

New Children's & Young Adult Literature

Books for Grades 7-8

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FAMILY & FRIENDS

+*Anderson, Laurie Halse. Wintergirls. Dial. \$17.99

When her former best friend dies from anorexia, 18-year-old Lia (who also suffers from the disease and self-mutilation) is overwhelmed with guilt because she didn't answer her friend's cry for help. The publisher describes this book as "her (Anderson's) most powerfully moving novel since Speak." Gr. 8 up.

Calonita, Jen. Sleepaway Girls. Little, Brown, \$16.99

Samantha gets a job as a counselor in a summer camp in the Catskills and finds new friendships. Might be considered a bit schmaltzy and predictable but still fun.

Cantor, Jillian. September Sisters. HarperCollins, \$16.99

Abby, 12, and Becky, 10, fight like sisters do sometimes. But when Becky disappears and is presumably kidnapped, their family unravels. Debut novel for Cantor.

*Dessen, Sarah. Along for the Ride. Viking, \$19.99

The summer before she starts college, Auden decides to live with her father and his new young wife and baby at the seashore. Working in her stepmom's boutique means Auden meets some of the locals. She and Eli forge an unlikely bond and become regulars at late-night adventures. (SLJ says Gr. 8 and up, but I have no idea why).

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Claim to Fame. Simon & Schuster, \$16.99

Child TV star Lindsay "retires" and finds that, after her father's death, she prefers to stay alone so she can hide her secret, that every time she goes outside her house, she is bombarded by hearing everything that's being said about her all around the world.

*Han, Jenny. The Summer I Turned Pretty. Simon & Schuster, \$16.99

The summer Isabel (Belly) will turn sixteen starts out as in the past. She and her mother will stay with her mother's best friend and two sons at the same beach house. But this summer is different; Belly starts to view the two sons with romantic interest. Chick lit. First in planned trilogy.

Hautman, Pete. How to Steal a Car. Scholastic, \$16.99

On outward appearances, 15-year-old Kalleigh is a "good" girl. But during the summer before her sophomore year what starts out as joyriding in her neighbor's car turns into an obsession for car stealing.

Hollyer, Belinda. Secrets, Lies, and My Sister Kate. Holiday, \$16.95

Twelve-year-old Mini's older sister Kate runs away from home, and gradually family secrets are revealed that involve the fact that Kate is adopted (also kept a secret until the end is Mini's real name which she hates).

***McKinnon, Hannah Roberts. Franny Parker.** Farrar, \$16.00

Franny's 13th summer in her usually boring Oklahoma town turns more exciting when Lucas and his mother become new neighbors. But trouble begins when Lucas's abusive father shows up.

Rallison, Janette. Just One Wish. Putnam, \$15.99

Annika's younger brother is battling cancer. To boost his morale she promises him one wish but when Jeremy asks for a visit from his favorite TV star, she doesn't know how she is going to make that happen.

***Sanchez, Alex. Bait.** Simon & Schuster, \$16.99

Diego's anger and assault on a classmate earns him a probation officer, a person he might just trust enough to reveal the secret of his stepfather's years of sexual abuse.

Sweeney, Joyce. Guardian. Holt, \$16.99

Thirteen-year-old Hunter feels alone once his foster father is killed. But when a "guardian angel" starts appearing, he hopes his luck is changing. Unfortunately, the angel turns out to be his biological father, recently released from prison for killing Hunter's mother.

Williams, Carol Lynch. The Chosen One. St. Martin's/Griffin, \$16.95

Kyra, thirteen and living in a polygamist cult, accepts the fact that she has three mothers and twenty siblings, but must consider running away when she's chosen to marry her over-60 uncle.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE

+*Burg, Ann. All the Broken Pieces. Scholastic, \$16.99

Matt, a young Vietnamese boy airlifted out in 1975 and now settled in with an American family is haunted by what he has left behind in Vietnam. Novel in verse. First novel for this author.

+*Frost, Helen. Crossing Stones. Farrar/Frances Foster, \$16.99

Two neighboring families struggle when each has a son who goes off to fight in World War I. Novel in verse.

Gear, Kathleen O'Neal and W. Michael Gear. Children of the Dawnland. Tom Doherty Associates, \$17.95

At the end of the Ice Age, 12-year-old Twig realizes she has special powers and, despite her mother's resistance, Twig visits a spirit dreamer and, because of a dream she has, then must convince her people to move because their village will soon be destroyed.

***Hale, Marian. The Goodbye Season.** Holt, \$16.99

Times are tough for 17-year-old Mercy's Texas sharecropper family as World War I is coming to a close. So Mercy goes to work for another farm family. When Mercy returns home, she finds her entire family has been wiped out by the influenza epidemic.

Holmes, Elizabeth. Tracktown Summer. Dutton, \$16.99

Jake's father has been absent from his life, so Jake is looking forward to the invitation to spend the summer with him. But the visit doesn't turn into what Jake is hoping for, due to family problems with his new-found friend, Adrian, plus learning a disappointing secret about his father.

***Klass, Sheila Solomon. Soldier's Secret: The Story of Deborah Sampson.** Holt, \$17.95

In this fictionalized biography, Deborah Sampson has to disguise herself as a man in order to fight in the Revolutionary War.

Magoon, Kekla. Rock and the River. Simon & Schuster, \$15.99

Even though his father is a civil rights activist, Sam hasn't actively participated in the cause. His 17-year-old brother Stick, though, joins the Black Panthers. (1968 Chicago setting)

***McKernan, Victoria. Devil's Paintbox.** Random House, \$16.99

Sibling orphans Aiden and Maddy have no choice but to leave their drought-ravaged (1860s) Kansas farm to accept an offer from a trail boss who wants them to work with a logging company in the Pacific Northwest.

***Myers, Walter Dean. Riot.** Egmont USA, \$16.99

Fifteen-year-old Claire, because she has an Irish mother and an African-American father, is caught up in the New York City Draft Riots of 1863. (Written in screenplay format, like Monster)

+*Peck, Richard. A Season of Gifts. Dial, \$16.99

Grandma Dowdel is back! This time her eccentric ways are recorded by her next-door neighbor, ten-year-old Bob. Great for read-aloud.

+*Phelan, Matt. The Storm in the Barn. Candlewick, \$24.99

In this graphic novel, 11-year-old Jack feels helpless on his Kansas family farm in the height of the 1937 Dust Bowl. When he sees a ghost in the barn and tells people it's rain, he is accused of having dust dementia.

***Pignat, Caroline. Greener Grass.** Red Deer, \$12.95

Narrated by fourteen-year-old Kit, this novel follows a family's struggles during the Irish potato famine of 1847.

Rinaldi, Ann. Leigh Ann's Civil War. Harcourt, \$17.00

When Sherman's March moves through 11-year-old Leigh Ann's Georgia town, her family-owned cotton mill is burned and Leigh Ann and her sister are arrested as traitors.

Rinaldi, Ann. My Vicksburg. Harcourt, \$16.00

After Vicksburg is attacked, 13-year-old Carrie's well-to-do family has to leave their home and move to a cave, while Carrie's brother Landon works as a Union doctor and her father is serving as a doctor with the Confederacy.

***Slayton, Fran Cannon. When the Whistle Blows.** Philomel, \$16.99

Seven Halloweens (1943-1949) in Jimmy's life, starting at age eleven, trace his closeness to his father and Jimmy's desire to work for the railroad despite his father's trying to steer him away from what he feels is a dying business.

#*Westerfeld, Scott. Leviathan. S & S/Pulse, \$19.99

In this alternate account of World War I, Prince Aleksandar (son of assassinated Austro-Hungarian Archduke Ferdinand) commandeers his two-legged war machine and crosses paths with British girl Deryn, trying to disguise herself as a boy and in charge of the airship Leviathan. (Combination historical/sci fi/fantasy, this is the first of a planned four-book series by the author of the Uglies series)

***Weyn, Suzanne. Distant Waves. Scholastic, \$17.99**

Jane and her four sisters are taken by their widowed mother to live in a spiritual community in New York, where Jane's mother becomes a successful clairvoyant. Jane becomes obsessed with the scientific work of Nikola Tesla, follows his progress to England, and falls in love with his assistant Thad. They all are aboard the Titanic on its fateful journey.

***Wiseman, Eva. Puppet. Tundra, \$17.95**

Julie, a Christian teen, is worried about her Jewish friend Esther. When Esther disappears, her mother accuses the local rabbi of killing her to use her blood in the Passover feast. What follows is an account of the Hungarian blood libel trial of 1883.

AWARD WINNERS

#+*Hoose, Phillip. Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice. Farrar/Melanie Kroupa Bks., \$19.95 (Newbery Honor, Sibert Honor)

Nine months before the infamous Rosa Parks bus incident, teenager Claudette Colvin proclaimed the same--not wanting to give up her seat on the bus to a white person.

#+*Kelly, Jacqueline. The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate. Holt, \$16.99 (Newbery Honor)

In 1899 Texas, eleven-year-old Callie doesn't fit the mold of domestic help, like most girls her age. Instead, with the influence of her grandfather, she prefers the sciences (and reading Darwin's Origin of the Species). First novel for this author.

Lin, Grace. Where the Mountain Meets the Moon. Little, Brown, \$16.99 (Newbery Honor)

A retelling of a Chinese folktale centering around Minli and her family who all work hard in the rice fields to eke out a living. Minli's father tells her stories of the Jade Dragon, Magistrate Tiger and Old Man of the Moon. Wanting to change her family's plight, she decides to search for the Old Man of the Moon. Gr. 3-6.

Philbrick, Rodman. The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg (Newbery Honor)

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, runs away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

#+*Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me. Random/Wendy Lamb, \$15.99 (Newbery winner)

Miranda relates what happens during her sixth grade year, starting with her best friend Sal being punched and consequently not speaking to her any more to receiving mysterious notes. Multi-layered novel? Realistic look at 1970s NYC with some science fiction thrown in (with many references to Miranda's favorite book A Wrinkle in Time).

OTHER CULTURES

Bruchac, Joseph. Night Wings. HarperCollins, \$15.99

With both of his parents in the military, 13-year-old Paul goes to live with his Abenaki grampa Pete. Together they lead the way to discovering who has been robbing the cultural treasures and what connection they have to the dreams Paul has been having--dreams that feature a winged creature with red eyes.

McCormick, Patricia. Purple Heart. HarperTeen, \$16.99

Private Matt Duffy wakes up in an Iraqi hospital, recovering from a traumatic brain injury. Besides desperately wanting to return to his company, Matt wonders about the death of the street boy the guys have befriended. Shows the personal, civilian side of war.

Merringer, Neesha. Shine, Coconut Moon. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry, \$16.99

Samar, 17, has never been too interested in knowing about her Indian heritage until her uncle makes an appearance after 9/11.

+*Naidoo, Beverley. Burn My Heart. HarperCollins/Amistad, \$15.99

In 1950s Kenya, Mathew, a white farmer's son, and Mugo, a native African, struggle to maintain a friendship during the British revolution.

***Paterson, Katherine. The Day of the Pelican.** Clarion, \$16.00

Twelve-year-old Meli and her family live in Kosovo in the 1990s. When Serbians force their brutality on minority groups, Meli's family manages to escape to a refugee camp in Macedonia.

FAIRY TALE/ADVENTURE

Durst, Sarah Beth. Ice. Simon & Schuster, \$16.99

Based on the retelling of "East of the Sun, West of the Moon," Cassie lives with her Arctic scientist father, meets up with a polar bear (with special powers), and marries him. (Like Edith Pattou's East for older readers) Gr. 8 up.

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION/TIME TRAVEL

Brindley, John. The Rule of Claw. Carolrhoda, \$18.95

Teens are living on the beach after parents dumped them years before. Leader Ash, 15, is abducted by raptors and then saved by Rodents. Is it all because her father may have been responsible for genetic enhancements years before?

***Carey, Janet Lee. Stealing Death.** Egmont USA, \$16.99

Seventeen-year-old Kipp's parents and brother are killed in a fire. Kipp tries to steal the magical bag in which the souls of the dead are stored in order to prevent further deaths, including his love, Zalika. Has been compared to Le Guin's Earthsea and Hilari Bell's Farsala series.

Cross, Sarah. Dull Boy. Dutton, \$17.99

Avery's superpowers (superb strength and flying ability) land him in an alternative school where he meets other special kids (i.e., Catherine has razor sharp claws; Sophie can stick to walls). Together they try to use their powers to promote good in the world, but then along comes Cherchette, an adult who has other ideas on how the kids will use their powers. First novel for Cross. Sure to be a sequel?

***Gee, Maurice. Salt.** Orca, \$18.00

Hari lives with his father Tarl in the tunnel burrows. When Tarl is taken to be enslaved in the Deep Salt, Hari leaves the comfort of the only home he's ever known to try and rescue his father. New Zealand author and setting. First book in the planned Salt Trilogy.

Golding, Julia. Dragonfly. Marshall Cavendish, \$17.99

King Lagan arranges marriage between his son Ramil and Princess Tashi from a different part of the Known World, hoping their two countries can become allies. The couple instantly hate each other, but after they are kidnapped their relationship begins to change. A political, romantic, fantasy. Gr. 8 up.

#*Hardinge, Frances. The Lost Conspiracy. HarperCollins, \$16.99

Does Arilou actually possess special out-of-body powers like the Lost people of Gullstruck Island think? Can younger sister and guardian Hathin protect Arilou when it comes time to authenticate her powers?

+*Stroud, Jonathan. Heroes of the Valley. Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99

Halli's ancestors from the House of Svein have always told the story of the villainous Trows who live beyond the stone burial grounds. After he meets (strong heroine) Aud from the House of Arne, they decide to risk it all to find out the truth.

***Thompson, Kate. Creature of the Night.** Roaring Brook Press, \$17.95

Fourteen-year-old Bobby's mother moves the family from Dublin out to the country to get Bobby away from trouble. But Bobby steals and wrecks a car, so he must work off the cost through farm labor. Creepy details of the cottage they live in (including fairies in the night) add to this mysterious and supernatural tale. Gr. 8 up.

Yep, Laurence. City of Fire. Tor/Starscape, \$15.99

In 1941 San Francisco, four strangers converge on the Hearn Museum, all for different reasons: Bayang (dragon disguised as an old woman), Leech (boy with undiscovered powers), Sciryne (who is avenging his sister's death), and Koko (Leech's companion). Filled with dragon lore, Chinese warriors, Japanese folk creatures. First of a planned trilogy; "sure to appeal to fans of Rick Riordan and Eoin Colfer."

***Zink, Michelle. Prophecy of the Sisters.** Little, Brown, \$17.99

After the death of her father, Lia notices a mark on her wrist, leading to the discovery that she and her twin sister Alice are on opposite ends of a struggle that dates back to the beginning of time. First novel for this author; first of planned trilogy. 1890s NYC setting.

MYSTERY

DeFelice, Cynthia. Signal. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$16.99

Owen, a lonely boy whose father doesn't seem to have time to spend with him, discovers a mysterious girl, Cam, out in the woods. She enlists Owen's help to build a series of circles--a signal the spaceship will be able to see to take Cam back to the alien planet from which she's come.

Gavin, Jamila. See No Evil. Farrar, \$16.95

Well-to-do Londoner Nettie, 12, is crushed when her beloved tutor Nina disappears, leaving behind a journal. What Nettie discovers, along with her friend Benny, is that her father's wealth is from the human trafficking business.

Hahn, Mary Downing. Closed for the Season. Clarion, \$16.00

Seventh grader Logan sets out to investigate a murder that occurred in his house three years before his family moved in. Mrs. Donaldson, an accused embezzler, was discovered dead in the house, and her killer is still on the loose.

Mitchell, Sandra. Shadowed Summer. Delacorte, \$15.99

While Iris and her friend Colette are exploring the local cemetery, Iris hears a ghost boy speak to her. Is he the spirit of Elijah, a boy who's been missing for years?

SEQUELS/SERIES

Allison, Jennifer. Gilda Joyce: the Dead Drop. Dutton, \$16.99

When Gilda lands a summer internship at Washington, D.C.'s International Spy Museum, she finds herself embroiled in both a museum haunting and a real case of espionage.

***Anderson, M. T. Jasper Dash and the Flame-Pits of Delaware.** Simon & Schuster, \$16.99

Two staring teams competing against each other, mountains in Delaware, crooks in the monastery....all are part of this fast-paced adventure book.

Berlin, Eric. The Puzzling World of Winston Breen: The Potato Chip Puzzles. Putnam, \$16.99

Winston and his friends enter an all-day puzzle contest to win fifty-thousand dollars for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning.

Carter, Ally. Don't Judge a Girl by the Cover. (Gallagher Girls #3) Disney/Hyperion, \$16.99

When Cammie "The Chameleon" Morgan visits her roommate Macey in Boston, she thinks she's in for an exciting end to her summer break. After all, she's there to watch Macey's father accept the nomination for vice president of the United States.

***Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone Shines My Shoes.** Dial, \$17.99

Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose.

+*Collins, Suzanne. Catching Fire. Scholastic, \$17.99

By winning the annual Hunger Games, Katniss and Peeta have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

Draper, Sharon M. Just Another Hero. Atheneum, \$16.99

As Kofi, Arielle, Dana, November, and Jericho face personal challenges during their last year of high school, a misunderstood student brings a gun to class and demands to be taken seriously.

Elliott, L. M. A Troubled Peace. HarperCollins, \$16.99

After being shot down behind enemy lines and finding freedom, Henry is now back home in Virginia. But Henry can't stop thinking about a young French boy, Pierre, who helped him. What happens when Henry goes back to find Pierre? Sequel to Under a War-Torn Sky. Gr. 8 up.

Farmer, Nancy. The Islands of the Blessed. Atheneum, \$18.99 (conclusion of Sea of Trolls trilogy)

Two years after their adventures in The Land of the Silver Apples, the apprentice bard Jack and his Viking companion Thorgil confront the spirit of a vengeful mermaid and begin a quest that casts them among the fin folk of Notland.

Feinstein, John. Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series. Knopf/Borzoi, \$16.99

Teenage sportswriters Stevie and Susan Carol interview minor league pitcher Norbert Doyle which leads to a mystery at the World Series between Washington Nationals and Boston Red Sox.

Golding, Julia. Den of Thieves (#3 in Cat Royal Adventure series). Roaring Brook, \$16.95

Cat is disguised as a ballerina in order to become a spy during the French Revolution.

Grant, Michael. Hunger. (#2 in the Gone series). HarperTeen, \$17.99

Conditions worsen for the remaining young residents of a small California coastal town isolated by supernatural events when their food supplies dwindle and the Darkness underground awakens.

Klass, David. Timelock. (#3 in Caretaker trilogy). Farrar, \$17.99

After previously saving the oceans and the rain forest, Jack thinks he can go back to being a normal teenager. But he soon finds out he is now needed to save the earth once again, this time in the frozen tundra of the Arctic.

***Oppel, Kenneth. Starclimber.** HarperCollins/Eos, \$17.99

As members of the first crew of astralnauts, Matt Cruse and Kate De Vries journey into outer space on the Starclimber and face a series of catastrophes that threaten the survival of all on board.

Pierce, Tamora. Bloodhound (#2 Beka Cooper). Random, \$18.99

Beka, who has been promoted from "Puppy" to "Dog" and who is now a full-fledged member of the Provost's Guard, heads with her former partner to a neighboring port city to investigate a case of counterfeit coins.

***Riordan, Rick. The Last Olympian** (#5 Percy Jackson series).Hyperion, \$17.99

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds as he leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos in his advance on New York City, while the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster, Typhon.

Shusterman, Neal. Everwild. (Skinjacker trilogy #2) Simon & Schuster, \$16.99

Continues the story of Allie the Outcast; Nick the Chocolate Ogre; and Mikey McGill and his sister, Mary Hightower, that began in Everlost.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner's Dilemma. illus. by Diana Sudyka. Little Brown/Megan Tingley, \$16.99

When an unexplained blackout engulfs Stonetown, Benedict Society members Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance follow clues on an adventure that threatens to separate them from their families, friends, and even one another.

***Wolff, Virginia Euwer. This Full House.** HarperCollins/Bowen, \$17.99

High-school-senior LaVaughn's perceptions and expectations of her life begin to change as she learns about the many unexpected connections between the people she loves best. Final book in the Make Lemonade trilogy.

SCHOOL DAYS (AND SPORTS, TOO)

Dionne, Erin. Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies. Dial, \$16.99

Celeste, suffering from her over-sized figure and the teasing that results from it, is horrified to find that her aunt has entered her into a Husky Peach modeling competition.

***Gratz, Alan. Brooklyn Nine.** Dial, \$16.99

Generations of the same family reflect on baseball's effect, starting with 10-year-old Felix in 1845. Filled with factual information on the history of baseball, as well as this family's history.

Korman, Gordon. Pop. HarperTeen, \$16.99

Marcus, new to town during the summer, meets a middle-aged former football player named Charlie ("Pop") who begins mentoring him. Conflict results when school starts and Marcus finds himself vying for the starting quarterback position with Troy, Charlie's son.

Lupica, Mike. Million-Dollar Throw. Philomel, \$17.99

Nate, an 8th grade quarterback with a pretty accurate arm, enters a contest to throw the football through a small hole for the sole purpose of using the million dollars to help his blind best friend, Abby.

***Potter, Ellen. Slob.** Philomel, \$16.99

Seventh-grader Owen is the fattest kid in his class. Besides warding off bullies (and his P.E. teacher), he is trying to solve two mysteries--the traumatic event from two years before and who is stealing Oreos from his lunch box.

Preller, James. Bystander. Feiwel and Friends, \$16.99

Eric is the new kid in town who meets the "cool" Griffin. Soon Eric becomes a witness to the brutal bullying Griffin heaps on David. Is Eric just a bystander, or does he get involved, too?

Ritter, John H. Desperado Who Stole Baseball. Philomel, \$17.99

Another story of a California town in the 1880s that is known for its baseball team. Prequel to The Boy Who Saved Baseball.

BIOGRAPHY

Imbimbo, Anthony. Steve Jobs: the Brilliant Mind Behind Apple. Gareth Steven, \$34.00

Details Jobs' life from his early interest in electronics to how he co-founded Apple Computer. A college drop-out, he was a millionaire by the age of twenty-four.

***Krull, Kathleen. Albert Einstein**. Illus. by Boris Kulikov. Viking, \$15.99

Another book in the Giants of Science series, Krull explores the scientific accomplishments of Einstein while also divulging the problems he had in his personal life.

***Swanson, James L. Chasing Lincoln's Killer: the Search for John Wilkes Booth**. Scholastic, \$16.99

Recounts the escape of John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln's assassin, and follows the intensive twelve-day search for him and his accomplices.

+***Turner, Pamela S. The Frog Scientist**. Houghton, \$18.00

Biography of scientist Tyrone Hayes

NON-FICTION

***Bausum, Ann. Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration**. National Geographic, \$21.95

Tells the stories of immigrants denied entry into the U.S.--German-Jewish, Japanese-American, Mexican migrants, labor activists. Photographs throughout and extensive timeline and bibliography appended.

Chaikin, Andrew. Mission Control, This Is Apollo: the Story of the First Voyages to the Moon. Viking, \$23.99

A chapter is devoted to each of the seventeen Apollo space flights. Highlight of the book is the paintings created by astronaut Alan Bean, lunar module pilot for Apollo 12. Includes extensive research sources, including web sites.

***Davis, Seth. When March Went Mad: The Game That Transformed Basketball**. Times, \$26.00

Just over thirty years ago, the NCAA final game (Michigan State vs. Indiana State) changed college basketball. This book centers on the two stars of that game--Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Larry Bird. To this day, the game remains the most watched basketball game in television history.

***Delano, Marfe Ferguson. Earth in the Hot Seat: Bulletins from a Warming World**. National Geographic, \$16.95

Explains global warming, how it affects wildlife, possible solutions. After each chapter, there is a "Bulletins" page containing a human footprint fact, tips to fight global warming, interview with a prominent person, and what will happen with each degree the earth warms.

***Galloway, Priscilla, with Dawn Hunter. Adventures on the Ancient Silk Road**. Annick/Firefly, \$24.95 (hc); \$14.95 (pb)

Although years apart, three famous men traveled the Silk Road--the monk Xuanzang, warrior Genghis Khan, and explorer Marco Polo. Their stories are punctuated by colorful illustrations, sidebars with relevant extension information, update on the Road today, and bibliography.

Gifford, Clive. 10 Inventors Who Changed the World. Illus. by David Cousens. Kingfisher, \$14.99

In graphic biography format, this book tells about ten famous inventors, some recognizable names (Archimedes, Curie, Franklin, Edison, Galileo, Watt) and others lesser known (Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Glenn Curtis, Sergai Korolev, Nikola Tesla).

Jurmain, Suzanne. The Secret of the Yellow Death: A True Story of Medical Sleuthing.

Houghton, \$16.99

The story of Walter Reed and his medical team who were sent to Cuba during the Spanish-American War to find the cause of yellow fever. Appended are biographies of the volunteers who risked their lives to be part of the research. Use as a tie-in with Anderson's Fever, 1793.

#+*Marrin, Albert. Years of Dust: The Story of the Dust Bowl. Dutton, \$22.99

Stark, original photographs of the Dust Bowl. Each page includes a sidebar with facts about famous people and events occurring at the same time. Concludes with words to know and bibliography.

#*Metselaar, Menno & Ruud van der Rol. Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures.

Roaring Brook/Flash Point, \$19.99

Who can't use another Anne Frank book? This compact-sized book is packed with actual diary entries and many more details about their life in hiding.

***Montgomery, Sy. Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia.** Houghton, \$18.00

Led by Tom McCarthy, conservation director of Snow Leopard Trust, this book traces the trek to Mongolia, the tracking of the snow leopards but the reality that they are "ghosts" since they are rarely seen. Includes much general knowledge on Mongolia and its terrain.

#+*Murphy, Jim. Truce: the Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting. Scholastic, \$19.99

An account of Christmas, 1914, both sides declared a truce in order to celebrate the holiday.

+*Nelson, Marilyn. Sweethearts of Rhythm: The Story of the Greatest All-Girl Swing Band in the World. Illus. by Jerry Pinkney. Dial, \$21.99

Told through 20 poems, this is the story of an integrated all-female jazz band who toured around the U.S. Accompanied by Pinkney's trademark colorful illustrations using graphite, collage, watercolor, and colored pencils.

#*Partridge, Elizabeth. Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary. Viking, \$19.99

A photo essay of the five-day march from Selma to Montgomery in March, 1965, all in protest of the government's refusal to let black vote. Centers on the youth who were among the 30,000 participating in the march. Extensive bibliography.

#*St. George, Judith. Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton & Aaron Burr. Viking, \$16.99

In chronological order, this comparative biography gives background information on Hamilton and Burr, leading up to the famous duel between them. More extensive than Fradin's Duel!

***Shange, Ntozake. We Troubled the Waters: Poems.** Illus. by Rod Brown.

HarperCollins/Amistad, \$16.99

This collection of poetry highlights events and people (some well-known, others not) during the Civil Rights Movement. Accompanied by striking, expressive paintings by Brown.

Siy, Alexandra. Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet. Charlesbridge, \$18.95

Tells about NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers which began exploring Mars in 2004. Includes actual photographs as well as artist's renderings, web sites, glossary, and bibliography.

***Warren, Andrea. Under Siege: Three Children at the Civil War.** Farrar/Melanie Kroupa, \$17.95
Three children (one of them Grant's son) are holed up in a cave during this account of the Battle of Vicksburg. Primary source documents including written records from the children, maps, diagrams and period photographs.

HOT OFF THE PRESS IN 2010

Berk, Josh The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin. Random House. \$16.99

After transferring from a deaf school to a regular one, Will Halpin uses his lip-reading skills to solve the mining "accident" murder of a popular jock classmate. Gr. 8 up.

Paulsen, Gary. Woods Runner. Random House/Wendy Lamb, \$15.99

Thirteen-year-old Samuel, an accomplished woodsman, leaves his Pennsylvania home in 1776 to go to New York City to rescue his parents who have been kidnapped by British soldiers and Indians.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. After Ever After. Scholastic, \$16.99

Five years after Jeffrey's cancer scare, a new boy moves into his class. Tad, another cancer survivor, and Jeffrey become fast friends. Just when Jeffrey needs older brother Steven to confide in, Steven is unavailable in Africa. Sequel to Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie.

***Teller, Janne. tr. by Martin Aitken. Nothing.** Atheneum, \$16.99

Pierre is convinced there is no meaning to life, so he climbs a plum tree and refuses to come down, no matter what his friends and classmates lay at the bottom of tree to show the meaning in their lives.

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