

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2012



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 2011 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children's Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbooks.org/about/ourmembers. Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.


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

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

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

Parts of a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with the green binoculars 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 2012 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

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

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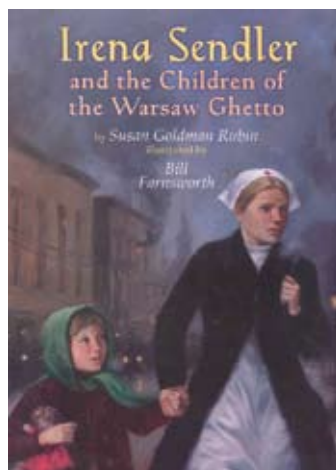
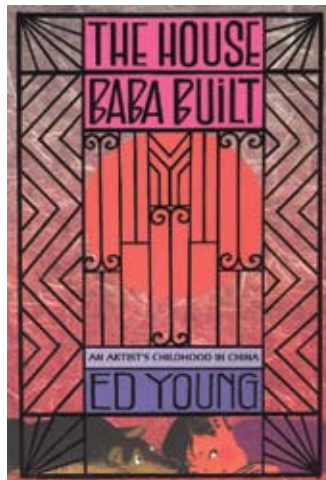
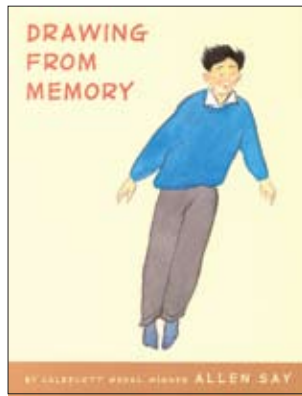
Biography

Diego Rivera: His World and Ours.

Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8109-9731-8, \$16.95. (P, I) This story chronicles the life of Diego Rivera as a young boy in Mexico City, his study of art in Spain and France, and the inspirations throughout his travels in Mexico for his world famous murals. Illustrations are inspired by Rivera's murals. 2012 Pura Belpré Illustrator Award Winner. Author's Note, Bibliography, Glossary, "Some of the Places Where You Can Find the Work of Diego Rivera," References. (KAB) 1, 2, 4, 9

Drawing from Memory. Allen Say. Scholastic Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-17686-6, \$17.99. (M, H) This memoir, which is both narrative history and graphic novel, weaves together original cartoons, maps, paintings, and photographs, to recount Allen Say's challenging path to becoming an artist in post-World War II Japan and the United States. Author's Note. (KAB) 1, 9

First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low. Ginger Wadsworth. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Clarion Books/An imprint of Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-24394-8, \$17.99. (I, M, H) Juliette Gordon Low, or "Daisy" as she was called, made history by helping extend the world of girls beyond the home into the out-of-doors with the founding of the Girl Scouts. She also advocated for women in public life and professional roles. Author's Note, Source Notes, Bibliography,



Music, Chronology, and Index. (GMI) 2, 4, 10

The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China. Ed Young as told to Libby Koponen. Illustrated by Ed Young. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-07628-9, \$17.99. (I) Caldecott winner Ed Young's childhood home, built by his father, becomes a refuge for friends and relatives in Shanghai during Japan's invasion. All during the war, the home provides a sense of security and imagination for the young artist. Afterword, Author's Note, Timeline. (KMB) 2, 3, 4

Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto. Susan Goldman Rubin. Illustrated by Bill Farnsworth. Holiday House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2251-7, \$18.95. (I) This is an exceptional and beautifully illustrated account of a Catholic social worker's courage and resourcefulness in rescuing, documenting, and relocating hundreds of Jewish children during the terror of Nazi-occupied Poland. Afterword, Resources (including Books, Articles, Videos, Testimonies, Non-English sources, Interviews, Correspondences, and Source Notes). (KK) 5, 10, 6

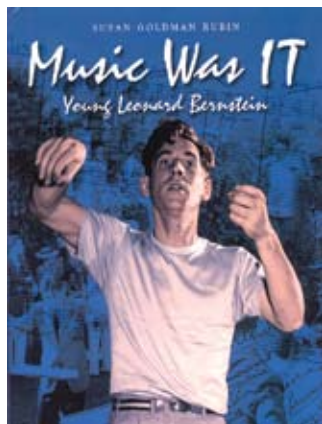
Liberty's Voice: The Emma Lazarus Story.

Erica Silverman. Illustrated by Stacey Shuett. Dutton Juvenile, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-5254-7859-1, \$17.99. (I, M) Leading nineteenth-century poet Emma Lazarus's poem, *The New Colossus*, is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty and has served as a call for generations of immigrants. Bibliography, Further Reading. (KAB) 4

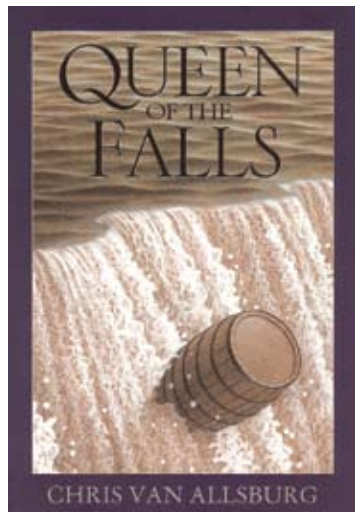
Me ... Jane. Patrick McDonnell. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-316-04546-9, \$15.99. (P, I) This wonderful depiction of Jane Goodall's childhood—her love of nature and her curiosity about animals—is depicted in simple text fitting for younger readers. The final picture of Jane in Africa highlights for children that with enough determination, dreams can come true. Note about Jane Goodall, A Message from Jane. (GMI) 4, 8, 9



Marco Polo: History's Great Adventurer. Clint Twist. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-5286-9, \$19.99. (I, M) Through the use of primary source documents and lift-the-flaps, the wondrous adventures of Marco Polo come to life. The unique format offers a creative approach for introducing readers to the world-renowned traveler's experiences along the Silk Road to medieval China. Primary source documents, foldouts, maps. (KON) 2, 9



Music Was IT: Young Leonard Bernstein. Susan Goldman Rubin. Charlesbridge. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58089-344-2, \$19.95. (M, H) On the cusp of World War II, young Jewish American virtuoso Leonard Bernstein pursues his enormous passion for music against his conservative father's wishes. Inspired storytelling, photographs and documents chronicle Bernstein's childhood to his successful debut at Carnegie Hall. Foreword, Epilogue, Timeline, Biographies, Lenny's Music, Bibliography. (KK) 1, 4



Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, A Civil War Hero. Marissa Moss. Illustrated by John Hendrix. Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8109-9735-6, \$18.95. (I, M) With large typography and



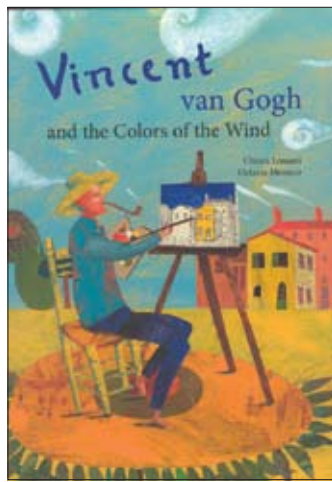
bold, acrylic wash painting, Moss and Hendrix convey the incredible life story of Sarah Edmonds, who fought for the Union army disguised as a man and later became the only woman recognized as a Civil War veteran. Author's Note, Artist's Note, Glossary, Bibliography. (CG) 4

Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People. Monica Brown. Illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-9198-4, \$16.99. (P, I) This is a creatively illustrated biography of Pablo Neruda, Chilean poet and Nobel Prize winner, whose poems about people, nature, justice, and freedom earned him international acclaim. Author's Note, Resources. (EVH) 4

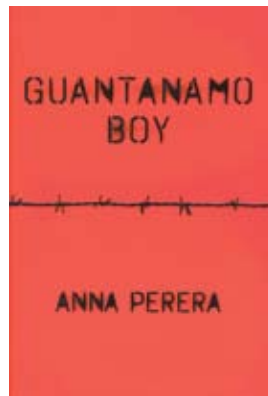
Queen of the Falls. Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-31581-2, \$18.99. (P, I) This wonderfully illustrated biography describes the courageous journey, in 1901, of Annie Edson Taylor, the first woman to venture over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel. Author's Note, Bibliography. (EVH) 4

Tillie the Terrible Swede: How One Woman, a Sewing Needle, and a Bicycle Changed History. Sue Stauffacher. Illustrated by Sarah McMenemy. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers (Random House). 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-84442-3, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-94442-0, \$20.99. (P, I) Tillie came to America with her sewing needle and big dreams. In no time, she had stitched herself a racing outfit and began breaking not only world cycling records, but many societal barriers, too. (CG) 2, 4, 8

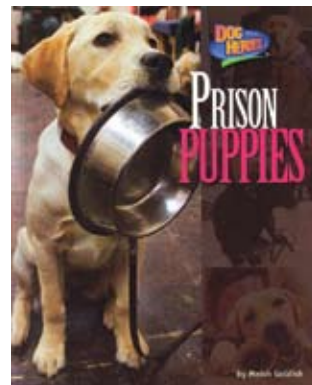
Vincent van Gogh and the Colors of the Wind. Chiara Lossani. Illustrated by Octavia Monaco. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 34pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8028-5390-5, \$18.99. (P, I) Van Gogh's life and artistic development is rendered through the inspiration he took from nature and through his relationship and correspondence with his brother Theo. The surreal, saturated illustrations underscore Van Gogh's passionate artistic vision. (CG) 3, 4



Wideness and Wonder: The Life and Art of Georgia O'Keefe. Susan Goldman Rubin. Chronicle Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8118-6983-6, \$16.99. (I, M, H) This biography chronicles O'Keefe's life through 17 visually stunning chapters filled with colors that complement her paintings. Author's Note, Bibliography. (GMI) 2, 3, 4



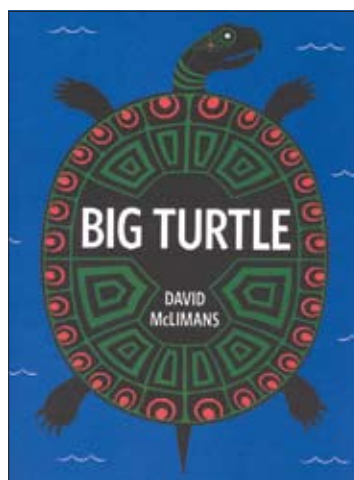
Wild Women of the Wild West. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Susan Guevara. Holiday House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1601-1, \$16.95. (I, M) Each one-page biography conveys the adventurous spirit and accomplishments of 15 women who made their mark on society in the Wild West. Timeline. (KON) 2, 4



Contemporary Concerns

Guantanamo Boy. Anna Perera. Albert Whitman Teen. 352pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8075-3077-1, \$17.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-8075-3078-8, \$9.99. (H) This is the gut-wrenching story of Khalid, a teenage boy from the UK, who is kidnapped by the CIA while visiting relatives in Pakistan. Innocent, yet accused of being a terrorist, Khalid is tortured and eventually transferred to Guantanamo Bay, not knowing if he will ever get home again. Timeline. (KMB) 1, 3, 6, 9

Prison Puppies. Meish Goldish. Illustrated with full-color photographs. Bearport



Publishing. 32pp. Library ISBN 978-1-61772-151-9, \$18.95. (I, M) This is the compelling story of a program in which prison inmates train puppies to become service dogs. Not only does society benefit, but prisoners' lives are changed as well. Glossary, Bibliography, Websites. (KON) 10

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert. Marc Aronson. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/Atheneum. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-1397-9, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1-4424-4025-8, \$6.99. (M, H) This is a well researched, chronological description of the experience of a group of Chilean miners trapped in a copper mine for two months in 2010. Author's Note, Bibliography, Useful Websites. (JEL) 3, 8, 9

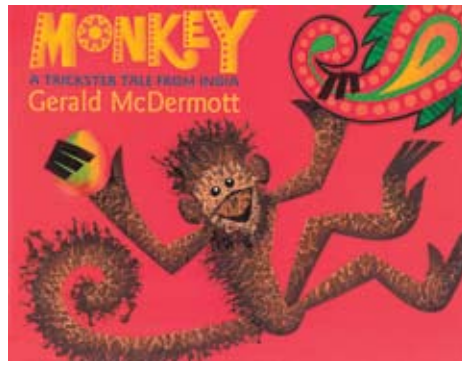
Environment/Energy/Ecology

A Storm Called Katrina. Myron Uhlberg. Illustrated by Colin Bootman. Peachtree Publishers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-591-1, \$17.95. (P, I) This sensitively written fictional story about surviving Hurricane Katrina is told from the perspective of a 10-year-old boy whose family was caught in the aftermath of the storm. Author's Note, Books, Websites. (EVH) 3

Folktales

Big Turtle. David McLimans. Walker & Company. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8027-2282-9, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-8027-2283-6, \$18.89. (P, I) This retelling of a traditional Native American creation myth presents Sky World and Water World, which had always been separate until the day Sky girl tumbles from above and needs help from the animals of Water World. Visually spell-binding and delightful. Author's Note. (GMI) 1, 4, 9

The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred. Samantha R. Vamos. Illustrated by Rafael López. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58089-242-1, \$17.95. (P, I) The making of rice pudding has never been more joyfully rendered than in this bilingual cumulative tale of a farm girl and her animal friends. Recipe, Glossary. (CG) 1, 9

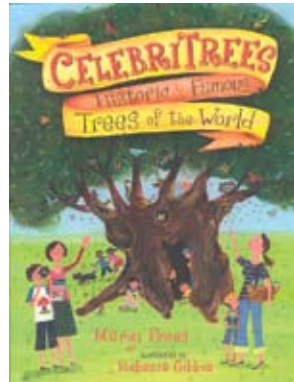


an additional “fascinating fact” accompany the overall descriptions of each dwelling. Map. (CG) 3, 8, 9

Monkey. Gerald McDermott. Harcourt Children’s Books/An imprint of Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-15-216596-3, \$16.99. (P) Can Monkey fill his belly with delicious mangoes *and* escape Crocodile’s sharp teeth? Vibrant colors of India enhance the telling of this classic trickster tale, with plenty of cleverness and a sprinkling of mischief. Author’s Note. (SDW) 1

While You Are Sleeping: A Lift-the-Flap Book of Time Around the World. Durga Bernhard. Charlesbridge. 24pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-57091-473-7,

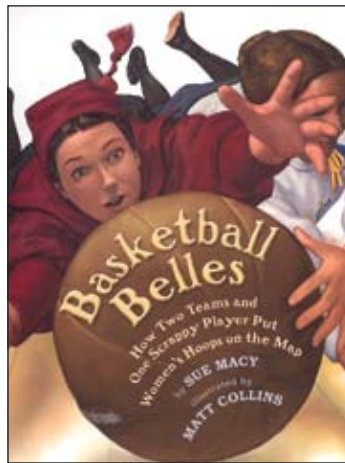
\$14.95. (P) This book offers a wonderful introduction to time zones and cultures around the world. During a more in-depth review, students will gain a beginning understanding of continents and countries. Lift-the-flaps. (KON) 3



History/Life & Culture in the Americas

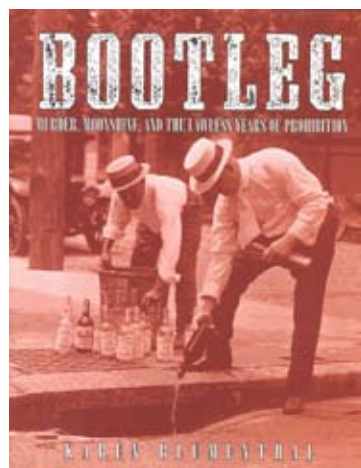
Geography/People/Places

Celebritrees. Margi Preus. Illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon. Christy Ottaviano Books / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-7829-9, \$16.99. (P, I, M) Throughout time, across the globe, trees have inspired humans. Be they the largest, the oldest, or the thickest, the “celebritrees” described in this book connect nature with historical events and famous people. Bibliography, Websites. (KON) 2, 3



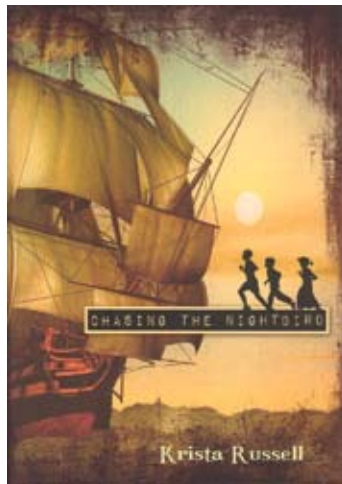
Basketball Belles: How Two Teams and One Scraggy Player Put Women’s Hoops on the Map. Sue Macy. Illustrated by Matt Collins. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2163-3, \$16.95. (I) A wonderfully illustrated story of the first intercollegiate women’s basketball game and how it paved the way for the future of women’s basketball. Author’s Note, Timeline, Bibliography. (JEL) 2

If You Lived Here: Houses of the World. Giles Laroche. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-23892-0, \$16.99. (P, I, M) Fifteen different types of housing found around the world are illustrated in exquisite cut-paper collages. House type, materials used in construction, location, date, and

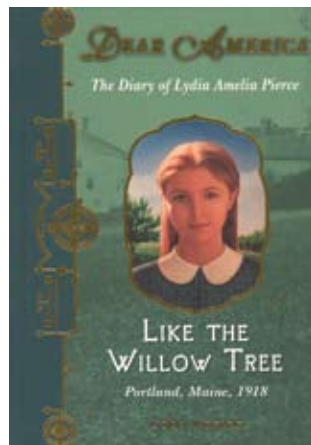


Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition. Karen Blumenthal. Flash Point / Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59643-449-3, \$18.99. (M, H) A detailed and wide-ranging story of the Eighteenth Amendment, its early beginnings, troubled duration, and eventual repeal. This book is filled with numerous pictures that tie in nicely with the progression of this turbulent time in history. Glossary, Bibliography. (KMB) 3, 5, 6, 7

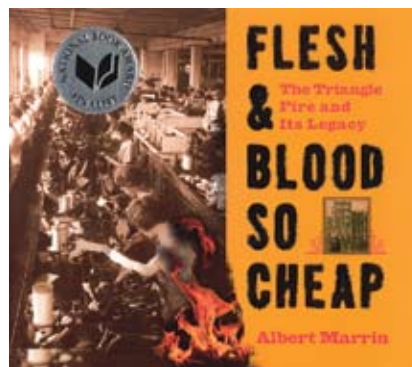
Born and Bred in the Great Depression. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Kimberly Bulcken Root. Schwartz & Wade (Random House). 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86197-0, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-96197-7, \$20.99. (P, I) With compelling prose, accompanied by poignant illustrations, the author recounts his father's childhood growing up during the Great Depression. The story conveys the hardship and struggle, yet also an appreciation for what one had and the optimism for the future. Author's Note, Photographs. (JW) 2, 3, 4



Chasing the Nightbird. Krista Russell. Peachtree Publishers. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-597-3, \$15.95. (M, H) In 1851, New Bedford, Massachusetts, a diverse town of Cape Verdeans, Quakers, enslaved Africans, whalers, and others, a young boy befriends an escaped slave who is being pursued by slave hunters. The Fugitive Slave law is in effect and Quakers and other abolitionists are active in helping the enslaved get to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Author's Note. (DS) 2, 4, 10

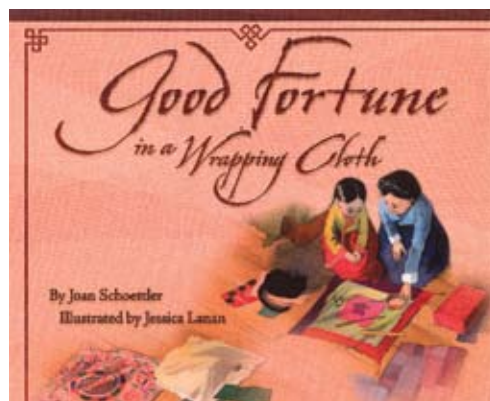


Dear America: Like the Willow Tree. Lois Lowry. Dear America/Scholastic. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-14469-8, \$12.99. Library ISBN 978-0-545-26556-0, \$16.99. (I, M) Orphaned by the 1918 influenza epidemic, 11-year-old Lydia and her older brother are sent to live in a Shaker community. The Shaker message of "hands to work, hearts to God" is gracefully reflected in Lydia's journal entries. Epilogue, Historical Note, Captioned Photographs, About the Author. (KK) 4, 5, 1



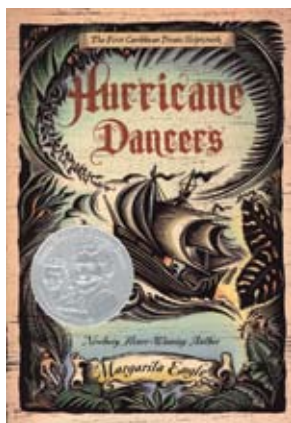
Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy. Albert Marrin. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers (Random House). 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86889-4, \$19.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-96889-1, \$22.99. (M, H) This riveting account of one of America's defining tragedies, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, uses photographs, maps, and primary accounts to chronicle the event that changed working conditions for the nation. 2011 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature. Pre-lude, Bibliography. (KAB) 2, 5

Good Fortune in a Wrapping Cloth. Joan Schoettler. Illustrated by Jessica Lanan. Shen's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-885008-40-4, \$17.95. (P, I) Ji-su is determined to master the art of sewing bojangi, or Korean wrapping cloths, so that she can join her mother as a royal seamstress. Rich in cultural details with delicate paintings in warm hues. Glossary, Author's Note. (CG) 1, 3, 4

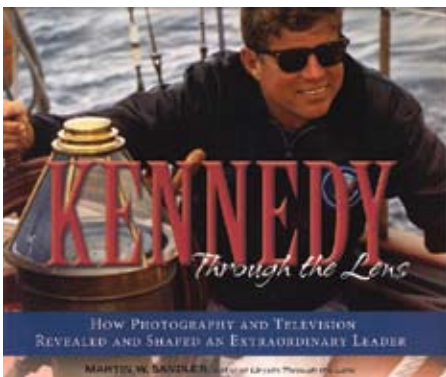


Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans. Kadir Nelson. Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. 108pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-173074-0, \$19.99. (M) A sweeping epic, tracing the history of African Americans from the American Revolution to present day with immensely powerful and beautiful paintings that inspire deep thought and reflection. Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography. (KMB) 1, 2, 3, 5

Hurricane Dancers. Margarita Engle. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-9240-0, \$16.99. (M, H) This historical novel, narrated in poetic verse from different perspectives, is based on a documented sixteenth-century shipwreck. The book offers a fresh look at the Age of Exploration and the convergence of Caribbean and European cultures. 2012 Pura Belpré Author Honor Book. Author's Note, Historical Note, References. (KAB) 1, 4, 9



Illegal. Bettina Restrepo. Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollins publishers. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-195342-2. (M, H) When her father does not return from the United States as promised, a Mexican girl convinces her mother that they should go to look for him. They soon learn what it means to be "illegal." Glossary. (GAS) 1, 4, 3

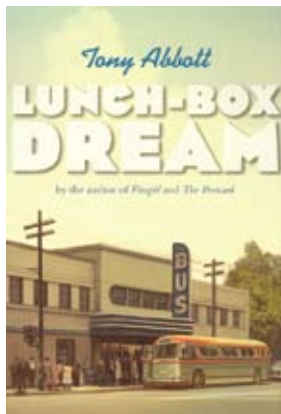


Kennedy: Through the Lens. Martin W. Sandler. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Walker & Company. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8027-2160-0, \$19.99. Library ISBN 978-0-8027-2161-7, \$20.89. (M, H) A large collection of photographs provides a detailed look at the life of John F. Kennedy from his childhood through his assassination. Places to Visit, Further Reading and Surfing, Bibliography. (JEL) 2

Jefferson's Sons. Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. 368pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3499-9, \$17.99. (M) Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, was a slave owner and is believed by most historians to have fathered children with one of those slaves. This work of historical fiction tells the story of life on Jefferson's plantation through the eyes of slaves that were his children. Solidly researched, well narrated. Author's Note. (DS) 2, 3, 4, 7, 10

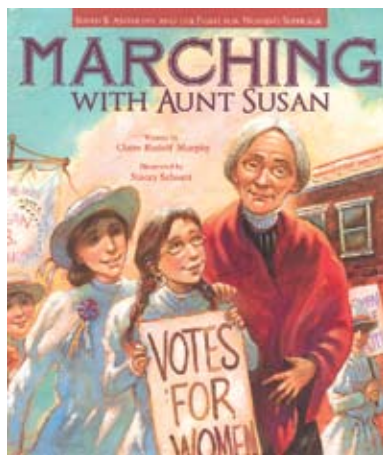



The Little Black Dress and Zoot Suits: Depression and Wartime Fashions from the 1930s to the 1950s. Alison Marie Behnke. Twenty-First Century Books. 64pp. Library ISBN 978-0-7613-5892-3, \$31.93. (M) Colorful photographs and informative commentary offer students a closer look at how fashion both reflects and influences culture. Timeline, Glossary, Notes, Bibliography, Further Reading, Websites and Films. (JW) 2, 3

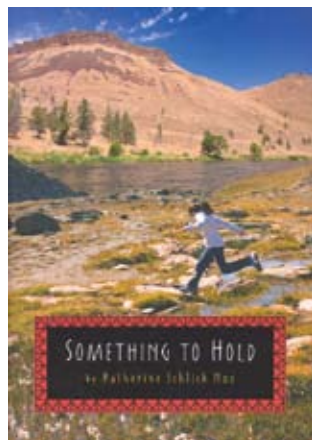
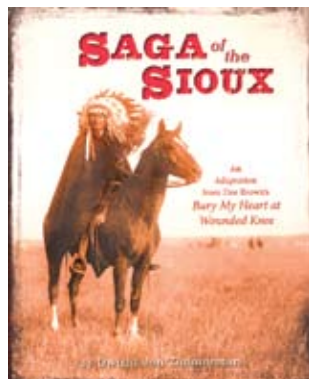


Lunch-Box Dream. Tony Abbott. Frances Foster Books / Farrar Straus and Giroux, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34673-7, \$16.99. (I, M) Narrated from different perspectives, this is a moving tale about the North and South during the era of Jim Crow, through the experiences of two young boys, one white and one black. Author's Note. (JW) 1, 2, 3

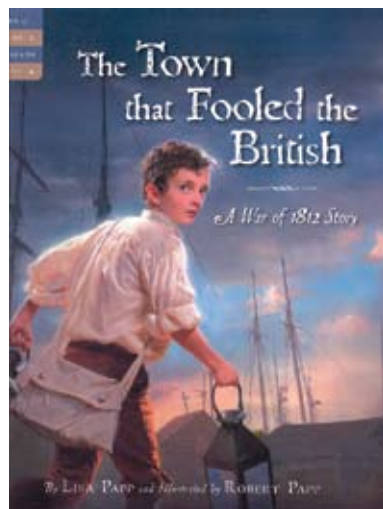
Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women's Suffrage. Claire Rudolf Murphy. Illustrated by Stacey Schuett. Peachtree Publishers. 36pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-593-5, \$16.95. (P, I, M) This story is based on the real experiences of a 10-year-old girl's political awakening after being introduced to Susan B. Anthony at a suffrage tea. Author's Note, California Suffrage Campaign, SuffrageHistory, FurtherResources. (KON) 2, 5, 6, 10



 **My Name is Not Easy.** Debby Dahl Edwardson. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books. 352pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7614-5980-4, \$17.99. (M, H) Three Inupiaq children in Alaska are sent to a Catholic boarding school. Part of the school's mission is to force them to abandon their language, spirituality, and cultural values. This is their story of resistance and struggle to return home. Based on the story of the author's husband and his family. Author's Note. (DS) 1, 5, 4, 2



A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis. Matt de La Peña. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8037-3167-7, \$17.99. (I) This wonderfully written and beautifully illustrated story describes how Joe Louis brought America together in a time of war and extreme racism. (JEL) 2



Saga of the Sioux. Dee Brown. Adaptation by Dwight Jon Zimmerman. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-9364-3, \$18.99. (M, H) With selections from Brown's groundbreaking book, Zimmerman adds new text, maps, and photographs to create a stunning portrayal of the Sioux, from their 1862 Minnesota exile to the Wounded Knee massacre in 1890. Map, Author's Note to Reader, Introduction, Information on the Great Sioux Nation, Epilogue, Timeline, Bibliography, Recommended Reading, Suggested Websites, Sioux Calendar, Glossary. (GMI) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Something to Hold. Katherine Schlick Noe. Clarion Books/An imprint of Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-55813-4, \$16.99. (M, H) This coming-of-age story is based on the author's own experience as a non-Indian living on an Oregon Reservation in the 1960s. Author's Note, Glossary and Pronunciation Guide. (GAS) 1, 4, 3

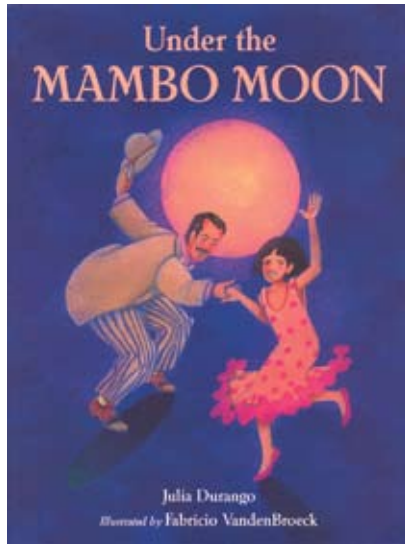
The Town that Fooled the British: A War of 1812 Story. Lisa Papp. Illustrated by Robert Papp. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58536-484-8, \$16.95. (I) The War of 1812 has raged for a year, and now the shipbuilding town of St. Michaels, Maryland, is in the cross hairs of the British fleet. A young boy has an idea to fool the enemy and save his Chesapeake Bay town. Author's Note. (SDW) 2, 3, 4



Under the Mambo Moon.

Julia Durango. Illustrated by Fabricio VandenBroeck. Charlesbridge. 48pp.

Trade ISBN 978-1-57091-723-3, \$12.95. (P, I, M) Energetic free verse poems spoken by various members of this Latino community, explore the role music plays in their lives. Vivid paintings match the rhythms: “our legs/ swivel and/ turn like/ an electric/ taffy pull.” Author’s Note, About the Music. (CG) 1, 3, 5

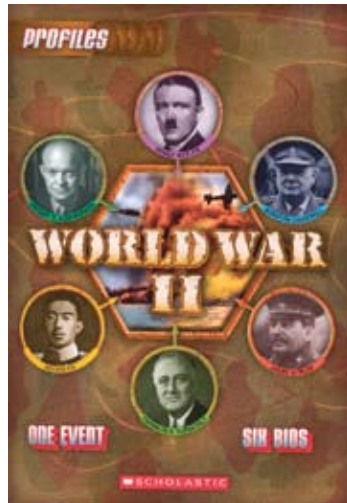


7534-6721-3, \$15.99. (I, M) Colorful illustrations of sites around the world, cleverly spotted with Google Earth navigation directives, challenge readers to solve puzzles and complete the tour, providing geeky fun for strong as well as reluctant readers. Puzzle Answers, Computer Requirements, Navigation Tools. (KK) 8, 9

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Witches! The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem.

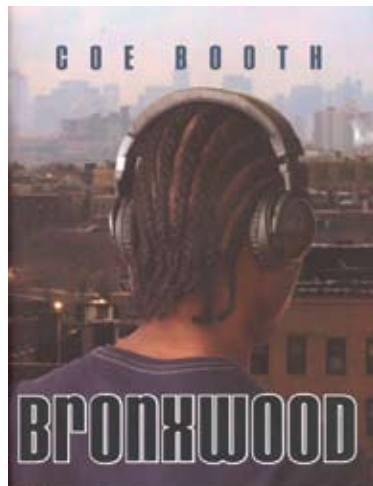
Rosalyn Schanzer. National Geographic Children’s Books. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0869-7, \$16.95 (I, M) With excellent graphics and historical information, this book offers a fresh look at the Salem Witch Trials from all sides. Notes, Bibliography. (JW) 1, 5, 6



The Berlin Boxing Club. Robert Sharenow. HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. 416pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-157968-4, \$17.99. (M, H) During the Nazi occupation, a young teen needs to step out of his comfort zone to protect himself and his family. Help comes in the form of a pro boxer and his lessons. Author’s Note, Sources. (JW) 4, 6, 3

World War II (Profiles).

Aaron Rosenberg. Scholastic Paperbacks. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-31655-2, \$6.99. Library ISBN 978-0-545-32405-2, \$14.99. (M) Who started World War II, and who ended it? This book focuses on six key figures who had a major effect on World War II. Maps, Glossary, Bibliography. (SDW) 2, 3, 4



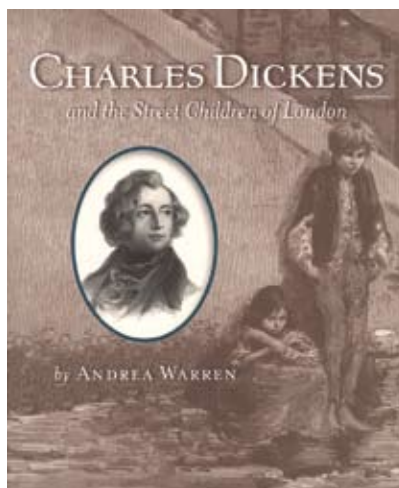
Bronxwood. Coe Booth. PUSH/Scholastic. 320pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-439-92534-1, \$17.99. (H) Tyrell lives in the projects and faces pressures from all fronts—a father just out of jail, a brother in foster care, and roommates who deal drugs. A gritty, raw, and realistic account of life on the streets. (KMB) 1, 3, 4

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The Great Global Puzzle Challenge with Google Earth™.

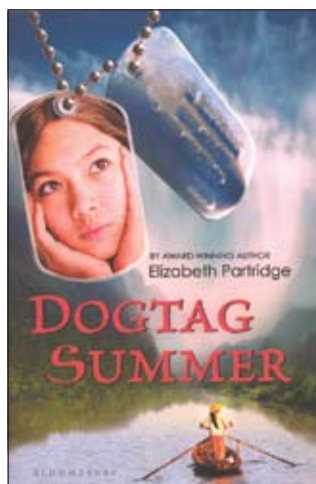
Clive Gifford. Illustrated by William Ings. Kingfisher. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-

Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London. Andrea Warren. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-39574-6, \$18.99. (M) A journey into the warehouses, slums, factories, and schools of Victorian England, and into the life of Charles Dickens, who used his talent for writing to describe the lives of the poor and inspire readers to social action. The Legacy of the Workhouse, Child Labor Today, Author's Note, Bibliography, Websites. (SDW) 10, 5, 6



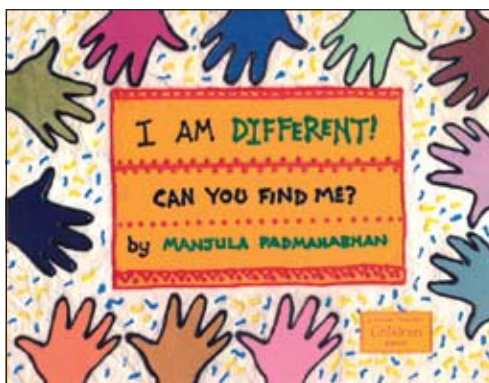
I Am Different! Can You Find Me? Manjula Padmanabhan. Charlesbridge. 36pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-57091-639-7, \$16.95. Paperback ISBN 978-1-57091-640-3, \$7.95. (P, I) The Global Fund for Children produces books that promote diversity and the dignity of children. Playing “Can you find me?” in 16 different languages, this book has children identify one object that is different from others on each page. Languages Around the World. (GMI) 1, 3, 4, 9

Dogtag Summer. Elizabeth Partridge. Bloomsbury. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-59990-183-1, \$16.99. Paperback ISBN 978-1-59990-829-8, \$7.99. (I, M, H) Living in California with her adoptive family, Tracy/Tuyet grapples with her identity as the child of a Vietnamese mother and an American soldier and tries to understand the true meaning of home. Further Reading. (GAS) 4, 3, 9

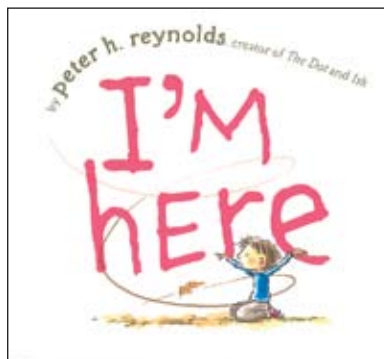


I'm Here. Peter H. Reynolds. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/Atheneum. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-9649-1, \$15.99. (P) This beautiful, lyrical tale depicts the imaginative world of an autistic boy and reminds readers to appreciate and embrace those different from ourselves. (JW) 4, 3

F is for Friendship: A Quilt Alphabet. Helen L. Wilbur. Illustrated by Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781585365326, \$16.95. (I, M) This book examines the subject of quilting, as an art form as well as an item of utility. Topics include patterns, inventions, fabric choices, and many historical facts. Author's Note, “Quilt Quiz.” (SDW) 1, 3



Leverage. Joshua C. Cohen. Dutton Juvenile, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-42306-5, \$17.99. (H) A series of escalating pranks and a violent attack at Ore grove High create a tragic and dangerous environment. But these events also bring together two very different athletes in a redemptive and stirring ending. (KMB) 3, 4, 5



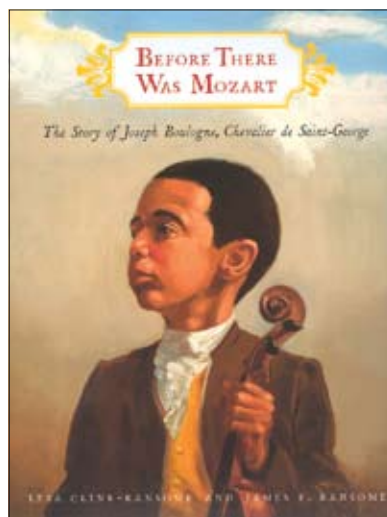
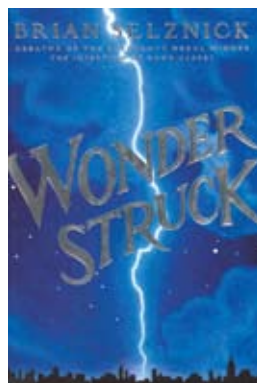
A Mango in the Hand: A Story Told through Proverbs. Antonio Sacre. Illustrated by Sebastià Serra. Abrams Books for Young Readers, an imprint of ABRAMS. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8109-9734-9, \$16.95. (P, I) This book shares cultural wisdom through a simple story comprised of proverbs. A young boy takes steps towards independence and responsibility with the support and guidance of his family and community. Author's Note, Glossary of Spanish Words and Phrases. (DS) 1, 4




Phantoms in the Snow. Kathleen Benner Duble. Scholastic Press. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-19770-0, \$17.99. (M, H) A fresh and engaging look into the legendary achievements of the Colorado 10th Mountain Division as soldiers rally against Hitler's forces and fraternally adopt an orphan boy named Noah, who had been raised pacifist. Author's Note, References, About the Author. (KK) 3, 4, 5




Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires along the Way). Sue Macy. National Geographic Children's Books. 96pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4263-0761-4, \$18.95. (I, M) A riveting, well-researched look at the role the bicycle played in emancipating women—from the strict codes of dress to their rights as free citizens. Archival Documents and Photographs, Bibliography. (CG) 5, 8, 10



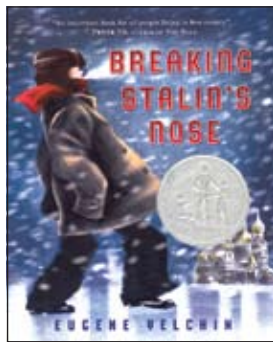
 **Wonderstruck.** Brian Selznick. Scholastic Press. 656pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-02789-2, \$29.99. (I, M) Parallel stories of hearing-impaired characters are set 50 years apart. The journeys of these two characters are chronicled in unique and creative ways. One journey is told through prose while the other is described by exceptional illustrations. Bibliography. (EVH) 4

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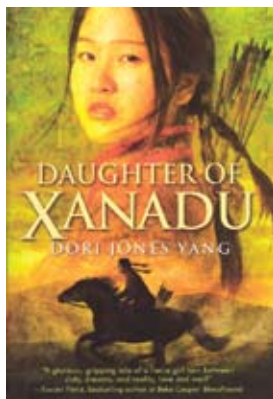
Before There was Mozart: The Story of Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-George. Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illustrated by James E. Ransome. Schwartz & Wade (Random House). 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-83600-8, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-93621-0, \$20.99. (P, I) This is the true story of an extraordinary boy, the son of a white plantation owner and a black slave, who overcame prejudice to become one of the finest classical musicians in all of Europe. Author's Note. (SDW) 1, 3, 4

 **Between Shades of Gray.** Ruta Sepetys. Philomel Books, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. 344pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-399-25412-3, \$17.99. (H) A vivid story about Stalin's deportation of millions during World War II, as told through the eyes of a young Lithuanian girl who struggled to survive at a labor camp in Siberia. This story offers details about a period in history that should never be forgotten. Author's Note. (JEL) 2

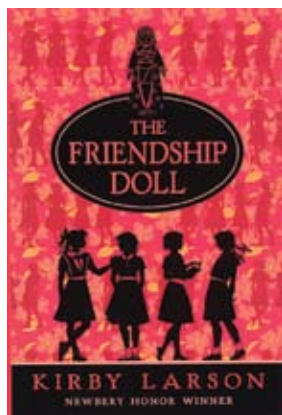
Breaking Stalin's Nose. Eugene Yelchin. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 160pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8050-9216-5, \$15.99. (M, H) An insightful story about living in the Soviet Union and the choices citizens faced on a daily basis. This is a story of how a young boy begins to question everything he had previously understood to be true about "Comrade Stalin" and the Soviet government. Author's Note. (JEL) 2, 5, 6




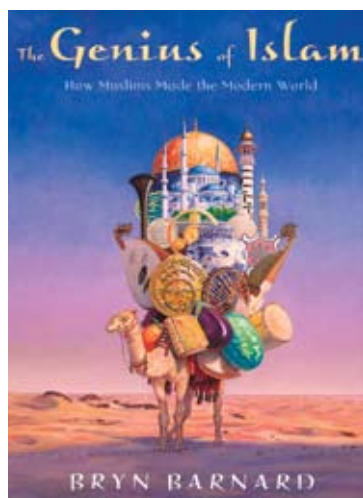
Daughter of Xanadu. Dori Jones Yang. Delacorte Press (Random House). 352pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73923-8, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-385-90778-1, \$20.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-385-73924-5, \$9.99. (H) This novel is an insightful and intriguing tale of a thirteenth-century princess who gave up her privileged lifestyle to become a brave, respected Mongol warrior who traveled through China with Marco Polo. Map, Foreword, Glossary. (EVH) 1, 2, 4



An Elephant in the Garden. Michael Morpurgo. Feiwel and Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-312-59369-8, \$16.99. (I, M) Even in the middle of a war, compassion and kindness can exist, in this case, for an elephant in a German zoo. Excellent and heart-warming. Author's Note. (JW) 3, 2, 9




 **The Friendship Doll.** Kirby Larson. Delacorte Press (Random House). 208pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-385-73745-6, \$15.99. Library ISBN 978-0-385-90667-8, \$18.99. Paperback ISBN 978-0-375-85089-9, \$6.99. (I, M) In 1927, Japan sent 58 dolls to America as



a gesture of good will. Today, 45 of the dolls are accounted for, but 13 remain missing. This story is told from the perspective of the dolls, giving readers an imaginary glimpse into their world. Author's Note. (JW) 2, 1, 3

For the Love of Music: The Remarkable Story of Maria Anna Mozart. Elizabeth Rusch. Illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher. Tricycle Press (Random House). 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58246-326-1, \$16.99. Library ISBN 978-1-58246-391-9, \$19.99. (P, I) Maria Anna Mozart, like her famous brother, Wolfgang, was a musical prodigy. The talented siblings lived in a world of music performances and travel. Yet few have ever heard of Maria Anna. This book tells the story. Author's Note, Bibliography. (SDW) 1, 3, 4

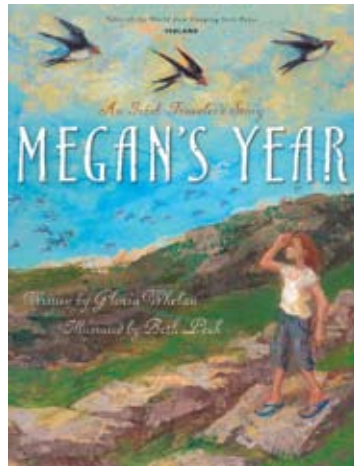
 **The Genius of Islam.** Bryn Barnard. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers (Random House). 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-84072-2, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-94072-9, \$20.99. (M, H) With exquisite illustrations, this book offers an overview of the tremendous cultural and scientific innovations of Islam, which have continued to influence our world today. Further Reading. (KON) 1, 8, 9

I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding during World War II. Marisabina Russo. Schwartz & Wade (Random House). 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-86695-1, \$17.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-96695-8, \$20.99. (P, I) Nonna recounts to her granddaughter the story of how her family escaped the Nazis in Italy, including how Nonna hid in a basket with squealing piglets. Afterword, Photographs. (GAS) 4, 6, 2



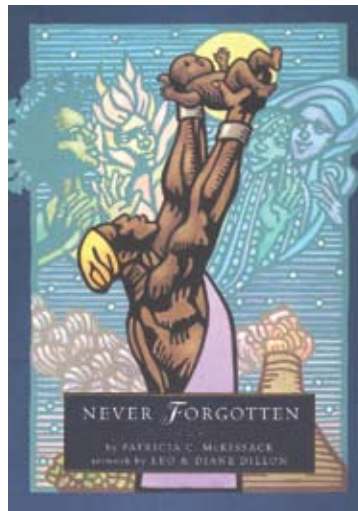
Inside Out & Back Again.

Thanhha Lai. Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-06-196278-3, \$15.99. (I, M) Written in verse, the author's eloquent message embraces the universal frustrations of refugees. She tells the story of Hà, who must leave her beloved Vietnam for an awkward but promising life in Alabama. Author's Note. (KK) 1, 4, 3



Megan's Year: An Irish Traveler's Story.

Gloria Whelan. Illustrated by Beth Peck. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58536-449-7, \$16.95. (I) This fictional story of an itinerant family represents the 25,000 people in Ireland, known as travelers, who were thrown off their lands decades ago and have been roaming ever since in search of work. Told through the eyes of a young girl, it explores the culture of "the travelers"—the discrimination and the challenges. Author's Note, Glossary. (DS) 1, 7, 3

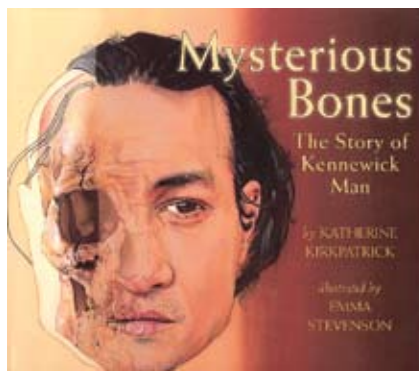


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Never Forgotten. Patricia C. McKissack. Illustrated by Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon. Schwartz & Wade (Random House). 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-375-84384-6, \$18.99. Library ISBN 978-0-375-94453-6, \$21.99. (I, M) Musafa's story of being kidnapped into slavery is told in powerful verse, emphasizing the endurance of family and memory in the face of tragic loss and separation. Author's Note. (KMB) 1, 2, 3

Mysterious Bones: The Story of Kennewick Man.

Katherine Kirkpatrick. Emma Stevenson. Holiday House. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2187-9, \$17.95. (M, H) Kennewick Man, one of the oldest and most complete human skeletons found on the North American continent, was discovered in 1996. An extended court case raised questions about anthropological and scientific gains versus respecting Native customs. The story is well told, and well documented. Glossary, Bibliography, Research and Source Notes, Time-



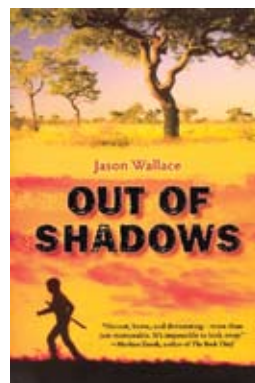
One Million Things: Ancient History.

DK Publishing. 128pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7566-8259-0, \$18.99. (I, M, H) Supplements the ancient and world history standards; overflowing with fascinating details about artifacts and monuments that could spark independent research projects for inquisitive students. Timeline, Glossary, Photographs. (GAS) 1, 2, 3

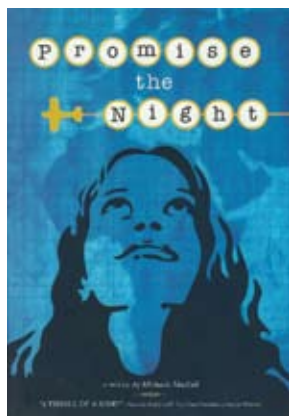


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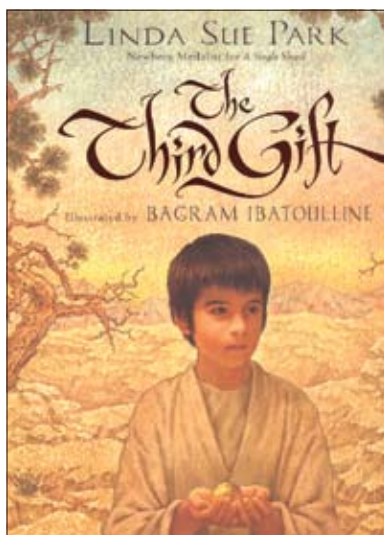
Jason Wallace. Holiday House. 304pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-2342-2, \$17.95. Paperback ISBN 978-0-8234-2436-8, \$8.95. (H) Very powerful story set in an elite boys' boarding school following the civil war in Zimbabwe (1980s). Both the characters and Zimbabwe are coming of age while confronting issues of bigotry, brutality, and racism. Author's Note, Historical Note, Glossary. (KAB) 2, 4, 5, 6



Promise the Night. Michaela MacColl. Chronicle Books. 336pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8118-7625-4, \$16.99. (I, M, H) A novelization of aviatrix Beryl Markham tells two stories: her childhood in British East Africa and her experiences as the first person to fly solo from England to North America in 1936. Author's Note, Further Reading. (KAB) 3, 4, 5, 8



Terezín: Voices from the Holocaust. Ruth Thomson. Candlewick Press. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-4963-0, \$18.99. (M, H) This is the story of Terezín, a town in Czechoslovakia, which the Nazis turned into a ghetto and then a camp where they imprisoned Jews during World War II. A moving and powerful story, told through the diary entries and artwork of those who were imprisoned. Timeline, Glossary, Sources, Index. (DS) 2, 5, 1



 **The Third Gift.** Linda Sue Park. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Clarion Books/An imprint of Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-547-20195-5, \$16.99. (I) A young boy is learning his father's trade, gathering valuable resin from trees. Their find of a "tear" of resin of remarkable size leads to its purchase by the Magi (of the Nativity story). Author's Note. (SDW) 3, 4

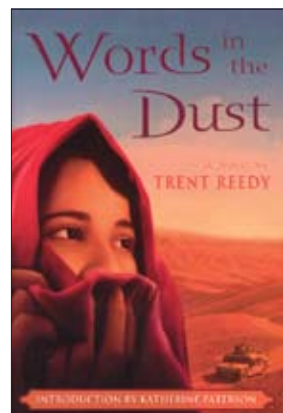
Titanic Sinks! Barry Denenberg. Viking, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. 72pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-01243-5, \$19.99. (M)



In this portrayal of the Titanic and its doomed voyage, a series of original articles from 1908 to 1912 promote historical thinking and analysis. Author's Note, Closing Note from Publisher, Photo Credits, and Bibliography. (GMI) 2, 3, 8

The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic. Allan Wolf. Candlewick Press. 480pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7636-3703-3, \$21.99. (H) Poetic narratives by doomed passengers of the *Titanic* recreate the emotional impact of that fatal event. Additional narratives from the ship's rat, from an undertaker, and from the iceberg add a unique perspective to this tragic event. Author's Note, Bibliography. (EVH) 2

Words in the Dust. Trent Reedy. Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-545-26125-8, \$17.99. (I, M, H) Readers follow the story of Zulaikha, a 13-year-old Afghan girl with a cleft lip, who does not know how to read, as she strives to overcome physical and cultural obstacles. Pronunciation Guide, Glossary, Author's Note, Recommended Reading List. (GAS) 1, 3, 4



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