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Noteworthy Books for Children and Teens

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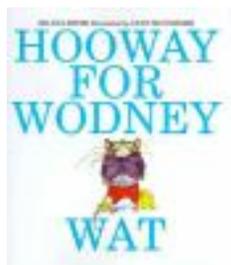


BARK, GEORGE

by Jules Feiffer

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0062051857; \$14.95;

George can quack, meow, oink and moo, but he can't bark. A visit to the vet gets to the bottom of the problem - or does it? Exaggerated cartoon-style illustrations convey the madcap humor.



HOOWAY FOR WODNEY WAT

by Helen Lester

illustrated by Lynn Munsinger

Walter Lorraine; ISBN: 0395923921; \$15;

Wodney is an R-challenged rodent...or wodent, in Wodney-speak. Needless to say, he is an object of undeserved widicule. But when he saves his classmates from bigger, meaner, smarter Camilla Capybara...it's "Woot! Woot! Wooty-toot-toot!" for Wodney.



HUSH, LITTLE BABY: A FOLKSONG WITH PICTURES

by Marla Frazee

Browndeer; ISBN: 0152014292; \$15;

The familiar folk lullaby is brought to life through playful pencil and ink illustrations that portray a 19th century Appalachian family struggling to placate a squalling baby, only to find that big sister had the answer all along.

I LOVE YOU, BLUE KANGAROO!

by Emma Chichester Clark

Bantam Doubleday Dell; ISBN: 0385326386; \$15.95;

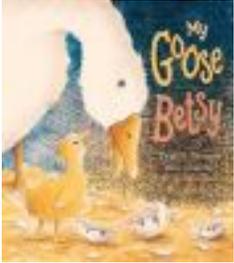
When Lily's bed becomes too crowded for blue kangaroo, her baby brother gladly welcomes him, but Lily does NOT think that is the best solution! Cheerful watercolor and ink illustrations complement this charming bedtime read-aloud.

JAMELA'S DRESS

by Niki Daly

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374336679; \$16;

The rhythmic patterns of South African township language breathe life into the universal story of a young girl's exuberant, unintentional misbehavior and its remarkable, happy consequences.



MY GOOSE BETSY

by Trudi Braun

illustrated by John Bendall-Brunello

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763604496; \$16.99;

A delightful and simply told story about Betsy the goose - from her nest building to gosling hatching - loaded with information and accompanied by large, inviting illustrations that are just right for a young audience.

RED-EYED TREE FROG

by Joy Cowley

photographed by Nic Bishop

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590871757; \$16.95;

Stunning high-speed photographs provide a close-up look at the fascinating life of a Central American rain forest tree frog. A playful science book for the youngest readers.

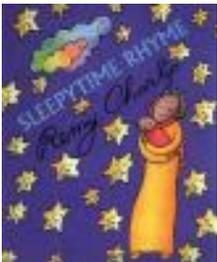
SAMMY AND THE DINOSAURS

by Ian Whybrow

illustrated by Adrian Reynolds

Orchard; ISBN: 0531302075; \$15.95;

When Sammy locates his misplaced bucketful of beloved dinosaurs in the Lost and Found, the look on his face...as well as on the faces of his scaly companions...is proof that even extruded plastic can exude joy.

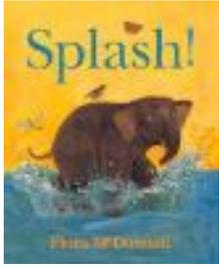


SLEEPYTIME RHYME

by Remy Charlip

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688162711; \$16;

A loving and gentle celebration of the special bond between mother and child. Beguiling watercolors add to the enchantment.



SPLASH!

by Flora McDonnell

Greenwillow; ISBN: 076360481X; \$16.99;

Baby elephant knows just how to cool off on a hot, hot day and there's fun to be had when mother elephant, tiger and rhinoceros follow her example. Splash, splosh, sploosh!



THE HATTER AND THE MONKEYS: A WEST AFRICAN FOLKTALE

by Baba Wagué Diakité

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590960695; \$15.95;

The carefully cadenced voice of the storyteller and the boldly graphic hand of the artist coalesce in this African re-casting of the familiar story of a weary merchant and a band of naughty monkeys.

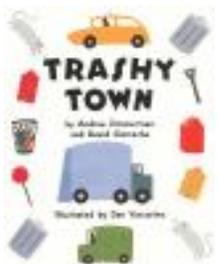
THREE CHEERS FOR CATHERINE THE GREAT!

by Cari Best

illustrated by Giselle Potter

DK Ink; ISBN: 0789426226; \$16.95;

Sara's Russian grandmother declares she wants no presents for her birthday, and the search begins for the best "no present." Charming folk-art illustrations add the perfect touch as family and neighbors come together to celebrate in this warm, funny and unusual story.



TRASHY TOWN

by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha

illustrated by Dan Yaccarino

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0060271396; \$14.95;

Mr. Gilly collects trash in his big blue truck while young listeners join in on the repeated refrain: "Dump it in, smash it down, drive around the trashy town." Simple, bold graphics complement the spirited text.

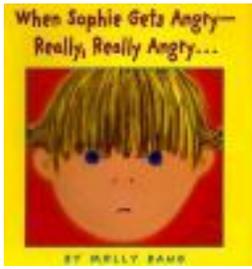
WHAT! CRIED GRANNY: AN ALMOST BEDTIME STORY

by Kate Lum

illustrated by Adrian Johnson

ISBN: 0803723822; \$14.99;

Bed, pillow, blanket, teddy bear – a feisty, purple-haired grandma makes it all for her young grandson's first sleepover and finishes just as the sun is coming up! Acrylic paintings and bold graphic design give a fresh and different look.



WHEN SOPHIE GETS ANGRY—REALLY, REALLY, ANGRY...

by Molly Bang

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590189794; \$15.95;

Strong graphic design, bold line and brilliant colors combine effectively to relate a young child's anger and the way she works through her anger - independently - in order to resume her place in the family.

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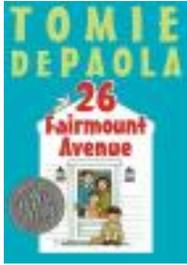
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26 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

by Tomie DePaola

ISBN: 039923246X; \$13.99;

The creator of *Strega Nona* and many beloved children's books recounts the building of his childhood home when he was five years old. Black-and-white drawings add to the delight of his hilarious storytelling.

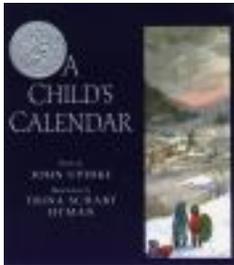
A BAND OF ANGELS: A STORY INSPIRED BY THE JUBILEE SINGERS

by Deborah Hopkinson

illustrated by Raul Colón

Atheneum; ISBN: 0689810628; \$16;

The Fisk University chorus attempts to save the school from closing by touring to raise money - a doomed effort until they begin to sing traditional spirituals, or jubilee songs. Muted watercolor and pencil art strikes the right chord.



A CHILD'S CALENDAR

by John Updike

illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

Holiday House; ISBN: 0823414450; \$16.95;

Like the facets of a jewel, each of the lovingly crafted illustrations in this new edition of Updike's exquisitely spare poems reveals another moment in a family's life, linking the months each to each: a necklace made of words.

AESOP'S FOX

by Aki Sogabe

Browndeer; ISBN: 0152016716; \$16;

Glorious cut-paper illustrations accompany retellings of Aesop's fables, as fox moves through the forest in search of food and learns valuable life lessons in a handsomely designed book that young children will relish.

AMELIA AND ELEANOR GO FOR A RIDE

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

illustrated by Brian Selznick

Scholastic; ISBN: 059096075X; \$16.95;

Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt take a night flight over Washington, D.C. The large format and bold pencil drawings are the perfect stage for this story inspired by a real event.



DOLPHIN LUCK

by Hilary McKay

Margaret McElderry; ISBN: 0689823762; \$16;

The likeable, slightly outrageous Robinson children are back (first introduced in *Dog Friday*, 1995, and *the Amber Cat*, 1997) for more wildly uproarious and funny adventures while their parents are off on a much needed vacation.

FLICKER FLASH

by Joan Bransfield Graham

illustrated by Nancy Davis

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 039590501X; \$15;

Scintillating concrete poems celebrate the many aspects of light in a book whose design is in perfect harmony with its text.

GOOD LUCK, MRS. K.!

by Louise Borden

illustrated by Adam Gustavson

Margaret McElderry; ISBN: 0689821476; \$15;

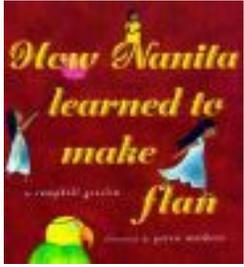
Third grade was going to be the best grade yet; then Mrs. Kempczinski got cancer. A hopeful celebration of the joy of learning from an exciting teacher.

GORILLA WALK

by Ted Lewin and Betsy Lewin

Lothrop Lee & Shepard; ISBN: 0688165095; \$16;

A book of facts and impressions that reads like an illustrated diary. Appealing to all of the reader's senses, the Lewins share their journey to southern Uganda to observe the mountain gorilla.



HOW NANITA LEARNED TO MAKE FLAN

by Campbell Geeslin

illustrated by Petra Mathers

Atheneum; ISBN: 0689815468; \$16;

A determined little girl who makes her own magical shoes, a parrot with an eye-patch and a mean old lady with sore feet combine with illustrations awash with detail and color in this comida mexicana: a lighter-than-air mixture of laughter and lesson. Delicioso.

I, CROCODILE

by Fred Marcellino

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0062051687; \$15.95;

A stylish erudite Egyptian crocodile's idyllic existence is interrupted when Napoleon hauls him off to Paris where his (ahem) diet changes, but not his enthusiasm for life.

IN THE TIME OF THE DRUMS

by Kim L. Siegelson

illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Jump at the Sun; ISBN: 078680436X; \$15.99;

An eerily beautiful slave tale based on Gullah legend where the Ibo people chose "a slave's freedom" (physical death) over slavery, is retold through a dignified narrative flavored with rhythmic dialect and mesmerizing scratchboard illustrations.

KINDLE ME A RIDDLE: A PIONEER STORY

by Roberta Karim

illustrated by Bethanne Andersen

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688162037; \$16;

A pioneer family delights in a riddle game that gets them thinking about the origins of everything from their candles to their pillows, their log cabin to their ice house. Glowing oil paints on gesso capture fascinating details of their 19th century world.

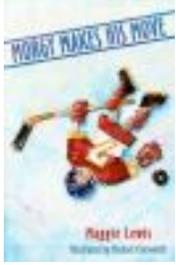
LITTLE DOG POEMS

by Kristine O'Connell George

illustrated by June Otani

Clarion; ISBN: 0395822661; \$12;

Marked by an accomplished simplicity, these short poems and complementary watercolors express the love between a small dog and its owner.



MORGY MAKES HIS MOVE

by Maggie Lewis

illustrated by Michael Chesworth

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395922844; \$15;

Third grader Morgy discovers that moving from California to Boston involves not only finding new friends and dealing with the local bully, but also learning a new language and a baffling new sport.

MY MAN BLUE

by Nikki Grimes

illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue

ISBN: 0803723261; \$15.99;

Richly colored and textured illustrations form the backdrop for this sequence of loosely rhymed poems about a man whose "leathery skin's / like indigo ink" and whose "hands / are strong stories" guiding a young boy through the troubled streets of life.

NOT MY DOG

by Colby Rodowsky

illustrated by Thomas F. Yezerski

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374355312; \$15;

In this gentle glimpse of growing up, almost nine-year-old Ellie Martin inherits a full-grown dog from her great-aunt instead of the puppy she's always wanted, but gradually comes to understand that friendship arrives in all kinds of packages.

RAISING SWEETNESS

by Diane Stanley

illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Putnam; ISBN: 0399232257; \$15.99;

Little Sweetness must rescue the sheriff again in a hilarious tale of family love and literacy, told with a Texas twang and illustrated with drawings whose child-like style belies their sophisticated composition.

SECTOR 7

by David Wiesner

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395746566; \$16;

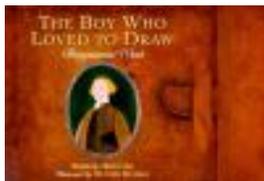
A class field trip to the Empire State building turns into a truly magical journey in a wordless picture book that grabs the imagination and lets it soar through ingenious and superbly executed watercolor illustrations.

TEA WITH MILK

by Allen Say

Walter Lorraine; ISBN: 0395904951; \$17;

The story of Say's parents, who grew up speaking English and who felt culturally alienated in Japan. Strikingly composed watercolors eloquently convey the contrast and conflict between cultures and the resulting emotional isolation in this companion to Grandfather's Journey.



THE BOY WHO LOVED TO DRAW: BENJAMIN WEST

by Barbara Brenner

illustrated by Olivier Dunrea

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395850800; \$15;

Vivid illustrations and attractive format make this an unusual and appealing art biography about the young boy who grew up to become the first famous American painter.

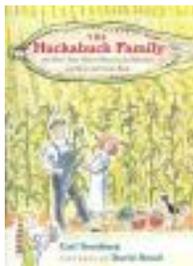
THE HISTORY OF COUNTING

by Denise Schmandt-Besserat

illustrated by Michael Hays

Morrow Junior; ISBN: 0688141188; \$17;

Blending mathematics and cultural history, the author introduces counting systems as unusual as "body counting," in which you point to different body parts for each number, and as familiar as Roman and Arabic numerals.



THE HUCKABUCK FAMILY AND HOW THEY RAISED POPCORN IN NEBRASKA AND QUIT AND CAME BACK

by Carl Sandburg

illustrated by David Small

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374335117; \$16;

Small's delicately detailed drawings of farms, factories, and city streets will introduce a new generation of readers and listeners to this American fairy tale about Pony Pony Huckabuck and her family.



THE SNAKE SCIENTIST

by Sy Montgomery

photographed by Nic Bishop

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395871697; \$16;

Talk about snake pits! Each spring 18,000 red-sided garter snakes wriggle out of a few underground dens in Manitoba under the thoughtful gaze of scientist Bob Mason. Sharp, intimate photos and clear writing reveal the detective side of science in the field.

THE TOP OF THE WORLD: CLIMBING MOUNT EVEREST

by Steve Jenkins

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395942187; \$16;

Richly colored, highly textured collage illustrations combine with a fluid, readable text in this brief but fascinating exploration of the history, geography and experience of climbing Mount Everest.



THE TROLL WITH NO HEART IN HIS BODY: AND OTHER TROLL TALES FROM NORWAY

by Lise Lunge-Larsen

illustrated by Betsy Bowen

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395913713; \$18;

Authentically told stories of adventure, humor and pluck will have listeners begging for "just one more." Vigorous woodcuts accompany each tale.

THE UGLY DUCKLING

by Hans Christian Andersen

illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Morrow; ISBN: 068815932X; \$16;

The American countryside is the setting for this new edition, illustrated with beautifully composed watercolors that convey all the action and drama of the duckling's quest for a place he belongs

THROUGH MY EYES

by Ruby Bridges

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590189239; \$16.95;

Norman Rockwell's portrait of a six-year-old walking to school between two U.S. Marshals became an icon of the Civil Rights movement in 1960. Here are Bridges' own words, enhanced by photographs and quotes from family, friends, and newspaper articles.

WESLANDIA

by Paul Fleischman

illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763600067; \$15.99;

Lush paintings washed in the light of endless summer illustrate the story of Wesley, who develops an entire culture - clothing, language, food - around the strange plants growing in his backyard.

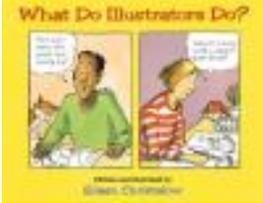
WHAT A TRULY COOL WORLD

by Julius Lester

illustrated by Joe Cepeda

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590864688; \$15.95;

Lester's God is at once wholly human and larger than life as he presides over a radiant heaven which includes post-it notes and angels with snap-on wings. Children will instantly recognize Shaniqua (the angel in charge of everybody's business) and feel right at home.

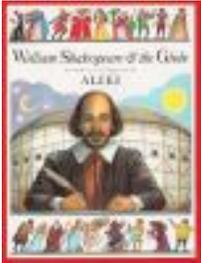


WHAT DO ILLUSTRATORS DO?

by Eileen Christelow

Clarion; ISBN: 0395902304; \$15;

Two illustrators choose different styles, perspectives and characters as they retell "Jack and the Beanstalk," offering readers an inside look at the creation of a picture book. Companion volume to What Do Authors Do?



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE & THE GLOBE

HarperCollins; ISBN: 006027820X; \$15.95;

Presented as a play, complete with acts and asides, accompanied by highly detailed line and wash illustrations, the story of Shakespeare - his life, works, and times - joins the contemporary story of Sam Wanamaker, actor and director, whose passionate leadership rebuilt the Globe.

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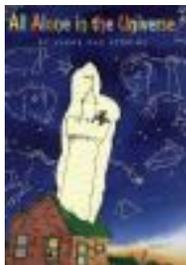
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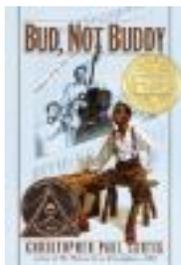


ALL ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

by Lynne Rae Perkins

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688168817; \$16;

This wry text with its quirky line drawings captures the exquisite pain that comes from being dumped by your best friend when you are thirteen.



BUD, NOT BUDDY

by Christopher Paul Curtis

Delacorte; ISBN: 0385323069; \$15.95;

Bud runs away from a cruel foster home to find the man he knows must be his father. Depression era Michigan is the setting for this funny, sad, surprising novel bursting with memorable characters.



COUGAR

by Helen V. Griffith

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688163378; \$15;

Nickel hopes to get a new start when his aunt and her husband Joe take him to visit Joe's parents. The ghost of Joe's horse, appearing only to Nickel and Joe's father, effects a transformation that changes everyone in this subtle, fast-paced story.



DAVE AT NIGHT

by Gail Carson Levine

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0060281537; \$15.95;

Lively writing and plenty of action reveal the contrasting worlds of irrepressible Dave, who is stuck in an orphanage with a sadistic director and food-stealing bullies by day but escapes at night to join writers and artists of the Harlem Renaissance.

DIVE! MY ADVENTURES IN THE DEEP FRONTIER

by Sylvia A. Earle

National Geographic Society; ISBN: 0792271440; \$18.95;

Meet a traveler to Earth's most mysterious frontier. In scuba gear, diving suits, and underwater labs, Dr. Earle has spent her life exploring unknown ocean depths. Splendid photos document her autobiographical journey.

FIRE IN THEIR EYES: WILDFIRES AND THE PEOPLE WHO FIGHT THEM

by Karen Magnuson Beil and Karen Magnuson Beil

Harcourt Brace; ISBN: 0152010424; \$10;

Feel the heat of the fire through crisp photographs and gripping text as you discover the complex world of wildfires and the courageous men and women who battle them.

FRANCIE

by Karen English

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374324565; \$16;

Daily life holds little joy for "Negros" in 1930's Noble, Alabama. Only the promise of a better life in Chicago keeps Francie, her mother, and little brother going through the sickness, injustice, and fear so clearly and authentically portrayed here.

GETTING NEAR TO BABY

by Audrey Couloubis

Putnam; ISBN: 039923389X; \$17.99;

As Willa Jo sits on the roof of her bossy Aunt Patty's house, she slowly reveals the story of her family's grief at the death of her baby sister. Told with humor and peopled with unforgettable characters.

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

by J. K. Rowling

ISBN: 0439064864; \$17.95;

Book two of the continuing epic of the world's most famous wizard. Harry, Hermione, and Ron again take on the forces of darkness in a magical tale that is at once funny, frightening, and fantastic.

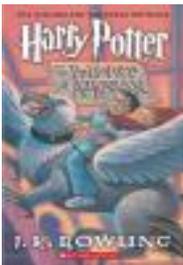


HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

by J. K. Rowling

ISBN: 0439136350; \$19.95;

Book three of the continuing epic of the world's most famous wizard. Harry, Hermione, and Ron again take on the forces of darkness in a magical tale that is at once funny, frightening, and fantastic.



IN SEARCH OF THE SPIRIT: THE LIVING NATIONAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

by Sheila Hamanaka and Ayano Ohmi

Morrow; ISBN: 0688146074; \$16;

An exploration of Japanese culture through the description of the continual study and hard work of six artisans who have achieved an extraordinary level of excellence in the pursuit of their crafts and performing arts.

IN THE SHADE OF THE NISPERO TREE

by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand

Orchard; ISBN: 0531301540; \$15.95;

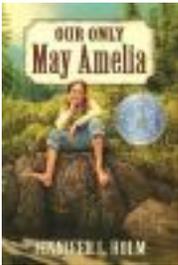
Teresa and Ana's friendship is threatened by the ambitious and unintentional cruelty of Teresa's mother. A story of prejudice and discrimination set in 1960's Puerto Rico.

OUR ONLY MAY AMELIA

by Jennifer L. Holm

ISBN: 0060278226; \$15.95;

Life in a Finnish-American logging community at the turn of the last century in remote Washington state is not easy for a girl with seven brothers, but our only May Amelia has learned that survival requires humor as well as determination.

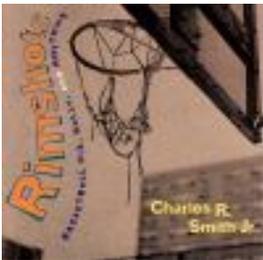


RIMSHOTS: BASKETBALL PIX, ROLLS, AND RHYTHM

by Charles R. Smith

Dutton; ISBN: 0525460993; \$15.99;

Swish! The sweet sound of the ball going through the hoop is heard in this slim volume combining contemporary poems, stories and reflections with sepia-tone pictures and unusual type fonts to produce images that are as dynamic as the game. sports



SKELLIG

by David Almond

Delacorte; ISBN: 038532653X; \$15.95;

In this mysterious, poetic novel, two children form an unlikely friendship as they seek to protect a strange cobweb-covered creature—could it be an angel?—which they find in a crumbling garage.

STOCKINGS OF BUTTERMILK: AMERICAN FOLKTALES

illustrated by Jacqueline Mair

edited by Neil Philip

Clarion; ISBN: 0395849802; \$20;

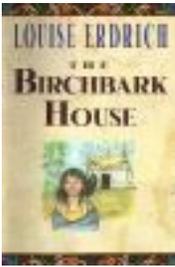
Each of the sixteen diverse stories collected here retains the unique flavor of its teller in this well-documented sampler. Bright, quilt-like illustrations bind the parts into a pretty and pleasing whole.

STRUDEL STORIES

by Joanne Rocklin

Delacorte; ISBN: 0385326025; \$14.95;

Seven generations of a Jewish family hear stories of their family history, all told while making apple strudel.



THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE

by Louise Erdrich

Hyperion; ISBN: 0786803002; \$14.99;

Through the eyes of an exuberant Ojibwa girl, readers experience the thrill of the rice harvest and other seasonal celebrations, the daily joys and frustrations of family life in 1847, and the fearsome changes coming to her Lake Superior island home with the "chimookomanug," the white people.

THE BIRTHDAY ROOM

by Kevin Henkes

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688167330; \$15;

Two birthday gifts – a room and a letter – raise expectations for Ben and his mother that neither is ready to face. A skillfully crafted glimpse into the ordinary and extraordinary events of one family's past and present.

THE FOLK KEEPER

by Franny Billingsley

Atheneum; ISBN: 0689828764; \$16;

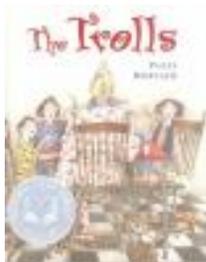
Corinna the folk keeper (a magical servant duty-bound to appease the forces of darkness) must steer a path between danger and birthright in this richly poetic tale set in Victorian England. An affirmation of the adolescent struggle to grow up whole in a compartmentalized world.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN MOTEL

by Morse Hamilton

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688168140; \$16;

Spending the summer out west with his new stepfather, eleven-year-old Dal makes new friends, earns some money and rescues his stepfather from a poisonous snake, in a story notable for quiet humor and carefully drawn characters.

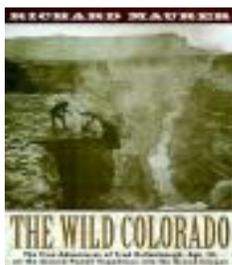


THE TROLLS

by Polly Horvath

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374377871; \$16;

Family history unfolds for the Anderson children when eccentric Aunt Sally comes to baby-sit. While their parents vacation in Paris, Melissa, Amanda and PeeWee are introduced with humor and poignancy to the fun and peril of eating new foods, and the dark danger of trolls.

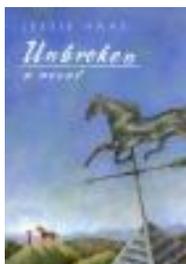


THE WILD COLORADO: THE TRUE ADVENTURES OF FRED DELLENBAUGH, AGE 17, ON THE SECOND POWELL EXPEDITION INTO THE GRAND CANYON

by Richard Maurer

Crown; ISBN: 0517709457; \$18;

Handsome design shows off this account of Major Powell's little-known return trip to the Grand Canyon. Based on a teenager's diary and illustrated with photos, maps, and the young man's previously unpublished "continuous drawings" of the landscape.



UNBROKEN: A NOVEL

by Jessie Haas

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688162606; \$15;

Set in 1910 Vermont, this perceptive and satisfying story of understanding, patience and sympathy is told through orphaned Harriet's struggle to go to school, handle her obstreperous horse, and deal with her harsh, humorless Aunt Sarah.

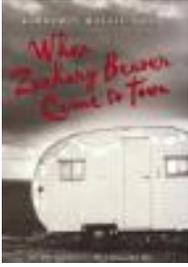
WHEN THE BEGINNING BEGAN : STORIES ABOUT GOD, THE CREATURES, AND US

by Julius Lester

illustrated by Emily Lisker

Silver Whistle; ISBN: 0152012389; \$17;

A unique African American approach to the ancient Jewish tradition of Midrash – the explication of biblical teaching. This retelling of stories from the Book of Genesis pairs a lively and imaginative text with shimmering, sensual folk art illustrations.



WHEN ZACHARY BEAVER CAME TO TOWN

by Kimberly Willis Holt

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805061169; \$16.95;

When the fattest boy in the world shows up in tiny Antler, Texas, the dreams of everyone in town change forever. A novel populated with quirky characters and lots of heart.

YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, JULIUS ZIMMERMAN

by Claudia Mills

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374387087; \$16;

Julius's dismal sixth-grade performance has resulted in his mother's disciplined program for the summer: intensive French and babysitting three-year-old tyrant Edison Blue in a funny novel that accurately depicts adolescent boy behavior.

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BABE DIDRICKSON ZAHARIAS: THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION

by Russell Freedman

Clarion; ISBN: 0395633672; \$18;

In a year that saw the U.S. women's soccer team win the World Cup, here is a portrait of the woman whose athletic ability ranks her among the best of the 20th century.

HARD LOVE

by Ellen Wittlinger

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 0689821344; \$16.95;

Feeling isolated from family and friends, John focuses his attention on his 'zine until he meets a "Puerto-Rican Cuban Yankee Lesbian" and learns a hard lesson about love.

MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE: HER PICTURES WERE HER LIFE

by Susan Goldman Rubin

Harry N Abrams; ISBN: 0810943816; \$19.95;

At a time when photojournalism was not considered an appropriate career for women, Bourke-White's startling ability and brash personality propelled her onto the pages of the most important magazines of her time. Fittingly, the focus here is on her work, with 56 well-chosen, beautifully reproduced photographs.

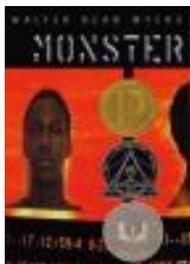
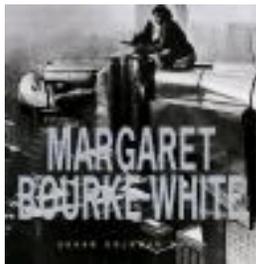
MONSTER

by Walter Dean Myers

illustrated by Christopher Myers

ISBN: 0064407314; \$15.95;

On trial for felony murder, 16-year old Steve Harmon writes a screenplay and keeps a journal as he struggles to understand the events that led him to this point. A dramatic, emotionally charged and creatively formatted novel.



NECKING WITH LOUISE

by Rick Book

Red Deer; ISBN: 0889951942; \$7.95;

Seven short stories, ranging from a first date to a pounding hockey game to a first job away from home, introduce the reader to Eric and his growing realization of a world beyond his small, 1965, Saskatchewan town.

QUIET STORM: VOICES FROM YOUNG BLACK POETS

collected by Lydia Okuturo

Jump at the Sun; ISBN: 0786804610; \$16.99;

Poetry selections by, for, and about young African-Americans that speak with simplicity, eloquence, and insight about growing up, being black, and finding one's place in the world.



SPEAK

by Laurie Halse Anderson

ISBN: 0374371520; \$16;

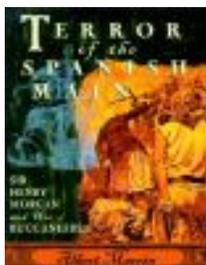
Melinda Sordino's inner voice provides sardonic commentary on her high school experience, while her real self remains mute about a painful incident that has made her an outcast.

TERROR OF THE SPANISH MAIN: SIR HENRY MORGAN AND HIS BUCCANEERS

by Albert Marrin

Dutton; ISBN: 0525459421; \$19.99;

Murder, plunder and high adventure were all part of the brutal life of a real seventeenth century pirate.



THE ADVENTURES OF BLUE AVENGER: A NOVEL

by Norma Howe

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805060626; \$15.95;

The morning of his 16th birthday, David Schumacher changes his name to "Blue Avenger" and begins his fight to abolish handguns, win the love of Omaha Nebraska Brown, discover the secret of weepless lemon meringue pie, and learn to control fate. A quirky, comic, smart novel.



THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

by Stephen Chbosky

Pocket Books; ISBN: 0671027344; \$12;

Charlie teeters on the edge of peer acceptance and sanity, sharing his thoughts and fears about life, love, sex, and family through letters to an anonymous friend.



TIES THAT BIND, TIES THAT BREAK

by Lensey Namioka

Delacorte; ISBN: 0385326661; \$15.95;

Refusing to have her feet bound as a child, Ailin catapults her life into a world of isolation from her family and Chinese culture.

WHAT ARE YOU? VOICES OF MIXED-RACE YOUNG PEOPLE

edited by Pearl Fuyo Gaskins

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805059687; \$18.95;

In essay, interview and poetry, 45 mixed-race young people speak out about growing up outside traditional racial boundaries. Disturbing, frank, witty and heartfelt.

WHITECHURCH

by Chris Lynch

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0060283300; \$14.95;

The story of three teenage friends, told in blank verse and prose, who struggle to stay together as one leaves for college and another collapses into madness.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS ***[AUDIOBOOK]***

by J. K. Rowling
read by Jim Dale

Listening Library; ISBN: 0807281948; \$49.95;

The humor and drama of the orphaned Harry's life at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry is enhanced by a superb, fully voiced reading. The giant Hagrid, Professor McGonagall, and all the amazing characters peopling this fantasy world spring to life as Dale creates distinctive inflections using regional British accents in his vigorous interpretations of these soon-to-be classics.

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE ***[AUDIOBOOK]***

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Listening Library; ISBN: 0807281956; \$45.95;

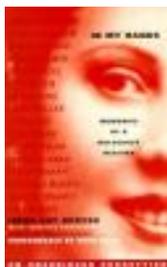
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IN MY HANDS: MEMORIES OF A HOLOCAUST RESCUER

by Irene Gut Opdyke and Jennifer Armstrong

BDD Audio; ISBN: 0553526588; \$25.95;

This simply told but heart-stopping Holocaust memoir amply demonstrates Opdyke's conviction that courage is little more than a decision, and that heroism begins by taking a single step. The author's own voice brackets her story, read by the aptly youthful voice of Hope Davis, helping to move the listener from the present day into the nightmare of the Holocaust.



RAMONA'S WORLD

by Beverly Cleary

read by Stockard Channing

Listening Library; ISBN: 0807281735; \$18;

Ta da! Ramona returns after a 15-year hiatus: scabby-kneed, determinedly fair, anxious to love and be loved, hardheaded, quick to forgive both her own faults and those she sees all too clearly in others. Superbly rendered by Channing's matter-of-fact narration creating once again, with incredible accuracy, the familiar, distinctive voices of Ramona and her friends.

THE GATE IN THE WALL

by Ellen Howard

read by Jenny Sterlin

Recorded Books; ISBN: 0788738917; \$30;

A rich and energetic picture of life along the canals of Victorian England unfolds in this story of a spirited young girl whose chance encounter with the world outside her town brings new meaning and adventure to her formerly drab existence. The fully voiced reading perfectly creates the sense of time and place, expanding the book's experience for young listeners unfamiliar with the sounds of this remarkable community.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

by Philip Pullman

read by Philip Pullman

Listening Library; ISBN: 0807281808; \$35;

The perfect tale for wickedly cold weather, this full cast recording is flawlessly led by the author as narrator. The actors' voices perfectly suit young Lyra and her friends and enemies as they journey to the top of the world along with giant armored polar bears, clouds of witches, and shape-shifting daemons. Forces of cruelty and courage blend in a sweeping Victorian fantasy.

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