

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 2006 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.cbcooks.org. Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.

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

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- **O** CULTURE
- **1** TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- **PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS**
- **W** INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- **O** INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- **O** POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- **® PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION**
- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- **OCIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES**

Parts of a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with the key 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 2007 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. Bu K	2. Buffalo Sisters.	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.	
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. Trade ISBN 0-696-67321-1, Library ISBN 0-696-64213-X, F (Wannamaker)		8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks's childhood on the American frontier.		11. (ABM)	12. III, V



Co-Chair, Amy Camardese, assistant professor of education, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Penn. (AHC)

Co-Chair, Karen Holland Wilkins, U.S. history teacher, Coleman Middle School, Tampa, Fla. (KHW)

Nancy Fisher, teacher, South Saint Paul Public Schools, South Saint Paul, Minn.

Linda K. Graham, library media specialist, Clark Elementary School, Cleveland, Ohio (LKG)

Lisa Lea Hardey, library media teacher, Sprague High School, Salem, Ore. (LLH)

Kim D. O'Neil, teacher, Liverpool Elementary School, Liverpool, N.Y.

Janine M. Schall, assistant professor, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Tex.

Paige Lilley Schulte, assistant professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, La. (PLS)

Linda Tripp, retired K-5 teacher/ instructional coach, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; social studies methods instructor, University of New Mexico (LLT)

Matthew William Wachel, kindergarten teacher, Alexander Doniphan Elementary, Liberty Public Schools, Liberty, Mo. (MWW)

Marilyn J. Ward, professor of education, Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisc. (MJW)

Biography

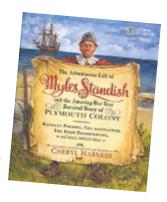
The Adventurous Life of Myles Standish and the **Amazing-But-True Survival Story of Plymouth Colony** (The Cheryl Harness Histories). Written and illustrated by Chervl Harness. National Geographic Children's Books. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5918-3, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5919-0, \$32.90. (I, M) This is a fascinating narrative describing the life of Mayflower passenger Myles Standish and the early settlement of Plymouth Colony. Harness writes in a style that makes Standish come alive. Index, Resources, Websites, Timeline, Recommended Reading List, List of All on the Mayflower. (MWW) III, V

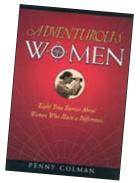
Adventurous Women: Eight True Stories About Women Who Made a Difference. Penny Colman. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-080507744-5, \$17.95. (M, H) Eight women born in the 1800s, including an Arctic explorer and an industrial environmentalist, defy social norms and create their own paradigm of success, creating legacies that continue to inspire us today. Author's Note, Selected Bibliography, Source Notes, Webliography, Index. (KON) II, III

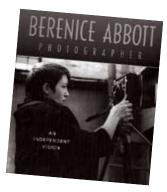
Akira to Zoltán: Twenty-Six Men Who Changed the World. Cynthia Chin-Lee. Illustrated by Megan Halsey and Sean Addy. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-57091-579-6, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-1-57091-579-6, \$15.95. (I, M) Twenty-six biographical snapshots, presented alphabetically, highlight the struggles and accomplishments of contemporary men. Author's Note, Bibliography. (MWW) III, V

Berenice Abbott, Photographer: An Independent Vision. George Sullivan. Illustrated with blackand-white archival photographs. Clarion Books. 170pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-44026-9, \$20.00. (M, H) This book chronicles the life of one of the first established female photographers, Berenice Abbott, who is celebrated for documenting 1930s New York City and developing methods for scientific photography. Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JMS) IV, III, VIII

The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin. Susan Goldman Rubin with Ela Weissberger. Illustrated with black-and-white and full-color photographs. Holiday House, Inc. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1831-2, \$16.95. (MH) From the age of 11 to 15, Ela Weissberger endured life in the concentration camp Terezin. Her story is told in picture-











book format, with direct quotes and photos, in remembrance of the 6,580 children whose lives were lost. Author's Note, Source Notes, Resources, Interviews, Websites. (KON) II, IV, V, VI, IX

Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond. Joseph Medicine Crow. National Geographic Children's Books. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5391-4, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5391-4, \$23.90. (H, M) Chief Joseph Medicine Crow, the oldest living Crow man, describes his experiences growing up, attending school, and serving in the U.S. army. (JMS) IV, V

Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Anna Harwell Celenza. Illustrated by JoAnn E. Kitchel. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-57091-556-7, \$19.95; Library ISBN 978-1-57091-556-7, \$19.95. (I) When Gershwin reads in a newspaper that he is supposed to premier a jazz concerto in five weeks, the rhythms and sounds of 1920s New York inspire him to create the American masterpiece Rhapsody in Blue. Author's Note, CD Recording of Rhapsody in Blue. (MJW) II, I,

Good Fortune: My Journey to Gold Mountain. Li

Keng Wong. Illustrated with photographs. Peachtree Publishers. 156pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-367-2, \$14.95. F (Peachtree). (I) A well-written autobiography tells one family's story of immigration through Angel Island in the 1920s—they face quotas, experience discrimination and demonstrate a great will to survive. Author's Note, Resources for Further Information. (NBF) II, I

Gordon Parks: No Excuses. Ann Parr. Illustrated with photographs by Gordon Parks. Pelican Publishing Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58980411-1, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-1-58980411-1, \$15.95. (I) Gordon Parks began life in poverty in a segregated society, but through hard work and perseverance, he became the first African American photographer to work for Life magazine. (KHW) III, II

I Am Marc Chagall. Written and illustrated by Bimba Landmann. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8028-5305-9, \$18.00. (I, M) Written in Marc Chagall's "voice," this picture book provides an overview of his life and evolution as an artist. The author's colorful illustrations, reflecting the artwork of Chagall, serve as the backdrop for the text. Timeline. (KON) I, IV

Jane Addams: Champion of Democracy. Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin. Illustrated with black-and-white archival photographs. Clarion Books. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-50436-7, \$21.00. (H) Although celebrated for her work with needy families, Jane Addams's other humanitarian efforts particularly her leadership role in the peace movement—are not as well known. This book offers a detailed portrait of an inspiring woman. Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JMS) IV, V, X

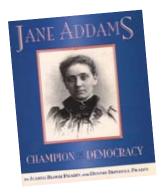
Jim Thorpe: Original All-American. Joseph Bruchac. Dial Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers Group. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3118-9, \$16.99. (M) Using first-person narrative, Bruchac relates Thorpe's life from his early years as an amateur athlete from a Native American reservation in Oklahoma, to his winning the Olympic gold medal in Sweden. Thorpe excelled in track, baseball, and football, and continues to serve as a role model for many. Author's Note, Bibliography. (LLH) IV, V

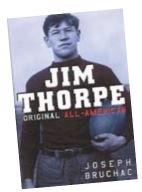
John Muir: America's First Environmentalist.

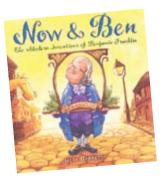
Kathryn Lasky. Illustrated by Stan Fellows. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-1957-2, \$16.99. (I) Dreamy illustrations aid in telling the story of young Scottish-born John Muir, who was passionate about nature and conservation. His devotion was instrumental in the development of Yosemite Park and the creation of the Sierra Club. Epilogue, Bibliography, About the Sierra Club. (AHC) III

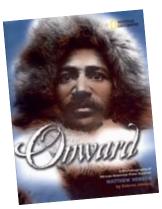
Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor. Written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34810-6, \$16.00. (I, M) Born in 1838, Margaret E. Knight (later dubbed "Lady Edison") persevered against great odds to acquire 22 patents during her lifetime. The author's account captures her focus and inherent drive to succeed. Author's Note, Bibliography. (KON) VII, V, IV, II

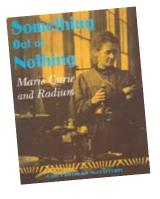
A Mind with Wings: The Story of Henry David Thoreau. Gerald Hausman and Loretta Hausman. Trumpeter Books for Young Readers. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59030-228-6, \$15.95. (M) Henry the "Odd Stick" comes to life in this anecdotal novel about the innovator, writer, and transcendental philosopher from mid-nineteenth-century Massachusetts. Thoreau was a passionate advocate of nature, and inspired the concept of "civil disobedience." Author's Note, Chronology, Glossary, Bibliography. (LLH) IV, V, II











Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin. Written and illustrated by Gene Barretta. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-80507917-3, \$16.95. (I, M) Benjamin Franklin's inventions are more than 200 years old, and yet they continue to be used, adapted and modified. With creativity and humor, the author connects Franklin's original concepts with their modern-day applications. (KON) II, VIII

Of Numbers and Stars: The Story of Hypatia.

D. Anne Love. Illustrated by Pam Paparone. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1621-9, \$16.95. (P) Hypatia was born in fourth-century CE Alexandria, Egypt, where few women were educated; however, her father vowed to teach her everything he knew. She became a respected and sought-after teacher of mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy. Author's Note, Bibliography, Map, More About Math. (MJW) IV, I, VIII

Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson. Dolores Johnson. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-7914-3, \$17.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-7915-0, \$27.90. (M) Primary-source photographs illustrate the life story of Matthew Henson. The book meticulously documents his leadership role in the Polar expeditions of Robert Peary, including reaching the North Pole in 1909. Foreword/ Afterword, Chronology, Bibliography, Index. (LLT) II, IV, VIII

Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium.

Carla Killough McClafferty. Illustrated with black-and-white photographs. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-38036-6, \$18.00. (M) Chronicling the life of Marie Curie from childhood to death, this story-style biography examines her struggle to become educated as a scientist and be recognized for her accomplishments. Index, Bibliography, Recommended Websites. (NBF) IV, VIII

Stompin' at the Savoy: The Story of Norma Miller.

Alan Govenar. Illustrated by Martin French. Candlewick Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-2244-2, \$16.99. (M) Norma Miller, an original performer of the Lindy Hop, tells the story of dancing at the Savoy Ballroom and of the opportunities for work and travel this created in her life. Author's Note. (NBF) IV, VI, V

Through Georgia's Eyes. Rachel Rodríguez. Illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-7740-5, \$16.95. (P) This Georgia O'Keeffe biography recounts her journey through life from girlhood to adulthood, from her calling as an artist at a young age to her inspiration in the desert for paintings as an adult. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Bibliography, More About Georgia O'Keefe. (NBF) IV, II, III

Viktor Frankl: A Life Worth Living. Anna S. Redsand. Illustrated with black-and-white archival photographs. Clarion Books. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-72343-0, \$19.00. (H) With clarity and insight, the author relates the life of Viktor Frankl—a pioneer in psychotherapy and a Holocaust survivor—who looked to the future regardless of the horrors of the present. Author's Note and Sources, Bibliography, Index, Further Reading. (KON) V, II, IV, IX, VI

Civic Ideals and Practices

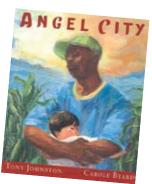
My Senator and Me: A Dog's-Eye View of Washington, D.C. Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Illustrated by David Small. Scholastic Press. 56pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-65077-1, \$16.99. (I) The role of a senator is explained from a pet's perspective. This simple story allows young people to follow Senator Kennedy through a typical day on Capitol Hill. Biography of Senator Kennedy, Explanation of How a Bill Becomes a Law. (KHW) X

Contemporary Concerns

Angel City. Tony Johnston. Illustrated by Carole Byard. Philomel Books/Penguin Young Reader's Group. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-39923405-7, \$15.99. (I) In this beautiful story of love and family, "old man" Joseph finds an abandoned Mexican baby and raises the child as his own in the Los Angeles barrio, amidst violence and poverty. Author's Note. (JMS) III

Ask Me No Questions. Marina Budhos. Ginee Seo Books/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 176pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-0351-2, \$16.95. F (Simon Pulse). (H) Teen-aged sisters Nadira and Aisha are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh attempting to earn U.S. citizenship in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. This eye-opening story about their struggles puts another perspective on the significance of tolerance and on being Muslim in the United States. Endnote. (AHC) I, III, IV











Genocide: Modern Crimes Against Humanity.

Brendan January. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Twenty-First Century Books. 144pp. Library ISBN 978-0-7613-3421-7, \$31.93. (H) This book uses eyewitness accounts to show genocide as a process influenced by a variety of factors. It focuses on six different groups of people and on how their communities were affected by mass killing. Bibliography, Index, Source Notes, Timeline. (PLS) III, IX,

Hurricane Hunters!: Riders on the Storm. Written and illustrated by Chris L. Demarest. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-86168-0, \$17.95. (P) Join the pilots of "Herc," an Air Force weather-reconnaissance squadron, as they fly their plane into the eye of a hurricane to gather valuable information. Beautiful illustrations enhance the story of this courageous effort. Author's Note. (MWW)

Hurricane Katrina: Aftermath of a Disaster

(Snapshots in History). Barb Palser. Illustrated with photographs and prints. Compass Point Books. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-75652101-1, \$31.93; Library ISBN 0-7565-2101-7, \$23.95; Paperback ISBN 0-7565-2102-5, \$8.95. (M) A focus on personal stories, common misconceptions, governmental response, and lessons learned, provides an accurate account of this humanitarian crisis. The impact and aftermath is explained in detail and enhanced by pictures. Bibliography, Glossary, Further Reading, Source Notes, Timeline. (PLS) III, VI, X

🗜 💶 I Remember Miss Perry. Pat Brisson. Illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch. Dial Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-80372981-0, \$16.99. (I) This is a wonderful story about childhood loss. When Miss Perry, a beloved teacher, is killed in a car accident, the students are devastated, but learn that life continues. Miss Perry lives on through her students' memories. (KHW) III, IV

La Línea. Ann Jaramillo. Roaring Brook Press. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-5964-3154-6, \$16.95. (M) Even though his parents are already in the United States and he has the money needed to emigrate there, Miguel must confront many life-threatening challenges to cross the border with his sister. Author's Note. (NBF) V, VI, III

Little Mamá Forgets. Robin Cruise. Illustrated by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34613-3, \$16.00. (P, I) Without actually using the term dementia, the author depicts the loving relationship between a little Mexican American girl and her grandmother, who has periods of forgetfulness. Caring and mutual respect underlie the storyline. Spanish Words and Phrases. (KON) V, IV

Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You. Hanna Jansen. Translated by Elizabeth D. Crawford. Carolrhoda Books. 344pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-57505-927-3, \$ 16.95. (H) A true and heroic account of one girl's escape from the Rwandan genocide in 1994. This story shows the power of faith, perseverance, and hope. Glossary, Timeline of Rwandan History. (MWW) IX, V, I

Prizefighter en Mi Casa. e.E. Charlton-Trujillo. Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73325-0, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90344-8, \$17.99. (H) A South Texas family struggling with money concerns, illness, and gang involvement hopes to raise funds by arranging an illegal fight featuring "El Jefe," a Mexican boxer with a shady past. Glossary. (JMS) IV, I

Small Steps. Louis Sachar. Delacorte Press/ Random House Children's Books. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73314-4, \$16.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90333-2, \$19.99. (M) In this seguel to Holes, "Armpit" is rebuilding his life a few years after being released from a juvenile correctional facility. But an old friend's get-richquick scheme threatens to veer the teenager off his new path. (MJW) IV, I, VI

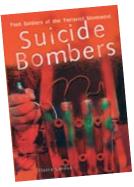
Sold. Patricia McCormick. Hyperion Books for Children. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7868517103, \$15.99. F. (H) This harrowing story describes how 13-year-old Lakshmi, from Nepal, struggles to survive after her stepfather sells her into a life of prostitution in India. Author's Note. (JMS) IV, I, IX

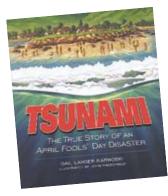
Sparrow. Sherri L. Smith. Delacorte Press/ Random House Children's Books. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73324-3, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90343-1, \$17.99. (H) After her Grandma dies and she is left all alone, Kendall learns that family is whomever one chooses. She heads to New Orleans to locate her aunt, but finds a new family instead. (KHW) IV











Suicide Bombers: Foot Soldiers of the Terrorist Movement, Elaine Landau, Illustrated with prints and photographs. Twenty-First Century Books. 120pp. Library ISBN 978-0-7613-3470-5, \$31.93. (H) This book explores the complex motives of people recruited to be suicide bombers. The author attempts to answer questions about why young men and women volunteer for these acts of terrorism. Bibliography, Index, Further Reading and Websites, Source Notes. (PLS) IX, I

When I Grow Up, I Will Win the Nobel Peace Prize. Written and illustrated by Isabel Pin. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-38313-8, \$16.00. (P) A fun way to introduce the Nobel Peace Prize to students through simplistic text. Children will also learn various ways to make a difference in the world. Author's Note. (MWW) X, IV

Environment/ Energy/Ecology

The North Pole Was Here: Puzzles and Perils at the Top of the World. Andrew C. Revkin. Kingfisher/Houghton Mifflin Company. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-753-45993-5, \$15.95. F (Kingfisher). (M) Brief histories of North Pole expeditions, reprints of articles from *The New* York Times, and the author's own trip to the Pole, help readers understand the concern scientists have for climate change. Index, Internet Resources, Further Reading, Source Notes. (LKG) III, VIII, IX

Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People. Albert Marrin. Illustrated by C. B. Mordan. Dutton Children's Books/Penguin Young Readers Group. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-47762-4, \$16.99. (I) The complex interaction between rats and people throughout civilization is explored through scientific/historical information and folklore. The book provides unique perspectives and fascinating tidbits to illustrate how man, animal, and environment influence one another. Bibliography. (LLT) VIII, II, III

Tsunami: The True Story of an April Fool's Day Disaster. Gail Langer Karwoski. Illustrated by John MacDonald. Darby Creek Publishing. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58196-044-0, \$17.95. F. (M) The Hawaiian tragedy of 1946 serves as the framework for this concise explanation of tsunamis and what scientists have learned from this and more recent disasters. Stories, expert advice, and predictions for the future are included. Bibliography. (PLS) VIII, III

Wild Lives: A History of the People & Animals of the Bronx Zoo. Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. Illustrated with photographs by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-80630-8, \$18.95; Library ISBN 978-0-375-90630-5, \$20.99. (M) A thoughtprovoking exploration of the Bronx Zoo, presenting a history of the zoo's development and discussions surrounding the plight of animals and the fight to preserve native habitats. It poses the question: what roles do zoos play in the modern world? Stunning photographs. Bibliography, Index. (LLH) VIII, IX, III

WILD LIVES



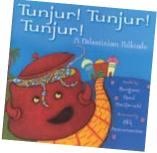


Folktales

The Best Beekeeper in Lalibela: A Tale from Africa.

Cristina Kessler. Illustrated by Leonard Jenkins. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1858-9, \$16.95 (I) A traditional Ethiopian tale describing one girl's attempt to challenge society's views of women and their roles, and her quest to be the best beekeeper in her village. Author's Note, Glossary. (MWW) IV, I

Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale Collection. F. Isabel Campoy and Alma Flor Ada. Illustrated by Felipe Dávalos, Viví Escrivá, Susan Guevara, and Leyla Torres. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-82583-5, \$19.95. (I) A delightful collection of folktales and stories derived from various cultures that have influenced Latino heritage. Beautiful illustrations and easy-toread text. About the Authors and Illustrators. (LKG) I



Forbidden City: China's Imperial Palace (Castles,

The easy-to-read format addresses wildlife,

conservation issues, poverty, AIDS, inspir-

ing leaders, and Africa's future. Nineteen

hands-on activities and color photos bring the continent to life. Selected Bibliography,

Websites to Explore, Books to Read, Index.

Celebrate Diwali with Sweets, Lights, and

Fireworks (Holidays Around the World).

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Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5922-

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\$23.90. (I) Vivid photos with lively captions

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out the world in all four titles of this series offering accessible introductions to religious and cultural celebrations. Glossary, Maps,

Resource List, Recipes, Notes. (MJW) I, III,

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Heiligman. Illustrated with photographs.

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Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5927-5, \$23.90.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with Turkey, Family,

and Counting Blessings. Deborah Heiligman.

Illustrated with photographs. National

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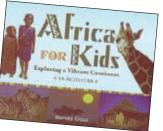
978-0-7922-5929-9, \$23.90.]

(LLH) III, I, IX

Palaces & Tombs). Barbara Knox. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Bearport Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59716-070-4, \$17.97; Library ISBN 978-1-59716-070-4, \$17.97. (I) Vibrant photographs and text appropriate for Hi-Lo reading introduce readers to the ambitious "Black Dragon," Yung Lo, who became China's emperor in 1402 and built the largest palace city in the world. Timeline, Glossary, Bibliography, Learn More Online, Index, Maps. (MJW) I, III, II



Margaret Read MacDonald. Illustrated by Alik Arzoumanian. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7614-5225-6, \$16.95. (P) "Tunjur" is the Arabic word for cooking pot. "Tunjur! Tunjur!" is the imagined sound of a mischievous little pot rolling into the market. After two thieving trips, the little pot is "rewarded" with goat dung, thus teaching the pot the difference between right and wrong. Author's Note. (LLH) IV, I



Mia's Story: A Sketchbook of Hopes and Dreams.

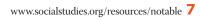
Written and illustrated by Michael Foreman. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-3063-8, \$15.99. (I, P) Although Mia and her family must harvest scrap from a city dump in Chile in order to survive, they have hopes and dreams for a better future. (JMS) III

Geography/People/Places

Africa for Kids: Exploring a Vibrant Continent.

Harvey Croze. Illustrated by Laura D'Argo and with photographs. Chicago Review Press. 144pp. Paperback ISBN 978-1-55652-598-8, \$17.95. (M) Croze weaves together Africa's history with its role in today's complex world.





The Navajo Year, Walk Through Many Seasons.

Nancy Bo Flood. Illustrated by Billy Whitethorne. Salina Bookshelf. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-893354-06-7, \$17.95. (I) Vibrant, colorful text and illustrations trace the yearly cycle of weather, tasks, and customs in a traditional Navajo family. The months of the year are presented in both English and Navajo. (LLT) I, III

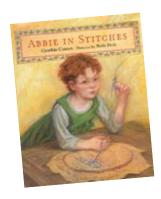
Pompeii: Lost and Found. Mary Pope Osborne. Illustrated by Bonnie Christensen. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-82889-8, \$16.95; Library ISBN 978-0-375-92889-5, \$18.99. (I) Osborne recreates life in the rich Roman city of Pompeii before the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in CE 79. Christensen's dramatic frescoes offer a glimpse of daily activities moments before the city was entombed in ash. The Making of Frescoes, Answers to Found Items. (LLH) III

Small Beauties: The Journey of Darcy Heart O'Hara. Elvira Woodruff. Illustrated by Adam Rex. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-82686-3, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-375-92686-0, \$17.99. (P, I) Darcy Heart O'Hara is a noticer and collector of tiny treasures. When her family is forced to immigrate to America, Darcy's collection of small beauties preserves the memories and strength of their beloved Irish homeland. Author's Note. (LLT) II, III, IV

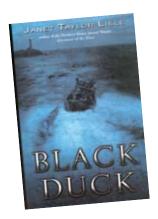
Tour America: A Journey Through Poems and Art. Diane Siebert. Illustrated by Stephen T. Johnson. Chronicle Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8118-5056-8, \$17.95. (I) This unique book pairs poetry and art to highlight images of America. The reader gains a unique perspective of various American landscapes, buildings, events, and landmarks. Information is provided about each site. List of Art and Mediums. (AHC) III

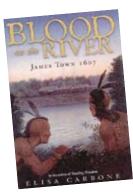
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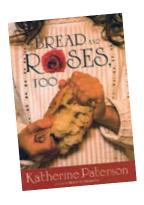
5,000 Miles To Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery. Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-7885-6, \$19.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-7886-3, \$29.90. (M) During Ellen and William Craft's escape from slavery in the South to freedom, Ellen poses as a white gentleman accom-











panied by her male slave in order to travel incognito. Bibliography, Index, Timeline. (KHW) II, I, III

Abbie in Stitches. Cynthia Cotten. Illustrated by Beth Peck, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-30004-3, \$16.00. (P) In early nineteenth-century America, Abbie is expected to master needlework and create a sampler. She finds a creative way to express her dislike of stitching and her desire to read instead. Afterword. (LKG) IV, I

Across the Blue Pacific: A World War II Story. Louise Borden. Illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker. Houghton Mifflin Company. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0618-33922-8, \$17.00. (I) Gentle prose and soft illustrations evoke the loss and sadness of war as a schoolgirl remembers a young, handsome neighbor who failed to return from the Pacific Theater in World War II. Author's Note. (LLT) II, IV, V

The American Story: 100 True Tales From American History. Jennifer Armstrong. Illustrated by Roger Roth. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books. 368pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-81256-9, \$34.95; Library ISBN 978-0-375-91256-6, \$39.99. (I) This captivating book includes 100 easy-to-read short stories about the history of America. Stories cover individuals and events from colonization to modern times (1565 to 2000). Content Page, Introduction, Story Arcs, Index, Bibliography. (AHC) II, V

Black Duck. Janet Taylor Lisle. Philomel Books/ Penguin Young Reader's Group. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-3992-3963-2, \$15.99. F (Puffin). (MH) A high school boy needs a good story to jumpstart his career as a reporter. Intrigued by local newspaper clippings from the Prohibition Era, he sets out to interview an eyewitness. The story is juxtaposed between past and present as the gripping events unfold. Author's Note. (KON) II, V, VI

Blood on the River: James Town 1607. Elisa Carbone. Viking Children's Books/Penguin Young Reader's Group. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-06060-3, \$16.99. (M) Rescued from London slums and then apprenticed to Capt. John Smith, young Samuel Collier narrates the story of the James Town settlement, 1607. Historical details help recreate the people and places of the New World. Author's Note, Bibliography and Source Citations. (LLT) II, VI, III

Bread and Roses, Too, Katherine Paterson, Clarion Books. 275pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-65479-6, \$16.00. (M) Two young children, Rosa and Jake, become embroiled in the 1912 Bread and Roses Strike in the mills of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Together, they tell the story of the hardships and injustices endured by immigrant mill workers. Historical Note, Acknowledgements. (LLH) V, VI, VII

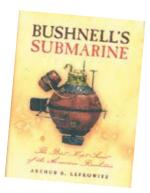
The Buffalo Soldier. Sherry Garland. Illustrated by Ronald Himler. Pelican Publishing Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-158980391-6, \$15.95; Library ISBN 9781589803916, \$15.95. (I) A freed slave chooses the opportunities and hard life of a Buffalo Soldier after the Civil War. He reflects on the challenges and satisfactions of regimental life, taking him from the American frontier to San Juan Hill. Author's Note, Bibliography. (LLT) II, V, VI, IV

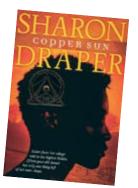
Bushnell's Submarine: The Best Kept Secret of the American Revolution. Arthur S. Lefkowitz. Scholastic Nonfiction, 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-043974352-5, \$16.99. (I) A fascinating story incorporating primary documents that describes the first attempt of a submarine mission during the American Revolution. Postscript, Index. (MWW) VIII

Copper Sun. Sharon Draper. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 320pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-82181-3, \$16.95. (H) Stolen from her village in Africa, then beaten and abused, Amari is brought to America and sold as a gift for a plantation owner's son. With help, she escapes and makes a desperate run for freedom, south to Fort Mose. Afterword, Resources. (LKG) IV, V

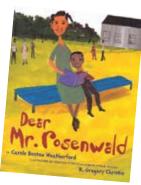
Counting on Grace. Elizabeth Winthrop. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-74644-1, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90878-8, \$17.99. F (Yearling). (M) Twelve-year-old Grace must work at the local mill but hopes for a better life. Based on a photograph by Lewis Hine, this novel explores the issue of child labor. Author's Note, Further Reading. (PLS) II, VI, IV

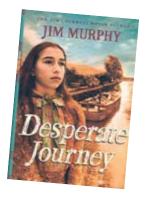
Dancing With Katya. Dori Chaconas. Illustrated by Constance R. Bergum. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-376-4, \$16.95. F (Peachtree). (P) At the age of five, Katya contracts polio. The disease not only disables her body, but her spirit as well. With the aid of braces and her sister's love, Katya slowly learns to dance and live again. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note. (LLH) IV











Dear Mr. Rosenwald. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Scholastic Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-49522-9, \$16.99. (I) An African American community in 1921 pulls together to build a new school with the help of a grant from Mr. Rosenwald, the president of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Author's Note. (JMS) III

Desperate Journey. Jim Murphy. Scholastic Press. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-043907806-1, \$16.99. (I, M) This story conveys the trials and tribulations of a 12-year-old girl, and her family's day-to-day life, living and working on the Erie Canal in 1848. Historical Information, Glossary. (KON) II, III, VII, VIII

First Freedoms: A Documentary History of First Amendment Rights in America. Charles C. Haynes, Sam Chaltain, and Susan M. Glisson. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Oxford University Press. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-19-515750-5, \$40.00. (H) This book chronicles the history of First Amendment rights in the United States from 1663 to 2002, incorporating relevant primary documents. Bibliography, Index, Timeline, Further Reading, Websites. (KHW) X

Florida 1513-1821. Matthew C. Cannavale. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-6409-5, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-6866-6, \$32.90. (M) Maps, primary sources, pictures, and easy-to-read narrative combine to create a portrait of early Florida life. This is part of a National Geographic Series. Quote Sources, Resources, Index. (LKG) III, I [Also recommended in this series: Georgia 1521-1776. Robin Doak. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-6389-0, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-6858-1, \$32.90. New York 1609-1776. Michael Burgan. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-6390-6, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-6860-4, \$32.90. Rhode Island 1636-1776. Jesse McDermott. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-6410-1, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-6868-0, \$32.90. Delaware 1638-1776. Karen Hossell. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-6408-8, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-6864-2, \$32.90. California 1542-1850. Robin Doak. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-6391-3, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-6861-1, \$32.90.]

Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement. Ann Bausum. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 80pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-4173-7, \$18.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-4173-7, \$28.90. (M) The author takes the reader on a journey from Nashville, Tennessee, to Montgomery, Alabama, on a Greyhound bus. This book chronicles the entire trip, but focuses on two riders in particular, John Lewis and Jim Zwerg. Author's Notes, Bibliography, Index, Timeline. (KHW) X, II,

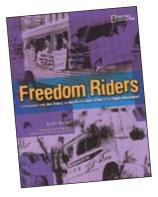
Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Russell Freedman. Illustrated with black-and-white photographs. Holiday House. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2031-5, \$18.95. (M) Personal stories from average citizens, local crusaders, and prominent civil-rights lawyers, coupled with stunning photographs, portray the story behind the 381-day boycott to end racial segregation on buses. Chapter Notes, Selected Bibliography, Index. (LLH) II, V, X

Geronimo. Joseph Bruchac. Scholastic Press. 244pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-43935360-1, \$16.99. (M, H) Thoroughly researched "memories" of Geronimo and the captivity of the Chiracahua Apaches are narrated by Geronimo's fictional adopted grandson. Geronimo is portrayed as a dignified, caring, resourceful, and humorous leader of his people. Afterword, Chronology, Bibliography. (LLT) II, V, VI

The Green Glass Sea. Ellen Klages. Viking Children's Books/Penguin Young Readers Group. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-06134-1, \$16.99. (M) A gripping tale about a young girl who feels out of place among her peers, searching to decide what is right, while living in Los Alamos, New Mexico, during World War II. Author's Note, Reference List. (NBF) V, IV

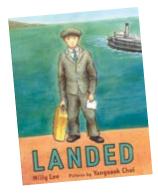
Hattie Big Sky. Kirby Larson. Delacorte Press/ Random House Children's Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73313-7, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90332-5, \$17.99. (H) As Hattie struggles to claim a Montana homestead she inherited at the age of 16 in 1917, she must determine where her loyalties lie between supporting America's war effort and her German neighbors. Author's Note, Further Reading, Recipes. (NBF) IV, III, V

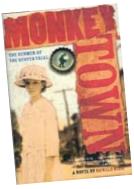
Hearts of Stone, Kathleen Ernst, Dutton Children's Books/Penguin Young Readers Group. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-47686-3, \$16.99. (M) When Hannah's father joins











the Union army during the Civil War, and her mother dies, it falls on Hannah to hold the family together. She decides to take her brothers and sisters on the dangerous road to Nashville in search of a relative. (KHW) II

Journeys for Freedom. Susan Buckley and Elspeth Leacock. Illustrated by Rodica Prato. Houghton Mifflin Company. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-22323-7, \$17.00. (M) American history is, in part, the story of people struggling for freedom. In this book, maps and historical facts describe 20 such journeys. Notes, Index. (JMS) II, VI

Kids Make History: A New Look at America's Story.

Susan Buckley and Elspeth Leacock. Illustrated by Randy Jones. Houghton Mifflin Company. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-22329-9, \$17.00. (I, M) This is an engaging story about the role of young people in history. Factual information is provided in sequential order, and ranges from Pocahontas to September 11, 2001. Acknowledgments, Notes, Index. (AHC) II,

Ladies First: 40 Daring American Women Who Were Second to None. Elizabeth Cody Kimmel. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5393-8, \$18.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5394-5, \$27.90. (M) Past and present success stories of a variety of women who went beyond traditional barriers to achieve their goals and make a difference in the world. Their stories are accentuated with photographs and quotes. Bibliography, Quote Sources. (PLS) II, V

Landed. Milly Lee. Illustrated by Yangsook Choi. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34314-9, \$16.00. (I) This turn-of-the-century immigration story follows Sun's experience traveling to America, and being detained at San Francisco's Angel Island, in the years following the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Author's Note. (LLT) II, IX, VI

Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial.

Ronald Kidd. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-0572-1, \$15.95. F (Simon Pulse). (H) The setting is Dayton, Tennessee, in the summer of 1925. This story explores the infamous Scopes Monkey Trial from its inception at the local drugstore to its guilty verdict. Author's Notes. (KHW) II, VI



Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom. Carole Weatherford. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-7868-5175-9, \$15.99. F (Hyperion Books for Children). (I, M) Stunning artwork dramatizes this depiction of Harriet Tubman as Moses, a guide of the Underground Railroad. With poetic lyricism, the author depicts Tubman drawing upon her spiritual convictions for the strength to persevere. Author's Note, Foreword. (KON) II, IV, V

My Last Skirt: The Story of Jennie Hodgers, Union Soldier. Lynda Durrant. Clarion Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-57490-2, \$16.00. (M) This is a compelling story about strength, courage, and adaptability, based on the true life of Jennie Hodgers, who enlisted as a male to fight in the Civil War. Afterword, Bibliography, Websites. (MWW) IV

Night Boat to Freedom. Margot Theis Raven. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-31266-4, \$16.00. (I) Beautiful illustrations help tell the tale of one 12-yearold boy's efforts to help row slaves across the river to the free state of Ohio. Author's Note. (MWW) IV, V

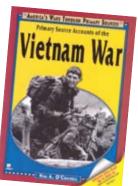
Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round: Stories and Songs of the Civil Rights Movement. Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Candlewick Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-1927-5, \$19.99. (I) Individual stories of key historical figures and events of the civil rights movement are told in this moving book. Beautiful illustrations and songs show the pride and spirit of activists. Artist's Note, Bibliography, Index, Source Notes, Timeline. (PLS) X, II, VI

Pop's Bridge. Eve Bunting. Illustrated by C.F. Payne. Harcourt Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-15-204773-3, \$17.00. (I) Robert's father is helping to build the Golden Gate Bridge, an engineering marvel. But when 10 men die working on the bridge, Robert realizes that completing such a project comes at a great cost. Author's Note. (KHW) III, VIII

Primary Source Accounts of the Vietnam War

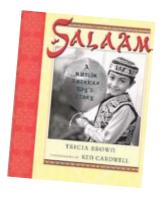
(America's Wars through Primary Sources). Kim A. O'Connell. Illustrated with color photographs and illustrations. Enslow Publishers. 128pp. Library ISBN 978-1-59845-001-9, \$33.27. (H) Stories, songs, letters, and photographs add to this historical account of the Vietnam War and show its impact on Vietnamese and Americans involved in the conflict. Glossary, Index, Websites. (PLS) II, III











The Race for Space: The United States and the Soviet Union Compete for the New Frontier (People's History). Betsy Kuhn. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Twenty-First Century Books. 112pp. Library ISBN 978-0-8225-5984-9, \$ 29.27. (M) When the Soviet Union launched Sputnik in 1957, America was set on a new trajectory that led to Apollo 11 astronauts walking on the Moon, an emphasis on science in schools, and a fascination with space. A Word About Metric Conversions, Spelling, Grammar, and Song; Timeline; Source Notes; Bibliography; Further Reading and Websites; Index; Excerpt From Apollo 11 Lunar Landing

Communications. (MJW) VIII, II, VI

Remember Little Bighorn: Indians, Soldiers, and Scouts Tell Their Stories. Paul Robert Walker. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5521-5, \$17.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5522-2, \$27.90. (M) Crammed with paintings, photos, and quotations, this revealing book documents the Battle of Little Bighorn from multiple perspectives and eyewitness accounts. Foreword, Epilogue, Timeline of Battles for Indian Land, Selected Sources, Quote Sources, Selected Postscripts, Index. (AHC) III, II, VI

 $\mathfrak{B} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ The Roaring 20: The First Cross-Country Air Race for Women. Margaret Whitman Blair. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5389-1, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5390-7, \$32.90. (M) Neither derisive press coverage, acts of possible sabotage, or other challenges weaken the resolve of 20 female pilots who participated in the first race of its kind across the United States in 1929. Bibliography, Index, Resource Guide, Sources, Timeline. (PLS) II

Salaam: A Muslim American Boy's Story. Tricia Brown. Photographs by Ken Cardwell. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-80506538-1, \$17.95. (I, P) Photographs and simple text describe Imran's life as a Muslim American child. Glossary. (JMS) III

Saving the Buffalo. Albert Marrin. Illustrated with photographs and paintings. Scholastic Nonfiction. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-43971854-7, \$18.99. (I, M) This nonfiction book details the near extinction of the buffalo and the efforts of early conservationists to prevent the animal's demise. A fascinating look at life in the time of westward expansion. Glossary, Text Source Notes, For More Information, Index, Image Source Notes. (AHC) III, II

Singing Hands. Delia Ray. Clarion Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-65762-9, \$16.00. (M) Twelve-year-old Gussie, the rebellious, hearing daughter of deaf parents, confronts the difficulties and prejudices encountered by the deaf community in 1948 Birmingham, Alabama, while searching for her own identity within the worlds of "Ears" and the deaf. Author's Note. (MJW) I, II, IV

The Tragic Tale of Narcissa Whitman and a Faithful History of the Oregon Trail (The Cheryl Harness Histories). Written and Illustrated by Cheryl Harness. National Geographic Children's Books. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5920-6, \$21.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5921-3, \$32.90. (H) A riveting history of the Oregon Trail woven around the story of Narcissa Whitman and her husband, early missionaries to the Cayuse Indians. An excellent timeline runs along the bottom of the pages. Timeline, Map, Oregon Trail Chronology, Resources. (LKG) III, I, V

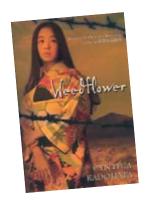
Victory. Susan Cooper. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster Children's Division. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-1477-8, \$16.95. F (Aladdin). (M) Alternating chapters tell the connected stories of 11-year-old Molly, a contemporary English girl living with her blended family in Connecticut, and Sam, a nineteenth-century ship's boy aboard the HMS Victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Author's Note, Glossary. (MJW) II, IV

Weedflower. Cynthia Kadohata. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-86574-9, \$16.95. (M) After Pearl Harbor, Sumiko and her family are sent to a Japanese internment camp on an Indian reservation. Her new life is characterized by hardship, heat, and dust, but along the way she befriends a Mohave boy and learns lessons about friendship and prejudice. End Note. (AHC) V, III, II, I

The Wonder Kid. George Harrar. Houghton Mifflin Company. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-56317-3, \$16.00. (M) It's 1954, and Jesse's mom is terrified of polio, the great crippler of children. When polio hits their home, Jesse's legs are paralyzed. But Jesse soon discovers a new talent and also something new about his dad. Afterword. (MJW) I, IV, VIII

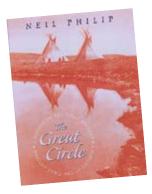
Yoon and the Christmas Mitten. Helen Recorvits. Illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-38688-7, \$16.00. (P) After learning about Santa Claus in school, young Korean immigrant Yoon desperately wants a











visit from this traditional American icon, and struggles as her parents wish to retain Korean traditions. (NBF) I

Reference

The Bill of Rights (American Documents). Judith Lloyd Yero. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5395-2, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5396-9, \$23.90. (M) A comprehensive look at the Bill of Rights and how it became an important aspect of American culture and society. This well-designed book is part of the National Geographic Series that will engage intermediate and middle school readers. Index. (MWW) VI, X [Also recommended in this series: The Constitution. Paul Finkelman. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-7937-2, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-7975-4, \$23.90. The Declaration of Independence. Judith Lloyd Yero. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5397-6, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5398-3, \$23.90. The Emancipation Proclamation. Marianne McComb. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-7916-7, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-7936-5, \$23.90. The Mayflower Compact. Judith Lloyd Yero. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-5891-9, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5892-6, \$23.90.]

Eleanor of Aguitaine and the High Middle Ages.

Nancy Plain. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Marshall Cavendish Benchmark. 80pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-76141834-4, \$32.79; Library ISBN 0-7614-1834-2, \$22.95. (M) This two-part book gives a biography of events and challenges in Eleanor's life as well as a description of everyday life and culture in Europe during her reign. Glossary, Bibliography, Index, Reference List. (NBF) I, III

The Great Circle: A History of the First Nations. Neil

Philip. Illustrated with archival photographs. Clarion Books. 170pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-15941-3, \$25.00. (M, H) Photographs, paintings, and quotations enhance this comprehensive overview of 20 culture groups and tribes of North America. The organization and indexing allow for quick retrieval of pertinent information, making this an excellent reference. Source Notes, Bibliography, Picture Sources, Index. (KON) I, II, V

Our Constitution. Donald A. Ritchie and JusticeLearning.org. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Oxford University Press. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-19-522385-9, \$40.00. (H) A rich volume of information explaining the Constitution. Illustrated with timelines, photos, and sidebars, each Article and Amendment is explained in easy-to-understand language. Appendix 1: Delegates to the Constitutional Convention; Appendix 2: Supreme Court Decisions that Shaped the Constitution; Index; Museums and Historic Sites Related to the Constitution; Websites; Further Reading; Constitutional Glossary. (LKG) VI

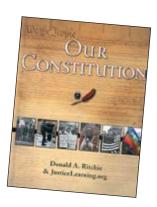
Our World: A Child's First Picture Atlas, Updated Edition. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-7576-3, \$17.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-5532-1, \$27.90. (P) This book has beautiful pictures, simple text, maps, and interactive activities teaching about each of the continents. It identifies the various countries and describes ethnic groups, foods, and animals. Glossary. (KHW) III

Social Interactions/ Relationships

Bowery Girl. Kim Taylor. Viking Children's Books/Penguin Young Reader's Group. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-05966-9, \$16.99. (H) Two young women, one a pickpocket and the other a prostitute, make a pact to earn enough money to move to Brooklyn. Can they turn their lives around at the new Cherry Street Settlement House? (Note: Some graphic details may not be appropriate for all readers.) Author's Note. (LKG) IV, III

A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life. Dana Reinhardt. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-74698-4, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90940-2, \$17.99. F (Wendy Lamb Books). (H) When she is unexpectedly requested to meet with her birth mother, a 16-year-old girl struggles to balance loyalty to the only family she has known with the unknown heritage of her birth mother and birth family. (NBF) IV

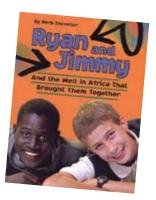
Jackie's Bat. Marybeth Lorbiecki. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-84102-6, \$15.95. (P) The story of Jackie Robinson's first year in the major leagues and his struggle to break the color barrier is told through the eyes of a bat boy who learns to overcome his own prejudice. Afterword, Note from the Author. (LKG) I, V











The Killer's Tears. Anne-Laure Bondoux. Translated by Y. Maudet. Delacorte Press/ Random House Children's Books. 176pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73293-2, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90314-1, \$17.99. F (Delacorte Press). (H) Set against the rugged Chilean landscape, a murderer and a lonely child learn about redemption, love, and family. Author's Note. (JMS) IV, III

Moving North: African Americans and the Great Migration, 1915–1930 (Crossroads America). Monica Halpern. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-8278-5, \$12.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-8358-4, \$21.90. (M) A compelling and fact-filled text describing the struggle for survival in the post-Civil War decades that led thousands of African Americans to leave the South and head North. Index, Maps, Glossary, Quotes. (MWW) V, II [Also recommended in this series: Speaking Out: The Civil Rights Movement 1950-1964. Kevin Supples. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7922-8279-2, \$12.95; Library ISBN 978-0-7922-8359-1, \$21.90.]

🚰 The Patch. Justina Chen Headley. Illustrated by Mitch Vane. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58089-049-6, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-1-58089-049-6, \$15.95; Paperback ISBN 978-1-58089-170-7, \$7.95. (P) Amblyopia causes five-year-old Becca to wear a patch. Fearful of teasing, she wears a pirate costume to school, and leads her class on a merry chase until she finally explains the need for the patch. Author's Note. (LKG) V

Pieces of Georgia. Jen Bryant. Alfred A. Knopf/ Random House Children's Books. 176pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-83259-8, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-375-93259-5, \$17.99. (M, H) Written in the first-person with a non-rhyming poetic style, the author subtly relates the life of a 13-year-old girl facing life with no mother, a depressed father, and a troubled friend. (KON)

🖲 📉 Ryan and Jimmy: And the Well in Africa that Brought Them Together. Herb Shoveller. Kids Can Press. 56pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-55337-967-6, \$16.95. (I) This true story about service learning describes how one child can make a difference. Jimmy learned in school about the lack of safe drinking water in Uganda and became determined to do something about it. Epilogue. (AHC) X, IX, IV, III

Sand Dollar Summer. Kimberly K. Jones. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-0362-8, \$15.95. (M) In this novel, the ocean represents the challenges and changes in the life of 12-year-old Lise when her mother is injured in a car accident and her family moves to the beach. (PLS) IV

Skin. Adrienne Maria Vrettos. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-0655-1, \$16.95. F (Simon Pulse). (H) Fourteen-year-old Donnie recounts the details of a difficult year as he deals with his sister's eating disorder, his parents' fighting, and being an outcast at school. (PLS) IV

Standing Against the Wind. Traci L. Jones. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-37174-6, \$16.00. (M) Eighthgrader Patrice is teased for being different in her new home in Chicago. She copes with her problems and overcomes her fears by applying to a prestigious school for African Americans. (PLS) IV

Time's Memory. Julius Lester. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-37178-4, \$17.00. (H) In the African Dogon religion, the spirits of the dead (*nyama*) must be cared for, but in America, too many slaves are dying. Ekundayo searches to bring peace to the nyama before it is too late. Author's Note, Glossary, Books Consulted. (LLH) II, IV, V

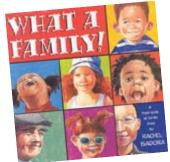
Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding. Lenore Look. Illustrated by Yumi Heo. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-84458-4, \$16.95. (P). This gentle story of Jenny's difficulty with the idea of sharing her favorite uncle with a new aunt reveals many Chinese wedding traditions, which are portrayed through happy-go-lucky artwork. (MJW) I, IV

Vive La Paris. Esmé Raji Codell. Hyperion Books for Children. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-78685124-9, \$15.99. F. (M) Paris McCray is a fifth-grade African American girl trying to right the world's wrongs. Wearing her rose-colored glasses, Paris deals with the Holocaust, bullying, God, and growing up. (LLH) IV, II

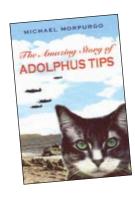
The Weight of the Sky. Lisa Ann Sandell. Viking Children's Books/Penguin Young Readers Group. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-06028-3, \$16.99. (H) Free verse captures











the voice of 16-year-old Sarah Green, a band geek and the only Jewish girl in her class. While spending a summer on a kibbutz in Israel, Sarah discovers herself and a new sense of Jewish identity. (LLH) IV, I, III

What a Family!: A Fresh Look at Family Trees.

Rachel Isadora. G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Young Reader's Group. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-39924254-0, \$16.99. (P) Similarities and differences within families are celebrated in this humorous book. Illustrations of diverse and expressive faces enhance the story. (PLS)

What the Moon Saw. Laura Resau. Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73343-4, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90360-8, \$17.99. (M) While visiting paternal grandparents in southern Mexico whom she has never met before, 14-year-old Clara discovers and embraces a new part of herself and her heritage. Glossary. (NBF) IV, I, III

World History and Culture

Alphabet of Dreams. Susan Fletcher. Ginee Seo Books/ Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-85042-4, \$16.95. F (Simon Pulse). (H) Disguised as a boy, Mitra and her brother flee for their lives in the caravan of the Magi following the star to Bethlehem. Rich vocabulary and vivid historical detail immerse the reader in ancient Persia. Author's Note, Bibliography. (LLT) IX, I, II

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips. Michael Morpurgo. Scholastic Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-043979661-3, \$16.99. (I) Lily's village in World War II Britain is being evacuated because the Allies need to practice landing for D-Day. Lily makes friends with two American soldiers who help her when her cat, Adolphus has kittens within the restricted zone. Postscript. (LKG) III

Behind the Mask. Written and illustrated by Yangsook Choi. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-30522-2, \$16.00. (P) Whimsical illustrations depict the story of how Kimin finds a Halloween costume, connects to his grandfather, and learns about a traditional Korean folk dance called Talchum, or mask dance. Author's Note. (AHC) I, IX

The Book Thief. Markus Zusak. Alfred A. Knopf/ Random House Children's Books. 560pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-83100-3, \$16.95; Library ISBN 978-0-375-83100-3, \$18.99. F (Alfred A. Knopf). (H) Set in Nazi Germany, this haunting story recounts nine-year-old Liesel's career as a book thief, and her love of words. The novel is narrated by "Death," and when Death tells a story, you must listen. (MJW) IV, II, VI

The Braid. Helen Frost. Frances Foster Books/ Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-30962-6, \$16.00. (M) A poetic coming-of-age story of two young Scottish sisters in the nineteenth century—one who stays in Scotland and the other who goes to Canada to start a new life. Told in a traditional Scottish style of writing. Author's Note on Form, People, Language and Places. (MWW) I

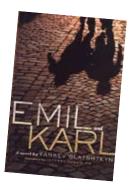
Christmas in the Trenches. John McCutcheon. Illustrated by Henri Sørensen. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-374-0, \$18.95. F. (I, M) An inspiring story about the ability of enemies to come together and the possibility of peace. Based on the Christmas Truce of 1914 during World War I, this fictional account is beautifully illustrated and told through the eyes of a grandfather. Includes a CD. Author's Note, Historical Note, Christmas in the Trenches Song. (AHC) IV, II, III

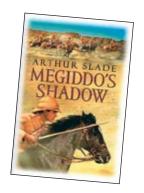
Emil and Karl. Yankev Glatshteyn. Translated by Jeffrey Shandler, Roaring Brook Press, 208pp. Trade ISBN 1-59643-119-9, \$17.95. (H) Set in Vienna on the eve of World War II, two boyhood friends, one Jewish, one not, suddenly find themselves without a family or home. Their friendship is a testimony to bravery in a time of intolerance and hatred. Translated from a 1940 Yiddish publication. To the Reader, Afterword. (AHC) IV, II, III

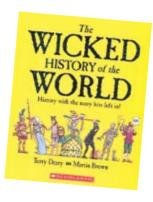
Escaping into the Night. D. Dina Friedman. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-0258-4, \$15.95. (H) The author weaves a captivating story about a group of Jews who escape the Nazis by hiding in underground encampments in a Polish forest. (KHW) V, II, III

The Foreshadowing. Marcus Sedgwick. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-74646-5, \$16.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90881-8, \$18.99. (H) In 1915 England, 17-year-old Sasha has visions about the future. When she foresees her beloved brother being shot on the battlefield in France, she searches desperately for a way to prevent his death. Author's Note. (JMS) IV, IX











Lugalbanda, The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War: An Epic Tale from Ancient Iraq. Kathy Henderson. Illustrated by Jane Ray. Candlewick Press. 80pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-2782-9, \$16.99. (I) In a beautifully illustrated tale from Ancient Sumer, Lugalbanda follows his brothers into war, only to become sick and lose his way home. He pleads with the Anzu bird for return to a peaceful home. Author's Note. (NBF) III, I, IV

Megiddo's Shadow. Arthur Slade. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-74701-1, \$15.95; Library ISBN 978-0-385-90945-7, \$17.99. (M, H) Sixteen-year-old Edward leaves Canada for England to enlist in the army after his brother is killed in World War I. He is sent to Palestine as a member of the cavalry to fight the Turks. His experiences provide a unique perspective on the horrors of war. Author's Note, About the Author. (AHC) II, III

Pirates. John Matthews. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-2734-1, \$19.95. (I). A fun book of pirate lore, biographies of famous pirates, their ships, treasure maps, and punishments. Included are pullouts and pockets with a map, a "wanted" poster, and an execution order. Resources, Books, Websites. (LKG) V

The White Ram: A Story of Abraham and Isaac.

Written and illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1897-8, \$16.95. (P) This touching legend has its roots in three great religions—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. The white ram's sacrifice of himself on the altar in place of Isaac illuminates qualities of honor, duty, courage, and destiny. Author's Note. (LLT) V, I, IX

The Wicked History of the World: History with the Nasty Bits Left In! Terry Deary. Illustrated by Martin Brown. Scholastic Reference. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-43987786-2, \$10.99. (M) Wacky humor and cartoon-style illustrations chronicle the disgusting-but-true details about foul fighting, terrible kings and queens, and the 50 most vicious villains of all time. British to American Glossary, Vicious Villains Foldout. (MJW) II, VI, I

Yellow Star. Jennifer Roy. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7614-5277-5, \$16.95. (M) Set in the Lodz ghetto of Poland during the Nazi occupation, the author draws on her aunt's memories to create this first-person account of a family's courage and resourcefulness against persecution and loss. Author's Note, Timeline. (LLT) V, VI, II

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