frederick Douglass.

"Armand's debut reveals a poignant conversation between young Frederick and his mother, paired with Bootman's arresting and emotive paintings. . . . Bootman . . . deftly uses candlelight and moonlight to give his art a lovely iridescence, and presents intimate portraits of mother and son." Pub Wkly

Armstrong, Matthew

Jane and Mizmow. by Matthew S. Armstrong. Harper 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Monsters -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-117719-4; 0-06-117719-9

LC 2010012628

Jane and her best friend, a monster named Mizmow, are best friends in spite of their differences, and nothing can keep them apart.

"A palette of fall colors mirrors the warmth of their friendship, while the expressive faces of the two characters reinforce both mood and action. Emerging readers will be able to read much of the simple text, but the illustrations really tell the tale. . . . A solid choice that youngsters will enjoy time and time again." SLJ

Arnold, Tedd

Fly Guy vs. the flyswatter! Cartwheel Books 2011 30p il pa \$6.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Flies -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-545-31286-8; 0-545-31286-8

LC 2010031381

Fly Guy unintentionally joins Buzz at school, and then goes with his class on a field trip to a flyswatter factory.

"Clear, comic-style drawings, well-balanced white space, and whimsically wide-eyed characters provide beginning readers with a rollicking adventure." SLJ

Ashburn, Boni

I had a favorite dress; pictures by Julia Denos. Abrams 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Clothing and dress -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4197-0016-3; 1-4197-0016-2

"When the unnamed narrator's favorite dress is suddenly a size too small, she is not a happy camper; she wears that dress every Tuesday, which is her favorite day of the week. Then her mother transforms the too-small dress into the perfect shirt. As the child's favorite day of the week changes so does her garment as she grows out of it. It becomes a tank top . . . a skirt . . . a scarf . . . socks . . . a hair bow . . . and, finally, a picture of the original dress by the narrator herself. . . . Some of Ashburn's text is playfully placed in and around the art to good effect. . . . Denos's multimedia illustrations, a combination of collages, watercolors, and graphite and colored pencil artwork, reinforce the narrator's vibrant personality and the amazing transformations of the dress while capturing the action and emotion of the story." SLJ

Ashman, Linda

★ **Samantha** on a roll; pictures by Christine Davenier. Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2011 un il \$16.99
Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Roller skating -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-374-36399-4; 0-374-36399-4

"Samantha decides to try out her roller skates for the first time, despite her mother's admonition to wait. She likes skating so much in the house that she hungers for the wide open spaces of the great outdoors. She sneaks outside, and the fun begins. . . . The rhyming text makes this delightful story tons of fun to read aloud. Davenier's illustrations aptly capture the action with bold colors and plenty of lines indicating motion." SLJ

Badescu, Ramona

Pomelo begins to grow; illustrated by Benjamin Chaud; translated from French by Claudia Bedrick. Enchanted Lion Books 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: 1 2 3 **E**
1. Elephants -- Fiction 2. Growth -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59270-111-7; 1-59270-111-6

LC 2010053472

When his favorite dandelion looks surprisingly small, Pomelo the garden elephant discovers that he is growing and then wonders about the mysterious process called growth.

"The author and illustrator demonstrate a brilliant marriage of text and illustration. Chaud's charming paintings of Pomelo in his landscape of dandelions, strawberries,

and smiling potatoes—set simply against oversize white pages—breathe life and humor into Badescu's big-picture questions, while playing with scale." SLJ

Baeten, Lieve

Happy birthday, Little Witch! North South Books 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Cats -- Fiction 3. Witches -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7358-4043-0; 0-7358-4043-1

"Lizzy is getting ready to celebrate her birthday. When she can't conjure up a cake, she goes out to buy one but then returns to find Cat missing. The story takes readers all over town as the little witch tries to find her beloved pet. Soft illustrations are peppered with detail and humor. . . . Clever door cutouts heighten the suspense. Opening the flap reveals what could be Lizzy's pet, but the page turn always shows otherwise with a still-hopeful child peering through the door from the outside. Delightfully constructed, this satisfying picture book will charm youngsters who like their spooky stories mellow." SLJ

Baker, Keith

★ **No** two alike. Beach Lane Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme 3. Winter -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-1742-7; 1-4424-1742-0

LC 2010044659

Follows a pair of birds on a snowflake-filled journey through a winter landscape, where everything everywhere, from branches and leaves to forests full of trees, is unique.

"Brief rhyming couplets, printed in large type and each requiring a page turn for completion, describe the birds' discoveries. . . . The engaging, digitally rendered avian characters stand out against the wintry landscape, and their many antics as they navigate their surroundings will sustain readers' interest." SLJ

Banks, Kate

Max's castle; pictures by Boris Kulikov. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Imagination -- Fiction 3. Knights and knighthood -- Fiction 4. Play -- Fiction 5. Toys -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-374-39919-1; 0-374-39919-0

LC 2010021388

When Max finds a box of long-forgotten toys, he builds a kingdom filled with adventures for himself and his two brothers.

"Brimming with clever wordplay, humor, and mixed-media scenes worthy of any child's dreams-come-true, the full impact is clearly the result of seasoned collaboration and experience." SLJ

Bansch, Helga

Odd bird out; translated from the German by Monika Smith. Gecko Press 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Ravens -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-8774-6708-0; 1-8774-6708-1

Robert is different from all other ravens. He is a happy bird. But when he laughs and tells jokes, the other birds don't like it at all. Nor do they like his colorful clothes and they hold their ears when he tries to sing.

"The conversational text is paired with paintings that perfectly capture the raven's nature. Who knew birds could have so many facial expressions and disapproving postures? In his wildly colored outfits and high-heeled shoes, Robert shines amid the status quo." SLJ

Barnett, Mac

★ **Extra** yarn; written by Mac Barnett; illustrated by Jon Klassen. Balzer & Bray 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Knitting -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Yarn -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-195338-5; 0-06-195338-5

LC 2010015945

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.

"Klassen . . . uses inks, gouache and colorized scans of a sweater to create a stylized, linear design of dark geometric shapes against a white background. . . . Barnett . . . maintains a folkloric narrative that results in a traditional story arc complete with repetition, drama and a satisfying conclusion. A quiet story of sharing with no strings attached." Kirkus

Mustache! illustrations by Kevin Cornell. Disney/Hyperion Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 1 2 3 E

1. Kings and rulers -- Fiction 2. Personal appearance -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4231-1671-4; 1-4231-1671-2

LC 2011008462

When extremely good-looking King Duncan builds more and more tributes to his handsome face, neglecting kingdom projects and repairs, his loyal subjects find a mustachioed solution.

"The large cartoon illustrations, mostly spreads, are framed in gold with a peacock motif along the bottom. The brief, humorous text appears in scrolls superimposed on the paintings. . . . This royal romp of a story contains some subtle messages behind the hilarity." SLJ

Base, Graeme

★ **The Jewel** Fish of Karnak. Abrams Books for Young Readers 2011 un il \$19.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 E

1. Kings and rulers -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Thieves -- Fiction

ISBN 1-4197-0086-3; 978-1-4197-0086-6

LC 2010050080

Two thieves, caught stealing from an Egyptian market, are brought before the Cat Pharaoh, who agrees to pardon them if they bring back a treasure that was stolen from her, without taking anything else and without getting the precious Jewel Fish wet.

Base "doesn't disappoint his sleuthing fans, providing decodable hieroglyphic messages on painted stone tablets across the bottom of each spread. This tale packs in plenty of puzzle solving and Egyptology amid the boldly animated scenes; the illustrations' exquisite details—right down to the comical facial expressions of the bumbling thieves—tell much of the story." Publ Wkly

Basher, Simon

Go! go! Bobo: colors. Kingfisher 2011 un il bd bk \$6.99

Grades: PreK E

1. Board books for children 2. Color

ISBN 978-0-7534-6493-9; 0-7534-6493-4

Bouncy Bobo can't sit still. He just has to bounce his way across the pages of this book, painting everything he sees. From yellow ducks, to blue butterflies, orange carrots, pink piggies, red roses, and green apples.

"A great title in encourage toddlers' interactive play. . . . Kids will want to move from the book to the real world and name the colors all around them." Booklist

Bastedo, Jamie

Free as the wind; saving the horses of Sable Island; illustrated by Susan Tooke. Red Deer Press 2007 32p il hardcover o.p. pa \$10.95

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Horses -- Fiction 3. Islands -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-88995-350-5; 0-88995-350-3; 978-0-88995-446-5 pa; 0-88995-446-1 pa

In the 1960s, the wild horses of Sable Island in Nova Scotia were to be sold and auctioned off, many of them to be slaughtered for dog meat. School children from across Canada wrote to the Prime Minister pleading with him to have the horses returned and to save them from certain death. This fictional account follows young Lucas Beauregard, son of the retiring superintendent of Sable Island, as he befriends and then plots to save Gem, one of the horses.

"The writing style of this well-told story draws readers into the urgency of the horses' situation. The plot develops quickly. Tooke's realistic, painterly artwork follows the story line well and places readers on the island." SLJ

Bataille, Marion

10. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: 1 2 3 4 5 E

1. Numbers 2. Pop-up books

ISBN 978-1-59643-682-4; 1-59643-682-4

"Housed within a shiny red slipcase, this minimalist counting book can be viewed in multiple ways. By turning the pages once from left to right, readers can count from '01' to '10,' the black numerals appearing on the left side of each white spread. By proceeding through the book and unfolding each page twice, however, the numbers transform—the top of the '2' swivels, losing its base to become a '9,' for example—so readers can count down to '01.' . . . the sleek construction should appeal to pop-up fans of any age." Publ Wkly

Beaty, Andrea

Artist Ted. Andrea Beaty; illustrated by Pascal Lemaitre. Margaret K. McElderry Books 2012 32 p. \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Artists -- Fiction 2. Humorous stories 3. Imagination -- Fiction 4. Schools -- Fiction
ISBN 9781416953746

LC 2010027936

This book is "as much about making friends as about artistic inspiration. . . . The . . . narrative explains how Ted decides to become an artist and recounts his creativity in making his own materials. Meanwhile, . . . illustrations outlined in thick black . . . show him dismantling curtain ties for the "paintbrush" and painting on the walls with condiments. At school, Ted's art isn't always received well. His caricatures of the principle . . . provoke exactly the expected reaction. . . . After some misguided attempts to make friends, all is resolved when the students join forces to create a giant mural with the message "Welcome Friends." (Booklist)

Beaumont, Karen

Where's my t-r-u-c-k? pictures by David Catrow. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Lost and found possessions -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme 5. Toys -- Fiction 6. Trucks -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8037-3222-3; 0-8037-3222-8

LC 2010045689

"This peppy picture book relates in rhyming verse the story of a boy's expansive search for his favorite toy—a riding truck. . . . A raucous and rotund dog finally digs a huge hole and reveals the treasure, which lies amid other items, including an iPod and a set of false teeth. Beaumont's refrain promises that listeners will know how to spell 'truck' by tale's end and is perfectly paced for expressive pauses and exclamations. Catrow's jam-packed pencil and watercolor scenes are masterworks of detail and humor." SLJ

Beck, Andrea

Pierre in the air! Orca Book Publishers 2011 il \$19.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-55469-032-9; 1-55469-032-3

"Adventure-seeking poodle Pierre Le Poof heads to Paris with his owner, Miss Murphy. . . . All he can think about is getting the chance to climb the Eiffel Tower, but when Miss Murphy tours the city, she leaves Pierre in the hotel room. Escaping, he meets a dog named Coco, who shows him the way to the tower, where he grabs an umbrella and sails down. . . . Readers should appreciate Pierre's daring." Publ Wkly

Becker, Bonny

The **sniffles** for Bear; illustrated by Kady McDonald Denton. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Bears -- Fiction 2. Cold (Disease) -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. Mice -- Fiction 5. Sick -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-4756-8; 0-7636-4756-X

LC 2010047129

Certain that no one has ever been as sick as he is, Bear resists Mouse's efforts to cheer him and cure his cold.

"Becker employs a lively mix of dramatic, over-the-top dialogue, with a plethora of descriptive language to set the tone. Denton's watercolor, ink and gouache illustrations are just right." Kirkus

Becker, Helaine

Juba this, juba that; illustrated by Ron Lightburn. Tundra 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Fairs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-88776-975-7; 0-88776-975-6

"This modern-day version of a traditional African chant imagines an adventure that happens one evening when a dark-skinned boy follows a yellow cat to the fair. They laugh at their reflections in the House of Mirrors, take a spooky fun-house ride, and generally have a wonderful time before returning home to bed. Becker's simple rhyme plays with opposites and is just right for clapping and bouncing along. Lightburn's lively illustrations perfectly capture the joy of the nighttime escapade and extend the story." SLJ

Bertrand, Diane Gonzales

Adelita and the veggie cousins; illustrations by Christina Rodriguez; Spanish translation by Gabriela Baeza Ventura. Pinata Books/Arte Publico Press 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Bilingual books -- English-Spanish 2. School stories 3. Vegetables -- Fiction
ISBN 1-55885-699-4; 978-1-55885-699-8

LC 2010054521

On her first day at a new school, Adelita makes new friends through a lesson on vegetables, including how some vegetables are 'cousins' because they share certain characteristics.

"The dual message of nutrition and diversity will probably find its place in today's curriculum and can certainly augment units on food, language and culture." Kirkus

Beskow, Elsa

Princess Sylvie. 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction 3. Princesses -- Fiction 4. Rabbits -- Fiction
ISBN 978-086315-813-1; 0-86315-813-7

Princess Sylvie persuades her father, the king, to leave the palace gardens and walk in the woods. The king is unsure. What might be in the woods? Then Sylvie's dog Oskar runs off after a long-eared hare and Sylvie's adventures begin.

"The bear looks like a very large teddy, the 'wild' wood is spacious and airy and Sylvie never loses her tiny crown or musses her dress. . . . Old-fashioned in all the senses of the word, but quite charming in its art-deco shapes and vintage colors." Kirkus

Bingham, Kelly

★ **Z** is for Moose. by Kelly Bingham ; illustrations by Paul O. Zelinsky. Greenwillow Books 2012 32 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Alphabet -- Fiction
 2. Behavior -- Fiction
 3. Books and reading -- Fiction
 4. Humorous stories
 5. Moose -- Fiction
 6. Zebras -- Fiction
- ISBN 9780060799847; 9780060799854

LC 2011002148

In this illustrated children's "alphabet book, Moose expects to own the letter M, and he cannot contain his enthusiasm and impatience. As a polite Apple, Ball, Cat and others take their turns, the clownish Moose barges in. He pushes Duck out of the way, annoys Elephant, and pops out of Kangaroo's pouch. . . . "Here it comes." chortles Moose, anticipating his M. Unfortunately, a serious-minded Zebra, who directs the alphabet and wears a referee shirt over his own stripes, has other ideas. Mayhem ensues as Moose throws a tantrum, stomping and scribbling on Pie, Queen, and Ring, and then sniffing as Zebra tries to protect Umbrella, Whale, and Xylophone." (Publishers Weekly)

Bjorkman, Steve

Dinosaurs don't, dinosaurs do. Holiday House 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Dinosaurs -- Fiction
 2. Etiquette -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-8234-2355-2; 0-8234-2355-7

LC 2010032832

This book "defly [combines] text and art to create a positive experience for new readers. [It is] larger than typical easy readers, leaving plenty of room for uncluttered, colorful cartoon illustrations and clear, large fonts. . . . Bjorkman uses repetitive text and playful pictures to introduce appropriate behavior. 'Dinosaurs don't run here' is demonstrated by a dismayed dinosaur in front of glassware falling from a china cabinet; opposite, 'Dinosaurs do run here' shows two smiling creatures running through a playground. . . . [This title has] similar-sounding vowels and consonants, popular sight words, and short, simple sentences with clear punctuation, making [it a] successful [entry] in the beginning-reader canon." SLJ

Blexbolex

★ **People**; [translated by Claudia Bedrick] Enchanted Lion Books 2011 il \$19.95

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Occupations -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-59270-110-0; 1-59270-110-8

LC 2011001132

Explores, through brief text and illustrations, various sorts of people, the jobs they do, and the connections among them.

"German artist Blexbolex's captivating silk-screens explore human archetypes using a 1960s-era design aesthetic. Powder-blue type identifies each figure. As with its predecessor, the book's brilliance lies in the intriguing ways in which the images mimic, challenge, and inform one another. . . . Readers will form new associations and make new discoveries upon each revisiting." Publ Wkly

Bloch, Serge

Snowed under and other Christmas confusions. Sterling 2011 il \$12.95

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Christmas -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-4027-7131-6; 1-4027-7131-2

LC 2010037056

A snow storm the day before Christmas causes a boy many worries, which are not helped by such confusing phrases as "Don't be a wet blanket" and "That's the way the cookie crumbles."

"The illustrations are creatively composed with effective use of white space, shadows and perspective along with motion and sight gags. As all kids know, 'time flies when you're having fun,' even on Christmas Eve. This is more fun than a barrel of monkeys." Kirkus

Bloom, Suzanne

Feeding friendsies. Boyds Mills Press 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Gardens -- Fiction
 2. Play -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-59078-529-4; 1-59078-529-0

Baby and friends are busy in the garden making lunch that includes puddle-water soup, mud pie, and dandelion-and-dirt dessert.

"Bloom's sunny, naive watercolor illustrations show the children joyfully playing in the dirt while a shaggy dog and a black cat watch with curiosity. . . . This celebration of imaginative, outdoor fun is a tasty treat." SLJ

Bond, Felicia

Big hugs, little hugs. Philomel Books 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K E

1. Animals -- Fiction
 2. Hugging -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-399-25614-1; 0-399-25614-8

LC 2010053139

"This jubilant ode to the joys of hugging boldly announces its message on the first page: 'Everyone hugs all over the world.' What follows are tidy snippets of text that declare what animals like to hug. . . . as well as where, how, and when this hugging takes place. Bond . . . works in torn and cut-paper collage, her cheerful animal families showing various happy emotions. . . . The book's many whimsical touches should prove both comforting and entertaining." Publ Wkly

Bonwill, Ann

Naughty toes; illustrated by Teresa Murfin. Tiger Tales 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Dance -- Fiction
 2. Sisters -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-58925-103-8; 1-58925-103-2

Chloe and Belinda are sisters, but they couldn't be more different. Belinda is a born dancer and the star of Madame Mina's dance class. Chloe is . . . not. Madame Mina thinks that Chloe has "naughty toes." But Mr. Tiempo, the class pianist, thinks otherwise.

"The mixed-media illustrations are fun and free, capturing Chloe's nature and attitude. Great as a read-aloud,

for a guidance lesson on self-esteem, or even on sibling rivalry." SLJ

Bottner, Barbara

★ An **annoying** ABC; illustrated by Michael Emberley. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 un il \$17.99; lib bdg \$20.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Alphabet
 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two
 3. School stories
- ISBN 978-0-375-86708-8; 0-375-86708-2; 978-0-375-96708-5 lib bdg; 0-375-96708-7 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98469-3 e-book

LC 2011011843

"Adelaide annoys Bailey when she runs at him wearing her tiger costume, scaring him and causing him to let the gerbil out of its cage. So begins a rollicking preschool/early elementary romp featuring kids who appear in alphabetical order with a corresponding action. . . . The hilarity lies in the illustrations, typical Emberley style, done in mechanical pencil and watercolors. . . . One read-through will simply not be enough to enjoy all the fun." Kirkus

Brett, Jan

Home for Christmas. G. P. Putnam's Sons 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two
 2. Christmas -- Fiction
 3. Christmas stories
 4. Family life -- Fiction
 5. Trolls -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-399-25653-0; 0-399-25653-9

LC 2010045002

Rollo the troll is tired of chores, but after spending time on the tundra with various animal families, from owls to moose, he realizes that he wants to be home for Christmas even if that means behaving himself.

"Set in the mountains of Sweden, the book introduces a cast of naturalistic woodland animals, portrayed in intricate detail in Brett's watercolor and gouache paintings. . . . The reformed Rollo's homecoming, just in time for Christmas celebrations, is foregone yet no less heartwarming." Publ Wkly

Bright, Paul

The **not-so-scary** Snorklum; [illustrations by] Jane Chapman. Good Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Animals -- Fiction
 2. Fear -- Fiction
 3. Mythical animals -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-56148-728-8; 1-56148-728-7

LC 2011007764

As the scary Snorklum stomps home to his cave, he encounters a mole, a rabbit, and a badger, who see through his attempts to frighten them.

"Brisk and bright, yet subtle in its message." Kirkus

Brokamp, Elizabeth

The **picky** little witch; illustrated by Marsha Riti. Pelican 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Halloween -- Fiction
 2. Witches -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-58980-882-9; 1-58980-882-7

LC 2011004655

Mama Witch tries to get her daughter to eat some Halloween soup before going out to trick-or-treat, but Picky Little Witch finds many reasons to refuse. Includes a recipe for soup.

"This humorous story has dialogue that contains an occasional rhyme and characters that resemble humans except for their pale green skin." SLJ

Brown, Peter

You will be my friend! Little, Brown 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Animals -- Fiction
 2. Bears -- Fiction
 3. Friendship -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-316-07030-0; 0-316-07030-0

LC 2011009709

Lucy, a young bear, starts her day determined to make a new friend but her enthusiasm leads to all sorts of problems until, just as she is about to give up, an unexpected friend finds her.

This "features an earth-tone palette, pencil illustrations, cut-paper voice bubbles, and hand-lettered display type; Lucy's wilderness is thoroughly domesticated. . . . Readers won't miss the message that friendship is something that happens in its own time." Publ Wkly

Bruins, David

The **call** of the cowboy; illustrated by Hilary Leuny. Kids Can Press 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK

E

1. Bears -- Fiction
 2. Cowhands -- Fiction
 3. Friendship -- Fiction
 4. Ninja -- Fiction
 5. Noise -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-55453-748-8; 1-55453-748-7

"The cowboy is funny, caring, and kind, but he likes to make a lot of noise. Then one day his loudness comes between him and his friends. The bear is trying to photograph birds, but the cowboy's antics drive them away. The ninja is trying to read, but the cowboy's presence interferes with his concentration. . . . Colorful, humorous cartoons illustrate the text." SLJ

Buck, Nola

A **Christmas** goodnight; illustrated by Sarah Jane Wright. Katherine Tegen Books 2011 un il \$12.99; lib bdg \$13.89

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Bedtime -- Fiction
 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two
 3. Christmas -- Fiction
 4. Christmas stories
 5. Stories in rhyme
- ISBN 978-0-06-166491-5; 0-06-166491-X; 978-0-06-166492-2 lib bdg; 0-06-166492-8 lib bdg

Illustrations and rhyming text portray characters from the Nativity story, from doves in the stable to the wise men, as they go to sleep on Christmas Eve.

"The double-page-spread format makes this a fine read-aloud for a group of little ones, but it's also a cozy choice as a December bedtime story. A terrific introduction

for preschoolers who are just learning about the Nativity story.” Kirkus

Bunting, Eve, 1928-

Frog and friends. written by Eve Bunting; illustrated by Josee Masse. Sleeping Bear Press 2011 37p il \$9.95

Grades: 1 2 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction
 2. Friendship -- Fiction
 3. Frogs -- Fiction
 4. Ponds -- Fiction
- ISBN 1-58536-548-3; 1-58536-689-7 pa; 978-1-58536-548-7; 978-1-58536-689-7 pa

LC 2010053706

Frog and his friends are alarmed by a strange object that appears on his pond, share a thoughtful—if scratchy—gift, and meet a hippopotamus that has run away from the zoo.

“This clever beginning reader is divided into three chapters. . . . Repetition, white space, and a large font help prepare children for tackling a smattering of more challenging vocabulary. Bright cartoon illustrations provide some picture clues. Readers will enjoy feeling superior to Frog and his friends.” SLJ

Burkert, Rand

★ **Mouse & Lion.** Michael di Capua Books un il \$17.95

Grades: 2 3 4 5 6 **E**

1. Children’s literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
 2. Children’s literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two
 3. Fables
 4. Fables -- Juvenile literature
 5. Lions -- Fiction
 6. Mice -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-545-10147-9; 0-545-10147-6

This is “a book rich with [Nancy Ekholm Burkert’s] signature meticulous brush lines, compelling display of color, and carefully delineated detail. Each page offers dramatic delight that extends the story. In an unusual but fascinating variation on the Aesop tale, Rand Burkert places Mouse at center stage. . . . The illustrations for this spirited tale are nothing less than spectacular. . . . Choosing the Aha Hills (between Botswana and Namibia) for her setting, the artist imbues the scenes with the fauna and flora of this region.” SLJ

Buzzeo, Toni

One cool friend; pictures by David Small. Dial Books for Young Readers 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Etiquette -- Fiction
 2. Father-son relationship -- Fiction
 3. Penguins -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-8037-3413-5; 0-8037-3413-1

LC 2011021637

Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins at the aquarium and wants to take one home with him.

Small’s “ink-and-watercolor drawings are as urbane as Elliot’s bow tie, and he creates a magnificent mansion for Elliot and his father. . . . Buzzeo . . . gives Elliot courtly manners . . . and a quick wit. The book’s humor is built on gentle misunderstandings between father and son. . . . [This] is about as sweet as it gets.” Publ Wkly

Penelope Popper, book doctor; illustrations by Jana Christy. Upstart Books 2011 un il \$17.95

Grades: 1 2 3 **E**

1. Books -- Conservation and restoration -- Fiction
 2. Libraries -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-60213-054-8; 1-60213-054-X

LC 2011283516

In all corners of the library, there are books that need care and Penelope immediately dedicates herself to learning how to mend them.

“The upbeat narrative is . . . enlivened by cheerful illustrations depicting Penelope, an earnest girl with red hair and freckles, in her bright and pleasant classroom and school library. With its soft edges and palette of springtime colors, each painting reflects the positive tone of the story.” SLJ

Cannon, A. E.

Sophie’s fish. by A.E. Cannon ; illustrated by Lee White. Viking 2012 32p. \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Fishes -- Fiction
 2. Humorous stories
 3. Worry -- Fiction
- ISBN 9780670012916

LC 2011016227

In this picture book, “[w]hen schoolmate Sophie asks Jake to care for her fish, Yo-Yo, for a weekend, he agrees, because ‘[h]ow hard can it be to babysit a fish?’ But while waiting for Yo-Yo to arrive, Jake begins to worry. ‘What kind of snacks do fish like to eat?’ he frets. [Illustrator Lee] White presents a massive Strawberry Worm Cake as a possible fish snack; standing atop the highest layer, Jake offers a slice to a laughing blue fish he finds sitting upright on a wire chair. The fish is as big as Jake. Next, Jake wonders, ‘[w]hat if Yo-Yo wants to play a game?’ Here, the portrayed fish is several times Jake’s size, dressed as a pirate and riding an enormous rubber ducky.” (Kirkus)

Cantrell, Charlie

A friend for Einstein; the smallest stallion. by Charlie Cantrell and Rachel Wagner. Disney/Hyperion 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction
 2. Horses -- Fiction
 3. Size -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-4231-4563-9; 1-4231-4563-1

“With hooves the size of quarters, Einstein, a mini miniature horse, is the smallest horse ever born. . . . Einstein is not tall enough to keep up with other equines, even his fellow miniature horses. The fascinating facts lead into a fictional story line as the presumably lonely horse searches for a playmate. . . . Einstein meets a dog named Lilly . . . who is just his size. Although Lilly and Einstein are actual friends, children will care less about the reality of their meeting and more about this unusual horse and the color photographs. . . . No doubt little Einstein will appeal to big hearts everywhere.” Booklist

Caple, Kathy

Duck & Company Christmas. Holiday House 2011 il \$14.95

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Christmas -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8234-2239-5; 0-8234-2239-9

LC 2010029574

Duck and Rat's bookstore is busy as Christmas approaches and all the animals buy gifts and celebrate with their friends.

"The droll humor and quietly amusing holiday preparations have the flavor of the Frog and Toad stories, with the same comforting sense of a kind and reassuring world. Understated illustrations in gouache and ink are filled with tiny, humorous details and clever costumes for the animal characters." Kirkus

Capucilli, Alyssa

Biscuit and the lost teddy bear. story by Alyssa Satin Capucilli; pictures by Pat Schories. Harper 2011 29p il \$16.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Lost and found possessions -- Fiction 3. Teddy bears -- Fiction
ISBN 9780061177514; 9780061177538 pa

LC 2009014929

Biscuit the dog helps reunite a lost teddy bear with its owner.

"The simple, gentle adventure, with its accessible vocabulary and big-button-eyed characters, will appeal to new readers." Horn Book Guide

Carle, Eric

★ **The artist** who painted a blue horse. Philomel Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Artists 3. Artists -- Fiction 4. Color -- Fiction 5. Painters 6. Painting -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-25713-1; 0-399-25713-6

LC 2011000662

Rather than use the same old colors, a child paints animals and objects in a variety of different hues. Includes biographical information about the German painter Franz Marc, who created unconventional animal paintings in the early 1900s.

"While Carle's creatures are constructed from his familiar, brilliantly colored painted-paper shapes, it is the strength and sinew of their forms that impresses. . . . An homage to Marc becomes testimony to Carle's gifts, too. A short afterword about Marc's life is included." Publ Wkly

Carter, David A.

Lots of bots; a counting pop-up book. Random House/Corey 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Counting 2. Pop-up books 3. Robots -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-375-86509-1; 0-375-86509-8

This is "a counting book that introduces an eclectic cast of specialized robots that sport antennae, springs, wheels, pincers, and other handy apparatuses. Using a question-and-answer format to count up to 10, the book asks energetic, reader-directed questions like 'Who makes you happy when you are sad?' with the answers appearing in verse. . . . Cart-

er's quirky robots . . . should have effortless appeal for the preschool audience." Publ Wkly

Casanova, Mary

Utterly otterly night; illustrated by Ard Hoyt. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Otters -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-7562-5; 1-4169-7562-4

LC 2010026429

While out playing with his family one night, Little Otter shows that he knows what to do when danger is near.

"Hoyt's pen-and-ink illustrations wonderfully convey the playfulness and innocence of Little Otter, his every emotion worn on his sleeve. Casanova's onomatopoeic phrases punctuate the action with infectious glee." Kirkus

Catchpool, Michael

The **cloud** spinner. by Michael Catchpool ; illustrations by Alison Jay. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 32 p. \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. Clouds -- Fiction 2. Fairy tales 3. Kings, queens, rulers, etc. -- Fiction 4. Weaving -- Fiction

ISBN 9780375870118; 9780375970115;

9780375987397

LC 2011000894

The story of "a boy who transforms clouds into elegant thread." is told "in [Michael] Catchpool's ecological fable. When a greedy king spies the cloud spinner's wonderful crimson and gold scarf, he orders the boy to fashion him an extra-long scarf--and cloaks and dresses for the queen and princess. Though the boy insists such abundance is not needed, recalling his mother's philosophy, "Enough is enough and not one stitch more." he complies. As a result, the entire kingdom learns what it means to lose such a valuable resource as the clouds, until the quiet and observant princess comes to the rescue." (Publishers Wkly)

Catrow, David

Best in Show. Orchard Books 2011 un il \$6.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Dogs -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-12277-1; 0-545-12277-5

LC 2010047442

Max Spaniel outperforms all of the other entrants in a dog show.

"The hilarity of the artwork makes this easy reader shine. . . . The short, simple sentences, only one or two per page, and daffy drawings are a bouncy mix that will have new readers turning the pages." SLJ

Celenza, Anna Harwell

Duke Ellington's Nutcracker suite; illustrated by Don Tate. Charlesbridge 2011 il lib bdg \$19.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Band leaders 3. Composers 4. Jazz music -- Fiction 5. Jazz musicians 6. Jazz musicians -- Fiction 7. Music arrangers 8.

Pianists

ISBN 978-1-57091-700-4; 1-57091-700-0

LC 2010023060

Tells the story of how jazz composer and musician Duke Ellington, along with Billy Strayhorn, created his jazz composition based on Tchaikovsky's famous Nutcracker Suite ballet.

"This fictionalization of Ellington and Strayhorn's daring collaboration is well told, and the illustrations convey the hip, cool feeling of the time. An author's note provides more information, and a CD of the piece is included." SLJ

Chabon, Michael

★ The **astonishing** secret of Awesome Man; illustrated by Jake Parker. Balzer + Bray 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Imagination -- Fiction 3. Superheroes -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-191462-1; 0-06-191462-2

LC 2010041192

A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

"Chabon's first picture book discharges delectable language. . . . Things are more likely to skloosh and skarunch than not. Verbiage like this nudges the story into read-aloud territory, and children will be swooping around the room as they listen. But if they stop long enough to peek at the pages, they'll enjoy the way Parker kicks it up another notch with hyperkinetic, hypercolored comic-book action scenes." SLJ

Choldenko, Gennifer

A **giant** crush; illustrated by Melissa Sweet. G.P. Putnam's Sons 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Rabbits -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Shyness -- Fiction 4. Valentine's Day -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-399-24352-3; 0-399-24352-6

LC 2009040110

"Jackson, a young rabbit, has a giant crush on Cami, a bunny in his class, but he's too shy to tell her he likes her. Instead, he leaves her a flower, candy, and a giant valentine. . . . Sweet's watercolor, gouache, and mixed-media illustrations are sunny and expressive, and bring the characters and their world to life. The lighthearted pictures are a perfect match for the breezy text." SLJ

Christelow, Eileen

Five little monkeys reading in bed. Clarion Books 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Bedtime -- Fiction 2. Books and reading -- Fiction 3. Monkeys -- Fiction 4. Mother-child relationship -- Fiction 5. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-547-38610-2; 0-547-38610-9

LC 2010043397

Mama has said it is time for 'Lights out! Sweet dreams! No more reading in bed,' but her five little monkeys cannot resist reading just a few more books to one another.

"Children will be amused by Christelow's colorful pen-and-ink cartoons of expressive and active monkeys and her jaunty rhyming couplets." SLJ

Christensen, Bonnie

★ **Plant** a little seed. Bonnie Christensen. Roaring Brook Press 2012 32 p. \$17.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **E**

1. Gardening -- Fiction

ISBN 159643550X; 9781596435506

LC 2011005202

In this picture book, "a girl narrates the cycle of working a community-garden plot over three productive seasons. She and her friend (a boy) plan, plant, tend and harvest fruits, veggies and flowers. Their moms help with autumn's lush bounty: "We gather in our garden's gifts / to pickle, bake, or freeze, or dry, / then cook a glorious autumn / feast--soups and salads, / cakes and pies." . . . [Bonnie] Christensen's pictures . . . convey visual affirmations of friendship, cooperation and patience through changing seasons. Basic biological facts about plants, arranged on seed packets scattered across a final page, are reinforced visually throughout." (Kirkus)

Christian, Cheryl

Witches; illustrated by Wish Williams. Star Bright Books 2011 24p il pa \$5.95

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Halloween -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme 3. Witches -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59572-283-6; 1-59572-283-1

LC 2010050909

"Children dressed as witches are gathered around a kitchen table putting all sorts of food from the cupboards and refrigerator in a giant black cauldron. This image sets the scene for a very simple story of children (or witches) getting ready for their Halloween outing. The whimsical and vibrant colors in Williams's pictures make this story great fun to view and help to move the rhyming text forward." SLJ

Cole, Brock

★ The **money** we'll save. Farrar Straus & Giroux 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Apartment houses -- Fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 3. Christmas -- Fiction 4. Christmas stories 5. Turkeys -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-374-35011-6; 0-374-35011-6

LC 2010037760

In nineteenth-century New York City, when Pa brings home a young turkey in hopes of saving money on their Christmas dinner, his family faces all sorts of trouble—and expense—in their tiny apartment.

"The cleverly constructed text is full of understated humor and witty dialogue, with a satisfying conclusion describing the family's simple but happy Christmas celebration. Cole's loose watercolor-and-ink illustrations skillfully evoke the old-fashioned setting and busy life of a New York tenement community." Kirkus

Cole, Henry, Sir, 1808-1882

The **littlest** evergreen. Katherine Tegen Books 2011 un il \$16.99; lib bdg \$18.89

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Christmas stories 3. Christmas trees -- Fiction 4. Conservation of natural resources -- Fiction

5. Trees -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-114619-0; 0-06-114619-6; 978-0-06-114620-6 lib bdg; 0-06-114620-X lib bdg

LC 2008022630

"Told from the perspective of a small evergreen, this tale begins with the narrator as a sprout and continues through the seasons until men come with their chainsaws. Luckily, the tree's size saves it from being cut down. . . . Taken to a Christmas tree lot, it is taken home by a family where it is decorated with ornaments and begins to feel loved. After a few weeks, the evergreen is replanted in the yard, where it grows big and strong. Illustrations are of a contemporary setting with nature's beauty brought forth through the lush greenery. A fine Christmas choice with an environmental message." SLJ

Comden, Betty

What's new at the zoo? by Betty Comden and Adolph Green; illustrations by Travis Foster; with an introduction by Phyllis Newman. Blue Apple Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Animals -- Songs 2. Songs

ISBN 978-1-60905-088-7; 1-60905-088-6

LC 2011019080

Presents the lyrics to a song from the Broadway musical, 'Do Re Mi,' in which animals in an overcrowded zoo beg to be let out while accidentally stepping on one another's trunks, quills, and toes.

"With fun lift-the-flap details and tummy-tickling rhymes, this book will appeal to fans of slapstick humor. The cartoon illustrations really bring the silliness to life." SLJ

Cordell, Matthew

★ **Another** brother. written and illustrated by Matthew Cordell. Feiwel and Friends 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Sheep -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-312-64324-9; 0-312-64324-1

LC 2011001135

Davy the sheep wishes he had time alone with his parents, as he did before his twelve brothers came along and started imitating his every move, but when his wish comes true Davy misses playing with the youngsters.

"This is not just another new-baby book: Cordell's humorous text and mischievously silly, expressive cartoon art will have readers bleating to read it again and again." Kirkus

Cossi, Olga

Pemba Sherpa. Olga Cossi ; illustrated by Gary Bernard. Odyssey Books 2009 32p \$15.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

ISBN 9780976865582

LC 2009934415

This book take place "[i]n a Himalayan village in Tibet, [where] a young boy rises before dawn to collect firewood. His younger sister, Yang Ki, longs to join him in his task, which is part of the training to be a Sherpa, but the boy scoffs: it isn't girlst work. One morning, . . . Yang Ki disregards her brother's . . . command to stay home, follows

him along the steep mountain path, and saves his life when he loses his footing. When Yang Ki carries his heavy load of firewood home, the villagers are astonished, and she . . . grow[s] up to be a famous guide. . . . [T]his . . . story . . . embeds specifics of Tibetan culture as it captures a child's . . . feelings of frustration when she is . . . underestimated, her determination, and her final pleasure when she triumphs." (Booklist)

Cousins, Lucy

Maisy goes to the city. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. City and town life -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5327-9; 0-7636-5327-6

LC 2010040144

Maisy and Charley visit their friend Dotty, who lives in a big city filled with noisy traffic, enormous buildings, and crowded sidewalks.

"Cousins's familiar bold-color art outlined in heavy black lines illustrate this straightforward story." Horn Book Guide

Maisy's amazing big book of learning. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5481-8; 0-7636-5481-7

LC 2010044818

Readers may accompany Maisy the mouse as she counts chicks, makes noisy noises, jumps like a kangaroo, and identifies animals, colors, shapes, and sizes.

"This cheerful compendium of concepts features big, bold images. . . . With brief questions . . . and plenty of lift-the-flap features, this oversize picture book will engage young children both mentally and physically." Booklist

Cox, Judy

Haunted house, haunted Mouse; illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Halloween -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction

ISBN 0823423158; 9780823423156; 978-0-8234-2315-6; 0-8234-2315-8

LC 2010025312

When three costumed trick-or-treaters come to Mouse's door, he crawls into one of their candy-filled bags to see what Halloween is all about.

"Cox keeps readers turning pages with fast-paced action in her descriptive text. Ebbeler contributes plenty for the eye to feast upon in his bountiful acrylic-on-paper scenes. Readers will delight in the cast of costumed characters populating the pages and get a true feel for Mouse's perspective in both exciting and slightly dire situations." Kirkus

Crowther, Robert

Amazing pop-up trucks. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Pop-up books 2. Trucks

ISBN 978-0-7636-5587-7; 0-7636-5587-2

“Crowther offers formidable pop-ups of a car transporter, a cement mixer, a monster truck, a ‘rubbish’ truck, and truck trains. Each spread contains a description of the featured vehicle and its primary function, while flaps offer photographs along with additional information about how the trucks operate. . . . The brightly colored vehicles, which include working door/window flaps, and real-life details should give truck enthusiasts a gratifying peek into the world of big rigs.” *Publ Wkly*

Cushman, Doug

Christmas Eve good night. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Bedtime -- Fiction
2. Children’s literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
3. Christmas -- Fiction
4. Christmas stories
5. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-8050-6603-6; 0-8050-6603-9
LC 2010038058

On Christmas Eve, animals at the North Pole, gingerbread men, robots, and more say good night to their mommas, papas, and buddies.

“Cushman’s watercolor-and-ink illustrations are full of witty details and hints about the conclusion, but it is his dramatic pacing and skilled balance between art and text that makes this Christmas offering sparkle.” *Kirkus*

Cuyler, Margery

Tick tock clock; pictures by Robert Neubecker. HarperCollins Children’s Books 2012 il \$16.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Grandmothers -- Fiction
2. Sisters -- Fiction
3. Stories in rhyme
4. Time -- Fiction
5. Twins -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-136309-2; 0-06-136309-X; 978-0-06-136311-5 pa; 0-06-136311-1 pa

LC 2008051780

“Grandma spends a busy day with her twin granddaughters in a day filled with action, rhythm and rhyme. . . . Neubecker’s sunny illustrations, in rich reds, yellows and greens, perfectly reflect the spare, very easy-to-read text. Each illustration is set on a white, unframed background and is set apart from the text, making it nicely legible. The repetition of words . . . helps beginning readers build confidence.” *Kirkus*

Danneberg, Julie

The **big** test; illustrated by Judy Love. Charlesbridge 2011 un il \$16.95; pa \$6.95

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. School stories
- ISBN 1580893600; 1580893619 pa; 9781580893602; 9781580893619 pa; 978-1-58089-360-2; 1-58089-360-0; 978-1-58089-361-9 pa; 1-58089-361-9 pa

“Mrs. Hartwell’s students . . . are not sure they can deal with the Big Test. . . . The kids worry and get headaches, stomachaches, and other maladies. On Thursday, Mrs. Hartwell lines up her class and marches them down the hall to the library. The sign on the door says, ‘Library Closed: Students Testing.’ But inside it’s a test party. The students get to play and relax and eat. This works so well that no one is sick anymore and they breeze through the actual Big Test on Friday. The illustrations, done in ink and transparent dyes on

watercolor paper, are priceless. The children’s faces clearly express all the agony that the situation requires.”

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Davis, Aubrey

Kishka for Koppel; illustrated by Sheldon Cohen. Orca Book Publishers 2011 il \$19.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 E

1. Jews -- Fiction
 2. Wishes -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-55469-299-6; 1-55469-299-7

“In this Jewish retelling of the Grimm Brothers’ ‘Three Wishes,’ Koppel finds a wish-granting meat grinder. The junk man and his wife, Yetta, dream of all the riches they’ll wish for, but inevitably they end up wishing for kishka (a kind of sausage), and subsequently wishing it onto and off Koppel’s nose. All ends well as the meat grinder points out how lucky they are to have each other (plus a delicious kishka). The naive, folksy cartoon illustrations are expressive and lend a lighthearted air with their varying perspectives and bright acrylic colors. The storytelling is lively and humorous.” *SLJ*

Day, Alexandra

Carl and the puppies; story and pictures by Alexandra Day. Square Fish 2011 un il \$15.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Dogs -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-312-62482-8; 0-312-62482-4; 978-0-312-62483-5 pa; 0-312-62483-2 pa

“Carl dog-sits three active pups. Large print, controlled vocabulary, simple sentences and story [arc], supportive pictures, and plentiful white space make [this] a good choice for the newest readers.” *Horn Book Guide*

Frank and Ernest play ball. Green Tiger Press 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Baseball -- Fiction
 2. Bears -- Fiction
 3. Elephants -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-59583-438-6; 1-59583-438-9

LC 2010048046

With the help of a baseball dictionary so they can learn the necessary language, an elephant and a bear take over the management of a baseball team.

“Sports fans will enjoy the text with its in-the-know lingo. . . . Day’s play-it-straight paintings—except for the elephant and bear in the infield—convey much of the spirit of baseball.” *Horn Book Guide*

Demas, Corinne

Halloween surprise; illustrated by R.W. Alley. Walker & Co. 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Costume -- Fiction 3. Halloween -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8027-8612-8; 0-8027-8612-X

LC 2010043434

Lily tries many different costumes before she creates the perfect one for surprising her father on Halloween.

"The soft, orange-hued drawings done in pencil, water-color, and gouache are appropriate for the season and full of activity. . . . Children will enjoy Lily's imagination and the reactions of her kittens as she creates several costumes from materials she finds around her house. The just-right size of the book; plentiful white space; and large, clean font make this a good choice for beginning readers." SLJ

DePaola, Tomie, 1934-

Strega Nona's gift. Nancy Paulsen Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Christmas stories 3. Holidays -- Fiction 4. Magic -- Fiction 5. Witches -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-399-25649-3; 0-399-25649-0

"Fans of Strega Nona and her bumbling helper will delight in this funny tale in which the many feasts of the holiday season are the focal point. All is well until the eve of the Epiphany, the special night when animals are rumored to talk and are therefore well fed by their owners. Big Anthony greedily consumes the goat's treats, and the animal retaliates by eating his blanket. . . . Infused with warm Italian flavor and decorated with dePaola's signature charming illustrations, this is a holiday selection that readers will savor." SLJ

DiPucchio, Kelly S.

★ **Crafty** Chloe; illustrated by Heather Ross. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Gifts -- Fiction 3. Handicraft -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4424-2123-3; 1-4424-2123-1

LC 2010042811

Chloe is very good at sewing and crafts and when her best friend's birthday approaches, she creates a fabulous gift but also saves the day for a classmate who had been unkind to her.

"DiPucchio is to be commended for providing a simple and strong story with a loving solution that will surprise readers. Strong pacing and fanciful illustrations full of happy yellow highlights capture a delightfully determined and winning child." Kirkus

Diggs, Taye

Chocolate me! illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Feiwel and Friends 2011 40p il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Race relations -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-312-60326-7; 0-312-60326-6

The boy is teased for looking different than the other kids. His skin is darker, his hair curlier. He tells his mother he wishes he could be more like everyone else. And she helps him to see how beautiful he really, truly is.

"The cartoonlike illustrations are done in bold colors. . . . With its universal themes of wanting to fit in, self-acceptance, and self-esteem, this read-aloud offering is sure to strike a chord with many young readers/listeners, and on a variety subjects, not just race." SLJ

Dodd, Emma

I am small. Cartwheel Books 2011 il \$8.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Penguins -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-35370-0; 0-545-35370-X

"A penguin chick ponders the big, fast, long, steep world around him and notes how small he is in comparison. But when he is with his mother, he knows he is safe. . . . The simple text and easy-to-read block printing make this a good choice for beginning readers. Dodd uses a palette of black, white, and slate blue with touches of silver to evoke the freezing Antarctic habitat." SLJ

Doodler, Todd H.

What color is Bear's underwear? Blue Apple Books 2011 il bd bk \$9.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Bears -- Fiction 2. Board books for children 3. Color 4. Stories in rhyme 5. Underwear -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-60905-096-2; 1-60905-096-7

LC 2011018924

Bear wears different colored underwear for every day of the week.

"It's about as an irreverently silly guide to colors as one could want." Publ Wkly

Dunklee, Annika

★ **My** name is Elizabeth! written by Annika Dunklee; illustrated by Matthew Forsythe. Kids Can Press 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Personal names -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-55453-560-6; 1-55453-560-3

Elizabeth is not not amused when people insist on using nicknames like "Lizzy" and "Beth." She bears her frustration in silence until an otherwise ordinary autumn day, when she discovers her power to change things once and for all.

"Forsythe's restrained color palette and expressive line contribute to his brilliant rendering of Elizabeth's character, and his whimsical inclusion of a pet duck (unmentioned in the text) adds another layer of idiosyncratic delight." Kirkus

Dunrea, Olivier

A Christmas tree for Pyn. Philomel Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Christmas -- Fiction 3. Christmas stories 4. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction 5. Trees --

Fiction

ISBN 978-0-399-24506-0; 0-399-24506-5

LC 2010041653

Little Pyn finally persuades her gruff father to find the perfect Christmas tree in the snowy forest and, after bringing it home, decorates it with him.

Dun-rea's "talent for capturing a mood of majestic stillness in snowy landscapes shines yet again, as does his skill at creating cozy, rustic details—bushy fur coats and boots, tree-stump beds, a stone hearth—that suggest a mythical time. Pyn and Papa's warming relationship is one to celebrate any time of year." *Publ Wkly*

Gideon. Olivier Dunrea. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2012 1 v. (unpaged) col. ill. Gossie & friends \$9.99

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Geese -- Fiction

ISBN 9780618436613

LC 2010044359

This children's book tells the story of "Gideon, 'a small, ruddy gosling who likes to play,' [who] joins Gossie and the other goslings on Dunreas farm. Always on the move, Gideon chases a piglet, plays 'tag-the-mole,' leaps over a frog, and listens to bees buzzing in their hive always with his octopus toy in tow. No naps for Gideon, no matter what mother goose says, but a day of barnyard shenanigans has a way of tiring out a gosling." (*Publishers Weekly*)

Gideon and Otto. Olivier Dunrea. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2012 1 v. (unpaged) col. ill. Gossie & friends \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. Geese -- Fiction 2. Rabbits -- Fiction 3. Toys -- Fiction

ISBN 9780618436620

LC 2010045844

This children's book tells the story of "Gideon [who] is a 'small ruddy gosling who likes to play. All day.' . . . After climbing to the top of a haystack and snuggling down in the straw, sleepiness wins out. In Gideon and Otto, children meet the gosling's favorite friend. When the toy octopus goes missing, a search of the leaf pile and pond ensues. Otto's triumphant return is on the back of a turtle." (SLJ)

Dyckman, Ame

Boy and Bot. by Ame Dyckman; illustrated by Dan Yaccarino. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 32 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Children's literature 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Human-robot interaction 4. Picture books for children 5. Robots -- Fiction

ISBN 9780375867569; 9780375987243

LC 2011016682

This picture book tells the story of a friendship between a boy and a robot "that prevails over confusion." During the course of author Ame Dyckman's plot, Boy mistakes Bot for another child and later Bot thinks that Boy is also a robot, until an inventor steps in and explains the situation. Illustrator Dan Yaccarino's "stylized gouache painting" include "final, nearly wordless spreads depicting the two wide-awake friends' happy, ongoing companionship." (*Kirkus*)

Dyer, Sarah

Batty. Frances Lincoln Children's Books 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Bats -- Fiction 3. Zoos -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-84780-084-8; 1-84780-084-X

"Batty is a zoo-dwelling, long-eared bat. . . . Zoo visitors tend to drift past Batty toward the more popular, talented animals; he tries hanging out with the eager-to-groom gorillas and the raucous birds in the aviary. . . . but he doesn't fit in. . . . The spreads in which Batty watches the other animals are upside-down, as a hanging bat would see them, with intervening spreads right-side-up—an entertaining way of representing Batty's point of view. . . . Dyer's understated humor, both in her text and artwork, makes for a winning take on the be-true-to-yourself theme." *Publ Wkly*

Emberley, Rebecca

The **lion** and the mice. by Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley. Holiday House 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Lions -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction 3. Size -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8234-2357-6; 0-8234-2357-3

LC 2010044205

"Aesop's lion and mouse (or mice, as this case has it) have never looked more stylish. . . . A wacky-hued lion sleeps. But when a tiny mouse, resplendent in olive-green heels and a tuft of electric-blue fur, finds herself next to the lion, he wakes up. The wry narrator intones. . . . 'Uh-oh.' But. . . the lion lets the mouse go, with the mouse squeaking in reply, 'One day I will help you.' . . . The mouse returns, with the help of many fashion-forward rodent friends, and fits a key into a never-before-seen padlock. . . . Fantastic visual fun." *Kirkus*

Ten little beasties. [by] Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Counting 2. Monsters -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59643-627-5; 1-59643-627-1

LC 2010028118

"Begin with one weird and wacky, black-and-white beastie, then add an additional, but very different-looking one, to each subsequent page, and you have the Emberleys' newest offering, done with their inimitable twist and style. . . . Each creature is fantastical and geometric, but with a splash of color to add to the exotic designs each one sports. Each spread is of a different vibrant color." SLJ

Endle, Kate

Bunny Rabbit in the sunlight. [by] Kate Endle & Casper Babypants. Sasquatch Books 2011 il bk \$9.99

Grades: PreK

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Board books for children

ISBN 978-1-57061-749-2; 1-57061-749-X

"Eye-catching collages depict gentle animals whose habitats are brightened by different light sources. . . . Endle varies her compositions with warm and cool colors; visual textures suggest smoothness of glass and the roughness of

gravel. When it's time to turn off the lights, readers will likely request a rereading. A recording by Babypants (aka Chris Ballew, lead singer for the Presidents of the United States of America) is available for download." Publ Wkly

Ernst, Lisa Campbell

The **Gingerbread Girl** goes animal crackers. Dutton Childrens Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Cookies -- Fiction 3. Foxes -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42259-4; 0-525-42259-5

LC 2011005244

The Gingerbread Girl, who once escaped the fox that devoured her brother, must now try to save from a similar fate the animal crackers she received as a birthday gift.

"Ernst's pastel palette is well-suited to this lively story of 'Animal Crackers gone wild,' which, with words like 'menagerie' and 'brouhaha,' scattered throughout, offers a bit of a vocabulary lesson, too." Publ Wkly

Esbaum, Jill

Tom's tweet; illustrated by Kyle M. Stone. Alfred A. Knopf 2010 il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Cats -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-85171-1; 0-375-85171-2; 978-0-375-95171-8 lib bdg; 0-375-95171-7 lib bdg

LC 2009017262

When a cat finds a bedraggled baby bird that has fallen from its nest, an unlikely friendship develops between the two.

"Esbaum's tweet tale will have listeners in stitches (especially the wormy bits), and Santat's Photoshopped cartoon illustrations of bulky Tom and the goggle-eyed tweets are as expressive as they are goofy. Totally tweet-rific." Kirkus

Eugenie

Kitten's autumn. [written and illustrated by] Eugenie Fernandes. Kids Can Press 2010 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Autumn -- Fiction 2. Cats -- Fiction 3. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 4. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-1-55453-341-1; 1-55453-341-4

Autumn has settled on the farm, but fallen leaves aren't the only signs of the season. Find out what animals kitten sees preparing themselves for winter.

"The self-hardening clay, acrylic paint and mixed-media collage illustrations . . . are . . . intricate and eye-catching. . . A fine addition to seasons and kitty collections." Kirkus

Kitten's spring. [written and illustrated by] Eugenie Fernandes. Kids Can Press 2010 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Spring -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-1-55453-340-4; 1-55453-340-6

"It is spring on the farm, and Kitten is out exploring and visiting the new babies. The feline sees the bees on the flowers, the redwing blackbird by its nest, a chick, a duckling

hatching, and more. At the end of a busy day, the cat returns to a house and settles down for a night of sweet dreams. . . The illustrations are filled with delightful images and the brief text will appeal to the very young." SLJ

Kitten's winter. written and illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes. Kids Can Press 2011 un il \$14.95
Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme 3. Winter -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-55453-343-5; 1-55453-343-0

Winter comes to Kitten's world, and the little calico leaves her cozy home for an afternoon of exploration and discovery.

Evans, Michael

Poggle and the treasure. Egmont 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Dragons -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4052-4811-2; 1-4052-4811-4

"Poggle is a teddy-bearish blue dragon with a best friend named Henry, who's equally cuddly but of a less determinate species. Inhabiting a cheery world that's given depth and texture by crayon-y black shading, Poggle lives at the beach. . . . It's an ideal setting for making important discoveries, like a mysterious pink egg that the duo uncovers while playing pirates. . . . Evans deftly sidesteps treacle and spins out his stories with a light and distinctly British touch; a few novelty elements . . . provide additional interest. Sweet, expressive, and reassuring." Publ Wkly

Evans, Shane W.

We march. Shane W. Evans. Roaring Brook Press 2012 32 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 **E**

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, Washington, D.C., 1963 -- Fiction 3. March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, Washington, D.C., 1963 -- Juvenile fiction
ISBN 9781596435391

LC 2010046862

This illustrated children's book tells the story of "[a]n African-American family [which] awakens before dawn to prepare for the historic March on Washington in August, 1963. In this . . . companion to 'Underground.' (2011), [author and illustrator Shane W.] Evans captures a pivotal event in the struggle for equality and civil rights in America. The family joins neighbors to pray at their church, paint signs and travel by bus to Washington. They walk and sing and grow tired but "are filled with hop." as they stand together at the Washington Monument to listen to Dr. King speak of dreams and freedom. . . . The March has become synonymous with Dr. King's . . . speech, but Evans reminds readers that ordinary folk were his determined and courageous audience." (Kirkus)

Eversole, Robyn Harbert

East Dragon, West Dragon. story by Robyn Eversole; pictures by Scott Campbell. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E
1. Dragons -- Fiction 2. Prejudices -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-689-85828-4; 0-689-85828-0
LC 2010039609

East Dragon and West Dragon are suspicious of one another although they have never met, but when the western king is captured in the Eastern Kingdom and West Dragon goes to rescue him, they find they have much in common.

"Eversole's spare narrative mixes tongue-in-cheek exaggeration, childhood fears and adventure, inspiring Campbell to contrast the rough and the refined, designing detailed watercolor worlds brimming with humor and beauty. This primer on friendship wrapped in hijinks is paced for maximum pleasure." Kirkus

Falkenstern, Lisa

A dragon moves in. written and illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern. Marshall Cavendish Children 2011 il \$16.99; ebook \$16.99

Grades: PreK K E
1. Dragons -- Fiction 2. Hedgehogs -- Fiction 3. Houses -- Fiction 4. Rabbits -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7614-5947-7; 0-7614-5947-2; 978-0-7614-5995-8 e-book; 0-7614-5995-2 e-book
LC 2011001122

When Rabbit and Hedgehog bring home a newly-hatched dragon they all have a wonderful time together, but soon the dragon baby grows too big for their house.

"Falkenstern's oils have depth and warmth, and, though her animals are anthropomorphized, they're closer in authenticity to nature photos than cartoons. Gentle country concoction, two parts Beatrix Potter and one part Cressida Cowell." Kirkus

Falwell, Cathryn

Gobble, gobble. Dawn Publications 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 E
1. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 1-58469-148-4; 1-58469-149-2 pa; 978-1-58469-148-8; 978-1-58469-149-5 pa
LC 2011011698

"After discovering a flock of turkeys in her yard in the spring, Jenny continues to watch them throughout the year. With simple text, mostly rhyming couplets, the young nature watcher describes the turkeys' appearance and behavior as they nest and raise their young in the woods nearby. . . . Falwell augments her multimedia (cut and torn paper and found natural materials) images with overlaid block prints. Leaf prints add further texture. These charming illustrations also show other animals. . . . The author includes suggestions for artwork and other activities." Kirkus

Pond babies. Down East 2011 un il \$15.95
Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Ponds -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-89272-920-3; 0-89272-920-1
LC 2010043117

"This offering focuses on creatures that live in or near ponds, with a human child included at the end. A simple question-and-answer format presents a single physical characteristic of each one and then inquires, 'Whose baby

is this?' Children will quickly catch on to the pattern and the idea that a page turn is necessary to learn the answer. Whether it is white spots that indicate a fawn or a wiggly tail to represent a tadpole, Falwell's colorful collages incorporate the given features. . . . The soft hues of the illustrations evoke the wonder of springtime." SLJ

Feldman, Thea

Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse: Harry to the rescue! Square Fish 2011 47p \$15.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: 1 2 3 E
1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-312-62507-8; 0-312-62507-3; 978-0-312-62509-2 pa; 0-312-62509-X pa

Tucker Mouse spotted a lost penny in the shoeshine store, so he ran in to get it for his collection. Now the store is closed up tight, and Tucker is trapped. Can Harry Cat find a way to get him out?

Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse: starring Harry. Square Fish 2011 32p \$15.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: K 1 2 E
1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Mice -- Fiction 4. Theater -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-312-68168-5; 978-0-312-68169-2 pa
LC 2010048674

Harry Cat loves the theater, but when he becomes the star of a Broadway play he and his best friend Tucker Mouse miss one another terribly.

Foggo, Cheryl

Dear baobab. written by Cheryl Foggo; illustrated by Qin Leng. Second Story 2011 il \$15.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 E
1. Africans -- United States -- Fiction 2. Immigrants -- Fiction 3. Orphans -- Fiction 4. Trees -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-8971-8791-3; 1-8971-8791-2

"Maiko used to live in a village in Africa. He misses his home and the 2000-year-old baobab tree beneath which he and other village children sat. . . . Now, since the death of his parents, the lonely child lives in what appears to be a North American city. . . . He likes to sit on the stone steps outside his red brick house where a little spruce tree has sprung up. . . . When its roots begin to threaten the foundation of the house, something needs to be done. . . . The tree is moved and replanted elsewhere, just as Maiko has been. Leng's colorful, cartoonlike watercolor illustrations impart a sense of warmth and emotion to this story of a child's bewildering sense of loss and loneliness, as well as new beginnings." SLJ

Fogliano, Julie

★ **And then it's spring.** Julie Fogliano ; illustrated by Erin E. Stead. Roaring Brook Press 2012 32 p. \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 E
1. Gardening 2. Gardens -- Fiction 3. Illustrated children's books 4. Planting (Plant culture) 5. Seedlings 6. Spring 7. Spring -- Fiction
ISBN 9781596436244
LC 2010049379

This picture book is about a boy who gardens and explores the seasonal changes of "spring. . . . Amid the brown

"all around." he plants seeds, and he waits hopefully for the miracle of their growth; he trudges through in the rain and squelches out in the post-rain puddles to check, but there's no sign of progress. As the weeks of waiting go by and the earth remains stubbornly brown, the boy fears that disaster (maybe it was the birds . . . or maybe it was the bears and all that stomping) has befallen his would-be crop. Eventually, though, spring, real spring, comes, greening up the earth and sprouting the young gardener's young seedlings." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Franceschelli, Christopher

(**oliver**) Lemniscaat 2011 un il bd bk \$12.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Board books for children 2. Chickens -- Fiction 3. Eggs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-9359-5401-9; 1-9359-5401-6

In this board book, Oliver the egg can't do much but roll from one side to the other, until a miracle happens and he becomes a chick.

This book "contains crisp, attractive text and drawings, using space, light, and dark elegantly. Small children will delight in pulling open the sturdy pages and experiencing Oliver's transformation over and over." SLJ

Fraser, Mary Ann

Heebie-Jeebie Jamboree. Boyds Mills Press 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Festivals -- Fiction 2. Halloween -- Fiction 3. Siblings -- Fiction
ISBN 1-59078-857-5; 978-1-59078-857-8

"Dressed as a witch and a ghost, Sam and Daphne pull tickets out of thin air to the Heebie-Jeebie Jamboree on Halloween night. They are treated to a magical, good time. . . . Then, in the midst of the festivities, Sam goes missing. . . . The full-bleed illustrations in vibrant colors feature Halloween creatures of all sorts (but none frightening), and the pages are packed with action and energy. Children will love poring over the many details." SLJ

Freedman, Deborah

★ **Blue** chicken. Viking 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Chickens -- Fiction 2. Domestic animals -- Fiction 3. Farm life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-670-01293-0; 0-670-01293-9

LC 2011001502

An enterprising chicken attempts to help an artist paint the barnyard and accidentally turns the whole picture blue.

"Watercolor washes and splashes, from pale blue to dark, create wonderful, wet patterns; their liquid edges contrast alluringly with fine pencil lines and shadings. . . . Delicate and durable, visually sophisticated yet friendly: simply exquisite." Kirkus

Friedman, Caitlin

How do you feed a hungry giant? a munch-and-sip pop-up book; illustrated by Shaw Nielsen. Workman 2011 un il \$18.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Giants -- Fiction 2. Pop-up books
ISBN 978-0-7611-5752-6; 0-7611-5752-2

"A gentle giant clothed in patchwork clothing appears in a boy's front yard carrying a sign that says, 'Food Please.' The giant gobbles an entire pizza, slurps up 15 bottles of chocolate milk from a kiddie pool, and consumes 197 cookies, but remains hungry. Luckily, the boy's mother is willing to help. The well-integrated interactive elements—popups, tabs, and flaps—add an extra touch of fun to this lighthearted story." Publ Wkly

Fuller, Sandy Ferguson

My cat, coon cat; illustrated by Jeannie Brett. Islandport 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-1-934031-32-2; 1-934031-32-1

When a young girl moves into a new home, she slowly wins the affection of a shy Maine coon cat, as he meets the girl's kitten, chases dragonflies, and explores the neighborhood.

"The illustrations are full of color and character, capturing with equal charm the bucolic background and the winsome feline. . . . Any reader who has ever known the love of a cat will find much to relate to in this cozy book." SLJ

Garland, Michael

Fish had a wish. by Michael Garland. Holiday House 2012 24p I like to read \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Contentment -- Fiction 3. Fishes -- Fiction 4. Self-acceptance -- Fiction 5. Wishes -- Fiction
ISBN 9780823423941

LC 2010050124

In this children's picture book, "Fish has a wish to be some creature other than what he is: a bird, so he can fly high in the sky; a turtle, so he can nap on a sunny rock; a skunk, so he can make a big stink; or a bobcat, a bee, a beaver, a butterfly or a snake. But when a mayfly lands on the water, Fish eats it in one bite and declares: 'That was so good! . . . I wish to stay a fish.' . . . The double-page spreads have wood-grain backgrounds . . . evok[ing] Fish's woodland pond environment." (Kirkus)

George, Lindsay Barrett

That pup! Greenwillow Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Squirrels -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-200413-0; 0-06-200413-1

LC 2010012641

After having fun digging up acorns, a little dog decides to bury them all again.

"There is a real story here about taking things that don't belong to you and putting things right after a misunderstanding, right on target for younger preschoolers. Gouache illustrations of the appealing puppy and concerned squirrel use simple layouts and lots of white space." Kirkus

Gorbachev, Valeri

Shhh! Philomel Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Noise -- Fiction 3. Play -- Fiction 4. Sleep -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-399-25429-1; 0-399-25429-3

LC 2010041652

A little boy tries hard to be quiet while his little brother takes a nap.

"The illustrations, done in watercolors, gouache, and ink, are cheerfully rendered in soft tones that capture the calm, then playful, actions in the story. This is a fine book about how a child should behave while a younger sibling is asleep." SLJ

Two little chicks. NorthSouth Books 2011 un il \$6.95

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Chickens -- Fiction 2. Fear -- Fiction 3. Playgrounds -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7358-4018-8; 0-7358-4018-0

When two little chicks go to the playground for the very first time, everything looks scary—the seesaw, the merry-go-round, the swings, even the slide. But it takes just one slide down to turn two frightened little chicks into two brave little chicks.

"The new 'Tuff Books' edition of the story . . . sports a smaller trim size and glossy, heavy paper suitable for young hands." Horn Book Guide

Graham, Bob

A **bus** called Heaven. written and illustrated by Bob Graham. Candlewick Press 2012 40p. ill. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Buses -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5893-9

LC 2011278839

This book tells the story of "[a] city neighborhood" which "takes shape around an abandoned school bus." (Kirkus) The bus "becomes a hub of activity. People come together to hold meetings, play games and share stories. . . . But one day a tow truck arrives and threatens to take away not just the bus, but everything everyone has worked so hard to create. . . . This is . . . [a] story about friendship, the strength of a community and a little girl who finally comes into her own." (Publisher's note)

Griffith, Helen V.

Moonlight. by Helen V. Griffith ; illustrations by Laura Dronzek. Greenwillow Books 2012 1 v. (unpaged) col. ill. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Rabbits -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 9780062032850; 9780062032867

LC 2011002149

This children's picture book "tell[s] the . . . story of a rabbit who--too sleepy to wait for the moon to appear-hops into his safe, grass-lined burrow. He dreams of a sky full of veggies, strawberries, and tender flowers, until the moon's buttery light seeps into his burrow, 'spatters him with moon-drops/shakes him out of bed--' and draws him out into the

bright, flowery field to dance. What Rabbit does not see is the small gray mouse outside his burrow, a raccoon family watching from their hollow tree, and a deer and fawn asleep in the moonlit grass." (School Libr J)

Haas, Rick de

Peter and the winter sleepers. NorthSouth Books 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Lighthouses -- Fiction 3. Snow -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7358-4033-1; 0-7358-4033-4

"When a huge snowstorm hits, sounds of scratching bring Peter to the door of the lighthouse where he and his grandmother live. First one animal and then another is trapped in the deep snow and seeking shelter. Peter and Grandma invite them in, letting them sleep (except the nocturnal ones) in boxes set up along the stairs. . . . The story is simply told, yet charming. The illustrations are also inviting, and characters have expressive faces and animated movements." SLJ

Harper, Charise Mericle

Henry's heart. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 2 3 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Heart -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8050-8989-9; 0-8050-8989-6

LC 2010040321

When Henry falls in love with a puppy but his father will not buy it for him, his heart reacts strangely. Includes facts about the heart's role within the body.

"Harper's acrylic-and-collage artwork with its filled-in stick figures is a perfect match for the irreverent humor of the text." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

The **power** of cute. Robin Corey Books 2011 un il \$10.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Courage -- Fiction 2. Monsters -- Fiction 3. Size -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-85965-6; 0-375-85965-9

In this picture book with lift-the-flaps, pull-tabs, and simple pop-ups, a small teddy bear-like superhero claims he is unafraid of a monster because of his "power of cute."

Harper "knows a thing or two about cute; now she shows it's about being more than a pretty face." Publ Wkly

Harper, Lee

The **Emperor's** cool clothes. written and illustrated by Lee Harper. Marshall Cavendish Children's 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Authors 2. Children's authors 3. Dramatists 4. Fairy tales 5. Novelists 6. Short story writers

ISBN 978-0-7614-5948-4; 0-7614-5948-0

LC 2010024234

Two rascally weavers convince the emperor they are making clothing that will make him look "cool" and will let him know who else is "cool," as well, but when he wears them during the Royal Parade, a child cries out that the

emperor has nothing on. Includes author's note about the story's origins.

"Humorous details are scattered throughout, some seemingly for the benefit of adult audiences. He uses bright colors in his watercolor-and-pencil artwork and ably conveys the sad fact that the emperor's clothes, no matter how nice, cannot mask his lack of cool. The visual humor makes this a winner, and adults will appreciate the easy segue into conversations about honesty and what defines 'cool' that are sure to follow." Kirkus

Harris, John

Jingle bells; how the holiday classic came to be. written by John Harris; illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Peachtree 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two
2. Christmas -- Fiction
3. Christmas stories
4. Clergy
5. College administrators
6. Songs -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-56145-590-4; 1-56145-590-3

LC 2010052274

Tells the story of how, in Savannah, Georgia, in 1857 James Lord Pierpont sat down to write a song for his congregation's Thanksgiving program and, homesick for the cold New England weather he remembered, came up with an enduring classic.

"The oil painting illustrations do right by the story . . . capturing the atmosphere of a community willing to stick together as they journey against the grain, whether that means bringing snow somehow to the South or standing by an unpopular belief." SLJ

Harris, Trudy

Say something, Perico; illustrated by Cecilia Reborá. Millbrook Press 2011 un il lib bdg \$21.27

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Bilingualism -- Fiction
2. Parrots -- Fiction
3. Spanish language -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7613-5231-0; 0-7613-5231-7

LC 2011001114

Perico is a Spanish-speaking parrot who lives in a pet store, and although he works very hard to earn a new home, buyers keep returning him until the bird, now bilingual, finds the perfect owner. Includes Spanish glossary and pronunciation guide.

"The text is well assisted by Reborá's bright, wide-eyed illustrations, which bring out the humor and frustration of Perico's search for a home." Booklist

Harrison, David L.

A monster is coming! illustrated by Hans Wilhelm. Random House 2011 32p il lib bdg \$12.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Animals -- Fiction
2. Fear -- Fiction
3. Food -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-96677-4 lib bdg; 0-375-96677-3;

978-0-375-86677-7 pa; 0-375-86677-9 pa

LC 2010014513

When Inchworm overhears Mama Bug tell Baby Bug that she eats like a monster, he cries out in fear and sets off

a chain reaction of animals trying to hide from the horrible beast they believe is coming.

"Beginning readers who crave suspense will be drawn to this gentle spin on the 'Chicken Little' motif. . . . Wilhelm's expressive, cheerfully colored cartoon illustrations reflect the fact that there is nothing to fear and provide a lot of picture clues to help decode the clever, descriptive text." SLJ

Harvey, Jeanne

My hands sing the blues; Romare Bearden's childhood journey; illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Marshall Cavendish 2011 40p il \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. Artists
2. Artists -- Fiction
3. Blues music -- Fiction
4. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 0-7614-5810-7; 978-0-7614-5810-4

In Harlem, New York City, artist Romare Bearden follows the rhythms of blues music as he recalls his North Carolina childhood while painting, cutting, and pasting to make art.

"The talented Zunon's pictures intriguingly combine realistic faces, stylized landscapes and photo-collage that pays homage to Bearden's art. . . . The interplay of poetic and visual metaphor makes for a striking presentation; adults who can appreciate and chant the bluesy poem as well as sensitively interpret the pictures together with children are the ideal collaborators in savoring this intriguing work." Kirkus

Hayes, Karel

The summer visitors. Down East 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. Bears -- Fiction
2. Summer -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-89272-918-0; 0-89272-918-X

LC 2011014445

During the summer a family of bears enjoys the comforts of life at a cottage by a lake, alongside the human visitors.

"The book is almost wordless. The humorous illustrations, done in pen and ink, cleverly highlight the puzzled family's expressions. Children will enjoy being in on the joke as they watch the bears' antics. A fine vacation choice, especially for one-on-one sharing." SLJ

Helmore, Jim

Oh no, monster tomato! illustrated by Karen Wall. Egmont 2011 un il pa \$8.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Plants -- Fiction
2. Siblings -- Fiction
3. Tomatoes -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4052-4741-2; 1-4052-4741-X

"Marvin is the smallest child in his family, but when the Great Grislygust Grow-off comes around, he is determined to produce the tastiest tomatoes and win. His brother and sister bait and tease him . . . but he has a potion and a few songs up his sleeve. He grows a plant so large that it shoots its tomatoes—they are the size of beach balls—at his mean siblings. . . . Helmore uses alliteration to make the story sing . . . and the rollicking words dance across the pages. Wall's vibrant, cartoon-style, collage illustrations can seem as fast-growing as Marvin's plant." SLJ

Henkes, Kevin

Penny and her song. by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books 2012 32 p. \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Family life -- Fiction
2. Mice -- Fiction
3. Songs -- Fiction

ISBN 9780062081957; 9780062081964
LC 2011002154

In this illustrated children's book, "Penny, a . . . mouse, . . . comes home with a new song. It's her very own song . . . and she's eager to sing it, yet her mother immediately shushes her, given that the babies are sleeping. Her father tells her the same, so she goes to her room to serenade herself. She stops. . . . She tries singing to her reflection in the mirror and singing to her glass animal collection, and then just gives up to play, almost forgetting about her original ditty altogether. In the book's second and last chapter, however, she finally gets her turn. . . . [S]he's bold and proud and entirely aware that she is, indeed, a singing sensation, worthy of attention and praise." (Kirkus)

Henrichs, Wendy

When Anju loved being an elephant. written by Wendy Henrichs; illustrated by John Butler. Sleeping Bear Press 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Elephants -- Fiction
- ISBN 1-58536-533-5; 978-1-58536-533-3

LC 2010053708

Anju the Asian elephant recalls her childhood in Sumatra, and the American circuses and zoos in which she toiled for fifty years, when she is loaded into a trailer truck and taken to a sanctuary. Includes advice on helping elephants and 'Elephant Q&A'.

"Butler's realistic paintings in acrylic and colored pencil deliver a soft, hazy muted quality that provides balance to the gentle and often lyrical narration, which highlights Anju's flashback memories of her childhood life with fellow young elephant Lali. . . . This heartfelt, humane vignette provides just the right details to appeal to animal-loving children." Kirkus

Hillenbrand, Will

Kite day; a Bear and Mole book. Will Hillenbrand. Holiday House 2012 32 p. \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Bears -- Fiction
2. Birds -- Fiction
3. Children's literature
4. Kites -- Fiction
5. Moles (Animals) -- Fiction
6. Picture books for children
7. Storms -- Fiction

ISBN 9780823416035
LC 2011007269

This picture book tells the story of "the adorable duo of Bear and Mol." as they attempt to make and fly a kite on "a gusty day." The kite is lost during a rain storm, but ultimately provides shelter for a nest of fledgling birds. Author Will Hillenbrand uses "simple sentences, often three words or fewer, [to] describe the action . . . and artwork, digitally manipulated pencil with water-based colorin." to depict the "plumpness and simplicite." of Bear and Mole." (Kirkus)

Himmelman, John

Cows to the rescue. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Cattle -- Fiction
 2. Farm life -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-8050-9249-3; 0-8050-9249-8

LC 2010036880

After helping the Greenstalk family get to the county fair, the cows busy themselves finding solutions to many other problems that arise during the day.

"The pencil and watercolor illustrations are packed with plenty of personality and have enough detail to keep kids turning the pages to learn the outcome. Children will, of course, pipe up with the refrain 'Cows to the Rescue!' in group readings and during lapsits, and the mad antics of these friendly and very game rescuers will delight them." SLJ

Hobbie, Holly

Gem. Holly Hobbie. Little, Brown & Co. 2012 32 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Children's literature
 2. Gardens -- Fiction
 3. Granddaughters
 4. Picture books for children
 5. Toads
- ISBN 0316203343; 9780316203340

This picture book "explores the wonders of spring through the eyes of a toad that survives the perils and pleasures of its trek to a country garden, where he encounters the author's granddaughter, Hope. Opening with a letter explaining how Hope's discovery of a toad named Gem inspired her to 'tell the story of Gem's spring journey,' [Holly] Hobbie wordlessly chronicles this odyssey in . . . watercolor, pen and ink illustrations. A palette of fresh greens and yellows heralds springtime, while varying frame sizes and perspectives allow readers to view the . . . toad's cross-country ramble from multiple angles." (Kirkus)

Hodgkinson, Leigh

Limelight Larry. Tiger Tales 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Books and reading -- Fiction
 2. Peacocks -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-58925-102-1; 1-58925-102-4

Limelight Larry the peacock is delighted when he finds an empty book— he can be the star of the story! Then a whole host of storybook characters arrive and Larry, much to his outrage, is pushed out of the limelight.

"Prereaders should be captivated by this cacophony of type and images, and they will certainly identify with the willful peacock." Kirkus

Hoffman, Mary

Grace at Christmas; illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. African Americans -- Fiction
 2. Christmas -- Fiction
 3. Family life -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-8037-3577-4; 0-8037-3577-4

LC 2011004571

When her grandmother takes in a stranded family at Christmas, Grace is reluctant to share her favorite holiday with strangers, even though the visiting family includes a "real live ballerina."

"Hoffman's empathetic storytelling and Van Wright and Hu's naturalistic illustrations make the most of Grace's abundant humor and personality." *Publ Wkly*

Hogan, Jamie

Seven days of Daisy. Down East 2012 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Grandmothers -- Fiction 2. Islands -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-89272-919-7; 0-89272-919-8

"Counting down the days before Nana comes to visit her island home, young Daisy describes how she fills her time. Sailing, tea parties at the shore, rocking in the hammock, and playing tag all make the wait a bit less tedious. When Nana arrives, Daisy is ready to tell her about her various activities. . . . The simple sentences and childlike focus stay true to the narrator. . . . The realistic charcoals and pastels offer texture, and colors vary to reflect moods and times of day." SLJ

Horvath, David

What dat? the great big Uglydoll book of things to look at, search for, point to, and wonder about. Random House 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 E

1. Puzzles 2. Vocabulary
ISBN 978-0-375-86434-6; 0-375-86434-2

"Horvath and Kim have created a word book featuring the Uglyverse. Each spread has bright, labeled cartoon illustrations, and brief paragraphs ask readers to find different things on each page. The scenarios, while full, are not too busy, so the items are easy to find and the labels are easy to read. The scenes are funny, and some jokes are obviously intended for an older audience. . . . These jokes will be easily passed over by younger children as they are buried within the scenes. The popularity of the toys combined with the fun of a look-and-find word book should make this a popular choice." SLJ

Hubbell, Patricia

Horses; Trotting! Prancing! Racing! illustrated by Joe Mathieu. Marshall Cavendish Children 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Horses -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-7614-5949-1; 0-7614-5949-9; 978-0-7614-5997-2 e-book

LC 2010044929

"A simple, rhyming text introduces readers to horses—the different breeds, their abilities in providing transportation, and all else they do. . . . Lovely, action-packed illustrations done in watercolors and colored pencils highlight the different hues and patterns found on the horses' coats. . . . This is an excellent addition for any collection, and it will extend knowledge about transportation that isn't manmade." SLJ

Shaggy dogs, waggy dogs; illustrated by Donald Wu. Marshall Cavendish 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7614-5957-6; 0-7614-5957-X

"An assortment of lovable-looking pooches is pictured in this charming ode to man's best friend. In perfect rhyme, Hubbell describes the canines by their characteristics rather than breeds: shaggy, waggy, thin, saggy, shy, bold, pretty, puppies, full-grown, and more. Next she offers a litany of the things dogs are good at doing. . . . Wu's detailed illustrations drawn with colored pencil over acrylic vividly depict the different textures of each animal's fur as it engages in typical doggie pastimes. Children who love animals will adore this fetching book." SLJ

Hunt, Julie

Precious Little. [by] Julie Hunt & Sue Moss; pictures by Gaye Chapman. Allen & Unwin 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 E

1. Acrobats and acrobatics -- Fiction 2. Circus -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-74175-147-5; 1-74175-147-0

LC 2011290332

"A tatterdemalion heroine wearing rags and stars falls into a dream hole and flies through the heavens. Precious Little works for the Light Fantastics, watching the contortionists, Knots-RUs, and the fire-eaters, Flambé and the Infernos, but longing to fly. Her friends Fat Chance and Tough Luck draw a wire across the 'lucky dip,' and she begins to cross it. . . . The text swirls and makes loop-the-loops all over the pages, necessitating constant turning, all the better to pore over the spectacular art. . . . Children (and adults) can be lost for a long and pleasurable time amid the sparkles." Kirkus

Ingman, Bruce

When Martha's away. Candlewick Press 2010 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Cats -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5135-0; 0-7636-5135-4

Martha's cat reveals that he does not sleep all day, as she believes, but rather has a very busy schedule of activities.

"With humor and sponeaneity, the large, spacious illustrations combine line drawings, simple shapes, and bright textured colors." Horn Book Guide

Intriago, Patricia

★ **Dot**. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Opposites
ISBN 978-0-374-31835-2; 0-374-31835-2

LC 2010019816

"Even two and three-year-olds will make astute observations. . . . Children will encounter ample ways to interact with this incredibly elegant, clever, and delightful concept book." SLJ

James, Simon

George flies south. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K E

1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works --
Preschool through grade two 3. Flight -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5724-6; 0-7636-5724-7

LC 2010049468

George does not feel ready to learn to fly, leave his nest, and go south with the other birds, despite his mother's encouragement, but when a strong autumn wind gets hold of the nest, he may have no choice.

This is an "understated yet action-packed story. . . . Beige and pale blue dominate the subtle palette of James's . . . minimalist ink and watercolor pictures, arranged in square and rectangular panels, full-page scenarios, and—when George at last takes flight—a sprawling double-page vista." Publ Wkly

Jane, Pamela

Little goblins ten. written by Pamela Jane; illustrated by Jane Manning. Harper 2011 un il \$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89

Grades: K 1 2 **E**
1. Counting 2. Halloween -- Fiction 3. Monsters -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-06-176798-2; 0-06-176798-0; 978-0-06-176800-2 lib bdg; 0-06-176800-6 lib bdg
LC 2010010169

Ghouls, goblins, ghosts, witches, and other scary creatures cavort in the forest on Halloween, introducing the numbers one through ten.

"Numerous titles interpreting 'Over in the Meadow' have been published, but trust the team of Jane and Manning to conjure up an impressive new vision in time for Halloween. Set in a fantastical land dominated by watery blues, greens and grays and punctuated by warm reds and yellows, Manning's tale presents ethereal ghosts, country-bumpkin werewolves, parading mummies, screeching witches, happy bats and boogieing skeletons that readers will instantly want to have as friends. . . . Truly satisfying." Kirkus

Jeffers, Oliver

★ **Stuck.** Philomel Books 2011 un il \$16.99
Grades: PreK K **E**
1. Kites -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-25737-7; 0-399-25737-3
LC 2011016349

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

This is "an exuberantly absurd tale. . . . Jeffers . . . pictures the extravagant accumulation in abstract pencil-and-gouache doodles, with hand-lettered text to set a conversational tone." Publ Wkly

Johnson, D. B.

Magritte's marvelous hat; a picture book. by D.B. Johnson. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2012 32 p. \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 4 **E**
1. Children's literature 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Hats -- Fiction 4. Magic -- Fiction 5. Painting, French -- Fiction 6. Picture books for children
ISBN 9780547558646
LC 2011012242

This picture book "recasts René Magritte as a dapper, blue-eyed hound and incorporates the painter's surreal iconography. . . . The black bowler hat (a familiar, recurrent image in Magritte's paintings) is characterized as a playful muse, engaging the artist in frisky games on walks." Author/

illustrator D.B. Johnson depicts the story with "surreal elements," including "four see-through acetate pages . . . [that] transform adjacent spreads" and images inspired by famous Magritte paintings. Kirkus

Johnston, Tony

★ **Levi Strauss gets a bright idea or;** the positively true and unfabricated story of a pair of pants. written by Tony Johnston; illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Clothing and dress -- Fiction 2. Clothing industry executives 3. Gold mines and mining -- Fiction 4. Jeans (Clothing) -- Fiction 5. Tall tales
ISBN 978-0-15-206145-6; 0-15-206145-2
LC 2010043402

Retells, in tall-tale fashion, how Levi Strauss went to California during the Gold Rush, saw the need for a sturdier kind of trouser, and invented jeans.

"Johnston creates an unrepentantly exaggerated version of events that is sure to entertain, offering more factual information about Strauss in an author's note. Using a bright idea of his own, Innerst . . . chronicles the raucous action in acrylic paintings on a canvas of, yes, old Levi's jeans. The denim's texture provides an appropriately rugged tone to the colorful proceedings." Kirkus

Juan, Ana

The **pet shop revolution.** Arthur A. Levine Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **E**
1. Animal rescue -- Fiction 2. Animals -- Fiction 3. Pets -- Fiction
ISBN 0-545-12810-2; 978-0-545-12810-0
LC 2010051325

Everyone is afraid of Mr. Walnut, the scowling owner of the biggest pet store in the city, who sells all kinds of animals to rich customers from out of town, but when Mina's pet rabbit goes missing she vows to do something about it.

"This intriguing and thought-provoking tale skillfully illustrates the benevolence that is born when one walks in the shoes of another. It may also generate some activist thinking among young readers. . . . Juan's beautifully stylized and deeply expressive acrylic and colored pencil drawings perfectly capture the somber tone that prevails throughout most of the book." SLJ

Judge, Lita

★ **Red sled.** Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Forest animals -- Fiction 2. Sledding -- Fiction 3. Sounds -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-2007-6; 1-4424-2007-3
LC 2010033264

At night, a host of woodland creatures plays with a child's red sled.

"The premise of this book is simple; the execution is anything but. . . . Pencil and watercolor spreads create a basic wintry mountain environment, but the stars of the show are the expressive animals. Their childlike delight in each dynamic scene brings a sense of excitement to the story. The

text consists entirely of sound effects, laid out on the page in varying font sizes to evoke a sense of movement." SLJ

Juster, Norton

★ **Neville**; [illustrations by G. Brian Karas]
Schwartz & Wade Books 2011 un il \$17.99; lib
bdg \$20.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Moving -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86765-1; 0-375-86765-1; 978-0-375-
96765-8 lib bdg; 0-375-96765-6 lib bdg

LC 2010024119

When a boy and his family move to a new house, he de-
vises an ingenious way to meet people in the neighborhood.

This is an "emotionally authentic tale. . . Karas's mel-
ancholy illustrations brighten and expand as the mood im-
proves; small, quiet type sets the sullen tone, until colorful
hand-lettered display type implies the children's collective
chatter. . . Juster . . . identifies a common, stressful situation,
and Karas handles the drama with compassion." Publ Wkly

Kargman, Jill

Pirates & Princesses. by Jill Kargman & Sadie
Kargman; illustrated by Christine Davenier. Dutton
Childrens Books 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Kindergarten -- Fiction 3.
Play -- Fiction 4. School stories 5. Sex role -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-525-42229-7; 0-525-42229-3

LC 2011005191

Ivy and Fletch have been best friends since they were
born but now, at age five, the boys in their kindergarten play
Pirates at recess while the girls play Princesses, and the duo
is split apart.

"The mother-and-daughter team tells the story, but it's
Davenier's energetic pencil-and-watercolor illustrations that
give the story its heart. . . . Though the story ends as expect-
ed, it's nice to see that they figure out things for themselves,
with no adult intervention, giving young readers some good
ideas for when gender roles exert themselves in school.
Teachers especially will turn to this good-natured story; it
will help open up a discussion about friendship that many
children will profit from." Kirkus

Kato, Yukiko

In the meadow; illustrated by Komako Sakai.
Enchanted Lion Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through
grade two 2. Meadows -- Fiction 3. Nature -- Fiction
4. Sound -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59270-108-7; 1-59270-108-6

LC 2010051988

A little girl named Yu hears the sounds of nature all
around her when she follows a butterfly into a meadow.

This is illustrated with "expressionistic acrylic and oil-
pencil illustrations in a palette of soft greens, browns, and
blues. . . . With her fascination with nature and her first steps
into independence and back again, Yu is a relatable, believ-
able preschooler; and illustrator Sakai . . . eloquently cap-
tures the facial expressions and postures of the very young."
Horn Book

Kimmel, Eric A.

★ **The Golem's** latkes; adapted by Eric A. Kim-
mel; illustrated by Aaron Jasinski. Marshall Caven-
dish Children 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Hanukkah -- Fiction 2. Household employees --
Fiction 3. Jews -- Fiction 4. Rabbis
ISBN 978-0-7614-5904-0; 0-7614-5904-9

LC 2010020008

Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel visits the Emperor, leav-
ing a new housemaid to prepare for his Hanukkah party, but
returns to find that she has misused the clay man he created.
Includes historical and cultural notes.

"Kimmel's storytelling is effective in its use of suspense,
humor, trope and repetition, making a fine read-aloud holi-
day treat." Kirkus

King, Stephen Michael

You. Greenwillow Books 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Rabbits
-- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-206014-3

LC 2010032237

Reveals the world as a colorful, musical, and exciting
place where the most special thing of all is a best friend.

King "draws a pup with gravity-defying ears whose best
chum is a tiny orange bird; together, they cavort through this
free-verse paean to friendship. With curlicue lines and gentle
watercolor tints, King creates a winning series of scenarios
to accompany his text. . . . The text is good-tempered and
reassuring, but it's King's pocket-size, whimsical characters
that will endear his creation to readers." Publ Wkly

Kinney, Jessica

The pig scramble. written by Jessica Kinney; il-
lustrated by Sarah S. Brannen. Islandport Press 2011
un il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Contests -- Fiction 3. Fairs
-- Fiction 4. Pigs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-934031-61-2; 1-934031-61-5

"August is County Fair time in New England, and Clar-
ence, the youngest of three brothers, is looking forward to
the Pig Scramble, which involves 10 children and one wily
piglet. . . . Clarence thinks that he can be the best, winning
the contest and the pig. The story and illustrations match per-
fectly—they are both timeless and evocative of yesteryear.
Brannen's watercolors are detailed. . . . The illustrations are
many sizes, keeping the story flowing, and Brannen's pigs
are bristly, adorable, and full of life." SLJ

Kirk, Katie

Eli, no! Abrams Books for Young Readers 2011
un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8109-8964-1; 0-8109-8964-6

Eli is a sweet black dog with a knack for getting into
huge messes. He makes his disastrous way through the
house and the yard, at every turn disobeying his owners.

“There is a retro feel to the minimalist, bold illustrations that match the simple rhyming story. . . . Amusing details . . . make this a fun read-aloud for small groups and lapsits.” SLJ

Kleven, Elisa

The **friendship** wish. Dutton Childrens Books 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Angels -- Fiction
2. Animals -- Fiction
3. Dogs -- Fiction
4. Friendship -- Fiction
5. Moving -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42374-4; 0-525-42374-5

LC 2011005248

Foley the dog has trouble making friends when he moves to a new home, but after an angel visits him in a dream, Foley’s neighbors come to hear about the experience and they all begin to share their talents in hopes the angel will return.

Kleven “defly interweaves fantastic and familiar elements, and kids will recognize how imagination, support, and shared activities can inspire fun and connection. The lively, lyrical prose is illustrated with colorful, intricate mixed-media artwork that includes droll details that invited close viewing.” Booklist

Kling, Kevin

Big little brother; illustrations by Chris Monroe. Borealis Books 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Brothers -- Fiction
2. Size -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-87351-844-4; 0-87351-844-6

LC 2011018586

A four-year-old boy explains that his little brother is bigger than he is, follows him everywhere, and is annoying, but his presence becomes indispensable when bullies are around.

“Monroe’s minimalist, boldly hued cartoons carefully and humorously depict the action. Big Brother’s emotional ups and downs are subtly expressed, while Little Brother mostly maintains an even-tempered smile. A sweet-natured tale about negotiating sibling dynamics that is as comforting as a hug.” Kirkus

Konnecke, Ole

Anton can do magic. Gecko Press 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Magicians -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-8774-6737-0; 1-8774-6737-5

“Young Anton dons a magician’s turban and sets off to prove that he can make things disappear. Because his too-large turban keeps slipping down over his eyes, a few things do indeed go missing. . . . This story is told with a spare, easy-to-read text; it’s the illustrations that tell the true story and add much humor.” SLJ

Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue

Same, same, but different. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Friendship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8050-8946-2; 0-8050-8946-2

LC 2010030121

Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries—America and India—they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.

“The imaginative multimedia illustrations, drawn in an animated, childlike style, add vibrant color and rich details to the story. Kostecki-Shaw presents a meaningful message of inclusivity in this engaging title.” SLJ

Krosoczka, Jarrett J.

Ollie the purple elephant. Knopf 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Elephants -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-86654-8; 0-375-86654-X

“With bright, friendly acrylic art . . . the author offers a fast-paced and surreal tale with twists aplenty. After Mr. McLaughlin makes good on a silly promise that comes back to bite him (‘that should they ever come across a purple elephant, they could keep him’), the McLaughlin family makes room for Ollie. . . . Good times and floor-shaking dance parties follow, upsetting the family cat and the downstairs neighbor, who collude to remove the unwanted pachyderm. . . . Krosoczka’s story feels tailor-made for story time, thanks to kid-pleasing plot elements, . . . emphatic prose, . . . and emotive art.” Publ Wkly

LaFaye, A

Walking home to Rosie Lee; illustrated by Keith D. Shepherd. Cinco Puntos Press 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: 2 3 4

E

1. African Americans -- Fiction
2. Mother-son relationship -- Fiction
3. Slavery -- Fiction
4. Voyages and travels -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-933693-97-2; 1-933693-97-5

LC 2010037397

At the end of the Civil War, young Gabe meets many other former slaves getting a feel for freedom whose kindness helps him in his quest to find his mother, who was sold away.

This “is distinguished by a vivid narrative voice and page-turning suspense. . . . Shepherd contributes big, dramatic spreads, thickly painted and filled with the blues of night and the yellow light of fires and lanterns.” Publ Wkly

LaRochelle, David

★ **The haunted** hamburger and other ghostly stories; illustrated by Paul Meisel. Dutton Children’s Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3

E

1. Bedtime -- Fiction
2. Ghost stories
3. Siblings -- Fiction
4. Storytelling -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42272-3; 0-525-42272-2

LC 2010038179

Father Ghost tells Franny and Frankie Ghost three scary bedtime stories: The Scary Baby, The Haunted Hamburger, and The Big Bad Granny.

“Meisel’s charming watercolor and ink cartoon illustrations keep the tone light and augment the tongue-in-cheek humor. Smartly written with plenty of unexpected twists, this book is sure to become a year-round bedtime favorite.” SLJ

Langdo, Bryan

Tornado Slim and the magic cowboy hat. Marshall Cavendish un il \$17.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Cowhands -- Fiction 2. Tall tales
ISBN 0-7614-5962-6; 978-0-7614-5962-0

A coyote gives Tornado Slim a magic hat that stops tornadoes, floods, and fires.

"Colloquially told, with an epistolary twist, this Western tall tale of guileless cowboy Slim, who finds himself thrust into the role of a hero, packs a lot of charm. . . . Langdo's jaunty, energetic pictures employ highlighted circles to zoom in for the occasional telling closeup." Kirkus

Laval, Thierry

★ **Colors.** Chronicle Books 2011 un il bd bk \$6.99

Grades: PreK

E

1. Board books for children 2. Color
ISBN 978-0-8118-7952-1; 0-8118-7952-6

LC 2010035582

"This zesty book about colors offers genuine surprises. Each page features a flap with a die-cut shape that lets readers view the color and texture beneath. . . . Many of the revealed objects are thematically linked to the main scene. . . . Laval delivers the thrills that a peek-a-boo book should with his charmingly eccentric compositions." Publ Wkly

Lawson, Dorie McCullough

Tex; a book for little dreamers. Trafalgar Square Books 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Cowhands -- Fiction 2. Ranch life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-57076-501-8; 1-57076-501-4

LC 2011014775

"Through full-color photographs, each one accompanied by a short sentence or phrase, Lawson tells the story of Luke, a boy who becomes 'Tex' in his dreams each night. He has all sorts of ranch duties like riding horses, digging irrigation trenches, checking the fence, and riding the tractor, and he relaxes for a bit in the pasture. The full-page photos will delight all cowhand enthusiasts." SLJ

Lester, Helen

Wodney Wat's wobot. written by Helen Lester; illustrated by Lynn Munsinger. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Robots -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Speech disorders -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-547-36756-9; 0-547-36756-2

LC 2010044363

When Wodney Wat, who cannot pronounce the letter R, gets a talking robot for his birthday, it turns out to be more than just a fun gift.

"Wodney is a wonderfully quirky character with whom many children will connect. Munsinger's illustrations are joyful and humorous." SLJ

Lichtenheld, Tom

★ **E-mergency.** Chronicle Books 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: 1 2 3

E

1. Alphabet -- Fiction 2. English language -- Spelling -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8118-7898-2; 0-8118-7898-8

LC 2010053591

"Though some of the jokes will be clear only to older brothers and sisters, readers who are in the thick of learning spelling rules will pore over the pages. Comprehensive, witty entertainment from A to Z." Publ Wkly

Lindbergh, Reeve

Homer, the library cat; illustrated by Anne Wildsord. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Libraries -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 0-7636-3448-4; 978-0-7636-3448-3

LC 2010048130

A cat's quiet life is disrupted one day when a window is broken, and after several frustrating attempts to find a suitable place, he winds up in the perfect spot.

"Lindbergh's simple rhyming text makes a good match with Wildsord's exuberant ink-and-watercolor artwork, which captures all the fun of a cat on the loose." Booklist

Lindgren, Astrid

Goran's great escape; translated by Polly Lawson; illustrated by Marit Törnqvist. Floris 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Bulls -- Fiction 2. Easter -- Fiction 3. Farm life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-86315-793-6; 0-86315-793-9

"Years ago in Sweden, on an Easter morning, Goran the bull escaped from his barn and might still be at large if 7-year-old Karl hadn't come by and offered to scratch his head. This charming story . . . gets new life with Lawson's translation, which smoothes and slightly modernizes the English. . . . Törnqvist's meticulous watercolor illustrations again complement the story. . . . There are lovely touches of humor. . . . From a beloved author, a tiny gem for reading aloud or reading alone." Kirkus

Lloyd-Jones, Sally

Song of the stars; a Christmas story; illustrated by Alison Jay. Zonderkidz 2011 il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Nature -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-310-72291-5; 0-310-72291-8

LC 2011006762

Nature and the animal kingdom celebrate the birth of Jesus, while most people do not even notice that a miracle has occurred.

"A subtle, yet satisfying story. . . . Lloyd-Jones's lyrical language . . . and repetitive refrains make the text suitable for reading aloud. Jay's signature-style, crackle-varnish paintings are bright and effective in conveying a sense of eager anticipation and movement among the animals." SLJ

London, Jonathan

Froggy builds a tree house; illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Viking 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Building -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. Frogs -- Fiction 5. Tree houses -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-670-01222-0; 0-670-01222-X
LC 2011010983

Froggy and his friends build a treehouse, while avoiding help from his little sister, Frogilina.

Lopez, Mario

Mario and baby Gia; [illustrations by Maryn Roos] Celebra Childrens Books 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K **E**
1. Babysitters -- Fiction 2. Birthdays -- Fiction 3. Cousins -- Fiction 4. Family life -- Fiction 5. Infants -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-451-23417-9; 0-451-23417-0
LC 2011005235

Unable to find anyone to play with, Mario agrees to help his Nana by watching cousin Gia, but caring for the toddler is challenging and Mario is near the end of his rope when he gets a reminder that spending time with family is a gift.

“Roos continues the commercial-looking cartoon-style illustrations from the earlier Mario book, which work well with the story, particularly during Mario’s stories. A good choice for children with younger siblings and cousins, especially Latinos.” Kirkus

Ludwig, Trudy

Better than you; illustrations by Adam Gustavson. Tricycle Press 2011 un il \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Friendship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-58246-380-3; 1-58246-380-8; 978-1-58246-407-7 lib bdg; 1-58246-407-3 lib bdg
LC 2010033224

Tyler’s friend Jake continually boasts about his abilities, making Tyler feel bad about himself until his Uncle Kevin and new neighbor Niko help him see that Jake is the one with the problem.

“Focusing on a subject not often written about for children, Ludwig’s story may be helpful to youngsters dealing with braggarts. . . . Well-executed paintings are appealing and portray the characters’ emotions clearly.” SLJ

Lyon, Tammie

Olive and Snowflake. written and illustrated by Tammie Lyon. Marshall Cavendish Children 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 0761459553; 9780761459552; 9780761460695 e-book
LC 2011001124

When her parents threaten to send away the dog if he cannot learn to behave, Olive is worried they will both be sent to live with a new family.

“Bold text and vibrant cartoon-style illustrations make this a great read-aloud or lap read. Children will delight in the happy ending and will appreciate this simple tale of love, responsibility, and growing up.” SLJ

Maass, Robert

A is for autumn. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**
1. Alphabet 2. Autumn -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-9093-2; 0-8050-9093-2
LC 2010040333

Photographs and simple text present a variety of things seen in the fall.

“Vivid photography brings the autumn season to life in an alphabet book with thoughtful descriptions of nature, changing weather, and leisure activities. . . . Maass delivers a vibrant tribute to Autumn.” Publ Wkly

MacKall, Dandi Daley

Listen to the silent night; illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher. Dutton Childrens Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Children’s literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Christmas stories 3. Noise -- Fiction 4. Sound -- Fiction 5. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-525-42276-1; 0-525-42276-5
LC 2011005243

Rhyming text reveals many sounds heard on the night of Jesus’ birth, such as the flapping of Joseph’s sandals as he walks into Bethlehem, the lowing of a cow in the stable, and the flutter of angels’ wings as they proclaim the news.

“Johnson and Fancher’s lovely artwork is filled with warm welcoming colors and highly textured details. A noisy account of the miraculous night.” SLJ

MacLachlan, Patricia

Lala salama; a Tanzanian lullaby; illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Lullabies 3. Mother-child relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-4747-6; 0-7636-4747-0
LC 2010040465

A mother relates the events of a peaceful day along the banks of Lake Tanganyika to her baby, wrapped up and ready for sleep.

“Zunon’s lush, softly textured oil paintings on watercolor paper reflect the warmth of the African setting and emotion-imbued prose. . . . Share this with preschoolers who may enjoy a peek into another culture’s family life or keep at hand for the tired child, who will most appreciate this quietly sentimental offering.” Kirkus

Maccarone, Grace

Miss Lina’s ballerinas and the prince; illustrated by Christine Davenier. Feiwel & Friends 2011 \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
ISBN 978-0-312-64963-0; 0-312-64963-0

Miss Lina’s ballerinas have all learned how to dance as a group. But now Miss Lina has a new surprise for them—a boy will be joining their class and performing in their end-of-year show.

“Maccarone has fashioned another charming story in rhyme for young readers that integrates ballet terminology into the narrative and provides a very positive reinforcement

for boys interested in the arts. The pastel drawings with swirls of crayon lines provide just the right touch of ambience and energy." Kirkus

Mack, Jeff

Hippo and Rabbit in 3 more tales: brave like me. Scholastic Inc. 2011 32p pa \$3.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Courage -- Fiction 2. Fear -- Fiction 3. Hippopotamus -- Fiction 4. Rabbits -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-28360-1; 0-545-28360-4

Hippo is scared of everything. He worries his balloon will pop and make a big noise. He's nervous about taking a bath. And he is so very afraid of spiders. Rabbit tells him not to worry—to just be brave, like him.

Mandel, Peter

Jackhammer Sam; illustrated by David Catrow. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Construction workers -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-1-59643-034-1; 1-59643-034-6

LC 2010036341

A jackhammer operator boasts about his loud, sidewalk-blasting skills.

"The sing-song text is punctuated by onomatopoeia and nonsense words, and it is as loud and brash as the illustrations or, for that matter, a jackhammer." Horn Book

Manushkin, Fran

The **belly** book; illustrated by Dan Yaccarino. Feiwel and Friends 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Abdomen 2. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-312-64958-6; 0-312-64958-4

"A meditation on the middle for beginning readers and younger listeners supports some appealingly merry illustrations. Manushkin's rhyming text is an invitation to a general celebration of abdomens—readers' own or other peoples', and occasionally those of beasts and birds. . . . The art . . . is the real treat here, Yaccarino's clever, energetic, lighthearted illustration. . . . His playful full-page gouaches zip nimbly from thought to thought and invest the whole with a generous dollop of whimsy." Kirkus

Mariconda, Barbara

Ten for me; illustrated by Sherry Rogers. Sylvan Dell 2011 il \$16.95; pa \$8.95

Grades: 2 3 4

E

1. Butterflies -- Fiction 2. Mathematics -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-1-60718-074-6; 1-60718-074-X; 978-1-60718-085-2 pa; 1-60718-085-5 pa

"Rose and Ed learn much more than expected on their butterfly hunt. . . . Each day is seen as a double-page spread of the duo hunting in field and garden. As Rose's totals grow, Ed's shrink. The totals in the text are mirrored in a tally of 'Butterflies Captured and Released' in the illustrations. . . . An excellent rhyming tale that doubles as math lesson and triples as a butterfly-biology primer." Kirkus

Markle, Sandra, 1946-

Butterfly tree. written by Sandra Markle; illustrated by Leslie Wu. Peachtree 2010 32 p. ill. \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Butterflies -- Fiction

ISBN 1561455393; 9781561455393

LC 2009040526

In this picture book, "[a] black rain that becomes a mysterious orange cloud over Lake Erie is the beginning for of a magical encounter with monarch butterflies for Jilly, her dog, Fudge, and her mother. Veteran nature-writer [Sandra] Markle . . . offers a gentle free-verse narrative based on a never-to-be-forgotten experience from her own Ohio childhood. . . . At first, Jilly is worried, hesitant about following the cloud into the woods with her mother, wanting to turn back. [In illustrator Leslie] Wu's hazy pastel paintings . . . the monarchs explode from the tree where they were resting and Jilly realizes what they are. . . . Author's notes, a map showing monarch migration and a list of books and websites for further exploration add . . . information." (Kirkus)

"What looks dark and indistinct closeup shows surprisingly well at a distance; the text reads aloud smoothly, suiting this especially well for use with a group. Author's notes, a map showing monarch migration and a list of books and websites for further exploration add helpful information. Even collections with many monarch titles will want to add this one for its masterful evocation of a child's sense of wonder at the natural world." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Marshall, Linda Elovitz

Talia and the rude vegetables; illustrated by Francesca Assirelli. Kar-Ben 2011 un il lib bdg \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Gardening -- Fiction 2. Jews -- Fiction 3. Rosh Hashanah -- Fiction 4. Vegetables -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7613-5217-4; 0-7613-5217-1

LC 2010020301

City-girl Talia misunderstands her grandmother's request that she go to the garden for "root vegetables" for a Rosh Hashanah stew but manages to find some she thinks are rude, as well as a good use for the rest she harvests. Includes a recipe for Rude Vegetable Stew.

"This laugh-out-loud title keeps the little jokes coming. . . . Quirky, cool-palette color illustrations by Italian artist Assirelli perfectly convey the whimsical narrative." Publ Wkly

Marzollo, Jean

Help me learn numbers 0-20; photographs by Chad Phillips. Holiday House 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Counting 2. Numbers

ISBN 978-0-8234-2334-7; 0-8234-2334-4

LC 2010029892

"Marzollo and Phillips team up for an idiosyncratic and eye-catching counting book featuring photographic compositions of miscellaneous objects including vintage toy cars, Dalmatian figurines, and rubber finger-puppet monsters. In one spread, 10 glass animals are clustered atop white steps, while the verse hints at the answer. . . . The playful displays suggest that number sense isn't just a classroom tool, but

a way in which to explore and engage with one's environment." Publ Wkly

Mayer, Mercer

Too many dinosaurs. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Dinosaurs -- Fiction 2. Pets -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8234-2316-3; 0-8234-2316-6

LC 2010029442

A little boy really wants a dog, but instead he gets dinosaurs!

"Mayer's colloquial text and unmistakable illustrative style are both present here. The illustrations are full-page or cutouts surrounded by white space and done in rich colors. The text is placed in and around them to good effect. Plenty of background details spice up the very funny scenes for observant readers, and wild action and chases abound." SLJ

McBratney, Sam

★ **Guess** how much I love you; illustrated by Anita Jeram; paper engineering by Corina Fletcher. pop-up edition; Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$19.99
Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Father-son relationship -- Fiction 2. Love -- Fiction
3. Pop-up books 4. Rabbits -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5378-1; 0-7636-5378-0

During a bedtime game, every time Little Nutbrown Hare demonstrates how much he loves his father, Big Nutbrown Hare gently shows him that the love is returned even more

"It's hard to believe that a pop-up wasn't the creators' original intention, so seamlessly do moveable parts dovetail into this modern classic's storyline. . . . The figures here move on every page, and with an unusually graceful naturalism to boot. . . . All of Little Nutbrown Hare's hops, stretches and small gestures serve the poetically spare text. . . . The book is available in just about every format—but this is the perfect one." Kirkus

McCue, Lisa

Quiet Bunny & Noisy Puppy. Sterling 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Opposites
4. Rabbits -- Fiction 5. Winter -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4027-8559-7; 1-4027-8559-3

LC 2010046776

Quiet Bunny's forest friends all hibernate or go south for the winter, but when he meets a puppy from a nearby farm the two become the best of friends, even though they are opposites in every way.

"For those toddlers who crave more of a story than traditional opposites books offer, this just may fit the bill." Kirkus

McDonald, Megan

Ant and Honey Bee; a pair of friends at Halloween; illustrated by G. Brian Karas. new ed.; Candlewick Press 2010 44p il \$14.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Ants -- Fiction 2. Bees -- Fiction 3. Costume --

Fiction 4. Friendship -- Fiction 5. Halloween -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-4662-2; 0-7636-4662-8

LC 2009021485

Best friends Ant and Honey Bee, who think of themselves as quite a pair, become matching home appliances on Halloween.

"With its open format, large type, judicious use of repetition, and plentiful, narrative-laden mixed-media illustrations, this book functions well both as a picture book and an easy reader." Horn Book Guide

McGhee, Alison

Making a friend; illustrated by Marc Rosenthal. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2011 40p il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Seasons -- Fiction 3. Snow -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-8998-1; 1-4169-8998-6

LC 2010041661

When the snow falls, a young boy makes a snowman that becomes his friend until the seasons change

This is written "in minimal but evocative text. . . . This gentle story offers [an] opportunity to discuss the cycle of love, loss, and emotional renewal. The digitally manipulated pencil illustrations have a retro look. . . . A simple but deeply nuanced story that should resonate with children." SLJ

McGinness, Suzanne

My bear Griz. Frances Lincoln Children's Books 2011 un il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Bears -- Fiction 2. Teddy bears -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-84780-113-5; 1-84780-113-7

Billy has a bear called Griz. A Grizzly Bear. And the two friends have all kinds of wonderful adventures together. Is he a real Grizzly Bear or a teddy bear? Well, that's for every reader to decide.

"A bear of imposing presence provides safety and joy in this visually distinctive debut. . . . Griz is striking, drawn in densely hatched and layered pen lines of browns and blacks, too big to fit on the page yet dominating the space. . . . Backgrounds are abstract, mellow watercolor, balancing the energetic lines of Griz's fur. . . . A winner for read-alouds, whether in groups or one-on-one." Kirkus

McKissack, Pat, 1944-

The **all-I'll-ever-want** Christmas doll. written by Patricia C. McKissack ; illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Schwartz & Wade Books 2007 1 v. (unpaged) col. ill. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 4 5 **E**

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Christmas -- Fiction
3. Depressions -- 1929 -- Fiction 4. Dolls -- Fiction 5. Sharing -- Fiction 6. Sisters -- Fiction
ISBN 9780375836152

LC 2006030981

In this children's book, a recipient of a starred review by "Booklist" and "Kirkus Reviews" in 2007, "[i]t's Christmas and Nella is beside herself with excitement! She and her sisters have been given a real gift a beautiful Baby Betty doll. But it's hard to share something you've waited your whole

seven-year-old life for, and Nella grabs the doll for herself. It isn't long before she discovers that a doll can't do the fun things she and her sisters do together. So, as Christmas day fades, Nella shares it with her sisters." (Publisher's note)

McPhail, David

Pig Pig meets the lion; David McPhail. Charlesbridge 2012 32p. \$15.95

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. English language -- Prepositions -- Fiction
2. English language -- Prepositions -- Juvenile fiction
3. Friendship -- Fiction
4. Friendship -- Juvenile fiction
5. Illustrated children's books
6. Lion -- Fiction
7. Lion -- Juvenile fiction
8. Lions -- Juvenile literature
9. Piglets
10. Pigs -- Fiction
11. Prepositions (Grammar)
12. Swine -- Juvenile fiction
13. Zoo animals -- Juvenile literature

ISBN 9781580893589

LC 2011009031

This book "starring . . . Pig Pig begins wordlessly on the pre-title page and continues onto the opening pages, as a lion escapes from a zoo and climbs up the tree outside Pig Pigs bedroom window. From there, the friendly lion enters Pig Pig's room, much to the delight of Pig Pig, who jumps "'out" of bed' and runs "'down" the stairs,' followed by the lion. Pig Pig and the lion continue their romp through the house, unbeknownst to his ever-distracted mother, and though Pig Pig longs to keep the lion, it must skedaddle when the zookeepers show up on the doorstep on the book's closing endpapers. There's a manifestly educational bent to this escapade, as prepositions are printed in boldfaced type." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

McPhail, David M.

Boy, Bird, and Dog. by David McPhail. Holiday House 2011 il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Birds -- Fiction
2. Dogs -- Fiction
3. Tree houses -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8234-2346-0; 0-8234-2346-8

LC 2010029435

In this story for beginning readers, Boy, Bird, and Dog have lots of fun in their tree house.

"The story is told in the sparest of language. . . . It reads smoothly with a clear plot, likable characters and an interesting setting. . . . McPhail's signature watercolor-and-ink illustrations are large scale with soft edges. The action and characters are well defined and appealing." Kirkus

Meisel, Paul

See me run. Holiday House 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction
2. Parks -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8234-2349-1; 0-8234-2349-2

LC 2010029445

"Cartoon drawings done in acrylic ink, pen and colored pencils offer a variety of dog breeds; eyes are wide and tongues hang out in their expressive faces as they frolic through the pale green, grassy park. Formatted in a larger trim than the usual early reader, this imaginary rumpus is just right for beginners to successfully read and reread." Kirkus

Melling, David

Don't worry, Douglas! Tiger Tales 2011 il \$12.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction
2. Bears -- Fiction
3. Gifts -- Fiction
4. Hats -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-58925-106-9; 1-58925-106-7

"Douglas the bear loves the fuzzy orange hat that his father gives him, but when the hat snags on a branch, it turns into a 'long string of spaghetti.' Douglas's friends offer suggestions—the sheep try to wind it into a ball, a cow demonstrates how it can still be worn like a wig—but when it starts to rain, Douglas takes Rabbit's advice to tell his father the truth about what happened. Melling's artwork brims with physical comedy as he delivers his message about coming clean with sensitivity and good humor." Publ Wkly

Meltzer, Lynn

The **construction** crew; illustrated by Carrie Eko-Burgess. Henry Holt 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Building -- Fiction
2. Construction equipment -- Fiction
3. Stories in rhyme
4. Tools -- Fiction
5. Trucks -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8050-8884-7; 0-8050-8884-9

LC 2010039763

A construction crew tears down an old building and builds a new house in its place.

"Truck and construction fans will find an energetic exploration of both in this square-format volume. . . . Crisp, electric digital illustrations spotlight vehicles, construction equipment, and workers who resemble fleshed-out Lego characters. . . . The rhyming text offers variations on the same question ('Tons of dirt/ And lots of muck/ What do we need?! DUMP TRUCK!'), . . . a narrative device that will have children shouting out the answers in no time." Publ Wkly

Merlin, Christophe

Under the hood. [by] Merlin. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction
2. Automobiles -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5535-8; 0-7636-5535-X

LC 2010042743

A mechanic welcomes the reader to his garage where he will try to fix his car, but first needs help in finding his friends, Mouse, Crocodile, and Bird under lift-up flaps and fold-out pages.

"The large, humorous illustrations are done in vivid hues set against cream-colored backgrounds. Children will delight in the mystery of what lies beneath all those flaps." SLJ

Mitchell, Margaree King

When grandmama sings; illustrated by James Ransome. HarperCollins/Amistad 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **E**

1. African Americans -- Fiction
2. Grandmothers -- Fiction
3. Jazz music -- Fiction
4. Race relations -- Fiction
5. Segregation -- Fiction
6. Singers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-688-17563-4; 0-688-17563-5

“Set in the segregated South of the 1950s, Mitchell’s poignant story features eight-year-old Belle and her loving, stalwart African-American family. When Grandmama, who can’t read but whose singing voice captures the hearts of all who hear her, joins a jazz band for a tour of the South, Belle pleads to go along. . . . She experiences firsthand the difficulties her people face: hotels marked ‘White Only,’ diners that refuse them service, police who search their cars and luggage for no reason. . . . Ransome’s full-page images, rich in color and feeling, portray the landscapes of the South and the individual emotions of the characters with equal aplomb.” SLJ

Moerbeek, Kees

★ **Count** 1 to 10. Abrams 2011 un il \$15.95
Grades: K 1 2 3 4 **E**
1. Counting 2. Pop-up books
ISBN 0-8109-9644-8; 978-0-8109-9644-1

LC 2010928779

“A showpiece of pop-up design features the numbers one through 10 worked into multileveled constructs of dazzling virtuosity. Made from brightly colored digits floating over contrasting monochromatic backgrounds . . . the pop-ups range from a die-cut ‘1’ that rotates into place and a pair of ‘2’s folding out from behind a screen to phalanxes of ‘9’s and ‘10’s floating up as thier spreads open. . . . Every opening provides initial surprises, plenty of angles and spaces to explore and a rich visual experience.”

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Monroe, Chris

Monkey with a tool belt and the seaside shenanigans. written and illustrated by Chris Monroe. Carolrhoda Books 2011 il \$16.95; e-book \$12.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**
1. Elephants -- Fiction 2. Monkeys -- Fiction 3. Repairing -- Fiction 4. Resorts -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7613-5616-5; 0-7613-5616-9; 978-0-7613-7943-0 e-book

LC 2011003013

Chico the clever monkey helps his friend Clark the elephant solve a problem at a seaside resort.

“Monroe’s breezy, detailed illustrations match the energy and enthusiasm of her tale.” Kirkus

Moore, Inga

A **house** in the woods. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Building -- Fiction 2. Forest animals -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. House construction -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5277-7; 0-7636-5277-6

LC 2010050827

Two Little Pigs whose small homes in the woods have been accidentally destroyed by Bear and Moose decide to build a house they can all share, and with the help of Beaver Builders they soon have a fine new home.

“The gentle arc of the story about a warm friendship is perfectly echoed by the large, detailed illustrations. The pencil, pastel, and wash art is full of autumn colors and delicate touches and details that bring the woods and the animals to life.” SLJ

Mortimer, Anne

Pumpkin cat. written & illustrated by Anne Mortimer. Katherine Tegen Books 2011 un il \$14.99; lib bdg \$15.89

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction 3. Pumpkin -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-187485-7; 0-06-187485-X; 978-0-06-187486-4 lib bdg; 0-06-187486-8 lib bdg

“One morning in May, Cat wondered, ‘How do pumpkins grow?’ ‘I know,’ said Mouse. ‘And I will show you how.’ Mouse proceeds to guide Cat through the various steps and stages, one phase featured on each spread, until October arrives and they are rewarded with a large orange pumpkin. . . . Mortimer has masterfully captured the texture of her subjects—the softness of the animals’ fur, the scratchiness of burlap bags, the silkiness of delicate flower petals, etc. . . . A lovely addition that should be popular in any season.” SLJ

Moses, Will

Mary and her little lamb; the true story behind the nursery rhyme. Philomel Books 2011 36p il \$17.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **E**
1. Farm life -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Sheep -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-25154-2; 0-399-25154-5

LC 2010037445

In 1810s Massachusetts, young Mary Elizabeth Sawyer nurses a sickly lamb back to health and becomes the subject of a famous nursery rhyme. Includes facts about the real Mary, John Roulstone who wrote the rhyme, and Lowell Mason who set it to music.

“Moses’s rich oil paintings, rendered in his characteristic folk-art style, beautifully depict rural 19th-century life. They include spreads, framed pictures with images of books and hens in the margins, and vignettes accompanying the lengthy text.” SLJ

Moundlic, Charlotte

The **scar**; [illustrations by Olivier Tallec] Candlewick Press 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: K 1 **E**
1. Bereavement -- Fiction 2. Death -- Fiction 3. Mothers -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5341-5; 0-7636-5341-1

LC 2010042792

When his mother dies, a little boy is angry at his loss but does everything he can to hold onto the memory of her scent, her voice, and the special things she did for him, even as he tries to help his father and grandmother cope.

"Rendered in pencil and wash in a limited palette of reds and yellows, simple illustrations stress the boy's distress and isolation while powerfully conveying his progression from anger and fear to sadness and acceptance. A sympathetic exploration of the stages of grief through the eyes of one little boy." Kirkus

Mozelle, Shirley

Zack's alligator and the first snow. story by Shirley Mozelle; pictures by James Watts. Harper 2011 32p il \$16.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Alligators -- Fiction 2. Snow -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-147370-8; 0-06-147370-7; 978-0-06-147372-2 pa; 0-06-147372-3 pa

LC 2008034359

Zack and Bridget, his alligator keychain that grows into a fun-loving, full-sized alligator when it gets wet, enjoy the day playing in the snow, ice-fishing, and sledding.

"Watts' softly-colored illustrations reflect the joy and exuberance that snow brings, while Bridget's innocence is charming. . . . Simple sentences and vocabulary and a lively story make this just right for developing readers." Kirkus

Murphy, Claire Rudolf

Marching with Aunt Susan; Susan B. Anthony and the fight for women's suffrage. written by Claire Rudolf Murphy; illustrated by Stacey Schuett. Peachtree 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: 1 2 3 4 **E**

1. Abolitionists 2. Sex role -- Fiction 3. Suffragists
4. Women -- Suffrage -- Fiction 5. Women's rights -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-56145-593-5; 1-56145-593-8

LC 2011002703

Not allowed to go hiking with her father and brothers because she is a girl, Bessie learns about women's rights when she attends a suffrage rally led by Susan B. Anthony.

"Schuett's somewhat impressionistic gouache paintings effectively capture the time and place and convey the emotionally charged tenor of the campaign. The endnotes, accompanied by photographs, provide factual material about the real Bessie Keith Pond, Anthony, and the suffrage movement, especially in California." SLJ

Murphy, Stuart J.

Write on, Carlos! illustrated by Tim Jones. Charlesbridge 2011 un il \$14.95; pa \$6.95

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Literacy -- Fiction 2. Personal names -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-58089-464-7; 1-58089-464-X; 978-1-58089-465-4 pa; 1-58089-465-8 pa

LC 2010023522

With his mother's help, Carlos learns to write his name, as some of his friends can do.

This book has "vibrant, playful illustrations featuring animated characters that reinforce the story [line]. The highlighted text and expanded captions convey the action." SLJ

Nelson-Schmidt, Michelle

Cats, cats! Kane Miller 2011 un il pa \$5.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-61067-042-5; 1-61067-042-6

"After initially establishing that cats . . . are everywhere, [this] title presents nine different types. . . . Timid, nosy, stubborn, sad-these are animals as defined by a set of descriptors that children might recognize in themselves. . . . Text set against plenty of white space, with a few sophisticated words to challenge youngsters, make [this a] good [choice] for emerging readers. The bright, crisp illustrations are cheerful and attractive. . . . [This book is] also useful as [an introduction] to adjectives." SLJ

Dogs, Dogs! Kane Miller 2011 un il pa \$5.99
Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-61067-041-8; 1-61067-041-8

"After initially establishing that . . . dogs are everywhere, [this] title presents nine different types. . . . Timid, nosy, stubborn, sad-these are animals as defined by a set of descriptors that children might recognize in themselves. . . . Text set against plenty of white space, with a few sophisticated words to challenge youngsters, make [this a] good [choice] for emerging readers. The bright, crisp illustrations are cheerful and attractive. . . . [This book is] also useful as [an introduction] to adjectives." SLJ

Nobisso, Josephine

Francis woke up early; illuminations, Maureen Hyde. Gingerbread House 2011 un il \$17.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Farm life -- Fiction 2. Saints 3. Saints -- Fiction 4. Wolves -- Fiction 5. Writers on religion
ISBN 978-0-940112-20-9; 0-940112-20-5; 978-0-940112-22-3 pa; 0-940112-20-5 pa

LC 2011015539

Imagines a moment in the boyhood of Saint Francis of Assisi, in which he befriends a wild she-wolf by sharing with her his breakfast, gathered on his family's farm.

"A beautiful marriage of author, illustrator, and subject. . . . Hyde's work . . . perfectly captures early morning light in 13th-century Assisi. The bordered paintings are filled with tender detail. . . . This exquisite book will make peaceful family reading." Publ Wkly

Nolan, Dennis

★ **Sea** of dreams. Roaring Brook Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Beaches -- Fiction 2. Stories without words
ISBN 978-1-59643-470-7; 1-59643-470-8

LC 2010037815

A wordless picture book featuring a sandcastle that takes on a life of its own.

"Nolan's enchanting artwork creates a gorgeous, wordless nautical fantasy infused with the thrill of life-or-death adventure. . . . Readers will never look at the beach the same way." Publ Wkly

Nordqvist, Sven

Tomtes' Christmas porridge; translated by Polly Lawson. Floris 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Christmas -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-86315-824-7; 0-86315-824-2

"Nordqvist's amusing watercolor-and-ink illustrations are full of distinct personalities and tiny details in costumes and settings. . . . A charming and sprightly story with the flavor of a traditional tale." Kirkus

Numeroff, Laura Joffe

If you give a dog a donut. written by Laura Numeroff; illustrated by Felicia Bond. Balzer + Bray 2011 un il \$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-026683-7; 0-06-026683-X; 978-0-06-026684-4 lib bdg; 0-06-026684-8 lib bdg

LC 2011016611

Chaos might ensue if you were to give a dog a donut.

"A buoyant, circular story in which a canine's spiraling free association leads to a day's worth of outdoor activities. As usual, Bond's clean, action-filled pictures, set against white backdrops, imbue the title character with abundant personality as he skips and dances his way through the pages." Publ Wkly

O'Connor, Jane

Fancy Nancy, stellar stargazer! [by] Jane O'Connor and [illustrated by] Robin Preiss Glasser. Harper 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Sisters -- Fiction 3. Stars -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-191523-9; 0-06-191523-8

Fancy Nancy thinks that everything in the sky is simply stellar, from the sun and the moon to the stars and their constellations (that's a fancy word for the shapes that stars make!). So nothing could make her happier than a special sleepover under the stars with her dad and her little sister, JoJo.

Oakley, Graham

The church mouse. Kane Miller 2010 un il \$16.99
Grades: 2 3 4 **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Church -- Fiction 3. Mice -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-935279-69-3; 1-935279-69-6

Arthur, a lonely mouse living in a church with only Sampson, a friendly, sleepy cat, for company devises a plan to get all the mice in town to move in with him.

"The cover of this reissue is different from the 1972 original, but inside can be found the same detailed illustrations and child appealing events (e.g., mid-sermon melees, burglars, acrobatics)." Horn Book Guide

Ofanansky, Allison

What's the buzz? honey for a sweet new year; photographed by Eliyahu Alpern. Kar-Ben 2011 il lib bdg \$15.95

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Bees -- Fiction 2. Honey -- Fiction 3. Rosh ha-Shanah -- Fiction 4. School stories
ISBN 978-0-7613-5640-0; 0-7613-5640-1

LC 2010026181

A class in Israel tours a farm to learn how honey is made and used to celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah.

"Ofanansky and Alpern offer a fresh take on Rosh Hashanah. . . . Color photographs and a running narrative combine to produce an easy-to-grasp book that is about science but also about culture." Publ Wkly

Offill, Jenny

11 experiments that failed. written by Jenny Offill; pictures by Nancy Carpenter. 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Science -- Experiments -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-84762-2; 0-375-84762-6

"The curious and mischief-minded heroine from 17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore turns her attention to the scientific method. A typical experiment: 'Question: Do dogs like to be covered in glitter? Hypothesis: Dogs like everything.' Offill's matter-of-fact recounting . . . make for very funny reading and allow Carpenter to go all out with her collages, which create especially lively depictions of the protagonist's misadventures." Publ Wkly

Ohi, Ruth

Chicken, pig, cow and the class pet. Annick Press 2011 un il lib bdg \$19.95; pa \$6.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Hamsters -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Toys -- Fiction
ISBN 1-55451-346-4 pa; 978-1-55451-347-5 lib bdg; 1-55451-347-2 lib bdg; 978-1-55451-346-8 pa

"Three toys take an unexpected field trip. Huddled in close quarters, Cow, Pig and Chicken try to dissect the sounds around them. Readers see that their temporary housing (a makeshift Popsicle-stick barn) confines them to a classroom while their beloved young owner enjoys her day at school. The friends' introduction to the imposing class pet, dubbed Furface by the anxious critters, leads to some wacky interactions. . . . Humorous watercolors splashed against open white backgrounds extend the visual humor, depicting the classroom environment from a toy's-eye point of view." Kirkus

Pamintuan, Macky

Twelve haunted rooms of Halloween. Sterling Children's Books 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Counting 2. Ghost stories 3. Halloween -- Fiction 4. Picture puzzles 5. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-1-4027-7935-0; 1-4027-7935-6

A small bear journeys through a haunted house as rhyming text encourages readers to find and count holiday inspired items that have been hidden by the silly monsters.

"What raises this title above other books of this type . . . is the 'I Spy' type format. Each picture includes all of the items mentioned previously along with the new addition, and readers are invited to search each spread to find them.

Children will want to pore over the not-too-scary pictures until they find every creature mentioned in the rhyme." SLJ

Park, Linda Sue

★ **The third gift.** Clarion Books 2011 il \$16.99
Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Father-son relationship -- Fiction 2. Magi -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-547-20195-5; 0-547-20195-8;
9780547201955; 0547201958

LC 2010050819

"The hyperrealistic acryl-gouache illustrations depict the sandy beige hues and nuanced textures of a dry and inhospitable land, contrasting with the smooth skin and rounded cheeks of the young boy and his loving relationship with his father. This gorgeous picture book sheds thoughtful light on a fascinating facet of the Christmas story." SLJ

Parot, Annelore

Kimonos. Chronicle Books 2011 un il \$17.99
Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Dolls -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4521-0493-5; 1-4521-0493-X

LC 2011008003

Inspired by traditional Japanese dolls, this story introduces readers to the Kokeshis' kimonos and hair-dos as well as Japanese culture. Contains die-cut pages, flaps and gatefolds.

"Sharp-eyed children will enjoy poring over the pages again and again. Scenes that evoke everyday life in Japan . . . add delightfully authentic cultural texture, while lift-the-flap and die-cut panels enhance the book's interactivity." SLJ

Paschkis, Julie

Mooshka. written and illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Peachtree Publishers 2012 35 p. \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**
1. Babies -- Fiction 2. Children's literature 3. Magic -- Juvenile fiction 4. Picture books for children 5. Quilts -- Fiction 6. Sharing -- Fiction 7. Sisters -- Fiction
ISBN 9781561456208

LC 2011020463

This picture book tells the story of a young girl, Karla, and her favorite quilt as she comes to terms with the arrival of new baby sister Hannah. "Karla loves her quilt, which she calls Mooshka. Mooshka comforts her on cold and scary nights and, at least according to Karla, can talk." Author Julie Paschkis presents stories from Karla's family history and her memories of her experiences with Mooshka to combine "a preschooler's active imagination . . . with family stories to create a new-baby/favorite-blanket story." (Kirkus)

Patten, Brian

The big snuggle-up. [written by] Brian Patten & [illustrated by] Nicola Bayley. Kane Miller 2011 un il \$18.50

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Scarecrows -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 1-61067-036-1; 978-1-61067-036-4

It all started with the scarecrow coming into the house out of the snow and bringing with him the mouse that lived

up his sleeve. But it wasn't only these two who were looking for a warm place to snuggle up!

"The text is printed in a large, easy-to-read font on a cream-colored background and surrounded by Bayley's colored pencil and crayon illustrations. The art is meticulously crafted, with attention given to every hair and whisker. . . . A lovely book about sharing and compassion." SLJ

Perrin, Martine

What do you see? Albert Whitman 2011 un il \$8.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Board books for children
ISBN 0807567124; 9780807567128

LC 2010037477

Text and images on die-cut pages lead the reader to discover the hiding places of a variety of small animals.

"Kids will appreciate the objects profiled: boots, buckets, bibs, cribs, and the like." Booklist

Peterkin, Allan

The flyaway blanket; illustrated by Emmeline Pidgen. Magination Press 2011 un il \$14.95; pa \$9.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Blankets -- Fiction 2. Mother-child relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4338-1047-3; 1433810476; 978-1-4338-1046-6 pa; 1-4338-1046-8 pa

LC 2011011079

"In a sensitive lullaby, a small boy and his mother hang the laundry to dry on the clothesline, as she sings, 'time to fly, touch the sky, fly up, high up, wave goodbye.' Jake doesn't want to let go of his comforting blue blanket, but his mother assures him that it will soon be dry. As they sit together in the sun, Jake falls asleep, and a gust of wind sends the blanket sailing. . . . Pidgen's cheerful artwork is reassuring, with a bright palette, loose, sweeping lines, and plenty of attention on mother-child tenderness, human and animal alike. The message about attachment, security, and sometimes letting go is conveyed subtly and organically." Publ Wkly

Petersen, David

Snowy Valentine. written and illustrated by David Petersen. Harper 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Forest animals -- Fiction 2. Gifts -- Fiction 3. Love -- Fiction 4. Rabbits -- Fiction 5. Valentine's Day -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-146378-5; 0-06-146378-7

LC 2009027197

Jasper Bunny spends a snowy Valentine's Day visiting his forest friends in hopes of finding the perfect gift for his beloved Lilly.

"Petersen's whimsical, full-bleed illustrations with Victorian-pattern details add warmth and gentle humor to the story. . . . The timeless quality of the theme and perfect cast of supporting characters make this valentine story a head (or at least two rabbit ears) above the rest." SLJ

Pfister, Marcus

Snow puppy. North-South 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Christmas -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Snow -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7358-4031-7; 0-7358-4031-8

A puppy is lost in the snowy woods and needs to make his way home.

“Rascal is a big-nosed scamp, full of curiosity and joy. Pfister’s scenes are speckled throughout with the falling snow, wintry whites contrasting with the forest browns. This nicely captures a puppy’s (or a child’s) distractibility.” Kirkus

Pinkney, Jerry

★ **Twinkle**, twinkle, little star. Little, Brown Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Chipmunks -- Fiction 2. Nursery rhymes 3. Stars -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-316-05696-0; 0-316-05696-0

“The song ‘Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star’ proves lines of text for this imaginative picture book, in which a little chipmunk emerges from the safety of its burrow to discover the natural world. . . . This appropriate theme for young children finds expression in a series of vividly imagined, gracefully composed, and beautifully detailed illustrations, created using pencil, watercolors, and colored pencils. . . . This evocative picture book offers a rewarding reading experience at bedtime, or any time.” Booklist

Polacco, Patricia

Bun Bun Button. G. P. Putnam’s Sons 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Grandmothers -- Fiction 2. Lost and found possessions -- Fiction 3. Toys -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-25472-7; 0-399-25472-2

LC 2010047740

Paige Darling loves the stuffed rabbit her grandmother has made for her, but when she ties a helium-filled balloon to Bun Bun Button the toy gets loose and goes floating away, and it may take some Darling luck to bring her home.

“Brimming with nostalgia, heartfelt sentimentality, and eccentricity, this portrait of a tight-knit intergenerational bond will charm Polacco enthusiasts with its old-fashioned tone and bright illustrations. Even when she is illustrating a picture of a grandmother reading to her granddaughter, Polacco fills the pages with tumbling action, familial warmth, and love.” Publ Wkly

Portis, Antoinette

Princess Super Kitty. Harper 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Imagination -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-182725-9; 0-06-182725-8

LC 2010032230

Maggie, a little girl with a huge imagination, becomes a cat, a superhero, a princess, and more in the course of a day.

“This girl is bouncy, delightful and not to be easily typed or contained. Bold lines and solid colors—not overly dominated by pink—surrounded by plenty of empty space keep the focus firmly on the girl and her props. Readers and lis-

teners both bold and retiring will find much to like in this charming depiction of a child with a strong sense of self and confidence in her imaginative makeovers.” Kirkus

Puttock, Simon

Little lost cowboy; illustrated by Caroline Jayne Church. Egmont USA 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Coyotes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-60684-259-1; 1-60684-259-5

LC 2010050495

A kindly toad helps a “lonesome and lost” young coyote find his mother.

“The repetitive text is accessible and child-friendly, and the desert setting is skillfully evoked with warm, earth-toned illustrations created from beautifully textured handmade paper, finished with bold black lines.” SLJ

Qiong, Yu Li

★ **A New Year’s** reunion. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Chinese New Year -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction
3. Fathers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5881-6; 0-7636-5881-2

“Two things make this Chinese New Year story remarkable—Zhu’s meticulously observed gouaches and the family’s poignant backstory.” Publ Wkly

Quattlebaum, Mary

The **hungry** ghost of Rue Orleans; illustrated by Patricia Castelao. Random House 2011 un il \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Ghost stories 2. Restaurants -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86207-6; 0-375-86207-2; 978-0-375-96207-3 lib bdg; 0-375-96207-7 lib bdg

LC 2010037063

Fred the ghost is perfectly happy haunting his ramshackle New Orleans house until Pierre and his daughter Marie move in and turn the house into a restaurant.

“Castelao’s illustrations have an ethereal, quirky quality that complements the story, and the details she includes help anchor its New Orleans setting.” Kirkus

Jo MacDonald saw a pond. by Mary Quattlebaum ; illustrated by Laura J. Bryant. Dawn Publications 2011 il \$16.95; pa \$8.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Folk songs -- United States 2. Pond ecology -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-58469-150-1; 1-58469-150-6; 978-1-58469-151-8 pa; 1-58469-151-4 pa

LC 2011011700

In this version of the classic song ‘Old MacDonald Had a Farm,’ the farmer’s granddaughter discovers the creatures living at a pond. End notes present facts, outdoor activities, and games related to this lively ecosystem.

“The familiar tune starts on page one and never misses a beat, begging kids to participate. . . . Observant readers will notice the clever design of the illustrations that hides the

last-mentioned animal and the next one within the spread. Bryant's softly colored watercolor creatures echo Jo's rosy-cheeked childhood innocence and have just a touch of expression in their faces." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Raczka, Bob

Fall mixed up; illustrations by Chad Cameron. Carolrhoda Books 2011 un il lib bdg \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Autumn -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-7613-4606-7; 0-7613-4606-6

LC 2009038922

The delights of autumn are described in mixed-up verse and illustrations, and the reader is challenged to uncover the errors.

"Silly as the rhyming verses are, they need Cameron's zany illustrations to truly make them come alive. . . . Digital paintings with photo-collage elements draw readers' eye through the scenes. . . . A true celebration of fall certain to be a winner." Kirkus

Ramos, Mario

I am so strong; [translated by Jean Anderson] Gecko Press 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Wolves -- Fiction

ISBN 0-9582-7877-6; 978-0-9582-7877-5

"This offering from Belgian author/illustrator Ramos is a single, drawn-out joke, but achieves keeper status with intelligent dialogue and Gallic sophistication. A megalomaniacal wolf strolls through the forest buttonholing fairy tale creatures and asking them to burnish his ego. . . . Ramos's thickly brushed paintings alternate between woodland scenes suggestive of stage scenery and closer shots of the wolf and other creatures against white backdrops, the better to appreciate the comic tension. . . . The wolf's comeuppance is deeply satisfying; the only disappointment is that the book is over so soon. Better read it again." Publ Wkly

Ramsey, Calvin Alexander

Belle, the last mule at Gee's Bend. [by] Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Bettye Stroud; illustrated by John Holyfield. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. African Americans -- Civil rights -- Fiction 2. Civil rights activists 3. Clergy 4. Mules -- Fiction 5. Nobel laureates for peace 6. Nonfiction writers

ISBN 978-0-7636-4058-3; 0-7636-4058-1

LC 2010048132

In Gee's Bend, Alabama, Miz Pettway tells young Alex about the historic role her mule played in the struggle for civil rights led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Includes factual information about the community of Gee's Bend and Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Holyfield's intense acrylic paintings, in blues, yellows and browns, evoke the heat and the drama. . . . A solid choice for parents and teachers who are introducing the 1960s to young children. An intergenerational story filled with heart and soul." Kirkus

Raschka, Christopher

Farmy farm. by Chris Raschka. Orchard Books 2011 il \$8.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Domestic animals -- Fiction 2. Farm life -- Fiction

3. Sounds -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme

ISBN 978-0-545-21981-5

LC 2010039061

Rhyming text and touch-and-feel illustrations introduce a variety of farm animals and the sounds they make.

"The book's repeated verse, buoyant palette, and soft texture should find an enthusiastic toddler-aged audience." Publ Wkly

Ray, Mary Lyn

★ **Stars**. Beach Lane Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Stars -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4424-2249-0; 1-4424-2249-1

LC 2010033253

"A poetic paean to stars both real and metaphorical brings the heavenly down to readers without robbing it of mystery. . . . Frazee excels at illustrating textual details in fresh ways, keeping young children engaged and curious. . . . Her pictures ebb and flow with the text, alternating charming spots of self-possessed, spirited youngsters with ink-black or gloriously blue, stary heavens inviting dreamy meditation." Kirkus

Rayner, Catherine

Solomon Crocodile. Farrar Straus & Giroux 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through

grade two 2. Crocodiles -- Fiction 3. Friendship --

Fiction 4. Play -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-374-38064-9; 0-374-38064-3

LC 2010045855

Solomon Crocodile's rough play prevents him from making friends down by the river until a stranger comes stomping through the reeds!

"Rayner's lush illustrations reflect the tension between the puppyish croc and his staid neighbors. . . . Solomon practically vibrates energy. . . . The well-paced story has just enough tension to draw in little troublemakers who will cheer for Solomon's eventual triumph." Horn Book

Regan, Dian Curtis

The **Snow** Blew Inn; illustrated by Doug Cushman. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Cousins -- Fiction 3. Hotels

and motels -- Fiction 4. Snow -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8234-2351-4; 0-8234-2351-4

Emma can't wait to have a sleepover with her cousin Abby! But snow is falling outside the Snow Blew Inn where Emma is waiting. Stranded travelers arrive seeking shelter, and soon the inn is packed. Emma even gives up her own room for the Fox family. When Abby finally arrives, she and Emma camp out on the parlor floor and have their sleepover at last!

“Regan and Cushman . . . pull readers into the story with strong atmospherics. With simple prose and crisp but warm watercolors, they conjure up the ever accumulating snow and guests—an array of anthropomorphized animals, dressed in vivid Victorian garb—and a palpable spirit of hospitality that turns a shelter into an arklake community brimming with Dickensian bonhomie and gratitude.” *Publ Wkly*

Reid, Barbara

★ **Perfect** snow. Albert Whitman & Company 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Friendship -- Fiction
 2. School stories
 3. Snow -- Fiction
- ISBN 0-8075-6492-3; 978-0-8075-6492-9

LC 2010045643

On the first snow of the season, Jim and Scott and their classmates build an enormous snowman fort.

“The boys’ personality differences are marked throughout the book, but their rock-solid friendship is at the heart of the understated, but satisfying story. Reid’s artwork takes two forms; large, colorful plasticine illustrations, and small ink drawings with sepia-toned, watercolor washes. In either medium, the figures of children are expressive and pleasing.” *Booklist*

Reidy, Jean

Light up the night; illustrations by Margaret Chodos-Irvine. Disney/Hyperion Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Bedtime -- Fiction
 2. Stories in rhyme
 3. Universe -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-4231-2024-7; 1-4231-2024-8

LC 2011008523

In this cumulative, rhyming story, a young boy takes a nighttime ride from the distant stars in the Milky Way galaxy to his cozy bed, as his blanket becomes a rocket, a plane, and a skateboard.

“Soft assonant sounds soothe the cumulative rhyme that parallels nighttime routines through its repetition and structure. . . . Double-page spreads of bright but not overpowering collages depict [the boy’s] journey, while the opening and closing actions (of going to bed and going to sleep) are shown in wordless panels, bringing the story full circle.” *Horn Book*

Rim, Sujean

Birdie’s big-girl dress. Little, Brown 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Birthdays -- Fiction
 2. Clothing and dress -- Fiction
 3. Parties -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-316-13287-9; 0-316-13287-X

LC 2010049435

Birdie’s excitement over her approaching birthday party fades when she finds that her favorite party dress is too small, and nothing at her mother’s favorite boutique is quite right.

“As Birdie shimmies into each potentially restrictive outfit, Rim’s illustrations capture each halfhearted shrug and sucked-in breath. Collage and watercolor accents lend a sensory feel to chromatic, textured design . . . [and] canine

companion Monster remains a supportive secondary choice, dressed to the nines in his top hat to rave reviews.” *Kirkus*

Rinker, Sherri Duskey

★ **Goodnight**, goodnight, construction site. Chronicle Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Bedtime -- Fiction
 2. Construction equipment -- Fiction
 3. Stories in rhyme
 4. Trucks -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-8118-7782-4; 0-8118-7782-5

LC 2010025008

“Lichtenheld’s detailed and textured illustrations, rendered in wax oil pastels on vellum paper, perfectly complement the fun, rhyming text, cleverly personifying each truck with expressive eyes and amusing details.” *SLJ*

Robinson, Fiona

What animals really like; a new song composed & conducted by Mr. Herbert Timerteeth. Abrams 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: 1 2 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction
- ISBN 0-8109-8976-X; 978-0-8109-8976-4

“This amusing story begins when readers open two fold-outs to part a pair of red curtains. On stage is a large group of animals ready to give voice to the composer/conductor’s new song. Unfortunately, his preconceived notions about the creatures are evident. . . . The pen, ink and marker-pens illustrations show a number of animals dressed in their finest. They become livelier and bolder as their performance goes on. Although Robinson keeps the focus and humor on the well-lit stage, she occasionally pans over to the audience where all readers see are the many colorful eyeballs peering out of the darkness. Sublime silliness.” *SLJ*

Rockliff, Mara

My heart will not sit down; illustrations by Ann Tanksley. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 un il \$17.99; lib bdg \$20.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Charity -- Fiction
 2. Great Depression, 1929-1939 -- Fiction
 3. School stories
- ISBN 978-0-375-84569-7; 0-375-84569-0; 978-0-375-94569-4 lib bdg; 0-375-94569-5 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98728-1 ebook

LC 2011001117

In 1931 Cameroon, young Kedi is upset to learn that children in her American teacher’s village of New York are going hungry because of the Great Depression, and she asks her mother, neighbors, and even the headman for money to help. Includes historical notes.

“Inspired by a true incident, [this] story demonstrates what real generosity looks like. . . . Rendered in watercolor, pen-and-ink, and oils, Tanksley’s . . . pared-down, childlike pictures provide a sketch of Cameroon village life, their electric hues of orange, magenta, and scarlet jumping from the pages.” *Publ Wkly*

Rockwell, Anne F.

First day of school; pictures by Lizzy Rockwell. Harper 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. School stories

ISBN 978-0-06-050191-4; 0-06-050191-X

LC 2010010167

Mrs. Madoff's students compare notes about getting ready for their first day of school after vacation.

"The uncluttered, brightly colored pictures capture the children's nervousness as they anticipate what's ahead, as well as their excitement as they prepare for their first day. . . . A cheerful, reassuring offering that nicely covers the range of first-day jitters." Booklist

Rodriguez, Beatrice

Fox and Hen together. Enchanted Lion 2011 un il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Chickens -- Fiction 2. Crabs -- Fiction 3. Eggs -- Fiction 4. Foxes -- Fiction 5. Stories without words
ISBN 978-1-59270-109-4; 1-59270-109-4

This continues the story of *The Chicken Thief*, focusing on Fox and Hen's life together. As the illustrations quickly reveal, Crab has become a fast friend, Fox and Hen have an empty refrigerator, and Hen has laid an egg.

"It's a goofily harrowing but ultimately satisfying ride for most of the characters in this wordless story. Rodriguez skillfully uses the format of wide, short pages to create dynamic scenes with a cinematic sense of movement. . . . Kids will love this funny and exciting story." SLJ

Rooster's revenge. Enchanted Lion 2011 il \$14.95

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Chickens -- Fiction 2. Foxes -- Fiction 3. Stories without words

ISBN 978-1-59270-112-4; 1-59270-112-4

"This conclusion to the wordless trilogy that began with *The Chicken Thief* picks up where that book ended, with Rabbit, Bear, and Rooster departing the happy couple. At sea, a storm dumps them on a mysterious island, where Rooster discovers a glowing, green ball and runs off with it. In action-filled panoramas, Bear and Rabbit pursue Rooster through exceptionally surreal landscapes before returning to their cozy farm, where Rooster gets a big (and heartwarming) surprise after dropping his treasure. Rodriguez remains a master of body language and facial expressions, and the final scene leaves no doubt of a happily-ever-after for all involved." *Publ Wkly*

Roode, Daniel

Little Bea and the snowy day. Greenwillow Books 2011 32p il \$12.99

Grades: PreK

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Bees -- Fiction 3. Snow -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-199395-4; 0-06-199395-6

LC 2010032236

Little Bea and her friends enjoy a day of snow angels, skating, and even making a new snow friend.

"The simplistic text and singsong rhyme are best suited for two-year-olds. . . . Children will delight in the bright, animated digital art and large, two-dimensional perspective." SLJ

Roop, Peter

Down East in the ocean; a Maine counting book, written by Peter and Connie Roop; illustrated by Nicole Fazio. Down East 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Counting 2. Marine animals -- Fiction 3. Seashore -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-89272-709-4; 0-89272-709-8

"This rhyming counting book features animals associated with the Maine seashore, but that can also be found on many other beaches. Each spread tells a mini story of parent and offspring while introducing the concept of counting. . . . This is an engaging way to learn numbers and a great beach book. Music notations are included at the end to put the verses to song." SLJ

Root, Phyllis

Scrawny cat; illustrated by Alison Friend. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two

ISBN 978-0-7636-4164-1; 0-7636-4164-2

LC 2010047671

A lost, lonely, and scrawny cat, hungry and afraid, unexpectedly meets someone who takes him in and loves him.

"Delicious language and a winsome feline ensure that this new iteration of an oft-told plot will find an appreciative audience. . . . Friend's gouache paintings, including vignettes, single pages and double page spreads, illuminate the straightforward action. . . . She captures the fluctuating reactions of the cat perfectly." *Kirkus*

Rose, Naomi C.

Tashi and the Tibetan flower cure. Lee & Low Books 2011 il \$18.95

Grades: 1 2 3

E

1. Community life -- Fiction 2. Flowers -- Fiction 3. Grandfathers -- Fiction 4. Sick -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-60060-425-6; 1-60060-425-0

LC 2011010556

"The softly brushed paintings have a naive, self-tutored look, but suit the text's homespun tone. The story, outwardly realistic, turns on two charming ideas: that of a child using ancient wisdom to restore the health of a relative, and that of a sterile American suburb becoming as close-knit as a Tibetan village." *Publ Wkly*

Rosen, Michael J.

★ **Chanukah** lights; illustrations by Robert Sabuda. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$34.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Counting 3. Hanukkah -- Fiction 4. Hanukkah stories 5. Jews -- Fiction 6. Pop-up books
ISBN 978-0-7636-5533-4; 0-7636-5533-3

LC 2011013664

Counts the candles of a menorah on each night of Hanukkah while recalling images of Jewish life in different places and times, such Herod's temple in Jerusalem, a shtetl in Russia, and a refugee ship bound for the New World.

“This is a gorgeous and fragile holiday book for adults and children to enjoy together.” SLJ

Night of the pumpkinheads; illustrations by Hugh McMahon. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Halloween -- Fiction
2. Pumpkin -- Fiction
3. Vegetables -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8037-3452-4; 0-8037-3452-2

LC 2010039314

Determined to make Halloween a frightening night of the pumpkinheads, the pumpkins transform themselves into a variety of scary monsters and then head for town hoping to terrify everyone they meet.

“Digitally assembled with photographs of McMahon’s work and pencil drawings, the illustrations treat readers to spirited images of spunky pumpkins rising up to take an active part in trick-or-treating instead of remaining parked on porches. . . . A solid addition to the Halloween shelf, especially for those who have graduated from safer, sweeter stories.” Kirkus

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse

Chopsticks; illustrated by Scott Magoon. Disney/Hyperion 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Chopsticks -- Fiction
2. Fiction
3. Friendship -- Fiction
4. Picture books for children
5. Wounds & injuries in literature

ISBN 978-1-4231-0796-5; 1-4231-0796-9

LC 2011010269

This book outlines the . . . activities of a pair of chopsticks who are not only working partners but also BFFs. Then the tip of one chopstick is broken in an unfortunate encounter with an asparagus spear, and after getting medical attention (the glue bottle mends him and wraps the “wound” with a bandage) the injured chopstick must stay off it until it sets. At first, the non-injured chopstick stays close by his friend’s side, but the injured one finally tells him, “You need to get out . . . venture off on your own a bit.” The chopsticks discover that time away from each other can also be a good thing. (Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books)

“The marriage of text, digital art, and design provide plentiful puns and laugh-out-loud humor.” Publ Wkly

Ross, Fiona

Chilly Milly Moo. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Cattle -- Fiction
2. Milk -- Fiction
3. Weather -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5693-5; 0-7636-5693-3

LC 2010051446

While the other cows are enjoying the sun and making plenty of milk, Milly Moo is too hot to make a drop but when the temperature falls, Milly Moo shows the farmer and the rest of the herd what she can do.

“This is a great addition to read-alouds centered on the theme of individuality (with a snack tie-in built right in). Delightfully different, just like Milly Moo.” Kirkus

Ross, Tony

I want a party! written and illustrated by Tony Ross. Andersen Press 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Parties -- Fiction
2. Princesses -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7613-8089-4; 0-7613-8089-2

LC 2011001597

Little Princess discovers that she can have a lovely party with just one guest.

“Ross’s illustrations are produced in colorful ink and watercolors. The whimsy and simple story line will appeal to young children.” SLJ

Rubel, David

The **carpenter’s** gift; a Christmas tale about the Rockefeller Center tree. illustrated by Jim LaMarche. Random House 2011 un il \$17.99; lib bdg \$20.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 **E**

1. Children’s literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two
2. Christmas -- Fiction
3. Christmas stories
4. Kindness -- Fiction
5. Trees -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-86922-8; 0-375-86922-0; 978-0-375-96922-5 lib bdg; 0-375-96922-5 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98933-9 e-book

LC 2010033203

In Depression-era New York City, construction workers at the Rockefeller Center site help a family in need—a gift that is repaid years later in the donation of an enormous Christmas tree.

“Rubel’s story . . . puts the now magnificent symbol in perspective. LaMarche conveys emotional resonance with gauzy, soft-hued paintings of the inspirational proceedings.” Publ Wkly

Russo, Marisabina

Peter is just a baby. written and illustrated by Marisabina Russo. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers 2011 un il \$16

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. French language -- Vocabulary
2. Infants -- Fiction
3. Siblings -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8028-5384-4; 0-8028-5384-6

LC 2011022480

“The title is the favorite refrain of the narrator, an anthropomorphized six-year-old bear and Peter’s big sister. . . . Delineating Peter’s babyish ways . . . lets her cite all the ways she is more mature and sophisticated. . . . With help from her tutor, the narrator learns to say ‘Bon appetit!’ before eating and ‘Quel dommage!’ when disappointed. . . . This worldly-wise and ultimately accepting attitude, combined with the parallel story of learning French . . . gives an otherwise typical tale of sibling rivalry a stylish, refreshing twist. . . . [The book is illustrated with] cheery, naïf gouache pictures.” Publ Wkly

Rylant, Cynthia

Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club; the ninth book of their adventures; illustrated by Suçie Stevenson. Simon Spotlight 2011 40p il \$15.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Books and reading -- Fiction
2. Clubs -- Fiction
- 3.

Summer -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-7199-3; 1-4169-7199-8

LC 2009054125

Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and vow to be 'Book Bugs' for life.

"Rylant's celebration of the versatility and diversity of reading selections and experiences is nondidactic and gently amusing." Horn Book Guide

Annie and Snowball and the wintry freeze; the eighth book of their adventures; illustrated by Suçie Stevenson. Simon Spotlight 2010 40p il \$15.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Cousins -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Ice -- Fiction
4. Winter -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-7205-1; 1-4169-7205-6

LC 2009032066

Annie and her cousin Henry, along with Henry's dog Mudge and Annie's rabbit Snowball, enjoy a sparkling, wintry ice storm.

"Accompanying pen-and-ink and watercolors add even more warmth to the scenes." Horn Book Guide

Brownie & Pearl grab a bite; pictures by Brian Biggs. Beach Lane 2011 un il \$13.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Food -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-8634-8; 1-4169-8634-0

Brownie and her cat, Pearl go to the kitchen for stringy cheese, apples, crackers and milk.

"Fans of this perfect preschool fare will once again delight in the series' playful treatment of the everyday activities. . . . Biggs' boldly colored, digital art is presented in clean, clear compositions that make good use of white space." Kirkus

Brownie & Pearl hit the hay; pictures by Brian Biggs. Peach Lane Books 2011 un il \$13.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Bedtime -- Fiction 2. Cats -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-8635-5; 1-4169-8635-9

LC 2010009414

A little girl and her cat enjoy preparing for bed with a bath, snack, and bedtime story.

"The text is written in short sentences suitable for beginner readers and perfect for sharing with toddlers at bedtime. Biggs's digitally rendered illustrations are full of bright colors, clean lines, and great expressions, and have plenty of white space." SLJ

Safran, Sheri

Best friends; a pop-up book; illustrated by Mark Chambers. Tango 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Handicapped -- Fiction 3. Pop-up books

ISBN 978-1-85707-711-7; 1-85707-711-3

"A cheerful cartoon girl in pigtails recounts the pretend games that she and her best friend, James—who is in a wheelchair—play together, their actions brought to life by pop-ups and other interactive elements. . . . To Safran's credit, her prose makes no mention of James's physical con-

dition, letting his evident imagination, capability, and activity do the talking." Publ Wkly

Salzano, Tammi

One rainy day; illustrated by Hannah Wood. Tiger Tales 2011 un bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK

E

1. Board books for children 2. Color -- Fiction 3.

Ducks -- Fiction 4. Rain -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-58925-860-0; 1-58925-860-6

"Beneath light showers of foil raindrops, a duckling sporting red boots and an orange umbrella happily encounters a green frog, pink worms, yellow flowers, and other color-linked items. The text in this padded-cover board book runs to just a short phrase per spread, and the fuzzy yellow duck's joie de vivre glows in each simply composed scene." Booklist

Sandall, Ellie

Birdsong. Egmont USA 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK

E

1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Birdsongs -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-60684-193-8; 1-60684-193-9

LC 2010017006

A crowd of birds lands in a tree, sharing their different songs, until one last winged creature proves to be too much.

"The book has rhythm, bird sounds that are great fun to hear and say, and illustrations that depict each cast member as a winged creature of distinction." Horn Book Guide

Sarcone-Roach, Julia

Subway story. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 un il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through

grade two 2. Subways -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-85859-8; 0-375-85859-8; 978-0-375-95859-5 lib bdg; 0-375-95859-2 lib bdg

LC 2010045487

Jessie, a subway car 'born' in St. Louis, Missouri, enjoys many years as an important part of the New York City subway system, and after she is replaced by more modern cars she begins another important job.

"The author's acrylics gently anthropomorphize Jessie, giving her headlight-eyes and a winsome smile. Immensely readable and surprisingly touching, this large heft of metal totes a lot of charm." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Schaefer, Lola M.

Happy Halloween, Mittens. story by Lola M. Schaefer; pictures by Susan Kathleen Hartung. Harper 2010 23p il \$16.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Halloween -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-170222-8; 0-06-170222-6; 978-0-06-170221-1 pa; 0-06-170221-8 pa

LC 2008045065

While Nick prepares for Halloween, Mittens the kitten tries her best to help out.

“Mittens’s exploits continue to be entertaining and satisfying for the very youngest readers.” Horn Book Guide

Mittens, where is Max? story by Lola M. Schaefer; pictures by Susan Kathleen Hartung. Harper 2011 il \$16.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-170227-3; 0-06-170227-7; 978-0-06-170226-6 pa; 0-06-170226-9 pa

LC 2011009157

Mittens the kitten searches for his friend Max, a dog, so they can play together.

One special day. by Lola Schaefer; illustrated by Jessica Meserve. Disney/Hyperion Books 2012 40p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Babies -- Fiction 2. Behavior -- Fiction 3. Brothers -- Fiction
ISBN 1423137604; 9781423137603

LC 2011015977

In this book, “Spencer may be a boy, but in him you’ll find qualities worthy of the entire animal kingdom. He’s fast as a horse, tall as a giraffe, funny as a monkey and more. Yet when his parents come home with a new arrival, Spencer finds a new way to describe himself. He may be like animals in many respects, but now he’s gentle, just as a big brother should be. . . . The text allows readers to guess what animal Spencer will come to resemble next, until finally there is only one thing left to be. . . . [Illustrator Jessica] Meserve’s digital oil pastels . . . [include] grass and trees . . . [and depict] the wild bestiary of Spencer’s id and the pastoral calm the new baby brings.” (Kirkus)

Schimmel, Lawrence

Let’s go see Papa! translated from Spanish by Elisa Amado; illustrated by Alba Marina Rivera. Groundwood Books 2011 un il \$18.95

Grades: 1 2 3

E

1. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction 2. Immigrants -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-55498-106-9; 1-55498-106-9

“A young girl waits by the telephone every Sunday for a call from Papá. He left ‘one year, eight months and twenty two days’ ago to find work in the United States. . . . When Papá asks her and Mamá to join him, she is thrilled to be reunited, but also sad to leave her abuela and friends. Rivera’s pencil, crayon, and watercolor illustrations capture the daily details of a loving extended family. . . . The feelings of missing a loved one are realistically conveyed and will resonate with children.” SLJ

Schmid, Paul

Hugs from Pearl. story and pictures by Paul Schmid. Harper 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Hugging -- Fiction 2. Porcupines -- Fiction 3. School stories
ISBN 978-0-06-180434-2; 0-06-180434-7

LC 2010015906

A friendly porcupine figures out how to give hugs without hurting others with her sharp quills.

“With his simple pastel and charcoal illustrations set against pale green and blue pages, Schmid brings just the right touch of sweetness to this charming tale.” SLJ

Petunia goes wild. by Paul Schmid. HarperCollins 2012 40 p. \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Behavior -- Fiction 2. Children’s costumes 3. Humorous stories 4. Illustrated children’s books 5. Parent and child -- Fiction 6. Parenting 7. Temper tantrums in children 8. Tigers as pets
ISBN 9780061963346; 9780061963353

LC 2011001888

In this children’s book, “Petunia . . . would much rather be an animal than a human girl, a preference that she expresses by wearing a tiger tail, roaring at passersby, and pleading with her parents for a cave in which to live. As a compromise, she offers to be their pet, an offer that provokes a page-long parental lecture: “No, you may NOT! Where did you get such an idea? Of all the crazy things! That is NOT how nice little girls behave.” Feeling completely misunderstood, Petunia addresses a packing box to Africa and climbs in, only to have second thoughts when she overhears her mother singing in the kitchen (Tigers did not sing, thought Petunia. Or tickle at bedtime, neither), and she decides to stay.” (Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books)

Schoettler, Joan

Good fortune in a wrapping cloth; illustrated by Jessica Lanan. Shen’s Books 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: 2 3 4

E

1. Clothing and dress -- Fiction 2. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction 3. Sewing -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-885008-40-4; 1-885008-40-6

LC 2011001702

When Ji-su’s mother is chosen by the emperor to be a seamstress in his court, Ji-su vows to learn to sew the beautiful Korean bojagi, or wrapping cloths, just as well so that she will also be summoned to the palace and be reunited with her mother.

“Descriptive language and stunning watercolor paintings show the seasons passing as Ji-su works toward her goal. With a masterful eye for color and skillful use of perspective, Lanan brings the text to life and adds depth to Ji-su’s emotions.” SLJ

Schubert, Ingrid

The **umbrella**. [by] Ingrid & Dieter Schubert. Lemniscaat 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Stories without words 3. Umbrellas and parasols -- Fiction 4. Voyages and travels -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-9359-5400-2; 1-9359-5400-8

A little dog finds an umbrella in the garden on a windy day. The moment the dog picks up the umbrella, it catches the wind and pulls the dog skywards. The wind carries the umbrella and the dog all over the world, from the desert to the sea, from the jungle to the north pole.

"The illustrations easily tell the story; there's no need for words. The paintings excel at showing the different landscapes and depicting movement. What a great journey!" SLJ

Schubert, Leda

★ **The Princess** of Borscht; illustrated by Bonnie Christensen. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$17.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Cooking -- Fiction 3. Grandmothers -- Fiction 4. Sick -- Fiction 5. Soups -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59643-515-5; 1-59643-515-1

LC 2010014520

Ruthie's grandmother, who is in the hospital with pneumonia, says she needs homemade borscht by five o'clock and young Ruthie, with the help of her neighbors, tries to make some even without the secret recipe.

"Of course, it's not just about borscht or even about cooking, though there's a great recipe included. Schubert has concocted a sweet mixture of traditions that bind and give comfort, along with love in many forms. . . . Christensen's heavily outlined, strongly colored illustrations emphasize equally strong personalities. The paintings are filled with details that add interest to the proceedings." Kirkus

Reading to Peanut; illustrated by Amanda Haley. Holiday House 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Reading -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8234-2339-2; 0-8234-2339-5

LC 2010031412

Lucy works hard to learn to read and write before her dog's birthday.

"Colorful, energetic acrylics show Lucy and her ever-present pup Peanut in motion. . . . The appealing character, lively pictures and mild suspense make for a warm family story that shows the fun of having a pet and provides a strategy for learning to read that youngsters will eagerly embrace." Kirkus

Schwartz, Betty Ann

The **splendid** spotted snake. Workman 2011 un il \$13.95

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Snakes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7611-6360-2; 0-7611-6360-3

"A yellow snake, made from a ribbon that is woven through slots in the pages, is born with red spots, but as he gets longer, he gains additional spots of different colors. . . . Turning the pages pulls a new section of ribbon through, making the winding snake grow. Schwartz and Wilensky combine a satisfying tactile experience with a lighthearted lesson on size and color recognition, well-suited for preschoolers." Publ Wkly

Scotton, Rob

Splat the cat sings flat. Harper 2011 31p il \$16.99; pa \$3.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Fear -- Fiction 3. School stories

4. Singing -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-197854-8; 0-06-197854-X; 978-0-06-197853-1 pa; 0-06-197853-1 pa

LC 2010021976

Splat the cat is very nervous when his class prepares to sing on Parents' Night.

"This beginning chapter book is similar to the earlier titles in both monochromatic tone and style. Children who are familiar with them will recognize Splat's classmates, fun background details, and silly expressions." SLJ

Sebe, Masayuki

Let's count to 100! Kids Can Press 2011 il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Counting
ISBN 978-1-55453-661-0; 1-55453-661-8

"Every spread in this high-energy counting book contains 100 cartoon people, objects, or animals, as Sebe provides enthusiastic prompts. . . . Conversations and interactions between the creatures add to the fun. . . . With much to discover, a wry sense of humor, and a clean aesthetic, it's a lively pick for readers ready for more adventurous counting challenges." Publ Wkly

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro

★ **Green.** Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook Press 2012 40 p. \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Animals -- Color 2. Children's literature 3. Green -- Fiction 4. Picture books for children 5. Plants -- Color 6. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 9781596433977

LC 2011013495

This picture book is an exploration of the color green with die-cut paintings. "In four simple quatrains, two-word lines each suggest a kind of green, introducing a scene that might show natural, domestic or built elements: 'forest green / sea green / lime green / pea green.' . . . [Laura Vaccaro] Seeger's paintings vary in perspective." in their portrayal of animals such as fish, a tiger, and a lizard, trees and flowers, and children. The die-cuts reveal green-related words demonstrated by the vignettes within the paintings. (Kirkus)

Sendak, Maurice

★ **Bumble-Ardy.** HarperCollins 2011 un il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Counting 3. Parties -- Fiction 4. Pigs -- Fiction 5. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-06-205198-1; 0-06-205198-9

Bumble-Ardy is a mischievous pig who has reached the age of nine without ever having had a birthday party. But all that changes when Bumble throws a party for himself and invites all his friends, leading to a wild masquerade that quickly gets out of hand.

"Savvy readers will notice references to Sendak's previous books and an ebullient cameo; scholars will undoubtedly discover personal iconography in the densely populated watercolors. Familiar themes abound: the quest for home, the capacity children have for navigating their circumstances,

the pleasure of cake, the presence of death. . . . Nobody does naughty quite like [Sendak] does." SLJ

Seuss, Dr., 1904-1991

★ The **Bippolo** Seed and other lost stories. by Dr. Seuss; introduction by Charles D. Cohen. Random House 2011 69p il \$15

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Short stories 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-375-86435-3; 0-375-86435-0
LC 2009052588

Presents seven Dr. Seuss stories first published in magazines between 1948 and 1959, with an introduction and commentary on each.

"The stories' rhymed couplets are pitch-perfect, the verse's rhythm as snappy as in any of Seuss's better-known works. . . . Fans old and young will deem these 'lost' stories a tremendous find." Publ Wkly

Shaskan, Stephen

A **dog** is a dog. Chronicle Books 2011 un il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-8118-7896-8; 0-8118-7896-1
LC 2010041949

Using various animals as examples, this rhyming picture book explores what makes them the same and what makes them different.

This "looks simple, but it's in fact a polished and controlled piece of work. . . . There's a chunky, woodcut feel to Shaskan's hip and cheery art, and he gives each of the animals abundant personality. Children attracted to Escher-like paradoxes will appreciate the endless loop of animal costumes and low-key surprises." Publ Wkly

Shea, Bob

Dinosaur vs. the library. Hyperion 2011 il \$15.99

Grades: PreK E

1. Dinosaurs -- Fiction 2. Libraries -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4231-3338-4; 1-4231-3338-2

Dinosaur is going to one of his favorite places, the library, and on the way he encounters a series of animals, including a cow, baby chicks, a turtle, and an owl, and shares his roars with each.

"Observant readers will spot familiar characters amid Shea's bold, expressive scrawls, and everyone will cheer the library's success. Story time may have conquered Dinosaur, but with boisterous noise and boundless energy, Shea's Dinosaur titles will never fail to be read-aloud hits." Kirkus

Shields, Gillian

Library Lily; illustrated by Francesca Chessa. William B. Eerdmans 2011 un il \$16

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Books and reading -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction
3. Libraries -- Fiction 4. Play -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8028-5401-8; 0-8028-5401-X
LC 2010053737

From the day her mother introduces her to the library, Lily wants to spend all of her time reading until she meets Milly, who hates reading but loves adventure.

"The simple text includes some dialogue and quotes from the books that Lily is reading and is placed attractively around the illustrations. Bright, vibrant, cartoon artwork enhances the text and evokes a cheerful feeling." SLJ

Shireen, Nadia

Good little wolf. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Wolves -- Fiction
ISBN 0-375-86904-2; 0-375-96904-7 lib bdg; 978-0-375-86904-4; 978-0-375-96904-1 lib bdg
LC 2011003517

Rolf is proud when his friend, Mrs. Boggins, calls him a good little wolf, but when the Big Bad Wolf teases him Rolf tries to prove himself by howling at the moon and blowing down Little Pig's house.

"Simple, strikingly colored illustrations, rendered in pencil, ink, and collage with digital enhancements, feature the characters against bare backgrounds, allowing them to pop off the pages. . . . These bold illustrations, as well as the short text, make this a good read-aloud for audiences old enough to understand the tongue-in-cheek humor." Booklist

Silverman, Erica

The **Hanukkah** hop. written by Erica Silverman; illustrated by Steven D'Amico. Simon & Schuster 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Hanukkah -- Fiction 3. Hanukkah stories 4. Jews -- United States -- Fiction 5. Parties -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-0604-9

Rhymed text and illustrations follow a family's activities as they prepare to celebrate Hanukkah.

"Like the enthusiastic revelers, Silverman's gleeful text has rhythm. D'Amico's angular illustrations, with their circa-1950s flair, keep up the pace. . . . Readers' toes are sure to be tapping throughout this unabashedly joyful Hanukkah romp." Horn Book

Siminovich, Lorena

I like vegetables; a touch-and-feel board book. Templar Books 2011 un il bd bk \$6.99

Grades: PreK E

1. Board books for children 2. Opposites 3. Vegetables
ISBN 978-0-7636-5283-8; 0-7636-5283-0
LC 2010039166

"Delightfully drawn with collage elements, including fabric places to pat, this sturdy book makes carrots, peas, corn, and pumpkins tantalizing. Comparisons are made by showing growth under- and aboveground or how a pumpkin can be big or little. . . . This board book is so attractive and useful that adults will enjoy sharing it with little ones." Booklist

Slate, Jenny

Marcel the Shell with shoes on; things about me. by Jenny Slate & Dean Fleischer-Camp; paintings by Amy Lind. Razorbill 2011 un il \$18.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Shells -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59514-455-3; 1-59514-455-2

"Like the popular Internet video it's based on, this picture book stars a pink-shod, one-eyed snail shell who is happy to discuss his habits, preferences, and inner life, while revealing a life that's both miniature and writ large. . . . The artwork trades the jerky animation of the original for Lind's thick, luminous oil paintings, which provide a fittingly off-kilter realism." Publ Wkly

Slater, Kate**Maggie's** treasure. Andersen 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K E

1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Thieves -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-84939-008-8; 1-84939-008-8

"Magnus Magpie, a bird with an eye for burglary, steals the shiniest, most dazzling things and stashes them secretly. . . . What he wants most of all, though, is the shining moon. . . . With a sweet final twist, he find that home and a family of his own are what he wants most. . . . The energetic text is well paced for read-alouds, and kids will enjoy picking out the objects in Slater's vibrant, mixed-media collage illustrations." Booklist

Slegers, Liesbet**Bathing.** Clavis 2011 un il bd bk \$5.95

Grades: PreK E

1. Baths -- Fiction 2. Board books for children
ISBN 978-1-60537-092-7; 1-60537-092-4

"A smiling toddler makes bath time seem easy and fun in this warm board book. . . . He uses his orange washcloth, happily lets his mother shampoo his hair, and sails his red boat in the bathwater, finishing up with a cuddly towel. Slegers's characteristically bright, smudgy paintings convey a common experience with a light, appealing touch." Publ Wkly

Kevin goes to the library. Clavis 2011 un il \$12.95

Grades: PreK E

1. Books and reading -- Fiction 2. Libraries -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-60537-075-0; 1-60537-075-4

Explores the cyclical nature of borrowing library books and emphasizes the many joys of reading as Kevin, a young boy, describes his experiences at the library

"Toddlers should be drawn to this straightforward depiction of a common experience." Publ Wkly

Smith, Danna

Pirate nap; a book of colors; illustrated by Valeria Petrone. Clarion Books 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Color 3. Imagination -- Fiction 4. Pirates -- Fiction 5. Play -- Fiction 6. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-547-57531-5; 0-547-57531-9

LC 2010043253

Two brothers use their imaginations to turn their surroundings--from a white bandana and yellow coins to a red blanket and even their baby sister-- into a colorful pirate adventure before naptime.

"Clever rhyming text in 'pirate speak' and colorful, digital gouache illustrations in muted tones create a standout concept book. . . . The eight basic colors are introduced in the humorous text and in the imaginative pictures. . . . Children will pore over the small and large details in the artwork. This title inspires creative play, and is likely to be a treasure for years to come." SLJ

Smith, Lane

★ **Grandpa** Green. Roaring Brook Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Gardens -- Fiction 2. Grandfathers -- Fiction 3. Old age -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59643-607-7; 1-59643-607-7

LC 2010038729

"The idea of a garden as a lockbox of memories is not a new one, but rarely is it pulled off with this kind of panache. . . . Sketched with a finely lined fairy-tale wispiness and dominated by verdant green, the illustrations are not just creative but poignant. . . . The perfect book to help kids understand old age." Booklist

Soltis, Sue

Nothing like a puffin; illustrated by Bob Kolar. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Puffins -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-3617-3; 0-7636-3617-7

LC 2010040796

A narrator sets out to prove that there is nothing like a puffin but discovers that many things, including a newspaper and a helicopter, are a little bit like one and that a penguin is very much like a puffin.

"Kolar's . . . bold, cheerful cartoons show the bird causing lighthearted havoc. . . . What's more, his restrained palette reinforces the similarities Soltis so effectively uncovers. . . . Delightful, thought-provoking fun." Publ Wkly

Soman, David

The **amazing** adventures of Bumblebee Boy. by David Soman & Jacky Davis. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 E

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Imagination -- Fiction 3. Play -- Fiction 4. Superheroes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8037-3418-0; 0-8037-3418-2

LC 2011004567

As imaginary superhero Bumblebee Boy, Sam rejects his pesky little brother's help in defeating pirates, dragons, and saber-toothed lions, but when Sam comes up against some scary aliens, he discovers the advantage of having a sidekick.

"The contrast between Sam's brawny superhero exploits and the humble domestic scenes from which they derive . . . will charm readers, and so will the cute-as-a-button Owen in his blankie cape and aviator's hat with flaps." Publ Wkly

Spinelli, Eileen

Do you have a dog? illustrated by Geraldo Valerio. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers 2011 un il \$16

Grades: PreK K 1 2 **E**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-8028-5387-5; 0-8028-5387-0

LC 2011005650

Rhyming text describes some famous historical figures, from Annie Oakley and Merriwether Lewis to Sigmund Freud and Billie Holiday, and their beloved dogs. Includes facts about the people cited in the book.

"Young readers itching for a furry friend will find only the benefits of dog ownership in Spinelli's buoyant verse and Valério's cheerful acrylics. Endpapers provide further details about the historical figures mentioned within." Publ Wkly

Miss Fox's class shapes up; illustrated by Anne Kennedy. Albert Whitman & Co. 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 **E**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-8075-5171-4; 0-8075-5171-6

When Miss Fox realizes that her students do not have healthy habits, she teaches them that healthful living is fun and rewarding, which they find to be true on Field Day.

"The cartoonlike watercolor and ink illustrations are filled with movement and detail." SLJ

Srinivasan, Divya

★ **Little Owl's night.** Viking Childrens Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Forest animals -- Fiction 2. Forests and forestry -- Fiction 3. Night -- Fiction 4. Owls -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-670-01295-4; 0-670-01295-5

LC 2010049513

Little Owl enjoys a lovely night in the forest visiting his friend the raccoon, listening to the frogs croak and the crickets chirp, and watching the fog that hovers overhead.

"The story's chief virtue is its graceful, balletic prose; the [artwork has] crisp edges and cold greens and blacks. . . It's a provocative inversion of the classic bedtime story, and a solid first outing. Srinivasan's message is that night is a delightful place, and that's useful knowledge for small children." Publ Wkly

Staub, Leslie

Everybody gets the blues. written by Leslie Staub; pictures by R.G. Roth. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: K **E**

1. Blues music -- Fiction 2. Emotions -- Fiction 3. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-15-206300-9; 0-15-206300-5

LC 2010043400

"Writing cheerfully about sadness sounds like an oxymoron, but Staub . . . performs this balancing act with casual grace. . . Blues Guy, a sweet-faced, bulky gentleman dressed in tweed, sits with the boy, radiating sympathy and asking nothing. They sing together ('I've got the blues so bad, / I want to cry, cry, cry'), and the strength of their song lifts them into the sky to bring comfort to 'everyone who's feeling low.' . . . Roth's . . . flat, cutout figures have a retro feel, but reflect the present-day world with figures of many ages, colors, and sizes. Staub's verses scan as neatly as an old radio hit." Publ Wkly

Stewart, Amber

Puddle's new school; illustrated by Layn Marlow. Barron's 2011 un il pa \$7.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Ducks -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-7641-4683-1; 0-7641-4683-1

Puddle is a little duckling. He longs to go to school. But when his first day approaches he is suddenly not so sure.

"This is a reassuring tale for first time school-goers. Its universal theme, coupled with large naturalistic illustrations and large font size, makes it an excellent read-aloud for young children and for use in preschool/daycare and kindergarten settings." SLJ

Stone, Kate

One spooky night; a Halloween adventure. Accord Publishing 2011 36p il pa \$11.99

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Fear -- Fiction 2. Halloween -- Fiction 3. Monsters -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4494-0330-0; 1-4494-0330-1

"Cut pages and vellum layers combine to striking effect in this story about a little monster's nocturnal journey. The monster isn't afraid when an owl hoots, and he doesn't cower at grinning jack-o'-lanterns or ghosts. The transparent layers and stained glass-style cutouts with black, yellow, and purple accents create dramatic dimension. When the monster finally arrives at a haunted house, a bright foldout reveals that he is really a boy in costume." Publ Wkly

Suen, Anastasia

Road work ahead; illustrated by Jannie Ho. Viking 2011 32p il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K **E**

1. Automobile travel -- Fiction 2. Construction equipment -- Fiction 3. Roads -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-670-01288-6; 0-670-01288-2

LC 2011004545

When a family sets out on a trip to Grandma's, their journey proves to be more like a visit to a construction site. Sidewalks are being poured, streetlights repaired, roads resurfaced. The noise of jackhammers, whistles, and horns fills the air.

This is a "delightful story. . . The cheerful illustrations enhance the smooth, rhyming text. They are full of detail and hum with activity." SLJ

Taback, Simms

Simms Taback's farm animals. Blue Apple Books 2011 un bd bk \$12.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Board books for children 2. Domestic animals -- Fiction 3. Farm life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-60905-078-8; 1-60905-078-9

LC 2011019081

The reader is invited to guess which farm animal is hiding beneath fold-outs that reveal a succession of clues.

"The simple, boldly outlined and brightly colored illustrations portray each animal standing against a monochromatic sky ranging in color from yellow to blue to purple. The pages are constructed of sturdy card stock, allowing

small fingers to practice unfolding and re-folding the flaps. An amusing and instructive story." SLJ

Tafari, Nancy

All kinds of kisses. Little, Brown 2012 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK

E

1. Bedtime -- Fiction 2. Domestic animals -- Fiction 3. Kissing -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-316-12235-1; 0-316-12235-1

LC 2010049433

Each barnyard animal has its favorite kind of kiss, but the best of all is a mother's goodnight kiss.

"Using her distinctively recognizable artwork rendered in watercolor and colored pencil, Tafari has created another loving book for toddlers." SLJ

Thisdale, François, 1964-

Nini. Tundra Books 2011 un il \$15.95

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Adoption -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-77049-270-7; 1-77049-270-4

Long before Nini was born, she was in a safe place where a familiar voice promised her a loving home. But once she was born, that soft voice was replaced by the words of care givers in an orphanage. Then, one day, a man and a woman on the other side of the world learned that their dreams were about to come true. They would finally have a baby to love.

This is a "heart-warming poetic story of adoption. . . . Thisdale's imaginative use of traditional drawing and painting, digitally manipulated, produces double pages that suggest rather than stipulate the images." SLJ

Thomas, Jan

Is everyone ready for fun? Beach Lane Books 2011 un il \$12.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Cattle -- Fiction 2. Chickens -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-2364-0; 1-4424-2364-1

LC 2011005212

Chicken's cow visitors try to jump, dance, and wiggle on his couch, which is much too tiny for such exuberant activities.

"Thomas's illustrations energetically emphasize the cows' frenetic energy and the chicken's frustration, which are sure to draw giggles." Publ Wkly

Pumpkin trouble. Harper 2011 un il \$9.99; lib bdg \$12.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Ducks -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction 3. Pigs -- Fiction 4. Pumpkin -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-169284-0; 0-06-169284-0; 978-0-06-169285-7 lib bdg; 0-06-169285-9 lib bdg

LC 2010007029

When Duck decides to make a jack-o-lantern, he and his friends Pig and Mouse are in for a scary adventure.

"With well-paced, slapstick action and opportunities for children to practice making predictions, this story features characters who can hold their own. . . . A terrific Halloween read-aloud." Booklist

Thompson, Lauren

★ **One** starry night; illustrated by Jonathan Bean. Margaret K. McElderry Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 3. Christmas -- Fiction 4. Christmas stories 5. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-689-82851-5; 0-689-82851-9

LC 2011008776

One starry night, as all sorts of animals watch over their young, Mary and Joseph watch over their baby boy, Jesus, in Bethlehem.

"This tender, poetic retelling of the age-old story takes the form of a whispered prayer as it highlights the nurturing given to babies of many species. The art and the words strike just the right tone of reverence and delight. A lovely offering." SLJ

Thurlby, Paul

★ **Paul** Thurlby's alphabet. Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Alphabet
ISBN 978-0-7636-5565-5; 0-7636-5565-1

LC 2010045400

"From a cover that features a boy's head and arms on a body shaped like the letter A to Z for zipper, the illustrator explains that he 'pursues the challenge of fusing the object of the word with the shape of the letter.' His approach succeeds in a fascinating way. The lower and uppercase letter is centered on the verso pages against textured, vividly colored papers, while the letter designs appear on the recto and have a posterlike quality. . . . The digital-media artwork has a distinctive look that will be best appreciated by young ones who already know the ABCs. Skillfully constructed and cleverly composed, it's an awesome alphabet book." Kirkus

Tudor, Tasha

Corgiville fair. by Tasha Tudor. Little, Brown & Company 1998 1v. (unpg) col. ill. \$12.23; pa \$6.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Fairs -- Fiction
ISBN 0-316-85312-7; 0-316-85329-1 pa; 9780316853125

LC 97029665

This picture book takes place in the village of Corgiville, "west of New Hampshire and east of Vermont," the population of cats, rabbits, corgis (enchanted small dogs the color of foxes), and boggarts (toy-like trolls) turn out for the annual country fair. The plan of young Caleb Brown, a corgi, to ride his goat Josephine in the Grand Race, is almost foiled by rival Edgar Tomcat who feeds Caleb a soporific hot dog and stuffs Josephine with mince pies and cigars. But Caleb's resourceful buddy Merton Boggart gets the groaning Josephine going by feeding her the rockets for his fireworks display. . . . Caleb wins the race, leads the grand parade, starts off the Virginia Reel with Miss Corgiville, . . . and applauds Merton's closing fireworks display. (Kirkus)

Tullet, Herve

The **game** of finger worms. Phaedon Press 2011 un il bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Board books for children 2. Games
ISBN 978-0-7148-6071-8; 0-7148-6071-9

LC 2011289051

Invites the reader to complete the illustrations by drawing eyes and a mouth on one's finger and inserting it through the die-cut hole in each page as a "finger worm."

The book has "whimsical art done in bold watercolors. The [book is] appropriate for hands-on learning in early education settings or one-on-one with an adult to help youngsters develop finger dexterity and fine motor skills." SLJ

The **game** of let's go! Phaedon Press 2011 un il bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Board books for children 2. Games
ISBN 978-0-7148-6075-6; 0-7148-6075-1

LC 2011289050

Invites the reader to close one's eyes and follow a felt line through the book with one's finger, around and through various die-cut holes, imagining where the journey leads.

The book has "whimsical art done in bold watercolors. The [book is] appropriate for hands-on learning in early education settings or one-on-one with an adult to help youngsters develop finger dexterity and fine motor skills." SLJ

The **game** of light. Phaidon 2011 un il bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Board books for children 2. Games
ISBN 978-0-7148-6189-0; 0-7148-6189-8

This board book "makes for a fun nighttime activity as simple cutout shapes on each page can be illuminated with a flashlight. . . .The [book has] whimsical art done in bold watercolors. The [book is] appropriate for hands-on learning in early education settings or one-on-one with an adult to help youngsters develop finger dexterity and fine motor skills." SLJ

The **game** of mix and match. Phaidon 2011 un il bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Board books for children 2. Games
ISBN 978-0-7148-6073-2; 0-7148-6073-5

In this board book, "each page contains four flaps that children can mix and match to create more than 50 pictures among familiar objects such as hearts, stars, and the sun. . . .The [book has] whimsical art done in bold watercolors. The [book is] appropriate for hands-on learning in early education settings or one-on-one with an adult to help youngsters develop finger dexterity and fine motor skills." SLJ

The **game** of mix-up art. Phaidon 2011 un il bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Board books for children 2. Games
ISBN 978-0-7148-6188-3; 0-7148-6188-X

This board book "contains colorful shapes and obscure patterns among zigzagged cut-page flaps that create new artwork and designs as different flaps are turned. . . .The [book has] whimsical art done in bold watercolors. The [book is] appropriate for hands-on learning in early education settings or one-on-one with an adult to help youngsters develop finger dexterity and fine motor skills." SLJ

The **game** of patterns. Phaidon 2011 un il bd bk \$8.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Board books for children 2. Games
ISBN 978-0-7148-6187-6; 0-7148-6187-1

This board book "provides the opportunity to point out as many patterns and similarities children can find on each spread. They increase in difficulty as the book progresses. The [book has] whimsical art done in bold watercolors. The [book is] appropriate for hands-on learning in early education settings or one-on-one with an adult to help youngsters develop finger dexterity and fine motor skills." SLJ

Van Fleet, Matthew

Moo; photos by Brian Stanton. Simon & Schuster 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK E

1. Board books for children 2. Domestic animals -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4424-3503-2; 1-4424-3503-8

"Van Fleet's interactive board book identifies farm animals using simple, playful rhymes. . . .Textures—a woolly sheep, a duck's downy chest feathers—provide a touch-and-feel aspect, while flaps and pop-ups make this a playful excursion." Publ Wkly

Veldkamp, Tjibbe

Tom the tamer; illustrated by Philip Hopman. Lemniscaat USA 2011 32p il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K E

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Father-son relationship -- Fiction 3. Fear -- Fiction

ISBN 1-9359-5405-9; 978-1-9359-5405-7

"This tender, loopy, and unconventional work . . . stars a boy who wants to lure his phobic father away from his model railway and into the backyard so that the father can meet the animals he's frightened of face-to-face. . . . Tom purchases a polar bear from the local pet store and discovers that the bear can do an uncanny imitation of an armchair. . . . This success sets the stage for a full-scale animal-furniture renovation. . . . The episodes recall gentler moments from Roald Dahl or Russell Hoban. Similarly, Hopman's illustrations are first cousin to Quentin Blake's, full of fanciful color and a jumble of imagined detail."

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tions are first cousin to Quentin Blake's, full of fanciful color and a jumble of imagined detail." Publ Wkly

Verburg, Bonnie

The **kiss** box; illustrated by Henry Cole. Orchard Books 2011 un il lib bdg \$16.99

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Bears -- Fiction
 2. Kissing -- Fiction
 3. Love -- Fiction
 4. Mother-child relationship -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-545-11284-0; 0-545-11284-2

LC 2009012102

As they prepare for a short separation, Mama Bear and Little Bear find a way to reassure each other while they are apart.

"Cole's charming and cheery watercolor and colored-pencil illustrations of Mama Bear and Little Bear enjoying the day before she leaves do much to make this title appealing." SLJ

Verdick, Elizabeth

Mealtime; illustrated by Marieka Heinlen. Free Spirit Pub. 2011 un il bd bk \$7.95

Grades: PreK **E**

1. Board books for children
 2. Etiquette
 3. Food
 4. Nutrition
- ISBN 978-1-57542-366-1; 1-57542-366-9

LC 2010045051

"Pretty much every main lesson adults try to impart about mealtime is covered here: washing hands, using utensils, displaying manners, trying new food, sitting still, and cleaning up. This . . . list of demands is relayed via a group of four beaming multicultural children wearing wild color and set before even more wildly colored backdrops." Booklist

Viorst, Judith

Earrings! illustrated by Nola Langner Malone. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2010 un il \$16.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **E**

1. Earrings -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-4424-1281-1; 1-4424-1281-X

LC 2010502964

A young girl uses various arguments to convince her parents to let her have her ears pierced.

"Viorst homes in on minor childhood crises with the perfect blend of humor and insight, and Malone's expressive and comic figures are miniature character studies in themselves." Horn Book

Waechter, Philip

Bravo! illustrated by Moni Port; [translated from German by Sally-Ann Spencer] Gecko Press 2011 un il \$17.95

Grades: PreK K 1 **E**

1. Cats -- Fiction
 2. Family life -- Fiction
 3. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction
 4. Listening -- Fiction
 5. Noise -- Fiction
 6. Trumpet -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-8774-6771-4; 1-8774-6771-5

"Helena, a trumpet-playing kitten who lives with her mother, father, and little brother, has almost a perfect life, except for one thing. Her father is a shouter who comes from

a long line of shouters. She dislikes his yelling so much that she leaves home to find another person with whom to live. . . . The muted, full-color art is delicate and sketchy. The illustrations feature plenty of white space and large vistas that focus the action on the family. Children will respond to Helena." SLJ

Walker, Sally M.

★ **Freedom** song; the story of Henry 'Box' Brown; illustrated by Sean Qualls. Harper 2012 il \$17.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **E**

1. Abolitionists
 2. African Americans -- Fiction
 3. Magicians
 4. Singing -- Fiction
 5. Slavery -- Fiction
 6. Slaves
 7. Underground railroad -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-06-058310-1; 0-06-058310-X

LC 2010024448

Henry Brown copes with slavery by singing, but after his wife and children are sold away he is left with only his freedom song, which gives him strength when friends put him in a box and mail him to a free state.

"A letter from the man who receives the box describes how Brown came out of it and sang a hymn, a fitting finale to Walker's rhythmic text. Qualls's primitive-style collage illustrations strongly convey the depth of Brown's emotions." SLJ

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth

Ready! Set! 100th day! written and illustrated by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. Marshall Cavendish Children 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: K 1 **E**

1. Family life -- Fiction
 2. Rabbits -- Fiction
 3. School stories
 4. Set theory -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-7614-5956-9; 0-7614-5956-1; 978-0-7614-6070-1 e-book

LC 2011001128

Minna's family pitches in to help her come up with the perfect project for the hundredth day of school, from twenty sets of five sticks to two sets of fifty pieces of pasta.

"This is definitely a book that will appeal to children. All of the characters are anthropomorphic brown rabbits done in large, colorful collages. The concepts are shown in a straightforward way that will be useful for introducing and reinforcing the number sets." SLJ

Walsh, Joanna

The **biggest** kiss; illustrated by Judi Abbot. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$12.99

Grades: K **E**

1. Kissing -- Fiction
 2. Stories in rhyme
- ISBN 978-1-4424-2769-3; 1-4424-2769-8

LC 2011019442

A celebration of kisses from the sleepy goodnight kiss and the splashy splashy fish kiss to the sticky lipstick kiss and finally the best kiss of all.

"The engaging rhymes are perfectly complemented by the colorful, whimsical illustrations. A wonderful cuddle-up-and-read choice." SLJ

Warwick, Dionne, 1940-

Little Man. by Dionne Warwick and David Freeman Wooley; illustrated by Fred Willingham. Charlesbridge 2011 un il \$19.95

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Drums -- Fiction 2. Musicians -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-57091-731-8; 1-57091-731-0

Little Man is a drummer. With support from his father, Little Man practices every day. Soon he has enough confidence to play the drums at the local block party and is pleasantly surprised when his neighbors take up a collection for him. Now Little Man has money to buy a new bike to transport him to drum lessons!

"This success story, based on Wooley's city childhood, includes striking portraits in pastels and airbrush. . . . A CD of Warwick reading the book is included, her mellow tones adding to the pleasure of the tale. It also offers Wooley's demo of various drums and accessories, sure to pique the interest of young musicians." SLJ

Weitzman, Jacqueline Preiss

Superhero Joe. written by Jacqueline Preiss; drawn by Ron Barrett. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2

E

1. Fear -- Fiction 2. Imagination -- Fiction 3. Superheroes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-9157-1; 1-4169-9157-3

LC 2009034390

Five-year-old Joey uses his super powers to help his parents out of a sticky situation.

"Barrett's line drawings are rendered in ink and colored digitally. The crisp text is hand lettered. The graphic-novel format and retro atmosphere mimic the comic books whose heroes Joe emulates. Weitzman acknowledges the boy's feelings and provides imaginative solutions followed by more practical ones. An upbeat, humorous selection." SLJ

Wells, Rosemary

★ **Love waves.** Candlewick Press 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Love -- Fiction 2. Parent-child relationship -- Fiction
3. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-0-7636-4989-0; 0-7636-4989-9

LC 2010040460

While they are at work a mother and father send powerful "love waves" to their child at home, offering reassurance and comfort in their absence.

"With cozy pastel scenes and gentle verse, Wells makes tangible the powerful emotional connection between parent and child, reminding children that longing and, more importantly, love are both two-way streets." Publ Wkly

White, Kathryn

When will it snow? [illustrations by] Alison Edgson. Good Books 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Bears -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Hibernation -- Fiction 4. Moles (Animals) -- Fiction 5.

Snow -- Fiction 6. Squirrels -- Fiction
ISBN 9781561487295; 1561487295

LC 2011007763

When Little Bear's mother begins to prepare him for winter hibernation, he is sad because he will miss playing with his friends in the snow.

"This lament will strike an emotional chord with anyone who bemoans missing even a minute of fun. . . . Edgson's characters are the epitome of exuberance and joy." Kirkus

Willems, Mo

The duckling gets a cookie!? words and picture by Mo Willems. Hyperion Books for Children 2012 40 p. \$15.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Cookies -- Fiction 2. Ducks -- Fiction 3. Etiquette -- Fiction 4. Humorous stories 5. Pigeons -- Fiction
ISBN 9781423151289

LC 2011012304

As this book "opens, the yellow Duckling requests a cookie, receives one immediately, and graciously thanks the unseen provider with a "flappy flip flap." The Pigeon, whom the Duckling cajoled into sharing a hot dog in the earlier book, soon arrives to express astonishment. Multipanel spreads and emphatic voice balloons reveal his outrage as The Pigeon throws a colossal tantrum (I ask for things all the time!/ I ask to drive the bus! . . . Ive asked for a walrus! . . . But do I get what I ask for? Noooooo!). In an unexpected turn, the Duckling gives the Pigeon the entire cookie, shocking the bird." (Publishers Weekly)

Happy Pig Day! Hyperion Books for Children 2011 57p il \$8.99

Grades: PreK K

E

1. Elephants -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Parties -- Fiction 4. Pigs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4231-4342-0; 1-4231-4342-6

LC 2010034326

Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year, but Gerald the elephant is sad, thinking that he cannot join the fun.

"The elements that have made this series so successful and enduring are all present once again: a clean design (white background, lack of extraneous details, large type in word bubbles, etc.), a friendship theme and a satisfying resolution." Kirkus

Should I share my ice cream? Hyperion Books for Children 2011 57p il \$8.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2

E

1. Elephants -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Ice cream, ices, etc. -- Fiction 4. Pigs -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4231-4343-7; 1-4231-4343-4

LC 2011014860

"Children will delight in this perfect drama for hot weather. . . . Willems's simple text allows beginning readers independent success, although the text and illustrations also work well as a read-aloud. Fans of the series will not want to miss this offering." SLJ

Witte, Anna

★ **Lola's** fandango. written by Anna Witte; illustrated by Micha Archer. Barefoot Books 2010 un il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 E

1. Dance -- Fiction 2. Flamenco -- Fiction 3. Hispanic Americans -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-84686-174-1; 1-84686-174-8

LC 2008028143

After learning how to dance a style of flamenco known as the fandango, Lola plans a surprise for her mother's birthday.

"Witte and Archer hit all the right notes here. The text dances across the pages, with 'tacs' and 'tocs' and 'ticas' beating out the rhythm. The action, both external and internal, is visualized in the charming collage-style artwork. . . . A CD is included, and a Spanish-language version is also available." Booklist

Wood, Audrey

Blue sky. Audrey Wood. The Blue Sky Press 2012 32p \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1 2 3 E

1. Nature -- Fiction 2. Sky -- Fiction

ISBN 9780545316101

LC 2011010374

In this children's picture book, "a child and his family experience the fun of a sunny-sky day at the beach, then the electricity of a thunder-storm sky, and finally the magical delight of a rainbow sky. . . . Using only two words per page -- 'Blue Sky,' 'Cloud Sky,' 'Storm Sky' . . . [the book] will encourage young readers to make up their own simple descriptions of the sky above." (Publisher's note) Other illustrations depict "Wish Sky/ Sleep Sky/ Dream Sky." The illustrations were created with "pastel paper in deep colors for the backgrounds . . . [and] gouache highlights and colored pencils." (Kirkus)

Wortche, Allison

Rosie Sprout's time to shine. story by Allison Wortche; pictures by Patrice Barton. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 il \$17.99; lib bdg \$20.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 E

1. Plants -- Fiction 2. School stories

ISBN 978-0-375-86721-7; 978-0-375-96721-4 lib

bdg; 978-0-375-98459-4 e-book

LC 2011004092

Rosie's rival, Violet, outdoes her in everything until the class plants seeds for a unit on gardening.

"Wortche possesses both a refreshing directness and a willingness to trust her readers. She also has the courage to conclude not with reconciliation, but with a bittersweet and profoundly wise acknowledgment that it takes all kinds. This impressive new author is well served by Barton . . . whose digital classroom sketches convey a tumult of emotion and have just the right amounts of energy and vulnerability." Publ Wkly

Wright, Maureen

Sneeze, Big Bear, sneeze! illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Marshall Cavendish Children 2011 un il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K 1

E

1. Autumn -- Fiction 2. Bears -- Fiction 3. Sneezing -- Fiction 4. Stories in rhyme 5. Winds -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7614-5959-0; 0-7614-5959-6; 978-0-7614-6074-9 e-book

LC 2011001125

Big Bear thinks that his tremendous sneezes are causing the leaves and apples to fall off the trees and the geese to fly away, but when the wind finally convinces him otherwise, he knows what to do.

"Hillenbrand's sweeping mixed-media spreads should stir up anticipation for apple-picking season." Publ Wkly

Yamashita, Haruo

Seven little mice have fun on the ice; illustrated by Kazuo Iwamura. NorthSouth 2011 un il \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Ice fishing -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7358-4048-5; 0-7358-4048-2

"Following an afterschool ice-skating excursion, the [seven little mice] are anxious to go ice fishing, just like Little Weasel and his father. However, Father has to work, and Mother is too afraid of slipping on the ice. . . . The softly colored illustrations are extremely detailed, giving readers much to peruse. . . . The mice are adorable and expressive." Kirkus

Yarrow, Peter

Puff the magic dragon pop-up book. [by] Peter Yarrow, Lenny Lipton; with paintings by Eric Puybaret and paper engineering by Bruce Foster. Sterling 2011 un il \$26.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Dragons -- Fiction 2. Pop-up books

ISBN 978-1-4027-8711-9; 1-4027-8711-1

"Puybaret's capricious paintings combine elegantly with pop-up engineering by Bruce Foster in a condensed, interactive version of this bestselling 2007 picture book. The story unfolds in six graceful pop-up scenes, some of which have side panels that conceal additional pop-up effects. . . . Includes a four-song CD recording." Publ Wkly

Yee, Wong Herbert

Mouse and Mole, a perfect Halloween. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: K 1 2 3 E

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Halloween -- Fiction 3.

Mice -- Fiction 4. Moles (Animals) -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-547-55152-4; 0-547-55152-5

LC 2010033432

As Halloween approaches, Mouse helps her friend Mole get over his fear and enjoy the holiday.

"Newly independent readers will find much humor and some challenging words, but Yee's small gouache-and-litho pencil illustrations cue perfectly. . . . This story within the story truly shows how sharing a good book with a friend can work wonders." Kirkus

Yolen, Jane

How do dinosaurs say happy birthday? illustrated by Mark Teague. Blue Sky Press 2011 il bd bk \$6.99

Grades: PreK E

1. Birthdays -- Fiction
 2. Board books for children
 3. Dinosaurs -- Fiction
 4. Parties -- Fiction
 5. Stories in rhyme
- ISBN 978-0-545-15353-9; 0-545-15353-0

LC 2010042809

Illustrations and rhyming text present some of the different ways a dinosaur can make her birthday party special, from thanking guests for their gifts to sharing large pieces of cake.

"As ever, the joy is in the dinos' impish behavior, as Yolen and Teague prove there's no social situation that can't be made more fun with dinosaurs." *Publ Wkly*

Ziefert, Harriet

My dog thinks I'm a genius; illustrated by Barroux. Blue Apple Books 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: PreK K E

1. Dogs -- Fiction
 2. Painting -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-60905-059-7; 1-60905-059-2

LC 2011018936

A budding artist goes to school after painting a picture with input from his dog Louie, and returns home to find that the dog has some talent, as well.

"Both the text and illustrations are true to the voice of an eight-year-old boy. . . . The colors in the illustrations are perfectly suited to the story. . . . Share this book as an introduction to art, or simply as a sweet dog story." *SLJ*

Zuffi, Stefano

Art 123; count from 1 to 12 with great works of art. Abrams Books for Young Readers 2011 32p \$12.95

Grades: K 1 2 E

1. Art appreciation
 2. Counting
- ISBN 978-1-4197-0100-9; 1-4197-0100-2

LC 2011009728

"From Caravaggio to Lichtenstein, this enriching counting book features a different work of Western art for numbers one through 12, accompanied by a brief, descriptive rhyme. . . . In addition to introducing numbers and counting, the book works well as a basic primer on viewing (and thinking about) art." *SLJ*

Zullo, Germano

Little bird. Germano Zullo; illustrated by Albertine. Enchanted Lion Books 2012 72 p. \$16.95

Grades: PreK K 1 2 E

1. Birds -- Fiction
 2. Children's literature, Swiss
 3. Flight -- Fiction
 4. Human-animal relationships -- Fiction
 5. Juvenile Fiction -- Imagination & Play
 6. Picture books for children
- ISBN 1592701183; 9781592701186

LC 2011052462

This picture book, a French Caldecott Medal winner, tells the story of a man who frees a group of birds from his truck so that they can fly away. When one small bird

remains, he keeps it company and tries to show it how to fly. The little bird returns later with the entire flock, lifting up the man and flying with him. The story "suggests that little things can change lives--and perhaps even the world. Placing small, uncomplicated shapes against large fields of uniform color . . . [illustrator] Albertine provides a visual plot for [Germano] Zullo's meditative abstractions . . . the characters express fear, friendship, yearning and delight through glances, posture and other cues." (*Kirkus*)

Fic FICTION

50 Cent (Musician), 1975-

Playground; with Aura Moser. Razorbill 2011 \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 Fic

1. Bullies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59514-434-8; 1-59514-434-X

Thirteen-year-old Butterball doesn't have much going for him. He's teased about his weight. He hates the Long Island suburb his mom moved them to so she could go to nursing school and start her life over. He wishes he still lived with his dad in New York City where there's always something happening, even if his dad doesn't have much time for him. Still, that's not why he beat up Maurice on the playground.

"Readers who were ever confused about having a gay parent, or being overweight, or going through a parental breakup, or just wanting to fit in and be accepted by their peers, will relate to Butterball. 50 Cents's debut young adult novel is a quick read that will be great for discussions on a variety of important and timely topics." *Voice Youth Advocates*

Abela, Deborah

The **ghosts** of Gribblesea Pier. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 232p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 Fic

1. Circus -- Fiction
 2. Eccentrics and eccentricities -- Fiction
 3. Family life -- Fiction
 4. Ghost stories
 5. Swindlers and swindling -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-374-36239-3; 0-374-36239-4

LC 2010022517

Aurelie Bonhoffen, who has grown up in the circus, discovers a remarkable family secret on her twelfth birthday that may help in dealing with a sinister man who wants to take over her family's pier.

This is a "charmer of a ghostly adventure tale. . . . This fast-paced, engaging, and charming story has echoes of Jeanne Birdsall's 'Penderwicks' . . . and some Dickensian elements, but in the end this is just a finely executed story of family and friendship and the ties that bind a community." *SLJ*

Achebe, Chinua

How the leopard got his claws. [by] Chinua Achebe and John Iroaganachi; illustrated by Mary Grandpre. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 Fic

1. Allegories
2. Jungles -- Fiction
3. Leopards --

Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-4805-3; 0-7636-4805-1

LC 2010040344

Recounts how the leopard got his claws and teeth and why he rules the forest with terror.

"First published in the 1970s, this political fable still makes provocative reading. Grand Pré's new Lion King-style illustrations both capture the tale's intensity and provide a needed contemporary look. . . . The stately prose will make a profound impression on readers, as will the large, dimly lit closeups of snarling jaws and strong animal bodies." Booklist

Adler, David A.

Cam Jansen and the wedding cake mystery; illustrated by Joy Allen. Viking 2010 57p il \$14.99
Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction 2. Theft -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-670-06295-9; 0-670-06295-2

LC 2009048129

When Cam and her father go to a talent show at the local senior center, Cam's help is needed to find out who stole a wedding cake from the delivery truck.

"Energetic dialogue and clear black-and-white drawings will engage readers as the caper unfolds." Horn Book Guide

Almond, David, 1951-

★ **My name is Mina.** Delacorte Press 2011 300p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Authorship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-385-74073-9; 0-385-74073-5; 978-0-375-98964-3 lib bdg; 0-375-98964-1 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98965-0 e-book

LC 2010040143

"This intimate prequel to *Skellig* is built around Mina McKee, the curious and brilliant home-schooled child who eventually befriends that book's protagonist, Michael. Mina, a budding writer, reveals her love of words in her journal; most of the book unfolds in a handwritten-looking font, with Mina's more emphatic entries exploding onto the pages in massive display type. Her lyrical, nonlinear prose records her reflections on her past, existential musings . . . and self-directed writing exercises. . . . Almond gives readers a vivid picture of the joyfully freeform workings of Mina's mind and her mixed emotions about being an isolated child. Her gradual emergence from the protective shell of home is beautifully portrayed. . . . This novel will inspire children to let their imaginations soar." Publ Wkly

Alvarez, Julia

How Tia Lola ended up starting over. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 147p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Aunts -- Fiction 2. Dominican Americans -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Hotels and motels -- Fiction 5. Mexican Americans -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-86914-3; 0-375-86914-X; 978-0-375-96914-0 lib bdg; 0-375-96914-4 lib bdg

LC 2011018153

Worried that Papa Espada cannot find a job, Tia Lola, Juanita, Miguel, and the 'Sword' sisters decide to start a bed and breakfast at Colonel Charlebois's Vermont house.

"Believable details about the individual children's lives bring further depth to the plot, while themes of xenophobia, blended families and acceptance make the novel relevant to Latino, immigrant and general audiences. The book's touching final chapter references the first three books in the series as well as the magic of libraries and reading. A fitting farewell to a memorable character." Kirkus

Anderson, M. T.

Zombie mommy; illustrations by Kurt Cyrus. Beach Lane Books 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 3. Zombies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-8641-6; 1-4169-8641-3

LC 2010047668

Home from their latest Delaware crime-stopping adventures, Lily Gefelty and her friends Katie, Jasper, and Drngan Pghlik face killer tarantulas and teenaged vampires when they try to rescue Lily's mother, who has been possessed by a menacing zombie that wants to take over the world.

"Ridiculous in all the best ways." Kirkus

Appelbaum, Susannah

The **Shepherd** of Weeds; illustrated by Andrea Offermann. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 447p il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Poisons and poisoning -- Fiction 3. Scarecrows -- Fiction 4. Uncles -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-85175-9; 0-375-85175-5; 978-0-375-95175-6 lib bdg; 0-375-95175-X lib bdg; 978-0-375-89897-6 e-book

LC 2010051351

With an army of scarecrows, a legion of birds, and her friends and uncle by her side, it is up to Ivy Manx to wage war against the evil Vidal Verjoue and the Tasters Guild, defeat her own father, and restore order to the plant world.

"In this third and final installment of the *Poisons of Caux* series, the fortunes of the multitude of characters encountered in the first two books come to a satisfactory conclusion. *Caux* is a well-designed fantasy world with enough appeal to satisfy younger readers." Voice Youth Advocates

Applegate, Katherine

★ The **one** and only Ivan; illustrated by Patricia Castelao. Harper 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Animal welfare -- Fiction 2. Elephants -- Fiction 3. Gorillas -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-199225-4; 0-06-199225-9

LC 2011010034

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

"Ivan narrates his tale in short, image-rich sentences and acute, sometimes humorous, observations that are all the more heartbreaking for their simple delivery. . . . Spot

art captures poignant moments throughout. Utterly believable, this bittersweet story, complete with an author's note identifying the real Ivan, will inspire a new generation of advocates." Kirkus

Ashley, Bernard

Aftershock. Frances Lincoln 2011 144p pa \$8.95

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Earthquakes -- Fiction 2. Immigrants -- Fiction 3. Refugees -- Fiction 4. Soccer -- Fiction
ISBN 9781847800558; 1847800556

"Football (soccer to Americans), his father's mandolin and his concern for his widowed mother carry Makis through an earthquake on the Greek island of Kefalonia to a new life in Camden Town in London. The story moves swiftly. . . . Ashley packs a lot of information and emotional resonance as well as some wizard football plays into a very simply told story. Both Makis and his mother show growth and strength under difficult circumstances, and children will be caught by the many strands in this brief but absorbing tale." Kirkus

Ronnie's war. Frances Lincoln Children's Books 2011 190p \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Mother-son relationship -- Fiction 2. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-84780-162-3; 1-84780-162-5

Eleven-year-old Ronnie and his mother struggle through hardships and joys caused by World War II in England.

"Ashley makes a clear, straightforward narrative that accommodates a surprising amount of information about England during the war, and he does it with a strong story lucid and true enough to engage younger readers. . . . A moving snapshot of a time that still resonates." Kirkus

Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus' song; [illustrated by] Lauren Tobia. Kane/Miller 2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: PreK K **Fic**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Happiness -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-61067-040-1; 1-61067-040-X

"In amazing Africa, Anna Hibiscus discovers her own special way to show her happiness after trying out what other family members do. . . . Tobia illustrated the Anna Hibiscus chapter books with gray scale drawings, but here she presents Anna in full color. . . . Young readers and listeners will surely embrace her as enthusiastically as chapter-book readers already have." Kirkus Reviews

The no. 1 car spotter; illustrated by Warwick Johnson Cadwell. Kane/Miller 2011 il pa \$5.99

Grades: 1 2 3 **Fic**

1. Automobiles -- Fiction 2. Travel -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-61067-051-7; 1-61067-051-5

"Oluwalase Babatunde Benson, otherwise known as No. 1, is not only the best car-spotter in his African village, his electric ideas improve village life." Kirkus Reviews

Avi, 1937-

★ **City of orphans;** with illustrations by Greg Ruth. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2011 350p il \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Gangs -- Fiction 3. Homeless persons -- Fiction 4. Immigrants -- Fiction 5. Mystery fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-7102-3; 1-4169-7102-5

LC 2010049229

In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works. Includes historical notes.

"Avi's vivid recreation of the sights and sounds of that time and place is spot on, masterfully weaving accurate historical details with Maks' experiences." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

Baccalario, Pierdomenico

City of wind; translated by Leah D. Janeczko. Random House 2011 290p \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Good and evil -- Fiction 3. Mystery fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-85897-0; 0-375-85897-0; 978-0-375-95897-7 lib bdg; 0-375-95897-5 lib bdg

LC 2010029137

In their continuing quest to save the world from evil forces, Mistral, Elettra, Harvey, and Sheng meet again in Paris where they must search for the mysterious veil of Isis reportedly hidden in the heart of the city.

"Clever writing and a pell-mell plot will win over readers new to the series and satisfy its fans." Kirkus

Barnett, Mac

It happened on a train; illustrations by Adam Rex. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 il \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction 2. Railroads -- Fiction 3. Thieves -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-7819-0; 1-4169-7819-4; 978-1-4424-2313-8 e-book

LC 2011009114

Seventh-grader Steve Brixton finds himself pulled back into sleuthing when, during a train trip down the California coast, he uncovers a mystery involving a fleet of priceless automobiles, an assassin, and a private rail car.

This "chugs along with plenty of laughs and enough honest-to-gosh mystery to please any lover of boy detective fiction. Rex's black-and-white pencils . . . are still a fine match for the goofiness." Kirkus

Barnholdt, Lauren

Fake me a match. Aladdin 2011 \$15.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Dating (Social customs) -- Fiction 2. Remarriage -- Fiction 3. School stories 4. Stepsisters -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-2258-2; 1-4424-2258-0

LC 2011024616

When thirteen-year-old Avery LaDuke is put in charge of the eighth-grade charity project, an on-line matchmaking service, and tampers with the program to try to match her new stepsister and best friend, Blake, with the most popular boy in school, things quickly go awry.

"This entertaining but predictable romance . . . will be a quick, enjoyable read for tween girls." SLJ

Hailey Twitch and the wedding glitch; pictures by Suzanne Beaky. Sourcebook Jackerwocky 2011 il pa \$6.99

Grades: 1 2 **Fic**
1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Weddings -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4022-2447-8; 1-4022-2447-3

This features a seven-year-old mastermind who tries really hard not to blame her invisible friend for getting her into heaps of trouble. Hailey's magic sprite, Maybelle, has finally gotten control of her magic. Does that mean that Maybelle no longer needs Hailey? As if that's not enough to worry Hailey, now she's got her hands full being a flower girl in her aunt's wedding.

Barrett, Tracy

The **missing** heir. Henry Holt and Co. 2011 172p \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**
1. Missing persons -- Fiction 2. Mystery fiction 3. Princesses -- Fiction 4. Siblings -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-8047-6; 0-8050-8047-3

LC 2010041012

Xena and Xander Holmes, an American brother and sister living in London, use clues from their ancestor Sherlock Holmes' casebook to help classmate Alice Banders, who goes missing following the announcement that she will be crowned queen of Borogovia after her thirteenth birthday.

Barrie, J. M.

Peter Pan and Wendy; illustrated by Robert Ingpen; foreword by David Barrie. Centenary edition; Sterling 2010 216p il \$19.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**
1. Fairy tales
ISBN 978-1-4027-2868-6; 1-4027-2868-9

The adventures of the three Darling children in Neverland with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.

This "edition is notable for its painterly illustrations, which reflect touches of Sendak, Wyeth, the pre-Raphaelites, and others. The overall effect of the art is impressionistic, and the book itself is handsome." Horn Book Guide

Barron, T. A.

The **book** of magic; illustrated by August Hall. Philomel Books 2011 il \$17.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**
1. Fantasy fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Merlin (Legendary character) -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-24741-5; 0-399-24741-6

LC 2011013552

A compendium of maps, character descriptions, magical terms, timelines, and other tidbits from the author's Merlin saga.

"Guides to long-running series have two important jobs. They should remind fans of all the things they particularly love about the books, and they should whet the appetites of newcomers, thus creating more fans. Barron's guide to his 12-book saga about Merlin succeeds in both objectives." SLJ

Barry, Dave

The **bridge** to Never Land. [by] Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. Disney/Hyperion 2011 438p \$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**
1. Adventure fiction 2. Fairy tales
ISBN 978-1-4231-3865-5; 1-4231-3865-1

"Bringing the Starcatchers series into the twenty-first century, this novel features Sarah and her brother, Aidan, who find a cryptic note in an antique desk and follow the clues to London, Princeton, and Orlando. Along the way, they clash with evil Lord Ombra, find an ally in Molly Darling's great-great-nephew, and discover Einstein's part in the plan. The plot is a thrill ride of action and adventure, with plenty of chase scenes and (no surprise here) a trip to Never Land." Booklist

Bosch, Pseudonymous

This isn't what it looks like; illustrations by Gilbert Ford. Little, Brown 2010 423p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**
1. Adventure fiction 2. Chocolate -- Fiction 3. Immortality -- Fiction 4. Magic -- Fiction 5. Time travel -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-316-07625-8; 0-316-07625-2

LC 2010010519

Cass finds herself alone and disoriented in a dream-like world, while back at home she is in the hospital in a coma with Max-Ernest desperately searching for a way to awaken her.

"The book's blend of mystery, fantasy, puzzles, puns, and puckish, sometimes snarky sense of humor will keep readers engaged." Horn Book Guide

Bowen, Fred

Quarterback season. written by Fred Bowen. Peachtree 2011 132p pa \$5.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**
1. Diaries -- Fiction 2. Football -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-56145-594-2; 1-56145-594-6

LC 2011002673

As a school assignment, eighth-grader Matt Monroe keeps a journal about his team's football season.

This is "another absorbing sports tale from the prolific and dependable Bowen. . . . The author expertly balances the subplots and football action." Booklist

Boyce, Frank Cottrell

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang flies again. Frank Cottrell Boyce; illustrated by Joe Berger. Candlewick Press 2012 192p. \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**
1. Adventures & adventurers -- Fiction 2. Automobiles -- Fiction 3. Children's literature 4. Family life --- Europe --- Fiction 5. Family vacations 6. Flying

automobiles 7. Humorous stories 8. Inventors -- Fiction
9. Juvenile fiction -- Humorous stories 10. Juvenile
fiction -- People & Places -- Europe 11. Juvenile fiction
-- Transportation -- Cars & Trucks 12. Recreational
vehicles 13. Tours 14. Transportation, Automotive
ISBN 9780763659578

LC 2011046996

In this book, to the distress of Lucy, Jem, and Little Harry Tooting, their father has been laid off from Very Small Parts for Very Big Machines. Hoping to keep the wacky inventor occupied, Mrs. Tooting provides him with a beat-up old camper to restore, and her husband pops in a super-charged engine that he finds at a scrap lot and declares the upgraded camper the perfect vehicle to take on a worldwide vacation. With its new engine, though, the camper has its own itinerary in mind, and the Tooting's trip takes a few detours as their automobile transforms from camper to airplane to submarine while narrowly escaping the clutches of foreign governments and unseemly bank robbers, all of whom are interested in the car's amazing abilities. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

The **unforgotten** coat. Candlewick Press 2011
112p il \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3.
Immigrants -- Fiction 4. Mongols -- Fiction 5.
Refugees -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5729-1; 0-7636-5729-8

LC 2010048224

This is "a tight, powerful story—brimming with humor, mystery, and pathos—about illegal immigration and the price it exacts on children." Publ Wkly

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

★ **Jefferson's** sons; a founding father's secret children. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 368p
\$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Architects 3.
Essayists 4. Mistresses 5. Presidents 6. Slavery --
Fiction 7. Slaves 8. Vice-presidents
ISBN 978-0-8037-3499-9; 0-8037-3499-9

LC 2010049650

"The characters spring to life. . . . [This is a] fascinating story of an American family that represents so many of the contradictions of our history. The afterword is as fascinating as the novel." Kirkus

Bruel, Nick

A **Bad Kitty** Christmas. Roaring Brook Press
2011 un il \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Children's literature -- Works --
Preschool through grade two 3. Christmas -- Fiction 4.
Christmas stories 5. Stories in rhyme
ISBN 978-1-59643-668-8; 1-59643-668-9

LC 2010037814

After destroying all of the gifts and decorations at home, Bad Kitty escapes from the car on Christmas Eve and finds a new friend, who helps her learn the true meaning of Christmas.

"Kitty's zany antics, three romps through the alphabet, and a warm reunion make this a gift indeed for Bad Kitty fans." Publ Wkly

Buckley, Michael

The **cheerleaders** of doom; pictures by Ethen Beavers. Amulet Books 2011 il \$14.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Cheerleading -- Fiction 2. Spies -- Fiction 3.
Superheroes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4197-0024-8; 1-4197-0024-3

LC 2011018519

When a former member of NERDS turns into a villainous cheerleader, Matilda 'Wheezer' Choi and the rest of the NERDS must infiltrate the cheerleader squad and save the world from a machine that wreaks havoc by entering other dimensions.

"Fans of the series will gladly recognize how the mayhem of the plot is well matched by a surfeit of quips and general goofiness of the highest order." Booklist

Butler, Dori Hillestad

The **case** of the library monster; pictures by Jeremy Tugeau and Dan Crisp. Albert Whitman 2011
134p il \$14.99

Grades: 1 2 3

Fic

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Libraries -- Fiction 3. Mystery
fiction 4. School stories
ISBN 978-0-8075-0914-2; 0-8075-0914-0

LC 2010033301

Buddy the dog discovers a strange, blue-tongued creature in the school library, and investigates what it is and how it got there.

"The breezy text, friendly illustrations, and, above all, likable dog hero continue to make this series a solid choice for readers new to chapter books." Horn Book Guide

Cadenhead, Mackenzie

Sally's bones; illustrated by T. S. Spookytooth. Sourcebook Jabberwocky 2011 il pa \$6.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Mystery fiction 3. Skeleton --
Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4022-5943-2; 1-4022-5943-3

2 Months, 28 Days, 9 Hours, and 12 minutes earlier Sally Simplesmith's life changed forever. She came face-to-face with death a delightful, dearly departed little dog she lovingly calls Bones. But when the cadaverous canine is accused of a crime he didn't commit, Sally decides to solve the case herself!

"Writing a novel that tackles tough issues like grief and loss while maintaining a measure of levity is no easy feat, but that is exactly what Cadenhead accomplishes here. . . . Spooky without being scary, dark without being morbid, this is a winning tale about loyalty in the face of loss." Booklist

Cameron, Ann

★ **Spunky** tells all; pictures by Lauren Castillo. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 105p il \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-374-38000-7; 0-374-38000-7

LC 2010019815

Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates the family's adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and a new way of looking at his world.

"Readers ready for chapter books will delight in seeing the world through Spunky's eyes and powerful nose." Kirkus

Carlson-Voiles, Polly

Summer of the wolves. by Polly Carlson-Voiles. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2012 343 p. \$15.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9

Fic

1. Minnesota -- Fiction 2. Orphans -- Fiction 3.

Wilderness areas -- Fiction 4. Wolves -- Fiction

ISBN 0547745915; 9780547745916

LC 2011039909

In this young adult novel, "twelve-year-old Nika and her younger brother Randall, recently orphaned, live in California, finally content with their best-foster-mother-yet, Meg. When Meg's health deteriorates, however, a well-meaning social worker locates their long-lost uncle Ian—a globe-trotting wildlife biologist now studying wolves in rural Minnesota—ostensibly for a "visit." How will Nika incorporate yet another change of venue into her life? For starters, Nika nurtures a motherless wolf pup, fiercely advocates for caged wild animals and makes friends with a like-minded boy named Thomas. But when faced with stark moments of truth, both wild and domestic, will she make the right choices." (Kirkus)

Carman, Patrick

Floors. Scholastic Press 2011 261p \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Eccentrics and eccentricities -- Fiction 2. Hotels and

motels -- Fiction 3. Puzzles -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-25519-6; 0-545-25519-8

LC 2011032516

Ten-year-old Leo's future and the fate of the extraordinary Whippet Hotel, where his father is the maintenance man, are at stake when a series of cryptic boxes leads Leo to hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances.

"The author is a fine storyteller; he rides the mystery right up to the edge invests his characters with quirks that aren't merely cute but essential to the person's identity." Kirkus

Castle, M. E.

Popular clone. Egmont USA 2012 \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Bullies -- Fiction 2. Cloning -- Fiction 3. School

stories

ISBN 978-1-60684-232-4; 1-60684-232-3; 978-1-

60684-301-7 ebook

LC 2011024410

Twelve-year-old Fisher Bas, a science-loving bully magnet, clones himself, only to discover that his double is infinitely cooler than himself.

"Heavy doses of self-deprecating humor, high-tech wizardry, and goofy middle-school antics add up to an amusing and action-packed adventure." Publ Wkly

Cheshire, Simon

The **pirate's** blood and other case files; pictures by R. W. Alley. Roaring Brook Press 2011 224p il \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Mystery fiction 2. Pirates -- Fiction 3. School

stories 4. Theft -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59643-476-9; 1-59643-476-7

LC 2010029240

Saxby Smart, schoolboy private detective, invites the reader to follow the clues as he investigates three cases involving hidden treasure, a string of break-ins where nothing is stolen, and a rare comic book taken from an undamaged safe.

Chick, Bryan

The **secret** zoo: riddles and danger. Greenwillow Books 2011 284p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Secret

societies -- Fiction 4. Zoos -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-198927-8; 0-06-198927-4

LC 2011005930

Having discovered a magical society beneath the exhibits at the Clarksville City Zoo where animals and humans live harmoniously together as equals, Noah and his friends must protect the secret zoo at all costs.

Christopher, Lucy

★ **Flyaway.** Lucy Christopher. Chicken House 2011 314p \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Father-daughter relationship

-- Fiction 3. Hospitals -- Fiction 4. Sick -- Fiction 5.

Swans -- Fiction 6. Wildlife conservation -- Fiction

ISBN 0545317711; 9780545317719

LC 2010051425

In this young adult novel, "when newly constructed power lines ruin the annual return of the whooping swans Isla and her father rise early to witness, the death of several of the wild creatures and her father's sudden and severe illness both confound Isla and emphasize her loneliness. At the hospital where her father awaits a heart operation, Harry, waiting there for a bone-marrow transplant, befriends Isla and points out the young swan he can see from his bed. . . . News broadcasts . . . about deadly outbreaks of bird flu contrast with the small unfolding of Isla's widowed grandfather's stiff grief as he helps her construct an art project—a harness and wings from an ancient stuffed swan—and innocent romance flutters between Isla and Harry even as the young swan regains flight and her father begins to recover." (Kirkus)

Christopher offers "readers a quiet but compelling story with several well-realized, idiosyncratic characters. She skillfully develops the novel's varied elements and weaves them into a unified narrative. . . . This sensitive novel will resonate with many readers." Booklist

Compstine, Ying Chang

Crouching tiger; illustrated by Yan Nascimbene.
Candlewick Press 2011 il \$16.99
Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Chinese -- United States -- Fiction 2. Chinese Americans -- Fiction 3. Grandfathers -- Fiction 4. Martial arts -- Fiction 5. Racially mixed people -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-4642-4; 0-7636-4642-3

LC 2010048133

When Ming Da's Chinese grandpa comes to visit, he overcomes his initial embarrassment at his grandfather's traditions and begins to appreciate him.

"Compstine creates a simple portrait of a familiar cultural bridge, conveying Vinson's awe, shyness and embarrassment about his serious grandfather. Nascimbene captures both the compact energy of the small boy and the graceful, composed grace of the adult. His contained, quiet style with warm colors nicely matches the low-key narrative. . . . A celebration of family and Chinese New Year along with a simple introduction to Wudang martial arts, especially tai chi-and to the idea that strength can be gentle." Kirkus

Cottrell Boyce, Frank

★ **The un-forgotten coat.** Candlewick Press 2011 92p il \$15.99
Grades: 5 6 7 8 9 **Fic**

1. Immigrants -- Fiction 2. Refugees -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5729-1; 0-7636-5729-8

LC 2010048224

"Funny, sad, haunting and original, Cottrell Boyce's story leaves important elements unexpressed. . . . To complete the narrative, readers must actively participate. They'll find myriad paths to follow—immigration, demons, social networking, the mystery of cultural difference and the nature of enchantment. A tricky, magical delight." Kirkus

Cowing, Sue

You will call me Drog. Carolrhoda Books 2011 281p \$16.95
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Aikido -- Fiction 2. Divorce -- Fiction 3. Puppets and puppet plays -- Fiction 4. Supernatural -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7613-6076-6; 0-7613-6076-X

LC 2010050891

Unless eleven-year-old Parker can find a way to remove the sinister puppet that refuses to leave his hand, he will wind up in military school or worse but first he must stand up for himself to his best friend Wren, his mother, and his nearly-absent father.

"There is nothing else out there quite like this, and Cowing shifts fluidly from sensitive drama to startling violence to high comedy. . . . A unique look at speaking your mind." Booklist

Coy, John

Love of the game. Feiwel and Friends 2011 182p \$16.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Football -- Fiction 3.

School stories

ISBN 978-0-312-37331-3; 0-312-37331-7

LC 2010050897

Sixth-grader Jackson has a rough start in middle school, with bullies on the bus, few classes with his friends, and changes at home but some good teachers, meeting a girl, joining a club, and playing football soon turn things around.

"Realistic characters, believable dialogue and a genuine feel for the rhythms and issues of middle-schoolers make this a satisfying addition to a solid middle-grade set." Kirkus

Cuevas, Michelle

The masterwork of a painting elephant; pictures by Ed Young. Frances Foster Books/Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 136p il \$15.99
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Artists -- Fiction 2. Elephants -- Fiction 3. Love -- Fiction 4. Orphans -- Fiction 5. Voyages and travels -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-374-34854-0; 0-374-34854-5

LC 2010033108

Pigeon Jones, abandoned as a baby, is found and raised by Birch, a white, former circus elephant who paints beautiful pictures, and through their travels and adventures they discover the meanings of love and family.

"Pigeon's first-person voice traces the story's meanderings with a natural poetry, while Young's spare ink drawings ground the proceedings, conveying remarkable emotional weight in a few gestures. The unlikely combination of zany story arc, resonant illustrations, and graceful telling come together in a memorable and original offering." Booklist

Curtis, Christopher Paul

The mighty Miss Malone. Christopher Paul Curtis. Wendy Lamb Books 2012 307p. \$15.99
Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Depressions -- 1929 -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Fiction 5. Poverty -- Fiction
ISBN 9780375897368; 9780385734912; 9780385904872; 9780440422143

LC 2011036317

This book tells the story of "Deza Malone, who shares dishwashing duties with Bud Caldwell during his brief stay at a Hooverville in Flint, Mich. . . . Its 1936 in Gary, Ind., and the Great Depression has put 12-year-old Dezas father out of work. After a near-death experience trying to catch fish for dinner, Roscoe Malone leaves for Flint, hoping he'll find work. But Dezas mother loses her job shortly after, putting all the Malones out on the street. . . . [Author Christopher Paul] Curtis threads . . . bits of African-American history throughout the narrative, using the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling fight to expose the racism prevalent even among people like the librarian who tells Deza that Louis is 'such a credit to your race.'" (Publishers Weekly)

Davies, Katie

The great rabbit rescue; illustrated by Hannah Shaw. Beach Lane Books 2012 il \$12.99
Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Rabbits -- Fiction 3. Sick

-- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4424-2064-9; 1-4424-2064-2

LC 2011008326

When Joe goes to live with his father across town and must leave behind his beloved pet rabbit, his friends Anna and Suzanne try to take care of it for him, but when the rabbit becomes ill and then Joe follows suit, the girls are certain that both will die unless they are reunited.

This "showcases Davies' laconic style and deadpan humor, so well-matched to the chapter-book format. Neatly complementing the text, Shaw's sly, witty illustrations, pie charts and graphics are a treat." Kirkus

Davis, Aubrey

A hen for Izzy Pippik. Kids Can 2012 32 p. \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2

Fic

1. Chickens in literature 2. Children's literature 3. Europe -- Fiction 4. Folklore 5. Picture books for children 6. Poverty in literature 7. Sharing -- Fiction
ISBN 9781554532438

This picture book depicts the adventures of a girl named Shaina, who "discovers an unusual hen sporting 'emerald green feathers with golden speckles,'" and "strives to find its rightful owner," a man called Izzy Pippik. Despite Shaina's insistence that he take back the hen, Pippik allows the hen, Yevka, and her flock of chicks to remain in their poor town. "Although no specific sources are stated," author Aubrey Davis "has drawn upon Talmudic and Islamic folklore." Marie Lafrance's illustrations are "pencil illustrations colored in Photoshop show[ing] a European town in the 1930s." (Kirkus)

Deedy, Carmen Agra

★ **The Cheshire** Cheese cat; a Dickens of a tale. Peachtree Publishers 2011 228p il \$16.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-56145-595-9; 1-56145-595-4

LC 2010052275

"The vagaries of tavern life in 19th-century London come alive in this delightful tale. . . . The fast-moving plot is a masterwork of intricate detail that will keep readers enthralled, and the characters are well-rounded and believable. Language is a highlight of the novel; words both elegant and colorful fill the pages. . . . Combined with Moser's precise pencil sketches of personality-filled characters, the book is a success in every way." SLJ

Delaney, Joseph

Rage of the fallen; illustrations by Patrick Arrasmith. Greenwillow Books 2011 401p il \$17.99; lib bdg \$18.89

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Apprentices -- Fiction 2. Horror fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction 4. Witches -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-202756-6; 0-06-202756-5; 978-0-06-202757-3 lib bdg; 0-06-202757-3 lib bdg

LC 2010034179

Apprentice Tom and the Spook for whom he works flee to Ireland, where a powerful witch has joined forces

with the dark mages trying to call forth ancient powers to destroy Tom.

"Fans of the series will cheer the return of the witch assassin Grimalkin, possibly the books' most intriguing character, and having stuck with the series thus far, likely will be looking forward to the ninth installment." Voice Youth Advocates

Rise of the huntress; illustrations by Patrick Arrasmith. Greenwillow Books 2010 436p \$17.99; pa \$7.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Apprentices -- Fiction 2. Horror fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction 4. Witches -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-171510-5; 0-06-171510-7; 978-0-06-171512-9 pa; 0-06-171512-3 pa

LC 2009044188

Returning from Greece, Tom and the Spook find that their home, including the Spook's precious library of knowledge, has been burned to the ground, and that their battle against the denizens of the dark must continue.

"Delaney once again combines chills with character development. . . . Arrasmith's black-and-white illustrations reinforce the idea that the supernatural creatures, even Tom's temporary cohorts, are worth a shudder." Horn Book Guide

The Spook's Bestiary; illustrated by Julek Heller. Greenwillow Books 2011 222p il \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Apprentices -- Fiction 2. Horror fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-208114-8; 0-06-208114-4

LC 2010049856

Ready to be presented to the last apprentice, Tom Ward, the spook's notebook contains instructions for vanquishing boggarts, witches, the unquiet dead, and other dark creatures and spirits.

"Heller's creepy drawings fill the pages and, like the whole book, they should delight fans of the series." SLJ

Duey, Kathleen

Following magic; illustrated by Sandara Tang. Aladdin 2010 115p il \$15.99; pa \$4.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-8458-0; 1-4169-8458-5; 978-1-4169-8459-7 pa; 1-4169-8459-3 pa; 978-1-4424-0980-4 e-book

LC 2009045801

Having escaped from the tower where she was trapped, the faerie Alida and her human helper Gavin try to elude capture by Lord Dunraven's men while they search for Alida's family.

This "is sweet without being too cloying." Horn Book Guide

The full moon; illustrated by Sandara Tang. Aladdin 2011 115p il \$15.99; pa \$4.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-8462-7; 1-4169-8462-3; 978-1-4169-8463-4 pa; 1-4169-8463-1 pa

LC 2010019165

After many trials and much adversity, the faeries have returned to their meadow home, but Lord Dunraven vows that they must not remain.

Wishes and wings; illustrated by Sandara Tang. Aladdin 2011 113p il \$15.99; pa \$4.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-8460-3; 1-4169-8460-7; 978-1-4169-8461-0 pa; 1-4169-8461-5 pa

LC 2010001080

The human and faerie worlds intersect as the faeries return to their meadow home near Lord Dunraven's castle.

"The story line and illustrations are engaging and uncluttered." Horn Book Guide

Elish, Dan

The **family** Hitchcock. story by Jennifer Flackett and Mark Levin; written by Dan Elish. HarperChildren's 2011 288p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-189394-0; 0-06-189394-3

LC 2011016610

When they agree to a summertime house swap with an unknown family in Paris, the four members of the Hitchcock family inadvertently get mixed up in a ring of international espionage.

"The plot-driven story is preposterous fun with genuine touches of emotion about family dynamics." SLJ

Ellis, Deborah

★ **No ordinary day.** Groundwood Books 2011 160p \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 2. Homeless persons -- Fiction 3. Leprosy -- Fiction 4. Orphans -- Fiction 5. Poverty -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-55498-134-2; 1-55498-134-4

"Valli, about 10, lives in the poverty-stricken town of Jharia, India, where she is a coal picker. When she makes a shocking discovery about her family, she runs away and, after a series of harrowing events, reaches the bustling city of Kolkata. . . . While begging for change one day, she is befriended by a kind doctor who recognizes Valli's symptoms of leprosy. . . . With the help of the doctor and other leprosy patients, Valli gets treatment and education, learns tolerance for people different from herself, and simultaneously realizes her own self-worth. Although many important lessons are presented in this even-paced, clearly written story, it is never heavyhanded or didactic. Valli is a well-developed, realistic, and engaging narrator. . . . An important, inspiring tale." SLJ

English, Karen

Nikki & Deja; wedding drama. by Karen English; illustrated by Laura Freeman. Clarion Books 2012 108 p. Nikki & Deja \$14.99

Grades: 1 2 3

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Best friends -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. Schools -- Fiction 5. Teachers -- Fiction 6. Weddings -- Fiction
ISBN 0547615647; 9780547615646

LC 2011027484

In this book, part of the "Nikki & Dej." series from author Karen English, main characters Niki and Deja find out that "[t]heir beloved teacher, Ms. Shelby, is getting married. The excitement reaches a new high when she announces two last-minute guest cancellations and says she would like two students to attend. She draws names out of a hat, and Nikki and Deja are chosen "fair and square." The rest of the class is jealous but soon moves on to invent a classroom contest to see which team can create the best imaginary wedding. Meanwhile, Nikki and her mother revel in finding a dress and the perfect panini press, while Deja worries about Auntie Dee's new jobless status and fears what a homemade dress might look like." (Kirkus)

Epstein, Adam Jay

Secrets of the crown. [by] Adam Jay Epstein, Andrew Jacobson; art by Peter Chan & Kei Acedera. Harper 2011 374p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Magic -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-196111-3; 0-06-196111-6

LC 2011002086

When human magic is destroyed, familiars Aldwyn the cat, Skylar the blue jay, and Gilbert the tree frog set out without their wizards to seek the Crown of the Snow Leopard, the only object that can save the kingdom of Vastia from the evil hare Paksahara.

"The familiars' adventures are exciting, and the revelations about Aldwyn's long-lost parents are touching. Fans of the first book will be pleased." SLJ

Evans, Lissa

Horten's miraculous mechanisms; magic, mystery & a very strange adventure. by Lissa Evans. Sterling 2012 270 p. \$14.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6 7

Fic

ISBN 9781402798061

In this book, author Lissa "Evans borrows several classic tropes and themes magic, riddles, a quest, and even a night at a museum for the . . . story of 10-year-old Stuart Horten . . . who stumbles into a family mystery when he and his parents move to the small British town of Beeton. There, Stuart discovers that his Great-Uncle Tony Horten, who disappeared years ago without a trace, was both an inventor of mechanical devices and a magician. A chance phone call in a broken phone booth is the first step in a journey that leads Stuart around town, as he unearths his great-uncle's legacy and secrets. Stuart also draws the attention of April, May, and June (the journalistically inclined triplets next door), as well as Beeton residents with more sinister intentions." (Publishers Weekly)

Flanagan, John

★ **The outcasts.** Philomel Books 2011 434p
\$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**
1. Adventure fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Friendship
-- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-25619-6; 0-399-25619-9

Hal, who does not fit into Skandian society, ends up in a brotherband, a group of boys learning the skills that they need to become warriors, with other outcasts, and they compete with other brotherbands in a series of challenges.

"This enjoyable, old-fashioned tale should have easy appeal for Flanagan's many fans, who are already invested in the world he's created." *Publ Wkly*

Flavin, Teresa

The **Blackhope** enigma. Candlewick Press 2011
\$15.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**
1. Adventure fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Painting
-- Fiction 4. Space and time -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5694-2; 0-7636-5694-1

LC 2010047654

Fourteen-year-old Sunni, her stepbrother Dean, and an art-student friend trace the footsteps of a labyrinth built in Blackhope Tower by a mysterious and brilliant sixteenth-century artist, and suddenly find themselves trapped inside his enchanted painting, trying desperately to get out.

"The settings are described in detail, and interesting facts about painting techniques are cleverly interwoven. . . . Readers . . . will be delighted with Flavin's fully-realized, action-packed debut." *Kirkus*

Fleischman, Paul

★ **The Half-a-Moon Inn;** illustrated by Kathy Jacobi. Harper & Row 1980 88p il hardcover o.p. pa \$4.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**
1. Hotels and motels -- Fiction 2. Kidnapping -- Fiction
3. Physically handicapped children -- Fiction
ISBN 0-06-440364-5 pa

LC 79-2010

"Despite the grimness of Aaron's predicament, accentuated by dark scratch drawings of figures in grotesque proportion, the story's tone is hopeful and its style concrete and brisk. Elements of folklore exist in the story's characterization, structure, and narration." *SLJ*

Foley, Lizzie K.

Remarkable; a novel. by Lizzie K. Foley. Dial Books for Young Readers 2012 325 p. \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 7 **Fic**
1. Ability -- Fiction 2. Children -- Fiction 3. Community
life -- Fiction 4. Eccentrics and eccentricities -- Fiction
5. Fantasy fiction 6. Humorous stories 7. Pirates --
Fiction 8. Secrets -- Fiction 9. Young adult fiction
ISBN 9780803737068

LC 2011021641

This book presents the story of an average girl named Jane Doe who lives in "the town of Remarkable, so named for its abundance of talented citizens, everyone lives up to its reputation. . . . Jane should be just as remarkable. Instead,

this average 10-year-old girl is usually overlooked. . . . Mix in a rival town's dispute over jelly, hints of a Loch Ness Monster-like creature and a psychic pizzeria owner who sees the future in her reflective pizza pans. . . . With the help of her quiet Grandpa John, who's also forgotten most of the time, Jane learns to be true to herself and celebrate the ordinary in life." *Kirkus*)

Freeman, Martha

The **case** of the diamond dog collar. Holiday House 2011 136p \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**
1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Lost and found possessions --
Fiction 3. Mystery fiction 4. Presidents -- Fiction 5.
Sisters -- Fiction
ISBN 0823422674; 9780823423378

LC 2011005019

Seven-year-old Tessa and ten-year-old Cammie, the first female president's daughters, investigate when a diamond goes missing from the collar of their very rambunctious dog.

"This little gem will be just right for grade-school detectives and budding politicians alike." *SLJ*

Freymann-Weyr, Garret

★ **French ducks** in Venice; illustrated by Erin McGuire. Candlewick Press 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**
1. Canals -- Fiction 2. Ducks -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-4173-3; 0-7636-4173-1

LC 2010047672

When Polina Panova's "prince" moves out of their Venice, California, house, two ducks that live on the canals but believe themselves to be French try to help Polina, a designer of magical dresses of thread, silk, velvet, grass, and pieces of night sky, by giving her something to make her stop being sad.

"Freymann-Weyr's mannered narrative voice keeps emotions firmly in check . . . and her storytelling gifts are unmistakable. . . . There's virtue in presenting a portrait of loss with a spoonful of sugar; readers learn how to talk about hurt . . . while McGuire's cinematically lit pictures recall classic Disney images of winsome animals consoling star-crossed heroines." *Publ Wkly*

Friedman, Laurie B.

Mallory's guide to boys, brothers, dads, and dogs; illustrations by Jennifer Kalis. Darby Creek 2011 159p il \$15.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**
1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. School
stories
ISBN 978-0-8225-8886-3; 0-8225-8886-2

LC 2010022224

Ten-year-old Mallory's crush on J.T., a boy in her older brother's class, gets her in trouble with her teacher, her family, and her friends but no matter what she does, J.T. does not seem interested in her.

"The book's dynamic design, including numerous line drawings, emails, and journal entry style pages, help enliven the story." *Horn Book Guide*

Mallory's super sleepover. by Laurie Friedman; illustrations by Jennifer Kalis. Carolrhoda Books 2011 il \$15.95

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Parties -- Fiction 3. Sleepovers -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8225-8887-0; 0-8225-8887-0

LC 2010044418

When Mallory plans a sleepover to celebrate her tenth birthday, she has a hard time pleasing both her friends and her parents.

Friend, Catherine

Barn boot blues. Marshall Cavendish 2011 \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Farm life -- Fiction 2. Moving -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7614-5827-2; 0-7614-5827-1

LC 2011001909

When her parents swap urban life in Minneapolis for rural life on a farm 100 miles away, twelve-year-old Taylor feels as if she is living on another planet.

"In this refreshingly compact novel, readers learn interesting, authentic details about everything from spinning wool to collecting eggs to in a kind-of-gross, kind-of-wonderful climax birthing lambs. In Taylor, Friend has created a plucky, lightly sarcastic protagonist whose frustration at her situation is palpable but who never comes off as unlikable or bratty." Horn Book

Fussell, Sandy

White crane; illustrated by Rhian Nest James. Candlewick Press 2010 237p il \$15.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 2. Contests -- Fiction 3. Handicapped -- Fiction 4. Samurai -- Fiction 5. School stories
ISBN 978-0-7636-4503-8; 0-7636-4503-6; 978-0-7636-5346-0 pa; 0-7636-5346-2 pa

LC 2009-37863

Even though he has only one leg, Niya Moto is studying to be a samurai, and his sensei Ki-Yaga teaches him not only physical skills but mental and spiritual ones as well. Glossary. "Grades four to six." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"This story of kids overcoming odds in feudal Japan is positive and engaging. Illustrations at the beginning of chapters and scattered throughout add a period feel to the tale." Horn Book Guide

Gantos, Jack

★ **Dead** end in Norvelt. Jack Gantos. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 341p. \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Old age -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-374-37993-3; 0-374-37993-9

LC 2010054009

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, un-

derage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.

This is a "wildly entertaining meld of truth and fiction. . . . Memorable in every way." Publ Wkly

Garlick, Nick

Aunt Severe and the dragons; illustrated by Nick Maland. Andersen 2010 120p il pa \$7.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Aunts -- Fiction 2. Dragons -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-8493-9055-2; 1-8493-9055-X

LC 2011290327

"Eight years old when his explorer parents disappear, Daniel goes to live with the relative he secretly names Aunt Severe. She packs away his books, feeds him cold spinach sandwiches, and forces him to help her collect rubbish from the gutters. Daniel's life brightens considerably when he befriends four young runaway dragons, who are hiding in his aunt's garden. . . . Garlick . . . infuses this appealing, eventful story with a childlike sense of imagination, humor, and justice. Well designed for readers new to chapter books, this attractive paperback features short chapters, a good-size type, and many engaging, crosshatched ink drawings." Booklist

George, Jessica Day

Tuesdays at the castle. Bloomsbury 2011 \$16.99
Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Castles -- Fiction 2. Fairy tales 3. Kings and rulers -- Fiction 4. Princesses -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59990-644-7; 1-59990-644-9

LC 2011016739

Eleven-year-old Princess Celie lives with her parents, the king and queen, and her brothers and sister at Castle Glower, which adds rooms or stairways or secret passageways most every Tuesday, and when the king and queen are ambushed while travelling, it is up to Celie—the castle's favorite—with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.

"Castle Glower is the true star of this charming story of court intrigue and magic. A satisfying mix of Hogwarts and Howl's Moving Castle, . . . Castle Glower helps its true citizens, but never at the expense of plot or character development." SLJ

Gibbs, Stuart

The **last** musketeer. Harper 2011 244p \$16.99
Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Cardinals 3. Statesmen 4. Time travel -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-204838-7; 0-06-204838-4

LC 2011019376

In Paris with his parents to sell family heirlooms, fourteen-year-old Greg Rich suddenly finds himself four hundred years in the past, and is aided by boys who will one day be known as 'The Three Musketeers.'

"From the gripping first sentence . . . the excitement never flags in this newly imagined Musketeer adventure. . . . Using Alexandre Dumas' stories as a jumping-off point, Gibbs mixes fact, fantasy and thrills to create a galloping swashbuckler." Kirkus

Giff, Patricia Reilly, 1935-

R my name is Rachel. Wendy Lamb Books 2011
166p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99; e-book \$10.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Farm life -- Fiction
 2. Great Depression, 1929-1939 -- Fiction
 3. Moving -- Fiction
 4. Siblings -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-375-83889-7; 0-375-83889-9; 978-0-375-93889-4 lib bdg; 0-375-93889-3; 978-0-375-98389-4 e-book

LC 2011004303

Three city siblings, now living on a farm during the Great Depression, must survive on their own when their father takes a construction job miles away.

"Rachel's searing, present-tense narrative exposes her fears, determination, and hopefulness in the face of wrenching challenges. Recurring motifs—color, flowers, and drawings by a neighbor that Rachel discovers in unlikely places—add lyricism to this story of family solidarity." *Publ Wkly*

Glickman, Susan

Bernadette in the doghouse. Second Story Press 2011 pa \$8.95

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-897187-92-0; 1-897187-92-0

"When her former best friend Jasmine comes to visit during winter break, third-grader Bernadette ignores her current friends, hurting their feelings and coming close to breaking up the Lunch Bunch. . . . Glickman again portrays elementary-school life realistically. . . . The relatively long, mostly unillustrated chapters are best suited for the most able chapter-book readers, who will appreciate the challenge and are less often served by material appropriate to their lives and experiences. A satisfying sequel leaving room for more." *Kirkus*

Glori, Debi

Witch Baby and me on stage. Corgi 2011 il pa \$7.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Magic -- Fiction
2. Sisters -- Fiction
3. Witches -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-552-55679-8; 0-552-55679-3

This "finds Lily preparing to play the bagpipes for a school concert, toddler-sibling Daisy (aka Witch Baby) continuing to experiment with spells and nocturnal neighborhood flights, and the Sisters of Hiss (Nose, Chin, and Toad) unexpectedly yearning for motherhood. . . . Glori's upbeat style, comical black-line drawings, footnoted asides, and much diaper humor are sure to please series fans." *Booklist*

Grant, Michael

The trap. Katherine Tegen Books 2011 294p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Adventure fiction
2. Fantasy fiction
3. Good and evil -- Fiction

ISBN 0-06-183368-1; 978-0-06-183368-7

LC 2010040580

Mack MacAvoy, an average-seeming twelve-year-old boy who happens to have special powers, travels to China in

an effort to assemble an elite team of his peers to help him thwart the evil Pale Queen.

Graves, Keith

The orphan of Awkward Falls. Chronicle Books 2011 337p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Homicide -- Fiction
 2. Inventors -- Fiction
 3. Mentally ill -- Fiction
 4. Mystery fiction
 5. Orphans -- Fiction
 6. Science -- Experiments -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-8118-7814-2; 0-8118-7814-7

LC 2011008008

Josephine Cravitz, the new girl in Awkward Falls, and her neighbor Thaddeus Hibble, a reclusive and orphaned boy inventor, become the targets of a mad cannibal from the local asylum for the criminally insane.

"Graves crafts a quick-moving plot composed of macabre twists. . . . Wordless opening and closing sequences, plus a handful of interior illustrations, both fill in background detail and intensify the overall macabre atmosphere." *Kirkus*

Greene, Bette

★ **Philip** Hall likes me, I reckon maybe; pictures by Charles Lilly. Dial Bks. for Young Readers 1974 135p il hardcover o.p. pa \$5.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction
 2. Friendship -- Fiction
- ISBN 0-14-130312-3 pa

Eleven-year-old Beth, an African American girl from Arkansas, thinks that Philip Hall likes her, but their on-again, off-again relationship sometimes makes her wonder

"The action is sustained; . . . the illustrations are excellent black-and-white pencil sketches." *Read Teach*

Grimes, Nikki

★ **Planet** Middle School. Bloomsbury Childrens 2011 154p \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Basketball -- Fiction
 2. Family life -- Fiction
 3. Friendship -- Fiction
 4. Novels in verse
 5. School stories
- ISBN 978-1-59990-284-5; 1-59990-284-2

LC 2010050744

A series of poems describes all the baffling changes at home and at school in twelve-year-old Joylin's transition from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girly girl.

"In freeflowing free-verse poems, multi-awardwinning author and poet Grimes . . . explores the riot of hormones and expected gender roles that can make negotiating the pre-teen years such a challenge. . . . A work that should help adolescent readers find the courage and humor to grow into the individuals they already are." *Kirkus*

Grisham, John

Theodore Boone: the abduction. Dutton Children's Books 2011 217p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Kidnapping -- Fiction
 2. Lawyers -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-525-42557-1; 0-525-42557-8

LC 2011006060

When his best friend disappears from her bedroom in the middle of the night, thirteen-year-old Theo uses his legal

knowledge and investigative skills to chase down the truth and save April.

"The book is smoothly written, and there's a mild tutorial on the criminal justice system." *Publ Wkly*

Theodore Boone: kid lawyer. Dutton Children's Books 2010 263p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 2. Lawyers -- Fiction 3. Mystery fiction 4. Young adult literature -- Works

ISBN 0-525-42384-2; 978-0-525-42384-3

With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day.

"Grisham serves up a dandy legal adventure that moves along quickly. Without intruding on the story's trajectory, he gives plenty of background about the legal process and explores various ethical questions." *Horn Book Guide*

Gutman, Dan

Never say genius. Harper 2012 \$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Genius -- Fiction 4. Siblings -- Fiction 5. Twins -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-182767-9; 0-0-6182767-3; 978-0-06-182768-6 lib bdg; 0-06-182768-1 lib bdg

LC 2011019363

As their cross-country journey with their parents continues through the midwest, twins Coke and Pepsi, now thirteen, again face strange assassins at such places as the first McDonald's restaurant and Cedar Point amusement park.

"The author brings his confused but resourceful youngsters to an explosive climax and a shocking revelation that guarantees further adventures on the road back to the left coast." *Kirkus*

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Torn. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 345p \$15.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Explorers 2. Science fiction 3. Time travel -- Fiction 4. Voyages and travels -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-8980-6; 1-4169-8980-3

LC 2010019645

Time travelers Jonah and Katherine arrive in 1611 to rescue missing child John Hudson, son of the explorer Henry Hudson, but just as the mutiny on the *Discovery* is supposed to start, Jonah and Katherine's knowledge of history is tested once again, and they fear that more is at stake than just one boy's life. Author's note includes facts about Henry Hudson's explorations.

"Hudson's ill-fated explorations provide an excellent opportunity for readers to learn about sailing ships, survival, and mutiny. Plenty of action and an extended author's note sustain this fourth entry in the *Missing* series." *Booklist*

Hall, Teri

Away. Dial Books 2011 234p \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Resistance to government -- Fiction 2. Science fiction

ISBN 978-0-8037-3502-6; 0-8037-3502-2

LC 2011001163

After helping heal Malgam, Rachel learns that her father is still living in the devastated territory of Away, captured by members of another clan who are planning to use him to make a deal with the government on the other side of the Line, and she joins the rescue party that must risk much to save him.

"This worthy sequel . . . continues to build a dystopian world rich with suspense and moral choices." *Kirkus*

Halpern, Jake

World's End. written by Jake Halpern and Peter Kujawinski. Houghton Mifflin 2011 487p \$18

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Sleep -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-547-48037-4; 0-547-48037-7

LC 2010008129

After learning that his presumed-dead father may still be alive, Alfonso Perplexon, now fifteen years old, takes on the dangerous task of returning to the land of Dormia to search for him.

"Fans of the first book will enjoy this complex, well-paced installment." *Horn Book Guide*

Hardy, Janice

Darkfall. Balzer + Bray 2011 418p \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Orphans -- Fiction 3. Sisters -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-174750-2; 0-06-174750-5

LC 2011001946

With the rebellion in full swing, fifteen year-old Nya's loyalties are put to the ultimate test, and she is forced to choose between leading an army against the Duke or abandoning her people to save her sister.

"The finale offers suspense, resolution of prior wrongs, the sweetness of first love and a battle-tested heroine who fights with her head and heart." *Kirkus*

Harkrader, Lisa

The adventures of Beanboy. written and illustrated by Lisa Harkrader. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2012 234p. ill. \$9.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Comic books, strips, etc. -- Fiction 2. Contests -- Fiction 3. Family problems -- Fiction 4. Fiction 5. Middle schools -- Fiction 6. Schools -- Fiction
ISBN 9780547550787

LC 2011012161

In this book, "Tucker MacBean is a collector and aspiring creator of comic books, a preoccupation that he realizes doesn't rank high 'on the sliding scale of middle-school coolness.' He enters a contest to create a sidekick for his favorite superhero, convinced that a win will jump-start his popularity; he plans to give the prize—a college scholarship—to his overextended single mother, who's juggling classes and work. Tucker joins the art club to prepare his entry, and Sam (a classmate who Tucker sees as 'arch nemesis to the world')

is hired to babysit his special-needs brother after school. . . . Tucker displays his own heroism when he reaches out to Sam after discovering why she is so belligerent and defensive." (Publishers Weekly)

Harper, Charise Mericle

Just Grace and the double surprise. written and illustrated by Charise Mericle Harper. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 167p il \$14.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Adoption -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. School stories 5. Siblings -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-547-37026-2; 0-547-37026-1

LC 2011015929

While Grace and her best friend Mimi are waiting for the arrival of the baby sister Mimi's family plans to adopt, Grace gets a big surprise.

"Readers unfamiliar with adoption will appreciate Grace's humorous, informative primer. . . . Harper's humorous black-and-white cartoons . . . help break up the text into manageable chunks ideal for new chapter-book readers. These simple but charming drawings evoke a typical young girl's notebook or journal doodles. . . . Harper has crafted an engaging story, the book's strength lies in its protagonist's strong, distinctive voice." SLJ

Hartley, A. J.

Darwen Arkwright and the Peregrine Pact. written by A. J. Hartley; illustrated by Emily Osborne. Razorbill 2011 238p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Mirrors -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59514-409-6; 1-59514-409-9

"Darwen Arkwright has moved from England to Atlanta, GA, to live with his career-driven aunt after his parents die in a car crash. . . . He soon discovers that he has a unique gift—he is a 'mirrocculist,' one who can see through mirrors, and he can travel through them to the world that he sees. . . . Although Darwen is initially reluctant to tell his new friends about the world on the other side of the mirror, soon they are drawn into the battle to keep evil from coming through it and destroying all they hold dear. An exciting read from beginning to end, the book has a lot of heart." SLJ

Hartnett, Sonya

The **Midnight** zoo; illustrated by Andrea Ofermann. Candlewick Press 2011 217p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Freedom -- Fiction 3. Gypsies -- Fiction 4. Refugees -- Fiction 5. Siblings -- Fiction 6. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction 7. Zoos -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5339-2; 0-7636-5339-X

LC 2010042794

Twelve-year-old Andrej, nine-year-old Tomas, and their baby sister Wilma flee their Romany encampment when it is attacked by Germans during World War II, and in an abandoned town they find a zoo where the animals tell their stories, helping the children understand what has become of their lives and what it means to be free.

"Written in lyrical, spare prose, the plot encompasses a single night in which doomed animals and brave boys cling

to hope in a world that makes no sense. Black-and-white spot art highlights animals and key scenes." Kirkus

Heimberg, Justin

Ghosts of Rockville: Search for Dominion Glass. Seven Footer Kids 2011 \$16.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Ghost stories 2. Mystery fiction
ISBN 1934734489; 9781934734483

"Heimberg opens a five-book series with the story of four quirky friends trying to decipher the spirit world, with the added hook of a patented 'MagicView' decoder that reveals words and images hidden within the book's illustrations. Twelve-year-old Jay runs an afterschool ghosthunting business, along with friends Danni, a forensic expert; Pam, an uncertain psychic; and Brian, a nerd who pretends to be a jock. . . . The . . . mystery involves ghosts, riddles, spirit boards, crop circles, and a stolen book. . . . Readers should get a kick out of uncovering clues alongside the characters. . . . Heimberg's story stands on its own with authentic friendships, a varied structure, . . . humor, and solid storytelling." Publ Wkly

Henry, Marguerite

★ **King** of the wind; illustrated by Wesley Dennis. Macmillan 1991 172p il \$18.95; pa \$5.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Horses -- Fiction
ISBN 0-02-743629-2; 0-689-71486-6 pa

LC 91-13474

"A beautiful, sympathetic story of the famous [ancestor of a line of great thoroughbred horses] . . . and the little mute Arabian stable boy who accompanies him on his journey across the seas to France and England [in the eighteenth century]. The lad's fierce devotion to his horse and his great faith and loyalty are skillfully woven into an enthralling tale which children will long remember. The moving quality of the writing is reflected in the handsome illustrations." Wis Libr Bull

Hiaasen, Carl

Chomp. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Missing persons -- Fiction 2. Television programs -- Fiction 3. Wildlife refuges -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86842-9; 978-0-375-96842-6 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89895-2 ebook; 978-0-375-86827-6 pa

LC 2011024920

When the difficult star of the reality television show 'Expedition Survival' disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

"Hiaasen is particularly adept at making the preposterous just barely plausible and again turns in a finely tuned mix of satire and madcap adventure." Booklist

Hilmo, Tess

★ **With** a name like Love. Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 249p \$16.99
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Christian life -- Fiction 2. Conduct of life -- Fiction
3. Country life -- Fiction 4. Mystery fiction
ISBN 978-0-374-38465-4; 0-374-38465-7

LC 2010036314

Thirteen-year-old Olivene Love gets tangled up in a murder mystery when her itinerant preaching family arrives in the small town of Binder, Arkansas in 1957.

"Hilmo creates a family, town and a mystery that readers won't soon forget." Kirkus

Hiranandani, Veera

★ **The whole** story of half a girl. Delacorte Press 2012 \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Children's literature 2. Depression (Psychology) -- Fiction 3. East Indian Americans -- Fiction 4. Ethnicity 5. Friendship in children 6. Public schools 7. Race identity 8. Racially mixed people -- Fiction 9. School stories
ISBN 978-0-385-74128-6; 0-385-74128-6; 978-0-375-98995-7 lib bdg; 0-375-98995-1 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98441-9 ebook

LC 2011026178

In this book, [w]hen Sonia's father loses his job at the end of her fifth-grade year, it means she can't return to her beloved private school and instead must navigate the rocky waters of public school for the first time. Up until this point, eleven-year-old Sonia has never thought that much about her identity as the daughter of an Indian father and a Jewish-American mother, but she is suddenly faced with questions that she can't always answer about her race, her ethnicity, and her core values. She . . . begins two friendships: with Kate, a very perky, popular girl who encourages Sonia to try out for cheerleading but seems very keen on transforming her into something she isn't, and with Alisha, who, like Sonia, aspires to be a writer. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books).

"Sonia's struggles are painfully realistic. . . True to life, her problems do not wrap up neatly, but Sonia's growth is deeply rewarding in this thoughtful and beautifully wrought novel." Publ Wkly

Hobbs, Valerie

Maggie and Oliver, or, A bone of one's own; art by Jennifer Thermes. Henry Holt and Company 2011 181p il \$15.99
Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Homeless persons -- Fiction 3. Orphans -- Fiction 4. Poverty -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-9294-3; 0-8050-9294-3

LC 2011005791

A dog whose beloved owner has died and an orphaned ten-year-old girl find each other while enduring poverty and homelessness in early-twentieth-century Boston.

"Thermes' black-and-white illustrations quietly match both tone and period. A touching and emotionally satisfying founding tale." Kirkus

Horvath, Polly

★ **Mr.** and Mrs. Bunny--detectives extraordinaire! by Mrs. Bunny; translated from the Rabbit by Polly Horvath; illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Schwartz & Wade Books 2011 248 p. \$16.99
Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Ciphers 2. Code & cipher stories 3. Detective & mystery stories 4. Foxes -- Fiction 5. Hippies -- Fiction 6. Human-animal communication -- Fiction 7. Illustrated children's books 8. Kidnapping -- Fiction 9. Marmots -- Fiction 10. Mystery and detective stories 11. Rabbits 12. Rabbits -- Fiction
ISBN 9780375867552; 9780375898273; 9780375967559

LC 2010024133

In this book, "[r]aised by hapless hippie parents on a small island off the coast of Vancouver Island, middle-schooler Madeline has learned to be resourceful, a skill upon which she calls when her parents are kidnapped by foxes who want a bunch of coded recipes (for rabbit products and by-products) decoded by Madeline's elusive uncle Runyon, a code-savvy spy. Madeline first seeks out Runyon herself, but he suddenly falls into a coma, so she turns for help to a pair of fedora-wearing rabbits, taking them for detectives. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny are only too happy to assist." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Howe, Peter

Warriors of the black shroud. Harper 2012 \$16.99
Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Fantasy fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-172987-4; 0-06-172987-6

LC 2011026147

A shy, bookish boy is pulled into an underground land called Nebula and asked to lead a kingdom in its fight against darkness.

This is a "fast-paced fantasy novel. . . The climax and resolution have just enough surprise to satisfy readers. This attractive world (warriors ride unicorns!) and likable characters—boy heroes with a strong girl sidekick—will give fledgling readers of fantasy a treat." Kirkus

Hughes, Ted, 1930-1998

The **iron** giant; illustrated by Laura Carlin. Knopf 2011 104p il \$19.99
Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Science fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-87149-8; 0-375-87149-7

The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster.

"Hughes's 1968 story of unexpected friendships and redemptions returns with new artwork from Carlin in a polished and well-designed edition that uses occasional gatefolds and die-cuts to amplify key moments. Carlin's mixed-media artwork emphasizes the giant's innate otherness. . . It's an elegant and thoughtful treatment of a story that, with its hopeful message of global unity, feels as important and timely as ever." Publ Wkly

Hurwitz, Johanna

Amazing Monty; illustrated by Anik McGrory. Candlewick Press 2010 106p il \$15.99

Grades: K 1 2

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Infants -- Fiction 3. Pets -- Fiction 4. School stories

ISBN 978-0-7636-4154-2; 0-7636-4154-5

LC 2008045982

First-grader Montgomery Gerald Morris enjoys an exciting year as his class acquires a pair of parakeets as pets, he loses his first tooth, and he becomes a big brother.

"Monty's quiet but amusing adventures, shown in unfussy black-and-white watercolor illustrations, ring true to first-grade life." Horn Book Guide

Hyde, Natalie

I owe you one. Orca 2011 125p pa \$7.95

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-55469-414-3; 1-55469-414-0

"After old Mrs. Minton saves him from drowning, Wes strikes up an unexpected friendship with her. His friend says that he owes Mrs. Minton a 'life debt,' and Wes worries how he could ever repay it. His chance comes when the town's aspiring pyrotechnic blows up the television tower. . . . The plot moves quickly from one humorous situation to another. Quirky but believable characters populate the small Canadian town. . . . With its slim length, fast pace, and humor, this title will appeal to a wide range of readers." Booklist

★ **Saving** ARM PIT. Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2011 \$9.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Baseball -- Fiction 2. Letters -- Fiction 3. Postal service -- Fiction

ISBN 1-55455-151-X; 978-1-55455-151-4

The Harmony Point baseball team hasn't won a game in two seasons, and vandals have deleted letters on the town sign so that it says "arm Pit." A new postmaster becomes the new ball coach, but it takes a letter-writing campaign to save the coach's job and the baseball team.

"This book would be a terrific read-aloud for students to learn about citizenship, community service, and collaboration. Sportsmanship and hard work, respect for coaches are also valuable lessons within the story." SLJ

Ibbotson, Eva

★ **The Ogre** of Oglefort; [illustrations by Lisa K. Weber] Dutton Children's Books 2011 246p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six 2. Fairy tales 3. Magic -- Fiction 4. Orphans -- Fiction 5. Princesses -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42382-9; 0-525-42382-6

LC 2010038137

When the Hag of Dribble, an orphan boy, and a troll called Ulf are sent to rescue a princess from an ogre, it turns out to be far from the routine magical mission they expect.

"Magical creatures abound in this effervescent fairy tale that effectively merges classic tropes with modern sensibilities." Bull Cent Child Books

Ignatow, Amy

Words of (questionable) wisdom from Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang. Amulet Books 2011 204p \$15.95

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Popularity -- Fiction 3. School stories 4. Scrapbooks -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4197-0063-7; 1-4197-0063-4

LC 2011285303

Twelve-year-old best friends Julie and Lydia are reunited after six months apart, but the news that their friend Sukie's mother has died after a long illness causes them to reevaluate their goals and focus on being supportive of the friends they already have.

Jarrell, Randall

★ **The animal** family; decorations by Maurice Sendak. HarperCollins Pubs. 1996 179p il \$16.99; pa \$8.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Fantasy fiction

ISBN 0-06-205088-5; 0-06-205904-1 pa

LC 94-76270

A lonely hunter living in the wilderness beside the sea gains a family made up of a mermaid, a bear, a lynx, and a boy

This story is "sensitively related with touches of humor and wisdom. A delight for the imaginative reader." Booklist

Jenkins, Emily

Toys come home; being the early experiences of an intelligent stingray, a brave buffalo, and a brand-new someone called Plastic; illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Schwartz & Wade Books 2011 132p il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 1 2 3

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Toys -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-86200-7; 0-375-86200-5; 978-0-375-96200-4 lib bdg; 0-375-96200-X lib bdg

LC 2010005896

When a little girl gets a plush stingray for her birthday, it makes friends with some of her other toys as they all try to navigate in the world of real people.

"Character-driven episodes unfold in six fully realized chapters; Zelinsky's softly shaded pencil drawings showcase pivotal moments, revealing each individual idiosyncrasy." Kirkus

Jennings, Patrick

Lucky cap. Egmont USA 2011 213p il \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Hats -- Fiction 2. Popularity -- Fiction 3. School stories

ISBN 978-1-6068-4054-2; 1-6068-4054-1; 978-1-6068-4275-1 e-book

LC 2010051413

Enzo starts middle school after an amazing summer trip with his father, a new manager at a popular sporting goods company, with a prototype baseball cap that seems to bring Enzo popularity and success.

“Short chapters and plenty of humorous dialogue and descriptions keep the story moving at a quick pace. . . . The narrative also touches briefly on issues of marketing and branding, which could make for an interesting discussion.” SLJ

Jobling, Curtis

The **rise** of the wolf. Viking Childrens Books 2011 \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Werewolves -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-670-01330-2; 0-670-01330-7
LC 2010049517

When a vicious beast invades his father’s farm and sixteen-year-old Drew suddenly transforms into a werewolf, he runs away from his family, seeking refuge in the most out of the way parts of Lyssia, only to be captured by Lord Bergan’s men and forced to battle numerous werecreatures while trying to prove that he is not the enemy.

“Jobling’s characterizations are solid, his world-building is complex and fascinating, and the combat scenes are suitably exciting. The book’s themes are familiar—lost prince in exile, voyage of self-discovery, young heroes rebelling against injustice and evil—but Jobling uses them to tell a thoroughly enjoyable adventure that makes particularly inventive use of its shapeshifter elements and mythology.” Publ Wkly

Johnson-Shelton, Nils

The **Invisible** Tower. HarperCollins 2011 \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Kings
ISBN 978-0-06-207086-9; 0-06-207086-X
LC 2011022928

A twelve-year-old boy learns that he is actually King Arthur brought back to life in the twenty-first century—and that the fate of the universe rests in his hands.

“This new take on the Arthurian legends, told in third-person, pits wisecracking contemporary teens with their contemporary banter. . . . against all manner of obstacles. . . . It’s always high-spirited and fun. Gives new life to Arthurian legends and may just send readers back to more traditional tellings.” Kirkus

Jones, Allan Frewin

Fair wind to widdershins; illustrated by Gary Chalk. Greenwillow Books 2011 162p il \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Animals -- Fiction 3. Aunts -- Fiction 4. Badgers -- Fiction 5. Hedgehogs -- Fiction 6. Prophecies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-200626-4; 0-06-200626-6
LC 2010049000

Hedgehogs Trundle and Esmeralda, along with their new friend Jack Nimble, sail out into the Sundered Lands to find Esmeralda’s aunt, who they hope will help them unravel the clues to find the next of the six crowns.

“Jones’ plot is peppy and his prose funny, sporting excellent names—‘Pounceman Donk’—and word strings—‘the meanest, bloodthirstiest, wickedest pirate ever to sail

the skies’ . . . A fast and jolly gambol, with four more promised.” Kirkus

Jones, Diana Wynne

Earwig and the witch; illustrator, Paul O. Zelinsky. Greenwillow Books 2012 140p il \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Orphans -- Fiction 2. Witches -- Fiction

ISBN 0-06-207511-X; 978-0-06-207511-6
LC 2010048999

This book tells the story of Earwig, who rules the roost at St. Morwald’s Home for Children until she is adopted by a witchy woman named Bella Yaga with rone brown eye and one blue one, and a raggedy, ribby look to her face.o Earwig hopes to learn magic from Bella Yaga, but is trapped in the woman’s decrepit house, sharing it with the Mandrake, an impossibly tall and grouchy being. Powerful and evil, Bella Yaga uses Earwig as a second pair of hands for grinding up disgusting things in bowls. (“The only thing wrong with magic is that it smells so awful,” Earwig quips). (Publishers Weekly)

“Earwig, illustrated with marvelous vitality by Zelinsky, is not to be trifled with. There’s just the right level of grotesquerie and scariness . . . in this utterly charming chapter book.” Kirkus

Juster, Norton

★ The **phantom** tollbooth; illustrated by Jules Feiffer. Random House 1961 255p il \$19.95; pa \$6.50

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Fantasy fiction
ISBN 0-394-81500-9; 0-394-82037-1 pa

“It’s all very clever. The author plays most ingeniously on words and phrases . . . and on concepts of averages and infinity and such . . . while the pictures are even more diverting than the text, for they add interesting details.” N Y Her Trib Books

Kang, Hildi

Chengli and the Silk Road caravan. Tanglewood 2011 \$14.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Fathers -- Fiction 2. Princesses -- Fiction 3. Trade routes -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-933718-54-5; 1-933718-54-4
LC 2010047359

Called to follow the wind and search for information about his father who disappeared many years ago, thirteen-year-old Chengli, carrying a piece of jade with strange writing that had belonged to his father, joins a caravan charged with giving safe passage to the Emperor’s daughter as it navigates the constant dangers of the Silk Road in 630 A.D.

“This fast-paced adventure is filled with friendship, historical detail, changing scenery, and action. It will appeal to a wide range of readers.” SLJ

Kelly, David A.

The **L.A.** Dodger; illustrated by Mark Meyers. Random House 2011 105p il lib bdg \$12.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Baseball -- Fiction 2. Cousins -- Fiction 3. Mystery fiction 4. Theft -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-96885-3 lib bdg; 0-375-96885-7 lib bdg; 978-0-375-86885-6 pa; 0-375-86885-2 pa; 978-0-375-89968-3 ebook; 0-375-89968-5 ebook

LC 2010038728

Cousins Kate and Mike visit Kate's father, a baseball scout for the Dodgers, in Los Angeles just as a series of suspicious events lead him to think that someone is trying to steal his scouting reports.

Kelly, Katy

Melonhead and the undercover operation; illustrated by Gillian Johnson. Delacorte Press 2011 243p il \$12.99; lib bdg \$15.99; ebook \$12.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Humorous fiction 3. Spies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-385-73659-6; 0-385-73659-2; 978-0-385-90618-0 lib bdg; 0-385-90618-8 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98292-7 ebook; 0-375-98292-2 ebook

LC 2010039057

Ten-year-old Adam 'Melonhead' Melon and his fellow Junior Special Agent, Sam, investigate a fellow resident of Washington D.C.'s Capitol Hill neighborhood, believing that she is one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted.

"Combined with appearances from neighborhood favorites met in earlier volumes and Johnson's snappy sketches, Melonhead's pure, kid-centric, fun-loving perspective is hard to resist." Kirkus

Kennedy, Emma

Wilma Tenderfoot: the case of the frozen hearts. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 335p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Mystery fiction 2. Orphans -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8037-3540-8; 0-8037-3540-5

LC 2009040050

Wilma Tenderfoot, a ten-year-old orphan who lives at Cooper Island's Lowside Institute for Woeful Children, dreams of escape and of becoming the apprentice of the world-famous detective Theodore P. Goodman, whose every case she follows devotedly in the newspaper.

"Wilma is an appealing character, ever-hopeful that Goodman will take her on as an apprentice and help her find out more about her origins. The fast-paced plot twists and turns, but the conflict between good and evil is clear." Kirkus

Wilma Tenderfoot: the case of the putrid poison. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 314p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Actors -- Fiction 2. Missing persons -- Fiction 3. Mystery fiction 4. Orphans -- Fiction 5. Poisons and poisoning -- Fiction 6. Theater -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8037-3541-5; 0-8037-3541-3

LC 2011001165

"The writing is straightforward, but Kennedy includes language that may challenge younger readers, irresistible new words like 'irascible,' 'wafting,' 'sordid' and 'maniacally.' A couple of pages of summary of the events of the first book will bring newcomers into the long-term story,

but this title stands on its own. Both familiar and fresh, this English import is likely to appeal to American readers as well." Kirkus

Kirby, Matthew J.

Icefall. Scholastic Press 2011 325p \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Ice -- Fiction 3. Storytelling -- Fiction 4. Winter -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-27424-1; 0-545-27424-9

LC 2011000890

"Kirby turns in a claustrophobic, thought-provoking coming-of-age adventure that shows a young woman growing into her own, while demonstrating the power of myth and legend. Kirby's attention to detail and stark descriptions make this an effective mood piece." Publ Wkly

Kirk, Daniel

The road's end. Amulet 2011 474p il map \$18.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Trolls -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8109-8978-8; 0-8109-8978-6

LC 2010038752

Fourteen-year-old Matt, Tuava-Li the elf, and Tomtar the troll continue their race to the North Pole to try to save their worlds, but unexpected horrors await whoever journeys beyond the Gates of Vattar.

"Kirk's black-and-white drawings illustrate intimate and frightening moments from the adventure. While not a stand-alone purchase, Elf Realm's final twists and turns will please readers of this series." Voice Youth Advocates

Krossing, Karen

The yo-yo prophet. Orca Book Publishers 2011 237p pa \$12.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Boys -- Fiction 2. Grandmothers -- Fiction 3. Yo-yos -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-55469-827-1; 1-55469-827-8

"Calvin lives with his ailing grandmother over their dry-cleaning shop, relying on his love of yo-yos to relieve stress. He decides he might be able to make some money as a street performer with his yo-yo tricks, but he can't avoid the highly unwanted attention of Rozelle, who demands to become his manager and grabs half his earnings. . . . Krossing paints vivid and believable portraits of her main characters and keeps the action flowing, especially in her descriptions of Calvin's performances. She manages to convey the intricacies of the tricks and Calvin's joy in mastering them while moving the narrative briskly along. It all adds up to a captivating and believable portrait of a young boy coming of age." Kirkus

Lasky, Kathryn

Frost wolf. Scholastic Press 2011 238p il \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Wolves -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-09316-3; 0-545-09316-3

LC 2011028151

When a terrible danger threatens the wolves of the Beyond, outsider Faolan must take a leadership role and inspire the pack to stand together.

Leach, Sara

Count me in. Orca Book Publishers 2011 pa \$9.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Cousins -- Fiction 2. Hiking -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-55469-404-4; 1-55469-404-3

"The characters and their motivations are well developed. The plot is simple, but entertaining, and the survival aspects of the story are realistic and suspenseful. Chapter transitions are smooth and easy to follow." SLJ

Lewis, J. Patrick

★ **And** the soldiers sang. [written by] J. Patrick Lewis & [illustrations by] Gary Kelley. Creative Editions 2011 31p il \$17.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Christmas -- Fiction 2. Soldiers -- Fiction 3. World War, 1914-1918 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-5684-6220-2; 1-5684-6220-4

LC 2010028644

A young Welsh soldier fights along the Western Front during World War I, experiencing the horrors of trench warfare before participating in the famed Christmas Truce of 1914.

This offers "a terse yet lyrical text and stark, dramatic illustrations. . . . Kelley's compelling artwork features mostly dark shades and strong, angular compositions. . . . Grim, upsetting and utterly beautiful, this is both a strong antiwar statement and a fascinating glimpse of a little-known historical event." Kirkus

Lin, Grace

Dumpling days. Little, Brown 2012 \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Birthdays -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Grandmothers -- Fiction 4. Taiwanese Americans -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-316-12590-1; 0-316-12590-3

LC 2010048036

When Pacy, her two sisters, and their parents go to Taiwan to celebrate Grandma's sixtieth birthday, the girls learn a great deal about their heritage.

"Defly weaving together historical anecdotes and simple line illustrations, Lin once again touches the heart of growing up in a multicultural family." Kirkus

Little, Kimberley Griffiths

★ **Circle** of secrets. Scholastic Press 2011 326p \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Ghost stories 2. Guilt -- Fiction 3. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-16561-7; 0-545-16561-X

LC 2011000889

A year after her mother has deserted the family, eleven-year-old Shelby goes to stay with her, deep in the Louisiana bayou, where they both confront old hurts and regrets.

"The gently spooky ghost angle is handled nicely with some religious overtones. A very dramatic climax leads to a sweet, satisfying ending with some surprising twists and with reconciliation occurring for several characters." Kirkus

London, C. Alexander

We dine with cannibals. Philomel Books 2011 il \$12.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Explorers -- Fiction 3. Rain forests -- Fiction 4. Siblings -- Fiction 5. Television -- Fiction 6. Twins -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-399-25488-8; 0-399-25488-9

LC 2010041993

All eleven-year-old twins Oliver and Celia Navel want to do is watch television, but their explorer father takes them in search of El Dorado, the Lost City of Gold, and their long-lost mother.

"London's second in the Accidental Adventure series has more thrills and more mystery (and naturally more complaining and more laughs) than the first." Kirkus

Look, Lenore

Alvin Ho: allergic to dead bodies, funerals, and other fatal circumstances; illustrations by LeUyen Pham. Schwartz & Wade 2011 197p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Chinese Americans -- Fiction 2. Death -- Fiction 3. Fear -- Fiction 4. Grandfathers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-86831-3; 0-375-86831-3; 978-0-375-96831-0 lib bdg; 978-0-375-96831-0 lib bdg

LC 2010046968

A fearful second grader in Concord, Massachusetts, learns about death when his grandfather's best friend passes away and he offers to accompany his grandfather to the funeral.

"The copious illustrations capture moments both silly and sad as the author again tackles real-kid worries in a truly funny story." Horn Book

Lowry, Lois, 1937-

Gooney Bird on the map. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2011 \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Maps -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-547-55622-2; 0-547-55622-5

LC 2011012160

When her second-grade classmates are envious of the three students who are going away on winter vacation, the creative and ingenious Gooney Bird Greene thinks of a geography activity to cheer them all up.

"Occasional black-and-white illustrations add to the accessibility of this short chapter book. A sure hit for Gooney Bird fans." SLJ

Lupica, Mike

The underdogs. Philomel Books 2011 \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Community life -- Fiction 2. Football -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-399-25001-9; 0-399-25001-8

LC 2011011762

Small but fast twelve-year-old Will Tyler, an avid football player in the down-and-out town of Forbes, Pennsylvania, takes matters into his own hands to try and finance the city's football team, giving the whole community hope in the process.

"Authenticity and texture combined with well-paced football action make for another solid outing from Lupica." Kirkus

MacLachlan, Patricia

Kindred souls. Patricia MacLachlan. Harper-Collins 2012 119 p. \$14.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Dogs -- Fiction
2. Family life -- Fiction
3. Farm life -- Fiction
4. Grandfathers -- Fiction
5. Old age -- Fiction
6. Prairies -- Fiction
7. Sod houses -- Fiction

ISBN 9780060522971; 9780060522988

LC 2011016617

This book follows narrator Jake and his 88-year-old grandfather Billy, the eponymous kindred souls of the story's title. The pair "live on a farm that their family has owned for generations; in fact, Billy was born in a sod house he remembers fondly, the ruins of which still exist on the property." To comfort their dying grandfather, "Jake and his siblings undertake a remarkably ambitious project: They rebuild the sod house; Billy moves into it, and he eventually passes away there." The "first-person account of a boy coping with his grandfather's death . . . portrays . . . the opportunity to grieve for a loved one even while he is still alive." (Kirkus)

★ **Sarah,** plain and tall. Harper & Row 58p \$14.99; lib bdg \$15.89; pa \$4.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Children's literature -- Works -- Grades two through six
2. Frontier and pioneer life -- Fiction
3. Stepmothers -- Fiction

ISBN 0-06-024101-2; 0-06-024102-0 lib bdg; 0-06-440205-3 pa

LC 83-49481

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay

"It is the simplest of love stories expressed in the simplest of prose. Embedded in these unadorned declarative sentences about ordinary people, actions, animals, facts, objects and colors are evocations of the deepest feelings of loss and fear, love and hope." N Y Times Book Rev

Maclear, Kyo

Virginia Wolf. Kyo Maclear; [illustrated by] Isabelle Arsenault. Kids Can 2012 \$16.95

Grades: K 1 2

Fic

1. Bell, Vanessa, 1879-1961
2. Children's literature
3. Depression in children
4. Metaphor in literature
5. Painting
6. Picture books for children
7. Sisters -- Fiction
8. Wolves
9. Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941

ISBN 9781554536498

This picture book tells the story of a girl named Virginia whose bad mood turns her into a wolf. Her sister Vanessa, the narrator, tries to help by painting pictures for her. The wolf--previously a black near-silhouette with snout and tail, wearing a dress--morphs back into a girl. Wolf ears, sil-

houetted from behind, become a hair bow. Ink, pencil and paint . . . divide color from black-and-white as emotional symbolism. T Kyo Maclear combines the real-life story of writer Virginia Woolf and her sister, painter Vanessa Bell, with a bad-day/bad-mood or animal-transformation tale that presents literal and metaphorical glimpses of real depression. I (Kirkus)

Magnin, Joyce

Carrying Mason. [by] Joyce Magnin. Zonderkidz 2011 153p \$14.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Country life -- Fiction
2. Family life -- Fiction
3. Mentally handicapped -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-310-72681-4; 0-310-72681-6

LC 2011014462

In rural Pennsylvania in 1958, when thirteen-year-old Luna's best friend Mason dies, she decides to move in with his mentally disabled mother and care for her as Mason did.

"Gently, deliberately paced, Luna's first-person tale provides a fresh look at mental disabilities and the additional burden of negative attitudes. While Ruby's disability is apparent, this effort also celebrates her capabilities. Although the primary focus is Luna, her quirky father, supportive mother and boy-crazy older sister are also sufficiently developed to provide additional depth. A quiet coming-of-age tale with heart offers a fresh look at mentally disabled adults." Kirkus

Malchow, Alex

The Sword of Darrow. [by] Alex and Hal Malchow. BenBella 2011 531p map \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fairies -- Fiction
2. Fantasy fiction
3. Magic -- Fiction
4. Princesses -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-9356-1846-1; 1-9356-1846-6

LC 2011012233

"For 10 years the people of Sonnencrest endured the cruel and tyrannical rule of the Goblins. Then Princess Babette, the only surviving member of the royal family, and Darrow, a crippled boy, become the unlikely forces in the fight against the oppressors. The authors paint convincing portraits of the characters. . . . Readers will be drawn to this fledgling rebellion and follow it to its spectacular success. Magic, monsters, and wizards add to the excitement." SLJ

Martínez, Tomás Eloy

Purgatory; a novel. Tomas Eloy Martinez; translated from the Spanish by Frank Wynne. Bloomsbury 2011 273 p. Dear America \$17

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Disappeared persons -- Argentina -- Fiction
2. Man-woman relationships -- Fiction

ISBN 1608197115; 9781608197118

LC 2011015232

[T]his Dear America series title [is] set in Bodie, California, in 1880. Fourteen-year-old diarist and would-be dramatist Angeline Reddy does not believe her father, criminal lawyer Patrick Reddy, has been murdered. Convinced his disappearance is purposeful, Angie investigates his "demis." and tries to bring him back to their rough-and-tumble mining community. Assisted by friends, a dashing young Wells

Fargo clerk, and the members of a local theater troupe. . . . Angie offers a revealing look at frontier life especially pre-occupations with thespian entertainments, racial and social prejudices, and vigilante justice.” (Booklist)

Mason, Simon

Moon pie. David Fickling Books 2011 327p \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Alcoholism -- Fiction 2. Fathers -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-75235-0; 0-385-75235-0

LC 2010051354

Eleven-year-old Martha tries to keep her family together after her mother’s death as her father struggles with alcoholism.

“Mason has conjured a rarity indeed—a tremendously charming, unflinching account of a parent’s downward spiral. . . . While the dialogue is realistic and rat-a-tat-tat quick, lyrical prose wends its way throughout. . . . Love conquers all in this bighearted and heartbreaking story.” Kirkus

McCulloch, Michael

The **other** Felix. Roaring Brook Press 2011 \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Bullies -- Fiction 2. Dreams -- Fiction 3. Fear -- Fiction 4. School stories
ISBN 978-1-5964-3655-8; 1-5964-3655-7

LC 2010050605

Worrying about his father losing his job and the bully at school, fourth-grader Felix has terrifying dreams of the same monster-filled place every night until he meets someone there who looks and sounds strangely familiar.

“The story has a beautifully crafted innocence. . . . This is a satisfying tale in and of itself, as well as a helpful and sensitive guide for those children who are just learning to confront life’s sticky challenges. The ending is exquisite.” SLJ

McDonough, Yona Zeldis

The **cats** in the doll shop; illustrated by Heather Maione. Viking 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Cousins -- Fiction 3. Dolls -- Fiction 4. Immigrants -- Fiction 5. Jews -- United States -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-670-01279-4; 0-670-01279-3

LC 2011009312

With World War I raging in Europe, eleven-year-old Anna is thrilled to learn that her cousin Tania is coming from Russia to stay with Anna’s family on the lower East Side of New York, and although Tania is shy and withdrawn when she arrives, her love of cats helps her adjust to her new family.

“Filled with references to Jewish traditions and the rich history of tenement life in New York City, these fully realized characters could be best friends with the girls from Sydney Taylor’s All-of-a-Kind Family. A quiet treasure.” Kirkus

McElligott, Matthew

Benjamin Franklinstein meets the Fright brothers. by Matthew McElligott and Larry Tuxbury; [il-

lustrated by Matthew McElligott] G. P. Putnam’s Sons 2011 147p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Authors 2. Diplomats 3. Inventors 4. Members of Congress 5. Scientists 6. Scientists -- Fiction 7. Secret societies -- Fiction 8. Statesmen 9. Writers on science
ISBN 978-0-399-25480-2; 0-399-25480-3

LC 2010040431

Victor and his friends, aided by Benjamin Franklin, uncover an evil scheme involving giant bats and two mysterious brothers, and learn more about the secretive Modern Order of Prometheus.

“Enhanced by frequent charts, diagrams, lists and other visual aids, a spirit of rational (if often reckless) scientific inquiry pervades the tale, as Ben and his allies translate coded messages, analyze evidence, get a lesson in meteorology and conduct experiments using both real and science-fictional gear on the way to a literally electrifying climax. . . . The authors have way too much fun taking the opener’s premise and evil conspiracy to the next level. Readers will too.” Kirkus

Messer, Stephen

The **death** of Yorik Mortwell; illustrated by Gris Grimly. Random House Children’s Books 2011 173p il \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99; e-book \$15.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Demonology -- Fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Ghost stories 4. Good and evil -- Fiction 5. Magic -- Fiction 6. Siblings -- Fiction 7. Social classes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86858-0; 978-0-375-96858-7 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89928-7 e-book

LC 2010014255

Following his death at the hands of fellow twelve-year-old, Lord Thomas, Yorik returns as a ghost to protect his sister from a similar fate but soon learns of ancient magical beings, both good and evil, who are vying for power at the Estate.

“Full-page, macabre illustrations appear throughout. Lemony Snicket, Harry Potter, and Neil Gaiman enthusiasts will appreciate this engaging, eccentric adventure.” SLJ

Mills, Claudia

Basketball disasters. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers 2012 \$12.99; lib bdg \$15.99; ebook \$9.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Basketball -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. School stories
ISBN 978-0-375-86875-7; 0-375-86875-5; 978-0-375-96875-4 lib bdg; 0-375-96875-X lib bdg; 978-0-375-89960-7 ebook

LC 2011014249

Fourth-grader Mason struggles to enjoy playing basketball after his best friend persuades him to join a team, and learns that the dog-hating lady next door is not so bad after all.

“Mason encounters believable situations enhanced by a fast-paced third-person narration that effectively captures his grade-school perspective.” Kirkus

Pet disasters. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 154p
\$12.99; lib bdg \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Pets -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-86873-3; 0-375-86873-9; 978-0-375-96873-0 lib bdg; 0-375-96873-3 lib bdg

LC 2010029724

Nine-year-old Mason's parents keep trying to get him a pet, but until he and his best friend Brody adopt a three-legged dog, he's not interested.

"Mills's account of this quirky kid and his trials and tribulations is both funny and touching. . . . An enjoyable read with cartoon-style pen-and-ink illustrations scattered throughout." SLJ

Mills, Rob

Charlie's key. Orca Book Publishers 2011 254p
pa \$9.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9

Fic

1. Mystery fiction 2. Orphans -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-55469-872-1; 1-55469-872-3

A young orphan struggles to unlock the significance of an old key left by his dying father.

"A fast-paced, often riveting mystery with a plausible, thrilling climax." Kirkus

Moriarty, Chris

★ **The inquisitor's** apprentice; illustrations by Mark Edward Geyer. Harcourt Children's Books 2011 345p il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Apprentices -- Fiction 2. Gangs -- Fiction 3. Inventors 4. Jews -- United States -- Fiction 5. Magic -- Fiction 6. Witches -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-547-58135-4; 0-547-58135-1

LC 2011009596

In early twentieth-century New York, Sacha Kessler's ability to see witches earns him an apprenticeship to the police department's star Inquisitor, Maximillian Wolf, to help stop magical crime and, with fellow apprentice Lily Astral, Sacha investigates who is trying to kill Thomas Edison, whose mechanical witch detector that could unleash the worst witch-hunt in American history.

"Sacha, Lily and Inspector Wolf are all fully developed and multilayered characters, as are the many other distinctive personalities that appear in the tale. The author employs rich language and syntax that please the ear and touch the senses, making it all come alive." Kirkus

Murphy, Sally

★ **Pearl** verses the world; [illustrations by Heather Potter] Candlewick Press 2011 73p il \$14.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Bereavement -- Fiction 2. Death -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Grandmothers -- Fiction 5. Loneliness -- Fiction 6. Novels in verse 7. Poetry -- Fiction 8. School stories

ISBN 978-0-7636-4821-3; 0-7636-4821-3

LC 2010040149

Pearl feels like an island in school, isolated and alone, but at home she feels loved and secure until her grandmother's illness changes the way Pearl views her world.

This is a "poignantly illustrated novella in free verse. . . . Potter's evocative pencil-and-wash drawings, with their excellent renderings of facial expressions and mood, wonderfully complement Murphy's thoughtful narrative." Kirkus

Napoli, Donna Jo

Lights on the Nile. HarperCollins 2011 278p
\$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Baboons -- Fiction 2. Fairies -- Fiction 3. Kidnapping -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-166793-0; 0-06-166793-5; 978-0-06-166794-7 lib bdg; 0-06-166794-3 lib bdg

LC 2011010179

Ten-year-old Kepi, a young girl in ancient Egypt, embarks on a journey to save her family when she is unexpectedly taken captive, along with the baby baboon she has rescued from a crocodile.

Napoli "crafts a mystical coming-of-age tale and a love letter of sorts to Egypt, saturated with proverbs, intriguing details of everyday life at the time, and rich descriptions of the places Kepi visits. . . . Kepi's survival skills and perspective are challenged in this absorbing adventure." Publ Wkly

Neri, G.

Ghetto cowboy. [by] G. Neri; illustrated by Jesse Joshua Watson. Candlewick Press 2011 218p il \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. City and town life -- Fiction 3. Father-son relationship -- Fiction 4. Horses -- Fiction 5. Moving -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-4922-7; 0-7636-4922-8

LC 2010007565

Twelve-year-old Cole's behavior causes his mother to drive him from Detroit to Philadelphia to live with a father he has never known, but who soon has Cole involved with a group of African-American "cowboys" who rescue horses and use them to steer youths away from drugs and gangs.

"This well-written book is based on a true story of urban cowboys in Philadelphia and New York. Cole's spot-on emotional insight is conveyed through believable dialogue. . . . Watson's illustrations punctuate the intriguing aspects of the story and make the novel more appealing." SLJ

Newman, John

Mimi. Candlewick Press 2011 186p \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4 5

Fic

1. Bereavement -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5415-3; 0-7636-5415-9

LC 2010040147

Mimi is determined not to give up on anyone or anything, but since Mommy died, her father never smiles, her sister Sally is in a bad mood, brother Conor keeps to himself, and even Sparkler the dog does not want to go for walks.

Newman "will win readers' hearts through the conversational tone and openhearted observations of . . . narrator Mimi. . . . Newman ably conveys a family hanging together by a thread; that Mimi, who is Chinese, is adopted is nearly

incidental to the plot—until a climactic scene in which she stands up to a school bully.” Publ Wkly

Nielsen, Jennifer A.

Elliot and the Yeti threat; illustrated by Gideon Kendall. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky 2012 il \$12.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Yeti -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4022-4021-8; 1-4022-4021-X

Being King of the Brownies is no easy job! Elliot outsmarted the Goblins and foiled the Pixie Plot, but now he’s being threatened by a giant Yeti. Oh, and there’s a mermaid hiding in his bathtub. Elliot might be able to survive some unusual self-defense lessons and a kidnapping plot, but can he withstand the friendship of the neighbor girl—his arch—nemesis—Cami Wortson?

Noe, Katherine Schlick

Something to hold. Clarion 2011 \$16.99
Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Fiction 2. Native Americans -- Fiction 3. Prejudices -- Fiction 4. School stories
ISBN 978-0-547-55813-4; 0-547-55813-9

This book follows Kitty, [who] is so used to moving with each of her father’s job reassignments that making friends in each new location is usually not much of an issue. The Warm Springs Reservation in central Oregon is, however, a new experience, since she and her brothers are among the handful of white students in their new school. The brothers easily bond with Wasco, Warm Springs, and Paiute boys through common enthusiasm for baseball, but Kitty is intimidated by a pair of her classmates dour, bullying Raymond and his snappish, aloof sister, Jewel. . . . Raymond and Jewel are often at the mercy of their abusive white stepfather, and . . . the reservation police and their municipal police are so gridlocked by jurisdictional mandates and prejudice that the children feel they have no legal recourse. . . . Kitty’s gradual involvement with Raymond and Jewel forms the backbone of the novels (Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books).

“Kitty Schlick is apprehensive about starting sixth grade on Oregon’s Warm Springs Indian Reservation, home to Paiute, Warm Springs and Wasco people, where her father’s job has taken the family in 1962. . . . One of the school’s few white students, she feels isolated until she’s befriended by Pinky, a Wasco classmate whose mother, like Kitty’s dad, staffs a fire lookout. As Kitty finds her footing, she’s troubled by the preferential treatment teachers give white students and the casual racism of the white girls attending her church. . . . Noe . . . resists didacticism. Kitty’s discoveries and ethical dilemmas are age and era-appropriate, the characters affectionately portrayed, rounded individuals.” Kirkus

Noel, Alyson

Dreamland; a novel. Square Fish 2011 210p
\$7.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Dreams -- Fiction 2. Ghost stories
ISBN 9780312563752

LC 2011024183

Eager to contact her sister Ever, ghost Riley goes in search of the place where dreams are made, where she finds

a renegade ghost boy who has been flouting the rules of Dreamland for decades.

Noyce, Pendred

Lost in Lexicon; an adventure in words and numbers. by Pendred Noyce; illustrations by Joan Charles. Scarletta Press 2011 il \$12.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Cousins -- Fiction 2. English language -- Fiction 3. Fantasy fiction 4. Mathematics -- Fiction
ISBN 9780983021926 pa; 0983021929 pa;
9780983021933 e-book; 0983021937 e-book

LC 2011013583

When Aunt Adelaide sends thirteen-year-old cousins Ivan and Daphne on a treasure hunt in the rain, they never expect to stumble into a whole new world where words and numbers run wild.

O’Dell, Kathleen

The aviary. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 339p \$15.99;
lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Birds -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. Inheritance and succession -- Fiction 5. Magic -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-375-85605-1; 0-375-85605-6; 978-0-375-95605-8 lib bdg; 0-375-95605-0 lib bdg

LC 2010045778

In late nineteenth-century Maine, isolated, eleven-year-old Clara Dooley gains a friend and uncovers a magical secret that changes her life when she learns to care for the once-feared birds in the aviary attached to the Glendoveer mansion where she lives.

“The honeycreeper’s encouragement leads to discovery after discovery in a well-paced, high-tension mystery that draws not only on Burnett, but also C.S. Lewis, Zilpha Keatley Snyder, and Neil Gaiman, joining a rich heritage of stories about children with a secret ‘room of their own.’” Publ Wkly

O’Dell, Scott

★ **Island** of the Blue Dolphins; illustrated by Ted Lewin. 50th anniversary ed.; Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2010 177p il \$22

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Native Americans -- Fiction 2. Wilderness survival -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-547-42483-5; 0-547-42483-3

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

The edition illustrated by Ted Lewin “features twelve full-page, full-color watercolors in purple and blue hues that are appropriate to the island setting. This handsome gift-edition version includes a new introduction by Lois Lowry to commemorate the book’s fiftieth anniversary.” Horn Book Guide

Okimoto, Jean Davies

Maya and the cotton candy boy. Endicott and Hugh 2011 \$16.99; pa \$9.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Immigrants -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Siblings -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-9823167-4-0; 0-9823167-4-7; 978-0-9823167-5-7 pa; 0-9823167-5-5 pa

Newly arrived from Kazakhstan, twelve-year-old Maya Alazova resents the way her mother babies her brother, but when she leaves her English Language Learner program for mainstream classes and has to deal with a boy, a bully, and conflict at home, she finds her brother can help with their new culture in ways their parents can't.

"Maya tells her story well, and observant readers will come away with a better understanding of the sacrifices made by similar families." SLJ

Orr, Wendy

Lost! A dog called Bear; illustrations by Susan Boase. Henry Holt 2011 103p il \$15.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Divorce -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Lost and found possessions -- Fiction 4. Moving -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8050-8931-8; 0-8050-8931-4

LC 2010029886

When Logan's dog runs away as he and his mother are moving to a new home after his parents separate, a girl named Hannah, who longs for a dog of her own, finds him.

"The book is well designed for readers moving up to chapter books, with its short sentences, well-spaced lines of type, and attractive illustrations. Expressing emotions through subtle physical cues, Boase's shaded pencil drawings depict both people and dogs with grace and sensitivity." Booklist

Missing! A cat called Buster; illustrations by Susan Boase. Henry Holt and Company 2011 116p il \$15.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Loss (Psychology) -- Fiction 3. Lost and found possessions -- Fiction 4. Pets -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8050-8932-5; 0-8050-8932-2; 978-0-8050-9382-7 pa; 0-8050-9382-6 pa

LC 2010044786

After his pet rabbit dies, Josh feels sad and does not want to own another pet until an elderly neighbor's cat goes missing.

"This effort sympathetically, if briefly, deals with some complex issues, including the responsibilities of pet ownership, death and aging, but always within the framework of an optimistic, childlike perspective appropriate for the target audience. . . . Attractive black-and-white full and half-page sketches, one or two per chapter, offer some visual interest as well. This early chapter book with plenty of heart and a bit of suspense will appeal to young pet lovers." Kirkus

Palacio, R. J.

★ **Wonder.** by R.J. Palacio. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 315 p. \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Abnormalities, Human -- Fiction 2. Children's

literature 3. Genetic disorders -- Patients 4. Home schooling 5. Middle school students -- Psychology 6. Middle schools -- Fiction 7. School bullying 8. Schools -- Fiction 9. Self-acceptance -- Fiction 10. Social groups
ISBN 9780375869020; 9780375899881; 9780375969027

LC 2011027133

In this book, "[a]fter being homeschooled for years, Auggie Pullman is about to start fifth grade, but he's worried: How will he fit into middle-school life when he looks so different from everyone else? Auggie has had 27 surgeries to correct facial anomalies he was born with, but he still has a face that has earned him such cruel nicknames as Freak, Freddy Krueger, Gross-out and Lizard face. . . . Palacio divides the novel into eight parts, interspersing Auggie's first-person narrative with the voices of family members and classmates, . . . expanding the story beyond Auggie's viewpoint and demonstrating that Auggie's arrival at school doesn't test only him, it affects everyone in the community." (Kirkus)

Patten, E. J.

Return to Exile; illustrated by John Rocco. Simon & Schuster 2011 512p \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Monsters -- Fiction 3. Uncles -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4424-2032-8; 1-4424-2032-4; 978-1-4169-8259-3 e-book

LC 2010053480

"Sky's twelfth birthday is a mix. His mother's delicious homemade goulash cannot overshadow the disappearance of his beloved uncle, Phineas, or the family's return to the small town of Exile. Sky has grown up reading about the Hunters of Legend, but he never dreamed that they were real until monsters appear in Exile and make Sky their target. . . . Patten's first novel excels at world building and pacing; the monsters . . . are fully formed and vividly drawn. . . . Interspersed with humor to keep an otherwise dark story from becoming overbearing, the balance is just right." Booklist

Peck, Richard, 1934-

★ **Secrets** at sea; illustrations by Kelly Murphy. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 238p il \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Mice -- Fiction 3. Ocean travel -- Fiction 4. Siblings -- Fiction 5. Social classes -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8037-3455-5; 0-8037-3455-7

LC 2011001162

In 1887, the social-climbing Cranstons voyage from New York to London, where they hope to find a husband for their awkward older daughter, secretly accompanied by Helena and her mouse siblings, for whom the journey is both terrifying and wondrous as they meet an array of titled humans despite their best efforts at remaining hidden.

This is a "rollicking comedy of manners that begs to be read aloud. . . . Peck's droll take on human and mouse society is exquisite. . . . Helena's meticulous observations . . . [are] enhanced by hilariously upended clichés . . . and by Murphy's dandy and detailed pencil illustrations that add just the right air of royalty." Horn Book

Peirce, Lincoln

Big Nate on a roll. Harper 2011 216p il \$12.99; lib bdg \$14.89

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Contests -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-06-194438-3; 0-06-194438-6; 978-0-06-194439-0 lib bdg; 0-06-194439-4 lib bdg

LC 2011016548

Middle-schooler Nate Wright vies against his rival, the 'perfect' Artur, to win the grand prize of a customized skateboard in their scout troop contest.

This "is the slickest of this series of hybrid comics-and-text chapter books. Nate's an artistic, realistic, funny narrator." Kirkus

Pennypacker, Sara

Clementine and the family meeting; pictures by Marla Frazee. Disney/Hyperion Books 2011 162p il \$14.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Siblings -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4231-2356-9; 1-4231-2356-5

LC 2011012074

Third-grader Clementine tries to adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new brother or sister.

"This entry in the popular, ongoing series is once again illustrated by Frazee's delightful pictures." Booklist

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

With the might of angels; the diary of Dawnie Rae Johnson. Scholastic 2011 324p il map \$12.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Diaries -- Fiction
3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Race relations -- Fiction 5. School integration -- Fiction 6. School stories
ISBN 978-0-545-29705-9; 0-545-29705-2

LC 2011001363

In 1955 Hadley, Virginia, twelve-year-old Dawnie Rae Johnson, a tomboy who excels at baseball and at her studies, becomes the first African American student to attend the all-white Prettyman Coburn school, turning her world upside down. Includes historical notes about the period.

"Dawnie's journal is realistic, encompassing thoughts and emotions one would expect of someone so stressed. . . . The author seamlessly incorporates historical events into the child's journal. The end matter contains age-appropriate photographs, a time line, and brief biographical sketches of the people mentioned. A first purchase." SLJ

Pinkwater, Daniel Manus

Lizard music. written and illustrated by Daniel Pinkwater. New York Review of Books 2011 157p il \$15.95

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Extraterrestrial beings -- Fiction 2. Lizards -- Fiction
3. Science fiction
ISBN 978-1-59017-387-9; 1-59017-387-2

LC 2010026945

When left to take care of himself, a young boy becomes involved with a community of intelligent lizards who tell him of a little known invasion from outer space.

"The book—part satire, part sci-fi/fantasy—is amusing the original. Occasional Escher-esque drawings reflect the story's peculiarities." Horn Book Guide

Pinter, Jason

Zeke Bartholomew, superspy. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky 2011 256p pa \$7.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Spies -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4022-5755-1; 1-4022-5755-4

Zeke Bartholomew has always dreamed of being a spy. But when a case of mistaken identity goes horribly wrong, he's thrust into a world of real-life espionage beyond his wildest dreams. Soon this 7th grade nobody finds himself hunted by the lava-powered behemoth Ragnarok, aided by a mysterious butt-kicking girl who goes only by the codename 'Sparrow.'

"Zeke's first-person narration and ample one-liners provide plenty of laughs in a novel that combines espionage, wild sci-fi, and a satiric take on the ever-growing kids-save-the-world subgenre." Booklist

Pullman, Philip, 1946-

Two crafty criminals! and how they were captured by the daring detectives of the New Cut Gang; including Thunderbolt's Waxwork & the gas-fitters' ball. Philip Pullman. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 281 p. \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Adventure and adventurers -- Fiction 2. Crime -- Fiction 3. Gangs -- Fiction 4. Humorous stories 5. Juvenile Fiction -- Historical -- Europe 6. Juvenile Fiction -- Humorous Stories 7. Juvenile Fiction -- Mysteries & Detective Stories 8. Mystery and detective stories
ISBN 9780375870293; 9780375970290; 9780375988684

LC 2011042391

This children's book by Philip Pullman was originally published in 1994 as two novellas: "Thunderbolt's Waxwork" and "The Gas-Fitters' Ball," which are set in 1894 London . . . [and] starring the intrepid boy and girl detectives of the New Cut Gang. . . . [W]hen Thunderbolt Dobney sees his own father hauled off to jail for what he thinks must be "coining," he feels sick inside. Justice prevails when . . . he and the New Cut Gang expose the real criminal. Why a host of crooks is after the unsettlingly hideous wax-headed dummy of Dippy the hot-chestnut vendor is an entirely different case to crack. In "The Gas-Fitters' Ball," . . . the Gas-Fitters' Hall is burgled. No Swedish match or drop of wax goes unnoticed, and another mystery is solved." (Kirkus)

Raschka, Chris

Seriously, Norman! [by] Chris Raschka. Scholastic/di Capua 2011 342p il \$17.95

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Teachers -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-545-29877-3; 0-545-29877-6

Why are grownups so insane? That's the question Leonard, Norman, Anna and Emma (the twins) try to answer with

the help of Norman's new tutor, Balthazar Birdsong (who is also fairly nuts).

"Don't expect a linear plot here but rather an ode to ten-year-old humor . . . and improbable characters and situations. . . . Emellished with Raschka's spot art, this rousing tale contains strong wordplay, a little vocabulary instruction . . . and a lot of humor." Horn Book

Raskin, Ellen

Figgs & phantoms. Dutton 2011 152p \$16.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Family life -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42367-6; 0-525-42367-2; 978-0-14-241169-8 pa; 0-14-241169-8 pa

Chronicles the adventures of the unusual Figg family after they left show business and settled in the town of Pineapple.

This speaks "to both head and heart . . . a most poignant exploration of grief." Horn Book Guide

The **mysterious** disappearance of Leon (I mean Noel) Dutton 2011 149p \$16.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42369-0; 0-525-42369-9; 978-0-14-241700-3 pa; 0-14-241700-9 pa

The disappearance of her husband is only the first of the mysteries Mrs. Carillon must solve.

Raskin welcomes "readers in as participants in solving the story's mystery. . . . [The book speaks] to both the head and heart." Horn Book Guide

The **tattooed** potato and other clues. Dutton 2011 170p \$16.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42368-3; 0-525-42368-0; 978-0-14-241699-0 pa; 0-14-241699-1 pa

A Greenwich Village detective posing as an artist hires a student to act as his apprentice, spy, and eyewitness to murder.

Raskin welcomes "readers in as participants in solving the story's mystery. . . . [It speaks] to both head and heart." Horn Book Guide

Repka, Janice

The **clueless** girl's guide to being a genius. Dutton Children's Books 2011 218p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Baton twirling -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Genius -- Fiction 4. Mathematics -- Fiction 5. School stories 6. Teachers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42333-1; 0-525-42333-8

LC 2010038139

When Aphrodite Wigglesmith, a thirteen-year-old, Harvard-educated mathematics genius, returns home to teach remedial math to middle school students, both she and her students end up getting unexpected lessons.

"A lighthearted, funny and often bizarre saga of middle-school mayhem. . . . Equal parts silly and endearing." Kirkus

Rex, Adam

★ **Cold** cereal. Balzer + Bray 2012 il \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Food -- Fiction 3. Magic -- Fiction 4. Siblings -- Fiction 5. Twins -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-206002-0; 0-06-206002-3

LC 2011019538

A boy who may be part changeling, twins involved in a bizarre secret experiment, and a clurichaun in a red tracksuit try to save the world from an evil cereal company whose ultimate goal is world domination.

"The author tucks in portrait illustrations and hilariously odd TV-commercial storyboards, along with a hooded Secret Society, figures from Arthurian legend, magical spells and potions, a certain amount of violence, many wonderful throwaway lines. . . . All in all, it's a mad scramble that culminates in the revelation of a dastardly plot that will require sequels to foil." Kirkus

Richards, Jasmine

The **book** of wonders. HarperCollins 2012 \$14.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-201007-0; 0-06-201007-7

LC 2011009153

In a tale loosely based on the Arabian nights, thirteen-year-old Zardi and her best friend, Ridhan, join forces with Captain Sinbad to defeat an evil sultan and restore magic to the world of Arribitha.

"This buoyant debut offers a fresh plot, brisk pacing and engaging characters. . . . Richards deftly borrows from lesser-known tales of the 1001 Arabian Nights to enrich her complex storyline while keeping style and syntax simple and direct." Kirkus

Riddleburger, Sam

Darth Paper strikes back; an Origami Yoda book. Amulet Books 2011 159p il \$12.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Eccentrics and eccentricities -- Fiction 2. Origami -- Fiction 3. Puppets and puppet plays -- Fiction 4. School stories

ISBN 978-1-4197-0027-9; 1-4197-0027-8

LC 2011010388

Harvey, upset when his Darth Paper finger puppet brings humiliation, gets Dwight suspended, but Origami Yoda asks Tommy and Kellan, now in seventh grade, to make a new casefile to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight.

This is "a satisfying tale of friendship and just resistance to authority. Pitch-perfect middle-school milieu and enough Star Wars references (and laughs) to satisfy fans and win new ones." Kirkus

Riel, Jorn

The **shipwreck**; translated from Danish by John Mason; illustrated by Helen Cann. Barefoot Books 2011 il pa \$12.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Inuit -- Fiction 3. Vikings

-- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-84686-335-6; 1-84686-335-X

"This beautifully illustrated epic adventure, set circa 1000 CE, begins with the shocking, retaliatory beheading of young Viking Leiv's father by Thorstein Gunnarsson. The playful boy becomes withdrawn and vows to take revenge. When Thorstein casts off from Iceland for Greenland to serve out his sentence of exile, Leiv stows away onboard but is swept into the sea during a storm. An Inuit brother and sister, Apuluk, 12, and Narua, 11, find him and care for him in secret. . . . The narrative is straightforward and well paced, with several engaging dramatic episodes. Riel skillfully interweaves information about the Inuit culture, language, and environment without being didactic. . . . Vocabulary may pose a challenge for less-advanced readers, and mention of beheadings and amputations may be unsuitable for others. But Cann's ethereal watercolor, graphite, and collage illustrations in cool blue tones and browns have a calmer mood that will enchant readers with the beauty of the Arctic landscape." SLJ

Riordan, Rick

The **son** of Neptune. Disney/Hyperion Books 2011 521p \$19.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Camps -- Fiction
2. Classical mythology -- Fiction
3. Monsters -- Fiction
4. Prophecies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4231-4059-7; 1-4231-4059-1

LC 2011017658

Demigod Percy Jackson, still with no memory, and his new friends from Camp Jupiter, Hazel and Frank, go on a quest to free Death, but their bigger task is to unite the Greek and Roman camps so that the Prophecy of Seven can be fulfilled.

Vespers rising. [by] Rick Riordan, Peter Lerangis, Gordon Korman, Jude Watson. Scholastic 2011 238p \$12.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Ciphers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-545-29059-3; 0-545-32606-0

Fourteen-year-old Amy Cahill and her younger brother Dan thought they could return to their regular lives when they found the 39 clues. But the Vespers, powerful enemies, will stop at nothing to get the clues. And with the Vespers rising, the world is in jeopardy.

Rose, Caroline Starr

★ **May B.** a novel-in-verse. Schwartz & Wade Books 2012 \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Frontier and pioneer life -- Fiction
 2. Novels in verse
- ISBN 978-1-58246-393-3; 1-58246-393-X; 978-1-58246-412-1 lib bdg; 1-58246-412-X lib bdg

LC 2010033222

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, Pa pulls twelve-year-old May from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.

"If May is a brave, stubborn fighter, the short, free-verse lines are one-two punches in this Laura Ingalls Wilder-inspired ode to the human spirit." Kirkus

Russell, Krista

Chasing the Nightbird. Peachtree 2011 200p \$15.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Abolitionists -- Fiction
 2. Sailors -- Fiction
 3. Slavery -- Fiction
- ISBN 1561455970; 9781561455973

LC 2011002665

In 1851 New Bedford, Massachusetts, fourteen-year-old Cape Verdean sailor Lucky Valera is kidnapped by his estranged half-brother and forced to work in a mill, but while Lucky is plotting his escape he meets a former slave and a young Quaker girl who influence his plans.

"Without slowing the story's pace, Russell gives readers plenty to think about regarding the turbulent racial dynamics of the period—Lucky, who is dark-skinned yet free, initially sees little connection between his life and the plight of slaves. Strong-willed and goodhearted, Lucky is an especially vibrant hero in this multifaceted and suspenseful historical adventure." Publ Wkly

Rutkoski, Marie

The **Jewel** of the Kalderash. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 320p \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction
 2. Kings and rulers -- Fiction
 3. Magic -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-374-33678-3; 0-374-33678-4

LC 2010037716

Fourteen-year-old Petra, her tin spider Astrophil, and their friends become entangled in the competition for the Roma crown, then set out for Prague in hopes of finally finding a cure for Petra's father.

"Short, action-packed chapters lead to a climax of heroic courage, violent horror and tragic sacrifice, and an epilogue perfectly admixes restrained melancholy and tender hope. Thrilling, heartrending and unexpectedly sweet; Petra's adventures could not have had a more satisfying conclusion." Kirkus

Salisbury, Graham

Calvin Coconut: kung fooey; illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers. Wendy Lamb Books 2011 131p il \$12.99; lib bdg \$15.99; e-book \$12.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction
 2. School stories
- ISBN 978-0-385-73963-4; 0-385-90797-4; 978-0-385-90797-2 lib bdg; 0-385-90797-4 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89796-2 e-book

LC 2010029415

Fourth-grader Cal learns a lot about teasing and standing up for others when a weird new student joins his class, while Stella, the tenth-grader who lives with Cal's family to help his mother, practices for her driving test.

"The Hawaiian island setting is a subtle but appealing presence, bringing uniqueness and diversity to the narrative. Salisbury offers gentle wisdom and understanding. . . . Expressive black-and-white illustrations add humor and are generously sprinkled throughout." SLJ

Saller, Carol Fisher

Eddie's war. [by] Carol Fisher Saller. Namelos 2011 ix, 194p \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Farm life -- Fiction 3. Novels in verse 4. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 1-60898-108-8; 1-60898-109-6 pa; 978-1-60898-108-3; 978-1-60898-109-0 pa

"When we meet him in 1934, Eddie is five, Tom ten. In the next ten years the brothers develop friendships, discover family secrets, . . . and ponder the causes of European conflict . . . as well as the virulent prejudice rife in their own farming community. Tom's enlisting in 1943 unveils the real nature of war that has inspired the boys' games. Narrated by Eddie, these seventy-six vignettes are beautifully phrased and vividly revealing of character." Horn Book

Saunders, Kate

★ **Beswicked.** Delacorte Press 2011 \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Magic -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Time travel -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-385-74075-3

LC 2011000747

On her way, reluctantly, to a boarding school in present-day England, Flora suddenly finds herself in 1935, the new girl at St. Winifred's, having been summoned via a magic spell by her new dormitory mates.

"This absorbing novel . . . features a dimensional, delightful protagonist, whose personality and growth ring true. . . . Along with the entertaining magical elements, the universal themes of self-discovery and looking beyond appearances combine into a wholly engaging and enjoyable read." Booklist

Schatz, Pat

★ **Bluefish.** Candlewick Press 2011 226p \$15.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Literacy -- Fiction 2. School stories 3. Teachers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-5334-7; 0-7636-5334-9

LC 2010044815

"A cast of richly developed characters peoples this work of contemporary fiction, told in the third person from Travis' point of view, with first-person vignettes from Velveeta's perspective peppered throughout. . . . A story rife with unusual honesty and hope." Kirkus

Schneider, Robyn

The **secret** prince. [by] Violet Haberdasher. Aladdin 2011 503p \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Knights and knighthood -- Fiction 2. Orphans -- Fiction 3. School stories 4. Secret societies -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-9145-8; 1-4169-9145-X

LC 2010038855

Fourteen-year-old orphan Henry Grim's schooling at the prestigious Knightley Academy continues, as he and some friends discover an old classroom filled with forgotten weapons which lead them into a dangerous adventure.

"Though some of the past events can be gleaned from this book, it's more enjoyable for those who have read Knightley Academy. . . . The fast-moving plotline in this installment is wrapped up nicely, but enough is left hanging and the characters are interesting enough to make readers eagerly anticipate the next in the series." SLJ

Scieszka, Jon

Spaceheadz, book 3; illustrated by Shane Prigmore. Simon & Schuster 2011 213p il \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Extraterrestrial beings -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-1-4169-7955-5; 1-4169-7955-7

"An imperiled world once more relies on rescue from Brooklyn fifth-graders Michael K. and his friends, along with aliens who are disguised as fifth-graders. . . . Meanwhile, Agent UMBER of the AAA (Anti Alien Agency) is on a nonstop campaign to thwart the Spaceheadz. Finally, a tough-talking military-type Santa recruits Michael K. into a search for a stolen brain wave. . . . With plenty of twists, lots of well-timed comic noises . . . this is sure to delight fans, while recruiting new ones." Booklist

Service, Pamela F.

Escape from planet Yastol; illustrated by Mike Gorman. Darby Creek 2011 102p il \$15.95; pa \$5.95

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Authorship -- Fiction 2. Books and reading -- Fiction 3. Extraterrestrial beings -- Fiction 4. Kidnapping -- Fiction 5. Science fiction 6. Siblings -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7613-7918-8; 0-7613-7918-5; 978-0-7613-7921-8 pa; 0-7613-7921-5 pa

LC 2010049235

Eleven-year-old Joshua Higgins' prize-winning science fiction novel draws the attention of sinister blue aliens who capture Josh and his sister Maggie and take them to the planet Yastol, the setting of his novel.

"Readers ready for longer chapter books will enjoy having some science fiction to choose from and welcome further adventures." Kirkus

Shahan, Sherry

Ice island. Delacorte Press 2012 \$10.99; lib bdg \$18.99; ebook \$10.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, Alaska -- Fiction 3. Sled dog racing -- Fiction 4. Wilderness survival -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-74154-5; 0-385-74154-5; 978-0-375-99009-0 lib bdg; 0-375-99009-7 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98575-1 ebook

LC 2011003838

Thirteen-year-old Tatum's dream of competing in the grueling 1,049-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race may be at an end when she becomes lost in a freak snowstorm during a training run on Alaska's remote Santa Ysabel Island.

"Riveting and atmospheric. . . . This survival adventure creates an almost otherworldly experience within a treacherous and bracingly beautiful landscape." Kirkus

Sherman, Deborah

The **BEDMAS** conspiracy. Fitzhenry & White-
side 2011 pa \$9.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Bands (Music) -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-1-55455-181-1; 1-55455-181-1

Adam's band, Sick on a Snow Day, is challenged by more than just an unusual name: Adam is mistakenly accused of cheating on a test and must maintain a clean record and B-average if he wants to stay in the band. Then his lead singer, Daniela, gets stage fright.

"Adam's academic difficulties and Daniela's stage fright are only two of the challenges thrown their way, but both are handled imaginatively and with humor. . . . A genial read." SLJ

Simon, Francesca

Horrid Henry wakes the dead; illustrated by Tony Ross. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky 2011 il pa \$4.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Magicians -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4022-5934-0; 1-4022-5934-4

Henry will do anything to win the grand prize at this year's talent show . . . even wake the dead! Plus three other stories.

Skye, Obert

Wonkenstein: the creature from my closet. Henry Holt and Co. 2011 224p \$13.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Books and reading -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction
3. Monsters -- Fiction 4. School stories
ISBN 978-0-8050-9268-4; 0-8050-9268-4

LC 2011004870

Twelve-year-old Rob has stuffed his closet with old laboratory experiments, unread books, and more, and when a creature emerges from that chaos causing a great deal of trouble, Rob has to do such horrible things as visit a library and speak at a school assembly to set things right again.

"The writing is quite funny and has a lot of laugh-out-loud moments." SLJ

Smiley, Jane

True Blue; with illustrations by Elaine Clayton. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 297p il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Christian life -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Horses -- Fiction 4. Ranch life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86231-1; 0-375-86231-5; 978-0-375-96229-5 lib bdg; 0-375-96229-8 lib bdg

LC 2010035975

In 1960s California, eighth-grader Abby Lovitt has trouble with True Blue, the newest horse on her family's ranch, a beautiful dappled gray who is so often spooked, Abby wonders if he is haunted by the ghost of his deceased former owner.

"Readers who have been with this story from the beginning will enjoy watching narrator Abby continue to grow;

newcomers will want to go back and start at the beginning with The Georges and the Jewels (2009)." Kirkus

Smith, Roland

I.Q.: book two, The White House. Sleeping Bear Press 2010 pa \$8.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Remarriage -- Fiction 2. Siblings -- Fiction 3. Spies -- Fiction 4. Terrorism -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-58536-456-5; 1-58536-456-8

LC 2011378292

Q (Quest) and Angela make it to the White House in Washington, D.C. to find that it is even harder to determine who are the 'good' and 'bad' guys than ever before.

"This spellbinding James Bond genre espionage novel for the middle school set will leave readers breathlessly waiting for the next installment." Voice Youth Advocates

The **surge**. Scholastic Press 2011 133p il \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Circus -- Fiction 2. Hurricanes -- Fiction 3. Storms -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-545-08179-5; 0-545-08179-3

LC 2011017358

After barely surviving a terrifying hurricane, Chase and his friends Nicole and Rashawn have made it to the safety of Nicole's family farm, which is also the winter home of the Rossi Brothers Circus, where flood waters are rising and dangerous circus animals are on the loose.

"A high-velocity page-turner." Kirkus

Sniegowski, Tom

Quest for the Spark; Book 2. written by Tom Sniegowski; illustrated by Jeff Smith; color by Steve Hamaker. Graphix 2012 234 p. Bone \$22.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Adventure and adventurers -- Fiction 2. Dreams -- Fiction 3. Fantasy 4. Heroes -- Fiction 5. Humorous stories 6. Magic -- Fiction
ISBN 9780545141031; 9780545141048

LC 2011020281

This book is set in the world of illustrator Jeff Smith's "Bone" graphic novels. Here, author Tom Sniegowski tells the story of "Tom, a Valley turnip farmer," who "receives a vision that the peaceful otherworld of the Dreaming is under attack. The evil Nacht, a renegade Dragon, seeks to control the dreamland, and through it, the Waking World as well. A mysterious forest woman tells Tom that he has been chosen to lead a quest to find the scattered pieces of the Spark--the light of creation that can drive back the dark power. When his family falls under the Nacht's corrupted sleep spell, Tom realizes that he has no choice and sets out with his best friend, a talking raccoon." (School Libr J)

Snyder, Laurel

Bigger than a bread box. Random House 2011 226p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86916-7; 0-375-86916-6

Twelve-year-old Rebecca is struggling with her parents' separation, as well as a sudden move to her Gran's house in

another state. For a while, a magic bread box, discovered in the attic, makes life away from home a little easier. Then suddenly it starts to make things much, much more difficult, and Rebecca is forced to decide not just where, but who she really wants to be.

"Introspective and rich with delicate imagery. . . . The insightful, memorable, and complex characters that Snyder creates result in a story with the same qualities." *Publ Wkly*

Sobol, Donald J.

Encyclopedia Brown and the case of the carnival crime; illustrated by James Bernardin. Dutton Children's Books 2011 86p il \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Mystery fiction

ISBN 978-0-525-42211-2; 0-525-42211-0

LC 2010045854

Ten brief cases allow the reader to match wits with ten-year-old crime-buster, Encyclopedia Brown, as he investigates such cases as toys missing from a fair, music stolen from a singer-songwriter, and arrowheads that disappear during a campout.

Springstubb, Tricia

Mo Wren, lost and found. Balzer + Bray 2011 248p \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Moving -- Fiction 3. Restaurants -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-199039-7; 0-06-199039-6

LC 2011001896

When eleven-year-old Mo's mother dies in an accident and Mo's devastated father deals with the loss by moving the family to a new town and starting a new life as the owner of a sports bar, Mo must leave her much loved neighborhood on Fox Street to live in an apartment above the 'cursed' Corky's Tavern.

"Readers will feel both inspired and comforted by these indefatigable sisters, whose humanity brings out the very same qualities in others." *Booklist*

Staniszewski, Anna

My very unfairy tale life. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky 2011 198p pa \$6.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Fairy tales 2. Magic -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4022-5946-3; 1-4022-5946-8

Jenny, a professional adventurer, would prefer spending time with her friends over helping magical kingdoms around the universe, but soon she is given the choice to return to her normal life or go into a battle she doesn't think she can win.

"An eye for imaginative detail mixes with these likable characters and a theme of empathy for others to keep the story appropriate to a younger audience, who easily will identify with Jenny. Charming." *Kirkus*

Starmer, Aaron

The **only** ones. Delacorte Press 2011 321p \$17.99; lib bdg \$20.99; e-book \$17.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Supernatural -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-385-74043-2; 0-385-74043-3; 978-0-385-90839-9 lib bdg; 0-385-90839-3 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89919-5 e-book

LC 2010040383

After setting off from the island where he has been leading a solitary existence, thirteen-year-old Martin discovers a village with other children who have been living similarly without any adults, since the grown-ups have all been spirited away.

"Both literary and engaging, this is the kind of book readers will want to return to for new discoveries." *Kirkus*

Stevenson, Robert Louis

Treasure Island; illustrated by Robert Ingpen. Sterling 2011 192p il \$19.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Adult

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Buried treasure -- Fiction 3. Pirates -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4027-7545-1; 1-4027-7545-8

"This unabridged version of Stevenson's classic, following the adventures of young Jim Hawkins, Long John Silver, and the crew of the *Hispaniola* on Treasure Island, features new art by Ingpen. The heavy pages of this edition have the look of parchment paper and the illustrations bring to mind old oil-on-canvas paintings, providing a pleasing aesthetic." *Horn Book Guide*

Stewart, Trenton Lee

The **extraordinary** education of Nicholas Benedict. by Trenton Lee Stewart; illustrated by Diana Sudyka. Little, Brown 2012 470 p. \$17.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Adventure and adventurers -- Fiction 2. Bullies -- Fiction 3. Genius -- Fiction 4. Mystery and detective stories 5. Narcolepsy -- Fiction 6. Orphanages -- Fiction 7. Orphans -- Fiction

ISBN 9780316176194

LC 2011031690

This book tells the story of Nicholas Benedict who "is just 9 years. . . . Small in physical stature but intellectually gifted, he has an "unfortunat." nose . . . and a medical condition that prompts "unpredictable sleeping episode." that drop "him from consciousness like a trapdoor into a black dungeon." at the least opportune of times. . . . What has long made him a nuisance to less intelligent adults and target practice for bullies also makes him a curiosity for a slightly older boy who befriends him at his new home." the ominously named Rothschild's End. The orphanage is housed in a two-story mansion. . . . [The book] revolves around . . . the . . . themes . . . [of] orphans, friendship and the sorts of surrogate families that form as a result." (*LA Times*)

Stone, Phoebe

The **boy** on Cinnamon Street. by Phoebe Stone. Arthur A. Levine Books 2012 234 p. \$16.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Best friends -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Grandparents -- Fiction 4. Memory -- Fiction 5.

Schools -- Fiction
ISBN 0545215129; 9780545215121

LC 2011017862

This “novel [is] about Louise, a tiny seventh-grader nursing a deep wound. Something so terrible happened a year earlier that she has “blocked a whole week out of [her] conscious mind.” However, she’s still miserable, having moved from Cinnamon Street to a condo she shares with her . . . grandparents. Louise has changed schools, renamed herself, . . . and given up gymnastics; her only friends are Reni and Reni’s brother, Henderson, a “volcano-loving, poetry-crazed flannel teddy bear in wire-rimmed glasses.” After Louise receives a note that reads “I am your biggest fan.” she and Reni decide it came from a hunky, high school age, pizza delivery boy. Predictably disastrous actions ensue, but the resulting trauma is enough to shake Louise out of her torpor.” (Publishers Weekly)

Stout, Shawn K.

Fiona Finkelstein meets her match!! illustrated by Angela Martini. Aladdin 2010 146p il \$14.99; pa \$4.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Clubs -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. School stories
ISBN 978-1-4169-7928-9; 1-4169-7928-X; 978-1-4169-7110-8 pa; 1-4169-7110-6 pa

LC 2010026829

Fiona Finkelstein does not get along with Milo, a new student in her Ordinary, Maryland, fourth-grade class, and when he starts a meteorology club she responds by trying to start a matchmaking club.

“Stout continues to develop her protagonist in this entertaining installment.” Horn Book Guide

Sullivan, Laura L.

Guardian of the Green Hill; [illustrations by David Wyatt] Henry Holt and Company 2011 293p il \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fairies -- Fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Siblings -- Fiction 4. Supernatural -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-8985-1; 0-8050-8985-3

LC 2010029231

After the Midsummer War ends, Meg Morgan faces a madman in the battle for control of the last bastion of fairies in England, aided by her siblings Rowan, Silly, and James, and American neighbors Dickie Rhys, and Finn Fachan.

“Sullivan’s writing has a timelessness that contrasts nicely with Meg’s distinctly modern ideas and weaves a compelling story that will pull readers along.” SLJ

Summers, Susan

The **greatest** gift; the story of the other Wise Man. retold by Susan Summers; illustrated by Jackie Morris. Barefoot Books 2011 il \$16.99

Grades: K 1 2 3

Fic

1. Children’s literature -- Works -- Preschool through grade two 2. Christmas stories 3. Magi -- Fiction 4. Voyages and travels -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-84686-578-7; 1-84686-578-6

LC 2011015507

Artaban, a fourth Wise Man, delays journeying with the other Magi to see the newborn Jesus, but after thirty-three years of helping others he has an unusual opportunity to meet his Savior.

“This intriguing story unfolds in flowing prose with the feeling of a folktale, conveying a subtle message in Artaban’s kindness toward the needy of any religion. Morris provides handsome watercolor illustrations in a smoky palette of earth tones, with a soft focus that complements the ancient setting.” Kirkus

Tak, Bibi Dumon

Soldier bear. written by Bibi Dumon Tak; illustrated by Philip Hopman; translated by Laura Watkinson. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers 2011 145p il \$13

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Bears -- Fiction 2. Soldiers -- Fiction 3. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8028-5375-2; 0-8028-5375-7

LC 2011013963

An orphaned Syrian brown bear cub is adopted by Polish soldiers during World War II and serves for five years as their mischievous mascot in Iran and Italy. Based on a true story.

“This is smoothly translated and engagingly illustrated with sketches and helpful maps. Funny, fresh and heartwarming.” Kirkus

Tanner, Lian

City of lies. Delacorte Press 2011 278p \$17.99; lib bdg \$20.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Kidnapping -- Fiction 4. Thieves -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-73906-1; 0-385-73906-0; 978-0-385-90769-9 lib bdg; 0-385-90769-9 lib bdg

LC 2010048579

Twelve-year-old Goldie, impulsive and bold, relies on her skills as a liar and a thief to try to rescue her captured friends from the child-stealers running rampant in the City of Spoke.

Tarshis, Lauren

I survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941; illustrated by Scott Dawson. Scholastic Inc. 2011 86p il pa \$4.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Pearl Harbor (Oahu, Hawaii), Attack on, 1941 -- Fiction 2. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-545-20698-3; 0-545-20698-7

Eleven-year-old Danny Crane is alone on his favorite beach in Hawaii when the world is torn apart and World War II officially hits the United States. Does he have what it takes to find his way home in the midst of the bombs, the smoke, and the destruction of the day that will live in infamy?

Tashjian, Janet

My life as a stuntboy; with cartoons by Jake Tashjian. Henry Holt and Company 2011 256p il \$13.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Monkeys -- Fiction 2. Motion pictures -- Fiction 3. School stories 4. Stunt flying -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-8904-2; 0-8050-8904-7

LC 2010029884

Twelve-year-old Derek Fallon has the opportunity of a lifetime—to perform stunts in a movie featuring a popular twelve-year-old star—but complications arise involving his best friend, a capuchin monkey, and Derek's chronic inability to concentrate on schoolwork.

"The generous margins are filled with Derek's often quite clever stick-figure cartoons illustrating vocabulary words such as 'flabbergasted' and 'camouflage'—all rendered by the author's teenage son. Another fun, emotionally resonant read for the Wimpy Kid set and beyond." Kirkus

Thor, Annika

The **lily pond**. Delacorte Press 2011 217p
\$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Jews -- Sweden -- Fiction
3. Refugees -- Fiction 4. School stories 5. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-74039-5; 0-385-74039-5; 978-0-385-90838-2 lib bdg; 0-385-90838-5 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89914-0 e-book

LC 2010053548

Toft, Di

The **twilight circus**. Chicken House/Scholastic Inc. 2011 372p \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Circus -- Fiction 2. Grandfathers -- Fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction 4. Vampires -- Fiction 5. Werewolves -- Fiction
ISBN 0-545-29492-4; 978-0-545-29492-8

LC 2010054231

After a summer spent dodging mutant werewolves and mad scientists, Nat Carver and shapeshifter Woody join the Twilight Circus of Illusion and are caught up in a struggle against a black widow vampire and her terrifying hive.

"Definitely a continuation rather than a freestanding episode, but the author keeps her ongoing plot galloping along and adds an assortment of marvelous new creatures to the cast." Kirkus

Tooke, Wes

King of the mound; my summer with Satchel Paige. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2012 \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Baseball -- Fiction
3. Baseball players 4. Father-son relationship -- Fiction
5. Handicapped -- Fiction 6. Poliomyelitis -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4424-3346-5; 1-4424-3346-9

LC 2011012740

Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball so after a year in the hospital fighting polio and with a brace on one leg, Nick takes a job with the minor league team for which his father is catcher and gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play during the 1935 season. Includes historical notes.

"Tooke sticks closely to historical records, with the addition of a few extra Paige exploits and aphorisms, and . . . the fictional overlay offers a comfortably predictable 'hard work brings just rewards' arc. Nourishing fare for Matt Christopher graduates." Kirkus

Trueit, Trudi Strain

Scab for treasurer? illustrated by Jim Paillot. Aladdin 2011 142p il \$14.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-7594-6; 1-4169-7594-2

When teacher's pet Never Missy Malone who never misses her multiplication tables runs for class president, Scab dares to go up against her.

"Scab is always getting into hilarious jams with his friends, but he never seems malicious. Paillot's zany illustrations appear throughout. This book, with its amusing sidebar secrets and lists, is simple and funny enough to pull in reluctant readers, and youngsters will jump right in and enjoy the humor, fast-paced action, and gross-out moments." SLJ

Urban, Linda

★ **Hound dog true**. Harcourt 2011 152p \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Janitors -- Fiction 4. Moving -- Fiction 5. School stories 6. Shyness -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-547-55869-1; 0-547-55869-4

LC 2011009599

Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend.

"Combining Mattie's poignant writing and interior monologue, exquisite character development and a slow, deliberate pace, Urban spins a story that rings true." Kirkus

Usher, Mark David

The **golden ass** of Lucius Apuleius; adapted from the Latin original by M.D. Usher; illustrations by T. Motley. David R. Godine 2011 il \$17.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Classical mythology -- Fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Social classes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-56792-418-3; 1-56792-418-2

LC 2010032978

Lucius Apuleius, a young nobleman fascinated by magic, accidentally turns himself into an ass and then sets out on a journey that reveals to him the conditions of peasants and slaves in and around Thessaly and leads him to find redemption as a follower of Isis and Osiris.

"A faithful (if relatively clean) version of the world's oldest surviving complete novel. . . . Though all of the sex and most of the dissolute behavior has been excised, the lad's first transformation is milked throughout for double entendres . . . and there are plenty of silly incidents and names . . . to lighten the overall tone. Motley's elaborate illustrated initials and pen-and-ink drawings add satiric bite. . . . An entertaining romp." Kirkus

Van Draanen, Wendelin, 1965-

Sammy Keyes and the night of skulls. Alfred A. Knopf 2011 304p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Halloween -- Fiction 2. Missing persons -- Fiction 3. Mystery fiction 4. School stories 5. Skeleton -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86108-6; 0-375-86108-4; 978-0-375-96108-3 lib bdg; 0-375-96108-9 lib bdg

LC 2011027485

Junior high detective Sammy Keyes and her friends take a detour through a graveyard on Halloween night and find themselves in the middle of a mystery involving missing people, human skulls, and a ghoulish embalmer, while school presents its own set of tricks and treats.

"Van Draanen has created a sometimes scary and sometimes funny story that realistically depicts young teen personalities, peer pressure, crushes, and some serious concepts." Voice Youth Advocates

Vande Velde, Vivian

8 class pets + one squirrel one dog; illustrated by Steve Björkman. Holiday House 2011 68p il \$15.95

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**
1. Animals -- Fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-8234-2364-4; 0-8234-2364-6

LC 2010048153

A dog chases a squirrel into an elementary school one night, creating monumental chaos.

This is a "fast-paced romp. . . . The action is predictably frenetic, but the changes in voice from chapter to chapter provide a refreshing and humorous diversion from most chapter-book fare. . . . Occasional pen-and-ink spot illustrations add energy to an already high-octane story." Kirkus

Vernick, Audrey

★ **Water** balloon. Clarion Books 2011 312p \$16.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Babysitters -- Fiction 2. Divorce -- Fiction 3. Dogs -- Fiction 4. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction 5. Friendship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-547-59554-2; 0-547-59554-9

LC 2011009847

With her best friends pulling away from her, her newly-separated parents deciding she should spend the summer at her father's new home, and a babysitting job she does not want, Marley's life is already as precarious as an overfull water balloon when a cute boy enters the picture.

"The book moves along at a pace that will keep tweens interested, and the dialogue among the characters feels real. Marley's relationships with her friends and family are complex, and even the most reluctant readers will relate to her and the choices that she makes." SLJ

Vernick, Shirley Reva

The **blood** lie; a novel. Cinco Puntos Press 2011 141p \$15.95
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Antisemitism -- Fiction 2. Jews -- United States --

Fiction 3. Love -- Fiction 4. Prejudices -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-933693-84-2; 1-933693-84-3

LC 2011011429

"Based on an actual incident in Massena in 1928, the slim novel effectively mines layers of ignorance, fear, intolerance and manipulation, and it connects the incident to Henry Ford's anti-Semitic writing and to the lynching of Jewish businessman Leo Frank in 1915." Kirkus

Vernon, Ursula

Dragonbreath: no such thing as ghosts. Dial Books for Young Readers 2011 201p \$12.99
Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

1. Bullies -- Fiction 2. Dragons -- Fiction 3. Ghost stories 4. Halloween -- Fiction 5. Iguanas -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8037-3527-9; 0-8037-3527-8

LC 2011001164

Not only must Danny and Wendell trick-or-treat with skeptical classmate Christiana, school bully Big Eddy dares them to enter a haunted house on Halloween night, where they may have to sacrifice their candy to a ghost.

"Plenty of gags and one-liners similar to previous outings, in two-color panels and short chapters." Kirkus

Voake, Steve

Daisy Dawson and the big freeze; illustrated by Jessica Meserve. Candlewick Press 2010 83p il \$14.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Sheep -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-4729-2; 0-7636-4729-2; 978-0-7636-5627-0 pa; 0-7636-5627-5 pa

LC 2009016170

When one of the lambs on the farm gets lost on the other side of the river, Daisy, who can communicate with animals, and her dog Boom help return him to the flock.

"The quietly entertaining episodes are accented by plentiful bold-lined ink-and-pencil illustrations featuring snowy borders, which carry the frosty theme together throughout." Horn Book Guide

Daisy Dawson at the beach; illustrated by Jessica Meserve. Candlewick Press 2011 87p il \$14.99; pa \$4.99

Grades: 2 3 4 **Fic**

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Beaches -- Fiction 3. Vacations -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7636-5306-4; 0-7636-5306-3; 978-0-7636-5946-2 pa

LC 2010040341

Spending the whole summer at the beach, a girl who can communicate with animals and her new friends—a dancing crab and two baby rabbits—join forces to help a dolphin in distress.

Wagner, Hilary

The **white** assassin. Holiday House 2011 il \$17.95
Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Rats -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8234-2333-0

LC 2011009579

Snakes, bats, and rats join forces to save Nightshade from Billycan and his horde of brutal swamp rats, aided by an antidote to the drug that made Billycan the way he is, but the revelation of secrets proves an even more powerful weapon in the fight for peace.

Walters, Eric

The **money** pit mystery. Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2011 pa \$9.95

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Buried treasure -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Islands -- Fiction 4. Mystery fiction
ISBN 978-1-55455-123-1; 1-55455-123-4

"Sam's grandfather and mother had a fight years ago, and now Sam, his sister, and their mother are visiting him for the first time in years. When they arrive on tiny Oak Island, they are shocked to discover how rundown the man's once-immaculate house has become. To make matters worse, he isn't even there. When Sam, Beth, and their friend, Buzz, do some exploring, they are surprised by some security guards at the town's 'money pit.' Some folks believe that Captain Kidd buried treasure here. . . . This is a well-thought-out mystery with lots of suspense and a fully realized picture of a struggling family." SLJ

Warner, Penny

The **secret** of the skeleton key. Egmont USA 2011 209p \$15.99; e-book \$15.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

Fic

1. Ciphers -- Fiction 2. Cousins -- Fiction 3. Mystery fiction
ISBN 978-1-60684-162-4; 1-60684-162-9; 978-1-6068-4281-2 e-book

LC 2011003240

"Cody and Quinn notice their neighbor Mr. Skelton signaling from his window; later his house burns and cousins Jasper and Jezabel appear, searching for Mr. Skelton's will. By solving Mr. Skelton's coded clues, the club members manage to unearth the authentic document before his cousins can force him to sign a new one. . . . This well-crafted mystery reads smoothly; characters are well developed, clues . . . skillfully dropped, and the solution feels plausible." Booklist

Warner, Sally

EllRay Jakes is a rock star; illustrated by Jamie Harper. Viking 2011 il \$14.99

Grades: 1 2 3

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction 2. Bullies -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. School stories
ISBN 978-0-670-01158-2; 0-670-01158-4

LC 2011009182

Eight-year-old EllRay Jakes decides to 'borrow' his father's crystals to impress his classmates, but his plan to return the crystals before his father notices goes awry.

"The protagonist's voice is humorous, and the charming cartoon illustrations make this beginning chapter book approachable for reluctant readers." SLJ

Watts, Frances

The **greatest** sheep in history; illustrated by Judy Watson. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers 2011 77p il pa \$5.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Sheep -- Fiction 2. Superheroes -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8028-5374-5; 0-8028-5374-9

LC 2010044311

Ten-year-old superhero-in-training Ernie and his sidekick Maud are thrilled to be attending the National Superheroes Conference, but when the meeting is disrupted by Chicken George—the most terrifying and villainous chicken anyone has ever seen—Ernie knows it will take more than just an ordinary superhero to save the day.

"Black-and-white illustrations add visual details. This easy chapter book will appeal to youngsters who love superheroes." SLJ

Webb, Philip

Six days. Chicken House 2011 336p \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Science fiction 2. Siblings -- Fiction 3. Space and time -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-545-31767-2; 0-545-31767-3

LC 2010054233

Cass and her brother Wilbur scavenge in the ruins of a future London seeking an artifact for their Russian masters, but the search takes on a new urgency after the arrival of Erin and Peyto, strangers from afar who claim to hold the key to locating the mysterious object.

Webb "has created a complex and intriguing dystopia filled with devastation, clever devices . . . and lots of local color. . . . The novel's rapid pacing will hook readers and keep them turning pages." Booklist

Welch, Sheila Kelly

Waiting to forget. Namelos 2011 170p \$18.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Foster home care -- Fiction 2. Siblings -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-60898-114-4; 1-60898-114-2

T.J. and his sister, Angela, learn how to move forward and be happy while in foster care.

"T.J.'s authentic voice and the multilayered presentation of his memories, shifting between the waiting room and his past, make for a poignant, realistic tale of child-survivors." Kirkus

Wells, Kitty

Shadow magic; [illustrations by Joanna Harrison] David Fickling Books 2011 201p il \$13.99

Grades: 2 3 4

Fic

1. Cats -- Fiction 2. Cousins -- Fiction 3. Magic -- Fiction 4. Moving -- Fiction 5. School stories
ISBN 978-0-385-75200-8; 0-385-75200-8

LC 2010029508

A small ceramic cat comes to life to help Maddy's cousin Chloe, who is staying with her and is having trouble adjusting to a new school.

Willingham, Bill

★ **Down** the Mysterly River; illustrations by Mark Buckingham. Tor/Starscape 2011 333p il \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Animals -- Fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Forests and

forestry -- Fiction 4. Memory -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7653-2792-5; 0-7653-2792-9

LC 2011018958

Top notch Boy Scout Max “the Wolf” cannot remember how he came to be in a strange forest, but soon he and three talking animals are on the run from the Blue Cutters, hunters who will alter the foursome’s very essence if they can catch them.

“Willingham roles out his themes slowly, only fully spelling them out in the final scene, but they don’t interfere with the rollicking story, nasty (but fully realized) villains, and heroic camaraderie. . . . [This] is a stellar example of a novel working both as an adventure tale and as metafiction.” Publ Wkly

Willocks, Tim

Doglands. Random House 2011 308p \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99; ebook \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Animal welfare -- Fiction 3. Dogs -- Fiction 4. Supernatural -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86571-8; 0-375-86571-3; 978-0-375-96571-5 lib bdg; 0-375-96571-8 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89604-0 ebook; 0-375-89604-X ebook

LC 2009033328

Furgal, a half-greyhound puppy, escapes a cruel dog-track owner and sets out in the hope of finding his father and the fabled Doglands, later returning to try to free his mother, sisters, and the other abused dogs.

“The dogs each have distinct personalities, and the mystic lore of the Doglands adds a secondary fantasy layer to the narrative. Humans are only sketched in, which is fitting, since the tale is told from the dog point of view. A riveting dog tale with a healthy serving of savagery, not all on the part of the four-legged characters.” Kirkus

Winters, Ben H.

The **mystery** of the missing everything. Harper 2011 263p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction 2. School stories
ISBN 978-0-06-196544-9; 0-06-196544-8

LC 2011010167

When a treasured trophy disappears from the display case at Mary Todd Lincoln Middle School and the principal cancels the eagerly anticipated eighth grade class trip, Bethesda Fielding has no choice but to solve the mystery.

“Featuring the same cast of eccentric teachers and eclectic students, this zany sequel offers another fast-moving middle-school puzzler, lots of pre and early teen humor and one relentless sleuth who’s willing to admit when she’s wrong. Fans will cheer more mystery and mayhem at Mary Todd Lincoln Middle School.” Kirkus

Wolitzer, Meg

The **fingertips** of Duncan Dorfman. Dutton Childrens Books 2011 294p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Contests -- Fiction 2. Individualism -- Fiction 3. Scrabble (Game) -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-525-42304-1; 0-525-42304-4

LC 2011005228

“The novel is shot through with Scrabble words and rules in a way that is reminiscent of Louis Sachar’s *The Cardturner* (2010). Readers will identify with and root for the characters as their tales intertwine to a satisfying if slightly too cheery close. Word wizards aren’t the only ones who will enjoy this readable rumination on ethics, competition and identity.” Kirkus

Wood, Maryrose

The **unseen** guest. by Maryrose Wood; illustrated by Jon Klassen. Balzer + Bray 2012 340 p. The incorrigible children of Ashton Place (hardback) \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Children’s literature 2. Feral children -- Fiction 3. Governesses -- Fiction 4. JUVENILE FICTION -- Animals -- Wolves & Coyotes 5. JUVENILE FICTION -- Humorous Stories 6. JUVENILE FICTION -- Mysteries & Detective Stories 7. Orphans -- Fiction 8. Secrets -- Fiction 9. Victorian period in literature
ISBN 9780061791185

LC 2011053315

This young adult novel offers a Victorian mystery [story about] teenage governess Penelope Lumley [who] takes on threats to her wolfish young charges that include a hustler after the Ashton fortune. . . . Once he meets the three feral children Penelope is charged with training up to be human, Faucet’s scheme to finance the introduction of ostrich racing to the British Isles by marrying the Dowager Lady Ashton is transformed to visions of wolf racing and sideshow exhibitions. . . . Along with . . . pitching her plucky protagonist into one crisis after another . . . the author slips in a few more seemingly significant Clues to the Ashtons’ curious history and Penelope’s apparent involvement in it.V (Kirkus)

Woods, Brenda

★ **Saint Louis Armstrong Beach.** Nancy Paulsen Books 2011 137p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6 **Fic**

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Hurricane Katrina, 2005 -- Fiction 3. Musicians -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-399-25507-6; 0-399-25507-9

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach is enjoying life in New Orleans, playing clarinet for the tourists in his spare time, accompanied by Shadow, a local stray dog. When Hurricane Katrina approaches, Saint faces unexpected challenges in trying to rescue Shadow.

This is a “gripping addition to the growing body of fiction portraying Katrina’s profound effect on children and families. . . . Woods’ marvelous characterizations of Saint and Miz Moran more than stand up to the vivid backdrop of the flooded, chaotic city. Shadow’s credulity-straining heroics will please kids.” Kirkus

Worley, Rob M.

Scratch 9. created and written by Rob M. Worley; illustrated by Jason T. Kruse. Ape Entertainment 2011 100p. 1 Scratch 9 \$9.95

Grades: 3 4 5 **Fic**

ISBN 9781936340538

In this collection of comics, named one of the Best Comics for Kids 2010 by School Library Journal, “mad science

gives an ordinary cat named Scratch the ability to summon any of his nine lives. He must use his powers to save his pet friends from the CRUEL corporation.” (Publisher’s note) The protagonist “can summon any of his previous or future lives and fight side-by-side with them, a handy skill when you were a saber-toothed tiger, a ninja, and a minor Egyptian deity in your previous lives!” (School Libr J)

Wright, Barbara

★ **Crow.** Random House 2012 \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99; ebook \$10.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. African Americans -- Fiction
 2. Family life -- Fiction
 3. Friendship -- Fiction
 4. Race relations -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-375-86928-0; 0-375-86928-X; 978-0-375-96928-7 lib bdg; 0-375-96928-4; 978-0-375-98270-5 ebook

LC 2011014892

In 1898, Moses Thomas’s summer vacation does not go exactly as planned as he contends with family problems and the ever-changing alliances among his friends at the same time as he is exposed to the escalating tension between the African-American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.

“An intensely moving, first-person narrative of a disturbing historical footnote told from the perspective of a very likable, credible young hero.” Kirkus

Yee, Lisa

Good job, Kanani. American Girl 2011 \$12.95; pa \$6.95

Grades: 3 4 5

Fic

1. Friendship -- Fiction
 2. Racially mixed people -- Fiction
 3. Surfing -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-59369-842-3; 1-59369-842-9; 978-1-59369-841-6 pa; 1-59369-841-0 pa

LC 2010046869

When a ten-year-old Hawaiian girl spends more time selling “shave ice” and less time surfing, her relationship with her best friend begins to unravel.

“Full-page, bright, realistic color paintings are interspersed throughout. Hawaiian words and expressions are used realistically throughout. . . . Kanani is a likable heroine to whom young readers can relate.” SLJ

Yelchin, Eugene

★ **Breaking Stalin’s nose.** written and illustrated by Eugene Yelchin. Henry Holt and Company 2011 140p il \$15.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Communism -- Fiction
 2. Father-son relationship -- Fiction
- ISBN 0-8050-9216-1; 978-0-8050-9216-5

LC 2011005792

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

“Readers will quickly pick up on the dichotomy between Sasha’s ardent beliefs and the reality of life under Stalinism, and be glad for his ultimate disillusion, even as they worry for his future. An author’s note concisely presents the

chilling historical background and personal connection that underlie the story.” Publ Wkly

Yolen, Jane

Snow in Summer. Philomel Books 2011 \$16.99
Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Fairy tales
2. Magic -- Fiction
3. Stepmothers -- Fiction

ISBN 0-399-25663-6; 978-0-399-25663-9

LC 2010044242

Recasts the tale of Snow White, setting it in West Virginia in the 1940s with a stepmother who is a snake-handler.

“This story is beautifully written and deliciously scary, with just enough differences from familiar versions to keep readers guessing.” Publ Wkly

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner

★ **Secrets** of the garden; food chains and the food web in our backyard; illustrated by Priscilla Lamont. Alfred A. Knopf 2012 il \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: K 1 2 3

Fic

1. Food chains (Ecology) -- Fiction
2. Gardening -- Fiction
3. Gardens -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-517-70990-0; 0-517-70990-2; 978-0-517-70991-7 lib bdg; 0-517-70991-0 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98730-4 ebook

LC 2011032059

This “is a wonderfully informative and enjoyable journey through one family’s backyard garden, from spring planting to fall harvest. Covering a dazzling array of topics, the author still manages to hold onto a story line that will draw readers in and allow them to experience both the good and the bad right along with narrator Alice. . . . The text comes alive through Lamont’s pen-and-watercolor illustrations, which reinforce the learning while entertaining at the same time.” Kirkus

S C STORY COLLECTIONS

Carman, Patrick

Things that go bump in the night. Scholastic 2011 148p \$12.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

S C

1. Ghost stories
2. Horror fiction
3. Short stories

ISBN 978-0-545-38475-9; 0-545-38475-3

“Readers will experience 10 terrifying tales in three parts: a fearsome audio introduction, several pages of spooky text, and a spine-chilling video conclusion accessible online or through a free downloadable mobile app—all in 15 minutes or less. Each story contains a cliffhanger that includes a password unlocking its ending. . . . The . . . stories range from a mirror with diabolical powers to a cannibalistic teacher, horrific ghosts, deathly gargoyles, gruesome monsters with claws, and giant atomic ants. The selections are filled with light suspense, encouraging readers to watch the endings. . . . This is a great multimedia experience.” SLJ

- ★ **The chronicles** of Harris Burdick; 14 amazing authors tell the tales. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2011 un il \$24.99
Grades: 5 6 7 8 9 **S C**
1. Short stories
ISBN 978-0-547-54810-4; 0-547-54810-9;
0547548109; 9780547548104

LC 2011006564

“Van Allsburg’s *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*, published in 1984, paired foreboding sentences with cryptic, highly detailed charcoal-pencil illustrations. With mostly stimulating, sometimes conventional results, seasoned authors (and Van Allsburg himself) play the game children have for decades, incorporating the sentences and visual cues into new stories . . . that expand on the original’s enigmas. The liveliest entries pick up on Van Allsburg’s haunting ambiguity: Jon Scieszka ends with a cliffhanger, Gregory Maguire weaves a complex tale of magic, and M.T. Anderson concocts a chilling Halloween offering. For a lakeside picture of two children, Sherman Alexie writes a sinister narrative about exasperating twins who pretend to have a third sibling, until their creepy prank backfires. . . . This star-studded exercise in creative writing tests the wits of favorite authors and shows readers how even the big shots hone their craft.” *Publ Wkly*

Explorer; the mystery boxes. edited by Kazu Kibuishi. Amulet Books 2012 126 p. \$10.95

- Grades: 4 5 6 7 8 **S C**
1. Boxes -- Fiction 2. Boxes -- Juvenile fiction 3. Children’s stories, American 4. Graphic novels 5. Short stories
ISBN 9781419700095; 9781419700101

LC 2011025343

This collection of short stories offers “[s]even . . . stories [which] answer one simple question: what’s in the box? . . . [E]ach of these . . . illustrated short graphic works revolves around a central theme: a mysterious box and the marvels or mayhem inside. Artists include . . . Kazu Kibuishi, Raina Telgemeier (Smile), and Dave Roman (Astronaut Academy), as well as Jason Caffoe, Stuart Livingston, Johane Matte, Rad Sechrist (all contributors to the . . . comics anthology series “Flight), and . . . artist Emily Carroll.” (Publisher’s note)

Flanagan, John

The lost stories. Philomel 2011 422p \$17.99
Grades: 4 5 6 **S C**

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Short stories
ISBN 978-0-399-25618-9; 0-399-25618-0

This is “a collection of nine stories showing events not recorded in the books [of the *Ranger’s Apprentice* series] and following the familiar characters during certain unrecorded times. In the framework story, set in 1896, an archaeologist discovers the fabled lost stories of the medieval Kingdom of Araluen. . . . Inspired by questions from readers, these short stories retain the adventure and the camaraderis of the novels.” *Booklist*

Juster, Norton

Alberic the Wise and other journeys; illustrated by Domenico Gnoli. 2010 88p il pa \$5.99

Grades: 3 4 5 6

S C

1. Short stories
ISBN 978-0-375-86699-9; 0-375-86699-X

“Three stories leave readers wondering: What happened next? The first tells of Alberic, who spent his life searching without knowing what for. In the second a modern boy steps into a Renaissance painting. The third tells of two kings who briefly exchange kingdoms. Juster’s smooth storytelling weaves together action and characterization. Gnoli’s striking illustrations have a medieval feeling and are in perfect harmony.” *Horn Book Guide*

Paulsen, Gary

Paintings from the cave; three novellas. Wendy Lamb Books 2011 161p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **S C**

1. Art -- Fiction 2. Dogs -- Fiction 3. Homeless persons -- Fiction 4. Short stories 5. Violence -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-74684-7; 978-0-385-90921-1 lib bdg; 978-0-375-89743-6 e-book

LC 2011016287

“These novellas portray an unflinching look at children who have endured neglectful and abusive homes and are surviving on their own. The atmospheric first tale, ‘Man of the Iron Heads,’ is narrated by Jake, a boy of about 11, who hides from the local gang until he finds the courage to outsmart its violent leader. ‘Jo-Jo the Dog-Faced Girl’ presents a lonely girl with three adopted dogs who finds acceptance in befriending a girl with leukemia. Finally, ‘Erik’s Rules’ celebrates the power of art and is told by Jamie, the younger of two homeless brothers, whose unstable existence changes after a chance encounter with a friendly volunteer at the animal shelter. By incorporating the solace found in dogs, art, libraries, and new friends into these tales of heartache and redemption, Paulsen provides his readers with hope of a better life.” *SLJ*

Scieszka Jon, Ed

★ **Guys read: thriller.** Walden Pond Press 2011 viii, 272p \$16.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **S C**

1. Adventure fiction 2. Short stories
ISBN 978-0-06-196376-6; 0-06-196376-3; 978-0-06-196375-9 pa; 0-06-196375-5 pa

“Scieszka has gathered 10 thrilling stories from stellar writers. There are ghost stories, a deeply touching tale of a wish-granting machine and one about monsters that live in storm drains. . . . This anthology is brimming with choice stuff for guys who appreciate the uncanny, the uncouth and the unput-down-able.” *Kirkus*

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