



This bibliography represents the best of books reviewed over the past year by the TriState YA Review Committee. In order to be included on this list a book must first be recommended as a Books of Note. Then another reviewer must reread the book and agree with the decision to make it a Books of Note. A series is included when three or more books of a series are recommended for Books of Note. (Note: Many series have multiple authors with different writing abilities. If there is one book in the series that has a defect, you will find that noted.)

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Books of Note 2010

Part I Books of Note Young Adult (ms/hs)w/Annotations and series listing

Part II. Elementary Books of Note w/Annotations and series listing

This year our books covered such a wide range that we divided the notable books into two lists.

The YA list means middle school/high school. The Elementary list covers K-grade 6.

Committee

Magna Dias (Edison High School)
Charleen Forba-Mayer (Christina School – Delaware)
Susan Gooden (Concord High School – Delaware)
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Susan Ogintz (Fred S. Engle Middle School)
Trish Spadaro (Radnor Memorial Library)
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Margaret Tatro (Philadelphia Schools)
Joan Theal (Milton Hershey School)
Hilary Welliver (Director – Kent Co. Public Library)
Tina Weintraub (Parkway Northwest H.S. for Freedom & Justice)
Rosanne Zajko (Ancillae Assumpta Academy)

- ms/hs **DelRey** see Random *Faust vol 2 (English ed)* MD,HW
2009 329p 17.95 978-0-345-50357-2
- Faust*, Volume 2, is an anthology of some of the best cutting-edge Japanese pop culture fiction. Features essays, fiction and Manga pieces to whet your appetite for more.
- ms/hs **Albert, Lisa Rondinelli** *Stephenie Meyer* LM,LMN
Enslow 2009 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3584-3 Authors Teen's Love (Enslow)
- An in-depth accounting of the author of the recently published *Twilight Saga*. Stephenie Meyer has proved to be a fresh breath to young readers. Readers will find answers to their questions between the covers of this book.
- ms/hs **Aretha, David** *Civil Rights Movement: Sit-ins and Freedom Rides* RZ,PN
Morgan Reynolds 2009 128p 28.95 978-1-59935-098-1 Civil Rights Movement(MR)#8
- Chronicles the history of sit-ins and freedom rides throughout the South during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, including the sit-in by four students from North Carolina A&T University at an all-white lunch counter that sparked sit-in movements all over the South.
- hs **Austin, Debra** *Daughter of Kura* TW,LMN
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2009 310p 25.00 978-1-4391-1266-3
- Prehistoric tale of a matriarchal group of Homo erectus people in Africa. When Snap's mother chooses a stranger during bonding ceremony who proves to have dangerous ideas that will disrupt the life of the village, the pregnant girl decides to leave the clan and strike out on her own. This fascinating story is based on paleontology and will thrill those who liked books like *Clan of the Cave Bear*.
- ms/hs **Baker, E.D.** *Dragon Kiss (Tales of the Frog Princess)* MD,TW
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 279p 16.99 978-1-5999-03448-4
- It was love at first sight for Audun, and the fact that Millie the dragon saved them proved that she was the one for him. There was just one slight problem. Millie the dragon is really a human girl, a princess no less, who can turn into a dragon. Audun decides that will not be an obstacle; he will win her hand and beg the dragon king to teach him how to turn Millie back into a human. But first, he must convince his own family that this is what he wants.
- * ms/hs **Baratz-Logsted, Lauren** *Crazy Beautiful* PN,CK
Houghton 2009 191p 16.00 978-0-547-22307-0
- A modern take on a Beauty and the Beast tale. Lucius is beastly because of an accident which left him without hands. Aurora is beautiful and popular, but also broken after the death of her mother. This unlikely duo are inexplicably drawn to each other in this dark romance.
- adult **Beals, Katharine** *Raising a Left-Brain Child in a Right-Brain World* TS,CK
Random 2009 232P 16.95 978-1-5903-0650-5
- Presents a case for accommodating socially awkward students who may just have an unexpected learning style. According to the author, these children generally will not perform well in the current collaborative, social classroom setting. She presents strategies for parents to help adjust their learning environment and strengthen skills at home.
- * all ages **Bechtel, Stefan** *Tornado Hunter* LMN,SO
National Geographic 2009 272p 24.00 978-1-4262-0302-2
- Ride along with the ultimate risk-takers, tornado chasers. Learn about the lives of those who study tornadoes, the conditions necessary for tornado formation and the destruction tornadoes cause. Excellent science and adventure for grades 5 and up, including adults.
- ms/hs **Beck, Ian** *PastWorld* LM,PN
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 355p 16.99 978-1-59990-040-7
- It is 2048 in London. The Corporation has created PastWorld as a diversion for people to visit and see what the world was like to live in without all of the modern technologies. However, it seems that murder and mayhem are the same in both worlds.
- * ms/hs **Bell, Joanne** *Juggling Fire* MS,JT
Orca 2009 171p 12.95 978-1-55469-094-7
- An Alaskan girl seeks answers to life's questions. Where did her father go? Why didn't he return? Can she survive the challenges of the Yukon to try to find her answers? Her quest is unforgettable.
- ms/hs **Bernstein, Andrew** *Ayn Rand for Beginners* MD,LMN
For beginners / Steerforth Press 2009 105p 14.99 978-1-9343-8937-9
- This *Ayn Rand for Beginners* provides a simplified graphic biography and summaries of two of Ayn Rand works: *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*. It also gives the reader an analysis for these two works.
- ms/hs **Berry, Julie** *The Amaranth Enchantment* SO,RZ
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 306p 16.99 978-1-59990-334-7
- In this unusual adaptation of a Cinderella tale, Lucinda must combat the vagaries of fate to regain her place in life. The author mixes adventure, political intrigues, a magical background, and a little romance into this very well done book.
- * hs/adult **Bhalla, Jag** *I'm not hanging noodles on your ears and other intriguing idioms from around* PN,LM
National Geographic 2009 266p 12.95 978-1-4262-0458-6
- Cultural similarities and differences are explored through the use of idiomatic language. Humor interspersed with scholarly knowledge make this a book a delightful read.
- elm/ms **Birch, Robin** *Extreme Weather* JT,MS
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4468-8 Weather & Climate(MC)
- All the varieties of extreme weather are introduced in this text: thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical storms, wind, monsoon and drought, floods and landslides, cold and heat extremes. Includes glossary and index.
- elm/ms **Bowen, Carl** *Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book* MD,PN
Capstone Publishers 2009 63p 25.32 9781434215840
- A graphic novel retelling of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. When Mowgli was a child, a wolf found him wandering in the jungle and adopted him.
- * hs/adult **Bradley, Alan** *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* PN,TS
Delacorte see Random 2009 373p 23.00 978-0-385-34230-8
- 11-year-old Flavia deLuce uses her passion for chemistry and knowledge of poisons to catch a murderer and clear her father's name.

- ms/hs **Breen, M.E.** *Darkwood* MD,CK
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 273p 16.99 978-1-5999-0259-3
 The Kinderstark are taking the children of this small town. Annie is afraid to go out for too long because she fears she is next. She hears her uncle and aunt talk about someone coming for her and how much they will get paid. That night, Annie the orphan decides it is better to let the forest get you than to be sold.
- * ms/jr **Buckley, Michael** *Nerds: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense* LM,SO
 Abrams, Harry 2009 315p 14.95 978-0-8109-4324-7
 This is a humorous story about several misfits (or Nerds) who can save the world from destruction utilizing the technological tools found in the secret basement of their middle school.
- elem **Bullard, Lisa** *Ace Your Oral or Multimedia Presentation* MD,TW
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 9780766033917 Ace It! Information Literacy
 A guidebook that will help you when you have to make an oral or multimedia presentation.
- elem **Burgan, Michael** *American Patriot: Benjamin Franklin* JT,CK
 Compass Point 2010 48p 19.99 978-0-7565-4119-4 We the People (Capstone)
 This is a simple biography of Benjamin Franklin that tells about his life and shows him as a printer, inventor, statesman, scientist, diplomat and patriot.
- ms/hs **Burgan, Michael** *Nikola Tesla: Physicist, Inventor, Electrical Engineer* PN,CK
 Compass Point 2009 112p 34.65 978-0-7565-4086-9 Signature Lives (Compass Point)
 Biography of Nikola Tesla, whose fascination with electricity led him to create many of the electrical inventions, such as the AC motor, which heralded the modern era of electricity in the United States.
- ms/hs **Calhoun, Yael** *Plant and Animal Science Fair Projects, Revised & Expanded Using the* SO,LM
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3421-1 Biology Science Projects Using
 The author provides information on choosing and planning a science experiment using beetles, weeds, seeds, and "more" by using the scientific method.
- all ages **Cano-Murillo, Kathy** *Crafty Chica's: Guide to Artful Sewing* MD,SO
 Potter Craft 2009 144p 21.95 9780307406668
 A book to open up the mind and help teens become creative with sewing. There are 30 projects for teens to use and recreate with their own clothing, household items and accessories.
- ms/hs **Caravantes, Peggy** *Great and Sublime Fool: The story of Mark Twain* LMN,CK
 Morgan Reynolds 2009 176p 28.95 978-1-59935-088-2 World Writers (Morgan)##7
 Detailed biography connecting his life to his writings. Twain's humor comes through in direct quotes. His up-and-down financial status and his vulnerability coupled with his fixed beliefs in a new typesetting machine are captured in the title of the book. Grades 7-12.
- elm/ms **Carmichael, Clay** *Wild Things* RZ,MS
 Front Street Books (see Boyd's 2009 240p 18.95 978-1-59078-627-7
 Stubborn, self-reliant, eleven-year-old Zoe, recently orphaned, moves to the country to live with her prickly half-uncle, a famous doctor and sculptor, and together they learn about trust and the strength of family.
- elm/ms **Chapman, Mary** *The Haunting* MD,TW
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 72p 23.99 978-1-4342-1614-4 Shade Books (Stone
 The Haunting is a supernatural story that will have you at the edge of your seat. Rebecca's birthday gift has her spooked and suffering nightmares. How will she solve the mystery behind the sampler before it takes a toll on her life?
- all ages **Clay, Kathryn** *How to Draw Flowers* MD,LM
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 25.32 978-1-4296-3403-8 Drawing Fun (Capstone)
 A step-by-step book on how to draw flowers. The author chose eleven different flowers and gives you just four steps to follow to draw those flowers. The technique looks simple and, with a little practice, it is possible to draw your own flowers in different ways to create your own designs and pictures.
- elm/ms **Collodi, Carlo** *Pinocchio* LM,CFM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 72p 18.95 978-1-4342-1583-3 Graphic Revolve: children's
 A well known tale by Carlo Collodi retold and illustrated in the graphic format.
- ms/hs **Combres, Elisabeth** *Broken Memory: a Novel of Rwanda* TW,MD
 Groundwood see Douglas 2009 139p 18.95 978-0-88899-892-7
 This powerful novel is an account of the genocide in Rwanda, personalized through a young girl's eyes and her courage to survive and remember.
- elem **Compestine, Ying Chang** *Boy Dumpling* MT,SO
 Holiday House 2009 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-1955-5
 In this picture book story set in Beijing, China, a hungry ghost catches a chubby boy carrying a rooster lantern. The ghost fetches his chopsticks, but the boy convinces him to make boy dumplings. After a night of preparations that keeps the ghost racing all over the city, the sun comes up and the ghost must find a dark place to hide. Then the boy traps the ghost in his lantern and mom cooks a feast that includes Boy-Free Dumplings.
- * ms/jr **Connolly, John** *The Gates* CK,LMN
 Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2009 296p 24.00 978-1-4391-7263-6
 Samuel Johnson discovers that some of his neighbors are working for the Devil who is planning a takeover of the Earth. The ensuing fantasy cum sci-fi adventure will leave young readers breathless and entertained.
- ms/hs **Cooke, Tim ed.** *New Cultural Atlas of the Greek World* RZ,PN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 192p \$80.00 978-0-7614-7878-2
 Surveys the philosophy, medicine, natural science, arts and architecture, as well as the rule of law and economic system of ancient Greece.
- ms/hs **Crain, Cynthia** *Milton Friedman* LMN,SG
 Morgan Reynolds 2010 144p 28.95 978-1-59935-108-7 Profiles in Economics(MR)
 Presents the economic philosophy, professional and personal life of Milton Friedman, who shook up reigning political economic theory, preferring a free market economy. Colorful photographs, timeline, further reading, chapter notes and index complete the book. For grades 7-12.

- ms/hs **Crain, Cynthia D.** *Adam Smith* MD,MT
Morgan Reynolds 2010 155p 28.95 978-1-59935-107-0 Profiles in Economics(MR)
An observer of human nature and a man of delicate health, Adam Smith dedicated his life to becoming a scholar and an economist. An intellectual who enjoyed reading more than he did his classes, he read books about philosophers and later established a written communication with Hume.
- hs **Crane, Dede** *Poster Boy* CK,SG
Groundwood see Douglas 2009 214p 17.95 978-0-88899-855-2
Gray hangs out with his friends, thinks about losing his virginity, and finds his younger sister irritating. Then he learns that she is in the last stage of cancer, and everything in his life changes -- the family dynamic, his interests, his friendships. Gray learns about causes of cancer, and he becomes interested in the environment as a result.
- ms/hs **Creive, Megan** *Give Up the Ghost* MD,TW
Henry Holt 2009 244p 16.99 978-0-8050-8930-1
Cass could not tell you when it all started, but one minute she was popular and the next she was an outcast. She knows who started it, but she does not understand why. Now her only friends are ghosts! Yes, Ghosts! She can see ghosts ever since her sister died the year before.
- ms/hs **Cunningham, Kevin** *Flu* CK,LMN
Morgan Reynolds 2009 176p 28.95 978-1-59935-105-6 Diseases in History (Morgan)
This thorough and informative book on the history of influenza is well researched and well written, with plenty of footnotes and references to back up the content.
- ms/hs **Cunningham, Kevin** *Soil* MD,SO
Morgan Reynolds 2009 111p 26.05 978-1-59935-114-8 Diminishing Resources(MR)
A book about soil that all science teachers should give the students so that they can understand how the Earth's resources are diminishing.
- ms/jr **d'Arge, Mackie** *Lifting the Sky* LM,SO
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 310p 16.99 978-1-59990-186-2
Blue (a twelve-year-old) moves around the ranches in the Northwest with her ranch-hand mother. It is a story where a young girl learns to adapt and make friends quickly.
- elm/ms **Davis, Barbara** *Kid's Guide to Aliens* MS,JT
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99 978-1-4296-3369-7 Kids' Guide (Capstone)
The Kids' Guide to Aliens contains well-researched, documented stories about sightings as well as abductions. Children will learn enough to form judgments about the possibility that aliens have landed on Earth.
- ms/hs **Dekker, James C.** *Impact* MS,JT
Orca 2009 94p 16.95 978-1-55143-997-6
What starts as a study of violence against a teenager ends with a surprise climactic moment when Jordan reveals his role in his brother's death. The family suffers the effects of this senseless murder. One wonders how much more they will suffer if the truth ever comes out.
- * ms/jr **Deseve, Peter** *Crows & Cards* LM,JT
Houghton 2009 344p 16.00 978-0-618-88395-0
In 1849, Zeb's parents ship him off to St. Louis to apprentice with a tanner. Life presents many obstacles for Zeb. He ends up being apprenticed to a gambler and befriended by an Indian and slave.
- elm/ms **Doeden, Matt** *How to Survive a Flood* SO,MT
Capstone 2009 32p 23.99 978-1-42962-277-6 Edge Books: Prepare to Survive
With all of the news coverage of wild weather phenomena, this slim book offers an intriguing look at common sense methods for surviving a flood.
- * ms/hs **Dolamore, Jaclyn** *Magic Under Glass* TS,MD
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 225p 16.99 978-1-59990-430-6
A young dancer goes from the music hall into the home of a magician who wants her to perform with his automaton piano player. Seeking a better life Nim takes the chance and returns to the magician's home. Once there she discovers some disturbing information about the people who live in the house and why rumor has it that the automaton is haunted.
- * hs **Donaldson, Joan** *On Viney's Mountain* JT,MS
Holiday House 2009 231p 16.95 978-0-8234-2129-9
When Englishmen buy up land and start to clear the land for a town, Viney, a talented weaver, wants to find a way to stop the progress. Along the way she learns about herself and finds love.
- * ms/hs **Donaldson, Julia** *Running On the Cracks* MS,JT
Henry Holt 2009 218p 16.99 978-0-8050-9054-3
Facing a threat of child abuse from her uncle, recently orphaned Leo runs away to Glasgow to find her father's estranged family. She encounters many along the way who try to help her.
- ms/hs **Doyle, Marissa** *Betraying Season* LM,PN
Henry Holt 2009 330p 16.99 978-0-8050-8252-4
Penelope Leland goes to Ireland to study to be as good a witch as her twin sister Persy. However, she does not count upon the affections of young Niall Keating being so distracting to her studies.
- elm/ms **Draper, Sharon M.** *Out of My Mind* TW,PN
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2010 288p 16.99 978-1-416-99982-9
Although she cannot walk or talk, or even sit up by herself, 11-year-old Melody has a sharp mind and a strong spirit. Her determination to communicate her ideas and thoughts enables her to break through her diagnosis of cerebral palsy and show the world that she is a bright and feeling human being.
- hs/adult **Driver, Stephanie Schwartz,** *Personal Finance: A Guide to Money and Business* TS,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 186p 69.94 978-0-7614-7909-3
A single volume covering major aspects of business and finance that students are likely to encounter in their school work and in daily life. Terminology is well defined and enhanced with visual presentation of the data.

- ms/hs **Dunlap, Suzanne** *The Musician's Daughter* SO,RZ
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 322p 16.99 978-1-59990-332-3
 Set in eighteenth-century Vienna, this spellbinding mystery brings the private lives of both the Court and the Orchestra into focus. The death of her father and the theft of his violin has left Theresa determined to unravel the puzzling events and bring his murderer to justice.
- elm/ms **Earnest, Peter and Suzanne** *The Real Spy's Guide To Becoming A Spy* CK,LMN
 Abrams, Harry 2009 144p 16.95 978-0-8109-8329-8
 Geared to the kid who has a real interest in becoming a spy--Q & A format debunks myths they've picked up from the movies. One of the authors worked for the CIA and started the Spy Museum in D. C.
- hs **Elkeles, Simone** *Perfect Chemistry* MD,TW
 Walker & Co 2009 360p 9.99 9780802798220
 Alex Fuentes is a gang member. Brittany Ellis is a blonde cheerleader from a wealthy family. Two teenagers from different worlds are about to collide and crossover boundaries into an unknown destiny of love and discovery. What transpires is a perfect chemistry that will have everyone questioning their values, and feelings as well as reevaluating of their lives. A must read!
- ms/hs **Elliott, Patricia** *The Pale Assassin* RZ,LM
 Holiday House 2009 336p 17.95 978-0-8234-2250-0
 In Paris in the early 1790s, as the revolution gains momentum, young and sheltered Eugenie de Boncoeur finds it difficult to tell friend from foe as she and the royalist brother she relies on become the focus of "le Fantome," the sinister spymaster with a long-held grudge against their family.
- elem **Firestone, Mary** *Top 50 Reasons to Care About Rhinos* TS,SO
 Enslow 2010 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-3457-0 Top 50 Reasons to Care About
 The reader gets an insight into the world of the rhino and learns interesting facts such that the rhino communicates using infrasound and is nearsighted. It is packed with fun facts and engaging photographs. This is a great book for reluctant readers.
- ms/jr **Fitzgerald, Stephanie** *Mary Walker, Civil War Surgeon and Feminist* CK,PN
 Compass Point 2009 112p 25.99 978-0-7565-4083-8 Signature Lives (Compass Point)
 The life and career of feminist Mary Walker, the only woman to ever receive a Medal of Honor, for her tireless efforts as a physician and patriot during the Civil War.
- hs/adult **Ford, Jamie** *Hotel On The Corner of Bitter and Sweet* TW,PN
 Ballantine see Random 2009 290p 24.00 978-0-345-50533-0
 When possessions of interned Japanese-American citizens are unearthed from the basement of Seattle's recently renovated Panama Hotel, Henry reminisces about his childhood sweetheart and wonders what happened to her and her family.
- hs/adult **Fox, Daniel** *Dragon in Chains* SO,PN
 Ballantine see Random 2009 399p 15.00 978-0-345-50305-3
 In a world dominated by a great chained dragon beneath the straits between the mainland and the small island of Taishu, magic is stirring. Supernatural creatures and unexpected forces of nature change all the participants in this exciting tale of fantastical rebellion and romance in feudal China.
- elm/ms **Freeman, Martha** *Who Stole Grandma's Million Dollar Pumpkin Pie?* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2009 137p 16.95 978-0-8234-2215-9
 Just before Mr. Parakeet is to appear on a television cooking show making the famous family pumpkin pie, the recipe is gone. Alex and Yasmeen must solve the crime and friends and family are the main suspects.
- hs/adult **Freyman-Weyr, Garret** *After the Moment* SG,CK
 Houghton 2009 328p 16.00 978-0-6186-0572-9
 Who is a hero? He who fights? Who feels? Who stays to help? How a person defines himself is one of many themes in a layered novel that's set against a videotaped high school rape.
- * ms/hs **Gaiman, Neil & Andy Kubert** *Batman: Whatever Happened to the Capered Crusader? (Deluxe edition)* LMN,LM
 DC Comics 2009 unpag 24.99 978-1-1401-2230-3-8
 Batman's Death is the focus with subplots related to Catwoman, the Joker and the Riddler. Three other stories include Black and White World, Pavane about Poison Ivy, and Original Sins about the Riddler. Exquisite color, crisp artistry and superhero status will enthrall any Batman fan of any age.
- hs/adult **Garcia, Claine Watson** *Painting for the Absolute and Utter Beginner* TS,JT
 Watson-Guption (see Random) 2009 160p 21.99 978-0-8230-9947-4
 A great introduction to the materials and the steps involved in learning how to paint in acrylic that will satisfy the novice painter's need to create realistic images.
- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Ace Your Ecology and Environmental Science Project* SO,LM
 Enslow 2009 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3216-3 Ace Your Science Project
 The authors provide information on choosing and planning a science experiment using different aspects of local ecology. They begin with a brief discussion of ecosystems and how their study leads to a practical understanding of the influence of biology and other factors on relationships in nature.
- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Ace Your Science Project About Senses* MD,TW
 Enslow 2009 112p 32.00 978-0-7660-3217-0 Ace Your Science Project
 This earth science project book has over 20 science experiments about sense and sensation. You have a choice of selecting a project about vision, smell, hearing, taste or touch. Excellent resource book for teachers.
- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Ace Your Space Science Project* SO,LM
 Enslow 2009 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-3230-9 Ace Your Science Project
 The authors provide information on choosing and planning a science experiment using different aspects of our immediate space neighbors. They describe how to examine the different aspects of the solar system, with special emphasis given to the Moon and the Sun. Each chapter is filled with information that allows the readers to set up experiments that may be used later for a science fair project.
- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Chemistry Science Fair Projects Using Inorganic Stuff, Revised & Expanded* TW,SO
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3413-6 Chemistry Science Projects
 This title focuses on inorganic chemistry experiments as a source for science fair projects. The well-organized content is easy to follow, colorful, and nicely illustrated. The format includes an appendix that lists science supply companies, a list of books for suggested reading, Internet addresses and an index.

- * elm/ms **Gardner, Robert** *Genetics and Evolution Science Fair Projects* CK,SO
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3422-8 Biology Science Projects Using
 This book begins by explaining the scientific method in painstaking detail, moves on to classification, and then discusses a number of major scientific breakthroughs and related experiments and projects that the reader can perform.
- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Planet Earth Science Fair Projects, Revised & Expanded Using the Scientific* MD,SO
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 9780907660-3423-5 Earth Science Projects Using the
 If you are looking for earth science projects, this is the book for you. The introduction is excellent and explains how to conduct a science project and how to write it up so that you will have a good chance of winning.
- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Weather Science Fair Projects, Revised & Expanded Using the Scientific* TS,SO
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3424-2 Earth Science Projects Using the
 This is a great book for the young scientist who needs a science fair project dealing with meteorology. The new revised edition presents the project utilizing the scientific method.
- elem **Gardner, Robert** *Whose Fingerprints Are These?* LM,JT
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3245-3 Who Dunit? Forensic Science
 An introduction for young readers into the world of forensic science. Each chapter will test your sleuthing skills as you work with fingerprints, lip prints, footprints, etc. to solve a crime. Many of these projects would also be useful for science fair projects.
- hs/adult **Gates, Henry Louis, Jr.** *In Search of Our Roots* PN,SG
 Crown see Random 2009 438p 27.50 978-0-307-38240-5
 Companion piece to the PBS series tracing the genealogy of 19 prominent African Americans, this volume details the ancestry of people such as Maya Angelou, Quincy Jones, Morgan Freeman, Tina Turner, Oprah Winfrey, Chris Rock, and others.
- * elm/ms **Geisert, Bonnie** *Prairie Winter* MT,MS
 Houghton 2009 220p 16.00 978-0-618-68588-2
 Rachel loves school in a rural community in South Dakota in the 1950s but repeated snowstorms prevent Rachel and her sister from attending until a plane takes them to town to stay at a hotel until the worst of the winter is past. Geisert's own childhood experiences are the basis for this and two previous novels.
- ms/hs **Giblin, James Cross** *Rise & Fall of Senator Joe McCarthy* TW,SG
 Houghton 2009 294p 22.00 978-0-618-61058-7
 With the backdrop of the social history of the 1950s, Giblin identifies how McCarthy was able to rise to power and then shows how the structure of the government helped bring him back down. Historic black and white illustrations highlight the text in the appropriate places. This is an excellent resource for middle and high school libraries because "those who don't learn from the history are condemned to repeat it."
- ms/hs **Gilkerson, William** *A Thousand Years of Pirates* SO,SG
 Tundra Books 2009 96p 32.95 978-0-88776-924-5
 Pirates have plagued the globe even before the Vikings learned how to make ships and took to the seas as marauders. The book is a fascinating blend of historical data and captivating artwork that should entrance the reader and, possibly, lead to further reading and research. Arranged in chronological order, each page of text is faced by spectacular full-color paintings, illustrations, and drawings, all very detailed, by Gilkerson.
- ms/hs **Gitlin, Marty** *Darrell Waltrip: Racing Legend* CK,LMN
 Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3300-9 Heroes of Racing (Enslow)
 This is a biography of Darrell Waltrip, the one-time NASCAR star turned racing commentator, with full-color photos, charts of career statistics and achievements, chapter notes, resources for further information, a glossary and an index.
- * ms/hs **Going, K.L.** *King of Screwups* PN,RZ
 Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2009 310p 17.00 978-0-15-206258-3
 Liam is Mr. Popularity, a jock who dresses well and impresses everyone, except his overbearing father. When he is kicked out of his house, he goes to live with his father's gay brother, Aunt Pete.
- * ms/hs **Gold, Rosanne** *Eat Fresh Food: Awesome Recipes for Teen Chefs* MT,SO
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 160p 17.99 978-1-59990-445-0
 A food writer and winner of three James Beard awards has teamed with a nutritionist and several teen sous-chefs to present a fun and healthy book of recipes that teens will want to cook. The bright luscious photographs of the food and the teens preparing and eating it will make you want to head for the kitchen.
- * ms/hs **Goldstein, Nikki** *Girl Force* CK,LMN
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 224p 14.99 978-1-59990-354-5
 This is a guide for teenage girls that focuses on health, beauty and self-esteem. It is based on the Ayurvedic philosophy, which divides people into three basic body types, and the theme of these three types is consistent throughout the book.
- ms/hs **Grant, K. M.** *White Heat* PN,SO
 Walker & Co 2009 260p 16.99 978-0-8027-9695-0
 Raimon, having escaped being burned as a heretic, gives up the search for his lover, Yolanda, and joins Sir Parsifal in the Occitan rebellion against the French takeover of Languedoc.
- hs/adult **Grant, Vicki** *Identificacion* MS,MD
 Orca 2009 112p 9.95 978-1-55469-134-0
 Christopher finds a wallet and unsuccessfully attempts to return it. This teen from the "other side of the tracks" follows a path to self destruction as he tries to escape his problems by assuming the identity of the person whose wallet he found.
- hs **Gray, Leon, ed.** *New Cultural Atlas of Egypt* HW,LM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 192p 69.95 978-0-7614-7877-5
 Using historical and topographical maps, readers explore ninety significant ancient sites on the Egyptian/Nile delta.
- ms/hs **Greenberger, Robert** *The Bataan Death March: WWII Prisoners in the Pacific* MS,JT
 Compass Point 2009 96p \$33.32 978-0-7565-4095-1 SnapShots in History
 The Japanese occupation of the Philippines resulted in atrocities committed against Philippine and American soldiers who were forced to surrender and endure a six day march to their prison camp. Many fell victim to torture, starvation and death. This fine book would be an outstanding support textbook for either middle or high school libraries.

- elem **Hale, Bruce** *From Russia with Lunch* CFM,RZ
Harcourt Brace 2009 112p 15.00 978-0-15-20548-8 Chet Gecko Mystery
"When Chet's favorite teacher is fired and replaced by Russian scientist Tanya Lightov's mechanical invention, the school is suddenly possessed by unnatural forces and events, and Natalie Attired abandons Chet in his hour of need."
- ms/hs **Hale, Marian** *The Goodbye Season* SO,SG
Henry Holt 2009 271p 16.99 978-0-8050-8855-7
The Spanish influenza killed more people than battles during the Great War and had a tragic effect on the life of Mercy Kaplan as well as to those in many other communities. The first-person narrative is cohesive and compelling and the plot is straightforward, unfolding gradually and believably, vividly evoking the difficulties that Mercy faces.
- ms/jr **Halpern, Jake** *Dormia* TS,PN
Houghton 2009 506p 17.00 978-0-547-07665-2
Alphonso Perplexon comes from the mysterious county of Dormia where people have the ability to do amazing feats all while they are asleep. Alphonso unknowingly has the means to save Dormia, if only he can get there in time.
- * second **Halpern, Julie** *Into the Wild Nerd Yonder* RZ,LM
Feiwel and Friends, 2009 247p 16.99 978-0-312-38252-0
When high school sophomore Jessie's long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons.
- ms/hs **Hammond, Paul** *Atlas of Endangered Animals* SO,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 224p 99.93 978-0-7614-7872-0
This handsome book about endangered animals is divided by continent and includes entries that cover fifty different animals. Arranged alphabetically within each continent, the book is a very visually appealing guide to these animals with beautiful full-color drawings, illustrations, and maps enhancing the text.
- ms/jr **Hammond, Paul** *The Atlas of the World's Most Dangerous Animals* JT,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 224p 99.93 978-0-7614-7870-6
Fifty dangerous animals are featured from every continent around the world. The text illustrates each animal's anatomy, habits and geographical area with maps, photographs, and colorful artwork.
- ms **Hanel, Rachael** *Climate Fever* SO,MD
Compass Point 2010 64p 31.99 978-0-7565-4246-7 Green generation (Compass
The author begins with a look into the alarming forecasts of what global warming has already done to alter the environment and what will be its future effects.
- elm/ms **Harbo, Christopher L.** *Kids Guide to Paper Airplanes* JT,LM
Capstone Publishers 2009 32p 17.99 978-1-4296-2274-5 Kids' Guide (Capstone)
Detailed instructions on how to fold several styles of paper airplanes from simple to fairly complex designs. Labeled diagrams give clear, simple directions.
- * elm/ms **Harris, Lewis** *A Taste for Red* LM,SO
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2009 169p 16.00 9778-0-547-14462-7
What happens if your sixth grade science teacher is your mortal enemy? Svetlana Grimm thinks she is a vampire. She is greatly disturbed when her science teacher begins reading her mind and invading her thoughts. Could she also be a vampire????
- ms/hs **Harvey, Alexandra** *Hearts At Stake (Drake Chronicles)* LM,TW
Walker & Co 2010 248p 9.99 978-0-8027-2074-0
Solange Drake is a 16-year-old who belongs to a family of Vampires. She will turn into a vampire on her birthday. Disaster lies in wait because of a bounty placed on her head by the Queen. The first in the *Drake Chronicles* is to be followed by Blood Feud.
- ms/hs **Henham, R.D.** *Green Dragon Codex* JT,MS
Random 2009 243 9.95 978-0-7869-5145-1
Thirteen-year-old Scamp, his older brother Mather, and friend Dannika, set out to find someone who can protect the mysterious globe and tablet that Scamp found by the corpse of a dead dragon. They are chased by evil doers with magical powers.
- hs **Herrick, Steven** *Cold Skin* SG,TS
Front Street Books (see Boyd's 2009 279p 18.95 978-1-5907-8572-0
Very brief chapters by several characters tell the story of a pretty high school girl found dead in a small Australian town.
- hs **Higgins, Dalton** *Hip Hop World* TW,LM
Groundwood see Douglas 2009 144p 18.95 978-0-88899-910-8 Groundwork Guide#7
This overview of the hip hop rap culture takes an international stance as it examines the history, effects, and social issues that the music addresses.
- ms/hs **Hinds, Katherine** *Everyday Life in the Roman Empire* MS,JT
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 320p \$34.22 978-0-7614-4484-8 Life in the Roman Empire
The contents includes the patricians, the city, and countryside, and the religion of the Roman civilization. Within each chapter are seven or eight subchapters which describe everything the reader requires to understand the ancient Romans.
- all ages **Hoena, Blake E.** *La Leyenda del Jinete sin Cabeza / The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* MD,LM
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 60p 25.32 978-1-4342-1688-5 Graphic Resolve en Espanol
A Spanish language graphic novel retelling of Washington Irving's tale of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.
- ms/hs **Hoffman, Mary** *Troubadour* RZ,SO
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 290p 16.99 978-1-59990-367-5
In 1208 thirteen-year-old Lady Elinor, secretly in love with a troubadour and determined to avoid marriage to an older man, runs away from her family's castle disguised as an apprentice troubadour, unaware of the dangers ahead as the Albigenian Crusade begins its onslaught on her native Languedoc.
- elm/ms **Holland, Leslie J.** *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s I Have a Dream Speech in Translation: What It* JT,LM
Capstone Publishers 2009 32p 17.99 978-1-4296-2793-1 Kids Translation Series
The entire "I Have A Dream" speech is printed with the facing page having a rewording of the speech in simple language. The text includes background information and events leading up to the speech.

- all ages **Holzer, Harold, Ed.** *In Lincoln's hand: his original manuscripts* MD,RZ
Bantam see Random 2009 195 35.00 9780553807424
- A wonderful collection of Abraham Lincoln's letters with commentaries from distinguished Americans. A book that will get you as close as you can get to the actual letters.
- * ms/jr **Howard, Ellen** *The Crimson Cap* LM,SO
Holiday House 2009 197p 16.95 978-0-8234-2152-7
- Eleven-year-old Pierre Talon leaves his family to join LaSalle's expedition to find the mouth of the Mississippi River. Because he cannot refuse the honor, he heads into an adventure that will change the lives of many and give readers an insight into the hardships of settling our New World.
- ms/hs **Jackson, Donna** *Extreme Scientists* SO,LM
Houghton 2009 72p 18.00 978-0-618-77706-8 Scientists In the Field (HM)#8
- This is a fabulous book that presents the works of three extreme scientists. Each chapter begins with a brief discussion of the personal life and education of each person with the author describing how each goes about the search for new or expanded information.
- * ms/hs **Jennings, Richard W.** *Ghost Town* CK,TS
Houghton 2009 167p 16.00 978-0-547-19471-4
- Spencer is the last kid living in Paisley, Kansas, after all the other families leave town to move to Kansas City. Discovering his late father's old camera, Spencer changes his life radically when he embraces photography, with the help of his imaginary friend.
- ms/hs **Jinks, Catherine** *The Reformed Vampire Support Group* TW,RZ,MD
Harcourt Brace 2009 362 17.00 978-0-15-206609-3
- Wry, humorous take on the vampire life. Fifteen-year-old (since 1973) Nina hates being a vampire, dislikes the other vampires in her support group and, like other vampires, is sickly, struggling financially, and dedicated to not inflicting this condition on any others. When one of her own is killed, an adventure ensues that has her and her comrades rescuing a teen werewolf, fending off two evil mortal (and then not) men, and realizing that being a vampire can be okay.
- second **Johnson, Angela** *Sweet, Hereafter (Heaven)* SG,HW
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2010 118p 16.99 978-1-4169-9995-9
- Runaway 16-year-old Sweet is the narrator in the third in Johnson's "Heaven" trilogy set in Heaven, Ohio.
- * ms/hs **Jones, Carrie** *Need* LMN,PN
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 306p 16.99 978-1-59990-338-5
- Move over vampires, pixies are the greatest fear. Zara goes to live with her grandma, a weretiger. They confront the King Pixie who is lusting after Zara's mother. Who to trust becomes a puzzle for Zara to figure out. Fast paced, suspenseful fantasy. Grades 7-12.
- ms/hs **Jurmain, Suzanne** *The Secret of the Yellow Death* SO,RZ
Houghton 2009 104p 19.00 978-0-618-96581-6
- Four Army doctors, led by Walter Reed, were charged with discovering the cause and the cure for this deadly disease before it completely decimated U.S. troops. The book unravels the mystery, chapter by chapter, and is filled with much primary source material, first-person accounts and letters, and period photographs and illustrations, that make their scientific search even more immediate to the reader.
- ms/jr **Kadohata, Cynthia** *A Million Shades of Gray* CK,PN
Atheneum 2010 216p 16.99 978-1-442-40005-4
- Y'Tin is a thirteen-year-old boy of the Mountain people living in South Vietnam three years after the US has left the country. He wants more than anything to be an elephant trainer, but warfare with the Viet Cong changes his plans.
- elm/ms **Katirgis, Jane** *Celebrating Barack Obama in Pictures* MT,MD
Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3651-2 Obama Family Photo Album
- This picture album of our first African-American President is aimed at third and fourth grade students but will appeal to all ages because the focus is on the photographs and the text does not "talk down" to the reader but rather captions the photos. The last page includes books and web sites for further reading and an index.
- hs **Kaye, Marilyn** *Demon Chick* MD,CK
Henry Holt 2009 215p 16.99 978-0-8050-8880-9
- A daughter is sold to the devil before she is born so that the mother can have political power. Jessica reaches her 16th birthday without really ever knowing her mother because she spent her life in boarding schools. Then just when she is lead to believe she will have time with her mother, she is taken to Hell to live before she even knew what life really was all about.
- ms/hs **Klein, Lisa** *Lady Macbeth's Daughter* RZ,LM
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 291p 16.99 978-1-59990-347-7
- In alternating chapters, Lady Macbeth, and her daughter Albia, banished at birth, tell their stories against the backdrop of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.
- elm/ms **Klise, Kate** *Dying to Meet You* MS,JT
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2009 147p 15.00 978-0-1520-5727-543
- When a writer with writer's block rents a house for the summer, he finds it to be inhabited by Seymour Hope, the son of its owners, and quirky ghost Olive, the former owner. His adventures are presented in a series of letters.
- ms **Klise, Kate** *Over My Dead Body (43 Cemetery Road)* SO,JT
Houghton 2009 116p 15.00 978-0-15-205734-3
- I. B. Grumpy, the ghost of Olive C. Spence, and the abandoned boy Seymour Hope have returned to the scene in this second installment of 43 Cemetery Road. But all is not well in the small town of Ghastly, Illinois. Dick Tater, the head of the government organization IMSPOOKY, is determined to wipe out any dangerous thoughts that might imperil children especially any that might mention ghosts and, gasp!, Halloween.
- ms/hs **Kneece, Mark** *The Midnight Sun* MS,JT
Walker & Co 2009 106p 9.99 978-0-8027-9721-6 Rod Serling's Twilight Zone
- Everyone has moved out of New York City as the world is coming to an end due to extreme heat. Mrs. Bronson and Norma Smith remain to battle the elements, and in a twist at the end, are caught in a different dying world, that of extreme cold.
- ms/hs **Kneece, Mark** *The Odyssey of Flight 33 (from The Twilight Zone series)* MS,JT
Walker & Co 2009 66p 9.99 978-0-8027-9719-3 Rod Serling's Twilight Zone
- In this graphic novel, Rod Serling's former television series is adapted and supported with tremendous illustrations, as Mark Knece retells the story of a plane that gets lost en route to JFK, enters a series of different time periods, and spends eternity searching for the correct one.

- elem **Kraske, Robert** *Queen Elizabeth I of England* LM,CFM
Capstone Publishers 2009 32p 18.99 978-1-4296-2311-7 Queens & Princesses(Capstone)
The life story of Queen Elizabeth of England accompanied by pictures and firsthand quotations. It is a book that shows young readers that being a Queen or Princess is not all about glamour and fortune.
- elm/ms **Kristiana, Gregory** *My Darlin' Clementine* JT,MS
Holiday House 2009 206p 21.95 978-0-8234-2198-5
Starting with the folk song of the same title, Gregory has crafted an enjoyable work of historical fiction. A tale of family life, love, death and daring, set in an 1866 Idaho mining town.
- hs **Larbalestier, Justine** *Liar* MS,RZ
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 376p 16.99 978-1-59990-305-7
Liar combines the original writing style of Justine Larbalestier with current popular topics, in this case the werewolf, and adds the drama of an inner city teenagers and a murder and creates a truly unique novel.
- ms/hs **Lourie, Peter** *Whaling Season* SO,LM
Houghton 2009 80p 18.00 978-0-618-77709-9 Scientists In the Field (HM)#8
This is a fabulous book that presents the work of Arctic whale scientist John Craighead George.
- ms/hs **Lynch, Janet Nichols** *Messed Up* TW,MD
Holiday House 2009 256p 17.95 978-0-8234-2185-5
During the year 15-year-old Mexican American, R. D., has to repeat 8th grade, his grandmother leaves him in the sole support of her boyfriend. When he dies, R. D. has to find the skills necessary to navigate his world on his own.
- all ages **Mack, Stan & Susan** *Road to Revolution (Cartoon Chronicles of America)* LM,MS
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 122p 10.99 978-1-59990-371-2
This graphic novel is packed with action, humor, and the dramatic events of the American Revolution. Since the colonists wanted the British out of Boston, Nick and Penny try to help the cause.
- ms/hs **Madigan, L.K.** *Flash Burnout* LMN,SG
Houghton 2009 332p 16.00 978-0-547-19489-9
Can a boy have both a girlfriend and a girl friend? Photography is the lens through which Black tries to understand the female mindset while growing into manhood. Belly laughs and insightful moments for both male and female readers. Grades 8-12.
- ms/jr **Margolis, Leslie** *Girls Acting Catty* CK,LMN
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 179p 15.99 978-1-59990-237-1
Annabelle has found friends at her new school, but she also finds herself in the middle of a severe rivalry with another group of girls, which is courting her friendship as well. How can girls be so mean?
- ms/hs **Marshall Cavendish** *Encyclopedia of Health (Enc vol 1)* CFM,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 64p/vol 28.56 978-0-7614-7846-1(v1)
The expanded Fourth Edition of the Encyclopedia of Health has been written specifically to help young people make the right choices about their health. The ISBN for the entire set is 978-0-7614-7845-4 and the price of the set is \$514.21.
- ms/hs **Marshall Cavendish** *Mammal Anatomy* RZ,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 187p \$79.84 978-0-7614-7882-9
Provides detailed information on the anatomy and various bodily systems of mammals, including humans.
- * hs **Martino, Alfred C.** *Over the End Line* CK,TW
Houghton 2009 304p 17.00 978-0-15-206121-0
Jonny is a second-tier member of the high-school soccer team whose best friend is the star player. He longs to be part of the in-crowd, and, at the same time, he knows that there is more to life.
- * ms/hs **McClintock, Norah** *Back* LMN,TS
Orca 2009 93p 9.95 978-1-551143-989-1
The family of a boy, beaten into a coma, must decide how to respond when the perpetrator returns from his jail term. Sides are chosen by neighbors. In a gripping read, teens must decide whether to seek revenge or support the reformed perpetrator.
- ms/hs **McClintock, Norah** *Picture This* TW,LMN
Orca 2009 109p 9.95 978-1-55469-138-8 Orca Soundings
Murder mystery involving an at-risk teen who joins a photo workshop at the local rec center and is stalked for his camera. What do the photos contain and who wants them? Ethan has to figure this out before he becomes a murder victim.
- ms/hs **McCoy, Sarah** *The Time It Snowed in Puerto Rico* MD,TW
Random 2009 215p 19.99 978-0-3074-6007-3
Verdita is on the point of becoming a young woman but still feels like a child and just doesn't seem to understand the adult world. Life in Puerto Rico is different from the United States and when her cousin comes from Washington, DC for a visit, she finds that he has changed. She is confused and angry because everyone is changing.
- ms/hs **McMullen, Margaret** *Cashay* TW,MD
Houghton 2009 166 15.00 978-0-547-07656-0
The personal thoughts and actions of 14-year-old Cashay drive the plot that takes place after her younger sister is killed in the crossfire of a neighborhood gang battle. Cashay's behavior reflects the anger she feels after this tragedy. When she is given a mentor, their unlikely bond leads to a hopeful conclusion.
- * ms **Messner, Kate** *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.* MT,LM
Walker & Co 2009 198p 16.99 978-0-8027-9842-8
Gianna has only a week to finish her leaf collection for science class. She is looking forward to the big track meet but she won't be qualified to go if her leaf project isn't a success. A rival wants to take her place. Zig, a boy in her class and a long time best friend, tries to help with a hike to gather and identify leaves.
- ms/hs **Meyer, L.A.** *Rapture of the Deep: A Bloody Jack Adventure* JT,RZ
Houghton 2009 454p 17.00 978-0-15-206501-0
Seventh book in the *Bloody Jack* series. Jacky is sent on a mission to retrieve treasure from a sunken Spanish ship off the coast of Key West. There is adventure, romance, daring escapes and the return of several characters from earlier titles.

- ms **Michael, Jan** *City Boy* ALL
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2009 186p 16.00 978-0-547223-10-0
Sam loses his parents to AIDS in this novel about acceptance set in Malawi. When Sam's aunt brings him home, he must learn to accept new surroundings, new family members, and a new life, without his parents.
- elm/ms **Miller, Connie C.** *The Snotty Book of Snot* JT,PN
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99 978-1-4296-3354-3 Amazingly Gross Human Body
This text gives the scientific information about mucus in the human body, the grossness of it, and all the benefits to a person's health. Excellently illustrated with photographs and diagrams.
- ms/hs **Millidge, Gary Spencer** *Comic Book Design* LM,SO
Watson-Guption (see Random) 2009 160p 24.95 978-0-8230-9796-8
This how-to book by award winning designer, Gary Spencer Millidge explains the need to know techniques, rules, and tips for designing your own comic book.
- ms/hs **Montgomery, Sy** *Saving the Ghost of the Mountain* SO,LM
Houghton 2009 74p 18.00 978-0-618-1645-0 Scientists In the Field (HM)#8
In this newest addition to the superb series *Scientists in the Field*, naturalist Sy Montgomery and photographer Nic Bishop take their readers on a trip through the harsh environment of Mongolia's Altai Mountains and Gobi Desert with Tom McCarthy, conservation director of the Snow Leopard Trust and his team, in search of the elusive snow leopard.
- ms/jr **Moonshower, Candie** *Vivian Vande Velde* JT,LM
Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-2964-4 Authors Teen's Love (Enslow)
This volume examines the life and achievements of American author Vivian Vande Velde. It discusses her childhood, family, education, books, and other related topics. Included are interviews and personal reflections.
- second **Moore, Alan & Curt Swan** *Superman: What Happened to the Man of Tomorrow* LM,LMN
DC Comics 2009 128p 24.99 978-1-401223472
This hard-bound deluxe edition contains the collection of Alan Moore's tales of the legendary Man of Steel.
- ms/jr **Moss, Marissa** *The Pharaoh's Secret* LM,SO
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2009 308p 15.95 978-0-8109-8378-6
A thrilling adventure for Talibah and her brother, Adom. Their father is a history professor and a single parent. The siblings must accompany him on his research assignment to Egypt, which is also his homeland. As you would suspect the juveniles get into trouble with cave robbers and jewel thieves.
- ms/hs **Murdock, Catherine Gilbert** *Front and Center* SO,PN
Houghton 2009 256p 16.00 978-0-618-95982-2
At last, the concluding volume in the *Dairy Queen* trilogy has arrived. D.J. Schwenk has returned to high school and is looking forward to a relatively normal life and the beginning of the basketball season. Learning how to balance outside expectations, she finally comes to terms with her own worth and talent as well as the pressures from her well-meaning family, coach, and friends.
- ms/hs **Myers, Anna** *Time of the Witches* LM,JT
Walker & Co 2009 197p 16.99 978-0-8027-9820-6
The story of Drucilla helps readers understand the tension in Salem Village during the time period when witches were called out. Readers will also experience the power of group mania.
- hs **Nadol, Jen** *The Mark* SG,HW
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 228p 16.99 978-1-59990-431-3
Cassandra can tell when someone's going to die that day. Should she let them know?
- ms/hs **Nardo, Don** *Alexander the Great: Conquerer of the Known World* TS,LM
Morgan Reynolds 2010 128p 28.95 978-1-59935-1261
The legendary Alexander, son of Philip of Macedonia, is brought to life in this detailed study of his life, his abilities and accomplishments, and his legacy. The unification of Greece and the conflict with the Persians led by Darius are described in great detail. Specific information on military strategy and politics are also covered.
- elm/ms **Nardo, Don** *Barack Obama* PN,LMN
Compass Point 2010 64p 26.65 978-0-7565-4285-6 Profiles of the President
An overview of the life of Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States. This biography includes information about his childhood, family, political career, first one hundred days in office, and includes the text of his Inaugural Address.
- ms **Nardo, Don** *The Theory of Evolution* SO,TS
Compass Point 2010 48p 27.99 978-0-7565-4229-0 Exploring science: Life Science
Beginning with the historical background behind the idea of evolutionary theory, this author provides an account of the life and works of Charles Darwin.
- elm/ms **Nardo, Don** *The Theory of Evolution* TS,SO
Compass Point 2010 48p 27.99 978-0-7565-4214-6 Exploring science: Life Science
A well-illustrated survey of evolutionary theory beginning with Ancient Greeks with particular attention paid to Darwin, his voyages and writings.
- ms/hs **Ness, Patrick** *The Ask and the Answer* PN,LM
Candlewick Press 2009 519 18.99 978-0-7636-4490-1
This sequel to *The Knife of Never Letting Go* continues the story of Todd and Viola, as they are separated, each with an uneasy allegiance to warring sides in this devastating look at ideology and psychological domination.
- elm/ms **Parker-Rock, Michelle** *Joseph Bruchac* CFM, LM
Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3160-9 Authors Kids Love(Enslow)#8,9
"Explores the life of author Joseph Bruchac, discussing his childhood and early career, his many books for kids, and tips he has for young, aspiring writers."
- elem **Parker-Rock, Michelle** *Linda Sue Park* CK,LMN
Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3158-6 Authors Kids Love(Enslow)#8,9
This is a biography of the award-winning children's author Linda Sue Park, who wrote *A Single Shard*. It begins with her childhood and and quotes her liberally on memories of family, schooling, friendships and her interest in writing.

- ms/jr **Parkinson, Curtis** *The Castle on Deadman's Island* CK,MD
Tundra Books 2009 214p 12.95 978-0-88776-893-4
Graham's aunt has just inherited one-third of a mysterious old castle, which she must share with two other people, both unsavory. Now she has disappeared, and Graham and his pal Neil fear the worst.
- ms/hs **Pasachoff, Naomi** *A Student Guide to the Bronte Sisters* MD,LMN
Enslow 2009 160p 27.93 978-0-7660-3267-5 Understanding Literature
An excellent guide for students on the works of the Bronte sisters. Describes their life, their influences and their literary works.
- ms/jr **Peacock, Shane** *Vanishing Girl* LM,SO
Tundra Books 2009 307p 19.95 978-0-88776-852-1
This is the Boy Sherlock Holmes' third case as he strives to be known as master detective of all time. In this case Sherlock hears about a young girl mysteriously disappearing from Hyde Park. He feels haste is of the utmost because he needs to impress Irene Doyle, stay ahead of that street urchin, and lastly to beat Scotland Yard.
- ms/hs **Pearson, Mary E.** *The Miles Between* TS,CFM
Henry Holt 2009 266p 16.99 978-0-8050-8828-1
It's not fair! But what if life could be fair even for just one special day? Travel with Destiny on her magical birthday when she finds friends, comes to terms with her past, and learns that everything is going to be OK after all.
- ms/hs **Perez, Marlene** *Dead is So Last Year* LM,TW
Graphia see Houghton Mifflin 2009 192p 7.99 978-0-15-206216-3
Nightshade, California is a really weird town. Daisy and her two sisters have special paranormal powers. Other town members also have special powers. Their summer progresses from normal to spooky and extreme.
- ms **Pinkwater, Daniel** *The Yggyssey: How Iggy wondered what happened to all the ghost, found out* MD,CK
Houghton 2009 245p 16.00 978-0-618-59445-0
Iggy lives in a hotel that is haunted by many ghosts, most of them friendly. Then one day she and her friends notice that the ghosts are missing! Where to look? But Iggy and her friends are determined to solve this mystery.
- elm/ms **Polydoros, Lori** *Anacondas: On the Hunt* RZ,LM
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 22.65 978-1-4296-3390-1 Killer Animals (Capstone)
Describes anacondas, their physical features, how they hunt and kill, and their role on the ecosystem.
- elem **Polydoros, Lori** *Wolves: On the Hunt* LM,SO
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 32p 16.99 978-1-4296-3391-8 Killer Animals (Capstone)
A book about the wolf covering its amazing strengths, speed, and behaviors of its life in the wild. It also describes how the wolf as a predator fits into the ecosystem.
- elm/ms **Price, Sean Stewart** *A Nation Torn Apart: The Battle of Gettysburg* MS,JT
Capstone Publishers 2009 32p \$23.99 978-1-4296-2297-4 Bloodiest Battles (Capstone)
With a focus on the battle of Gettysburg, students will learn the causes of the Civil War, the names of important officers in the battle, and the key events which led to the fall of the Confederacy.
- hs/adult **Princeton Review** *Anxious Test Taker's Guide to Cracking the Test* SG,CK
Random 2009 290p 14.99 978-0-3754-2935-4
A very useful book covering approaches to all kinds of questions on many standardized tests.
- elm/ms **Pryor, Bonnie** *Pirate Hannah Pritchard: Captured!* JT,LM
Enslow 2009 160p 27.93 978-0-7660-3310-8 Historical Fiction Adventures
The band of pirates that Hannah Pritchard joined (dressed as a boy), are split to return to Massachusetts. Hannah's group is captured and condemned to prison. The conditions are terrible so they plan an escape. This is the second Hannah Pritchard book.
- elm/ms **Pryor, Kimberley Jane** *Tricky Behavior* JT,MS
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4425-1 Animal Attack & Defense(MC)
Details how animals protect themselves by tricking predators into thinking they are larger, unpleasant to eat, or other methods of protection.
- second **Rallison, Janette** *My Fair Godmother* SG,RZ
Walker & Co 2009 311p 1.6.99 978-0-8027-9780-6
Lots going on here--humorous takeoff on several fairy tales, along with traveling back in time, romance, and sister rivalry.
- hs **Randall, Thomas** *The Waking: Dreams of the Dead* TS,MD
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 276p 8.99 978-1-59990-250-0
Kara Foster moves to Japan to attend a traditional Japanese school where her father will teach. At school, she soon learns that a female student had been murdered and more students continue to die in mysterious circumstances. Kara is caught up in an apparently supernatural mystery when clues start to appear in her dreams.
- ms/hs **Rau, Dana Meachen** *Alternative Energy: Beyond Fossil Fuels* CK,PN
Compass Point 2010 64p 31.99 978-0-7565-4247-4 Green generation (Compass)
This book provides an overview of alternative energy sources, as well as other sustainable practices that will prolong the earth's viability.
- ms **Rebman, Renee C.** *Cats* SO,JT
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 50p 29.93 978-0-7614-3975-2 AnimalsAnimals (MC)#8,9
This book discusses the history of the cat, a member of the family Felidae, as a domestic animal and focuses on their anatomy, their habits, and their habitats, describing their physical characteristics, behavior, social life, survival as a feral animal, and contact with other animals and man.
- ms/jr **Reed, Jennifer** *Daring American Heroes of Flight* CK,LMN
Enslow 2010 128p 33.27 978-1-59845-081-1 Great Scientists and Famous
This book gives the "back stories" of nine pilots and/or astronauts, some of whom had to overcome adversity in order to fly, like Bessie Coleman, Benjamin O. Davis, and Amelia Earhart.
- ms/hs **Reef, Catherine** *Ernest Hemingway* LMN,CK
Houghton 2009 181p 20.00 978-0-618-98705-4
Hemingway's life, lifestyle, and connections to his writing will intrigue students. A very readable text coupled with numerous photographs make this book a visual treat. Extensive chapter notes, bibliography, picture credits and index. Grades 7-12.

- elem **Regan, Dian Curtis** *Barnyard Slam* JT,MS
Holiday House 2009 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-1907-4
The animals in the barnyard hold a poetry slam. Each animal gives its poem despite the interruptions of Goose. Many plays on words and tongue-in-cheek humor make it suitable for many ages.
- elm/ms **Riehecky, Janet** *Scorpions on the Hunt* RZ,LM
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 22.65 978-1-4296-3388-8 Killer Animals (Capstone)
Describes scorpions, their physical features, how they hunt and kill, and their role in the ecosystem.
- ms/hs **Rinaldi, Ann** *Leigh Ann's Civil War* LM,RZ
Houghton 2009 308p 17.00 978-0-15-206513-3
Leigh Ann's estranged mother provides drama and intrigue for the family's business during the time the dreaded Yankees invade Roswell, Georgia. Leigh Ann herself is branded as a traitor and sent North as a punishment after she tries to help her family by placing a French flag on their mill.
- * ms/jr **Rinaldi, Ann** *My Vicksburg* LM,RZ
Harcourt Brace 2009 152p 16.00 978-0-15-206624-6
This is the story of a young Confederate girl who lived in Vicksburg during the battle. It tells the readers about the hardships incurred as well as the unusual aspects of warfare at that time.
- ms/hs **Robinson, Tom** *Kevin Harvick* LMN,CK
Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3299-6 Heroes of Racing (Enslow)
NASCAR racer, Kevin Harvick's life is chronicled from his youth. His personal beliefs and his family life reflect a hero for modern times. Outstanding crisp, color photos enliven the text filled with quotations by his contemporaries. Great browsing or for report writing for grades 5-12.
- elm/ms **Rosinsky, Natalie** *Write Your Own Fable* LM,CFM
Compass Point 2009 64p 24.99 978-0-75654-1286 Write Your Own (Compass Point)
This book contains the help tips and techniques to help young writers develop the necessary skills for sharpening writing skills.
- hs **Rownen, Michelle** *Reign or Shine (Demon Princess)* SG,CK
Walker & Co 2009 284p 9.99 978-0-8027-9534-2
Nikki thinks someone's stalking her just after her 16th birthday, but it's Michael, a "Shadow" messenger, to tell her that her Demon King father is dying.
- * elm/ms **Rubin, Susan Goodman** *The Anne Frank Case: Simon Wiesenthal's Search for the Truth* JT,MS
Holiday House 2009 40p 18.95 978-0-8234-2109-1
This account details Simon Wiesenthal's work to prove that Anne Frank really did exist and prove wrong the propaganda put out by Neo-Nazi groups. It took him five years to find the Gestapo officer who arrested the Frank family.
- hs **Sanders, Scott Loring** *Gray Baby* RZ,MD
Houghton 2009 321p 17.00 978-0-547-07661-4
Sixteen-year-old Clifton Carlson is emotionally scarred from having seen his father beaten to death by white police officers when he was six. But his life is changed when he puts messages in bottles and sends them downriver where they are intercepted by an elderly man who lives on the river.
- * ms/hs **Sandler, Martin W.** *Dust Bowl Through the Lens* PN,HW/TS
Walker & Co 2009 96p 19.99 978-0-8027-9547-2
A collection of historic photographs that captures the devastation that plagued the U. S. during the Dust Bowl era and the courage and enduring spirit of the people who tried to save their homes and livelihood during the era.
- elm/ms **Schuman, Michael** *Barack Obama: We Are One People, Revised & Expanded* TW,MD
Enslow 2009 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3649-9 African American Biographies
This title, revised and expanded, contains information about Obama's life as a young child up to when he became President. Includes excerpts from his inauguration speech, photos in the appropriate places, chronology, chapter notes, books and Internet sites for further reading, and an index. Very good resource for upper elementary and older readers in need of high interest material.
- elm/ms **Sengupta, Monalisa** *Discover Sharks* MS,JT
Enslow 2005 48p 17.95 978-0-7660-3474-7 Discover Animals (Enslow)
Discover Sharks combines interesting facts about a wide variety of sharks with a compare/contrast study of the traits which make sharks so diverse and fascinating. Sengupta shows us how sharks have survived for millions of years.
- * hs/adult **Shaffer, Mary Ann & Annie** *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* MT,SO
Dial see Random 2009 290p 14.00 978-0-385-34100-4
In this humorous and touching historical novel written in letters, a young woman author travels from her London home to the Channel Island of Guernsey to learn more of the literary society that started as a lie to explain to Nazis who occupied the island during W.W.II. the reasons the Islanders were out after curfew.
- elm/ms **Shryer, Donna & Stephen** *Body Fuel: A Guide to Good Nutrition* MD,MT
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4362-9 Food & You(MC) (Rockets)
A nutrition book that explains what we should eat and why it is important to take care of your body and what we put inside our bodies.
- hs/adult **Skovron, Jon** *Struts and Frets* CK,LM
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2009 287p 16.95 978-0-8109-4174-8
Sammy plays in a rock band and wants to make music his life's work. He has to cope with the ins and outs of working with a band, his grandfather's lapse into dementia, his burgeoning love life, and his mother's discouragement of his dream.
- ms/hs **Soto, Gary** *Partly Cloudy: Poems of Love and Longing* MD,TW
Houghton 2009 100p 16.00 9780152063016
A hundred pages of love and longing. Partly Cloudy is a book for all teens: boys and girls. The girls have the part of "A girl's tears, her song" and the boys have the part of "A boy's body, his words". Poems of the heart for boys and girls.
- * ms **Soup, Cuthbert,Dr.** *A Whole Nother Story* JT,MS
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 264p 16.99 978-1-59990-435-1
This rollicking mystery, action, fantasy story has just about everything. The Cheeseman family is on the run from at least three groups who want to capture their unfinished time machine.

- * ms/hs **Spillebeen, Geert** *Age 14* MD,PN
Houghton 2009 216p 16.00 978-0-547-05342-4
Patrick Condon dreams of entering the army and escaping his poor life in Ballybricken, Ireland. Then the opportunity presents itself for Patrick to join the army but he is not old enough to join yet. That is when he takes his brother's name and age and follows his dream of a military life.
- * ms/hs **Springer, Nancy** *Somebody* CK,RZ
Holiday House 2009 117p 16.95 978-0-8234-2099-5
Sherica is a "missing child". For 10 years her father has moved her and her brother around the country, changing their names, dyeing their hair, and keeping them from making friends so that he wouldn't be discovered. Now, at 15, she knows she must do something for herself.
- elm/ms **Stevens, Eric** *Hope: A Story of Change in Obama's America* PN,MD
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 48p 25.32 978-1-4342-1724-0 Graphic Flash: Historical Fiction
In a combination of text and graphic novel format, the inauguration of Barack Obama is seen through the eyes of Anton Fox, a student arrested for defacing a school building and forced to clean up the mall before the inauguration.
- ms/hs **Styr, Charlie** *Click, The Ultimate Photography Guide* SG,ALL
Watson-Guption (see Random) 2009 144p 18.95 9778-0-8230-9237-6
A fabulous collection of color photographs illustrate a modern photography how-to book.
- ms/hs **Tayleur, Karen** *Chasing Boys* CK,CFM
Walker & Co 2009 244p 16.99 978-0-8027-9830-5
El must adjust to life without her father, a new school and a raging crush on the cutest boy at school who already has a girlfriend. She tries to keep her feelings under wraps, with the result that she often feels confused and conflicted about her life.
- ms/hs **Thimmesh, Catherine** *Lucy Long Ago* SO,TS
Houghton 2009 64p 18.00 978-0-547-05199-4
Catherine Thimmesh has done a masterful job of "uncovering the mystery of where we came from," explaining how the discovery of the hominid skeleton named Lucy would change paleontologists' view of the evolution of mankind.
- ms/jr **Thompson, Paul B.** *Liberty's Son: A Spy Story of the American Revolution* LM,SO
Enslow 2009 160p 27.93 978-0-7660-3309-2 Historical American
Oliver Carter was a teenager who lived in Boston during 1773. He worked for the famous Dr. Benjamin Church. Both were members of the Sons of Liberty but one of them was a traitor.
- ms/hs **Thompson, Ricki** *City of Cannibals* HW,SG
Front Street Books (see Boyd's 2010 269p 18.95 978-1-59078-623-9
To escape her family's cruelty, Dell runs away from her isolated mountain home to Reformation London, a city she has been told is inhabited by cannibals.
- * ms/hs **Tocci, C. Lee** *Stone voice Rising* JT,LMN
Harcourt Brace 2009 407p 17.00 978-0-15-206292-7h
Lilibit knows she can hear stones whisper. She and six unwanted children travel toward Kiva to fulfill their destiny to the Stone. Constantly attacked by Evil and helped by unexpected allies, they journey on.
- elm/ms **Tripp, Jenny** *Pete's Disappearing Act* CFM,JT
Harcourt Brace 2009 168p 16.00 978-0-15-206177-7
"When Pete the performing poodle and Rita the chimp are swept away from the circus in a tornado, they encounter frightening adventures--and make new friends--as they try to return home."
- hs **Tullson, Diane** *Riley Park* JT,TW
Orca 2009 112p 16.95 978-1-55469-124-1
After a severe beating that left his best friend Darius dead, Corbin seeks ways to prove he did not kill Darius and to learn to deal with what will be a "new normal" for Corbin due to his brain injury from the beating.
- ms/hs **Uhlberg, Myron** *Hands of My Father: A Hearing Boy, His Deaf Parents, and the Language of* TW,PN
Random 2009 230p 23.00 978-0-553-80688-5
Children's author tells the story of growing up as the hearing son of deaf parents and the trials, tribulations, and loving memories of being an emissary to the hearing world for his parents. Uhlberg tales evoke not only his life in the 1940's and 50's, but the hearing world's prejudices towards deaf people during that time. The expressiveness of his father's signing as well as his love and devotion to his family and the struggle to provide for them will bring tears of sadness and joy to the reader's eyes.
- ms/hs **Van Meter, Larry A.** *Women Win the Vote* PN,TS
Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-2940-8 America's Living History#9
Overview of the history of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. Includes background and biographical material, as well as a timeline of the suffrage movement up to and including the Nineteenth Amendment.
- ms/jr **Vanderwal, Andrew H.** *The Battle for Duncragglin* JT,TS
Tundra Books 2009 310p 19.95 978-0-887776-886-6
The ruins of Duncragglin Castle are rumored to be haunted and Alex thinks the labyrinth of caves underground may have something to do with the disappearance of his parents. In the caves, he and his three friends are transported to the late thirteenth century, the time of William Wallace.
- ms/jr **Vaught,Susan and Redmond** *Assassin's Apprentice (Oathbreaker series)* HW,PN
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 374p 9.99 978-1-5999-0162-6
Aron was born with a potent magical talent -- so potent that someone wants him dead! Will apprenticing Aron to an assassin help him thwart attempts against his life?
- elm/ms **Verne, Jules & others** *Viaje al Centro de la Tierra* MS,MD
Capstone Publishers 2010 65p 25.32 978-1-42-342-1687-8 Graphic Revolve: children's
This is a graphic novel based on Jules Verne's original book entitled *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Written in Spanish, it tells of three men and their discovery of the passage which leads them to exciting adventures beneath the earth.
- ms/hs **Vickers, Tanya M.** *Teen Science Fair Sourcebook* CK,SO
Enslow 2009 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-2711-4 Great Science Fair Ideas
This is almost a handbook for teachers and for students who are serious about science projects, covering lots of how-to's as well as highlighting some brilliant student work from all over the world.

- elm/ms **Wallace, Bill & Carol** *That Doggone Calf* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2009 137p 16.95 978-0-8234-2228-9
 Life on the ranch turns frustrating for Hoss, the loyal ranch dog, when a stubborn young bull calf is brought to the ranch with a group of new cattle. Eventually Hoss does educate the young fellow to the way things run on his ranch.
- hs/adult **Walls, Jeanette** *Half Broke Horses* TW,SG
 Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2009 272p 26.00 978-4165-8628-9
 Subtitled "A True-Life Novel," this is the story of Wall's grandmother's life in the southwest as a rancher, mother, teacher, flyer, and rebel. Lily Casey Smith is a character that readers will not soon forget as she relates the adventures, hardships, and triumphs of her memorable life in a spellbinding manner that keeps the pages turning.
- ms/hs **Warman, Jessica** *Breathless* PN,MD
 Walker & Co 2009 311p 16.99 978-0-8027-9849-7
 Katie loves to swim, in fact it is the only thing that seems to bring calm and meaning into her turbulent home life. But under her popularity at her new boarding school and budding romance, lies a secret that Katie is afraid will tear her newly invented life apart.
- ms/hs **Warrick, Karen Clemens** *Sandra Cisneros* MD,TW
 Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3162-3 Latino Biography Library
 A very good biography of Sandra Cisneros that includes inside information as to what her thoughts were when she was writing many of her excellent works.
- elm/ms **Watts, Irene N.** *Clay Man: The Golem of Prague* CK,SO
 Tundra Books 2009 96p 19.95 978-0-88776-880-4
 Jacob's father, the Rabbi, creates a Golem to protect the Jews of Prague from hate crimes and discrimination.
- all ages **Weitzman, David** *Pharaoh's Boat* SO,LM
 Houghton 2009 unpag 18.00 978-0-547-05341-7
 During the excavation of the Great Pyramid of Cheops in the 1950's, the great Sun Boat that was to ferry the Pharaoh Cheops to his eternal life was discovered. Weitzman offers an eloquently described and vividly illustrated account of its excavation and reconstruction.
- ms/hs **Wells, Catherine** *Strange Creatures: The Story of Mary Shelley* LMN,SG
 Morgan Reynolds 2009 160p 28.95 978-1-59935-092-9 World Writers (Morgan)#7
 The mercurial life of Mary Shelley including her childhood, her progressive marriage for the age, and her literary companions form a well-rounded picture of her as a person, as a writer, and as a family member. Strongly recommended for grades 6-12.
- elm/ms **Wheeler-Toppen, Jodi** *Human Muscles* MD, JT
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99 978-1-4296-3341-3 Anatomy Class (Capstone)
 A visual description of human muscles and their functions. The book explains how your body is composed of a skeletal frame and muscles and how they work together to get your body moving.
- elm/ms **Whiting, Jim** *Striking, Grappling, and Ground Fighting: The Skills Behind Mixed Martial Arts* CK,LMN
 Capstone Publishers 2010 48p 20.99 978-1-4296-3425-0 World of Mixed Martial Arts
 This easy-to-read description of MMA (or "mixed martial arts") includes a lot of detail, about moves, rules and skills.
- ms/hs **Whitney, Tim** *Thanksgiving At the Inn* LM,MD,HW
 Bancroft 2009 226p 19.95 978-1-890862-64-0
 Heath's father suffers with alcoholism and literary rejection. To make matters worse Heath is suspended from school at the same time that his estranged grandfather dies. The resulting story is both heart warming and heart-rending. Excellent family story of love, hate, and misunderstanding between fathers and sons.
- ms/jr **Wilson, John** *Death on the River* LM,SO
 Orca 2009 196p 12.95 978-1-55469-111-1
 This is the story of Jake Clay, who joins the Union Army after his brother's death. At the battle of Cold Harbour, VA he is captured and sent to Andersonville. His story relates the horror, disease, and starvation soldiers underwent for the sake of freedom.
- elm/ms **Yomtov, Nel** *Jason and the Golden Fleece* LM,CFM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2009 71p 18.99 978-1-442-1172-9
 This is a retelling of the Jason and the Golden Fleece myth in graphic novel format.
- ms/jr **Young, Jeff C.** *Brilliant African-American Scientists* RZ,LM
 Enslow 2009 128p 33.27 978-1-59845-083-5 Great Scientists and Famous
 Offers biographical information about nine African-American scientists, including Benjamin Banneker, George R. Carruthers, Charles R. Drew, Shirley Ann Jackson, Ernest Everett Just, Walter E. Massey, John P. Moon, Daniel Hale Williams, and Jane Cooke Wright, and discusses their work.
- ms/hs **Young, Jeff C.** *Inspiring African-American Inventors* RZ,SO
 Enslow 2009 128p 33.27 978-1-59845-080-4 Great Scientists and Famous
 Offers brief biographical profiles of influential African-American inventors, describing the challenges they faced, their efforts to make the world a better place, and their influence on history.

Books of Note Series for YA Libraries

The following summaries describe the format and intent of the books mentioned by title for each series below.

ms/hs ***Ace Your Biology Science Project (Enslow)*** SO,SG,MD,TW
 Enslow 2009 128p 31.93

This will be an excellent addition for middle and high school libraries to update their science collections and will enable students understand the basics for biology and health projects. The books contain very clear diagrams of experiments, illustrations, charts, graphs, and tables that support these experiments, with lists of science competitions and organizations with Internet addresses.

Ace Your Exercise & Nutrition Science Project ***Ace Your Animal Science Project***
Ace Your Science Project About Senses ***Ace Your Plant Science Project***

ms/hs ***Ace Your Physics Science Project (Enslow)*** MD,CK,MS,SO
 Enslow 2010 128p 32.00

This series is highly recommended and should be required reading for anyone interested in doing scientific experimentation. Titles include books about basketball, baseball, soccer, and wheels. The books will definitely appeal to those readers who want to 'bend it like Beckham' as well as those looking for scientific information.

Ace your Math and measuring: Science Project ***Ace Your Forces and Motion Science Project***
Ace Your Physical Science Project ***Ace Your Sports Science Project***

ms/hs ***America's National Parks (Enslow)*** SO,JT,LM,
 Enslow 2009 128p 33.27

Well-organized and a very attractive resource, with pre-chosen web addresses linking to MyReportLinks.com as an added bonus, these books give readers a tour of the parks' unique landmarks and features and insight into their physical characteristics, evolution and exploration, history of the parks, unique ecology, and amazing flora and fauna. New books in the series contain titles about Denali, Glacier, Rocky Mountain, the Hawaii' Volcanoes National Parks.

Denali National Park and Preserve ***Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park***
Yosemite National Park ***Grand Canyon National Park***
Rocky Mountain National Park

ms/hs ***Celebrate the States(MC)*** MT,RZ,JT,MD
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 144p 39.93

Each title in this series features a specific state and includes discussions of its land and waterways, its history, its government and economy, its festivals, cultural diversity, landmarks, and exciting stories of success. Books feature the beauties and hidden treasures of each state and recognize the social issues and concerns faced by the residents. Recommended for upper elementary and middle school collections. There are some conflicting details, however, in the book on Oklahoma.

Oklahoma ***South Carolina***
Georgia ***Utah***

hs/adult ***Controversy!(MC)*** MS,TS,LMN,TW,PN,CK
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 111p \$29.66

Controversy focuses on current events and offers background for each problem and examples of the current situation. Attractive layout, index, well-sourced footnotes and bibliography will give the information needed for understanding the event. Grades 7+

Poverty in America: Cause or Effect? ***Religion and Government: Should They Mix?***
Health Care: A Right or a Privilege ***Immigration: This Land Is Whose Land?***
Illegal Drugs: Condone or Incarcerate? ***Legal Gambling: Winner or Loser?***

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ms/hs *Cultures of the World(MC)* TW,LMN,TS,CK,PN,MT
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 144p 42.79

Cultures of the World is published in sets of six books with over 18 new titles recently added or updated. Data included is recent. Outstanding color photographs, charts, and maps make the text come alive. A first place to start research on a country. Grades 7+ There are some editing errors between text and map in the book about the Czech Republic

Senegal *Democratic Republic of the Congo* *Kuwait*
Uruguay *Czech Republic* *Bangladesh*

ms/hs *Extreme Threats(MR)* CK,LMN,MT,MS
 Morgan Reynolds 2010 112p 31.26

The *Extreme Threat* series currently consists of four books for middle-school youngsters about large-scale threats to our planet and its inhabitants. Each book contains information on the history of the threat as well as information about the danger and scientists' predictions for the future. Bibliographic references and indexes are included in each title.

Wildfires *Volcanoes*
Asteroids and Comets *Climate Change*

ms/hs *Famous Court Cases that Became Movies (Enslow)* SO,TW,LM,
 Enslow 2009 128p 31.93

This well researched, insightful, and remarkably objective series contains books about different court cases and the movies made about them: the Amsted Mutiny, the Bounty Mutiny, Medgar Evers murder, and the Salem witch trials. They are filled with a wealth of primary source quotations and highlighted by black-and-white and color photographs, dramatic anecdotes, and insightful sidebar sections that tie the reality to the movie.

Watergate: Presidential Power On Trial *The Amistad Mutiny: From the Court Case to the Movie*
Witchcraft on Trial: From the Salem Witch Hunts to the Crucible

ms/hs *Great Explorers of the World (Enslow)* RZ,LM,CFM,CK,MS,SO
 Enslow 2009 128p 31.93

Each title in this series serves as an introduction and overview of the life and accomplishments of a famous explorer and how these accomplishments have changed world history. These titles also discuss how each explorer affected the lives of the native peoples and how this impact has survived/evolved over time. Some of the explorers include: Captain Cook, Columbus, Cortes, Henry Hudson, La Salle, among others.

Sieur de La Salle *Henry Hudson*
Hernando de Soto *Christopher Columbus*
Marco Polo *James Cook*

ms/hs *Great Minds of Ancient Science and Math (Enslow)* SO,JT,CK,TS
 Enslow 2009 128p 31.93

Great Minds of Ancient Science and Math is a series that includes several interesting books for the middle-school student. The books are excellent, placing their subjects into their socio-historical contexts in a way that piques the readers' curiosity about ancient times. Chapters are short, subheadings and illustrations are well placed to provide visual interest, and each book includes suggested activities, a chronology, chapter notes, a glossary, bibliographic references, and an index.

Measuring the Earth: Erathosthenes *The Greatest Mathematician: Archimedes*
The Father of Anatomy: Galen *The Greatest Doctor of Ancient Times: Hippocrates*
The Father of The Atom: Democrites

ms/hs *Hispanic America(MC)* LM,MD,PN,CK,LMN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 78p 34.21

Hispanic America contains ten books organized by time periods. Mexico, the Caribbean, and Latin America are the focus of earlier volumes, with later volumes talking about immigration of various Hispanic groups to the United States. Recommended for schools where immigration is studied or Hispanic Studies are in the curriculum. The 1970s-1980s volume is particularly good at identifying the various reasons Hispanics have immigrated to the United States and their contributions to the US. Grades 6-12.

The Spanish American War *1898 to World War II* *1970s to 1980s*
1990s to 2010 *1950s to 1960s*

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ms/hs *Issues in Focus Today (Enslow)##8,9* SG,LMN,TW
 Enslow 2009 104p 31.93

Issues in Focus continues to add titles. Now with 32, these colorful books present current examples and pros and cons about problematic health and cultural issues. Quick facts accompanied by personal stories in a user-friendly format make these books a first choice for student researchers. Truth about Cancer is not up to the usual standards. Grades 6-12

The Truth About Cancer ***More Than Blues? Understanding and Dealing with Depression***
Stressed Out in School? ***Losing Someone You Love***
Sexuality and Teens

elm/ms *Kingdom Classifications (Compass Point)* TW,MS,MD,PN,TS,SO,
 Compass Point Books/Capstone 2010 48p 29.32

This six-book series covers plants, bacteria, fungi, and protists in wonderfully illustrated volumes. Scientific vocabulary is covered in the glossary and the book design makes it easy to locate information within sections. Additional information is provided on the use of scientific classification.

Molds, Mushrooms, & Other Fungi ***Cocci, Spirilla, & Other Bacteria***
Ferns, Mosses, & Other Spore-Producing Plants ***Sunflowers, Magnolia Trees & Other Flowering Plants***
Protozoans, Algae, & Other Protists ***Redwoods, Hemlocks & Other Cone-bearing Plants***

ms/hs *Military Service(MC)* LMN,SG,RZ,CFM,MS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2008-10 80p 35.64

The *Military Service* series contains five books, each on a specific branch of the military. Vibrant, crisp photos will draw in the student. The wealth of information inside each book gives an understanding of the variety of careers possible in each branch. Grades 7+.

Careers in the U.S. Air Force ***Careers in the U.S. Army***
Careers in the U.S. Coast Guard ***Careers in the U.S. Marine Corps***
Careers in the U.S. Navy

ms *Mission: Science Biographies (Compass Point)* MD,PN,SO,JT,SG,CK,TW,
 Capstone Publishers 2010 40p 26.65

The *Mission: Science Biographies* is a series that covers both famous and little known scientists who were very influential in their fields. There are all kinds of interesting details, fact boxes, pictures, diagrams, and maps. Each book includes a timeline and a section called Scientist at a Glance, a glossary, additional resources, Internet sites, and an index. This series is worth getting because it brings to light those scientists that were less well known yet were instrumental in their fields.

Thomas Edison & Developers of Electromagnetism ***Hippocrates***
Earth Scientists ***Isaac Newton***
Alfred Wegener

ms *Mission: Science (Capstone)* CK,JT,TW,PN,SG,RZ,SO
 Compass Point Books/Capstone 2010 40p 26.65

Twenty-four titles (by various authors) describe difficult science concepts clearly. The newest group includes interesting facts as well as colorful illustrations and charts in appealing volumes that will be used in elementary and middle school libraries.

Electromagnetism ***Skygazers: From Hypatia to Faber***
Ecosystems ***The Human Body*** ***Plate Tectonics***
Land Forms ***Forces and Motion***

ms/hs *Nature's Wonders (MC)* MS,SO,SG,CFM,TS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 96p \$28.50 978-0-7614-3935-6

This excellent new series on nature's wonders contains books about the Amazon Rain Forest, the Everglades, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, the Galapagos Islands, the Great Barrier Reef, the Great Lakes, the Nile, Mount Everest, and the Sahara. They are a useful and attractive resources that are well organized and clearly written. The descriptive text is enhanced by vibrant color photographs. Interesting sidebars, and maps. They are extremely attractive resources that will lead students on to further research.

Grand Canyon ***Yellowstone National Park***
Amazon Rain Forests ***Mount Everest*** ***Everglades***

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ms/hs *On the Job (Compass Point)* MD,SG,PN,MS,TW
 Compass Point Books/Capstone 2010 48p 26.55

On the Job is a good series for the middle or high school student who is exploring various career opportunities. The series includes 10 books about a variety of different occupations from firefighter to TV producer and lawyer to marine biologist. Details from salary to required education abound and the student is sure to find answers to many career-related questions. Each book ends with a list of resources to consult as well as a glossary and index. The series even includes a book about the job of video game creator, a field that is contemporary and relevant to today's teenagers.

Behind Every Step: Have You Got What it Takes to be a Choreographer **Objection!: Have You Got What it Takes to be a Lawyer?**
Eyes for Evidence: Have You Got What It Takes to Be Forensic Scientist? **Game on: Have You Got What It Takes to Be a Video Game Developer?**
Head of the Class: Have You Got What it Takes to be an Education Teacher?

hs/adult *Perspectives On(MC)* MS,TW,PN,SO,TS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 112p \$39.93

The five titles in this series, *Hiroshima: Birth of the Nuclear Age*, *Kristallnacht: Nazi Persecution of the Jews in Europe*, *The Trail of Tears: The Tragedy of the American Indians*, *The Triangle shirtwaist Factory Fire: Its Legacy of Labor Rights and Civil Unrest in the 1960s: Riots and their Aftermath* all offer nonjudgmental, non-sensationalized, and compassionately objective discussions of their topics. The general theme of the series is to offer a variety of viewpoints, using primary source documents, of pivotal events in world history. Highly recommended.

Hiroshima **Civil Unrest in the 1960s**
Kristallnacht **The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire**
The Trail of Tears

* ms/hs *Poetry Rocks (Enslow)* SG,MS,LMN
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60

The series entitled "*Poetry Rocks*" needs to be a requisite for all literature and reading teachers! There are 5 topics in the series: modern American, contemporary American, early British, modern British and world poetry. Each book includes biographical data, examples and analyses of best works and FACT sections which summarize the periods of literature in which the authors wrote. The layout and support photographs are excellent, adding punch to a series which shines with its text alone!

Modern British Poetry- "The World Is Never the Same" **Early American Poetry-"Beauty in Words"**
Modern American poetry- "Echoes and Shadows" **Early British Poetry- "Words That Burn"**

ms/hs *Political Profiles (Morgan R)* SO,HW,MS
 Morgan Reynolds 2010 112p 28.95 978-159935131-5

These are very well written and insightful books, both succinct and lucid. They are objective in their treatment of the current political leaders: Obama, Clinton, McCain, Pelosi, Gore, Ted Kennedy, Schwarzenegger, Palin, John Lewis, and Biden.

Joe Biden **Ted Kennedy**
John Lewis **Sarah Palin**

* ms/hs *Presidents and Their Times (MC/BB)* HW,TS,LMN,PN,MS,JT
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 112p 34.21

Presidents and Their Times includes biographies about Pierce, Ford, Hoover, Arthur, Kennedy, and Jefferson. Each book gives the history of the times, data about each president's life and, finally, thorough and objective covering of the failures and accomplishments of each president.

Franklin Pierce **Herbert Hoover** **Thomas Jefferson**
Gerald Ford **John F. Kennedy** **Chester Arthur**

ms/hs *Profiles in Science (MR)* SO,CK,HW
 Morgan Reynolds 2009 144p 28.95

Each title in this series examines the life and works of scientists unrestricted by nationality, gender, or era. Some of these individuals are household names while others are only recently beginning to get credit for their achievements. Each provides ample information about these vital and intriguing scientific achievers. The newest books in the series features Antoine Lavoisier, Charles Darwin, and Richard Feynman.

Fire, Water, and Air: Antoine Lavoisier **Origin: The Story of Charles Darwin**
The Great Explainer: The Story of Richard Feynman

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ms/hs *Rebels of Rock (Enslow)* PN,MS
 Enslow 2009 112p 31.93

Rebels of Rock is a well-researched series of biographies about four famous rock bands: Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Grateful Dead, and Pink Floyd. The series is for middle school or high school students (and their parents!), and contains biographical history, interesting stories, descriptions of hit songs and other data about the rise and fall of these four bands. Not only are there excellent support photographs, but also a timeline, glossary and lists of music created by these bands at the end of the book.

Pink Floyd: The Rock Band *AC/DC* *Led Zeppelin*

ms *Science Behind Natural Disasters (Enslow)* SO,TS,MT,CK,LM
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93

The *Science Behind Natural Disasters* series contains books about tornadoes, hurricanes, and earthquakes. The books offer an amazing amount of clearly presented scientific information in a brief format that will appeal to reluctant readers as well as those interested in these disasters. It will entice readers into further research and discussion. Recommended for its informational value.

Floods *Tornadoes* *Volcanoes*
Earthquakes *Seismic Shocks & Tsunamis*
Hurricanes *Wildfires*

ms/hs *Scientists Saving the Earth (Enslow)* SO,CK,JT,LMN,
 Enslow 2010 112p 31.93

There are 6 titles in the *Scientists Saving the Earth* series: Aldo Leopold, Jane Goodall, Archie Carr, Sylvia Earle, Rachel Carson and Dian Fossey, all scientists working to save a species or the Earth. At the conclusion of the text there are suggestions for possible research, analysis or discussion. There is a timeline of the scientist's life, a glossary, chapter notes, suggestions for further reading, related internet sites and index. They are enjoyable reading yet very informative, beautifully illustrated with photographs and maps.

Who on Earth is Sylvia Earle? *Who on Earth is Rachel Carson?*
Who on Earth is Aldo Leopold? *Who on Earth is Jane Goodall?*
Who on Earth is Dian Fossey *Who on Earth is Archie Carr?*

ms/hs *Score! Sports Science Projects (Enslow)* SG,SO,TS,CK
 Enslow 2009 104p 31.93

An outstanding series that clearly illustrates the physics involved in popular sports and includes science experiments that are doable as well as interesting. Titles include books about basketball, baseball, soccer, and wheels and will definitely appeal to those readers who want to "bend it like Beckham" and succeed in the other sports like the pros.

Home Run! Science Projects with Baseball and Softball *Slam Dunk! Science Projects with Basketball*
Wheels! Science Projects with Bicycles, Skateboards, and Skates *Goal! Science Projects with Soccer*

hs *Shakespeare Explained (MC)* PN,TW,MS,LMN,HW
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 112p 42.79

Shakespeare Explained contains five new books that summarize the plays with insight into characters' motivation, symbolism and themes. The summary of the play's scenes with brief analysis, character profiles, themes and symbols used will help students who have difficulty with Shakespearean language. Supplements more traditional Shakespeare works and may be inviting for middle school and older. A modified SparkNotes with colorful illustrations. Glossary, timeline, essay topics and quizzes. Grades 8-12.

The Tempest *Othello* *Twelfth Night*
The Merchant of Venice *Henry IV, Part 1*

elm/ms *Space!(MC)* ALL
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 64p 32.70

This very good series contains books about the planets and their moons in our solar system, with their physical features and chemical composition, and also includes the asteroids, meteors, and comets, and a discussion about the origin of the universe. Books are jam packed with very accessible scientific information that is up-to-date and accurate. Excellent charts, crisp photos and illustrations will draw in readers.

Mercury *Venus* *Earth & the Moon* *Mars*
Jupiter *Saturn* *Neptune* *Uranus*
The Dwarf Planet Pluto *The Sun* *The Stars* *Asteroids, Meteors, and Comets*

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all ages *Sports Stars Who Give Back (Enslow)* SG,SO,MD,RZ
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93

Part of a series of biographies on young sports stars, these are well-rounded books about the personal life and careers of these athletes. Well-written and wonderfully illustrated with color photographs, these are very good books that are sure to be gobbled up by the middle school crowd.

Dwight Howard
David Wright

Kyle Busch
David Beckham

elm/ms *Step Into History (Enslow)* MD,CFM,SO,JT
 Enslow 2009 32p 16.95

Each title in this series introduces readers to the exciting challenges faced by people living in different historical periods. A "how-to-complete-your-mission" format takes readers step-by-step through the planning and technology necessary to accomplish—and survive—each challenge. Written in a novel approach, the titles contain fascinating, detailed illustrations with informative text, appealing especially to readers with imagination and a thirst for adventure.

Conquest! Can You Build a Roman City?
Sail!: Can you command a sea voyage?

Hunt! Can You Survive the Stone Age?
Siege! Can You Capture a Castle?

elm/ms *Turning Points In U.S. History (MC/BB)* MS,LMN,LM,PN,CFM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 47 \$25.09

Turning Points in History consists of 24 books that explain the event and why it was important in U.S. history. Vibrant illustrations, excellent index and glossary make these books visual stunners. For grades 3-8.

Alice Walker: The Color Purple and Other Works
Harper Lee: To Kill A Mockingbird
William Golding: Lord of the Flies

Ralph Ellison: Invisible Man
Aldous Huxley: Brave New World

elm/ms *What's the issue (Compass Point)* MD,PN,TS,MS,TW
 Capstone Publishers 2010 48p 27.99

What's the issue (Compass Point) consists of 10 books, published between 2009 and 2010. Titles range from cutting to sexuality. Each title deals with important issues facing teens today. Each begins with first person narratives, and offers helpful advice and resources. Quizzes and places to get help are included in each volume, as well as a glossary, bibliographic notes, and an index. Useful and inviting resources for middle school students.

Virtual Danger: Staying Safe Online
More Than Blues: Understanding Depression
The In Crowd, Dealing with Peer Pressure

Dangerous Dues: What You Need To Know About Gangs
Secret Scars: What you Need to Know About Cutting
Drowning in a Bottle- Teens and Alcohol Abuse

ms/hs *Wild Science Careers (Enslow)* PN,SO,LMN
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93

Wild Science Careers contains six books that provide a "you are there" approach to understanding the requirements and activities of outdoor scientists. These titles present the WOW factor of scientists who work in extreme weather, hunt dinosaurs or diseases, or work with forensics and lava flows. Exciting photos, personal interviews, as well as the standard career information will stimulate interest in niche careers. Grades 6-12.

Storm Scientist
Disease-Hunting Scientist

Dinosaur Scientist
Forensic Scientist

all ages *World Religions (Compass Point)* SG,PN,SO,MS,TW,RZ
 Compass Point Books/Capstone 2010 48p 27.99

The *World Religions* series provides the middle to high school researcher with a comprehensive review of the beliefs, sacred writings, and cultural aspects of five of the main world religions. Important doctrine, its founder, and associated beliefs are covered in detail. Cultural elements like holidays and rituals provide information that students can identify with. Extra materials include timelines, quick facts pages and a list of additional resources.

Buddhism
Islam

Christianity
Judaism

Hinduism

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Writers & Their Work (MC/BB)

TW,MD,CK,LMN,TS

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 143p 38.51

Writers and Their Works is a series covering fourteen primarily American authors from the 19th & 20th centuries. The biographical portion of each volume covers the author's life in detail, while the 'works' portion presents summaries and background information about his or her major works. The volumes contain ample information for junior and senior high research projects.

Alice Walker: *The Color Purple and Other Works* **Ralph Ellison: *Invisible Man*** **William Golding: *Lord of the Flies***
Harper Lee: *To Kill A Mockingbird* **Aldous Huxley: *Brave New World***

* elm/ms

You Choose: History (Capstone)

PN,MD,CK,LM

Capstone Publishers 2010 112p 27.98

You Choose: History (Capstone) consists of 22 books, published in 2009 and 2010. The titles include the eras of US history from early exploration through the Civil Rights Movement. This series allows readers to explore different time periods from different perspectives. The choice of three characters, one female, is given at the beginning of the book, then each character's path has a variety of decisions affecting the eventual outcome. Each title gives a narrative and an overview of that lifestyle and the obstacles faced. An enjoyable way to "experience" history for younger readers.

The Civil War: An Interactive History Adventure
The Revolutionary War

Wild West

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Elementary

Part II. Elementary Books of Note w/Annotations and series listing

The Elementary list covers K-grade 6.

- elem **Adler, David** *Picture Book of Dolley and James Madison* CFM,LM
Holiday House 2009 32p 17.95 978-0-8234-2009-4
"Recounts the adventures of Dolley and James Madison during the years James Madison served as the fourth President of the United States."
- ms/h **Baker, E.D.** *Dragon Kiss (Tales of the Frog Princess)* MD,TW
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 279p 16.99 978-1-5999-03448-4
It was love at first sight for Audun, and the fact that Millie the dragon saved them proved that she was the one for him. There was just one slight problem. Millie the dragon is really a human girl, a princess no less, who can turn into a dragon. Audun decides that will not be an obstacle; he will win her hand and beg the dragon king to teach him how to turn Millie back into a human. But first, he must convince his own family that this is what he wants.
- * all ages **Bechtel, Stefan** *Tornado Hunter* LMN,SO
National Geographic 2009 272p 24.00 978-1-4262-0302-2
Ride along with the ultimate risk-takers, tornado chasers. Learn about the lives of those who study tornadoes, the conditions necessary for tornado formation and the destruction tornadoes cause. Excellent science and adventure for grades 5 and up, including adults.
- elm/ms **Birch, Robin** *Extreme Weather* JT,MS
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4468-8 Weather & Climate(MC)
All the varieties of extreme weather are introduced in this text: thunderstorms,tornadoes, tropical storms, wind, monsoon and drought, floods and landslides, cold and heat extremes. Includes glossary and index.
- elm/ms **Bowen, Carl** *Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book* MD,PN
Capstone Publishers 2009 63p 25.32 9781434215840
A graphic novel retelling of Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. When Mowgli was a child, a wolf found him wandering in the jungle and adopted him.
- elem **Bradley, Michael** *Prius* HW,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4114-4 Cars (MC)
The Toyota Prius was one of the first cars to run on a "hybrid" combination of gas engine and electric engine. The text describes the development of hybrid technology and features of the vehicle.
- elem **Bullard, Lisa** *Ace Your Oral or Multimedia Presentation* MD,TW
Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 9780766033917 Ace It! Information Literacy
A guidebook that will help you when you have to make an oral or multimedia presentation.
- elem **Burgan, Michael** *American Patriot: Benjamin Franklin* JT,CK
Compass Point 2010 48p 19.99 978-0-7565-4119-4 We the People (Capstone)
This is a simple biography of Benjamin Franklin that tells about his life and shows him as a printer, inventor, statesman, scientist, diplomat and patriot.
- elm/ms **Chapman, Mary** *The Haunting* MD,TW
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 72p 23.99 978-1-4342-1614-4 Shade Books (Stone)
The Haunting is a supernatural story that will have you at the edge of your seat. Rebecca's birthday gift has her spooked and suffering nightmares. How will she solve the mystery behind the sampler before it takes a toll on her life?
- all ages **Clay, Kathryn** *How to Draw Flowers* MD,LM
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 25.32 978-1-4296-3403-8 Drawing Fun (Capstone)
A step-by-step book on how to draw flowers. The author chose eleven different flowers and gives you just four steps to follow to draw those flowers. The technique looks simple and, with a little practice, it is possible to draw your own flowers in different ways to create your own designs and pictures.
- elm/ms **Collodi, Carlo** *Pinocchio* LM,CFM
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 72p 18.95 978-1-4342-1583-3 Graphic Revolve: children's
A well known tale by Carlo Collodi retold and illustrated in the graphic format.
- elem **Compestine, Ying Chang** *Boy Dumpling* MT,SO
Holiday House 2009 unsp 16.95 978-0-8234-1955-5
In this picture book story set in Beijing, China, a hungry ghost catches a chubby boy carrying a rooster lantern. The ghost fetches his chopsticks, but the boy convinces him to make boy dumplings. After a night of preparations that keeps the ghost racing all over the city, the sun comes up and the ghost must find a dark place to hide. Then the boy traps the ghost in his lantern and mom cooks a feast that includes Boy-Free Dumplings.
- elm/ms **Davis, Barbara** *Kid's Guide to Aliens* MS,JT
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99 978-1-4296-3369-7 Kids' Guide (Capstone)
The Kids' Guide to Aliens contains well-researched, documented stories about sightings as well as abductions. Children will learn enough to form judgments about the possibility that aliens have landed on Earth.
- elm/ms **Doeden, Matt** *How to Survive a Flood* SO,MT
Capstone 2009 32p 23.99 978-1-42962-277-6 Edge Books: Prepare to Survive
With all of the news coverage of wild weather phenomena, this slim book offers an intriguing look at common sense methods for surviving a flood.
- elm/ms **Firestone, Mary** *Top 50 Reasons to Care About Rhinos* TS,SO
Enslow 2010 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-3457-0 Top 50 Reasons to Care About
The author presents key facts about rhinos and the threats to their survival. Organized in a highly accessible format it can be a useful source for quick facts. Among the details are reasons for and ways to save this endangered beast. Ultimately it will be the photography that will cause readers to return to this book.
- elm/ms **Freeman, Martha** *Who Stole Grandma's Million Dollar Pumpkin Pie?* JT,MS
Holiday House 2009 137p 16.95 978-0-8234-2215-9
Just before Mr. Parakeet is to appear on a television cooking show making the famous family pumpkin pie, the recipe is gone. Alex and Yasmeen must solve the crime and friends and family are the main suspects.

- elem **Gardner, Robert** *Whose Fingerprints Are These?* LM, JT
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3245-3 Who Dunit? Forensic Science
 An introduction for young readers into the world of forensic science. Each chapter will test your sleuthing skills as you work with fingerprints, lip prints, footprints, etc. to solve a crime. Many of these projects would also be useful for science fair projects.
- * elm/ms **Geisert, Bonnie** *Prairie Winter* MT, MS
 Houghton 2009 220p 16.00 978-0-618-68588-2
 Rachel loves school in a rural community in South Dakota in the 1950s but repeated snowstorms prevent Rachel and her sister from school until a plane takes them to town to stay at a hotel until the worst of the winter is past. Geisert's own childhood experiences are the basis for this and two previous novels.
- elem **Gunderson, Jessica** *Snorkeling for Fun!* CFM, SO
 Compass Point 2009 48p 18.99 978-0-7565-4034-0 For Fun (Compass
 "An exploration of snorkeling that discusses its history, types of diving, aquatic life, equipment, techniques, safety, water conservation, and other related topics."
- elem **Hale, Bruce** *From Russia with Lunch* CFM, RZ
 Harcourt Brace 2009 112p 15.00 978-0-15-20548-8 Chet Gecko Mystery
 "When Chet's favorite teacher is fired and replaced by Russian scientist Tanya Lightov's mechanical invention, the school is suddenly possessed by unnatural forces and events, and Natalie Attired abandons Chet in his hour of need."
- elm/ms **Harbo, Christopher L.** *Kids Guide to Paper Airplanes* JT, LM
 Capstone Publishers 2009 32p 17.99 978-1-4296-2274-5 Kids' Guide (Capstone)
 Detailed instructions on how to fold several styles of paper airplanes from simple to fairly complex designs. Labeled diagrams give clear, simple directions.
- * elm/ms **Harris, Lewis** *A Taste for Red* LM, SO
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2009 169p 16.00 9778-0-547-14462-7
 What happens if your sixth grade science teacher is your mortal enemy? Svetlana Grimm thinks she is a vampire. She is greatly disturbed when her science teacher begins reading her mind and invading her thoughts. Could the teacher also be a vampire????
- elm/ms **Holland, Leslie J.** *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s I Have a Dream Speech in Translation: What It* JT, LM
 Capstone Publishers 2009 32p 17.99 978-1-4296-2793-1 Kids Translation Series
 The entire "I Have A Dream" speech is printed with the facing page having a rewording of the speech in simple language. The text includes background information and events leading up to the speech.
- elm/ms **Katirgis, Jane** *Celebrating Barack Obama in Pictures* MT, MD
 Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3651-2 Obama Family Photo Album
 This picture album of our first African-American President is aimed at third and fourth grade students but will appeal to all ages because the focus is on the photographs and the text does not "talk down" to the reader but rather captions the photos. The last page includes books and web sites for further reading and an index.
- elm/ms **Klise, Kate** *Dying to Meet You* MS, JT
 Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2009 147p 15.00 978-0-1520-5727-543
 When a writer with writer's block rents a house for the summer, he finds it to be inhabited by Seymour Hope, the son of its owners, and quirky ghost of Olive, the former owner. His adventures are presented in a series of letters between the three characters.
- elem **Kraske, Robert** *Queen Elizabeth I of England* LM, CFM
 Capstone Publishers 2009 32p 18.99 978-1-4296-2311-7 Queens & Princesses (Capstone)
 The life story of Queen Elizabeth of England accompanied by pictures and firsthand quotations. It is a book that shows young readers that being a Queen or Princess is not all about glamour and fortune.
- elm/ms **Kristiana, Gregory** *My Darlin' Clementine* JT, MS
 Holiday House 2009 206p 21.95 978-0-8234-2198-5
 Starting with the folk song of the same title, Gregory has crafted an enjoyable work of historical fiction. A tale of family life, love, death and daring, set in an 1866 Idaho mining town.
- all ages **Mack, Stan & Susan** *Road to Revolution (Cartoon Chronicles of America)* LM, MS
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2009 122p 10.99 978-1-59990-371-2
 This graphic novel is packed with action, humor, and the dramatic events of the American Revolution. Since the colonists wanted the British out of Boston, Nick and Penny try to help the cause.
- elm/ms **Maddox, Jake** *Pitcher Pressure* MD, SG
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 60p 18.00 978-1-43442-1596-3
 Allen is pitching and it is the championship game but his heart is not in it; his grandpa was just taken to the hospital. How can he concentrate when he wishes he were at the hospital? Then his friends rally around him and encourage him to do his best especially because it was grandpa who taught him how to pitch!
- elm/ms **Miller, Connie C.** *The Snotty Book of Snot* JT, PN
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99 978-1-4296-3354-3 Amazingly Gross Human Body
 This text gives the scientific information about mucus in the human body, the grossness of it, and all the benefits to a person's health. Excellently illustrated with photographs and diagrams.
- elem **Miller, Edward** *Fireboy to the Rescue: a Fire Safety Book* CFM, LM
 Holiday House 2009 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2222-7
 "Fireboy explains fire safety skills and prevention techniques, along with the role of firefighters, how to exit a building ablaze, what to do if clothing catches fire, and related topics."
- elem **Murphy, Patricia J.** *Never Eat Soggy Waffles* CFM, LM
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-2710-7
 "Introduces young readers to the concept of using mnemonic devices as study aids, and explains how they are created."
- elm/ms **Nardo, Don** *Barack Obama* PN, LMN
 Compass Point 2010 64p 26.65 978-0-7565-4285-6 Profiles of the President
 An overview of the life of Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States. This biography includes information about his childhood, family, political career, first one hundred days in office, and includes the text of his Inaugural Address.

- elm/ms **Parker-Rock, Michelle** *Joseph Bruchac* CFM, LM
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3160-9 Authors Kids Love(Enslow)#8,9
 "Explores the life of author Joseph Bruchac, discussing his childhood and early career, his many books for kids, and tips he has for young, aspiring writers."
- elem **Parker-Rock, Michelle** *Linda Sue Park* CK,LMN
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3158-6 Authors Kids Love(Enslow)#8,9
 This is a biography of the award-winning children's author Linda Sue Park, who wrote A Single Shard. It begins with her childhood and quotes her liberally on memories of family, schooling, friendships and her interest in writing.
- elm/ms **Peters, Stephanie True/Hans** *The Emperor's New Clothes* LM,CFM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 unpag 16.99 978-1-4342-1595-6 Fairy Tale (Stone Arch)
 An ageless tale by Hans Christian Anderson retold and illustrated in the graphic format.
- elm/ms **Pinkwater, Daniel** *The Yggyssey: How Iggy wondered what happened to all the ghost, found out* MD,CK
 Houghton 2009 245p 16.00 978-0-618-59445-0
 Iggy lives in a hotel that is haunted by many ghosts, most of them friendly. Then one day she and her friends notice that the ghosts are missing! Where to look? But Iggy and her friends are determined to solve this mystery.
- elm/ms **Polydoros, Lori** *Anacondas: On the Hunt* RZ,LM
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 22.65 978-1-4296-3390-1 Killer Animals (Capstone)
 Describes anacondas, their physical features, how they hunt and kill, and their role on the ecosystem.
- elem **Polydoros, Lori** *Wolves: On the Hunt* LM,SO
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 32p 16.99 978-1-4296-3391-8 Killer Animals (Capstone)
 A book about the wolf covering its amazing strengths, speed, and behaviors as it lives in the wild in the wild. It also describes how the wolf as a predator fits into the ecosystem.
- elem **Powell, Martin** *Rumpelstiltskin* LM,CFM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2009 40p 23.99 978-1-4342-0768-5 Graphic Spin(Stone Arch)
 This is a retelling of the well known fairy tale Rumpelstiltskin in graphic novel format.
- elm/ms **Price, Sean Stewart** *A Nation Torn Apart: The Battle of Gettysburg* MS,JT
 Capstone Publishers 2009 32p \$23.99 978-1-4296-2297-4 Bloodiest Battles (Capstone)
 With a focus on the battle of Gettysburg, students will learn the causes of the Civil War, the names of important officers in the battle, and the key events which led to the fall of the Confederacy.
- elm/ms **Pryor, Bonnie** *Pirate Hannah Pritchard: Captured!* JT,LM
 Enslow 2009 160p 27.93 978-0-7660-3310-8 Historical Fiction Adventures
 The band of pirates that Hannah Pritchard joined (dressed as a boy), are split to return to Massachusetts. Hannah's group is captured and condemned to prison. The conditions are terrible so they plan an escape. This is the second Hannah Pritchard book.
- elm/ms **Pryor, Kimberley Jane** *Tricky Behavior* JT,MS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4425-1 Animal Attack & Defense(MC)
 Details how animals protect themselves by tricking predators into thinking they are larger, unpleasant to eat, or other methods of protection.
- elem **Regan, Dian Curtis** *Barnyard Slam* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2009 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-1907-4
 The animals in the barnyard hold a poetry slam. Each animal gives its poem despite the interruptions of Goose. Many plays on words and tongue-in-cheek humor make it suitable for many ages.
- elm/ms **Riehecky, Janet** *Scorpions on the Hunt* RZ,LM
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 22.65 978-1-4296-3388-8 Killer Animals (Capstone)
 Describes scorpions, their physical features, how they hunt and kill, and their role in the ecosystem.
- elm/ms **Rosinsky, Natalia** *Write Your Own Fable* LM,CFM
 Compass Point 2009 64p 24.99 978-0-75654-1286 Write Your Own (Compass Point)
 This book contains the help tips and techniques to help young writers develop the necessary skills for sharpening writing skills.
- * elm/ms **Rubin, Susan Goodman** *The Anne Frank Case: Simon Wiesenthal's Search for the Truth* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2009 40p 18.95 978-0-8234-2109-1
 This account details Simon Wiesenthal's work to prove that Anne Frank really did exist and prove wrong the propaganda put out by Neo-Nazi groups. It took him five years to find the Gestapo officer who arrested the Frank family.
- elem **Sartell, Debra** *Time for Bed, Baby Ted* CFM,LM
 Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-1968-5
 "At bedtime, Baby Ted finds many ways to avoid going to bed."
- elm/ms **Sengupta, Monalisa** *Discover Sharks* MS,JT
 Enslow 2005 48p 17.95 978-0-7660-3474-7 Discover Animals (Enslow)
Discover Sharks combines interesting facts about a wide variety of sharks with a compare/contrast study of the traits which make sharks so diverse and fascinating. Sengupta shows us how sharks have survived for millions of years.
- elm/ms **Shryer, Donna & Stephen** *Body Fuel: A Guide to Good Nutrition* MD,MT
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4362-9 Food & You(MC) (Rockets)
 A nutrition book that explains what we should eat and why it is important to take care of our body and be careful what we put in it.
- elm/ms **Stevens, Eric** *Hope: A Story of Change in Obama's America* PN,MD
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 48p 25.32 978-1-4342-1724-0 Graphic Flash: Historical Fiction
 In a combination of text and graphic novel format, the inauguration of Barack Obama is seen through the eyes of Anton Fox, a student arrested for defacing a school building and forced to clean up the mall before the inauguration.
- elm/ms **Tripp, Jenny** *Pete's Disappearing Act* CFM,JT
 Harcourt Brace 2009 168p 16.00 978-0-15-206177-7
 "When Pete the performing poodle and Rita the chimp are swept away from the circus in a tornado, they encounter frightening adventures--and make new friends--as they try to return home."

elm/ms **Wade, Mary Dodson** *Amazing Civil War Nurse Clara Barton* LM,CFM
 Enslow 2009 24p 21.26 978-0-7660-3281-1 Amazing Americans (Enslow)

This is the story of Clara Barton - nurse, teacher, and founder of the American Red Cross.

elm/ms **Wallace, Bill & Carol** *That Doggone Calf* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2009 137p 16.95 978-0-8234-2228-9

Life on the ranch turns frustrating for Hoss, the loyal ranch dog, when a stubborn young bull calf is brought to the ranch with a group of new cattle. Eventually Hoss does educate the young fellow to the way things run on his ranch.

elm/ms **Watts, Irene N.** *Clay Man: The Golem of Prague* CK,SO
 Tundra Books 2009 96p 19.95 978-0-88776-880-4

Jacob's father, the Rabbi, creates a Golem to protect the Jews of Prague from hate crimes and discrimination.

all ages **Weitzman, David** *Pharaoh's Boat* SO,LM
 Houghton 2009 unp 18.00 978-0-547-05341-7

During the excavation of the Great Pyramid of Cheops in the 1950's, the great Sun Boat that was to ferry the Pharaoh Cheops to his eternal life was discovered. Weitzman offers an eloquently described and vividly illustrated account of its excavation and reconstruction.

elm/ms **Wheeler-Toppen, Jodi** *Human Muscles* MD, JT
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99 978-1-4296-3341-3 Anatomy Class (Capstone)

A visual description of human muscles and their functions. The book explains how your body is composed of a skeletal frame and muscles and how they work together to get your body moving.

elm/ms **Yomtov, Nel** *Jason and the Golden Fleece* LM,CFM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2009 71p 18.99 978-1-442-1172-9

This is a retelling of the Jason and the Golden Fleece myth in graphic novel format.

Books of Note Series for Elementary Libraries

The following summaries describe the format and intent of the books mentioned by title for each series below.

elem **American Heroes(MC)** MD,CFM,MS,SO,JT,RZ
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 40p 29.93

American Heroes is a biographical/pictorial study of many of America's famous as well as not-so-famous Americans. Included, but not limited to Cesar Chavez, Crazy Horse, Lady Bird Johnson, Pocahontas, Phillis Wheatley and Eleanor Roosevelt. Each biography includes a timeline, glossary, resources and index.

<p>Cesar Chavez Jacob Lawrence: A Painter's Story Phillis Wheatley: She Loved Words</p>	<p>George Washington: Our First President Lady Bird Johnson Sitting Bull: "Tatanka Iyotake"</p>	
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elem **Animals(MC)** MD,CK,SO,RZ,TS,CFM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 24p 24.21

This informative series includes books about bears, chimpanzees, elephants, lions, tigers, and whales and describes their physical characteristics, behavior, social life, and hunting methods by focusing on their anatomy, their habits, and their habitats.

<p>Whales Lions</p>	<p>Chimpanzees Tigers</p>	<p>Bears Elephants</p>
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elem **Bookworms (MC/BB) Nature's Cycles** SG,PN,HW,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 22.79

The series consists of at least 6 books at this time. The general theme of the series is the basic cycles of nature, in English and Spanish, for younger children.

<p>Animals Plants</p>	<p>Day and Night Seasons</p>	<p>Food Chains Water</p>
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elem **Bookworms (MC/BB) Safe Kids** HW,MS,MD,SG
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 22.79

Simple text and full-page photographs are geared to reinforce literacy skills of new emerging readers. The Spanish language text parallels the English text. As a text for emerging Spanish readers, this may be more challenging than the English counterpart. The Spanish text reads as accurately as the English text.

<p>Fire Safety Safety on the go</p>	<p>Food Safety School Safety</p>	<p>Safety at Home Water Safety</p>
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elm/ms **Claudia Cristina Cortez (Capstone)** MD,MS,MT,JT,RZ
 Capstone 2010 76p 25.32

The *Claudia Cristina Cortez* series is entertaining and funny. These chapter books are high interest-low level for middle school students. They will enjoy how Claudia solves the dilemmas of her life. The series has elements of teachable moments in the enumeration of choices Claudia has to make throughout the stories as well as the Discussion questions at the end of the book and the writing prompts. Kids, especially girls, will enjoy this series.

<p>Boy Trouble Sold</p>	<p>Hired or Fired? Beware</p>	<p>Bad Luck Bridesmaid Pool Problem</p>
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* denotes books to be read aloud

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elem *Crime Solvers (Capstone)* RZ,SO,MD,MS,LM
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 22.65

The *Crime Solvers* series contains books about gathering blood evidence, determining the cause of death, finding the murder weapon, and looking for fingerprints. The library-bound book ends with a glossary of highlighted words, a bibliography of books and a web site link to www.facthound.com, and an index.

***Finding the Murder Weapon
 Gathering Blood Evidence***

***Looking for Fingerprints
 The Cause of Death***

Finding the Murder Weapon

elm/ms *Energy Choices(MC)* MD,CK,JT,MT,HW,SO
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50

Contemporary and well-written, the *Energy Choices* series contains books about wind, water, solar, and nuclear energy as well as biofuels and fossil fuels. The information is clearly explained and complemented by colorful photographs and diagrams that enhance each brief discussion.

***Biofuels
 Nuclear Energy***

***Fossil Fuels
 Solar Energy***

***Wind Energy
 Water Energy***

elm/ms *Environmental Footprints (MC)* TS,PN,CK,CFM,MT,TW
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p \$22.80

The impact we leave on our environment by how we choose to use resources in our daily lives is the focus of this new series. Children, fourth grade and up, are introduced to the concept of ecological sustainability and provided with tips on lightening their environmental footprint. Case studies provide concrete examples. The text, on a background of blue and green footprints and a view of the earth from space, is illustrated with color photographs, charts and diagrams. The format with small green fact boxes and colorful headings add interest. A glossary and an index is provided in each volume.

***How Big Is Your Clothing Footprint?
 How Big Is Your Food Footprint?
 How Big Is Your Travel Footprint?***

***How Big Is Your Energy Footprint?
 How Big Is Your Shopping Footprint?
 How Big Is Your Water Footprint?***

elem *Field Trip Mysteries (Stone Arch)* PN,SO,MT,LM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 88p 23.99

Kids on a school field trip encounter a mystery in each of these chapter books for third through sixth grade readers. The main character and his/her school friends work hard to solve the mystery and save the day at the historical village, the zoo, the art museum, or the recycling plant, where their school field trip has taken them. The series currently consists of four volumes all by the same author Steve Brezenoff. The "Detective's Dictionary" at the back of the books serves as a glossary. "In Your Own Detective's Notebook" and "Further Investigation" contain writing prompts and questions for discussion.

***The Teacher Who Forgot Too Much
 The Village That Almost Vanished***

***The Zoo with the Empty Cage
 The Painting That Wasn't There***

elm/ms *Graphic Expeditions (Capstone)* MD,MT,LM,SO,PN,MS,RZ
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 26.65

Dr. Isabel Soto, a historian and anthropologist discovered an ancient stone with mysterious energy that allows her to travel through time and space to investigate historic events. Third and fourth grade readers follow Izzy on her journeys in this graphic novel series and learn about historical places and cultures in the process. This series currently consists of ten books with topics ranging from "Building of the Great Wall of China" and "The Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellers" to "Getting to the Bottom of Global Warming" and "The Secrets of Martial Arts."

***Uncovering Mummies
 Building the Great Wall of China
 Investigating Machu Picchu***

***Exploring Titanic
 Tracking Bigfoot
 Rescue in Antarctica***

elem *Gross & Goofy Body(MC)* JT,SG,TS,MD,CFM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 48p 29.93

There are six titles in this series about the wonders of the human body told with humor and frequently emphasizing the gross aspects of bodily functions. Designed for elementary grades. Students, especially boys, will love it.

***Blasts of Gas: Secrets of Breathing, Burping, & Passing Gas
 Now Hear This! Secret of ears and Hearing
 The Eyes Have It: Secret of Eyes and Seeing***

***It's Spit-acular! Secret of Saliva
 Pump it Up! Secrets of Heart and Blood
 Up Your Nose! Secrets of Schnozes & Snouts***

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elem *History's Mysteries (MC)* CK,MS,LM,CFM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 22.80

Each title in this series focuses on important curriculum and high-interest topics. Each uses a clean, clear, modern design to engage students and increase readability. Background knowledge of subject matter is incorporated into the text. They could be used for both casual reading and research projects.

Enigmatic Events *Legends or Lies?*
Perplexing People *Debatable Deaths*

elm/ms *Hot Celebrity Biographies (Enslow)* MD,RZ,CK,PN,CFM,MS,JT,
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93

There are at least nine titles in the *Celebrity Biographies* series. Each profiles a popular star, detailing their life and career. The books include a timeline, sources for further information, glossary and index. The included photographs are excellent. Extra information is placed in text boxes.

America Ferrera *Miley Cyrus* *Michael Phelps*
Shaun White *Johnny Depp* *Daniel Radcliffe*
Hilary Duff *Justin Timberlake* *Kanye West*

elm/ms *I Like Weird Animals (Enslow)* MD,CK,MS,MT,JT
 Enslow 2010 24p 21.26

I Like Weird Animals is a wonderful series of six picture books, all by Carmen Bredeson, aimed at the lower-elementary-age reader who is fascinated by nature and animals. The unusual, beautiful photographs have crisp focus and vibrant colors. The font is large and the words are easy to read. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary (helpfully, at the front of the book), a short list of references, and an index. The web sites listed are reliable, such as those of the National Geographic Society and NOAA. I recommend the series highly for libraries serving ages 4-8, and older struggling readers or ESL students.

Flying Gecko and Other Weird Reptiles *Bomb-Factory Beetles & Other Weird Insects*
Leafy Sea Dragons & Other Weird Sea Creatures *Hair-Shooting Tarantulas & Other Weird Spiders*
Fainting Goats and Other Weird Mammals *Weird Birds*

elm/ms *Jake Maddox: Boy Sports Stories (Stone Arch)* CK,CFM,SG,PN,MS,JT
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 63p 23.99

Each title in this series features engaging text, popular genres, short chapters, controlled vocabulary, discussion questions, and Internet sites. Stories feature young athletes who face obstacles not just on the gridiron, the court, the ice, or the half pipe, but meet mental and social challenges as well. Great for reluctant and struggling readers, this series would be appropriate in an elementary or middle school setting.

Half-Pipe Prize *Tennis Liar*
Pressure Pitcher *Diving Off the Edge*
Disc Golf Drive *Record Run*

elm/ms *Jake Maddox: On the Speedway (Stone Arch)* MD,CFM,SG,PN,TS
 Capstone 2010 66p 23.99

Four titles by various authors under the name "Jake Maddox" continue to be popular. These continue to be popular because they draw the reader right into the story and have plenty of action along with a painless life lesson. Short, easy chapters readable for grades 3-6 but interesting enough for slightly older readers, too.

Pit Crew Crunch *Race Car Rival*
Speed Camp *Stock Car Sabotage*

elm/ms *Prehistoric Beasts(MC)* LM,MD,CFM,PN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 29.93

The general theme of the series is information about interesting beasts besides the dinosaurs that roamed the earth in the distant past. A high interest series for all ages, especially boys who will be fascinated and will enjoy these books.

Basilosaurus *Dire Wolf*
Gastornis *Giant Ground Sloth*
Woolly Mammoth

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elm/ms *Real life Science Experiments (Enslow)* SO,PN,CFM,MS
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93

Series include books on awesome animals, nature's secret habitats, sensational human body, sprouting seeds, and lively plants. Students and teachers learn each step of the scientific method in this nicely organized series for beginners. Each chapter contains an experiment, a chart of materials to use and a list of science fair projects which can be done at home. These should be required reading for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of biology or entering a science fair competition.

Awesome Animal Science Projects
Sprouting Seed Science Projects
Nature's Secret Habitats Science Projects

Lively Plant Science Projects
Sensational Human Body Science Projects
Master The Scientific Method with Fun Life Science Projects

elem *Secret America (Edge Bks) (Capstone)* MD,LM,SO,MS,MT,RZ
 Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 23.99

The *Secret America* series explores the "other" America of unanswered questions and mysteries. These subjects are explored and the reader is presented with information that could enlighten them about the strange facts, places, or people in America history. These books are slight but high interest and have many pictures, Edge facts, glossaries, Internet sites, bibliographies, and indexes.

Secret American People
Secret American History

Secret American Places
Secret American Treasures

elm/ms *Solve That Crime (Enslow)* CK,LM,SO,JT,TW,
 Enslow 2009 48p 23.93

This series provides an overview of forensic sciences, covering the collection of various types of clues and evidence in a factual yet interesting manner. Colorful, unobtrusive side bars and photos highlight the text. Glossary, further reading suggestions, interesting web sites and an index are included.

At the Crime Scene!
Crimebusting! Identifying Criminals and Victims
Bones Speak! Solving Crimes from the Past!

Crime Under the Microscope: In the Forensics Lab!
Virtual Crime: Solving Cybercrime
Counterfeit!: Stopping Fakes and Forgeries

elm/ms *Step Into History (Enslow)* MD,CFM,SO,JT
 Enslow 2009 32p 16.95

Each title in this series introduces readers to the exciting challenges faced by people living in different historical periods. A "how-to-complete-your-mission" format takes readers step-by-step through the planning and technology necessary to accomplish—and survive—each challenge. Written in a novel approach, the titles contain fascinating, detailed illustrations with informative text, appealing especially to readers with imagination and a thirst for adventure.

Conquest! Can You Build a Roman City?
Sail!: Can you command a sea voyage?

Hunt! Can You Survive the Stone Age?
Siege! Can You Capture a Castle?

elem *Tell Me Why, Tell Me How (MC)#9* CK,CFM,MT,HW,PN,SO
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 23.94

Each title in this series explains some of the most intriguing and universal questions children have about the world that surrounds them. Five chapters in each book present simple explanations followed by a "Now I Know!" question that tests readers on the information presented, accompanied by colorful photographs.

Why does the sun set?
How do mountains form?

How do caterpillars become butterflies?
Why do volcanoes erupt?

Why do bears hibernate?
Why does it rain?

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