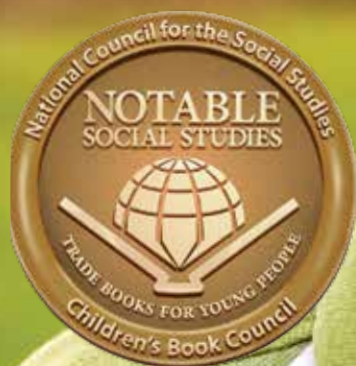


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TRADE BOOKS FOR
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2014



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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 2013 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.cbcbooks.org/membership/member-list. 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 *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies: A Framework for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment*, to which the book relates.

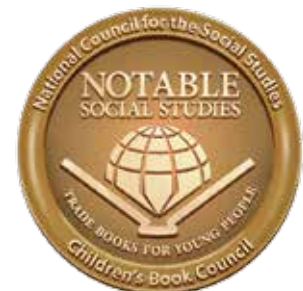
THEMATIC STRANDS OF THE NCSS CURRICULUM STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

- 1 CULTURE
- 2 TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- 3 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- 4 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- 5 INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- 6 POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- 7 PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- 8 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- 9 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- 10 CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Parts of a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with the Athena's owl 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 2013 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. 3 5




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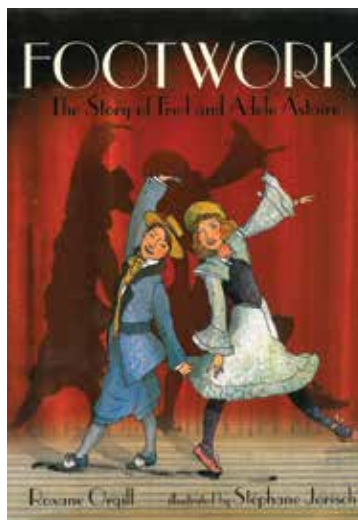
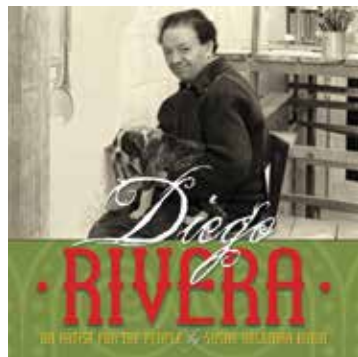
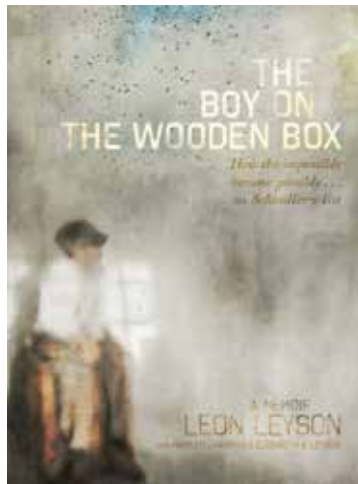
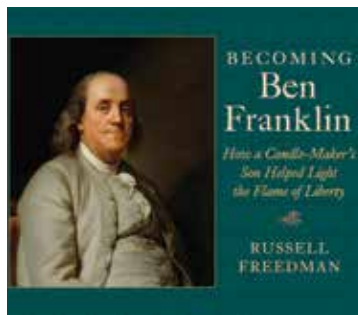
Biography

ANNE FRANK'S CHESTNUT TREE. Jane Kohuth. Illustrated by Elizabeth Sayles. Random House Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-307-97579-9, \$3.99. (P, I) This simple biography introduces young readers to Anne Frank. The book focuses on how Anne Frank has become a worldwide inspiration, and includes concepts like war and racism in an age-appropriate way. Author's Note. (QPR) ④ ⑤ ⑥

THE BEATLES WERE FAB (AND THEY WERE FUNNY). Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer. Illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-50991-4, \$16.99. (I) While cracking jokes and sporting shaggy hairstyles, the Beatles changed the world of music for an entire generation. This informational book shines a light on the humorous side of the "Fab Four." Bibliography, Timeline. (SD) ②

BECOMING BEN FRANKLIN: HOW A CANDLE-MAKER'S SON HELPED LIGHT THE FLAME OF LIBERTY. Russell Freedman. Holiday House. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-823-42374-3, \$24.95. (I, M) Lively writing and skillful interweaving of primary source illustrations make this informational text a winner. Freedman, an accomplished writer, manages to find new things to say about Franklin. Timeline, Source Notes, Picture Credits, Selected Bibliography, Index. (JAW) ③ ② ④

 **THE BOY ON THE WOODEN BOX: HOW THE IMPOSSIBLE BECAME POSSIBLE ... ON SCHINDLER'S LIST.** Leon Leyson with Marilyn J. Harran and Elisabeth B. Leyson. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-442-49781-8, \$16.99. (I, M) This is the moving, first-person account of a young boy who survived the Holocaust. Leyson describes his family's survival during World War II and his life in the factory of Oskar Schindler. Map of Germany/Poland. Author's Epilogue. Primary Sources (list and many family photos.) Afterword, Acknowledgements, Resources. (JAW) ② ⑤ ①



BRAVE GIRL: CLARA AND THE SHIRTWAIST MAKERS' STRIKE OF 1909. Michelle Markel. Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Balzer & Bray, HarperCollins. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-061-80442-7, \$17.99. (P) Clara Lemlich was a Ukrainian immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history. This engaging picture book addresses issues of immigration, activism, and the U.S. garment industry. Notes, Selected Bibliography (KAB) ② ⑤ ⑥

DIEGO RIVERA: AN ARTIST FOR THE PEOPLE. Susan Goldman Rubín. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 56pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-810-98411-0, \$21.95. (I, M) This biography explores the art and philosophy of the Mexican artist through his life story, and highlights motivation and political background to his greatest accomplishments as a public artist. Author's Notes, Glossary, Source Notes, Bibliography, Art Credits, Index. (QPR) ① ⑤ ⑨

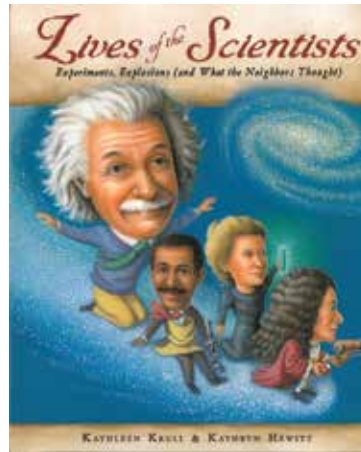
THE FAVORITE DAUGHTER. Allen Say. Arthur A. Levine Books, Scholastic. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-17662-0, \$17.99. (P). Yuriko is embarrassed when she is teased in art class about her blonde hair and Japanese name. But her father helps her learn to appreciate her biracial ancestry and to embrace her creativity. (TB) ④ ①

FLYING SOLO: HOW RUTH ELDER SOARED INTO AMERICA'S HEART. Julie Cummins. Illustrated by Malene R. Laugesen. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-596-43509-4, \$17.99. (P, I) Before Amelia Earhart there was Ruth Elder—beauty queen, movie star, and aviatrix! This informational book details Ruth's work to overcome 1920s stereotypes about women and pave the way for today's female aviators. Author's Note, Sources, Further Reading. (SD) ① ②

FOOTWORK: THE STORY OF FRED AND ADELE ASTAIRE. Roxane Orgill. Illustrated by Stéphane Joris. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-66460-2, \$14.99. (I, M) This biography picture book describes the rise of brother-and-sister dancing team Fred and Adele Astaire. Though Adele was considered the "real" dancer of the family, Fred worked desperately hard to match her talent and soon earned a reputation as one of the best dancers of his time. Author's Note, Index, Further Reading, Filmography, Other Resources (KSH) ① ③ ⑤

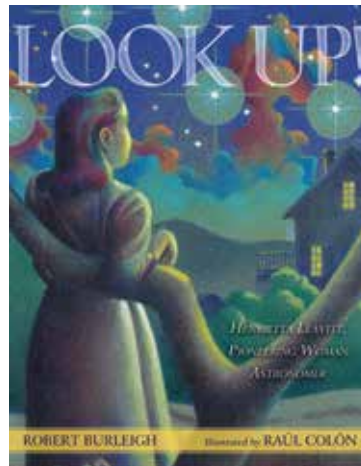
**LIVES OF THE SCIENTISTS:
EXPERIMENTS, EXPLOSIONS (AND
WHAT THE NEIGHBORS THOUGHT).**

Kathleen Krull. Illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-152-05909-5, \$20.99. (I, M). This whimsically illustrated informational text contains accessible and brief profiles of 20 scientists from diverse fields of study and many regions of the world. Additional Facts, Further Reading Recommendations. (TB) 8 4



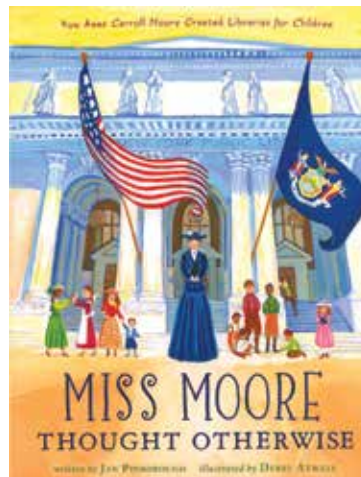
**LOOK UP! HENRIETTA LEAVITT,
PIONEERING WOMAN ASTRONOMER.**

Robert Burleigh. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Paula Wiseman Books, Simon & Schuster. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-416-95819-2, \$16.99. (I, M) In this beautifully illustrated biography of Henrietta Leavitt, Burleigh describes the challenges faced by women at the turn of the twentieth century as well as Henrietta Leavitt's achievement. Her work led to a better understanding of the size of the universe. Afterword, Selected Bibliography, Glossary. (KAB) 2 5 8



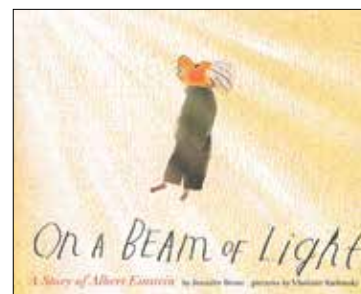
**LOUISA MAY'S BATTLE: HOW THE CIVIL
WAR LED TO LITTLE WOMEN.**

Kathleen Krull. Illustrated by Carlyn Beccia. Walker Children's, Bloomsbury. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-802-79668-4, \$16.99. (I) Civil War nurse Louisa May Alcott wrote letters home describing her work caring for wounded soldiers. These letters were the foundation for her later successful writing of *Little Women*. Sources, Maps, Bibliography. (CAT) 4 5



**MISS MOORE THOUGHT OTHERWISE:
HOW ANNE CARROLL MOORE CREATED
LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN.**

Jan Pinborough. Illustrated by Debby Atwell. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-47105-1, \$16.99. (I) Libraries were once not considered a place for children. That is, until Anne Carroll Moore came along and worked to change how Americans (including children!) thought about libraries. Bibliography. (ATC) 5 2



**MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS:
THE QUEST OF DR. PAUL FARMER, A
MAN WHO WOULD CURE THE WORLD.**

Tracy Kidder. Random House. 332pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-812-98055-4, \$18.00. (M, H). Adapted for adolescent readers, this book chronicles the work of humanitarian doctor Paul Farmer as he travels to poor countries bringing modern health care to those who need it most. Author's Note. (TB) 9 8

NELSON MANDELA.

Kadir Nelson. Katherine Tegen Books, HarperCollins. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-061-78374-6, \$17.99. (I). Combining sparse text and powerful paintings, this picture book biography traces a lifetime of struggle against the racist system of apartheid and the ultimate triumph of the great South African leader. Author's Note, Bibliography. (TB) 4 10 6

**ON A BEAM OF LIGHT: A STORY OF
ALBERT EINSTEIN.**

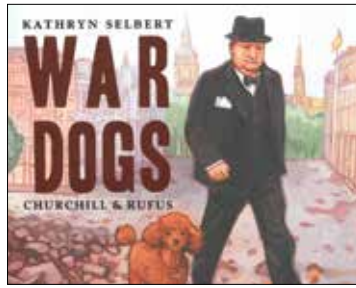
Jennifer Berne. Illustrated by Vladimir Radunsky. Chronicle Books. 56pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-811-87235-5, \$17.99. (P, I, M) Even as a very young boy, Albert Einstein was fascinated with a myriad of ideas and possibilities. Though his behavior was often questioned, he grew up to be one of the most revolutionary scientific minds of all time. Author's Note, Additional Notes, Website (KSH) 2 3 8

**PAPA IS A POET:
A STORY ABOUT ROBERT FROST.**

Natalie S. Bober. Illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon. Henry Holt, Macmillan. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-805-09407-7, \$17.99. (P) Told through the eyes of his daughter, Lesley, this story describes the life and poetry of Robert Frost, with a focus on his family's early life on their farm. Bober incorporates verses from his work that demonstrate his love for his wife and children. Author's Notes, Robert Frost Quotations, Poems, Photographs, Bibliography. (SD) 1 2

WAR DOGS: CHURCHILL AND RUFUS.

Kathryn Selbert. Charlesbridge. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-580-89414-2, \$17.95. (I) Selbert chronicles events of World War II London through the great bond between Winston Churchill and his miniature brown poodle, Rufus. This is an excellent biography of Churchill for young readers. Timeline of World War II, Author's Notes on Churchill and poodles, and on Churchill himself, Bibliographies, a Webliography, and Quotation Sources. (JAW) ① ②



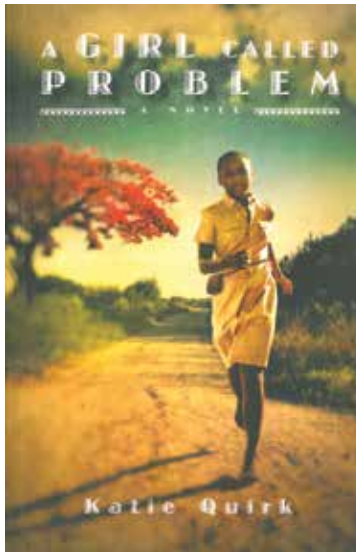
WHEN THE BEAT WAS BORN: DJ KOOL HERC AND THE CREATION OF HIP HOP.

La-ban Carrick Hill. Illustrated by Theodore Taylor III. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-596-43540-7, \$17.99. (P, I) A walk through music history, this picture-book biography introduces one of the pioneers of hip hop, Clive Campbell, whose legacy of social commentary in rap and contemporary hip hop continues. Author's Note, Bibliography, Webliography, Filmography. (CAT). ① ④



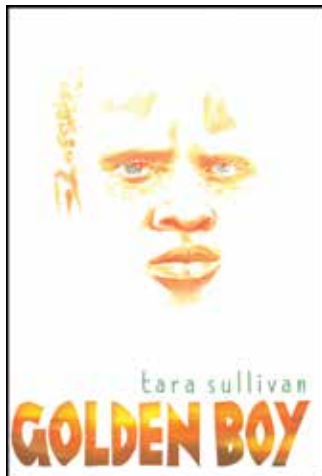
WHO SAYS WOMEN CAN'T BE DOCTORS? THE STORY OF ELIZABETH BLACKWELL.

Tanya Lee Stone. Illustrated by Marjorie Priceman. Christy Ottaviano Books, Macmillan. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-80590482, \$17.99. (P, I, M) Set in the early nineteenth century, this riveting biography describes the determination of Elizabeth Blackwell, who would become the first American female doctor. This is a wonderful tale of overcoming obstacles. Author's Note, Bibliography. (KSH) ② ④



YOU NEVER HEARD OF WILLIE MAYS?!

Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Terry Widener. Schwartz & Wade, Random House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86844-3, \$17.99. (P) This wonderful picture biography follows baseball great Willie Mays from his childhood in Birmingham to playing in the Negro Leagues and then the Majors. The book presents Mays's career as a center fielder for the New York Giants with highlights and statistics in a sidebar ticket format. Author's Note, Glossary. (CAT) ① ④



Contemporary Concerns



ENRIQUE'S JOURNEY: THE TRUE STORY OF A BOY DETERMINED TO REUNITE WITH HIS MOTHER.

Sonia Nazario. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, Random House. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-74327-3, \$16.99. (M, H) A gut-wrenching and impossible-to-put-down book about a teen's desperate attempt to leave his home in Honduras to reunite with his mother who illegally entered the United States. Author's Note. (KMB) ② ④ ⑥

EXCLAMATION MARK.

Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld. Scholastic Press. 56pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-43679-3, \$17.99. (P) This visual and imaginative tale of the exuberant punctuation mark is a story about fitting in, finding a sense of purpose, and self-acceptance. (MOS) ④ ⑩

FLOOD.

Alvaro F. Villa. Capstone Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-623-70001-0, \$15.95. (P, I) This wordless picture book is a gripping story of a family's preparations for a storm. From boarding up the windows, to the decision to evacuate, the depiction of devastation and the process of restoring their home is riveting. (CAT) ③

A GIRL CALLED PROBLEM.

Katie Quirk. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 256pp. Paperback ISBN 978-0-8028-5404-9, \$8.00. (M, H) The controversial decision by a village elder to move Shida's Tanzanian village to another village causes unexpected problems for its residents, leaving them caught between modernization and tradition. Shida, hopeful for the opportunity of an education, must reassure the villagers after numerous unfortunate events. Author's Note, Glossary. (KMB) ① ② ⑤



GOLDEN BOY.

Tara Sullivan. Putnam Juvenile, Penguin Young Readers Group. 368pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-39916112-4, \$16.99. (H) This riveting story dealing with prejudice against albinos in Tanzania is centered on 13-year-old Habo, a runaway searching for acceptance. Along the way, Habo encounters poachers who want to sell his body parts for luck. Glossary, Video Suggestions (JC) ④ ③ ⑥ ①

IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE.

Eric Gansworth. Arthur A. Levine Books, Scholastic. 368pp. 978-0-545-41730-3, \$17.99. (M, H) Lewis “Shoe” Blake lives on the Tuscarora Reservation in upstate New York in 1975, at a time when tensions exist between Native Americans and whites. His friendship with a boy from the Air Force base is difficult and often strained. Discography. (KSH) ① ③ ④

KNOCK KNOCK: MY DAD’S DREAM FOR ME.

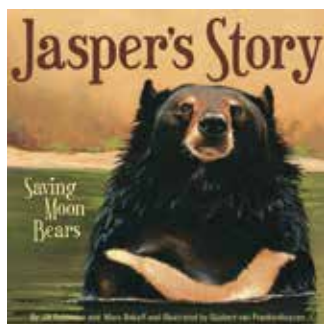
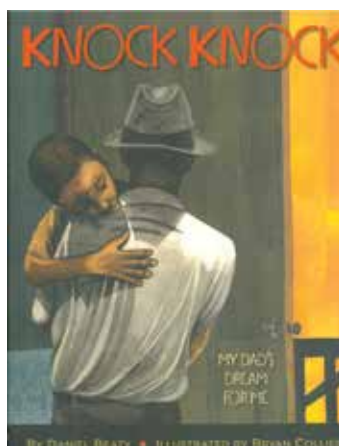
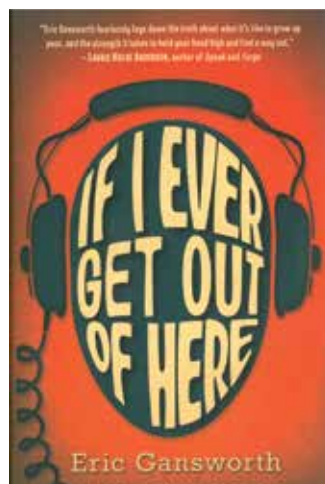
Daniel Beaty. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-20917-5, \$18.00. (P) A boy struggles with the sudden absence of his father. He refuses to be comforted until a note helps him to grow past the pain and move forward. Author’s Note, Illustrator’s Note. (QPR) ④ ③

Fred Hiatt. Delacorte Press, Random House. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-74273-3, \$17.99. (H) High-schooler Ethan travels across the globe to Hong Kong and beyond to help his friend Tianna find her missing activist father. Their desperate search sheds light on many of the political issues that exist in current U.S-China relations. Epilogue, Background Notes, Author’s Note. (SD) ⑥ ⑨ ②

Edited by Mitali Perkins. Candlewick Press. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65866-3, \$15.99. (M, H) Ten young adult authors, using a variety of writing styles, describe what life was like growing up in a different culture or race and the unique perspectives this provided them. (KMB) ① ④ ⑤

Aaron Hartzler. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 400pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-09465-8, \$17.99. (H) This memoir chronicles the author’s conflicted feelings about his parents’ Evangelical Christian faith and describes the teenage Aaron’s growing rebellion and search to determine his own beliefs. Author’s Note. (JC) ④ ① ③ ⑤

Jennifer Brown. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9780316209724, \$15.99. (H) A very poignant story about sexting and



current issues teens face today as well as a revealing personal journey for the narrator. Consequences, impulsivity, and texting are all examined in depth, making it a very relevant read. Author’s Note, Conversation with the Author. (JC) ④ ③ ⑧

David Massey. Chicken House, Scholastic. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-49645-2, \$17.99. (H) This book offers a unique perspective on the war in Afghanistan. Ellie, the main character, is a young, British medic who is partnered with a group of Navy SEALs. Author’s Note (KAB) ⑤ ⑥

Environment/ Energy/Ecology

Jonathan Bean. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Macmillan. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-38023-6, \$17.99. (P, I) Based on the author’s experience, this fictionalized picture book tells the story of a family building their house from the ground up while they live in a small trailer for a year and a half. Author’s Note and Photos. (KSH) ② ③

Brenda Guiberson. Illustrated by Gennady Spirin. Henry Holt, Macmillan. 36pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-805-09254-7, \$17.99. (P, I, M) Elaborate, realistic frog illustrations bring ecology, endangered frogs, and the environment to life. Sounds of the ecosystems and details of each type of frog’s life illuminate the importance of preserving the earth. Bibliography, Frog Facts Online. Informational Text (KON) ⑧

Jill Robinson and Marc Bekoff. Illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear Press. 40pp. Library ISBN 978-1-585-36798-6, \$16.99. (P, I) Jasper, a moon bear from China, was kept in abusive conditions for 15 years while his bile was collected and used in traditional medicine. This heart-wrenching true story follows Jasper’s progress from wariness to wellness. Afterword (KAB) ③ ⑤ ⑩

Amy Timberlake. Yearling, Random House. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86925-9, Paperback ISBN

978-0-375-87345-4 \$16.99. (I, M) Set in Wisconsin in 1871, this mystery about life in the West follows a young, outspoken girl as she sets out across the unforgiving frontier to find her missing sister. Author's Note, Source List. (JC) ③ ⑤ ② ④



SERAFINA'S PROMISE.

Ann E. Burg. Scholastic. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-53564-9, \$16.99. (M, H) In this beautiful story told in verse, Serafina must overcome the poverty and natural disasters of her home country of Haiti if she wants to become a doctor. Haitian Creole Alphabet and Pronunciation Guide, Glossary of Foreign Phrases. (SD) ③ ① ⑨

THE TREE LADY: THE TRUE STORY OF HOW ONE TREE-LOVING WOMAN CHANGED A CITY FOREVER. H. Joseph Hopkins.

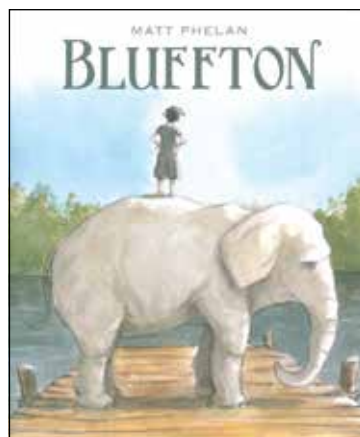
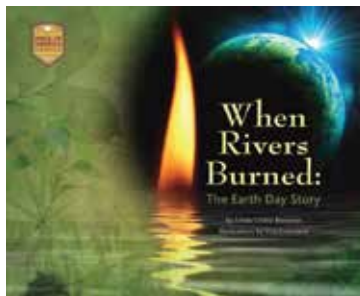
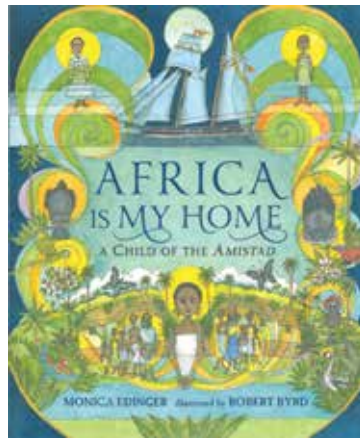
Illustrated by Jill McElmurry. Beach Lane Books, Simon & Schuster. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-442-41402-0, \$16.99. (P, I, M) In 1881, with a degree in science from the University of California, Kate Sessions arrives in San Diego to begin teaching. She finds the city devoid of trees and greenery and becomes determined to change that. Author's Note. (KSH) ② ③ ⑩

TUKI AND MOKA: A TALE OF TWO TAMARINS. Judy Young. Illustrated by Jim Madsen. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Library ISBN 978-1-585-36795-5, \$16.99. (I)

Eduardo, a young boy in Ecuador, helps his family earn a living by collecting nuts in the Amazon rainforest. Confronted with poachers, Eduardo must summon his courage to help his animal friends escape. Author's Note. (SD) ③ ⑨

WHEN RIVERS BURNED: THE EARTH DAY STORY. Linda Crotta Brennan. Illustrated by Lisa Greenleaf. Apprentice Shop Books. 80pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-9842549-9-6, \$24.95. (M) With primary documents and colorful photographs, this book describes the toxic state of America's landscape before two individuals, Senator Gaylord Nelson and student organizer Denis Hayes, changed attitudes and founded Earth Day in 1970. Glossary, Index, Timelines. (KMB) ③ ⑨ ⑩

WHERE ON EARTH? DK Publishing. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-465-40245-5. (P, I, M) An engaging atlas that covers not only geography, but almost any "wonders" of



the world, both present and past. The visuals are amazing and the facts included cover material many other atlases do not. This is an informational text. (JC) ③ ⑨ ⑧

**Geography/Peoples/
Places, Culture**

AFRICA IS MY HOME: A CHILD OF THE AMISTAD. Monica Edinger. Illustrated by Robert Byrd. Candlewick Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65038-4, \$17.99. (I, M) Inspired by a true account of a child who arrives in America on the slave ship *Amistad*, this first-person narrative recounts the strength and hope on the return journey home to Africa. Primary Source. (CAT) ① ⑥ ⑨

BLUFFTON: MY SUMMERS WITH BUSTER KEATON. Matt Phelan. Candlewick Press. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65079-7, \$22.99. (I, M) This graphic novel is told from the perspective of a Michigan boy named Henry. When a vaudeville troupe comes to town in 1908 with young, slapstick actor Buster Keaton, the boys become friends and each wants what the other has. A nostalgic tale about youth, envy, and perception. Author's Note, Photographs. (JC) ③ ②

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND THE AGE OF EXPLORATION FOR KIDS: WITH 21 ACTIVITIES. Ronald A. Reis. Chicago Review Press. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-613-74674-5, \$16.95. (M) This informational text examines Columbus's four voyages to the Americas and presents many little-known facts. Significant illustrations and activity ideas are included. Note to Readers, Timeline, Webliography, Glossary, Bibliography, Index. (MOS) ② ⑧ ③

DEEP IN THE SAHARA. Kelly Cunnane. Illustrated by Hoda Hadadi. Schwartz & Wade, Random House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-87034-7, \$17.99. (P) This beautifully illustrated picture book describes a young Mauritanian girl's desire to wear a *malafa*, a colorful cloth worn over the head and body, just as her mother and other women in her life do. A refreshingly positive view of this often-maligned Muslim apparel. Author's Note, Glossary. (KMB) ① ③ ④



GRANDMA AND THE GREAT GOURD: A BENGALI FOLK TALE.

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

Illustrated by Susy Pilgrim Waters. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-596-43378-6, \$17.99. (P, I) On her way to visit her daughter in a distant Indian village, Grandma perilously encounters fox, bear and tiger. They all want to eat her, but she is sly enough to outwit them all. (KSH) ① ② ③



HEALTHY KIDS.

Maya Ajmera, Victoria Dunning, and Cynthia Pon. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN

978-1-580-89436-4, \$17.95. (P, I) In this nonfiction selection, photographs showcase children from all over the world as they demonstrate how they stay healthy. This book can spark conversations about health, safety, and cultural differences and similarities. Foreword, Photo Credits. (MOS) ⑨ ③ ①

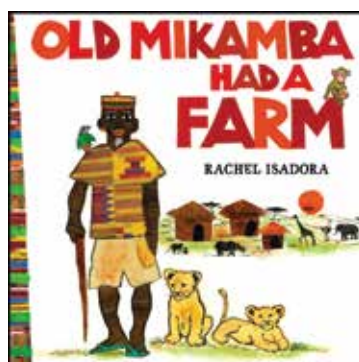
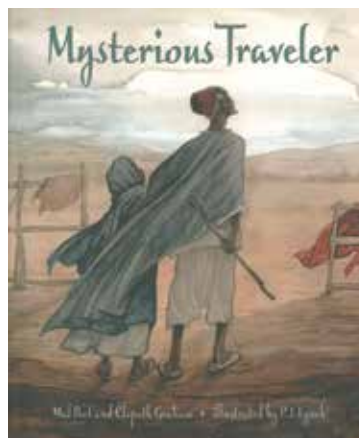
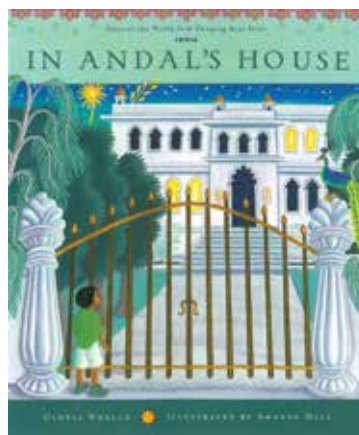
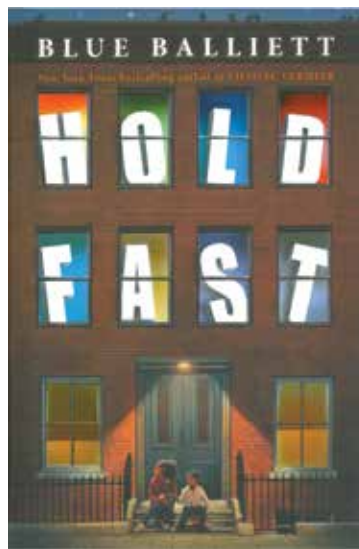
HOLD FAST. Blue Balliett. Scholastic Press. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-29988-6, \$17.99. (I, M) The story of a girl's search for her missing father and her family's perseverance as they fall into Chicago's shelter system. Many issues are explored, including homelessness and what people do to survive and keep their family intact. (JC) ① ② ③

IN ANDAL'S HOUSE.

Gloria Whelan. Illustrated by Amanda Hall. Sleeping Bear Press. 40pp. Library ISBN 978-1-585-36603-3, \$17.95. (P, I) Set during the annual Diwali celebration, this is a story of India past and present. Kumar is invited to the house of Andal (a high-caste Brahmin), where he faces caste discrimination. Author's Note, Glossary (KAB) ① ② ④

JIMMY THE JOEY: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMAZING KOALA RESCUE.

Susan Kelly and Deborah Lee Rose. National Geographic Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-426-31371-4, \$16.95. Library ISBN 978-1-426-31372-1, \$25.90. (P, I) Through photographs and text, follow the true story of Jimmy, an Australian Koala, as he is rescued from an accident and cared for by the team at the Koala Hospital. Bibliographic references, Map, Notes, Websites, Further information and Associations. (KSH) ③ ⑧ ⑨



MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER. Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. Illustrated by P.J. Lynch. Candlewick Press. 38pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-66232-5, \$15.99. (P, I) A lyrical tale set in the Sahara weaves together the story of intrepid traders in camel caravans, the guides who help them find their way, and a family's experience of loss and love. Beautifully illustrated. Authors' Note. (JAW) ③ ①

OLD MIKAMBA HAD A FARM. Rachel Isadora. Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Young Readers Group. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25740-7, \$17.99. (P). An African variation of a classic children's song in which the wild beasts of Old Mikamba's game park roar, bleat, and trill. Author's note provides facts on each featured animal. (TB) ③ ① ⑨

A SINGLE PEBBLE: A STORY OF THE SILK ROAD. Bonnie Christensen. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-715-9, \$17.99. (P) A young girl hands her father a small jade pebble to take on his travel along the Silk Road with a request that it be given to a child at the end of the road. Author's Note, Map Note (9th century/21st century), Useful Websites, Bibliography. (JAW) ⑨ ③ ①

THE WALL. William Sutcliffe. Walker Childrens, Bloomsbury. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-802-73492-1, \$17.99. (H) Thirteen-year-old Joshua discovers a tunnel and sets out to explore the other side of a high wall that is supposed to guard his town from the people on the other side. Set in a fictional place, this novel mirrors circumstances in the West Bank. Author's Note. (ATC) ④ ⑥ ③

THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU. Barbara Kerley. National Geographic Children's Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-426-31114-7, \$17.95. Library ISBN 978-1-426-31115-4, \$26.90. (P) While we encourage children to follow their dreams, this book shows children how to do just that by inspiring them to see the world with all new eyes and really go deep into their surroundings. (JC) ③ ⑨ ④


History/Life & Culture in the Americas

ALL THE TRUTH THAT'S IN ME.

Julie Berry. Viking Juvenile, Penguin Young Readers Group. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-78615-2, \$17.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1-848-77172-7, \$8.62. (H) Two girls disappear from a Puritan village; only one returns. Shunned by the community, she has a powerful story to tell—even if it unravels the few relationships she still has intact. (QPR) 4 5 6

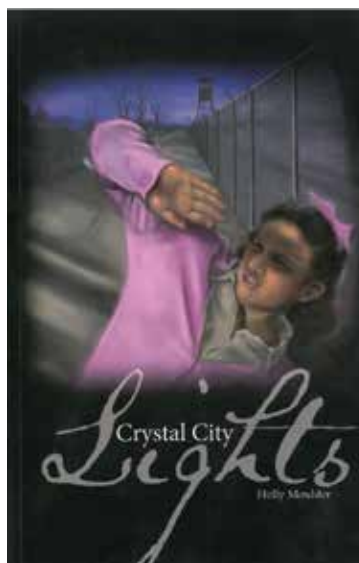
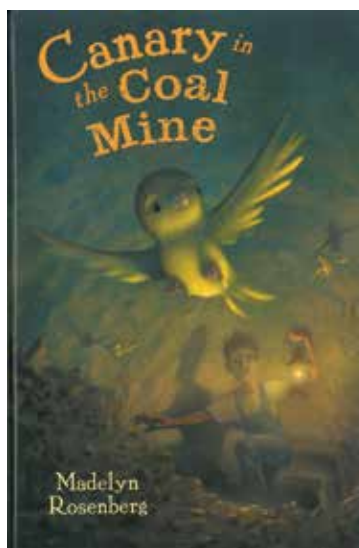
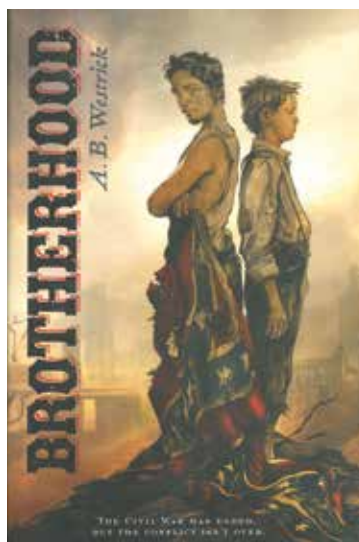
ANGEL ISLAND: GATEWAY TO GOLD MOUNTAIN.

Russell Freedman. Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-90378-1, \$17.99. (I) Evocative photographs and artifacts illustrate this account of Angel Island's Immigration Station, the "Ellis Island" of the West. This informational text features gripping first-person accounts and describes current preservation efforts. Author's Note, Source Notes, Selected Bibliography, Picture Credits, Index. (JAW) 1 2 5

 **BARBED WIRE BASEBALL.** *Marissa Moss.* Illustrated by Yuko Shimizu. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-70521-2, \$18.95. (I, M, H) A young, Japanese American boy dreams of playing professional baseball, but the attack on Pearl Harbor shatters his dreams and forces his family to an internment camp. This story is based on the life of Kenichi Zenimura, considered the father of Japanese American baseball. Afterword, Author's Note, Artist's Note, Bibliography, Websites, Index. (KON) 3 6

BECOMING BABE RUTH. *Matt Tavares.* Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65646-1, \$16.99. (I, M) Problem student George Herman "Babe" Ruth is sent to a boys' school. As he learns to follow rules and succeed in his new school, his prowess on the ball field is nurtured and develops, leading to stardom. Author's Note, Pitching and Hitting Stats, Bibliography. (KON) 7 8

BROTHERHOOD. *Anne B. Westrick.* Viking Juvenile, Penguin Young Readers Group. 368pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-01439-2, \$17.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-142-



42237-3, \$8.99. (M, H) This powerful look into situational ethics, self-identity, relationships, and the cost of allegiances, explores the life of a young boy coming of age in the South during the post-Civil War era. Map of Richmond 1867, A Note to the Reader, Author's Note. (MOS) 4 2 5

CANARY IN THE COAL MINE.

Madelyn Rosenberg. Holiday House. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-823-42600-3, \$16.95. (I, M). Bitty, a canary, works in a Depression-era coal mine detecting gas leaks. Determined to improve mining safety, Bitty journeys to the state capital to get help from legislators. Author's Note. (TB) 2 3

THE CART THAT CARRIED MARTIN.

Eve Bunting. Illustrated by Don Tate. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-580-89387-9, \$16.95. (P) A unique and fresh perspective on Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral procession as well as the lives he touched. His impact is shown through simple yet powerful language and illustrations. Informational Note. (JC) 2 3

COURAGE HAS NO COLOR, THE TRUE STORY OF THE TRIPLE NICKELS: AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK PARATROOPER.

Tanya Lee Stone. Candlewick Press. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65117-6, \$24.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-763-66548-7, \$17.99. (M, H). The role of African Americans in World War II is recounted through the experiences of America's first black paratroopers, the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (Triple Nickels). The enlisted black soldiers fight discrimination at home, segregation in the military, and injustice abroad. Author's Note. Selected Sources. (CAT) 1 4 5

CRYSTAL CITY LIGHTS.

Holly Moulder. Illustrated by Anthony Alex LeTourneau. Blue Marlin Publications. 190pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-988-52950-2, \$8.99. (M) Dottie's life is torn asunder when her father is accused of being a Nazi-sympathizer in the United States. Along with many others, her family is moved to an internment camp where they must make a new life for themselves. Foreword, Author's Note, The Jefferson Code, Sources. (SD) 2 10 6



EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION: LINCOLN AND THE DAWN OF LIBERTY.

Tonya Bolden. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-70390-4, \$24.95. (M) A description of the events that led to the Emancipation Proclamation. Bolden utilizes many primary sources to present varied perspectives on this important document in our nation's history. Bibliography, Glossary, Index, Timeline (KAB) 2 6

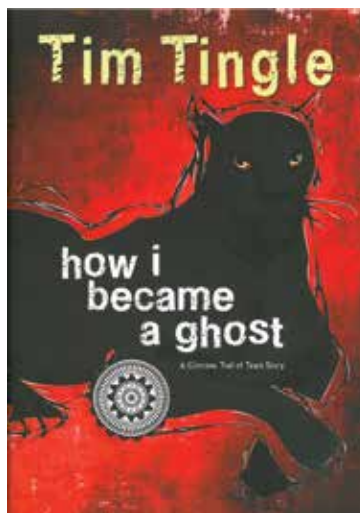
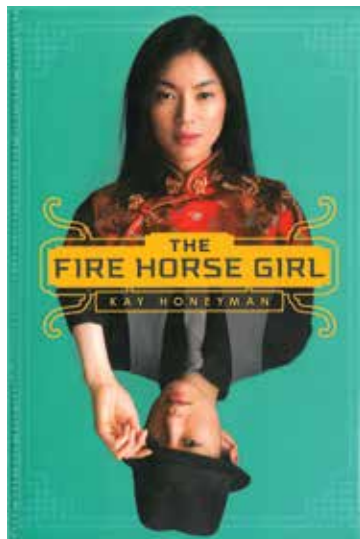
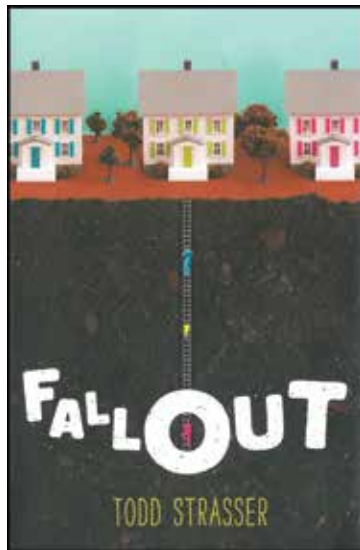
FALLOUT. *Todd Strasser. Candlewick Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65534-1, \$16.99. (M)* The Cuban Missile Crisis has everyone in the neighborhood talking about nuclear war, but only Scott's dad builds a bomb shelter for his family. Then the worst happens, and everyone wants to get in the shelter. Author's Note. (TB) 2

THE FIRE HORSE GIRL. *Kay Honeyman. Arthur A. Levine Books, Scholastic. 336pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-40310-8, \$17.99. (M)* Eager for adventure, a quick-witted, stubborn teenage girl moves from China to California with her father in 1923. She faces numerous challenges, including detention at Angel Island, betrayal, and the loss of her family. Author's Note. (QPR) 4 1 9

FISH FOR JIMMY: INSPIRED BY ONE FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE IN A JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMP.

Katie Yamasaki. Holiday House. 34pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-823-42375-0, \$16.95. (I) This is the compelling story of two Japanese American brothers following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. One brother loses his appetite in the internment camp and refuses to eat, the other sneaks out in search of fresh fish to entice his little brother to eat. Author's Note. (MOS) 3 2 10

THE GRANDDAUGHTER NECKLACE. *Sharon Dennis Wyeth. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Arthur A. Levine Books, Scholastic. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-08125-2, \$16.99. (P, I, M)* A beautiful heirloom necklace is handed down from woman to woman during times of uncertainty, comforting each wearer and reassuring her that she is part of a great



and diverse family unit. Author's Note. (KON) 3 2

HANUKKAH IN ALASKA. *Barbara Brown. Illustrated by Stacey Schuett. Henry Holt, Macmillan. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-805-09748-1, \$16.99. (P)* In this delightful story, the author incorporates facts about Hanukkah, life in Alaska, and the northern lights as a little girl tries to solve the problem of an intransigent moose camped out next to her favorite swing. Author's Note. (MOS) 1 3

HENRY AND THE CANNONS: AN EXTRAORDINARY TRUE STORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Don Brown. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-596-43266-6, \$16.99. (P) Local bookseller Henry Knox did the impossible to support General George Washington. Using ropes, chains, boats, and sleds drawn by oxen and horses, Knox organized and moved 59 cannons over 300 miles from New York to Boston for the fight against the British. Bibliography. (ATC) 3 5 6

HOPE'S GIFT. *Kelly Starling Lyons. Illustrated by Don Tate. Putnam Juvenile, Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-16001-1, \$16.99. (P)* An introduction to slavery and the concept of freedom for young readers with an expressive look at families during this time. Written to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Author's Note. (JC) 2 3 4 1 6

HOW I BECAME A GHOST: A CHOCTAW TRAIL OF TEARS STORY.

Tim Tingle. Illustrated by Steven Walker. The RoadRunner Press. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-937054-53-3, \$18.95. (I, M, H) A young Choctaw boy dies on the Trail of Tears and becomes a ghost. His dramatic journey and encounters with other ghosts draw the reader into the tragic story of many Native Americans. About the Author, Discussion Questions. (KON) 2 5 6

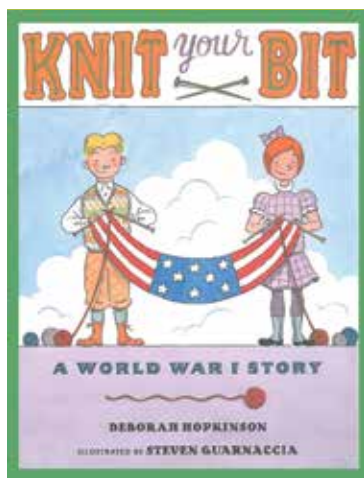
IMPRISONED: THE BETRAYAL OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II.

Martin W. Sandler. Walker Childrens, Bloomsbury. 176pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-802-72277-5, \$22.99. (M, H) This comprehensive historical account of

the lives of Japanese Americans before, during, and after their imprisonment in internment camps highlights the contradictions of patriotism in a context of bigotry and prejudice. Bibliography. Webliography. Index. Places to visit. (CAT) 10 6 5

KNIT YOUR BIT: A WORLD WAR I STORY.

Deborah Hopkinson. Illustrated by Steven Guarnaccia. Putnam Juvenile, Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25241-9, \$16.99. (P) Americans did all they could to help the cause during World War I. Boys and girls even knit hats and socks for soldiers on the front lines. See how they turned knitting into a local competition! Author's Note, Bibliography. (ATC) 3 7 10

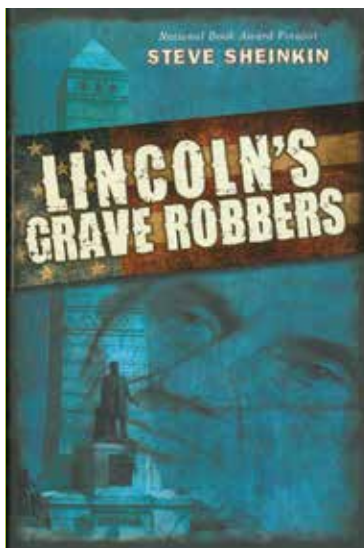


THE LIGHTNING DREAMER: CUBA'S GREATEST ABOLITIONIST.

Margarita Engle. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-80743-0, \$16.99. (M, H) This fictionalized biography, written in verse, is based on the life of Cuban abolitionist poet Gertrudis "Tula" Gómez de Avellaneda. As a young girl in Cuba, Tula questions slavery, thinks that girls should be educated, and ponders the idea of freedom and individual choice. Author's Note. (KMB) 2 4 5 6

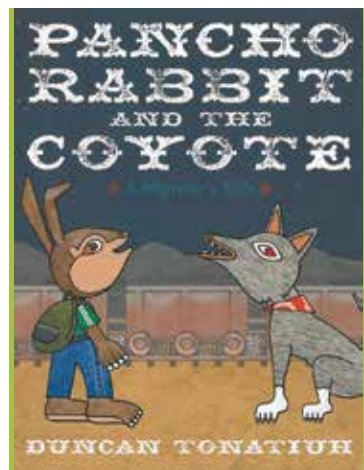
LINCOLN'S GRAVE ROBBERS.

Steve Sheinkin. Scholastic Press. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-40572-0, \$16.99. (M, H) A group of honorable lawmen stop criminals from stealing Lincoln's body and holding it for ransom in the late 1870s. Counterfeit money, a low post-Civil War economy, and the Secret Service take center stage. Glossary of Phrases, Source Notes, Index, Informational Text. (KON) 5 6



LOCOMOTIVE.

Brian Floca. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-416-99415-2, \$17.99. (P, I, M) In the summer of 1869, passengers travel on the first transcontinental railway to the West coast. The rich details in this informational book depict numerous aspects of the early history of travel by train. Caldecott Medal Winner, 2014. Map of Transcontinental Railroad, Note on the Locomotive, Steam Power Technical Diagram, Sources. (KSH) 2 7 8



MASTER GEORGE'S PEOPLE: GEORGE WASHINGTON, HIS SLAVES, AND HIS REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATION.

Marfé Ferguson Delano with Mount Vernon. Photography by Lori Epstein. National Geographic Children's Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-426-30759-1, \$18.95. Library ISBN 978-1-426-30760-7, \$27.90. (I, M, H) The first American president owned slaves. The author details the stories of the enslaved people of Mount Vernon, painting a portrait of their lives interwoven with the life of George Washington. Chronology, Informational Text. (KON) 1 5 6

THE MATCHBOX DIARY.

Paul Fleischman. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-64601-1, \$16.99. (I) A great-grandfather uses a collection of artifacts to teach about his journey from Italy to the United States and his struggles as a new immigrant. (QPR) 3 4 9

NATHAN HALE'S HAZARDOUS TALES: DONNER DINNER PARTY.

Nathan Hale. Amulet Books, an imprint of ABRAMS. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-41970-856-5, \$12.95 (I, M) This informative graphic novel chronicles the disastrous Donner Party expedition. Focusing on the journey through the eyes of the Reed family, the travelers meet with one calamity after another as they strike West, due to poor planning and bad decision making. Map, Author's Note (JC) 3 5

THE OTHER SIDE OF FREE.

Krista Russell. Peachtree Publishers. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-561-45710-6, \$16.95. (M). Like thousands of enslaved people in the British colonies in the 1700s, young Jem escapes by going south to Fort Mose, Florida, where the price of freedom is allegiance to Spain. (TB) 1 2 6

PANCHO RABBIT AND THE COYOTE: A MIGRANT'S TALE.

Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-70583-0, \$16.95. (I, M) When his father fails to return home from the North, Pancho Rabbit goes in search of him with the help of Señor Coyote. The dangers he encounters mirror those of real-life migrants. Author's Note, References and Websites, Glossary. (SD) 9 3 6

PAPER SON: LEE'S JOURNEY TO AMERICA.

Helen Foster James and Virginia Shin-Mui Loh. Illustrated by Wilson Ong. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Library ISBN 978-1-585-36833-4, \$16.99. (I) Twelve-year-old Lee, whose parents were killed by bandits, must leave his grandparents' home in China when he has a chance to pretend to be the son of a family already in America. The story describes his journey to Angel Island in 1926, where Lee navigates an intimidating immigration process. Author's Note on Angel Island History. (JAW) ② ⑤

"THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SHOT!"

James L. Swanson. Scholastic. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-49007-8, \$18.99. (M, H) Swanson presents various theories associated with John F. Kennedy's assassination and a clear historical argument that is well-researched and rich with details. Overall, a great read! Archival photos, Bibliography, Further Reading, Index, Places to Visit, Source Notes (KAB) ② ⑤

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM: HOW ONE TOWN STOOD UP TO SLAVERY.

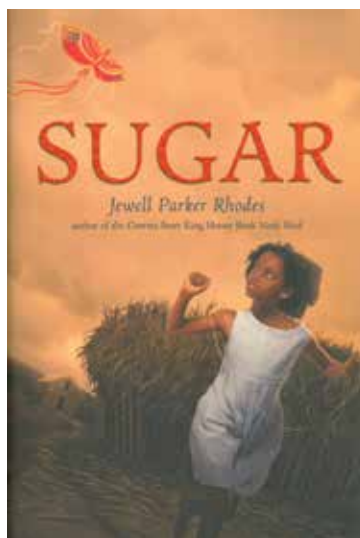
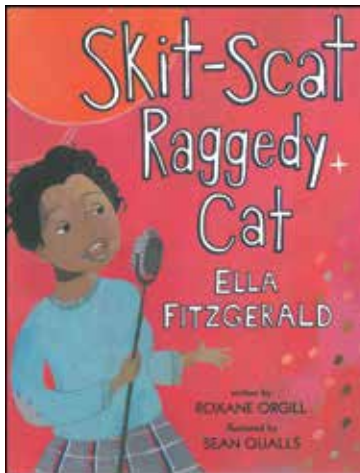
Dennis Brindell Fradin and Judith Bloom Fradin. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Walker Childrens, Bloomsbury. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-802-72166-2, \$16.99. (I, M) The town of Oberlin, Ohio, resisted the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 by providing refuge to those escaping slavery, including John Price. In 1858, slave hunters try to take Price back to slavery, but the townspeople come to his rescue. Bibliography, Further Reading and Websites (KAB) ② ⑤ 10

SALT: A STORY OF FRIENDSHIP IN A TIME OF WAR.

Helen Frost. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Macmillan. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-36387-1, \$17.99. (M) This tale, recounted in verse, is set during the War of 1812 in Ohio and Indiana and follows two young boys as their friendship is put to the test across conflict and cultural ties. Author's Notes, Glossary. (KMB) ① ② ⑥

SKIT-SCAT RAGGEDY CAT: ELLA FITZGERALD.

Roxane Orgill. Illustrated by Sean Qualls. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-61733-2, \$17.99. (P, I, M) Colorful artwork and lively text describe Ella Fitzgerald's hardscrabble childhood during the Depression, her perseverance, and



eventual rise to fame. Bibliography, Index. Informational Text (KON) ⑤ ④

SUGAR. *Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-04305-2, \$16.99. (I)* When Chinese workers arrive on a Louisiana sugarcane plantation after slavery has ended, 10-year-old Sugar befriends the newcomers and has a chance to learn about the world beyond the cane fields and to serve as a bridge between two communities. (TB) ① ② ⑦

THIS IS THE ROPE: A STORY OF THE GREAT MIGRATION.

Jacqueline Woodson. Illustrated by James Ransome. Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-23986-1, \$16.99. (P, I) This is a story of The Great Migration. Three generations of a family are linked by a rope that is used as a clothesline and a jump rope from South Carolina to New York. Author's Note (KAB) ① ② ③

WE SHALL OVERCOME: THE STORY OF A SONG.

Debbie Levy. Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. Jump at the Sun, Disney Book Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4231-1954-8, \$16.99. (P, I) This whimsically written book chronicles the historical trajectory of a song from American enslavement, civil rights, and the 1960s to a part of present-day movements for equality and freedom around the world. Selected Sources. Recording List. Further Readings. (CAT) ① ② ⑤

WHEN CHRISTMAS FEELS LIKE HOME.

Gretchen Griffith. Illustrated by Carolina Farias. Albert Whitman & Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-807-58872-7, \$16.99. (P) A boy moves from his village in Mexico to the United States, where he's confronted with strange seasons, language, and customs. His family comforts him with old traditions and helps him find the joy in new ones. (QPR) ① ③ ④

WOMEN OF THE FRONTIER: 16 TALES OF TRAILBLAZING HOMESTEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND RABBLE-ROUSERS.

Brandon Marie Miller. Chicago Review Press. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-

1-883-05297-3, \$19.95. (I) Through primary source documents (journal entries and letters home), women pioneers recount stories of resilience, adventure, and the impact on Native Americans during the expansion of the American West. Author's Notes. Bibliography. Index. (CAT) ② ④

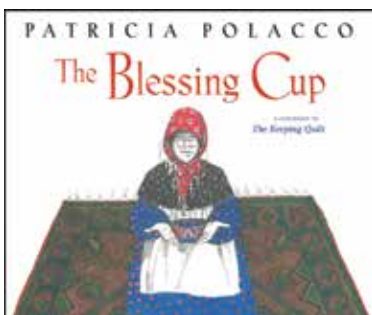
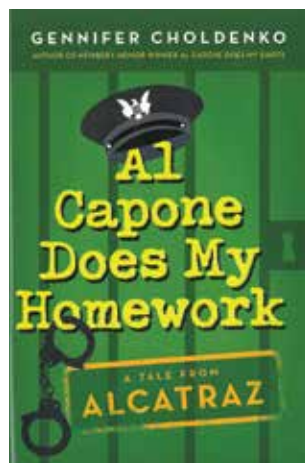
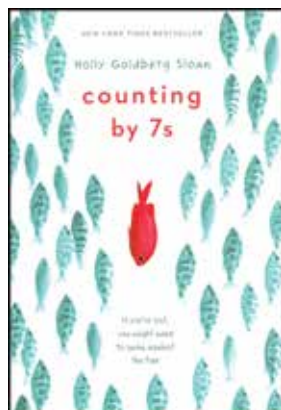
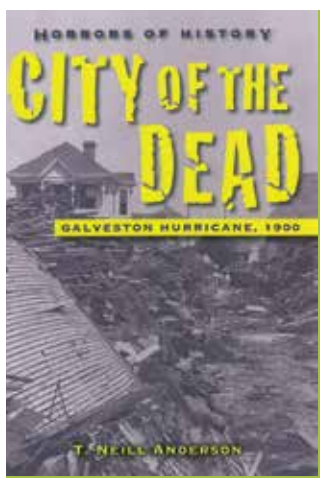
WORLD WAR II (Scholastic Discover More). Sean Callery. Scholastic Reference. 122pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-47975-2, \$15.99. (M) The five brief chapters of informational text in this appealing visual reference book are interlaced with photos, charts, maps, timelines, lists, and factoids. Sidebars provide further reading, media, and online suggestions. Index. (TB) ② ⑥ ⑧

Reference

CITY OF THE DEAD: GALVESTON HURRICANE, 1900. T. Neill Anderson. Charlesbridge. 142pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-580-89514-9, \$16.95. (I, M, H) The deadliest hurricane in the recorded history of the United States hit the shores of Galveston, Texas, in 1900. This fictionalized account reveals what it must have been like as the winds and floodwaters devastated the island city. Author's Note, Photo Credits. (KSH) ② ③ ⑧

MAPS. Aleksandra Mizelińska and Daniel Mizeliński. Big Picture Press, Candlewick Press. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-66896-9, \$22.99. (I) This beautifully detailed atlas uses colorful illustrations to highlight the natural resources, cultures, geographies, and histories of many different countries around the world. Flags of the World. (SD) ③ ⑦ ①

TILLIE PIERCE: TEEN EYEWITNESS TO THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG. Tanya Anderson. 21st Century, Lerner Publishing Group. 96pp. Library ISBN 978-1-467-70692-6, \$34.60 (M) This book combines narrative from the author with the eyewitness accounts of 15-year-old Tillie who, along with other women trapped by the battle, helped save many wounded soldiers. Author's Note, Google Earth Path, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index, Further Information. (JC) ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥




WITH A MIGHTY HAND: THE STORY IN THE TORAH. Amy Ehrlich. Illustrated by Daniel Nevins. Candlewick Press. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-64395-9, \$29.99. (M) This beautifully illustrated adaptation of the first five books of the Jewish Bible has been simplified for young readers without sacrificing the drama and reverence of the original text. Author's Note, Bibliography. (TB) ① ⑨

Social Interactions/ Relationships

AL CAPONE DOES MY HOMEWORK. Gennifer Choldenko. Penguin Young Readers Group. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-803-73472-2, \$17.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-1-424-2522-0, \$7.99. (I) A companion book to Choldenko's other Alcatraz stories, this book continues to develop the relationships between siblings, friends, neighbors, and criminals. A group of kids work to solve a mystery that hits too close to home. Author's Note (with footnotes). (ATC) ④ ⑤ ③

MY BASMATI BAT MITZVAH. Paula J. Freedman. Amulet Books, ABRAMS. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-419-70806-0, \$16.95. (M, H) In this coming-of-age story, Tara negotiates her Indian and Jewish heritage, preparing for her bat mitzvah, and at the same time questioning her faith. Glossary. (CAT) ② ④

 **COUNTING BY 7s.** Holly Goldberg Sloan. Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25241-9, \$16.99. (I, M) Willow is Vietnamese, orphaned, adopted, and a young genius who loves the number seven. As she negotiates a new school, new friendships, and a new family, her philosophical observations underscore what it means to come together as a family. (CAT) ① ④

 **THE BLESSING CUP.** Patricia Polacco. Paula Wiseman Books, Simon & Schuster. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-442-45047-9, \$17.99. (P) A treasured tea cup from the author's great-grandmother is passed down from generation to generation as a Jewish family flees the pogroms in Russia and travels to America. A moving story about traditions, heirlooms, immigration, and love. (ATC) ② ⑤ ③

BULLY. Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan. 36pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-596-43630-5, \$16.99. (P) A young bull treats the other farm animals in a bossy and loud manner. When goat finally calls him a BULLY, the young bull is shocked and hurt. The point of view of the bully is an interesting twist. (KSH) 3 4 6

THE CAT WITH SEVEN NAMES.

Tony Johnston. Illustrated by Christine Davenier. Charlesbridge. 36pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-580-89381-7, \$16.95. (P) A loveable cat goes from home to home on an urban street, breaking down walls of isolation and forming a community from a diverse group of neighbors. (QPR) 1 3 10

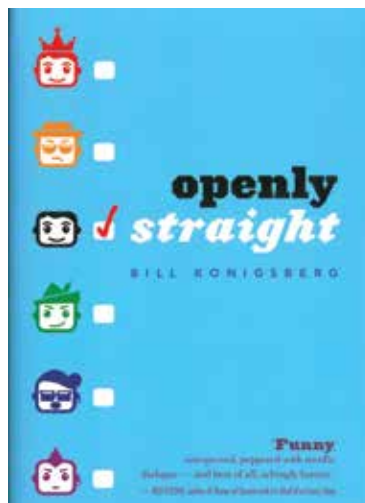
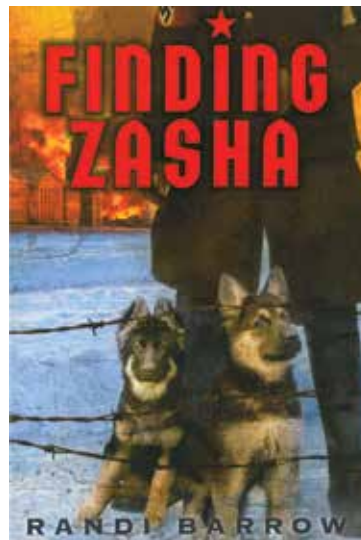
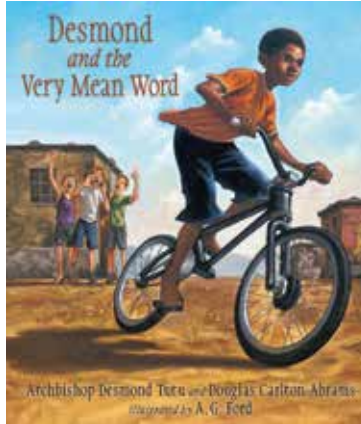
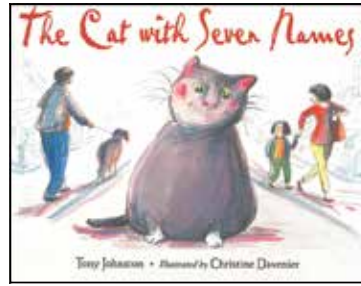
DESMOND AND THE VERY MEAN WORD.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams. Illustrated by A.G. Ford. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-763-65229-6, \$15.99. (P, I) Based on an event from his childhood, this story shows how Desmond Tutu dealt with prejudice and disrespect, meeting both with forgiveness. The book provides encouragement for students on resolving conflict. Author's Letter and Note. (JAW) 4 3

FINDING ZASHA. Randi Barrow. Scholastic Press. 352pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-45218-2, \$16.99. (M, H) A Russian boy tries to evade Nazis as he attempts to rescue two German shepherds being trained to hunt Russians. His escape from a Nazi camp with the dogs sparks a terrible hunt for him. Brief World War II Overview. (KON) 3 6 5

JUMPED IN. Patrick Flores-Scott. Henry Holt, Macmillan. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-805-09514-2, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1-250-05398-5, \$9.99. (H) Sam's school and life experiences are raw and emotional at times, and his plan to deal with his issues is to retreat into himself and simply become a slacker. However, his world and many of his assumptions about people are turned upside down when he is confronted with Luis, an apparent gang-member at school. (KMB) 2 3 4

MY MOM IS A FOREIGNER, BUT NOT TO ME. Julianne Moore. Illustrated by Meilo So. Chronicle Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-



452-10792-9, \$16.99. (P) No matter where they are from, moms are all the same. Or are they? This picture book explores the similarities and differences of foreign-born moms. (ATC) 4 1 9

OPENLY STRAIGHT. Bill Konigsberg. Arthur A. Levine Books, Scholastic. 336pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-50989-3, \$17.99. (H) Everyone in Rafe's life is comfortable with his homosexuality, almost too comfortable. When he arrives at boarding school and establishes a new identity, he must grapple with the unintended consequences of hiding a major piece of himself. About the Author. (SD) 4 3 1

SON OF FORTUNE. Victoria McKernan. Knopf Books for Young Readers, Random House. 400pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86456-8, \$16.99. (M, H) A young boy tries to survive in the harsh world of post-Civil War America and heads to San Francisco. Instability and hardship are his constant companions when he travels to Peru, only to realize that Chinese laborers and miners have it much worse. Author's Note, Sources. (KON) 4 5 6

TROUPER. Meg Kearney. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Scholastic. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-10041-0, \$16.99. (P) Based on a true story, this account of the adoption of a three-legged stray dog is a touching story of hope, friendship, and acceptance. The author, who was herself adopted, includes a photo of the real Trouper. (MOS) 5 10 4

THE WEIGHT OF WATER. Sarah Crossan. Bloomsbury Childrens. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-599-90967-7, \$16.99. (M, H) In this novel-in-verse, Kasienska is barely staying afloat as she navigates immigrant life, bullying, and a depressed mother. Her passion for swimming and a possible first love help her to find her way. Epilogue, Glossary. (SD) 4 1

WRITTEN IN STONE. Rosanne Perry. Random House Books for Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86971-6, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-375-87135-1, \$6.99. (M, H) A 13-year-old girl struggles to preserve the livelihood (hunting whales) and cultural heritage of her Makah tribe in the Pacific Northwest during the 1920s age of ship industrialization. Glossary. Resources. (CAT) 1 5

World History & Culture

BOXERS & SAINTS. Gene Luen Yang. *First Second*, Macmillan. 512pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-596-43924-5, \$34.99. (M, H) This epic graphic novel pair tells the concurrent stories of a young boy and girl with very different experiences during the Boxer Rebellion in China. Powerful tales with an engaging illustration style that meet up in a climatic finish. (KMB) ① ② ⑥

CODE NAME PAULINE: MEMOIRS OF A WORLD WAR II SPECIAL AGENT.

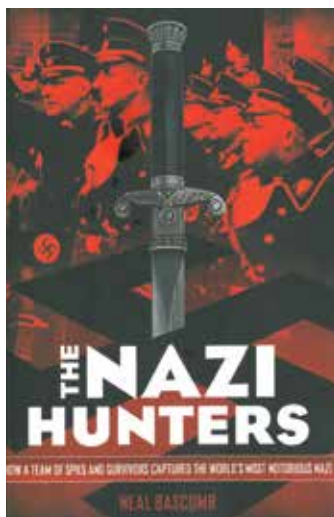
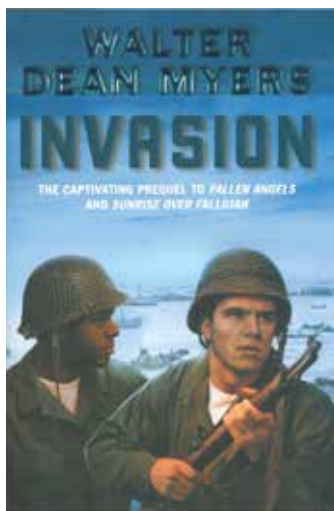
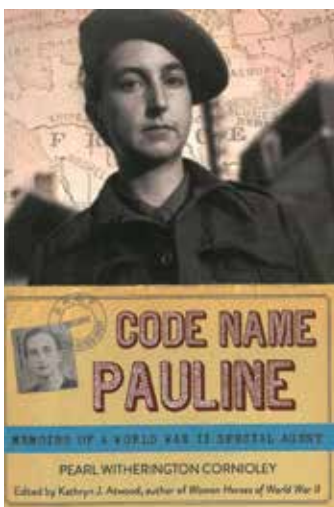
Pearl Witherington Cornioley. *Chicago Review Press*. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-6-137-4487-1, \$19.95. (H) This informational text is a first-hand account of what life was really like for a secret agent fighting in occupied France. An annotated list of key figures, original unedited interview extracts, and photographs enhance the reader's experience. Prologue, Epilogue, Key Figures, Appendix, Notes, Bibliography, Index. (MOS) ② ④

THE FIRST DRAWING. Mordicai Gerstein. *Little, Brown Books for Young Readers*. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-20478-1, \$17.00. (P, I, M) Inspired by the finding of the footprint of an 8-year-old child in a cave in southern France, the author uses ancient cave paintings to re-imagine the discovery of drawing. Author's Note. (KON) ④ ① ③

THE GREAT TROUBLE: A MYSTERY OF LONDON, THE BLUE DEATH, AND A BOY CALLED EEL.

Deborah Hopkinson. *Knopf Books for Young Readers*, Random House. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-84818-6, \$16.99. (M) This excellent, historical novel takes place in 1854 London, during an outbreak of cholera. When several people become ill, the main character, Eel, seeks Dr. John Snow's assistance. Author's Note (KAB) ⑧

INVASION. Walter Dean Myers. *Scholastic*. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-38428-5, \$17.99. (M, H) The intensity of the D-Day invasion is described through the fictional perspective of Josiah, who describes the initial carnage on the landing beaches and the uncertain weeks that followed for the Allied forces as they moved through the French countryside. His friendship with African American soldier Marcus provides insight into the reality of segregation in the military. Epilogue, Author's Note. (SD) ② ⑥



THE MIGHTY LALOUCHE. Matthew Olshan. *Illustrated by Sophie Blackall*. *Schwartz & Wade*, Random House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86225-0, \$17.99. (P, I) This is a charming and inventive tale of a scrawny postman in turn-of-the-century Paris who becomes an unlikely boxing champion. The endpapers feature humorous cards of famous fictional boxers. Glossary, Author's Note. (JAW) ① ②

THE NAZI HUNTERS: HOW A TEAM OF SPIES AND SURVIVORS CAPTURED THE WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS NAZI.

Neal Bascomb. *Scholastic*. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-43099-9, \$16.99. (M, H). In nonfiction narrative that reads like a thriller, the author traces the manhunt that led to the capture of Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's enforcer of the "Final Solution" in Hungary. Primary Sources, Author's Note, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (TB) ⑤ ⑥ ⑩

ODETTE'S SECRETS. Maryann Macdonald. *Bloomsbury Childrens*. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-599-90750-5, \$16.99. (M) Based on the life of Odette Meyers, this is a free-verse account of one girl's experience in Nazi-controlled France. Odette is forced to hide in plain sight or lose what she has left. Author's Note, Original Photos. (ATC) ③ ④ ⑥

PRISONER B-3087. Alan Gratz, Jack Gruener, Ruth Gruener. *Scholastic Press*. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-45901-3, \$16.99. (M) This historical fiction is based on the true story of Yanek (Jack) Gruener who, as a Jewish boy living in Poland, was only 10 years old when his nightmare of being forced through 10 different concentration camps began. Afterword. (MOS) ⑤ ⑥ ②

RED KITE, BLUE KITE. Ji-li Jiang. *Illustrated by Greg Ruth*. *Disney-Hyperion*, Disney Book Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4231-2753-6, \$17.99. (P) The simple pleasure of flying a kite provides a critical connection for young Tai Shan to his father who has been sent to a labor camp. A touching tale of love, loss, and hope. Author's Note. (KMB) ① ② ③

THREE YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS.

Icy Smith. *Illustrated by Jennifer Kindert*. *East West Discovery Press*. 44pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-985-62378-4, \$20.95. (M) This story about two boys living in Hong Kong in World War II during the Japanese occupation is based on true events. The boys must work to survive and in the process manage to help the Chinese resistance. Historical Notes. (ATC) ④ ⑥ ③

THE WAR WITHIN THESE WALLS. *Aline Sax. Illustrated by Caryl Strzelecki. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 176pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8028-5428-5, \$17.00. (H)* The combination of blue-toned illustrations and sparse prose captures the events of Nazi-controlled Warsaw in a not-quite-graphic-novel style. An adolescent boy, Misha, must take increasingly dangerous risks to help his family survive. Historical Note. (ATC) 6 4

WHEN THUNDER COMES: POEMS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS.

J. Patrick Lewis. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie, Meilo So, Jim Burke, John Parra, and Tonya Engel. Chronicle Books. 44pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-452-10119-4, \$16.99. (I) Poems celebrating the contributions of 17 individuals who fought for equality around the world. This collection offers readers a global perspective on civil rights. Biographical Notes, Resource Notes. (QPR) 6 10 9

WOMEN AVIATORS: 26 STORIES OF PIONEER FLIGHTS, DARING MISSIONS, AND RECORD-SETTING JOURNEYS.

Karen Bush Gibson. Chicago Review Press. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-613-74540-3, \$19.95. (H) Readers get a detailed look into the role of women aviators in this informational text that profiles 26 women pilots from the first days of flight to the present. Notes, Glossary, Bibliography, Index. (MOS) 5 8

WORLD WAR II SPIES. *Sean Stewart Price. Capstone Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4765-0122-2, \$23.49. (I, M)* From hiding in plain sight, to secret messages and blending in, to selling secrets and arrests, the intrigues of the life and activities of the men and women spies of World War II are revealed. Glossary, Read More, websites, Index. (KSH) 5 6 9

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