

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2010



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About the List and Criteria for Selection

The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2009 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children's Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbbooks.org/about/ourmembers. Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.

Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from *Expectations of Excellence: Curriculum Standards for Social Studies*, to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- I CULTURE
- II TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- III PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- IV INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- V INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- VI POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- VII PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- VIII SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- IX GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- X CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Parts of a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with a bookshelf icon are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm.
2. Title: Subtitle
3. Author(s)
4. Illustrator
5. Publisher.
6. Number of pages
7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) are included for all available editions (trade, library, and paperback). The symbol "F" indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher's name in parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition.
8. Price as of January 2010
9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles.
10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any.
11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right).
12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

1. 	2. Buffalo Sisters.	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. Trade ISBN 0-696-67321-1, Library ISBN 0-696-64213-X, F (Wannamaker)	8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks's childhood on the American frontier.	11. (ABM)	12. III, V

Biography

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream.

Tanya Lee Stone. Candlewick Press. 144 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-3611-1, \$24.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-7636-4502-1, \$17.99. (M) This passionate account of the efforts of 13 women, accomplished pilots all, to gain admission into NASA's astronaut training program in the 1960s, details the gender prejudice that derailed their journeys. Well sourced and illustrated with myriad photos. Foreword, Author's Note, Appendix, Further Reading, Webliography, Source Notes, Index. (ASL) II, V, VIII

Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures.

Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol. Translated by Arnold J. Pomerans. Roaring Brook Press / Flash Point, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 216 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-546-9, \$19.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1-59643-547-6, \$12.99. (I, M) This is a unique scrapbook on the life of Anne Frank, told through photographs and her own words. Glossary, Source Listing. (TLK) I, IV, IX

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal.

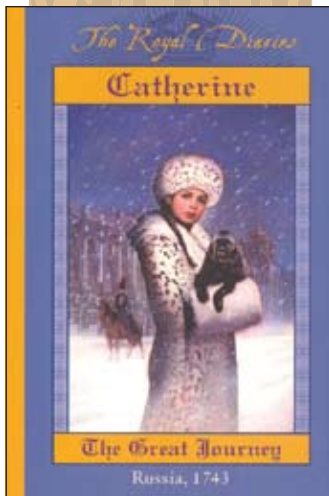
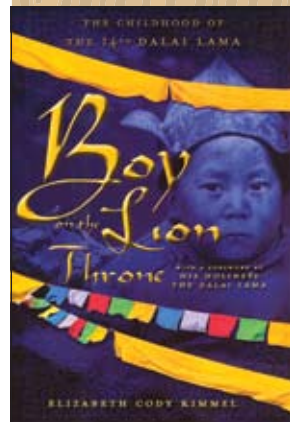
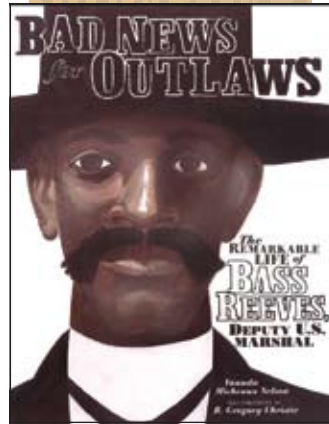
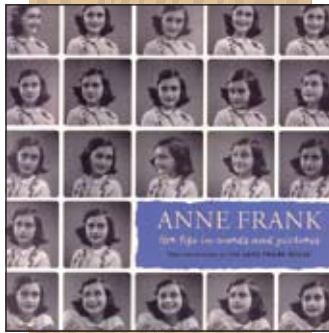
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8225-6764-6, \$17.95. (I, M) Bass Reeves escaped from slavery to become a feared and revered peace officer. He became a hero of the Old West, carrying out over 3,000 arrests. Timeline, Western Words, Further Reading, Websites, Bibliography, Author's Note. (EVH) II

Boy on the Lion Throne: The Childhood of the 14th Dalai Lama.

Elizabeth Cody Kimmel. Roaring Brook Press / Flash Point, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 160 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-394-6, \$18.95. (I, M, H) The book includes a foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and chronicles his life from a simple mountain village to the thousand-room Potala Palace, as well as his perilous escape into exile. Foreword, Bibliography, Online Resources. (GMI) I, II, III, IV, V, IX

Bylines: A Photobiography of Nellie Bly.

Sue Macy. National Geographic Children's Books. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0513-9, \$19.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0514-6, \$28.90. (M) Replete with photos, quotes, and maps, this chronological biography of the muckraking journalist, globetrotter, and women's rights advocate presents Nellie Bly as a woman eager to engage in the controversial issues of her day. Foreword, Author's Note, Chronology, Resources, Sources of Quotes, Index. (ASL) IV, X



Catherine the Great: Empress of Russia (A Wicked History™).

Zu Vincent. Illustrated by Mark Summers and Raphael Montoliu. Franklin Watts. 128 pp. Library ISBN 978-0-531-21802-0, \$30.00. Paperback ISBN 978-0-531-20738-3, \$5.95. "Bold," "systematic," and "calculating" are a few of the adjectives that describe Catherine the Great's rise to the throne. This powerful eighteenth-century woman was a shrewd political player, yet readers are left with admiration for her accomplishments. Index, Glossary, Author's Note, Timeline. (ACL) II, IV, VI

The Champion of Children: The Story of Janusz Korczak.

Tomek Bogacki. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34136-7, \$17.99. (P, I) This remarkable book chronicles the life of Janusz Korczak, a writer, medical doctor, and caregiver for orphaned children in Warsaw, Poland. In 1939, when the Nazis occupied Poland, they forced Korczak to move into the ghetto with his orphaned children. In 1942, he was sent along with the children he had rescued to the Treblinka extermination camp. The book is illustrated with hauntingly beautiful acrylic paintings. Historical Note, Author's Note. (IWL) III, X

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.

Phillip Hoose. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers/Melanie Kroupa Books, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 144 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-31322-7, \$19.95. (M, H) Nine months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, a teenage girl in Alabama was dragged off to jail for refusing to get up for a white woman on a bus. But that young girl, deemed an unfit role model for the civil rights movement, was shunned and isolated. Author's Note, Bibliography, Notes, Index. (BF) II, III, VI, X

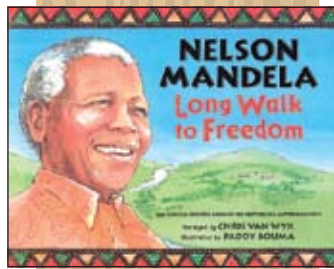
The Daring Miss Quimby.

Suzanne George Whitaker. Illustrated by Catherine Stock. Holiday House. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1996-8, \$16.95. (I) This book details the life of the tenacious Harriet Quimby, the first woman in the United States to earn a pilot's license. Read about how she inspired other famous female pilots. Timeline, Author's Note, Suggested Websites, and Selected Bibliography. (BF) III, V

Darwin.

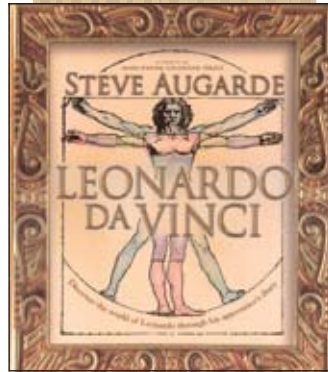
Alice B. McGinty. Illustrated by Mary Azarian. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-99531-8, \$18.00. (M, H) This book has three fascinating elements: a biographical account of Charles Darwin's life as text, about two dozen primary source quotations from Darwin's writings, and a series of woodblock prints by Caldecott Medalist Mary Azarian. Author's Note, Bibliography, Web link. (GMI) II, III, IV, VIII

Django: World's Greatest Jazz Guitarist. Written and illustrated by Bonnie Christensen. Roaring Brook Press / Flash Point, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-422-6, \$17.99. (P) The true story of Django Reinhart. Born in a "gypsy," or Roma, encampment in 1910 Belgium, Django overcame many obstacles, including debilitating burns from a fire, to become one of the world's greatest jazz guitarists. Author's Notes, Notes on the Roma, Bibliography, Discography. (TLK) I, III



elties suffered by enslaved people, Henry's attempts to escape, and the heartbreaking separations experienced by slave families. Teachers will want to read this book with their students and use it to discuss the history of slavery and abolition. (IWL) II, III, IV

Ernest Hemingway: A Writer's Life. Catherine Reef. Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-98705-4, \$20.00. (M) Excerpts of Hemingway's writing intersperse a narrative that provides an honest depiction of the writer, warts and all. A well-sourced biography, replete with photographs. Some Notes, Bibliography, Major Works, Picture Credits, Index. (ASL) IV



Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom. Abridged by Chris van Wyk. Illustrated by Paddy Bouma. Roaring Brook Press / Flash Point, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-566-7, \$16.99. (P, I) This is a first person account of Mandela's life, from growing up in Soweto through working as a lawyer, and culminating with his efforts to build a new South Africa. Illustrations help to capture the emotion of Mandela's amazing story. Timeline, Glossary. (GBL) IX, IV

Leonardo da Vinci. Steve Augarde. Illustrated by Leo Brown. Kingfisher. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7534-6174-7, \$16.99. (I, M) Look deep inside da Vinci's studio through an apprentice's diary. Learn about the painter's creative process as he creates models, produces sketches, and visits the mortuary in the name of art. Glossary, Index. (BF) II, VI, X

OBAMA: The Historic Journey, Young Reader's Edition. Jill Abramson. Illustrated with prints and photographs, design by Krupa Jhaveri. *The New York Times* / Callaway Arts & Entertainment. 96 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-01208-4, \$24.95. (I, M, H) A captivating look into the life of President Barack Obama, his early years and influences, and experiences that led him to the White House. Election Maps. (ACL) III, IV, VI

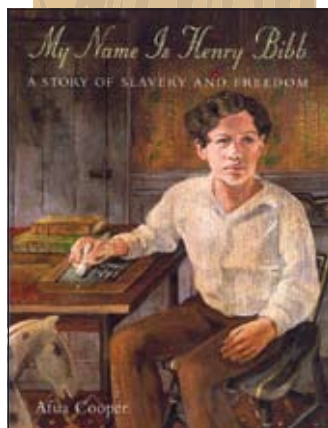


Michelle. Deborah Hopkinson. Illustrated by AG Ford. HarperCollins Children's Books. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-182739-6, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-06-182743-3, \$18.89. Paperback ISBN 978-0-06-182745-7, \$6.99. (P, I) Experience the life of Michelle Robinson Obama, who became the First Lady of the United States. She grew up in Chicago, attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School, and met Barack Obama during her first job as a lawyer. Author's Note. (KAC) III, X

Open the Door to Liberty. Anne Rockwell. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 80 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-60570-5, \$18.00. (I, M) This is the fascinating story of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who rose from being a former slave to governor-general of St. Domingue, (Haiti), leading the colony to its independence from France, which it gained in 1804. Cast of Characters, Author's Note, Author's Sources. (GBL) IX, IV

Mind Your Manners, Alice Roosevelt!

Leslie Kimmelman. Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Peachtree Publishers. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-492-1, \$16.95. (P, I) Teddy Roosevelt's daughter Alice was independent and outspoken, leaving her famous dad speechless on how to control her. The whimsical story brings a reality to presidents and their families. Author's Note and About Alice. (ACL) II, III, IV



My Name Is Henry Bibb: A Story of Slavery and Freedom. Afua Cooper. Kids Can Press. 160 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-55337-813-6, \$16.95. (M) The horror of slavery is revisited in this biography of Henry Bibb. Henry and his mother, Milly, are sold to a prominent lawyer in Kentucky. She is a house servant and he becomes the childhood playmate of the lawyer's daughter. The story details numerous cru-

The Rise and Fall of Senator Joe McCarthy. James Cross Giblin. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 304 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-61058-7, \$22.00. (H) In-depth account of McCarthy's rise from grocery manager to infamous politician. Well-researched and detailed descriptions of McCarthy's attacks against suspected Communists are placed in the context of post World War II America. Bibliography and Source Notes, Index (GBL) II, IV

The Secret World of Walter Anderson. Hester Bass. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Candlewick Press. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-3583-1, \$17.99. (I) This story describes the life of eccentric naturalist/painter Walter Anderson, best known for his watercolors of the uninhabited Horn Island, off the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. The illustrations capture the tranquility of his existence and his art. Author's Note, Bibliography for Children, Bibliography for Adults. (ASL) IV, III

Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee.

Marissa Moss. Illustrated by Carl Angel. Tricycle Press. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58246-280-6, \$16.99. (P, I) The first-person narrative of a Chinese American pilot during World War II introduces us to a lesser-known story. Moss beautifully traces a young girl's dream of flying, the hardships of choosing a male-dominated career, to becoming an honored Women Airforce Service Pilot. (ACL) II, III, IV

Soldier's Secret: The Story of Deborah Sampson.

Sheila Solomon Klass. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 224 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8200-5, \$17.99. (I, M) This historical novel (narrated in the first person) recounts the story of a female soldier during the Revolutionary War who dressed as a man in order to serve. Author's Note, Chronology. (GBL) IV, II

True Adventures of Charley Darwin.

Carolyn Meyer. Harcourt Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 336 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-15-206194-4, \$17.00. (M, H) Charles Darwin set out on a trip around the world at the age of 22. He risked his life many times to study plants and animals, and during this five-year journey, gained the knowledge to write *On the Origin of Species*. Author's Notes, Bibliography. (KAC) II, VIII

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!

Jonah Winter. Illustrated by André Carrilho. Schwartz & Wade. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-83738-8, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-93738-5, \$20.99. (P, I) Read the story of one of baseball's greatest pitchers. Despite being one of the only Jewish players at the time, Koufax perseveres in the sport as he overcomes his own challenges. Baseball Statistics, Glossary of Baseball Terms. (BF) IV, V

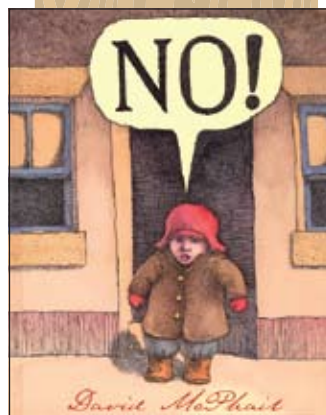
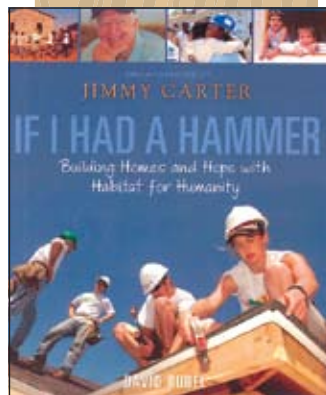
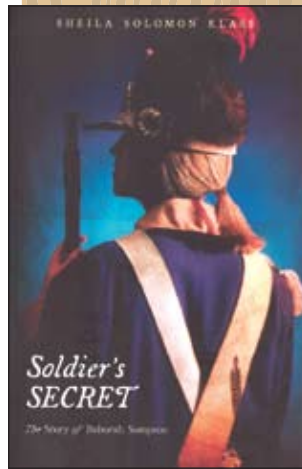
Contemporary Concerns

Cold Hands, Warm Heart.

Jill Wolfson. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8282-1, \$17.99. (M, H) This is the complex, but uplifting story of a 15-year-old transplant recipient and the network of people impacted by this process, including the family of a young gymnast who donated her heart. (GBL) IV, VIII

If I Grow Up.

Todd Strasser. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 240 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-2523-1, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1416994435, \$8.99. (H) DeShawn has grown up in



the projects, surrounded by drugs, gang violence, and poverty. He faces many tough decisions, including choosing the path of his friends who are selling drugs and making good money, or staying in school with the hope of some day getting out of the projects. Author's Notes (TLK) I, III, IV

If I Had a Hammer: Building Homes and Hope with Habitat for Humanity.

David Rubel. Candlewick Press. 160 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-4701-8, \$19.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-7636-4769-8, \$10.99. (M, H) Be inspired to get involved as you learn the story of how a few people created Habitat for Humanity. Study how this worldwide organization was created and maintained. Index, Photo Credits, and How to Get Involved. (BF) V, IX, X

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea.

Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth. Illustrated by Susan L. Roth. Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3058-8, \$16.99. (P, I) This is an inspirational picture book about Greg Mortenson's first school building project in Korphe, Pakistan. His entire experience is chronicled in *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace*. Scrapbook, Artist's Note, Bibliography. (SCP) I, IX



Muchacho: A Novel.

Louanne Johnson. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 208 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86117-8, \$15.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-96117-5, \$18.99.

(M, H) Eddie, a Mexican American high school junior in New Mexico, speaks about his school and everyday life from a critical perspective. This is a must-read book for students and teachers. (SCP) I

No!

Written and illustrated by David McPhail. Roaring Brook Press, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-288-8, \$16.95. (P) A young boy witnesses many forms of bullying as he attempts to take a letter to the mailbox. The only word in the book is 'NO,' and it only appears three times. Powerful images convey a message against bullying and warfare, and depict the possibility of peaceful coexistence. (TLK) I, II, VI

Peace, Locomotion.

Jacqueline Woodson. G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 144 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-24655-5, \$15.99. (M) Lonnie, a young boy in foster care, corresponds with his little sister who is with a different foster family. The letters convey beautiful memories of their mother, his foster brother in the army, and reflections on family, loss, and love. (SCP) I

Positively. Courtney Sheinmel. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 224 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-7169-6, \$15.99. (M, H) A 13-year-old girl, HIV-positive from birth, deals with the death of her mother, and then reconnecting with her father and his new wife. She attends camp for HIV-positive children and begins healing. Author's Note. (DS) VIII, IV, II

Purple Heart. Patricia McCormick. HarperCollins Children's Books. 208 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-173090-0, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-06-173091-7, \$17.89. (H) Private Matt Duffy wakes up in an army hospital in Iraq and is honored with a Purple Heart. Matt eventually returns to combat, but struggles with memories of a young Iraqi boy's death, for which he feels responsible. *Note: strong language (TLK) I, III, IX

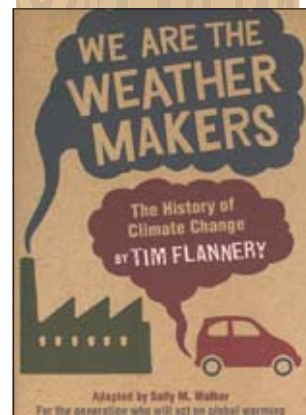
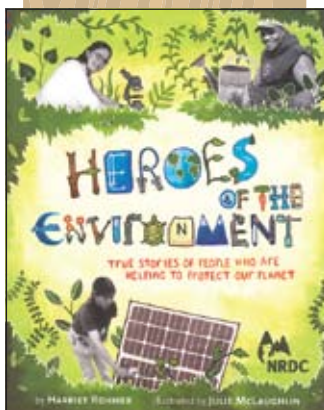
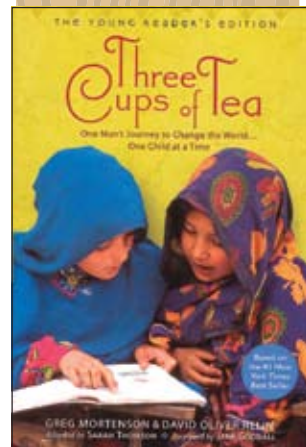
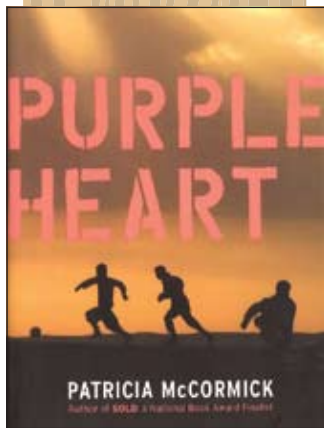
Return to Sender. Julia Alvarez. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 336 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-85838-3, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-95838-0, \$19.99. (I, M) This book deals with contemporary issues of immigration from two sixth graders' perspectives: Mari, a girl in an immigrant family from Mexico, and Tyler, a boy in a farming family in Vermont. Letter to Readers. (SCP) I, X

 **Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World... One Child at a Time.** Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Adapted by Sarah Thomson. Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 240 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3392-3, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-1424-1412-5, \$8.99. Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. (I, M) This is a young reader's adaptation of the worldwide bestseller. Dedicated to promoting peace through education, humanitarian Greg Mortenson embarks on a quest to build schools all over Pakistan and Afghanistan. Maps, Foreword by Jane Goodall, Timeline, Reader's Guide, Glossary, and Additional Resources. (GMI) I, III, IV, V, VI, IX, X

Environment/Energy/Ecology

Hands of the Rain Forest: The Emberá People of Panama. Rachel Crandell. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-7990-6, \$16.99. (P) Cultural traditions and methods of survival practiced by rain forest inhabitants are discussed in interesting text and complementary pictures. Glossary. (EVH) III



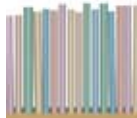
Heroes of the Environment. Harriet Rohmer. Illustrated by Julie McLaughlin. Chronicle Books. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8118-6779-5, \$16.99. (M, H) This book presents the ingenious ideas of 12 ordinary people—teenagers, teachers, grandparents—who have helped the environment and protected habitats. Photos and illustrations complement the text. How You Can Get Involved. (EVH) III

Our World of Water: Children and Water around the World. Beatrice Hollyer. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8941-7, \$16.99. (P) The life-sustaining importance of water is described through narratives and photographs of children from six different countries. Glossary. (EVH) III

We Are the Weather Makers: The History of Climate Change. Tim Flannery, adaptation by Sally M. Walker. Candlewick Press. 320 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-3656-2, \$17.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-7636-4656-1, \$10.99. (M, H) An excellent resource providing detailed explanations of the science behind global warming, the value of using renewable resources, as well as practical tips for advancing a greener lifestyle in the world. Bibliography, Index. (GMI) II, V, VII, VIII, IX, X

Folktales

Tsunami! Kimiko Kajikawa. Illustrated by Ed Young. Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25006-4, \$16.99. (P, I) A wealthy village elder living up the mountain sees that an impending tsunami threatens the lives of his fellow villagers below. His great sacrifice saves hundreds of lives. (TLK) I, IV

 **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon.** Written and illustrated by Grace Lin. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 288 pp. Trade ISBN 9780316114271, \$16.99. (I, M)

In this fantasy story inspired by Chinese folklore, Minli hopes to bring prosperity to her valley and begins a magical journey in search of the Old Man of the Moon who can answer her questions. Author's Note. (EVH) I

Geography/People/Places

Follow That Map! A First Book of Mapping Skills. Written and illustrated by Scot Ritchie. Kids Can Press. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-55453-274-2,

\$16.95 (P, I) This book offers a creative approach for teaching young students about geographic concepts and mapping skills in the context of backyard, neighborhood, city, world, and space. Create Your Own Map. Index. (SCP) III

One World, One Day. Barbara Kerley. National Geographic Children's Books. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0460-6, \$17.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0461-3, \$26.90. (P, I) A book of photographs of children around the world, living their daily lives: waking up, eating, going to school, doing chores. The photographs show that we have much in common, no matter where we live. Author's Note, Description of photographs/Photographer's notes. (DS) I, III, IV, V

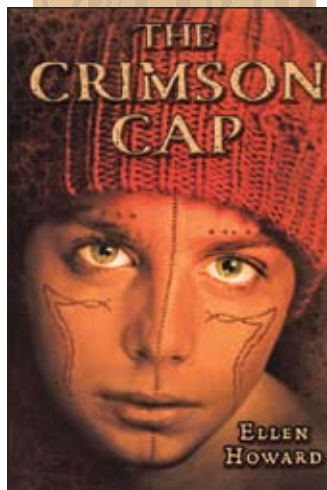
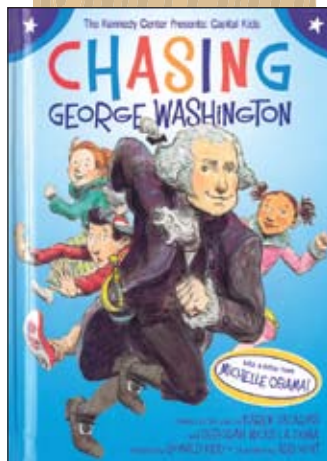
River of Dreams. Written and illustrated by Hudson Talbott. G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-24521-3, \$17.99. (I, M) A tribute to the Hudson River's strategic, economic, and cultural significance. Superb interplay of text and illustrations unfolds chronologically from the last Ice Age into the present. The book is dedicated to the environmental group Scenic Hudson. For Further Reading, Webliography. (GMI) II, III, V

Through Time: London. Richard Platt. Illustrated by Manuela Cappon. Kingfisher. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7534-6255-3, \$16.95. (I, M) Explore more than 5,000 years of history--from a Neolithic camp on the banks of the Thames to the present day city. Artwork and cross sections reflect many different stages of development over time. Glossary, Index (GMI) I, II, III, V, VI, VII

When the Whistle Blows. Fran Cannon Slayton. Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 160 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25189-4, \$16.99. (M, H) This book follows the changes a boy, his family, and his town experience over time: steam replaces diesel; jobs are lost; families confront changes brought on by technology and the demands of the larger world. (DS) II, VIII, IV

History/Life & Culture in the Americas

1776: A New Look at Revolutionary Williamsburg. K.M. Kostyal. Photographs by Lori Epstein Renda. National Geographic Children's Books. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0517-7, \$17.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0518-4, \$27.90. (I, M) This book offers a fresh perspective



on the American Revolution through reenacted photographs from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The photographs provide insight about people left out of history books: the farmers, the blacksmiths, the women, and enslaved people. Chronology, Index, Selected Bibliography. (SCP) II

Blessing's Bead. Debby Dahl Edwardson. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-30805-6, \$16.99. (M, H) In this book describing the struggles of the Inupiaq people, two sisters are separated by the frozen Arctic Ocean when Aaluk marries a Siberian and travels to the Asian continent. Nutaaq remains in North America, where her family suffers from disease and devastation. Seventy years later, Nutaaq's great granddaughter, the focus of the second story, is sent with her brother to live with her grandmother in the Inupiaq community, but she feels like an outsider among her own people. (IWL) III, IV

Change Has Come. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-14169-8955-4, \$12.99. (I, M) Artist Kadir Nelson celebrates Barack Obama, 44th president of the United States. Quotes from the president's own speeches are accompanied by beautiful line drawings. Author's Note, Dates and Places of Obama Speeches. (KAC) X, V

Chasing George Washington. Ronald Kidd and The Kennedy Center. Illustrated by Ard Hoyt. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 80 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-4858-2, \$12.99. (I, M) George Washington himself takes a group of modern day kids back in time on a magical tour of the White House. Will Washington actually smile? Will the kids survive without their cell phones? Timeline, Introduction by Michelle Obama. (GAS) X, I, II

The Crimson Cap. Ellen Howard. Holiday House. 208 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2152-7, \$16.95. (M, H) This is a fictionalized account of the hardships faced by a group of French settlers stranded in 1687 in what is present day South Texas. Pierre Talon, age 10, is chosen to assist in an expedition to find the mouth of the Mississippi River and the route to New France. This gut-wrenching, gripping story is filled with nail-biting suspense, true heroics, and survival seen through Pierre's eyes. (IWL) I, II, III, IV

Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration.

Ann Bausum. National Geographic Children's Books. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0332-6, \$21.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0333-3, \$32.90. (M, H) Explore United States immigration policy throughout history as you read about what immigrants have had to endure to enter and remain in the country. Timeline, Resource Guide, Bibliography, Resource Notes, Index. (BF) II, V, VI, X

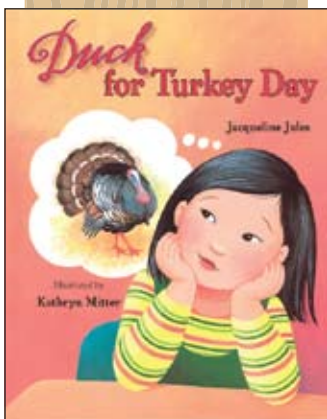
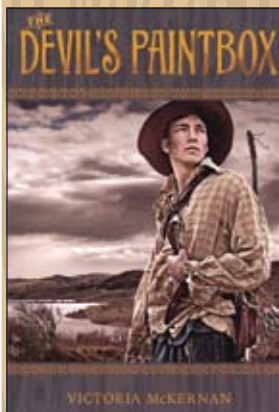
The Devil's Paintbox. Victoria McKernan. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 368 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-83750-0, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-93750-7, \$19.99 (M, H) This historical novel recounts the hazardous journey of Aiden and his younger sister Maddy, two strong-willed orphans, who join a wagon train that will take them to a new life out west. Author's Note. (GAS) III, IV, V

Duck for Turkey Day. Jacqueline Jules. Illustrated by Kathryn Mitter. Albert Whitman & Company. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8075-1734-5, \$16.99. (P) Little Tuyet is worried that her family's Vietnamese traditions will not allow her to celebrate Thanksgiving the way the other children in her class will celebrate. (GAS) I, III, IV

The Dust Bowl Through the Lens. Martin W. Sandler. Walker Books for Young Readers. 96 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8027-9547-2, \$19.99. Library ISBN 978-0-8027-9548-9, \$20.89. (M, H) The documentary photos reveal the national disaster, hardship, courage and hope during the years of dust. Opening quotations and photographs are excellent. Sources of Quotations, Photo Credits, Further Reading Resources, Index. (SCP) II, VIII

Ellis Island: Coming to the Land of Liberty. Raymond Bial. Color photographs by the author. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-99943-9, \$18.00. (I, M) This book provides the historical context for the establishment of Ellis Island in 1890: how it became the processing center for immigrants to the United States, and what visitors may expect to see there today. Readers may gain a sense of the significance of Ellis Island and the role it has played in the lives of countless immigrants through the numerous and varied captioned images. Copies of historical documents, color and black and white photographs, and sepia tone drawings are supplemented by additional resources. (IWL) I, III, IV, X

Finding Lincoln. Ann Malaspina. Illustrated by Colin Bootman. Albert Whitman & Company. 32



pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8075-2435-0, \$16.99. (I, M) Louis, a young African American boy, needs to write a report about Abraham Lincoln, but in the Alabama of 1951 he is not permitted into the public library. He decides to brave a journey into the library anyway, is escorted out, but gets a pleasant surprise. Note, Bibliography. (TLK) I, III, IV

Flygirl. Sherri L. Smith. G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-24709-5, \$16.99. (M, H) World War II leads one young woman towards her dream of becoming a pilot with the creation of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. Race, gender, and prejudice during World War II are obstacles she must overcome. Author's Note. (BF) I, IV, VI

The Giant-Slayer. Iain Lawrence. Delacorte Books for Young Readers. 304 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73376-2, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-385-90393-6, \$19.99. (I, M) When her friend is stricken with polio in 1955, an 11-year-old girl tells a fantastic, ongoing story about a giant-hunter to entertain, comfort, and ultimately empower her friend and the other children in iron lungs (tank respirators). Author's Note. (ASL) VIII, II, IV

The Great Death. John Smelcer. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 176 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8100-8, \$16.99. (M) A seldom seen perspective of the impact of European diseases on Alaska's Native population. This is the story of two young sisters who are the only survivors of a smallpox outbreak in their village, and their struggle to survive in the Alaskan wilderness in the dead of winter. (TLK) I, III, IV

Home on the Range: John A. Lomax and His Cowboy Songs. Deborah Hopkinson. Illustrated by S.D. Schindler. G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-23996-0, \$16.99. (P, I, M) A fascinating story of how well-known cowboy songs were collected by one man with great passion. The historic research journey is chronicled with entertaining detail. Biography of Lomax, Source Notes and Suggested Bibliography. (ACL) II, III

How to Get Rich on the Oregon Trail. Tod Olson. Illustrated by Scott Allred and Gregory Proch. National Geographic Children's Books. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0412-5, \$16.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0413-2, \$25.90. (I, M) Many details layer the pages of this book, which recounts

the travels of William Reed through journal entries, maps, and additional graphics. Foreword, Afterword, List of Illustrations, Bibliography, Glossary. (GMI) I, II, III, IV

If America Were a Village: A Book about the People of the United States. David J. Smith. Illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong. Kids Can Press. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-55453-344-2, \$18.95. (I, M) There are 306 million people living in America, but if it were a village of just 100 people, what would it be like? Using the metaphor of a village, the author explores where we came from, where we live, what our families are like, and how wealthy we are. Author's Note, Bibliography. (KAC) III, II, IV

In Our Mothers' House. Written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25076-7, \$17.99. (I) This is an inspiring story about a family with two moms living in a vibrant and diverse community, told from the viewpoint of one of their three adopted children. (GBL) IV, V

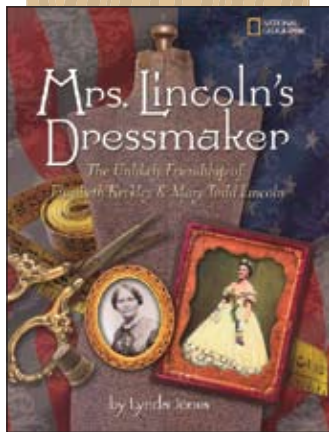
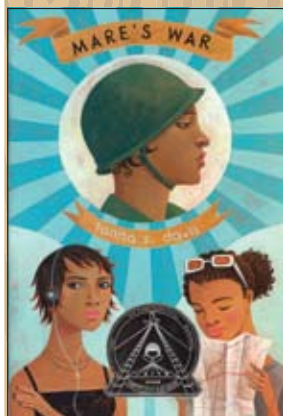


January's Sparrow. Written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 96 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25077-4, \$22.99. (I, M)

Based on real events, this story of escaped slaves takes readers on an emotional and unforgettable journey and reveals the best and worst of human nature. (GAS) V, VI, II

Keep On! The Story of Matthew Henson, Co-Discoverer of the North Pole. Deborah Hopkinson. Illustrated by Stephen Alcorn. Peachtree Publishers. 36 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-473-0, \$17.95. (P, I) This amazing book chronicles the life of African American explorer Matthew Henson. Young children will be captivated by this fantastic account of Henson's adventures. Author's Note, Timeline, Resource Information on Websites and Books, Quotes from Henson's book, *A Negro Explorer at the North Pole*. (IWL) I, II, III, IV

Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary. Elizabeth Partridge. Viking Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 80 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-01189-6, \$19.99. (M, H) Extraordinary photographs and text about the Selma to Montgomery march, focusing on the children who marched. This action in the face of violence led to the passing of the Voting Rights Act in August, 1965. Author's Note, Index, Source Notes, Bibliography. (DS) II, VI, X, V



Mare's War. Tanita S. Davis. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 352 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-85714-0, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-95714-7, \$19.99. (M, H) Two teenagers learn more about Mare, their grandmother, during a road trip. Chapters move between their travels and Mare's experiences in an African American battalion of the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Afterword. (GMI) II, IV, V

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg. Rodman Philbrick. The Blue Sky Press / Scholastic. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-439-66818-7, \$16.99. (M, H) This historical novel brings the Civil War alive, from rural Maine to the Battle of Gettysburg, with an engaging story of two brothers. Glossary. (SCP) II

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker: The Unlikely Friendship of Elizabeth Keckley and Mary Todd Lincoln. Lynda Jones. National Geographic Children's Books. 80 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0377-7, \$18.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0378-4, \$27.90. (M) This book details the relationship of Elizabeth Keckley, an experienced seamstress born into slavery, and the First Lady. Their stories are told in alternating chapters and make excellent use of quotes, photos, and art of the period. (ASL) V, VI

My Name Is Sangoel. Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed. Illustrated by Catherine Stock. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8028-5307-3, \$17.00. (P, I) A refugee from Sudan, eight-year-old Sangoel is frustrated that no one in America can pronounce his name, but he finds a clever way to solve the problem. Detailed watercolor and collage illustrations capture the different settings. Authors' Note. (ASL) I, IV, IX

A New Nation. Betsy Maestro. Illustrated by Giulio Maestro. HarperCollins Children's Books. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-688-16015-9, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-688-16016-6, \$18.89. (I) When 13 tiny colonies dared declare their independence from mighty England, it was just the beginning of the fascinating story of their struggle to forge a new nation. Index, Timeline, Founders' Quotations. (GAS) II, I, VI



Newsgirl. Liza Ketchum. Viking Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 336 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-01119-3, \$17.99. (M) Experience the gold rush

through the eyes of industrious young Amelia as she sets off on an adventure in an attempt to help her family make ends meet. Note to Readers. (BF) IV, X


On Viney's Mountain. Joan Donaldson. Holiday House. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2129-9, \$16.95. (M, H) Viney, a spirited 16-year-old girl in nineteenth-century rural Appalachia, is a gifted weaver, but wants more for herself than the traditional fate of a mountain woman. She is wary of a group of Englishmen who arrive to build a settlement and bring change to her world. (TLK) I, II, III, IV

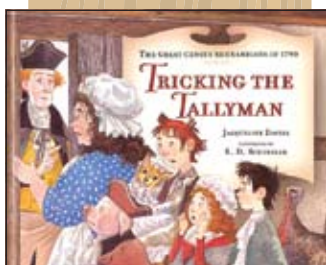
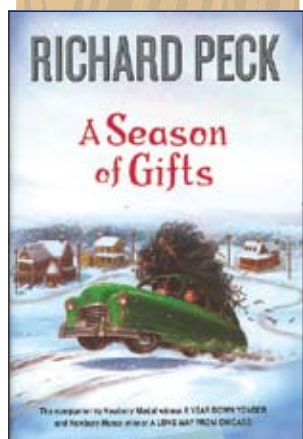
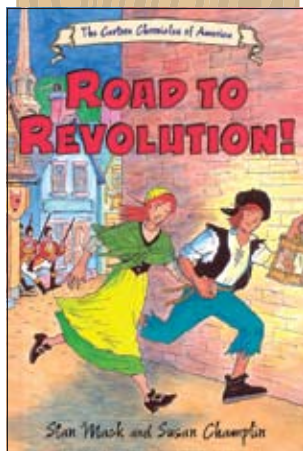
Remember Little Rock: The Time, the People, the Stories. Paul Robert Walker. National Geographic Children's Books. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0402-6, \$17.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0403-3, \$27.90. (M, H) Firsthand accounts and photographs of 1957 Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, make this book essential for those teaching about the civil rights movement. Timeline, Selected Postscripts, Index. (GBL) II, IV

Road to Revolution! Stan Mack and Susan Champlin. Illustrated by Stan Mack. Bloomsbury Children's Books. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59990-371-4, \$10.99. Library ISBN 978-1-59990-013-1, \$16.99. (I, M) This graphic novel tells the story of the American Revolution through the eyes of two fictional feisty teens who encounter danger and real heroes at the time of our country's founding. Prologue, Map of Boston, Epilogue. (GAS) VI, V, II

Ron's Big Mission. Rose Blue and Corinne J. Naden. Illustrated by Don Tate. Dutton Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-47849-2, \$16.99. (P) This is a fictionalized account of how astronaut Ron McNair's burning desire as a young, African American boy to read books about space, led him to take a stand in 1959 that would integrate his library in South Carolina. Author's Note. (GBL) II, IV

A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom. Jim Murphy. Margaret K. McElderry, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-87633-2, \$17.99. (I, M) The armies of General Robert E. Lee and General George B. McClellan meet at Antietam Creek for the bloodiest battle in American history. First person accounts, photographs, and drawings provide little-known details of this historic day in 1862. Notes and Sources, A Bibliography of Voices, Index. (KAC) II, VI, X

 **A Season of Gifts.** Richard Peck. Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 176 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3082-3, \$16.99. (M) This is the touching story of a preacher's family and an eccentric neighbor (Grand-



ma Dowdel from other Peck novels) in 1958 rural Indiana. Small town adventures are shown through the eyes of the preacher's 12-year-old son. (GBL) IV, II

The Secret of the Yellow Fever: A True Story of Medical Sleuthing. Suzanne Jurmain. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-96581-6, \$19.00. (M, H) Four American army doctors, who traveled to Cuba to fight an outbreak of Yellow Fever and determine the cause, risked their lives to conduct medical experiments that would eventually make medical history. Appendix, Glossary, Chapter Notes, Index. (TLK) I, III, V, VIII

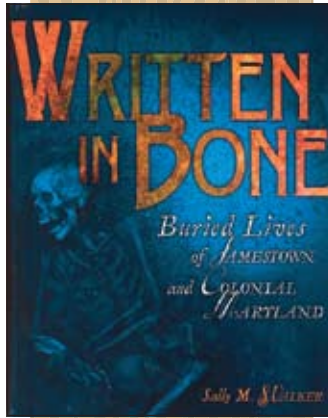
Sweethearts of Rhythm: The Story of the Greatest All-Girl Swing Band in the World. Marilyn Nelson. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 80 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3187-5, \$21.99. (I, M) The International Sweethearts of Rhythm was an interracial, all-female jazz band. Their story is told through songs, poems, and watercolor paintings that provide a close look at American society in the 1940s. Chronology, Author's Note, Artist's Note, Bibliography. (SCP) I

Trains. Written and illustrated by Lynn Curlee. Atheneum, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-4848-3, \$19.99. (I, M) This is an excellent resource for classroom teachers and children studying the history of trains and the impact of train transportation on social and industrial development in the United States. Beautiful color illustrations, diagrams of train engines, and resource information support the text. (IWL) II, VII, VIII

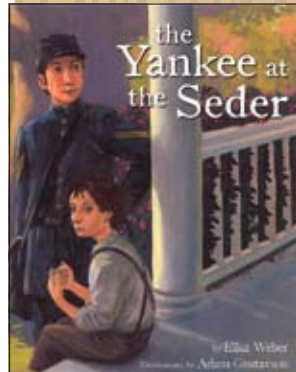
Tricking the Tallyman. The Great Census Shenanigans of 1790. Jacqueline Davies. Illustrated by S.D. Schindler. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-83909-2, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-93909-9, \$20.99. (P, I) This timely introduction to the census is set in 1790, where skeptical residents of a small Vermont town try to trick the man who has been sent to count their population for the first United States Census. Author's Note. (ASL) X

We Troubled the Waters. Ntozake Shange. Illustrated by Rod Brown. HarperCollins Children's Books. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-133735-2, \$16.99. Library ISBN 9780061337376, \$17.89. (I, M, H) A thoughtfully rendered book of poems, accompanied by striking paintings by Rod Brown, that chronicles the violence of racism, the struggle for civil rights, and the power of the human spirit. Note: Some illustrations are extremely graphic. (GMI) II, V, VI, X

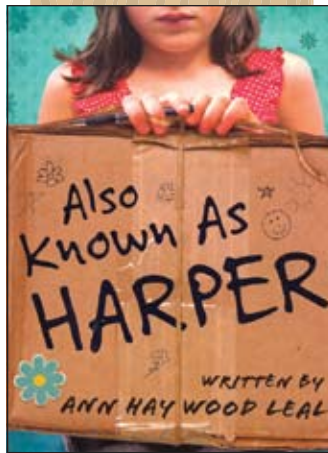
Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland. Sally M. Walker. Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group. 144 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8225-7135-3, \$22.95. (M, H). Just as forensic science can help solve crimes, it can also help us to understand our past. This is a look at how scientists used modern techniques to unlock the clues of the past in Jamestown, Virginia, and in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay area. Source Notes, Timeline, Bibliography, Further Reading and Websites, Index (TLK) I, II, VIII



The Yankee at the Seder. Elka Weber. Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Tricycle Press. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58246-256-1, \$16.99. (I, M) The Confederate army has surrendered, but not all Confederates are ready to surrender. One such family has a Yankee over for Passover. Listen to an engaging discussion about freedom as Jewish traditions are celebrated. Author's Note, Passover, The Festival of Freedom. (BF) I, IV



Years of Dust. Albert Marrin. Dutton Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-42077-4, \$22.99. (M, H) Stories of desperation and hope during the years of dust are described with powerful visual images. The national disaster is presented from an ecological point of view. Glossary, Notes, Further Resources, Bibliography, Index (SCP) II, VIII



You and Me and Home Sweet Home. George Ella Lyon. Illustrated by Stephanie Anderson. Atheneum/Richard Jackson Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-87589-2, \$17.99. (P, I) Author George Ella Lyon worked on a Women's Build crew to build a house for Sharonda and her mother. This picture book tells the story of the construction, Sharonda's efforts to help, and the time when they are finally "home sweet home." Author's Note. (KAC) V, IV

ters with age appropriate titles such as "Awesome Adventure" and "Geography Rocks" provide readers with hundreds of facts and over 500 photographs. Index, Web Links. (EVH) III

Slavery: Real People and Their Stories of Enslavement. Reg Grant. Illustrated with prints and photographs. DK Publishing. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7566-5169-5, \$24.99. (M, H) The practice of slavery is traced with unvarnished words and pictures from ancient times through the nineteenth century, and to the present day, where it actually continues in some parts of the world. Glossary, Index. (GAS) VI, V, I

Student Atlas of the World, Third Edition. National Geographic Children's Books. 144 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0445-3, \$19.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0458-3, \$28.90. Paperback ISBN 978-1-4263-0446-0, \$12.95. (M, H) Numerous facts are shared in this interesting resource book for learning about the world's physical and human systems through photographs, maps, graphics and statistics. Glossary, Websites, Thematic Index. (EVH) III

Social Interactions/ Relationships

All the World. Liz Garton Scanlon. Illustrated by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-8580-8, \$17.99. (P) Twenty-eight pages of lyrical, poetic language, tapping cultural universals of family, food, leisure, love, and peace. Richly illustrated by Caldecott Honor medalist Marla Frazee. (GMI) I, III, V, IX

Also Known as Harper. Ann Haywood Leal. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8881-6, \$16.99. (M) This is the compelling story of a young poet (named after writer Harper Lee) and her struggle to take care of her younger brother while her mother tries to make ends meet. (GBL) IV

Anything But Typical. Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 208 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-6378-3, \$15.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1-4169-6378-3, \$6.99. (I, M) Jason, a sixth-grade boy with autism, feels he can be himself when he writes. He describes his feelings, thoughts, interactions, and challenges. Wonderful and frightening things happen when he posts his stories on Storyboard. (KAC) IV



Reference

A Gift of Days: The Greatest Words to Live By. Stephen Alcorn. Atheneum, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-6776-7, \$21.99. (I, M, H) Starting on January 1 and arranged by birth dates, the book shares the thoughts of 366 noteworthy world figures both past and present. Illustrator's Note, Index (TLK) I, X

National Geographic Kids Almanac 2010. National Geographic Children's Books. 352 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0502-3, \$19.95. Paperback ISBN 978-1-4263-0501-6, \$12.99. (I, M) Nine chap-

Autism and Me: Sibling Stories. Ouisie Shapiro. Illustrated by Steven Vote. Albert Whitman & Company. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8075-0487-1, \$16.99. (P, I, M) Children describe life with their autistic siblings and explain how autism affects their families' lives. Their stories illustrate the broad spectrum of autism. (BF) IV, V

Bystander. James Preller. Feiwel & Friends, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 240 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-312-37906-3, \$16.99. (I, M) This book shows how a new kid at school goes from a bystander to a victim. Students will empathize with characters in, around, or out of the bullying circle. (SCP) IV, V

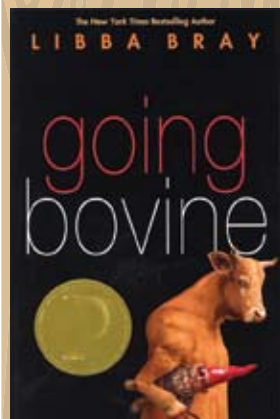
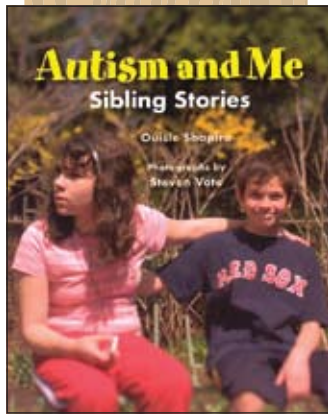
Catching Fire. Suzanne Collins. Scholastic Press/Scholastic. 432 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-439-02349-8, \$17.99. (M, H) Enter the Hunger Games for a second time as Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark represent District 12 in a battle for survival. This is the second novel in the Hunger Games trilogy. (KAC) II, IV, VI

El Barrio. Debbi Chocolate. Illustrated by David Diaz. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-7457-4, \$16.95. (P, I) The reader is invited into a vibrant neighborhood where graffiti tells the story of the cultural lives, and Our Lady of Guadalupe appears on walls to oversee momentous occasions. Glossary. (ACL) I, III, IV

The Enemy: A Book about Peace. Davide Cali. Illustrated by Serge Bloch. Schwartz & Wade. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-84500-0, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-93752-1, \$18.99. (P, I, M) After watching an enemy during a seemingly endless war, a soldier finally sneaks over to the other person's foxhole. The surprise that awaits the soldier makes a statement about the dubious nature of war. (GMI) IV, IX, X

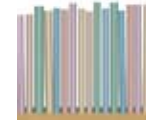
Erika-San. Written and illustrated by Allen Say. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-88933-4, \$17.00. (P) A fascination with Japan leads an American woman to accept a teaching position in a rural village where she experiences Japanese culture. (EVH) I

Extra Credit. Andrew Clements. Illustrated by Mark Elliot. Atheneum, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-4929-9, \$16.99. (I, M) A girl in Illinois and a boy in Afghanistan develop a growing friendship as the result of a pen pal project. But



some people in their respective communities are not very happy. (EVH) I, IV

Family Reminders. Julie Danneberg. Illustrated by John Shelley. Charlesbridge Publishing. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58089-320-6, \$14.95. (I, M) After losing his leg in a mining accident in the 1890s, a father fights depression until his daughter convinces him to sell his carved wooden statues of pleasant events. Author's Note. (EVH) IV

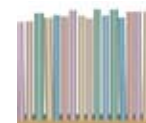


Going Bovine. Libba Bray. Delacorte Books for Young Readers. 496 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73397-7, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-385-90411-7, \$20.99. (H) A teenager contracts "mad cow" disease and imagines the life and adventures he will never get to live. The story deals with the big questions: life, death, finding meaning, relationships. This is extraordinary writing; beware rough language. (DS) II, IV

Homegrown House. Janet S. Wong. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Margaret K. McElderry, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-84718-9, \$16.99. (I) A young girl is tired of her family's moves. She wants to stay where she is, where she has friends and is settled. Grandma teaches her that it takes time to love a home and make it "homegrown." (DS) I, III, IV

I Call My Grandma Nana. Written and illustrated by Ashley Wolff. Tricycle Press. 30 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58246-251-6, \$15.99. (P) Visit a diverse classroom where the children share stories of their grandmothers. Learn the words for grandmothers in many cultures; the teacher also shares the story and name of her grandmother. Glossary of Names. (TLK) I, IX

I Call My Grandpa Papa. Written and illustrated by Ashley Wolff. Tricycle Press. 30 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58246-252-3, \$15.99. (P, I) An illustrated book of the many names we have for our grandfathers, and the many ways we interact with them around the world. (DS) I, III



Marcelo in the Real World. Francisco X. Stork. Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-05474-4, \$17.99. (M, H) Marcelo has Asperger's syndrome and has always attended a special school. What will happen when Marcelo's father insists that he work in the mailroom at his law firm and go to a new high school in the fall? Author's Note. (KAC) IV

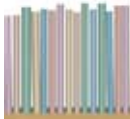
Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace.

Written and illustrated by James Proimos. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-03292-6, \$15.99. (P, I) Paulie Pastrami, a kid that was “nothing special,” wanted to achieve world peace before he turned eight. He started with apologies, sharing, and compassion (and the cupcakes didn’t hurt either), to demonstrate what one person can do. (KAC) II, IV, V

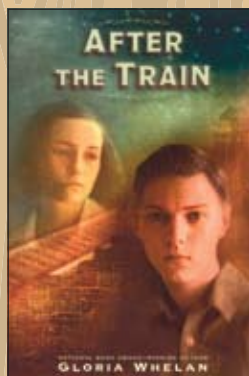
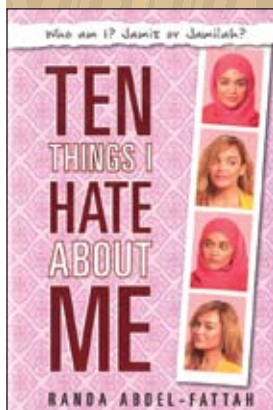
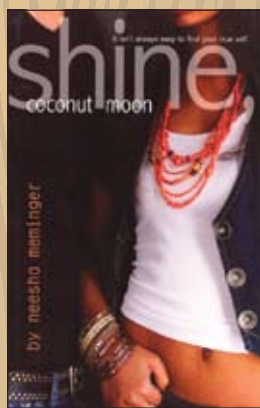
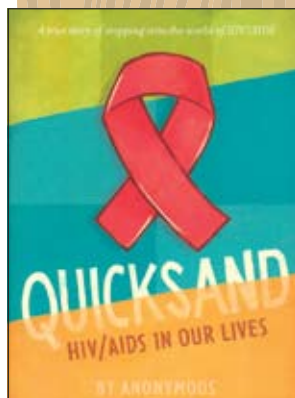
Quicksand: HIV/AIDS in Our Lives. Anonymous. Candlewick Press. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-1589-5, \$16.99. (I, M, H) The question/answer format brings understanding to the issue of AIDS through the poignant story of a family member slowly losing his life. The simple text is very accessible to upper elementary. (ACL) III, IV

Shine, Coconut Moon. Neesha Meminger. Margaret K. McElderry, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-5495-8, \$16.99. (H) Indian American high school student Samar starts to learn about her heritage in the post-9/11 period. She experiences prejudice firsthand in the treatment of her uncle, a Sikh who wears a turban, and in her own social interactions. (GBL) IV, I

Ten Things I Hate About Me. Randa Abdel-Fattah. Scholastic Press / Scholastic. 320 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-05055-5, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-545-05056-2, \$8.99. (M, H) Jamilah, a Lebanese-Muslim teenager, struggles to find self-identity as she experiments with her appearance and her name in order to be accepted by peers in her Australian high school. (EVH) IV

 **When You Reach Me.** Rebecca Stead. Wendy Lamb Books. 208 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73742-5, \$15.99. Library ISBN 978-0-385-90664-7, \$18.99. (I, M) In this award-winning, gripping novel, a 12-year-old girl living in New York City, whose favorite book is *A Wrinkle in Time*, receives mysterious notes that seem to defy the laws of time and space. (ASL) IV, VIII, III

You are Here. Jennifer E. Smith. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-6799-6, \$15.99. (M, H) Emma Healy discovers she had a twin brother who died at birth. She sets out on a journey with her next-door neighbor, Peter, to find her brother’s grave and the missing truth. (KAC) IV



World History & Culture

14 Cows for America. Carmen Agra Deedy. Illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez. Peachtree Publishers. 36 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-490-7, \$17.95. (I) When Kimeli, a Kenyan learning to be a doctor in America, returns to his village, he tells his people about the horrors of September 11th. The Maasai, who believe that the cow is life, are so affected by the tragedy they present 14 cows to the U.S. Embassy for the people of America. Author’s Note. (KAC) IX, I, III

After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Non-violent Resistance. Anne Sibley O’Brien & Perry Edmond O’Brien. Illustrated by Anne Sibley O’Brien. Charlesbridge Publishing. 192 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58089-129-5, \$24.95. (P, I, M) An anthology of people who took a stand over the last century against violence and oppression—from Gandhi to the Mothers of the Disappeared, Muhammad Ali, Desmond Tutu, and Iraq War protests. Author’s Note, Index, Bibliography. (ACL) II, VI

After the Train. Gloria Whelan. HarperCollins Children’s Books. 160 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-029596-7, \$15.99. Library ISBN 978-0-06-029597-4, \$16.89. (I) In 1955, a German boy discovers that he is Jewish, that he was actually rescued on the way to Dachau concentration camp, and adopted. He struggles with the anti-Semitism around him and to live his truth. (DS) II, IV, V

Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide. Nawuth Keat with Martha E. Kendall. National Geographic Children’s Books. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0515-3, \$15.95. Library ISBN 978-1-4263-0516-0, \$23.90. (M, H) This is the true story of a young Cambodian boy struggling to keep hope alive during the time of the Khmer Rouge genocide. Photographs, Map, Timeline, Afterword. (BF) I, II, IV

Atlas of Ancient Worlds: People and Places from the Past. Peter Chrisp. Illustrated with prints and photographs. DK Publishing. 96 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7566-4512-0, \$21.99. (I, M) A reference book with elaborate maps, illustrations, and descriptions of ancient civilizations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Australasia and the Pacific. A wonderful resource for world history teachers. Glossary, Index, Bonus Clip Art CD. (GBL) IX, I

Barbarians! Steven Kroll. Illustrated by Robert Byrd. Dutton Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-47958-1, \$18.99. (I, M) Offers a brief history of the Goths, the Huns, the Vikings, and the Mongols and chronicles how each group of "barbarians" used power and warfare to change the course of civilization. The wonderful color illustrations highlight various aspects (belief systems, family life, written language, and artifacts) of each group. Maps, Timeline, Bibliography, Index. (IWL) II, III, V, VI

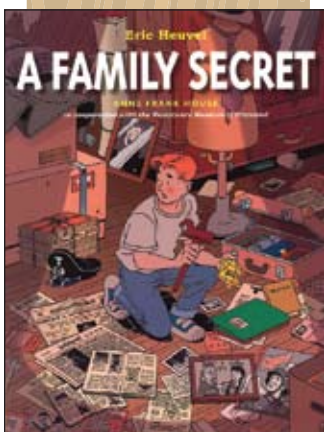
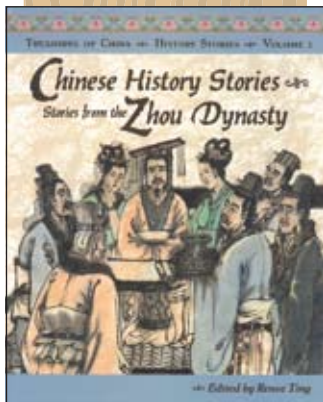
Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491.

Charles C. Mann. Atheneum, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-4900-8, \$24.99. (M, H) This incredible book is an excellent resource for classroom teachers covering the Americas prior to Columbus. Photo images of Pre-Columbian artifacts, maps, drawings, and text boxes are interspersed with full-page color illustrations. Information is provided about the geographical, social, historical, and cultural lives of early inhabitants of the Americas. Index, Glossary, List of further readings. (IWL) This book can be used to address all 10 thematic strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies.

Burn My Heart. Beverly Naidoo. HarperCollins Children's Books. 224 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-143297-2, \$15.99. Library ISBN 978-0-06-143298-9, \$16.89. Paperback ISBN 978-0-06-143299-6, \$5.99. (M) This is a gripping story about Kenya's Independence movement, from the perspectives of two teenager boys: Mathew, an English farmer's son growing up in Kenya, and Mugo, a native Kenyan working in Mathew's kitchen. Author's Note. (SCP) I, II, IX

Chinese History Stories Volume 1: Stories from the Zhou Dynasty. Renee Ting, Editor. Shen's Books. 128 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-885008-37-4, \$19.95. (M, H) Two volumes of best-loved historical stories told by generations in China. The stories convey civic lessons and are written in the style of epic adventure. Brief historical background at the end of each story. (ACL) I, III, VI

Chinese History Stories Volume 2: Stories from the Imperial Era. Renee Ting, Editor. Shen's Books. 112 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-885008-38-1, \$19.95. (M, H) Following the period 221 BC until 1911 AD, this volume portrays a colorful history of China from tales translated from original Chinese text. (GMI) I, II, VI



Faith. Maya Ajmera, Magda Nakassis, and Cynthia Pon. Charlesbridge Publishing. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58089-177-6, \$16.95. Paperback ISBN 978-1-58089-178-3, \$7.95. (P, I) This is a child friendly, yet thorough, exploration of the many features shared by prominent faith traditions. Rich color photographs highlight how children, their family members, and communities may engage in the practice of each faith tradition. Map, Elements of Faith, Glossary. (IWL) I, III, V, IX

A Family Secret. Eric Heuvel. Translated by Lorraine T. Miller. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-32271-7, \$18.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-374-42265-3, \$9.99. (M, H) After Jeroen learns about his grandmother's experience as a young girl in Amsterdam during the Holocaust, he plays a part in easing the secret pain his grandmother has lived with for many years. (GAS) V, VI, III

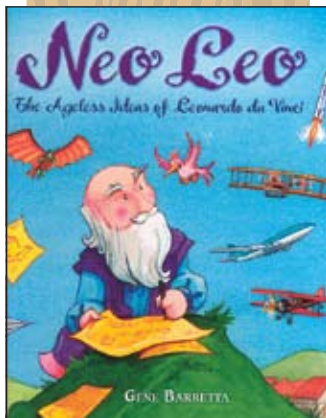
A Faraway Island. Annika Thor. Translated from Swedish by Linda Schenck. Delacorte Books for Young Readers. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73617-6, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-385-90590-9, \$19.99. (I, M) In this novel, two Jewish sisters (ages seven and twelve) must leave their home in Nazi-controlled Austria in 1939; they grapple with austerity, loneliness, and prejudice when they are taken in by two Swedish Christian families on a remote island. Map. Author's Note. (ASL) I, III, IV

The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust. Written and illustrated by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland DeSaix. Holiday House. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2159-6, \$17.95. Paperback ISBN 978-0-8234-2304-0, \$8.95. (I, M) In Nazi-occupied France, when no Jew was safe from deportation to a concentration camp, many Jews found refuge and community in the sprawling complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris. A well-researched story with luminous oil-painted pictures. Afterword, Glossary, Bibliography, Website, Recommended Books and Films, Index. (ASL) I, V, IX, X

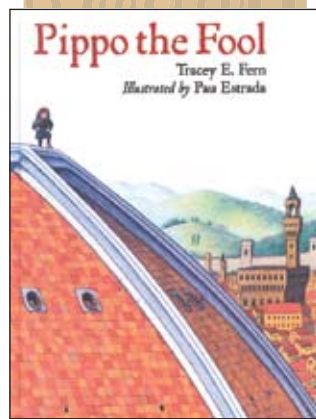
Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan. Jeanette Winter. Beach Lane Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-9437-4, \$16.99. (P, I) This is an engaging, beautifully illustrated story about the struggles girls in Afghanistan face just trying to go to school. Young children will relate to Nasreen and appreciate her bravery in trying to obtain an education. Teachers will want to discuss the illus-

trations with students and guide them through questions about the culture and history. A brief author's note at the beginning of the book provides statistics about Afghanistan before and after the Taliban took control. (IWL) I, III, IV, X

Neo Leo: The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci. Written and illustrated by Gene Barretta. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8703-1, \$16.99. (P, I) Leonardo da Vinci's sketches of over 500 years ago, of possible mechanical inventions are compared to modern-day machines such as bicycles, projectors, aircraft as well as robots. Author's Note, Bibliography. (EVH) VIII



The Other Half of Life. Kim Ablon Whitney. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 256 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-85219-0, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-95219-7, \$19.99 (M, H) In a story based on real events, Jewish teenagers meet aboard the MS *St. Francis* as it takes them and their families away from the terror of Nazi Germany to the freedom that awaits them in far-off Cuba. Author's Note, Bibliography, Webliography, Timeline. (GAS) VI, II, V

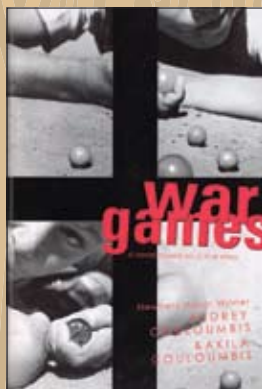


Pharaoh's Boat. Written and illustrated by David Weitzman. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-05341-7, \$17.00. (I, M, H) A 4,600-year-old Egyptian boat is uncovered, shedding light on the exquisite craftsmanship of its makers and the extent to which the Egyptians prepared for the journey to the afterlife. Afterword. (GAS) II, III, VIII

Pippo the Fool. Tracey E. Fern. Illustrated by Pau Estrada. Charlesbridge Publishing. 44 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-57091-655-7, \$15.95. (P, I) Explore the streets of fifteenth-century Florence as you learn how the Filippo Brunelleschi dome was created. Filippo, or "Pippo," has to take a chance and keep his pride by doing what he really enjoys. Author's Note. Illustrator's Note. (BF) VIII, X



Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona of Mytilini who was Captured and Sold as a Slave in Rome, AD 107. Richard Platt. Illustrated by David Parkins. Candlewick Press. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-3480-3, \$18.99. (I, M) The well-researched fictional diary of a Greek girl traveling to Egypt and sold into slavery when pirates attack her ship. Her story of adjustment and survival will invite young historians into the past. Notes, Glossary, Timeline, Index. (ACL) II, III, IV



Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba. Margarita Engle. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 208 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-8936-3, \$16.99. (M, H) A series of fictional poems tells a lesser-known story of the Holocaust. Through verse, the reader is introduced to a group of refugees who, refused entry to the United States, land in Cuba and start a new life. (ACL) I, II, VI

A Troubled Peace. L.M. Elliott. HarperCollins Children's Books. 304 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-074427-4, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-06-074428-1, \$17.89. Paperback ISBN 978-0-06-074429-8, \$8.99. (M, H) A fictional story of a World War II fighter shot down behind enemy lines who must undertake a dangerous trek across France. The story offers a unique perspective on post-World War II France. (ACL) II, IV

Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting. Jim Murphy. Scholastic Press / Scholastic. 224 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-16688-1, \$16.99. (I, M, H) Through maps, primary source images and engaging text Murphy tells the remarkable story of how two armies transcended a war, openly defied orders, and found a common bond on Christmas Day 1914. Timeline, Notes, Suggested Bibliography, Index. (ACL) II, VI

Tutankhamun. Written and illustrated by Demi. Marshall Cavendish. 64 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7614-5558-5, \$19.99. (I, M) The text and breathtaking images bring Tutankhamun to life through the explanation of traditional religious beliefs and the description of a pharaoh's life, including ostrich and lion hunts. Timeline, Maps. (ACL) II, III, VI

Waiting for the Owl's Call. Gloria Whelan. Illustrated by Pascal Milelli. Sleeping Bear Press. 32 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58536-418-3, \$17.95. (I) A poignant story of an eight-year-old girl and her sister in Afghanistan who, instead of attending school, weave rugs until their fingers bleed and await the call of the owl telling them their day of labor is over. Map, Author's Note. (ASL) I, VII

War Games. Audrey Coulombis and Akila Coulombis. Random House Books for Young Readers. 240 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-85628-0, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-95628-7, \$19.99. (I, M) Live through World War II with several young boys as their games of war become reality when the battles approach their home in Greece. Author's Note. (BF) IV, VI, IX

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