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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)

FOOTWORK: THE STORY OF FRED AND ADELE ASTAIRE. Roxane Orgill. Illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch. 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)

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LOOK UP! HENRIETTA LEAVITT, PIONEERING WOMAN ASTRONOMER.

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) 8 6

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

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

NELSON MANDELA.

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) 8 6

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) 8 6
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 Weblog, and Quotation Sources. (JAW)


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)

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)


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IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE.

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)

NINE DAYS.
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)

OPEN MIC: RIFFS ON LIFE BETWEEN CULTURES IN TEN VOICES. Edited by Mitali Perkins. Candlewick Press. 144pp. Trade 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)

RAPTURE PRACTICE.
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)

THOUSAND WORDS.
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)

TORN.
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)
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)


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)


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)

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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)

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)

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)


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)

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)


ANGEL ISLAND: GATEWAY TO GOLD MOUNTAIN. Russell Freedman. Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 96 pp. 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)


BECOMING BABE RUTH. Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press. 40 pp. 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)


THE CART THAT CARRIED MARTIN. Eve Bunting. Illustrated by Don Tate. Charlesbridge. 32 pp. 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)


CRYSTAL CITY LIGHTS. Holly Moulder. Illustrated by Anthony Alex LeTourneau. Blue Marlin Publications. 190 pp. 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)

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


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

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) 6

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) 3


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)

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][4][5]

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) [3][4][5]


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)


**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)


**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)

**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)


**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)


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) 2 6

Social Interactions/Relationships


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. (ATC) 2 5 3


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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

MAPS. Aleksandra Mizielinska and Daniel Mizielinski. 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

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**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)

**THE CAT WITH SEVEN NAMES.**

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**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)


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) 


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) 


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) 

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) 

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) 

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) 

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

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) 3 5 6 9

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