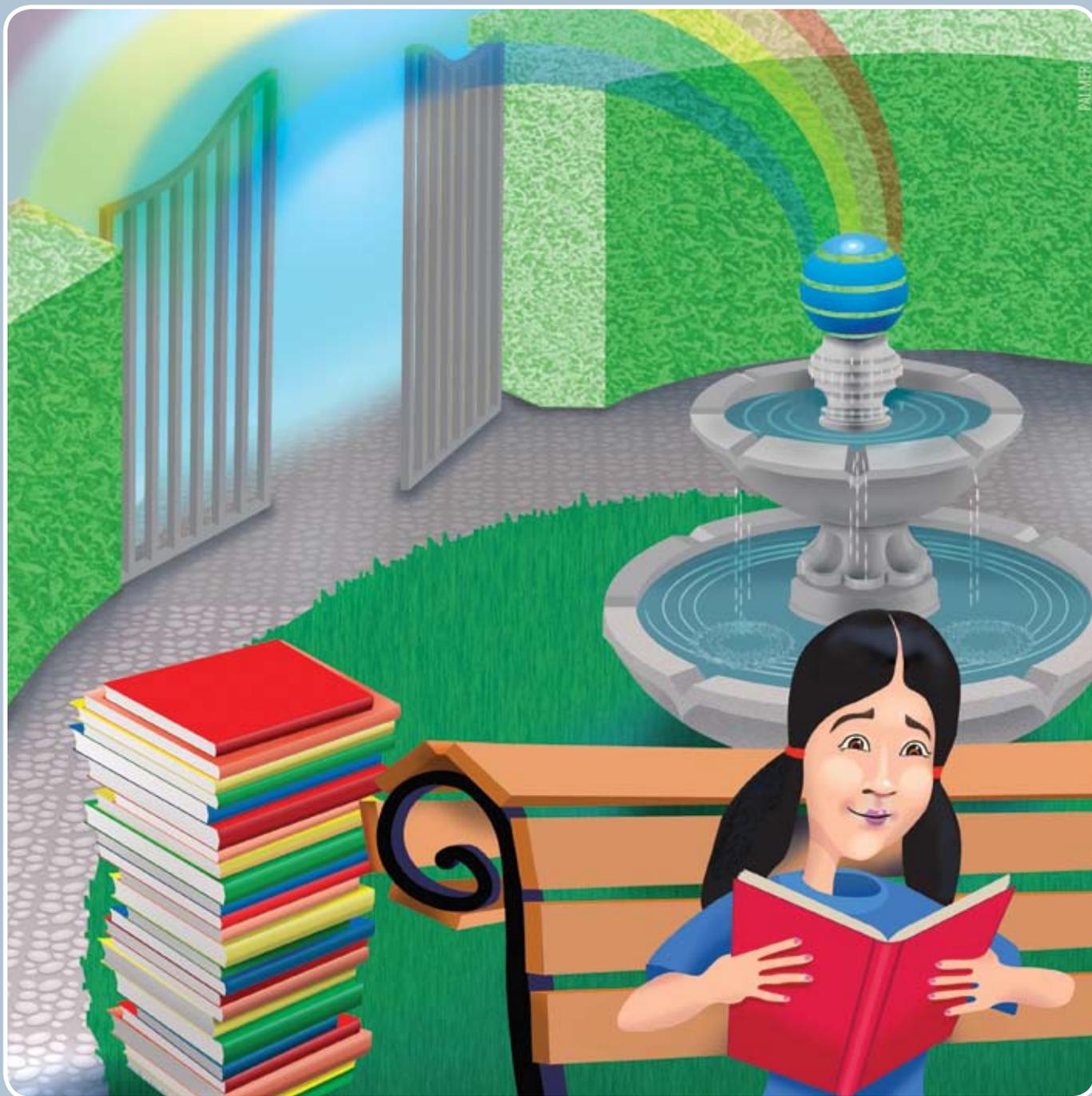


Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People



2006



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 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 2005 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.cbcbbooks.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

- I CULTURE
- II TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- III PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- IV INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- V INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- VI POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- VII PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- VIII SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- IX GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- X CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Parts of a Notable Listing

- The titles marked with the rainbow icon are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm.
- Title: Subtitle
- Author(s)
- Illustrator
- Publisher.
- Number of pages
- 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.
- Price as of January 2006
- 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.
- Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any.
- Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right).
- Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

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

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Biography

50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet.

Dennis Denenberg and Lorraine Roscoe. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing Group. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-7613-9548-2, \$14.95; Library ISBN 0-7613-1612-4, \$30.60; Paperback ISBN 0-7613-9548-2, \$14.95. (I, M) This book provides both insight and inspiration into what makes a hero. The 50 people portrayed—including Native American statesman Tecumseh, actor Christopher Reeve, and musician Yo-Yo Ma—come from all sectors of society, demonstrating that everyday individuals have the potential to be heroes. Quotation Sources, Index, Hero Hunt. (AEF) III, IV, V

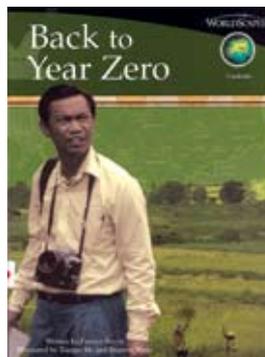
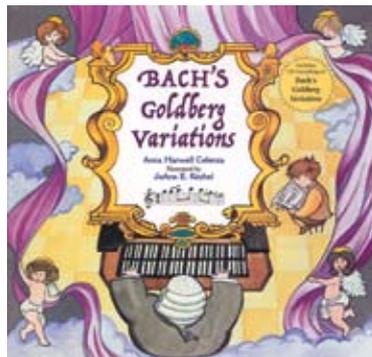
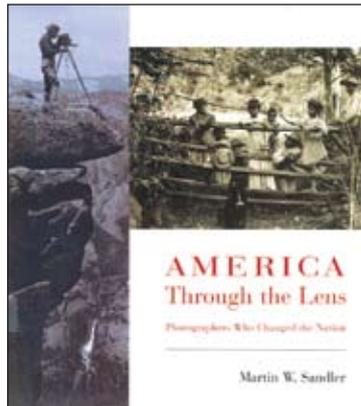
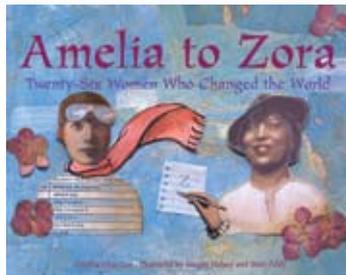
Amelia to Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World.

Cynthia Chin-Lee. Illustrated by Megan Halsey and Sean Addy. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-57091-522-9, \$15.95. F (Charlesbridge). (I) This is a wonderful introduction to the range of contemporary women's struggles and accomplishments. An international woman is highlighted for each letter of the alphabet. Author's Note, Bibliography. (BAG) III, V

America Through the Lens: Photographers Who Changed the Nation.

Martin W. Sandler. Illustrated with photographs. Henry Holt & Company Books for Young Readers. 144pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-7367-1, \$18.95. (M, H) Eleven biographic snapshots of America's preeminent photographers, each of whom brought about change in attitudes and conditions with their pictures. Additional NASA and NOAA photographs demonstrate how our view of the universe has changed. Introduction, Further Reading, Photo Credits, Index. (JRG) II, III, X

American Heroes. Marfé Ferguson Delano. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 192pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-7208-0, \$24.95; Library ISBN 0-7922-7215-3, \$45.90. (I, M) A wonderful collection of biographies of some famous and not-so-famous Americans. Timelines, archival photos, and interesting facts accompany each biography. Arranged by U.S. historical era. Index, Quote Sources, Resource Guide. (LKG) I, IV, V



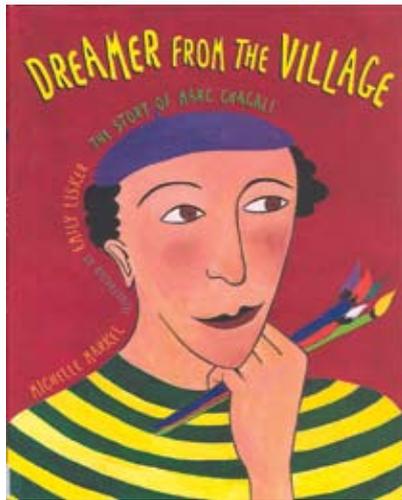
Anne Frank. Josephine Poole. Illustrated by Angela Barrett. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-375-83242-4, \$17.95; Library ISBN 0-375-93242-9, \$19.99. (I) Sensitive written and beautifully illustrated, this book describes Anne Frank as a small child, her likes and dislikes, as well as the historical events that led to World War II and forced her family into hiding. A section at the end asks: What Happened to Anne's Diary after the War? Chronology. (AHC) III, IV, V

Bach's Goldberg Variations. Anna Harwell Celenza. Illustrated by JoAnn E. Kitche. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-57091-510-5, \$19.95. (P, I) Johann Sebastian Bach helps find a home for a talented orphan, Johann Gottlieb Goldberg. Bach's tutelage allows the boy to advance his music skills and inspires one of Bach's famous compositions. Based on a true story. Author's Note, Music CD. (JRG) IV, III, V

Back to Year Zero (WorldScapes: Cambodia). Frances Bacon. Illustrated by Xiangyi Mo and Jingwen Wang. ETA/Cuisenaire. 24pp. Paperback ISBN 0-7406-3805-X, \$41.95/6 Pk. (I) Photojournalist Dith Pran documented Cambodia's "killing fields" and life under the Khmer Rouge. This story about courage and loyalty serves as an exemplar of a life committed to social and political justice. Index. (JRG) III, VI, X

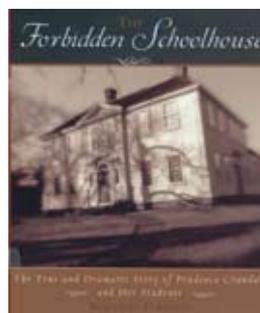
The Bus Ride that Changed History: The Story of Rosa Parks. Pamela Duncan Edwards. Illustrated by Danny Shanahan. Houghton Mifflin Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-44911-6, \$16.00. (P) This story describes the circumstances leading up to, and following, Rosa Parks's famous bus ride. Cartoon-style illustrations portray life under Jim Crow laws. Repeating text accentuates Parks's act of bravery. The power of the individual is emphasized. Author's Note, Dates to Remember. (AHC) III, IV, VI

Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa. Veronica Chambers. Illustrated by Julie Maren. Dial Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-8037-2970-7, \$15.99. F (Puffin). (I, M) Singer Celia Cruz's Afro-Cuban music of the 1950s evolved into the salsa boom of the 1970s. The story of her dream to be a professional singer describes how one poor, young girl became a "queen" through talent, hard work, creativity, and spirit. Author's Note, Glossary, Selected Discography. (KON) I, III, IV



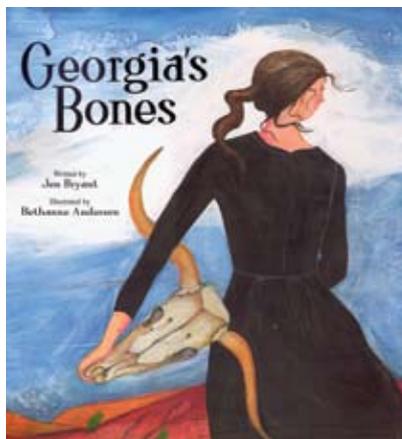
The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students. Suzanne Jurmain. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Houghton Mifflin Company. 160pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-47302-5, \$18.00. (M, H) This is an extraordinary history of the Canterbury Female Boarding School in Connecticut and its founder, who stood trial for the crime of teaching African American girls geography, reading, and chemistry. Resource-rich nonfiction. Author's Note, Epilogue, Appendix, Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JRG) V, IV, III

Dangerous Crossing: The Revolutionary Voyage of John Quincy Adams. Stephen Krensky. Illustrated by Greg Harlin. Dutton Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-525-46966-4, \$16.99. (P, I) Based on the diary of John Adams, this lively account of a secret mission to France to gain support for the Revolutionary War tells the heroic story of two future presidents. Author's Note. (MWW) IV, VI, V.



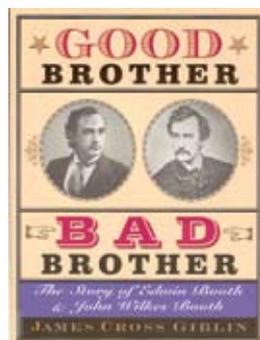
The Founders: The 39 Stories behind the U.S. Constitution. Dennis Brindell Fradin. Illustrated by Michael McCurdy. Walker and Company. 162pp. Trade ISBN 0-8027-8972-2, \$22.95; Library ISBN 0-8027-8973-0, \$23.85. (M) A wonderful collection of short biographies that explain the history of the U.S. Constitution and the 39 individuals who helped draft it. Afterword, Bibliography, Index, Maps, the United States Constitution. (MWW) IV, V, VI

Delivering Justice: W. W. Law and the Fight for Civil Rights. Jim Haskins. Illustrated by Benny Andrews. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-7636-2592-2, \$16.99. (I, M) An inspirational account about an ordinary mail carrier, W.W. Law, whose extraordinary conduct, vision, and work with the NAACP during the 1960s civil rights movement helped desegregate Savannah, Georgia, with little violence. Afterword. (KON) V, VI, X



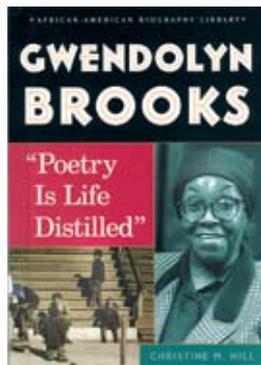
Georgia's Bones. Jen Bryant. Illustrated by Bethanne Andersen. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8028-5217-3, \$16.00. (P) A biography that explores Georgia O'Keeffe's earliest inspirations. Young Georgia began collecting interesting objects at an early age. Later, her fascination with natural shapes would be instrumental in her artwork. (KHW) IV, III

Dreamer From the Village: The Story of Marc Chagall. Michelle Markel. Illustrated by Emily Lisker. Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-6373-0, \$16.95. (I) With exuberant illustrations, this picture book chronicles the life of Marc Chagall. It describes his childhood in a humble Jewish family in Russia, his life in Paris, and how he became one of the most celebrated artists of the twentieth century. Author's Note, More about Marc Chagall, Glossary. (FMC) I, III, IV



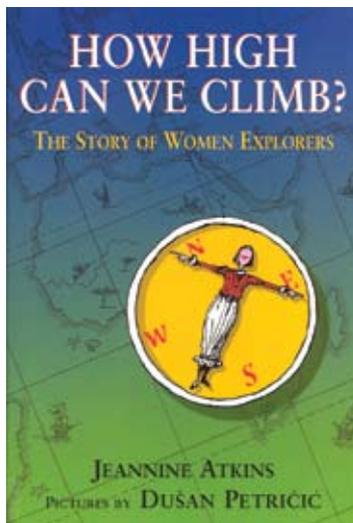
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth. James Cross Giblin. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Clarion Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-09642-6, \$22.00. (M) This is the dramatic story of two very different brothers, and how their upbringing led one to become a revered actor and the other to become Abraham Lincoln's reviled assassin. Bibliography and Source Notes, Index, Primary Documents. (MWW) IV, VI

Gwendolyn Brooks: “Poetry Is Life Distilled” (African American Biography Library). Christine M. Hill. Illustrated with photographs. Enslow Publishers. 128pp. Library ISBN 0-7660-2292-7, \$31.93. (H) This biography of Gwendolyn Brooks, who in 1950 became the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize, chronicles the struggles she encountered as a black woman and poet, against the backdrop of social changes during the civil rights movement. Chronology, Chapter Notes, Index. (BAG) III, IV



Jazz ABZ: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits. Wynton Marsalis. Illustrated by Paul Rogers. Candlewick Press. 76pp. Trade ISBN 0-7636-2135-8, \$24.99. (H) This comprehensive book, structured by letters of the alphabet, introduces readers to some of the most influential jazz musicians. Jazz is explored through amazing illustrations and poetic forms. Author’s Note, Biographical Sketches, Notes on the Poetic Forms, Selected List of Jazz Records. (MWW) I, IV

Houdini: World’s Greatest Mystery Man and Escape King. Kathleen Krull. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Walker and Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8027-8953-6, \$16.95; Library ISBN 0-8027-8954-4, \$17.85. (I) The reader is taken behind the scenes to learn about the boyhood of Harry Houdini, and his emergence as a renowned performer, as well as how he carried out some of his fascinating stunts. Beautiful illustrations. Bibliography, Other Sources. (AHC) III

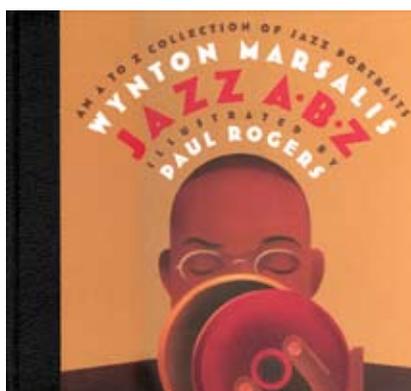


How High Can We Climb? The Story of Women Explorers. Jeannine Atkins. Illustrated by Dušan Petričić. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers. 224pp. Library ISBN 0-374-33503-6, \$17.00. (M) This book focuses on 12 adventurous women from different periods and places, who defied societal expectations and faced danger to explore new areas of the Earth. Author’s Note, Bibliography, Index, Timeline. (PLS) III, VIII, II

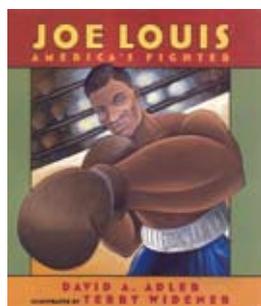
Joe Louis: America’s Fighter. David A. Adler. Illustrated by Terry Widener. Gulliver Books/Harcourt Children’s Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-15-216480-4, \$16.00. (I) The story of the “Brown Bomber,” as Joe Louis was known, describes the rise of one of the greatest heavyweight champions. Louis’s life is presented with dramatic, colorful scenes that reveal the boxer’s emotions, struggles, and determination. Author’s Notes, Bibliography. (DMM) IV, V

John Lennon: All I Want Is the Truth. Elizabeth Partridge. Illustrated with photographs. Viking Children’s Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 0-670-05954-4, \$24.99. F (Puffin). (H) This thorough biography details the highs and lows of John Lennon’s life and musical career with engaging text and numerous photographs. Sources, Bibliography, Index. (JMS) IV

I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote. Linda Arms White. Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. Farrar, Strauss and Giroux/Melanie Kroupa Books. 40pp. Library ISBN 0-374-33527-3, \$16.00. (P) Full of determination and self-reliance, Esther meets each of life’s challenges head-on. Entrepreneur, wife, mother, and suffragette, she helps get women the right to vote in Wyoming, and becomes a justice of the peace, the first woman in the United States to hold political office. Author’s Note, Resources. (LKG) IV, X



The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey. Louise Borden. Illustrated by Allan Drummond. Houghton Mifflin Company. 80pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-33924-8, \$17.00. (I, M) The manuscript that eventually became the story of *Curious George* (originally called *Adventures of Fifi*), along with its authors, had a narrow escape from World War II Europe. This book highlights the harrowing experience. Photographs, Documents, Selections from Reys’ Interior and Cover Art, Partial Bibliography of Reys’ Books and Illustrations, Before/After Author Notes. (DMM) V, IX



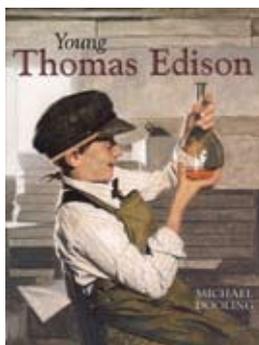
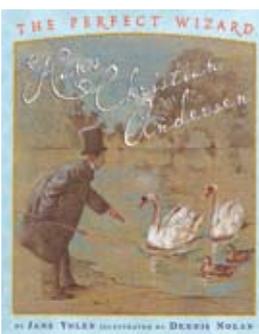
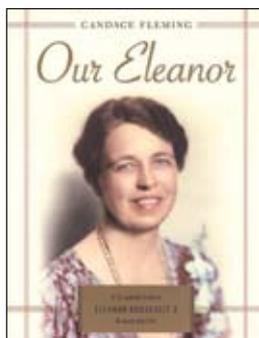
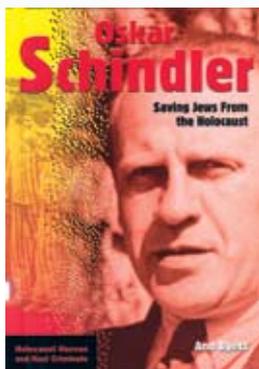
Little Green: Growing Up during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Chun Yu. Paula Wiseman Books/Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-86943-6, \$15.95. (M, H) This memoir, recounted in verse, depicts the daily life of a young girl growing up during China's Cultural Revolution. Short vignettes provide an emotional and personal backdrop for this historic period. Epilogue, Glossary. (AEF) I, III, VI, VI

Oskar Schindler: Saving Jews from the Holocaust (Holocaust Heroes and Nazi Criminals). Ann Byers. Illustrated with photographs. Enslow Publishers. 160pp. Library ISBN 0-7660-2534-9, \$27.93. (M, H) Specific historic details and accounts from people impacted by Oskar Schindler's actions help the reader understand the man who saved more than 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust. Timeline, Chapter Notes, Glossary, Further Reading, Index. (KON) III, V

 **Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt's Remarkable Life.** Candace Fleming. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 192pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-86544-9, \$19.95. (M, H) The fascinating life of Eleanor Roosevelt unfolds in short accessible segments that give readers insight into the personal struggles that molded this legendary figure. Index, Source Notes, Bibliography, Eleanor Roosevelt's Publications. (AEF) III, VI, X

The Perfect Wizard: Hans Christian Andersen. Jane Yolen. Illustrated by Dennis Nolan. Dutton Children's Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-525-46955-9, \$16.99. (I) A beautifully written and illustrated story of Andersen's life, detailing hardships and successes. Quotes from his fairy tales are inserted in a sensitive and clever manner throughout the book. Author's Note. (DMM) IV

Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-85643-1, \$16.95. (P, I) Roberto Clemente's childhood in Puerto Rico, as well as his dream and determination to become a baseball player, are described through simple text and action-filled illustrations. Author's Note. (JMS) IV



Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story. Paula Yoo. Illustrated by Dom Lee. Lee and Low Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-58430-247-X, \$16.95. (I, P) Discrimination does not deter a young Korean American boy from pursuing his passion for diving. This is the true story of an American Olympic champion, Sullivan Award winner, and medical doctor, who served during the Korean War. Author's Note. (JRG) III, V, I

The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela: Through Three Continents in the Twelfth Century. Uri Shulevitz. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Library ISBN 0-374-37754-5, \$17.00. (I) Based on an actual book by Benjamin of Tudela written in the twelfth century, this account provides a wondrous glimpse into medieval Mediterranean lands and the dangers encountered in traveling the then-known world. Author's Note, Bibliography. (BAG) III, I

 **Wise Guy: The Life and Philosophy of Socrates.** M.D. Usher. Illustrated by William Bramhall. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Library ISBN 0-374-31249-4, \$16.00. (M) This is a fun and whimsical account of the life of Socrates, told through simplistic text with additional information inserted throughout. An excellent way to introduce a great thinker to students. Bibliography. (KHW) II, III, I

The Young Hans Christian Andersen. Karen Hesse. Illustrated by Erik Blegvad. Scholastic Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-67990-7, \$16.99. F (Scholastic). (I) The colorful wording and illustrations in this book show the troubled childhood of Hans Christian Andersen in Denmark, while emphasizing the young boy's determination to achieve his dream of becoming famous. Afterword, Bibliography, Illustrator's Note. (PLS) IV, II

Young Thomas Edison. Written and illustrated by Michael Dooling. Holiday House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-8234-1868-5, \$16.95. F (Holiday House). (P, I) After Thomas Edison had lost some hearing due to scarlet fever, and was labeled a troublemaker at school, his mother decided to keep him home. The former school-teacher taught Edison herself, while nurturing his love for learning, laboratories, and inventions. This true story demystifies the origins of genius. Author's Note, Bibliography, Suggested Websites. (JRG) IV, VIII

Contemporary Concerns

The AIDS Epidemic: Disaster & Survival

(Deadly Disasters). Jennifer Reed. Illustrated with color photographs. Enslow Publishers. 48pp. Library ISBN 0-7660-2382-6, \$23.93. (M) This concise and balanced description of HIV/AIDS, accompanied by poignant photographs, educates readers about the disease, its influence on the United States and the world, and the efforts of scientists to provide hope to millions of sufferers. Bibliography, Chapter Notes, Glossary, Index. (PLS) IX, VIII, III



Americans Who Tell the Truth.

Written and illustrated by Robert Shetterly. Dutton Children's Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-525-47429-3, \$18.99. (M, H) Thought-provoking quotes are paired with portraits of 50 Americans—such as Muhammad Ali, Emma Goldman, and Paul Robeson—who have spoken out and challenged the status quo. This book is sure to inspire debate and further research. Author's Note. (JMS) X, V

And Tango Makes Three.

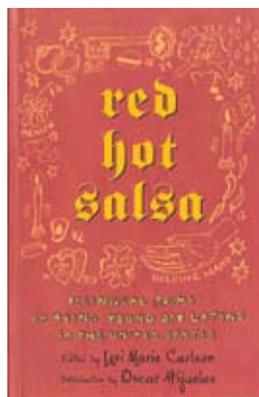
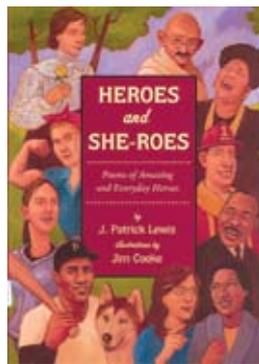
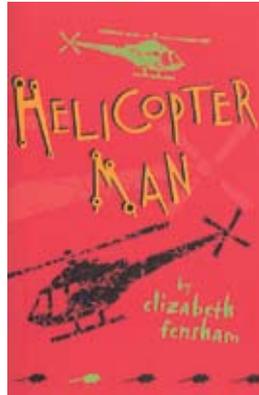
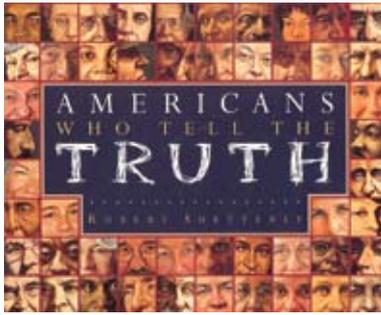
Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. Illustrated by Henry Cole. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-87845-1, \$14.95. (P) Roy and Silo, two male penguins at the Central Park Zoo, fall in love. When they are given an egg from a female penguin who can't care for it, baby Tango joins their family. Author's Note. (JMS) IV

Carl the Complainer

(Social Studies Connects). Michelle Knudsen. Illustrated by Maryann Cocca-Leffler. The Kane Press. 32pp. Paperback ISBN 1-57565-157-2, \$4.99. (P, I) Carl learns how to turn complaints into petitions and use personal involvement, action, and voice to become a more effective citizen. Appropriate vocabulary for young children. Letter to Educators/Parents, Making Connections. (DMM) X, IV

Helicopter Man.

Elizabeth Fensham. Bloomsbury Children's Books. 165pp. Trade ISBN 1-58234-981-9, \$15.95. F (Bloomsbury). (M) This contemporary story about schizophrenia is told through Pete's diary. Pete struggles to understand his father's bizarre behaviors, why he and his father are homeless, and why his mother left them. (AHC) IV



Heroes and She-ros: Poems of Amazing and Everyday Heroes.

J. Patrick Lewis. Illustrated by Jim Cooke. Dial Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-8037-2925-1, \$16.99. (I) A collection of poems depicting some of the most well known—as well as unknown—heroes in our lives. Author's Note, Historical Information on Individuals in Book. (MWW) V, IV, I

Late Modernism

(Movements in Art). Anne Fitzpatrick. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Creative Education. 48pp. Trade ISBN 1-58341-348-0, \$31.35; Library ISBN 1-58341-348-0, \$21.95. (M, H) Art offers a perspective of how people in different cultures think and feel. This book provides a look at the conflict and change of the twentieth century through the artistic expressions of Late Modernism. Richly illustrated. Timeline, Glossary, Index. (JRG) II, I, IV

The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq.

Written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Harcourt Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-15-205445-6, \$16.00. (I) This is a true story about one woman's love of books and literacy. Alia Muhammad Baker hides 30,000 books in restaurants and private homes to save them from destruction during the Iraq War. Author's Note. (KHW) III, II

Peace One Day: The Making of World Peace Day.

Jeremy Gilley. Illustrated by Karen Blessen. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-399-24330-5, \$16.99. (I) This inspiring story depicts the efforts of actor Jeremy Gilley to create a world peace day. This story shows that one person can make a difference through determination and perseverance. (MWW) IX, X, II



Red Hot Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Being Young and Latino in the United States.

Edited by Lori Marie Carlson. Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers. 144pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-7616-6, \$16.95. (H) This collection of poems presents a variety of perspectives from Latinos on language, neighborhood, love, family, identity, and how they maintained their own culture while adjusting to American society. Biographical Notes, Editor's Note, Glossary. (PLS) IV, I, V

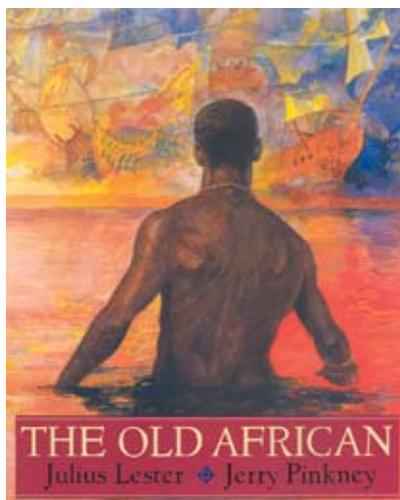
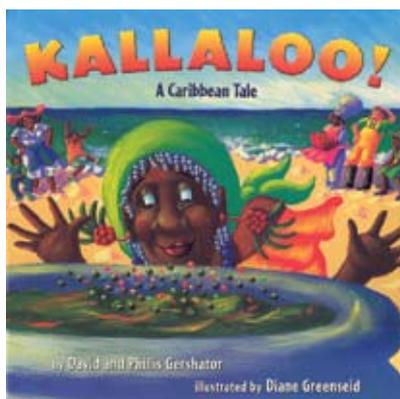
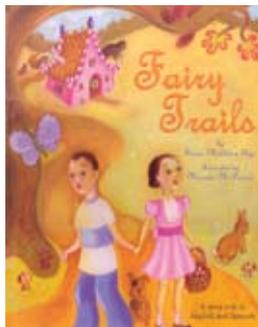
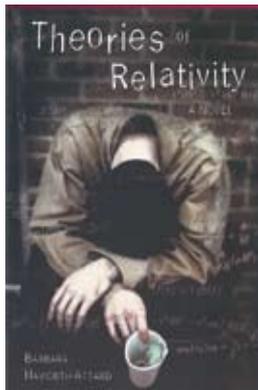
Strong at the Heart: How it Feels to Heal from Sexual Abuse. Carolyn Lehman. Illustrated with photographs. Farrar, Straus and Giroux/Melanie Kroupa Books. 176pp. Library ISBN 0-374-37282-9, \$17.00. (H) Nine people who were sexually abused share their stories to provide hope and healing for others. Help!; Where to Go for More; Information about Abuse and Healing; Resources for Making Choices, Building Strength, and Changing the World. (AHC) IV

Theories of Relativity. Barbara Haworth-Attard. Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers. 240pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-7790-1, \$16.95. (M, H) Sixteen-year-old Dylan struggles daily to find a safe place to sleep and enough food to eat. A realistic and graphic depiction of what life is like on the streets of America for teenagers who are homeless. (AEF) III, IV

This is America: The American Spirit in Places and People. Don Robb. Illustrated by Christine Joy Pratt. Charlesbridge Publishing. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-57091-604-7, \$16.95; Paperback ISBN 1-57091-605-5, \$6.95. (I) This lively account of the people, places, and ideals that make up America captures the true essence of the American spirit. Engaging text and illustrations. Map, Timeline, Resources. (MWW) II, I, V

Environment/ Energy/Ecology

Dust Bowl! The 1930s Black Blizzards (X-treme Disasters That Changed America). Richard H. Levey. Bearport Publishing Company. 32pp. Library ISBN 1-59716-007-5, \$23.96. (M) This book explores the causes and effects of the worst drought in U.S. history. It chronicles the dust storm of April 14, 1935, also known as Black Sunday, and the way it shaped the lives of the local people. Bibliography, Glossary, Index. (KHW) VIII, II, VII



Folktales

 **Fairy Trails.** Susan Middleton Elya. Illustrated by Mercedes McDonald. Bloomsbury Children's Books. 34pp. Trade ISBN 1-58234-927-4, \$16.95. (P) Captivating rhymes and illustrations introduce readers to Spanish words. A brother and sister travel through familiar fairy tales and meet such characters as Humpty *Huevo* and the wicked *brujita* of Hansel and Gretel. Glossary. (MWW) I, II

Kallaloo! A Caribbean Tale. David and Phillis Gershator. Illustrated by Diane Greenfield. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-7614-5110-2, \$16.95. (P) A delightful retelling of "Stone Soup," done Caribbean style. In Market Square, a magical shell assists Granny in summoning various ingredients from local merchants which eventually result in free soup for all and a "happy hullabaloo!" Kallaloo Recipes. (DMM) I, III

 **The Old African.** Julius Lester. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Dial Books for Young Readers. 80pp. Trade ISBN 0-8037-2564-7, \$19.99. (M, H) The Old African had special powers—he could speak to others on the plantation in their minds. This book is based on legend, but infused with magical realism, exposing the horrors of slavery. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note. (FMC) III, I, IV

A Season for Mangoes. Regina Hanson. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Clarion Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-15972-X, \$15.00. (I) Young Sareen describes the Jamaican tradition of celebrating the life of a lost loved one, telling the story of her dead Nana, and their search for the perfect mango. Author's Note. (FMC) I, III, IV

Zen Shorts. Written and illustrated by Jon J Muth. Scholastic Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-33911-1, \$16.95. F (Scholastic). (P) A giant panda named Stillwater introduces the reader to Zen Buddhism through the stories he tells three children. In turn, the stories help the children deal with their everyday interactions. Author's Note. (AEF) III, V, IX

Geography, Peoples, & Places

Are We There Yet? A Journey around Australia.

Written and illustrated by Alison Lester. Kane/Miller Book Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-929132-73-5, \$15.95. (P, I) This often-asked question (Are We There Yet?) captures the words of three children, as they travel with their parents throughout Australia, encountering the various terrains, people, and locations of the country. (DMM) III, IX

Chinese New Year (On My Own Holidays).

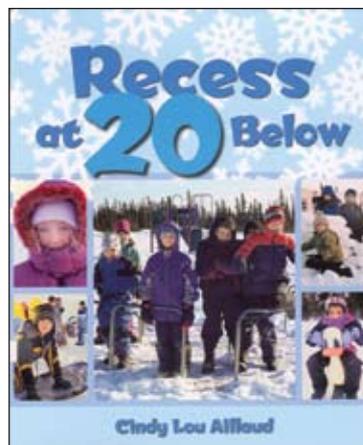
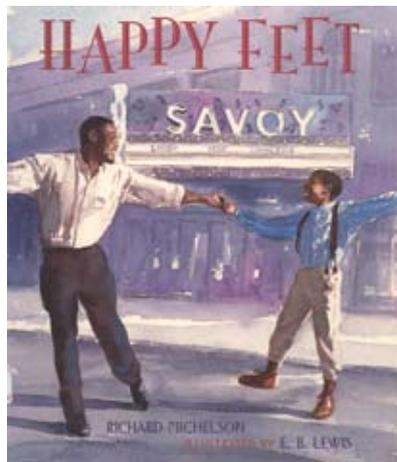
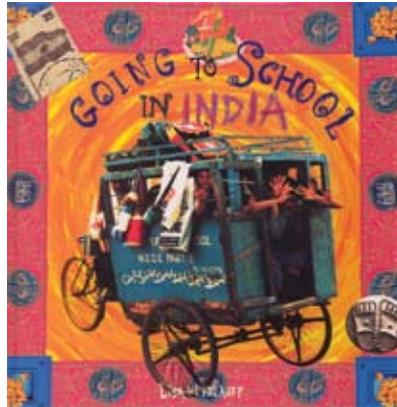
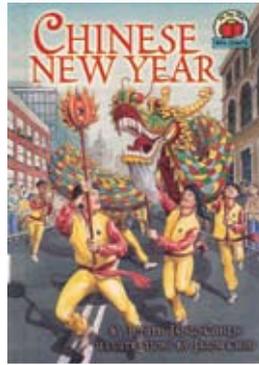
Judith Jango-Cohen. Illustrations by Jason Chin. Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing Group. 48pp. Trade ISBN 1-57505-763-8, \$5.95; Library ISBN 1-57505-653-4, \$23.93; Paperback ISBN 1-57505-763-8, \$5.95. (I) This is an excellent resource for explaining the festivities that encompass the 15 days of the Chinese New Year. Simple prose describes traditions and their meanings, and can be used as a read-aloud for a young audience. Glossary. (BAG) I, V

Going Fishing.

Written and illustrated with photographs by Bruce McMillan. Walter Lorraine Books/Houghton Mifflin Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-47201-0, \$16.00. (P, I) Join young Friorik as he fishes for cod and lumpfish with his two grandpas in Iceland. Photographs enhance this story of a country's main export and one family's special relationships. Encyclopedic Entries about Atlantic Cod and Lumpfish, Photographs. (DMM) III, I, VII

Going to School in India.

Lisa Heydlauff. Illustrated with photographs by Nitin Upadhye and graphic illustrations by B.M. Kamath. Charlesbridge Publishing. 98pp. Trade ISBN 1-57091-666-7, \$21.95. (I) Vibrant photographs, artwork, and stories capture the diversity of India and provide a picture of the daily lives of children, along with the challenges many must overcome to attend school. Foreword, Glossary, Index. (PLS) III, V, I



Happy Feet. Richard Michelson. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Gulliver Books/Harcourt Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-15-205057-4, \$16.00. (P, I) Armed with a special nickname, a young boy dreams of headlining at Harlem's Savoy Ballroom. Family and community history become inextricably intertwined with a famous landmark and cultural icon. Entrepreneurship and dance illustrated in watercolors. Author's Note, Biographies. (JRG) III, I, II

Julio's Magic.

Arthur Dorros. Illustrated by Ann Grifalconi. HarperCollins Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-06-029004-8, \$15.99; Library ISBN 0-06-029005-6, \$16.89. (I) The best carver in the village, Illuminado, teaches Julio how to carve animals out of wood. When Illuminado begins to lose his eyesight, Julio helps him paint the carvings so Illuminado can compete in a wood-carving contest. (KHW) I, III



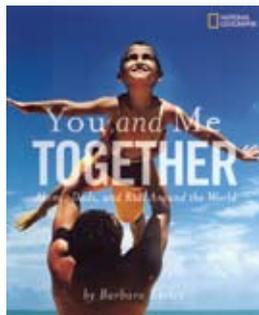
Recess at 20 Below.

Written and illustrated by Cindy Lou Aillaud. Alaska Northwest Books/Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-88240-604-3, \$15.95; Paperback ISBN 0-88240-609-4, \$8.95. (P) Photographs depict the wintry wonderland of children at recess in an elementary school in Alaska. Children everywhere can relate to their fun-filled times—even if the temperature is 20° below zero. (DMM) III

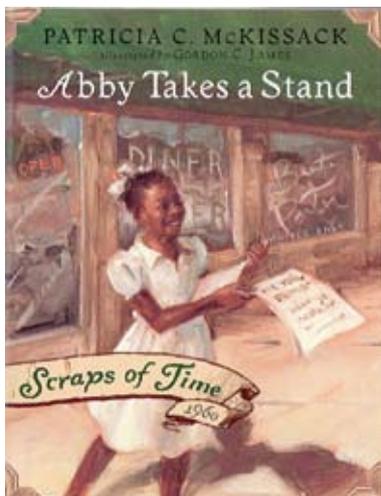
Shackleton's Stowaway.

Victoria McKernan. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books. 336pp. Trade ISBN 0-375-82691-2, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-375-92691-7, \$17.99. (H) When famed explorer Ernest Shackleton attempts the crossing of Antarctica in 1914, Perce Blackborow goes along as a stowaway. This novel is based on the true story of his harrowing adventures. Author's Note, Sources, Timeline, Suggestions for Further Reading. (JMS) III

Sled Dogs Run. Jonathan London. Illustrated by Jon Van Zyle. Walker and Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8027-8957-9, \$16.95; Library ISBN 0-8027-8958-7, \$17.85. (P) A young girl trains her sled dogs from puppies to adults. She starts out on her first solo run and must utilize all that she has learned to return safely. Beautifully written and illustrated. Author's Note. (KHW) III, I



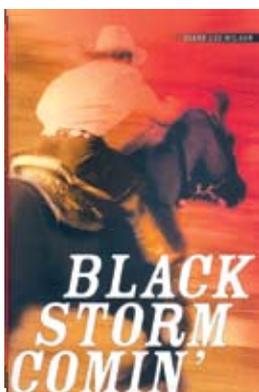
Tsunami: Helping Each Other. Ann Morris and Heidi Larson. Illustrated with photographs by Heidi Larson and others. Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing Group. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-7613-9501-6, \$15.95. (I) Text and photographs describe the impact of the 2004 tsunami in Asia on the lives of two young Thai brothers. Author's Note. (JMS) III, IX



You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World. Barbara Kerley. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-8297-3, \$16.95; Library ISBN 0-7922-8298-1, \$25.90. (P) Warm photographs and simple text show the loving relationships of parents and children around the world. (JMS) III, IX

History, Life, & Culture in the Americas

Abby Takes a Stand (Scrap of Time: 1960). Patricia C. McKissack. Illustrated by Gordon C. James. Viking Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 0-670-06011-9, \$14.99. F (Puffin). (I) Ten-year-old Abby can sit up front in a public bus, but cannot have a milk shake at the lunch counter. Abby joins brave protesters, helping to make changes through the civil rights movement. Author's Note, Timeline, Rules for the Nashville Sit-ins. (FMC) X, V, VI



Black Storm Comin'. Diane Lee Wilson. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon and Schuster Children's Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-87137-6, \$16.95; Paperback ISBN 0-689-87138-4, \$5.95. (M, H) Twelve-year-old Colton Wescott faces issues of survival and racial prejudice as his mixed-race family heads West in the pre-war 1860s. His job as a Pony Express rider takes him through the treacherous Sierra Nevada mountains, where he surmounts both personal and environmental challenges. Author's Note. (AEF) II, III, IV

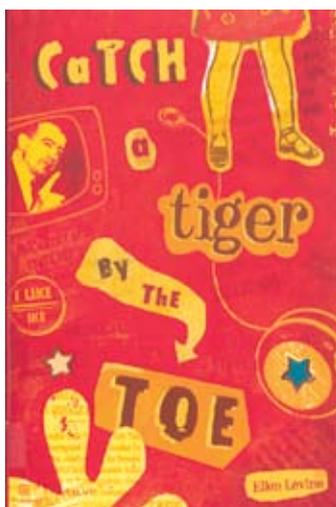
Built to Last: Building America's Amazing Bridges, Dams, Tunnels, and Skyscrapers.

George Sullivan. Illustrated with photographs. Scholastic Nonfiction. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-51737-0, \$18.99. F (Scholastic Nonfiction). (M) This well-researched book explains how America's most famous structures were designed and built. Outstanding photographs and primary documents provide further information about individual structures. Further Reading, Websites, Index. (AHC) III, VIII

Catch a Tiger by the Toe. Ellen Levine. Viking Children's Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 0-670-88461-8, \$15.99. (M) When anti-communist hysteria and the McCarthy hearings affect 13-year-old Jamie and her family, Jamie struggles to understand why her family continues to be vocal about political freedom and the right to dissent. Author's Note, Suggested Reading. (JMS) IV, VI, X

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two.

Joseph Bruchac. Dial Books for Young Readers. 240pp. Trade ISBN 0-8037-2921-9, \$16.99. F (Puffin). (M, H) During World War II, Navajo marines developed a secret code based on their native language. This code, never broken by the enemy, saved many American lives. Bibliography. (LKG) V



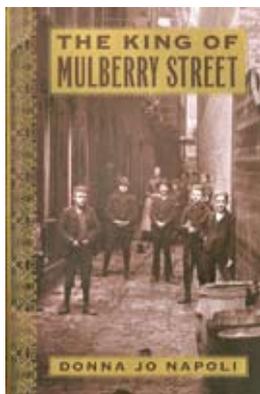
Crooked River. Shelley Pearsall. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 0-375-82389-1, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-375-92389-6, \$17.99. (I) It is the early 1800s, and a Chippewa brave is accused of murdering a white trapper. While awaiting trial, he is held shackled in the loft of a frontier cabin. Vengeance, prejudice, and fear combine to create a powerful story. Author's Note, Bibliography, Museum Sources. (LKG) I



Dad, Jackie, and Me. Myron Uhlberg. Illustrated by Colin Bootman. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-56145-329-3, \$16.95. (P, I) A deaf father and his son bond over baseball in the summer of 1947, as Jackie Robinson becomes the first black man to play major league baseball for their favorite team, the Brooklyn Dodgers. Author's Note. (AEF) I, III

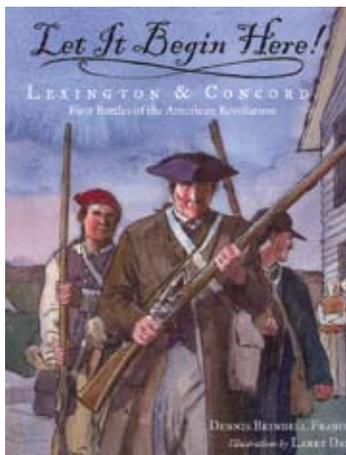


Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue. Julius Lester. Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children. 178pp. Trade ISBN 0-7868-0490-4, \$15.99. (H) Two families are pulled apart by slavery, gambling debts, and greed. This story traces the lives of a plantation owner's family as well as that of his slaves—as the events of the largest slave auction unfold. Author's Note. (KHW) II



Dzání Yázhí Naazbaa': Little Woman Warrior Who Came Home. Evangeline Parsons Yazzie. Illustrated by Irving Toddy. Salina Bookshelf. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-893354-55-5, \$17.95. (I) This is an amazing story told from the view of a young Navajo girl who is abducted by soldiers, taken to Fort Sumner, and forced to walk to Bosque Redondo, nearly 450 miles from her home. Author's Note, Written in Navajo as well as English. (FMC) I, III, II

The Fight for Peace: A History of Antiwar Movements in America. Ted Gottfried. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner Publishing Group. 96pp. Library ISBN 0-7613-2932-3, \$26.60. (M) Peace and anti-war movements are traced—from the Quakers, to the War of 1812, and to the current movement against the war in Iraq. This well-researched book provides multiple perspectives and contains many primary documents. Afterword, Timeline, Source Notes, Selected Bibliography, Further Reading and Websites, Index. (AHC) X, II, V



Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue. Dial Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8037-2860-3, \$16.99. (P, I) Through the eyes of eight-year-old Connie, the reader learns about civil rights in the 1960s, the message of Martin Luther King, Jr., protesting through non-violent means, and earning the right to sit at a lunch counter. Author's Note. (AHC) V, III, II



The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence.

Judith St. George. Illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Philomel Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-399-23738-0, \$16.99. (P) Take a delightful romp through history as our country's most important document is whisked from place to place by a variety of conveyances, keeping it safe for more than 200 years. Wonderful illustrations. Bibliography. (LKG) II, X

The King of Mulberry Street. Donna Jo Napoli. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 0-385-74653-9, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-385-90890-3, \$17.99. (I, M) Nine-year-old Beniamino stows away on a ship from Italy and then struggles to survive on the streets of New York in the 1890s. As an Italian Jew, he conquers prejudice and loneliness to become a leader in his community. Postscript. (AEF) I, III, IV



Let It Begin Here! Lexington & Concord: First Battles of the American Revolution.

Dennis Brindell Fradin. Illustrated by Larry Day. Walker and Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8027-8945-5, \$16.95; Library ISBN 0-8027-8946-3, \$17.85. (I) The action, drama, and pathos in this re-telling of the events at Lexington and Concord create a story rich in human interest and historical fact. A "who's who," as well as a "what happened to the people," provide rich contextual information. Bibliography. (BAG) III, V

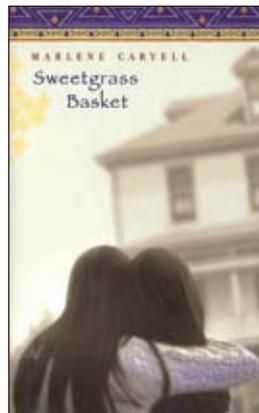
Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America.

Karen Blumenthal. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 160pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-85957-0, \$17.95. (M) Millions of girls can now play team sports due to the efforts of teachers, parents, athletes, and lawmakers who worked for the passage of a 1972 law called Title IX. The profiles, photographs, cartoons, and quotes are both engaging and enlightening. Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Index, Source Notes. (PLS) VI, X, V

Mudball. Written and illustrated by Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-7636-2387-3, \$15.99. (P, I) This little-known baseball legend highlights the plight of the underdog and reminds readers that anything is possible. Beautiful illustrations enhance this enchanting, inspirational account. Author's Note, Collectible Cards. (KON) IV, V

New Boy. Julian Houston. Houghton Mifflin Company. 288pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-43253-1, \$16.00. (H) In the late 1950s, Rob Garrett, an African American, enrolls at a Connecticut boarding school. While he is studying in New England, the civil rights movement is gaining momentum. Rob must decide whether to continue his education or return to the segregated South to support his friends and work for change. (KHW) X, II

New Jersey 1609-1776 (Voices from Colonial America). Robin Doak. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-6385-5, \$21.95; Library ISBN 0-7922-6680-3, \$32.90. (M) Pictures, historical maps, primary source excerpts, and engaging narrative combine to create a portrait of life in colonial New Jersey. This well-designed book is part of a National Geographic series that will engage the middle school reader. Resources, Quote Sources, Index. (BAG) III, I [Also recommended in this series: *Virginia 1607-1776*. Sandy Pobst. Illustrated with prints. National Geographic Children's Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-6388-X, \$21.95; Library ISBN 0-7922-6771-0, \$32.90.]



The Real Revolution: The Global Story of American Independence.

Marc Aronson. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Clarion Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-18179-2, \$21.00. (M, H) The author provides a comprehensive look at the ideas, beliefs, and individuals behind the creation of America. This book delves into the "real revolution" that took place in the minds of average citizens. Endnotes, Bibliography, Websites, Timeline, Index. (FMC) VI, IX

Show Way. Jacqueline Woodson. Illustrated by Hudson Talbott. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-399-23749-6, \$16.99. (P) Mixed-media artwork and rhythmic narrative combine to tell a generational tale about the importance of understanding one's heritage. An excellent look at family roots and the significance of quilts in African American history. (BAG) II, IV, I

Smiler's Bones. Peter Lerangis. Scholastic Press. 192pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-34485-9, \$16.95. F (Scholastic). (M) This novel is based on the actual account of six Eskimos taken by explorer Robert Peary to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to be exhibited. The author recreates the tale through the eyes of Minik, the lone survivor. Author's Note, Bibliography. (KON) III, IV, V

 **A Sweet Smell of Roses.** Angela Johnson. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-83252-4, \$16.95. (P, I) This story describes the civil rights movement through the eyes of two young sisters who witness a march for equality organized by Martin Luther King, Jr. Exquisite black and white drawings embellished with a touch of red. About the Book, From the Artist. (AHC) VI, IV, II

Sweetgrass Basket. Marlene Carvell. Dutton Children's Books. 160pp. Trade ISBN 0-525-47547-8, \$15.99. (M) Two Mohawk sisters struggle to keep their culture and memories of family alive as they are forced into menial labor at the Carlyle Indian School. Written in alternating voices and prose. (LKG) IV, V

Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing.

April Jones Prince. Illustrated by François Roca. Houghton Mifflin Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-44887-X, \$16.00. (P, I) The Brooklyn Bridge is built, but is it strong enough? Trust P.T. Barnum and his 21 elephants to prove it. Enchanting illustrations recreate this memorable crossing in 1883. Author's Note. (KON) III

Under a Standstill Moon.

Ann Howard Creel. Brown Barn Books. 192pp. Paperback ISBN 0-97464818-3, \$8.95. (M, H) In a 900 CE Anasazi village, Echo and her family confront sudden changes to their way of life. This story tackles some of the questions about why the Anasazi may have suddenly disappeared from the American Southwest. Author's Note. (AEF) I, II, III, IV

Willow Run.

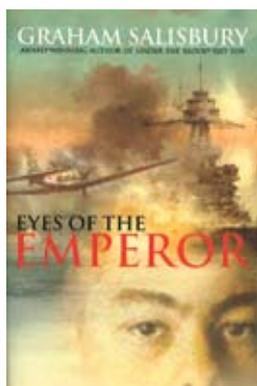
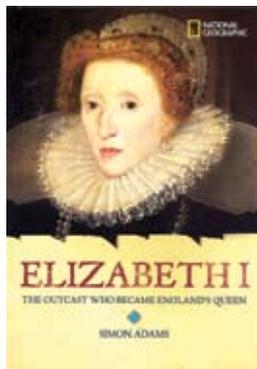
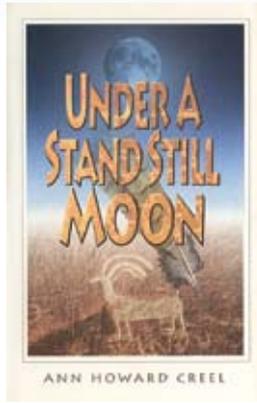
Patricia Reilly Giff. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 160pp. Trade ISBN 0-385-73067-5, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-385-90096-1, \$17.99. (I, M) Through the eyes of a young American girl, we see the effects of World War II on the home front. Realistic character developments make the story believable and heart rending. (KON) III, IV

Worlds Apart.

Kathleen Karr. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 0-7614-5195-1, \$15.95. (I, M) Fifteen-year-old Christopher was among the first to arrive in the New World of Carolina. He describes his friendship with a young Sewee brave named Asha-po. The Sewee eventually became one of the "lost nations." Author's Note. (FMC) I, III, II

A Wreath for Emmett Till.

Marilyn Nelson. Illustrated by Philippe Lardy. Houghton Mifflin Company. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-39752-3, \$17.00. (M) A young boy's lynching in 1955 is described in the form of a sonnet, illustrating how the integration of history, art, and prose can provide a powerful account of a significant historical event. Author's Note, Artist's Note, Sonnet Notes. (PLS) II, VI, V



Reference

Elizabeth I: The Outcast Who Became England's Queen

(National Geographic World History Biographies™). Simon Adams. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-3649-1, \$17.95; Library ISBN 0-7922-3654-8, \$27.90. (M) This inviting and comprehensive history of Queen Elizabeth I details the queen's rise to glory and fame. Glossary, Timeline, Bibliography, Index. (MWW) III, IV [Also recommended in this series: *Galileo: The Genius Who Faced the Inquisition*. Philip Steele. Illustrated with prints and photographs. National Geographic Children's Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-3656-4, \$17.95; Library ISBN 0-7922-3657-2, \$27.90.]

Social Interactions & Relationships

The Baby on the Way.

Karen English. Illustrated by Sean Qualls. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Library ISBN 0-374-37361-2, \$16.00. (P) When Jamal asks his grandma if she was ever a little girl, Grandma tells the endearing story of how she was even once "the baby on the way." Sensitive topic and interesting illustrations engage the reader. (FMC) II, IV, I

The Center of the World.

Andreas Steinhöfel. Translated by Alisa Jaffa. Delacorte Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books. 480pp. Trade ISBN 0-385-72943-X, \$16.95; Library ISBN 0-385-90266-2, \$18.99. (H) This unforgettable novel shows how the identity of 17-year-old Phil is shaped by the people in his life and describes the trials of growing up gay with an unconventional family in a small town. (PLS) IV, V

Eyes of the Emperor.

Graham Salisbury. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 240pp. Trade ISBN 0-385-72971-5, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-385-90874-1, \$17.99. (H) A compelling story about a young Japanese American soldier after the attack on Pearl Harbor who, because of his ancestry, is used as bait at a camp to train dogs to "sniff out" the enemy. Author's Note, Glossary, Website. (LKG) I, V

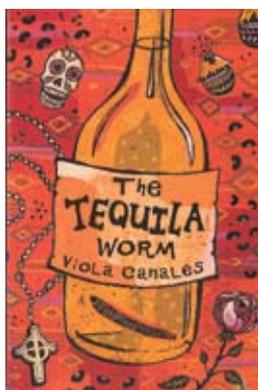
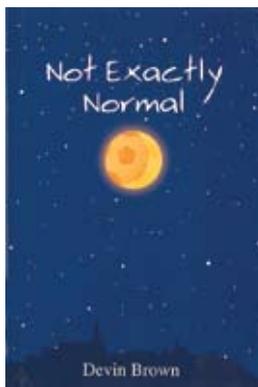
Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life. Jerdine Nolen. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Paula Wiseman Books/Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-86866-9, \$16.95. (P) Incredible illustrations will draw children into this Jack and the Beanstalk-inspired tale, which weaves a charming story of family love with the message that even small people in a world of big adults can be brave. (BAG) IV

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Not Exactly Normal. Devin Brown. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 238pp. Trade ISBN 0-8028-5283-1, \$15.00. F (Eerdmans). (M) Random historical events and people are interconnected in this unusual novel. Through the experiences of a sixth-grade boy, readers gain a new view of differences and what it means to fit in. Author's Note. (PLS) IV

Super Grandpa. David M. Schwartz. Illustrated by Bert Dodson. Tortuga Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-889910-33-3, \$18.95. (I) This inspirational book is based on the true story of Gustaf Håkansson, who was 66 years old when he shattered stereotypes by riding his bicycle more than 1,000 miles in the Tour of Sweden. Author's Note, Audio CD. (FMC) IV, II [Also available: *Superabuelo*. David M. Schwartz. Translated by Martín Luis Guzmán. Illustrated by Bert Dodson. 32pp. Trade ISBN 1-889910-376, \$18.95; Paperback ISBN 1-889910-384, \$6.95.]



The Tequila Worm. Viola Canales. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 0-385-74674-1, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-385-90905-5, \$17.99. (M) While attending an elite school, a young girl learns the importance of family and friends in the barrio. The author's use of Spanish words in context throughout the story highlights Sofia's internal struggle for identity. (PLS) IV, I, V

Under the Persimmon Tree. Suzanne Fisher Staples. Farrar, Straus and Giroux/Frances Foster Books. 288pp. Library ISBN 0-374-38025-2, \$17.00. (M, H) The author weaves an intricate story of life under the Taliban in Afghanistan, through the eyes of a courageous girl and a teacher who meet in Pakistan. Historic fiction that crystallizes contemporary conflict and culture. Author's Note, Map, Glossary. (JRG) III, I, IX

We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success. Dr. Sampson Davis, Dr. George Jenkins, Dr. Rameck Hunt, and Sharon M. Draper. Dutton Children's Books. 128pp. Trade ISBN 0-525-47407-2, \$16.99. F (Puffin). (M, H) A true and inspiring account of the lives of three young men from an inner city Newark neighborhood. Most of their friends turned to crime and drugs. Their pledge to support one another enabled them to reach their goals of becoming doctors. Shout-outs, Website. (LKG) IV, I, III

Where the Great Hawk Flies. Liza Ketchum. Clarion Books. 272pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-40085-0, \$16.00. (M) The complex social relationships that existed in post-Revolutionary War Vermont are realistically portrayed in this story that deals with identity, prejudice, and differing cultures. Of particular note is the recognition of differences between Native American tribes. Author's Note, Notes on Pequot History and Language. (BAG) IV, I, III

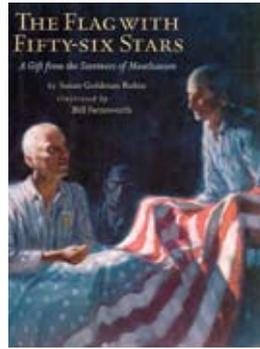
World History & Culture

Bodies From the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii. James M. Deem. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Houghton Mifflin Company. 48pp. Trade ISBN 0-618-47308-4, \$16.00. (M) Riveting photographs and interesting narrative provide an account of life in Pompeii and a comprehensive explanation of the famous volcanic eruption of AD 79, along with insight into the work of archaeologists. Bibliography, Index. (BAG) II, III

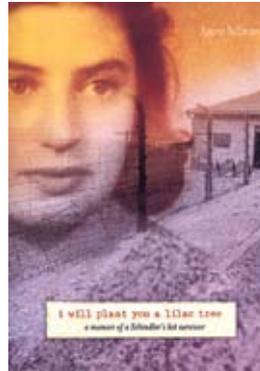


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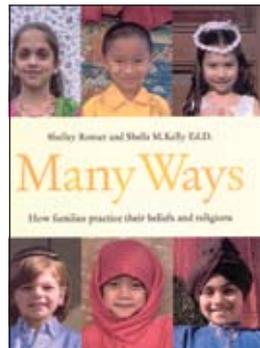
Susan Goldman Rubin. Illustrated by Bill Farnsworth. Holiday House. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-8234-1653-4, \$16.95; Paperback ISBN 0-8234-2019-1, \$6.95. (M) A flag with 56 stars is on display in the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Museum of Tolerance. Although the names of the Holocaust survivors who created it may never be known, this is one account of the triumph of human spirit. Afterword, Bibliography, Index, Photo of Original Flag. (KON) V, IX



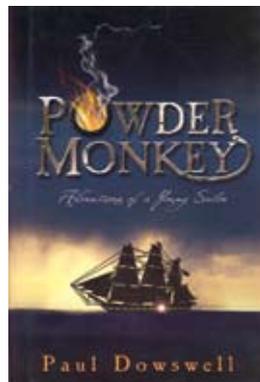
Hidden Child. Written and illustrated by Isaac Millman. Farrar, Straus and Giroux/Frances Foster Books. 80pp. Library ISBN 0-374-33071-9, \$18.00. (I, M) The author tells how he concealed himself as a young Jew in Europe during World War II by assuming new identities in various locations, becoming one of many “hidden children.” Family Photographs, Illustrative Paintings, Afterword. (DMM) V, III



Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler’s Shadow. Susan Campbell Bartoletti. Illustrated with photographs. Scholastic Nonfiction. 176pp. Trade ISBN 0-439-35379-3, \$19.95. F (Scholastic Nonfiction). (M) The lives of 12 youths are depicted in this riveting book—from young people who pledged allegiance to Hitler, to those who fought against him. Very insightful look at Nazi Germany. Author’s Note, Timeline, Bibliography. (KHW) II, VI



I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree: A Memoir of a Schindler’s List Survivor. Laura Hillman. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 256pp. Trade ISBN 0-689-86980-0, \$16.95. (H) The author is separated from her family and sent to eight different labor and concentration camps during World War II. She falls in love with a fellow prisoner and is saved by Oskar Schindler and his Czechoslovakian factory. (KHW) II, III



Mahjong All Day Long. Ginie Lo. Illustrated by Beth Lo. Walker and Company. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8027-8941-2, \$16.95; Library ISBN 0-8027-8942-0, \$17.85. (P) Mahjong, a game that originated in China almost a thousand years ago, connects three generations of a family as they learn and play the game together. Author’s Note, Bibliography. (AEF) I, II, IX

Many Ways: How Families Practice Their Beliefs and Religions. Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly. Illustrated with photographs by Shelley Rotner. Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-7613-2873-4, \$15.95; Library ISBN 0-7613-2873-4, \$15.95. (P, I) Striking, simplistic photos depict families from all parts of the world playing, working, and praying together. A great introduction for young children to our diverse global society. Information about the Photographs. (KON) I, III, IX

Powder Monkey: Adventures of a Young Sailor. Paul Dowsell. Bloomsbury Children’s Books. 288pp. Trade ISBN 1-5823-675-5, \$16.95. F (Bloomsbury). (M) Thirteen-year-old Sam is forced to join the crew of a British naval ship, enduring battles, shipwrecks, and the Napoleonic Wars. Excellent drawing of an eighteenth-century naval vessel. Sources. (LKG) IV, V

Remember World War II. Dorinda Makanaōnalani Nicholson. Illustrated with photographs. National Geographic Children’s Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 0-7922-7179-3, \$17.95. (M, H) Compelling black and white photos and eyewitness accounts from children who survived the war provide an intense, comprehensive overview of World War II from Hitler’s rise to the surrender of Japan on August 14, 1945. Foreword by Madeleine K. Albright, Bibliography, Index, Postscripts. (KON) III, VI, IX

The Secret Seder. Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Hyperion Books for Children. 40pp. Trade ISBN 0-7868-0777-6, \$16.99. (P, I) In France during World War II, Jacques and his family try to pass as Christians, while still maintaining their religious beliefs in secret. Author’s Note, Suggestions for Further Reading. (JMS) I

Understanding the Holy Land: Answering Questions about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Mitch Frank. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Viking Children’s Books. 160pp. Trade ISBN 0-670-06032-1, \$17.99. (M) This book probes the history and controversies surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The reader is provided balanced responses that lead to a better understanding of a very complex issue. Timeline, Glossary, Bibliography, Index. (AHC) VI, III

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