



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 2011

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

Part II. Elementary Books of Note 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.

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Rosanne Zajko (Ancillae Assumpta Academy)

- elm/ms **Adler, David** *Frederick Douglass, A Noble Life* MS, JT
 Holiday House 2010 138p 18.95 978-0-8234-2056-8
 Frederick Douglass wore many hats: slave, free man, lecturer, writer, diplomat, husband, father, and grandfather. He rose above his "station" of uneducated slave to become one of America's most noted fighters of injustice. Adler presents a thorough biography of his life and accomplishments.
- ms/hs **Adornetto, Alexandra** *Halo* MD, PN
 Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 484p 16.99 978-0-312-65626-3
 Angels have come down to earth to bring good news. However, they can not expose themselves to humans. They must adjust to human life for the time being until they are needed. Bethany, the youngest angel, is thrilled but she never imagined that becoming human would bring so many human problems and heartaches.
- * ms **Albee, Sarah** *Poop Happened!* SO, LM
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 170p 15.99 978-0-8027-2077-1
 There are really three things of which you can be certain: death, taxes, and poop. Poop does happen and, most often, in great quantities. The societies that learned how to deal with the disposal of these mammoth piles of excrement in a safe and sanitary way were the ones that escaped mass epidemics and enormous human death tolls. This fascinating book deals with the historical perspective of poop beginning with the change from nomadic life to settled urban centers.
- hs **Alcott, Louisa May & Porter** *Little Women and Werewolves* MD, TW
 Ballantine see Random 2010 396p 14.00 978-0-345-52260-3
 In this new version of *Little Women*, there is the added elements of werewolves. The story is similar to the classic version but werewolves are part of the plot and interwoven into their lives.
- ms/hs **Ali, Nujood with Delphine** *I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced* MD, LM
 Three Rivers Press see 2010 188p 12.00 12.0007-58967-5
 Nujood Ali has no birth certificate but she has been told she is 10 years old. She loves dolls, chocolate cake, and learning how to read. Then one day Nujood is married to a man twice her age and learns the true meaning of the word cruelty.
- ms **Andrekson, Judy** *Gunner: Hurricane Horse* HW, LM
 Tundra Books 2010 95 7.95 978-0-88776-905-4 True Horse Stories
 When Hurricane Katrina passed over Heather Goodwin's ranch, it took with it her fences, her chickens, and her prize-winning horse, Gunner.
- elm/ms **Angleberger, Tom** *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* JT, SG, MS
 Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 141p 12.95 978-0-8109-8425-7
 By recounting their experiences with the folded paper Yoda finger puppet, sixth grader Tommy and his friends try to determine if the puppet can really predict the future. Includes origami directions to make your own Origami Yoda.
- elm/ms **Arato, Rona** *Mrs. Kaputnik's Pool Hall and Matzo Ball Emporium* JT, MS
 Tundra Books 2010 188p 11.99 978-0-88776-967-2
 This fantasy is set in the turn of the century Russia and New York. The Kapustin children hatch a dragon egg and the family immigrates to New York in search of Mr. Kapustin who has disappeared.
- ms/hs **Aristophane (translated by First Second (Macmillan))** *The Zabime Sisters* MD, LM
 2010 85p 16.99 978-1-59643-638-1
 The Zabime sisters live in a lush French Caribbean island and today is the first day of their summer vacation. Normally they do everything together but today all three decide to go on their individual adventures. Of course trouble follows each and everyone of them and they are worried about how they are going to get out of trouble.
- ms/hs **Aronson, Marc & Marina** *Sugar Changed the World* MD, LF, LMN
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 166p 20.00 978-0-618-57492-6
 The story of sugar is a magical journey through the history of time. It links many races across many continents. It introduces slavery to the new world where sugar became the major product causing great pain and misery. The links from ancient times to modern ones travel a road that affects many lives.
- ms **Baker, E.D.** *The Wide-Awake Princess* CFM, JT
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 261p 16.99 978-1-59990-487-0
 "Annie, younger sister of the princess who would be known as Sleeping Beauty, is immune to magic and stays awake when the rest of the castle falls into an enchanted sleep, then sets out to find a way to break the spell."
- elm/ms **Banscherus, J.** *Stage Fright (Pathway Books: Klooz)* MD, TW
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 72p 23.99 978-1-4342-2129-2
 Klooz is an amateur child investigator and he is good at solving mysteries when he takes his business into school. His homeroom teacher asks Klooz to get involved in solving the mystery of why the actors for the school play keep quitting.
- elm/ms **Bardoe, Cheryl** *Mammoths and Mastodons* JT, PN
 Abrams, Harry 2010 44p 18.95 978-0-8109-8413-4
 Examining the fossil evidence, cave paintings, and other resources, this text details what scientists know about the extinct mammoths and mastodons. Interviews with noted scientists in the field are included.
- ms/hs **Barrett, Tracy** *King of Ithaka* SO, CK
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 260p 16.99 978-0-8050-8969-1
 Based loosely on Homer's *Odyssey*, Barrett's version of the voyage of Telemachos is filled with vitality and insight. The descriptive narrative offers a look at a boy on the cusp of manhood who grows and develops into a true king.
- * ms/hs **Bartoletti, Susan Campbell** *They Called Themselves the K.K.K.* PN, LMN
 Houghton 2010 172p 19.00 978-0-618-44033-7
 An introduction to the Ku Klux Klan from a social, emotional, historical, and visual perspective, including many archival photos and personal narratives. An excellent source of information from the Civil War and beyond
- elm/ms **Beaty, Andrea** *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies* JT, RZ
 Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 184p 12.95 978-0-8109-8347-2
 How do you save the world from evil, sugar-addicted, seven-foot tall alien bunnies that invade your summer camp? At Camp Whatsitooya, twins Jules and Kevin and new friend Nelson face off against large, rabbit-like creatures from the Mallow Galaxy who thrive on sugar but are not above hypnotizing and eating human campers.

- ms/hs **Bell, Cathleen Davitt** *Little Blog on the Prairie* MS,JT
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 276p 16.99 978-1-59990-286-9
- When Genevieve's family seeks a closeness that it has lost by booking a vacation on an authentic prairie adventure, the family's endurance is sorely tested. The climactic fire brings the prairie vacationers together and teaches them the lesson of the importance of community.
- ms/hs **Benjamin, Melanie** *Alice, I Have been* LM,SO
 Delacorte see Random 2010 351p 25.00 978-0-385-34413-5
- This is a portrayal of the world of the real Alice In Wonderland that expertly blends fact with fiction.
- ms/hs **Bennett, Holly** *Shapeshifter* MS,JT
 Orca 2010 244p 12.95 978-1-55469-158-6
- Sive possesses two unique talents, the ability to sing and the ability to change into a deer. She is caught and used by the evil Dark Man but saves her child and eventually escapes by shapeshifting and surviving in the mountains. Her son finds her and helps her become human once more.
- ms/hs **Besel, Jennifer M.** *Unusual History of Comic Books* LM,MS
 Capstone Publishers 2011 48p 30.65 978-1-4296-4790-8 Unusual Histories (Capstone)
- A fact-filled book of unusual tidbits and trivia about comic books in graphic style.
- ms/hs **Birdeye, Tom** *Storm Mountain* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2010 135p 16.95 978-0-8234-2130-5
- Cat follows her impulsive cousin Ty onto Storm Mountain where their fathers were killed in a storm. After an avalanche, Cat needs to use all her mountaineering skills to help them survive.
- * hs **Bishop, George** *Letter To My Daughter* CK,LMN
 Ballantine see Random 2010 148p 20.00 978-0-345-51598-8
- In a series of letters to her runaway daughter, a mother recounts the story of her troubled youth during the Vietnam era.
- elm/ms **Biskup, Agnieszka** *The Dynamic World of Chemical Reactions with Max Axiom* HW,SO
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 29.32 978-1-4296-4772-4 Graphic Science (Capstone)
- In graphic novel format, this book follows the adventures of Max Axiom as he explores the science of chemical reactions.
- * ms/hs **Bodeen, S.A.** *The Gardener* LM,SO
 Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 280p 16.99 978-0-312-37016-9
- Mason uncovers a bizarre experiment called the Greenhouse when he tries to help a beautiful girl who doesn't need food and water to live.
- * ms/hs **Bowditch, Eden Unger** *The Atomic Weight of Secrets* JT,LM
 Bancroft 2011 342p 14.95 978-1-61088-006-0
- Five brilliant children are separated from their parents and brought to an Ohio farm. They combine their experiments, plan how to rescue their parents, and learn to depend on each other.
- hs/adult **Bradley, Alan** *The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag* PN,LMN
 Delacorte see Random 2010 364p 24.00 978-0-385-34231-5
- Flavia de Luce once again uses her considerable intellect and vast chemical knowledge to solve another murder. This time there seem to be links to a child's mysterious death many years before.
- ms **Bristow, David L.** *Sky Sailors* SO,LM
 Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2010 134p 18.99 978-0-374-37014-5
- Man has always wanted to fly and serious attempts to do so have been made since the time of Leonardo. This collection of nine vignettes about early pioneers of human flight in a balloon takes the reader from the Montgolfiers in 1783 through the early twentieth century when the new airplane would displace them.
- hs/adult **Brooks, Terry** *Bearers of the Black Staff (Legends of Shannara)* PN,LF
 Ballantine see Random 2010 353p 27.00 978-0-345-48417-8
- Five hundred years after the events of the *Genesis of Shannara* series (*Gypsy Morph*, *Armageddon's Children*, *Elves of Cintra*), the peace of the magically protected valley is threatened by evil creatures.
- ms/hs **Brown, Rita Mae** *A Nose For Justice* LM,TW
 Ballantine see Random 2010 267p 25.00 978-0-345-51181-2
- Mags Rogers escapes the debacle of Wall Street and heads west with her wire-haired dachshund, Baxter. Her arrival coincides with mysterious explosions and the discovery of a 100 year old skeleton. Mystery and intrigue run rampant in this novel.
- * ms/hs **Buffie, Margaret** *Winter Shadows* MS,JT
 Tundra Books 2010 336p 19.95 978-0-88776-968-9
- In 1850, Beatrice must decide her future and in 2010, Cass must decide hers as well. They meet spiritually when Cass finds Beatrice's brooch and diary, and begin to communicate and help each other discover their true destinies.
- ms **Burgan, Michael** *Refusing to Crumble: Danish Resistance in WWII* PN,RZ
 Compass Point 2010 64p 31.99 978-0-7565-4298-6 Taking A Stand (Capstone)
- Told through the stories of individuals, and backed up with factual information, this readable volume about the famed Danish resistance during World War II provides useful information for research for younger readers.
- * hs **Burgess, Melvin** *Nicholas Dane* LF,LMN
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 403p 17.99 978-0-8050-9203-5
- Another amazing book by Melvin Burgess. This book pulls out all the stops when explaining the tragic life of Nicholas Dane, a young man who is put through the social services wringer in England when his mother dies of a heroin overdose. Librarians will want to be selective about to whom they loan the book as there are rather bold inferences of pedophilia and sexual violence.
- ms/hs **Burlingame, Jeff** *Jesse Owens* SO,CFM
 Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3497-6 African American Biographies
- This book chronicles the life of Jesse Owens, the African-American superstar sprinter and long jumper in another excellent addition to the series of biographies of famous African-Americans,

- ms/hs **Butts, Ed** *Shipwrecks, Monsters, and Mysteries of the Great Lakes* MD,LM
Tundra Books 2011 88p 14.95 978-1-77049-206-6
The Great Lakes was once a principle region of transportation. Produce, grains, and all kinds of products were moved through this navigational system. Unfortunately, weather played a major role in success or failure of the movement of people and goods through these sometimes treacherous dark waters. This book creates ghost stories and mysteries from some of the ships lost at sea.
- ms/hs **Calhoun, Yael** *Earth Science Fair Projects, Revised and Expanded Using Scientific Method* HW,SO
Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3425-9 Earth Science Projects Using the
Science fair competitors will find suggestions for experiments, while young scientists will receive a general overview to basic geology.
- elm/ms **Caper, William** *Ancient Greece* JT,MS
Capstone Publishers 2010 112p 29.32 978-1-4296-3417-5 You Choose: Historical Eras
Explore life in ancient Greece by choosing the role of different people from Athens or Sparta. Along the way you must choose which action the character will take. With each decision the story changes.
- hs **Caravantes, Peggy** *Self-Reliance: The Story of Ralph Waldo Emerson* CK,LMN
Morgan Reynolds 2011 144 31.26 978-159935124-7 World Writers (Morgan)##7
This is a close examination of the life of Ralph Waldo Emerson, with many quotes from his journals and the writings of Emerson and others.
- elm/ms **Carroll, Lewis (adapted by Campfire)** *Alice in Wonderland* LM,LF
Campfire 2010 72p 9.99 978-93-80028-23-1
Alice retold in graphic style. Alice was an ordinary girl until she decided that she wanted adventure. She got her wish as she dove down a rabbit hole into a magical world.
- hs **Chamberlain, Adrian** *Rock Star* LMN,MD
Orca 2010 114p 9.95 978-1-55469-235-4 Orca Soundings
Duncan becomes a member of a heavy metal band and leaves his old friends behind. After playing a gig at a disastrous house party, Duncan comes to realize his old friends and a music mentor may offer him a better chance at being happy. Grades 8+
- ms/hs **Chapman, Fern Schumer** *Is it Night or Day?* SO,CK
Farrar Strauss 2010 205p 19.99 978-0-374-17744-7
This poignant novel about the Holocaust is based on the real-life experiences of the author's mother Edith Westerfield and the story of her escape from Nazi Germany in 1938.
- all ages **Chapman, Margaret & For Beginners** *Poetry for Beginners* LM,LMN
2010 149p 14.99 978-1-934389-46-1
This book traces the wonder of poetry as written word from ancient Greece to modern times.
- ms/hs **Chibbaro, Julie** *Deadly: How do you catch an invisible killer?* PN,HW
Atheneum see Simon & 2011 304p 16.99 978-0-68985-738-6
16-year-old Prudence has already seen more than enough death in 1906 when she joins the staff of the New York Department of Health and Sanitation and becomes involved in the investigation of the typhoid epidemic.
- ms/hs **Clare, Cassandra** *Clockwork Angel (Infernal Devices Bk 1)* LM,PN
McElderry Books see Simon & 2010 478p 19.99 978-1-4169-7586-1
A prequel to the internationally best-selling *Mortal Instruments* series (*City of Bones*, etc.).
- ms **Corriveau, Art** *How I Nicky Flynn Finally Get a Life and A Dog* TW,MD
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 250p 16.95 978-0-8109-8298-7
Nicky's parents get divorced and he finds himself in a new city, new school, and with a new dog. Reggie, the former seeing eye dog, becomes Nicky's best friend when he needs one the most.
- hs **Coventry, Susan** *The Queen's Daughter* LM,PN
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 373p 16.99 978-0-8050-8992-9
This is the fictionalized biography of Joan, daughter of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Henry II, King of England.
- hs/adult **Cronin, Justin** *The Passage* LMN,CK
Ballantine see Random 2010 766p 27.00 978-0-345-50496-8
A secret military experiment goes wrong yielding super warrior vampires that terrorize all humans who retreat into walled fortresses. A young girl holds the key to overcoming these creatures. Science fiction/fantasy/romance lovers will all enjoy. Grades 7-adult.
- ms/hs **Currie, Stephen** *African American Inventors* SO,LM
Lucent Books see 2010 104p 33.45 978-1-4205-0121-6 Lucent Library of Black History
Currie chronicles the lives and work of a long list of African American inventors in this thoughtful book. He discusses the earliest of these "mechanics and tinkerers," and then moves to the great names: Lewis Latimer, Granville Woods, Garrett Morgan, Madam C.J. Walker, and George Washington Carver as well as those currently active.
- ms/hs **Cushman, Karen** *Alchemy and Meggy Swann* SO,LMN
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 167p 16.00 978-0-547-23184-6
Meggy Swann arrives in sixteenth-century London at the request of her unknown father and her adventures in this well-researched and insightful book that vividly evokes life in England's capital and offers a thoughtful and realistic look at the hardships of the time.
- ms/hs **Davies, Stephen** *Hacking Timbuktu* LM,SO
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 264p 16.00 978-0-547-39016-1
Someone in Timbuktu discovers an ancient manuscript describing the way to find an ancient gold treasure. Danny, a professional hacker, and Omar join forces to solve the mystery using their parkour skills.
- * ms/hs **Deuker, Carl** *Payback Time* LM,LMN
Houghton 2010 298p 16.00 978-0-547-27981-7
Mitch True wants to be a professional journalist when he enters the work force. As the best writer on the high school newspaper staff, he believes that he will be the editor in his senior year. In this novel, readers will see Mitch grapple with the power of investigative reporting and the effects of delving into someone's life.
- ms **Deutsch, Barry** *Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword* SO,CK
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 unpag 15.95 978-0-8109-8422-6
Hereville definitely is a most unusual graphic novel. An Orthodox Jewish girl who is determined to fight a dragon is a unique personality to find in her small religious community but Mirka, who dreams of slaying dragons, wins a battle with a hideous troll by using her wits.

- ms/hs **Dickens, Charles adapted by** *Great Expectations* PN,LMN
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 160p 32.45 978-1-4205-0372-2 Classic Graphic Novel Collection
Graphic novel adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale of an orphan taken from poverty and given the opportunities of a gentleman. A coming of age novel, lavishly illustrated and accessible for younger readers.
- elm/ms **Diterlizzi, Tony** *The Search for WondLa* RZ,LMN
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2010 468p 17.99 978-1-4169-8310-1
Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features "augmented reality" pages in which readers with a web cam can access additional information about Eva Nine's world.
- ms/hs **Dogar, Sharon** *Annexed* TW,LMN
Houghton 2010 341p 17.00 978-0-547-50195-6
Based on Anne Frank's diary, Peter relates the story from his perspective. The last quarter follows Peter to the concentration camps and an epilogue relates the true ending for all of the characters. One of the best of the Holocaust literature books.
- hs **Dolamore, Jaclyn** *Magic Under Glass* MD,LF
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 225p 16.99 978-1-59990-430-6
Nimira has been hired to sing with a robot who plays the piano. All she has to do is learn the songs but something strange is happening. Every time she stands next to the robot she has the feeling it is trying to communicate!
- ms/hs **Doman, Kate (adapted by)** *Crash* JT,MS
Saddleback 2011 50p 5.50 978-1-61651-283-5 The Heights (Saddleback)
A family flying in a private plane crash land in the desert during a storm. This is the story of their survival and eventual rescue. For reluctant teen readers.
- * ms/hs **Drake, Jane and Ann Love** *Yes You Can* CK,LMN
Tundra Books 2010 136p 12.95 978-0-88776-942-9
This is a primer for students who want to make a difference, covering everything from how to organize a meeting to mastering negotiation skills, with lots of examples and timelines for actual campaigns.
- ms/hs **Duane, Diane** *A Wizard of Mars (Young Wizards)* SO,PN
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 550p 18.00 978-0-15-204770-2
In this ninth book in the *Young Wizards* series, Nita and Kit return to that most special place in Kit's heart: Mars. Always fascinated by the Red Planet, Kit has been invited to join the team that has found the Martian version of a "message in the bottle."
- hs **Dunkle, Clare B.** *The House of Dead Maids* MD,TW
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 146p 15.99 978-0-8050-9116-8
Tabby Aykroyd tells the strange tale of a her time as a nanny to a poor orphan boy at a ghost-filled mansion with bizarre rituals and ceremonies.
- * hs **Durst, Claudia, book editor** *Social & Psychological Disorder in the Works of Edgar Allan Poe* LMN,PN
Greenhaven Press see 2010 163p 26.50 978-0-7377-5017-1 Social Issues in Literature(Gale)
Comprised of eighteen articles that detail the life of Edgar Allan Poe and how his mental illness and life events factored into his writing. An excellent addition to literary criticism especially the connection to social issues of the times. Grades 8-12.
- elm/ms **Edge, Laura B.** *Hilary Duff: Celebrity with Heart* CFM,LMN
Enslow 2010 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3404-4 Celebrities with Heart(Enslow)
"A biography of American actress and singer Hilary Duff that discusses her childhood, career, charity work, and other related topics."
- hs **Elkeles, Simone** *Rules of Attraction* LMN,SO
Walker & Co 2010 326p 16.99 978-0-8027-2085-6
Carlos is remanded to live with a college professor and his family after being set up in a drug search at high school. Carlos, a bit of a smart aleck and no fan of rules, learns about love as he falls for the daughter of the professor. A feel good novel. Grades 8-12.
- * ms/hs **Ellis, Deborah** *No Safe Place* MS,JT
Groundwood see Douglas 2010 208p 16.95 978-0-88899-973-3
Three teenagers from different challenging backgrounds meet and fight tremendous odds to reach freedom! One is a survivor of the war in Iraq, another escapes the sordid world of prostitution and finally, the third overcomes childhood in Communist Russia.
- ms/hs **Ellsworth, Loretta** *In a Heartbeat* TW,RZ,JT
Walker & Co 2010 216p 16.99 978-0-8027-2068-9
Told in alternating chapters, two teens reveal what happens when Eagan loses her life in the ice rink and Amelia receives her heart as an organ donation. When Amelia starts to take on the characteristics of Eagan, she is determined to meet the heart donor's family.
- adult **Elton, Charles** *Mr. Toppit* HW,MD
Other Press 2010 388p 15.95 978-159051390-3
Luke shares his name with the protagonist of his father's wildly popular children's book series. His sister Rachel doesn't appear in any of her father's work. Both children are devastated by their father's choices.
- hs **Engdahl, Sylvia** *War* PN,LM
Greenhaven Press see 2010 221p 39.70 978-0-7377-4949-6 Issues on Trial (Gale/Cengage)
Twenty essays, including majority and dissenting opinions, providing information on four Supreme Court cases related to war and varying perspectives on the rulings.
- ms/hs **Engle, Margarita** *The Firefly Letters* MD,TW
Henry Holt 2010 151p 16.99 978-0-8050-9082-6
It is 1851 and Frederika Bremer is a writer and a woman on a mission for women's rights. She is looking for a simple place to stay in Cuba so that she can write. What she finds there will change the lives of two women and give her insight into what women need to do to liberate themselves.

- hs **Enslar, Eve** *I Am An Emotional Creature* TW,CK
Villard Books/Random 2010 148p 20.00 978-1-4000-6104-4
Eve Enslar, author of The Vagina Monologues, gives voice to girls of all colors, creeds, and nationalities as they cope with various social and political issues.
- ms/hs **Flight Comics** *Flight Volume Seven* MD,PN
Villard Books/Random 2010 282p 27.00 978-0-345-51737-1
Flight Volume Seven is an excellent collection of open ended graphic short stories. Each one is better than the last. Students will enjoy all the stories.
- ms/hs **Flores-Galbis, Enrique** *90 Miles To Havana* LMN,PN
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 292p 17.99 978-1-59643-168-3
Three brothers are sent out of Cuba in 1961 to a Pedro Pan camp in Florida. After running away, Julian is taken in by an older Cuban. They help 14 others escape Castro's Cuba. The harsh life of a young immigrant is heartbreaking. Grades 4-9
- hs/adult **Fortier, Anne** *Juliet* LM,LMN
Ballantine see Random 2010 447p 25.00 978-0-345-51610-7
A dramatically written historical novel that tells the story of a young woman who tries to discover her identity and the legacy that links her back to literature's greatest star-crossed lovers Romeo & Juliet.
- ms/hs **Foster, Alan Dean** *The Human Blend* LM,HW
Ballantine see Random 2010 226p 26.00 978-0-345-51197-3
This is a near-future adventure thriller that is full of quirky and real characters that will keep the readers spellbound throughout the book. It is a world where prosthetic parts and implants are the name of the game.
- ms **Fradin, Brindell Brindell &** *Borrowing* HW,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 64p 32.79 978-1-60970-122-3 Money Smart(MC)
Provides a comprehensive introduction to money lending and borrowing.
- ms **Fradin, Brindell Brindell &** *Investing* HW,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 64p 32.79 978-1-60970-124-7 Money Smart(MC)
Provides an introduction to financial investments ranging from descriptions of stock offerings, stock markets, inflation, and mutual funds through a brief history of the events leading up to the current recession.
- ms/hs **Frank, Ana** *Diary of Ana Frank (Spanish version)* MD,ALL
Vintage see Random 2010 376p 13.00 978-0-307-47568-8
The Spanish translation of the classic book Diary of Anne Frank. A very good addition to your Spanish collection.
- * all ages **Freedman, Russell** *Lafayette and the American Revolution* LM,SO
Holiday House 2010 88p 24.95 978-0-8234-2182-4
This is a well written story of Lafayette who joined George Washington during the winter at Valley Forge.
- * ms/hs **Freedman, Russell** *The War to End All Wars: World War I* PN,LMN
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 176p 22.00 978-0-547-02686-2
Through photos and first person narratives combined with well-researched documentary, this more-than-a-photo-essay explores the causes, duration, and aftermath of World War I.
- elm/ms **Gallagher, Diana G.** *Advice About Friends* JT,MD
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 23.32 978-1-4342-1906-0 Claudia Cristina Cortez
Using the name and format of the *Claudia Cristina Cortez* fiction stories, this title gives advice to middle school students on dealing with the ups and downs of making and keeping friends.
- elm/ms **Garofoli, Wendy** *Hip-Hop Culture* MS,JT
Capstone Publishers 2010 48p 22.65 978-1-4296-4016-9 Velocity: hip-hop world
While primarily focused on the culture of hip-hop, this book includes a description of the history of hip-hop, biographical snippets about the most famous performers, definitions of the most common terms, and timelines of the most significant events in a period of music that has endured.
- ms/hs **George-Warren, Holly** *The Cowgirl Way* RZ,LM
Houghton 2010 112p 18.00 978-0-618-73738-3
Discusses the origins of the cowgirl in the form of sharpshooters, outlaws, legislators, wranglers, and performers who helped settle the American West.
- * ms/hs **Gleitzman, Morris** *Once* PN,SO
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 163p 16.99 978-0-8050-9026-0
Felix, a gifted storyteller, forsakes the safety of the Catholic orphanage to search for his parents in 1942 war-torn Poland. Each chapter chronicles his growing awareness of Nazi atrocities and the plight of Jewish citizens during the Holocaust.
- hs **Glidden, Sarah** *How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less* SO,MD
DC Comics see Random 2010 206p 28.99 978-1-4012-2233-8
Sarah Glidden, a secular American Jew, takes a Birthright trip to Israel that will upset her preconceived notions. These free trips are designed to show young Jews from around the world what life is like in modern Israel. Well-written and moving, this graphic novel will keep the reader hooked from beginning to end. Glidden's watercolor illustrations are accurate to the places described and add much flavor to this travelogue of self-identification and discovery.
- ms/hs **Goodstein, Madeline** *Plastics and Polymers Science Fair Projects, Revised and Expanded Using the* SO,LM
Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3412-9 Chemistry Science Projects
In this updated and revised edition that includes use of the scientific method, the author provides information on choosing and planning a science experiment using ordinary plastics. Excellent open-ended experiments are included.
- elm/ms **Gordon, Amy** *Twenty Gold Falcons* JT,MS
Holiday House 2010 216p 16.95 978-0-8234-2252-4
Aiden, a seventh grade girl, searches for a stash of gold coins hidden in an old hotel. She is helped by friends and several generations of people associated with the hotel. This is a mystery with historical background.
- * ms **Gosselink, John** *The Defense of Thaddeus A. Ledbetter* JT,MS
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 unpp 14.95 978-0-8109-8977-1
Thaddeus is confined to In-School-Suspension and defends his actions by writing that he was only trying to improve the school and help the principal. It is presented in the format of notes, discipline referrals, letters, and evaluations.

- hs **Grant, Vicki** *Comeback* LMN,MS
Orca 2010 132p 9.95 978-1-55469-310-8
Ria's father disappears and is presumed dead when his small plane crashes. His swindles of friends' and relatives' money through his stock brokerage business leaves Ria in turmoil. She and her small brother run away with disastrous results. Grades 8+
- hs/adult **Gravett, Christopher** *Knight: Noble Warrior of England 1200-1600* JT,LMN
Osprey Graphic History 2010 288p 19.95 978-1-84908-138-2
Describes how knights evolved over four centuries of English and European history, the battles they fought, their lives both in peacetime and on campaign, their weapons, armor, and clothing, and the fascinating code and mythology of chivalry.
- ms/hs **Grice, Gordon** *Deadly Kingdom* TW,MD
Dial see Random 2010 325p 27.00 978-0-385-3362-1
Grice reports, in conversational tones, about the darker side of the animal kingdom. Like seeing a car accident, you want to look away but must keep reading. Section on further reading and index.
- ms/hs **Hamilton, Janet** *C.S. Lewis: Twentieth Century Pilgrim* LM,SO
Morgan Reynolds 2010 128p 28.95 978-1-59935-112-4
This book is an excellent retelling of the life of C.S. Lewis who has left a legacy in his writing: "books that have instructed, provoked, and enchanted people for many decades and continue to reach new readers today."
- * elm/ms **Hanel, Rachael** *Life As A Knight* MS,CK
Capstone Publishers 2010 112p 29.32 978-1-4296-4026-8 You Choose: Historical Eras
One learns by navigating through the pages of this book that life as a knight was overly romanticized. A knight worked hard, did his duty to protect his land, and fought to expand the Christian empire! Children will enjoy reading about the various jobs of the knight and they will enjoy the mystery in discovering what happens on the path they have chosen to follow.
- ms/hs **Hart, Christopher** *Cartoon Cute Animals* MS,LM
Watson-Guptill (see Random) 2010 160p 21.99 978-0-8230-8556-9
Creativity abounds, both in the writing and in the presentation of the drawing lessons in this book! Illustrations of all types of animals warm your heart and make you laugh as you learn how to draw each potential comic book or cartoon character.
- all ages **Hart, Christopher** *Manga for the Beginner Chibis* LMN,MD,LM
Watson-Guptill (see Random) 2010 192p 21.99 978-0-8230-1488-0
Chibis are super-cute characters in Japanese comics. Instructions on how to draw their bodies, clothes, accessories, action poses, and their environment are shown in detail. Comparisons to manga show the distinct differences. A must for all collections.
- ms/hs **Hart, Christopher** *Shoujo: Manga for Beginners* TW,LM
Watson-Guptill (see Random) 2010 192p 21.99 978-0-8230-3329-4
This title presents fundamental art techniques for the Shoujo type of manga graphics that targets mainly female characters. It is a vibrantly colorful book that will teach the beginner how to draw these characters. Includes a table of contents and an index.
- adult **Harvell, Richard** *The Bells* HW,PN
Crown see Random 2010 371p 24.00 978-0-307-59052-7
Nikolai is the son of a castrato. After his father Moses dies, he finds the book his father wrote to explain Nikolai's existence.
- hs **Harvey, Alyxandra** *Hearts at Stake (The Drake Chronicles)* MD,TW
Walker & Co 2010 250p 9.99 978-0-8027-2047-0
Solange is the first female vampire born to a very powerful vampire family. Legend says that the first female born will rule the clan but Solange has no intentions of ruling anything but her own life, thank you very much. However, as her sixteenth birthday draws near, offers for her hand in marriage pour in.
- hs **Harvey, Sarah N.** *Death Benefits* HW,LF
Orca 2010 212p 12.95 978-1-55469-226-2
Royce scarcely knows his grandfather Arthur, a world-renowned cellist, and a world-class grouch. When Royce accepts the job of providing care for his grandfather, he is surprised to discover a genuine liking for Arthur -- who poses Royce with a serious ethical dilemma when he asks Royce to help him to die.
- elm/ms **Hawkins, Aaron** *The Year Money Grew on Trees* CK,HW
Houghton 2010 293p 16.00 978-0-547-27977-0
This is a heartwarming and humor-filled story about a boy who takes over an apple orchard and makes it productive against all odds.
- ms/hs **Hengel, Katherine** *Wings* JT,MS
Saddleback 2011 50p 5.50 978-1-61651-280-4 District 13 (Saddleback)
Excellent outfielder Angel is injured in a game when he wants to impress a college scout. He learns that it is possible to recover and get another chance with the scout.
- ms/hs **Henry, April** *Girl Stolen* TW,LF
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 213p 16.99 978-0-8050-9005-5
Cheyenne is 16, blind, and has pneumonia. When Griffin, also a teen, steals the car not knowing she is in the back seat, the story develops into a kidnapping. Griffin's dad, a criminal, discovers that Cheyenne's dad is head of Nike. This page turner follows the relationship between the two teens as Cheyenne tries to escape and Griffin becomes her protector.
- ms **Hillstrom, Laurie Collier** *Online Social Networks* HW,CK
Lucent Books see 2010 96p 33.45 978-1-4205-0167-4 Technology 360 (Cengage)
Traces the development of online communities and speculates on the impact these websites hold for the future.
- elm/ms **Hirsch, Rebecca E.** *Top 50 Reasons to Care About Polar Bears:* PN,TS
Enslow 2010 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-3458-7 Top 50 Reasons to Care About
An overview and interesting facts about the largest of North America's endangered species. Readers are given 50 reasons to care about the polar bear and specific things that they can do to help.
- ms/hs **Hoffman, Mary** *City of Ships (Stravaganza)* SO,JT
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 356p 17.99 978-1-59990-491-7
In this newest addition to the *Stravaganza* series, Isabel is another student at Barnsbury Comp who becomes a stravaganti after the discovery of her personal talisman. This sprightly written and exciting time travel adventure is utterly fascinating, offering both fantasy and suspenseful historical fiction in a Byzantine plot very redolent of Renaissance Italy of the de Medicis and with engaging characters.

- ms/jr **Holt, Kimberly Willis** *The Water Seeker* LM,RZ
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 301p 16.99 978-0-8050-8020-9
Young Amos had to decide if his special talent was a gift or a trap according to his father. This story shows the struggles pioneers had to suffer as they settled further West.
- elm/ms **Ignatow, Amy** *The Popularity Papers* SO,MD
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 207p 15.95 978-0-8109-8421-9
This book, written as a dual journal, tells the tale of two fifth-grade girls who decide to "crack the code of popularity" and figure how they may achieve this measure of success before they reach the sanctified halls of middle school. All their observations are done in their shared journal in which they both write and comment on each other's thoughts.
- ms **Ingold, Jeanette** *Paper Daughter* MD,TW
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 210p 17.00 978-0-15-205507-3
Just before Maggie starts her internship at the newspaper, her father's tragic death has placed a burden on her heart. Then, as she begins to go through his papers, she discovers that the family she thought she had is not real. Her father lied to her. Now angry and upset at the turn of events, Maggie must make sense of her life as it relates to her father.
- * hs/adult **Iverson, Annemarie** *In Fashion: From Runway to Retail, Everything you Need to Know to Break into* LMN,PN
Potter Craft see Random 2010 324p 16.99 978-0-307-46383-8
If you are interested in a career in the fashion industry, this is THE book to have. If you are interested in the ins and outs of the fashion industry, this is a [must read](#). Interview tips, training, biographies of famous people, interviews with famous people. Gr 7-adult
- ms/hs **Jacob, Matthew & Mark** *What the Great Ate* LM,PN
Three Rivers Press see 2010 310p 14.00 978-0-307-46195-7
A fascinating smorgasbord of culinary oddities of famous and not so famous people throughout history. The book proves that food is often much more than an edible creation.
- elm/ms **Jankowski, Susan** *True wilderness Rescue Stories* JT,HW
Enslow 2010 48p 21.26 978-0-7660-3666-6 True Rescue Stories (Enslow)
Five thrilling short stories of wilderness rescues. Additional information for safe survival in similar situations is included.
- * hs/adult **Janmohamed, Shelina Zahra** *Love In A Headscarf* LF,MD
Beacon Press 2010 257p 15.00 978-0-8070-0080-9
A beautifully written memoir that not only discusses arranged marriage and love, but presents Muslim society, family, and Islamic faith with honesty and humor. A wonderful antidote for so much of today's negative view of the Muslim world.
- ms/hs **Jinks, Catherine** *Living Hell* PN,CK
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 256p 17.00 978-0-15-206193-7
Cheney has lived all his life aboard the Plexus in search of an inhabitable planet. But, his predictable and regimented life comes to an abrupt halt when the ship passes through a radiation belt and becomes a living organism, bent on destroying all aboard.
- ms/hs **Jinks, Catherine** *The Genius Wars* CK,PN
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 378p 17.00 978-0-15-206619-2
In this third book in the *Genius* trilogy, Cadel must beat the criminal Prosper English, his former foster father, at his own game in order to save the people who he loves the most.
- hs/adult **Johanson, Paula** *World Poetry - "Evidence of Life"* MS,JT
Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3280-4 Poetry Rocks (Enslow)
This volume of poetry contains the life stories of peoples of the world including the Babylonians, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Russians, Italians, and Indians, written by the most famous poets since earliest times when oral tradition was the way to tell a story.
- ms/hs **Johns, Geoff and Ethan Van** *Flash Rebirth* MD,LM
DC Comics see Random 2010 unpag 19.99 978-1-4012-2568-1
Beautifully illustrated graphic novel about the Flash's rebirth. After having been missing for so many years, Flash returns but with his return there seems to be something wrong. All the Flash heroes are experiencing unnatural accelerations that in fact kills a few of them. How to stop this phenomena?
- ms/hs **Jones, Jen** *Oprah Winfrey* RZ,LM
Enslow 2010 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3406-8 Celebrities with Heart(Enslow)
A biography of American media personality Oprah Winfrey that discusses her childhood, early television career, popular show, charitable work, and other related topics.
- ms/hs **Katz, Jon** *Rose in a Storm* TW,LM
Villard Books/Random 2010 217p 24.00 978-0-345-50265-0
Katz, who wrote so eloquently about Bedlam Farm and its inhabitants, especially his beloved dogs, has now written a novel about the struggles of a small farm as seen through the perspective of a sheep herding dog.
- elm/ms **Kelly, Bernadette** *Courage to Ride (Ridgeview Riding Club)* HW,LM
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 138p 23.99 978-1-4342-1931-2
Annie Boyd's dream of owning her own horse has come true -- but secretly she is scared of riding or falling.
- hs **Kelly, Tara** *Harmonic Feedback* HW,MS
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 280p 16.99 978-0-8050-9010-9
When Drea and her mother move in with her grandmother, she finds that she can have real friends in spite of her Asperger's and that having a boyfriend for the first time does not guarantee happiness.
- ms/hs **Kerrigan, Michael** *Egyptians* CK,HW
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 64p 26.22 978-1-60870-064-6 Ancients in Their Own Words
Several steles and tablets dating from ancient Egypt are described in detail and placed in the context of historical events.
- ms **Kerrigan, Michael** *Mesopotamians* HW,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 64p 32.79 978-1-60870-066-0 Ancients in Their Own Words
Primary sources bring ancient the ancient civilization of Mesopotamia to life.
- elm/ms **Keyser, Amber J.** *Decoding Genes with Max Axion Super Scientist* CK,SO
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 27.99 978-1-4296-3976-7 Graphic Science (Capstone)
In cartoon format, this book offers a basic explanation of genetics and heredity.

- hs/adult **Kieth, Sam** *Arkham Asylum Madness* LMN,LM
DC Comics see Random 2010 unpag 19.99 978-1-4012-2337-3
- Wow - what a Hitchcockian tour de force! The Arkham Asylum is where Batman's evil doers have been jailed. The Joker is wreaking havoc on those who staff the asylum. Outstanding grim graphics with flashes of color add punch. The eyes say it all! Gr. 8+.
- elm/ms **Kinney, Jeff** *The Ugly Truth (Diary of a Wimpy Kid)* MD,CK
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 218p 13.95 978-0-8109-8491-2
- Greg has had a falling out with his ex-best friend Rowley and school is about to begin. How is he ever going to get his friendship with Rowley back on track? Greg is also trying to figure out how growing up will change him especially when he doesn't want to change yet.
- elm/ms **Kinney, Jeff** *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary* CK,RZ
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 199p 14.95 978-0-8109-9616-8
- This is an account of the making of the *Wimpy Kid* movie in 2009 from beginning to end. There are lots of details from the points of view of the actors and lots of pictures reminiscent of the books themselves. For fans who have seen the movie only.
- elm/ms **Klise, Kate** *Grounded* MS,JT
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 196p 16.99 978-0-312-57039-2
- Mother and daughter must learn to cope with loss and that is the theme of the book! However, during their spiritual journey toward acceptance of death, they deal with unique jobs, family members, and small-town turmoil.
- ms **Koertge, Ron** *Shakespeare Makes the Playoff* PN,LMN
Candlewick Press 2010 169p 15.99 978-0-7636-4435-2
- In this novel-in-verse sequel to *Shakespeare Bats Cleanup*, Kevin Boland continues his writing career, reads his first poems at open mike night, and deals with his attraction to two girls, and the reality that his widowed father has started dating.
- ms/hs **Koontz, Dean** *Odd Is On Our Side* MD,LF
Ballantine see Random 2010 186p 10.99 978-0-345-51560-5
- Odd Thomas sees dead people. Usually that means something is wrong or about to go wrong. The problem is how to discover where it is going to go wrong and how can he stop it from harming anyone.
- elm/ms **Kuskowski, Alex** *Line Up* HW,LM
Saddleback 2011 50p 5.50 978-1-61651-279-8 District 13 (Saddleback)
- Daniel gets a fresh start in sports but his past threatens his bright new future.
- elm/ms **LaFevers, R.L.** *Theodosia and the eyes of Horos* LM,SO
Houghton 2010 375p 16.00 978-0-547-22592-0
- Theodosia Throckmorton's parents run the Museum of Legends and Antiquities in London in the year 1907. It is her job to help her parents with the acquisitions department. Or, in more exact terms, she must keep magic from running amuck in the museum.
- ms/hs **Landon, Kristen** *The Limit* MS,JT
Aladdin see Simon Schuster 2010 304p 15.99 978-1-4424-0271-3
- Matt must find a way to help his family curb its spending in this futuristic novel. When Matt is locked up in a government facility for children who have been seized to work off their family's debt, he must be smarter than his supervisors and find out why his fellow workers are getting sick.
- * ms/hs **Lane, Andrew** *Death Cloud (Sherlock Holmes: The Legend Begins)* LM,SO
Farrar Strauss 2010 309p 16.99 978-0-374-38767-9
- This is the first book of a series that tries to account for how Sherlock Holmes grew up to be the detective he was. The book has been authorized by the estate of Arthur Conan Doyle.
- ms/hs **Lang, Diane & Michael** *Fat Boy Chronicles* MD,TW
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 222p 9.95 978-1-58536-543-2
- The ninth grade journal of a fat boy. Jimmy has just entered ninth grade and what should be the best year of his life turns into the most miserable because the bully of the school has it out for him. It is how Jimmy handles this horrible and difficult situation that will make a difference in his life.
- hs **Lasky, Kathryn** *Chasing Orion* HW,CFM
Candlewick Press 2010 362 17.99 978-0-7636-3982-2
- The polio epidemic, sweeping through Indiana in the summer of 1952, takes on a human face for 11-year-old Georgie, when she moves next door to Phyllis, a teen polio victim.
- ms **Lazar, Carole** *Lucy Unstrung* MD,CK
Tundra Books 2010 240p 12.95 978-0-88776-963-4
- Lucy's mom is taking exercise classes and has found a new friend in Gina. Lucy and her dad feel that Gina is not only taking too much of her mom's time but also giving her bad advice and now her mom wants to take time away from the family and be on her own.
- hs **Llanas, Sheila Griffin** *Contemporary American Poetry* LMN,MS
Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 978-0-7660-3279-8 Poetry Rocks (Enslow)
- Includes poems with criticism related to poetic style and technique on specific poems by Roethke, Bishop, Stafford, Lowell, Brooks, Wilbur, Ginsberg, Merwin, Plath, and Collins. A quick way to gain insight into contemporary poems and poets. Grades 9 up.
- hs/adult **Lockpez, Inverna** *Cuba: My Revolution* MD,CK
DC Comics see Random- 2010 unpag 24.99 9781401222178
- Sonya was 17, living Cuba, on December 31, 1958. She was getting ready to celebrate the New Year. She was also watchful. Fidel Castro, at this point was hiding in the mountains, was waiting to overthrow the corrupt government. To Sonya, this meant her country would be free of TYRANNY!!!! But she never expected what happened next.
- hs **Lynch, Chris** *Angry Young Man* PN,MS
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 176p 16.99 978-0-68984-790-5
- Older brother Robert narrates this compelling tale of his impoverished family, but it mostly concerns his younger brother Alexander (Xan) who has become involved with a radical group advocating violence as a means to their ends.
- ms/hs **Lynch, Janet Nichols** *Addicted to Her* MD,SO
Holiday House 2010 220p 17.95 978-0-8234-2186-2
- Monique is just beautiful and, in Rafa's eyes, can do no wrong. She is an angel...but she has a side that he does not want to recognize and finds disconcerting. Then, as much in love as he is, he begins to see things he does not like but still believes he can overcome them or can he?

- * ms/hs **Macaulay, David** *Built to Last* SO,LM
Houghton 2010 272p 24.99 978-0-547-34240-5
This spectacular compendium combines three of David Macaulay's books, *Castle*, *Cathedral*, and *Mosque* into one volume. It offers a greatly amplified and fully colored version of the originals rather than just a simple reprint of the earlier books.
- ms/hs **MacHale, D.J.** *Morpheus Road: The Light* JT,MD
Aladdin see Simon Schuster 2010 352p 17.99 978-1-4169-6516-9
Like ghost stories, try living one! (from the promotional trailer) Marshall Seaver loves to draw. One of his characters comes to life and is trying to kill him. Marsh thinks it is connected to the disappearance of his best friend and tries to solve the mystery.
- ms/hs **MacKay, Jenny** *Robots* CK,HW
Lucent Books see 2010 104p 33.45 978-1-4205-0168-1 Technology 360 (Cengage)
This book discusses the origins and development of robots and their use in the present-day world.
- hs **Madigan, L.K.** *The Mermaid's Mirror* HW,LM
Houghton 2010 313p 16.00 978-0-547-19491-2
A look into a mermaid's mirror changes Lena's life forever.
- adult **Malzieu, Mathias** *The Boy with the Cuckoo-Clock Heart* MS,JT
Alfred Knopf see Random 2010 172p 22.95 978-0-307-27168-6 college
Armed only with his cuckoo-clock heart and his determination to win over traveling singer Miss Acacia, Jack tries but loses her when she finds the reality of love with Jack to be too difficult. Despite receiving a new heart, he learns too late one of life's truths. We cannot protect ourselves from love's painful side.
- elm/ms **Manning, Matthew/ Ricardo** *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* MD,LMN
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 72p 26.65 978-1-4342-1988-6 Graphic Revolve: (Stone Arch)
This is a graphic novel of the very popular fairy tale of Ali Baba and the forty thieves.
- hs **Marchetta, Melina** *Finnikin of the Rock* HW,LF,SO
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 399 18.99 978-0-7636-4361-4
Finnikin champions Evanjalín when Sir Tophér convinces him that she can lead them to the rightful heir of Lumatere.
- second **McMann, Lisa** *Cryer's Cross* LF,SO
Simon Pulse see Simon & 2011 240p 16.99 978-1-4169-9481-7
Two young students from the small, fictional town of Cryer's Cross, Montana, go missing. Kendall, an OCD senior who attends the one room high school begins to question the mysterious writing she finds as she compulsively arranges the classroom every day and the 'voices' in her head. The new boy in town, Jacian, an avid soccer player just like Kendall, eventually helps Kendall to solve the question of the two missing students in this supernatural mystery.
- elm/ms **McMullan, Kate** *School! Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elem. School* CK,JT
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 149p 12.99 978-0-312-37592-8
The story revolves around the silly, wordplay names of its characters, which are very clever.
- * hs **McMullan, Margaret** *Sources of Light* LMN,CK
Houghton 2010 233p 16.00 978-0-547-07659-1
Set in 1962 in Mississippi, Sam's photography makes relatives, teachers, and neighbors uneasy as she documents abuses during the civil rights movement. Powerful reading that captures the time period and conflicts perfectly. Grades 7-12.
- elm/ms **Menhard, Francha Roffe** *Inhalants* PN,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4350-6 Drug Facts(MC)
An overview of inhalants and how they affect the body and brain. This volume also includes the legal aspects of inhalant abuse and the treatment of inhalant addiction.
- ms/hs **Meyer, Carolyn** *The Bad Queen: Rules and Instructions for Marie Antoinette* LM,PN
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 420p 18.00 978-0-15-206376-4
This is the story of the young Austrian princess who leaves home at the age of fourteen to marry the Dauphin of France. Her life is not easy as she tries to please her mother and follow the endless Rules of Etiquette at Versailles.
- ms **Meyer, L.A.** *The Wake of Lorelei Lee* JT,CFM
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 554p 17.00 978-0-547-32768-6
Jacky Faber is off on more adventures and always seems to escape from the most dire circumstances. This time, her ship is taken over by the Crown and used to transport women to the penal colony in Australia.
- ms/hs **Milford, Kate** *The Boneshaker* LM,SO
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 372p 17.00 978-0-547-24187-6
Crossroads mean choices must be made. This is very true of the crossroads outside the town of Arcane, Missouri in 1913. Natalie's love of machinery lead her to investigate the strange supernatural events that occur when a medicine show makes the choice to come to town. This is a story of family, courage, and facing your problems.
- ms/hs **Miller, Debra A., book editor** *Nuclear Energy* LMN,CK
Greenhaven Press see 2010 237p 27.50 978-0-7377-4918-2 Current Controversies#4
A compilation of articles, the majority written in the last two years, present the pros and cons of using nuclear energy as a power source. Excellent index, organizations to contact, and author credentials make this a first source for reports and debates. Gr 6+.
- ms **Miller, Mara** *Remembering September 11, 2001: What We Know Now* HW,LM
Enslow 2010 112 31.93 978-0-7660-2931-6 Issues in Focus Today(Enslow)
Revisits the events of the terrorist hijackings of four U.S. airplanes on September 11, 2001 and places these in historical context.
- hs/adult **Moon, Elizabeth** *Oath of Fealty* HW,SG
Ballantine see Random 2010 471p 25.00 978-0-345-50874-4
Author Elizabeth Moon revisits Paksenarrion Dorthansdotter's world, focusing on the many people affected by her actions in the trilogy and prequels originally published 20 years ago.
- ms/hs **Mooney, Carla** *Investigating the Mafia* HW,LMN
Lucent Books see 2010 112p 33.45 97801-4205-0212-1 Crime Scene Investigations
Unlike most types of criminal investigations, Mafia cases focus on the organized crime group rather than one specific crime.

- * ms/hs **Mull, Brandon** *A World without Heroes (Beyonders)* MS,JT
Aladdin see Simon Schuster 2011 464p 19.99 978-1-4169-9792-4
Jason enters another world in which he must procure the seven syllables of a word created to bring on the demise of Maldor, the ruthless emperor of Lyrian. The book is about his journey to find each syllable and the wonderful characters he meets along the way.
- ms **Mullarkey, Lisa** *Cheerleading Basics* CK,LMN
Enslow 2010 48 23.93 978-0-7660-3536-2 Ready, Set, Cheer! (Enslow)
All the basic moves and skills of cheerleading are outlined.
- hs **Nadol, Jen** *The Mark* LMN,PN
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 228p 16.99 978-1-59990-431-3
Cassie sees a glow around people who will die within 24 hours. Riveting reading with fully developed characters amid a discussion of end of life. Is Cassie a descendent of one of the three Fates of myth? How does she handle this gift/curse? Grades 8 and up.
- ms **Nardo, Don** *Bull Run to Gettysburg: Early Battles of the Civil War* MS,JT
Compass Point 2011 64p 33.32 978-0-7565-4368-6 Civil War (Compass Point)
Causes, strengths, and weaknesses of both the Union and the Confederacy, with important battles, and innovative uses of ships and manpower, brilliant strategies and poor decisions are highlighted.
- ms/hs **Newquist, HHP** *Here There Be Monsters: The Legendary Kracken and the Giant Squid* LM,SO
Houghton 2010 73p 18.00 978-0-547-07678-2
This is the story of the mythical monsters (Kracken) from ages past and the recent discovery of the giant squid. The book nicely ties in the occurrences of this monster throughout literature (*Moby Dick* and *20,000 Leagues Under The Sea*).
- ms/hs **Nichols, Lee** *Deception (Haunting Emma series)* LM,LMN
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 326p 9.99 978-1-59990-421-4
This is a psychological ghostly thriller for young adults that interweaves the thoughts of Emma Vaille and what her parents never told her about her ability to see, hear, and talk with ghosts.
- * ms/hs **Nolan, Han** *Crazy* PN,CK
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 348p 17.00 978-0-15-205109-9
Is Jason crazy? He hears voices in his head. But maybe that is only logical, after the death of his mother and becoming the caregiver for his mentally unstable father. Can he find help in a therapy group at school?
- hs **O'Brien, Caragh M.** *Birth Marked* MD,PN
Roaring Press see Millbrook 2010 362p 16.99 978-1-59643-569-8
In 2930, the world has changed and now the people who live inside the walls are called the Enclave and the unfortunate people who were not selected to go behind the wall are called the outsiders and live in poverty. However, the Enclave committed an error as they didn't take in enough people and now they have a grave problem with their lack of children.
- ms/hs **O'Keefe, Sherry** *From China to America: The Story of Amy Tan* LMN,CK
Morgan Reynolds 2010 128p 28.95 978-1-59935-138-4 World Writers (Morgan)##7
An intimate glimpse of Amy Tan's life, the events that influenced her writing, her writing style, and the process of writing. Compelling reading that can be enjoyed by a casual reader, or used by a researcher studying feminism or doing literary analysis. Gr. 7+
- ms **O'Keefe, Sherry** *Spin: the story of Michael Jackson* HW,LF
Morgan Reynolds 2011 144p 28.95 978-1-59935-134-6
Biography of music icon Michael Jackson.
- hs/adult **O'Keefe, Susan Heyboer** *Frankenstein's Monster* TW,MD
Three Rivers Press see 2010 344p 15.00 978-0-307-71732-0
This novel is a sequel that takes place ten years after the original. The monster is more articulate and sensitive now and is being pursued by the explorer Walton to avenge the death of Victor Frankenstein. The "monster" seeks his own revenge and romance, suspense, and horror ensue in this gothic page turner that explores the meaning of humanity.
- * ms/hs **Oliver, Mary** *Swan: Poems and Prose Poems* LF,LMN
Beacon Press 2010 60p 23.00 978-0-8070-68899-1
Mary Oliver's poetry speaks to the soul. *Today* reveals the beauty in a dark day, while *The Poet Dreams of the Classroom* is every child in us remembering what it was like to sit in a classroom, wishing and praying to be doing anything else.
- * ms/hs **Omololu, C. J.** *Dirty Little Secrets* LMN,TW
Walker & Co 2010 212p 16.99 978-0-8027-8660-9
Lucy takes showers in gyms. She hides her mother's hoarding, so severe that there are only tiny pathways from room to room with rotting food creating foul odors. When her mother dies, Lucy must keep the family secret with disastrous results. Grades 7 up.
- ms **Orlev, Uri** *The Song of the Whales* SO,MS
Houghton 2010 108p 16.00 978-0-547-25752-5
Mikha'el discovers that his paternal grandfather Raphael has a like soul. Happy in this new and satisfying connection, he is able to join his grandfather in the old man's dreams and share in many of his adventures and escapes. Beautifully and sensitively written, the relationship between grandchild and grandfather is a lovely thing expressed in simple evocative language.
- hs/adult **Paul, Donita K.** *Dragons of the Valley* JT,CK
Waterbrook 2010 370p 13.99 978-1-4000-7340-5
Tipper Schope and her artist friend, Bealomondore, try to prevent the enemy from seizing three important statues by hiding them in the Valley of the Dragon, while an evil creature makes its presence known in Chiril.
- ms/hs **Pauley, Kimberly** *Still Sucks To Be Me* MD,JT
Wizards of the Coast see 2010 374p 15.95 978-0-7869-5503
Mina has decided to join the undead but she never imagined that by doing so she would have to leave everything and everyone behind. This is so wrong and she must devise a way to keep her best friend from thinking she is dead and gone.
- hs **Pawlak, Mark, D. Lourie** *When We Were Countries : Poems and Stories by Outstanding High School* MD,CK
Hanging Loose Press 2010 279p 19.00 978-1-934909-05-8
A collection of poems and stories written by teens. All of the writings have been previously published in the *Hanging Loose* magazine that specializes in publishing the works high school students. In this collection you will find the best of the best.

- ms **Peacock, Shane** *The Secret Fiend (Boy Sherlock 4th Case)* LM,CK
Tundra Books 2010 244p 19.95 978-0-88776-853-8
Once again young Sherlock Holmes is thrust into a mystery. It is a sequel to the Eye of the Crow, Death in the Air, and Vanishing Girl.
- * hs **Pfeffer, Susan Beth** *This World We Live In* LM,LMN
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 239p 17.00 978-0-547-24804-2
This is a realistic novel about the survival of a family in a world where nothing else is left alive after the collision of a meteor with the moon. It is a world of haunting images and scary emotions.
- ms/hs **Plum-Ucci, Carol** *Fire Will Fall* LM,PN
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 485p 18.00 978-0-15-216562-8
Four teenagers are moved to an old mansion in the Pine Barrens of South Jersey so that they can recover from a terrorist attempt to poison the entire town of Trinity Falls. Events are fast paced, full of conflicts, and seat grabbing for the reader.
- * ms **Pogue, David** *Abby Carnelia's One & Only Magical Power* LM,SO
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 277p 15.99 978-1-59643-384-7
Abby Carnelia was a typical sixth grader. During dinner preparations, she discovered pulling on her ears would make a hard-boiled egg spin. Although the power was wimpy at best, Abby wanted to discover what other powers she might possibly possess. After much discussion, her parents send her to camp where she meets others with a variety of magical abilities.
- ms **Potter, Ellen** *The Kneebone Boy* LM,JT
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 282p 16.99 978-0-312-37772-4
The Hardscrabble children are weird. Their father paints portraits of deposed monarchs and deserts his kids when he goes away on a painting assignment. The adventures they have while their father is away will keep readers guessing about what's next.
- ms/hs **Preus, Margi** *Heart of a Samurai* MD,MS
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 301p 15.95 978-0-8109-8981-8
This fictionalized story is based on a true story, that of a Japanese teen in the 1800s. Having lost his father, Manjiro was forced to provide for his family as a fisherman. He was doing fairly well until the day of the storm that blew his boat off course and stranded him and two other fishermen on an island. That day his life changed forever.
- ms/hs **Princeton Review staff** *The Portable Guidance Counselor* LMN,CFM
Princeton Review (Random) 2010 258p 14.99 978-0-375-42936-1
Answers to questions about college admission are supplied by counselors about the "right fit," extracurricular activities, AP courses, finances, and the application process from beginning to end. For students in grades 7-12, this book will lessen anxiety.
- * ms/hs **Quimby, Laura** *The Carnival of Lost Souls* MS,JT
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 342p 16.95 978-0-8109-8980-1
When Jack's foster father tricks him into taking his place in an underground world of the walking dead, Jack must use his Houdini-like abilities to entertain the dead. He bides his time as he figures out how to escape and return to his life on earth.
- elm/ms **Ransome, James E.** *Gunner, Football Hero* MS,CFM
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2053-7
Football "wannabe" Gunner, tries to save the day for his football team, but throws an interception instead and his team loses. However, he shows the town and his classmates what dedication and practice can do for a misfit like himself.
- ms **Redmond, Shirley Raye** *Cities of Gold (Mysterious Encounters)* HW,LM
Kidhaven Press see 2010 48p 27.50 978-0-7377-5036-2
Mysterious Encounters
Man's quest for gold has led him on adventures worldwide.
- elm/ms **Rinaldi, Ann** *The Family Greene* LM,SO
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 250p 17.00 978-0-547-260067-9
Cornelia is the daughter of General Nathaniel Greene, second in command to George Washington during the Revolution. Since her mother was such a flirt, Cornelia struggles with the rumors concerning her father not being her real father.
- ms **Rinaldi, Ann** *The Last Full Measure* JT,MS
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2010 218p 17.00 978-0-547-38980-6
Vividly portrays life in the town of Gettysburg during the battle. With their family, Tacy and her brother David live through the dangers, fears, and aftermath of the battle.
- hs **Rosinsky, Natalie M.** *Graphic Content! The Culture of Comic Book* LM,LMN
Compass Point 2010 64p 31.99 978-0-7565-4241-2
Pop Culture Revolutions
This is the story of the evolution of comic strips into a worldwide industry that has great influence over readers. It shows how many comic book characters and stories have found their way into TV, movies, games, and other industries as well as the printed page.
- ms **Rushdie, Salman** *Luka and the Fire of Life* CK,MD
Random 2010 218p 25.00 978-0-679-46336-8
Luka must endure all sorts of frightening dangers as he journeys to the Fire of Life in order to save his father's life.
- hs **Rutkoski, Marie** *The Celestial Globe* HW,SO
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2010 296 16.99 978-0374-31027-1
Kronos Chronicles: Book II
Petra and her friends face Prince Rodolfo of Bohemia, who will do anything to possess the Celestial Globe, a powerful magical object.
- hs **Ryan, Amy Kathleen** *Zen & Xander Undone* LMN,TW
Graphia see Houghton Mifflin 2010 212p 16.00 978-0-547-06248-8
Zen and Xander are sisters struggling with grief and a secret their dead mother kept from them. One turns inward until her anger lets fly in black belt shotokhan moves while the other sister turns into a "wild one." Excellent portrayal of grief. Grades 8-12.
- ms/hs **Rybolt, Thomas R.** *Environmental Science Fair Projects, Revised and Expanded Using Scientific* MS,HW
Enslow 2010 160p 34.60 9780907660-3426-6
Earth Science Projects Using the
Rybolt and Mebane create experiments for science fair projects which deal with air, water, soil, pollution and energy resources. Each chapter contains five experiments which showcase the basic steps of the scientific method.
- second **Schraff, Anne** *To Catch A Dream (Urban Underground)* LF,MS?
Saddleback 2011 200p 8.95 978-1-61651-269-9
Tells the story of Abel Ruiz, a young man who has to overcome parents who see him as a second class son when compared with his older brother the "genius," to find his own path and dream. He does so with the support of close friends and, surprisingly, the said older brother.

- * ms/hs **Schwartz, Ellen** *Cellular* LMN,LF
Orca 2010 115p 9.95 978-1-55469-296-5
Brendan is diagnosed with leukemia. In the hospital he meets Lark who is having a bone marrow transplant. She helps him come to grips with his illness. Powerful reading on a hi/lo level about teenagers faced with life-threatening illness. Gr 7+.
- * ms **Schwartz, John** *Short: Walking Tall When You're Not Tall At All* CK,JT
Roaring Press see Millbrook 2010 132p 16.99 978-1-59643-323-6
This book discusses the issue of short stature from many different angles from the physical causes to the social consequences of being short along with some advice on developing positive self-esteem.
- ms **Scrimger, Richard** *Me & Death* MD,TW
Tundra Books 2010 188p 14.99 978-0-88776-796-8
Jim is the meanest boy on his block. He is a bully and a thug. He will steal right in front of you and dare you to do something about it. Then Jim finds himself looking down at "himself!" So begins his journey through hell, purgatory, and limbo where he will be given one last chance to make things right.
- ms/hs **Sedgwick, Marcus** *Revolver* LM,RZ
Roaring Press see Millbrook 2010 204p 16.99 978-1-59643-592-6
This is an Arctic survival story set in Alaska. It is a compelling story of a young boy faced with his father's death and the consequences he must face as a result of his father's actions.
- elm/ms **Sheen, Barbara** *Stephenie Meyer : Twilight Saga Author* LM,MS
Kidhaven Press see 2010 48p 28.75 978-0-7377-5066-9 Innovators (Cengage)
An 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 **Sheinkin, Steve** *The Notorious Benedict Arnold* LM,SO
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 338p 19.99 978-1-59643-486-8
This easy to read book highlights Benedict Arnold's accomplishments as well as the most shameful event that made him a traitor to the country.
- all ages **Shiga, Jason** *Meanwhile* SO,RZ
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 unpag 15.95 978-0-8109-8423-3
In this ultimate version of a graphic novel combined with a choose-your-own-adventure, young Jimmy has to make a dangerous decision: whether to buy chocolate or vanilla ice cream. His choices will lead him through a very complicated maze with many different results.
- elm/ms **Shulman, Mark** *Scrawl* MS,JT
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 234p 16.99 978-1-59643-417-2
When school genius/bully Tod is assigned ISS, he must write a daily journal for his guidance counselor. The journal chronicles the daily life of a kid who is so much more than just a bully!
- ms **Sirrine, Carol** *Cool Crafts with Old T-Shirts* HW,LM
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 26.65 978-1-4296-4009-1 Green Crafts (Capstone)
Each project in this volume uses a t-shirt to create a simple craft or an inexpensive gift.
- hs/adult **Skloot, Rebecca** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* TW,LMN
Crown see Random 2010 369p 26.00 978-1-4000-5217-2
This is the amazing true story of the woman whose tissues were harvested by doctors and became the basis for the hela cell line that aided medical research after her death without her knowledge or that of her family. A tale of bioethics, racism, and modern day science.
- ms/hs **Smilow, Rick** *Culinary Careers* LMN,PN
Potter Craft see Random 2010 360p 16.99 978-0-307-45320-4
A wealth of career information related to careers in the culinary arts. Find the skills and traits needed, the schooling required, the opportunities available in this expanding career field that needs writers, photographers, chefs, business managers. Grades 7+.
- hs **Smith-Ready, Jeri** *Shade* MD,MS
Simon Pulse see Simon & 2010 320p 17.99 978-1-4169-9406-0
Aura was born after the shift and Zachary was the last born before the shift. Together they discover that there is a mystery involving their birth. Aura's boyfriend loses his life just as she meets Zachary. Now she is trying to understand her feelings before she can move on.
- * hs **Smith, Andrew** *The Marbury Lens* PN,CK
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 358p 17.99 978-0-312-61342-6
In London after escaping a serial killer, Jack accepts a pair of glasses from a stranger which transport him to Marbury, a world of horror, death, and war, that he cannot resist.
- * all ages **Smith, Marie and Roland** *S is for Smithsonian* SO,LM
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 unpag 17.95 978-1-58536-314-8
Most alphabet books are designed for the youngest of children. This remarkable one crosses many age groups. Arranged in traditional order, each letter is highlighted by a brief poem, a beautiful painting, and used to explain much more interesting information than normally found.
- elm/ms **Smith, Roland** *I.Q. Book Two: The White House* JT,MS
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 256p 8.95 978-1-58536-456-5
A tale of mystery, suspense and espionage within the White House. Q (Quest) and Angela must solve another action packed mystery and save the President's daughter.
- * ms/hs **Steinmetz, Karen** *The Mourning Wars* LM,SO
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 230p 18.99 978-1-59643-290-1
Eunice Williams was a Puritan girl in the Deerfield, Massachusetts area of New England. One night, Indians pillaged the town and took hostages. This book is Eunice's story is about her survival in the A'notone tribe.
- elm/ms **Stevens, Eric** *Flu Fighter (Finn Reeder series)* MS,JT
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 75p 25.32 978-1-4342-2450-7
Finn Reeder survives five weeks of the swine flu to live another day. He chronicles his experience in a journal which is required by the first substitute teacher in a line of many as one after another, everyone is hit with H1N1. Relevant book full of humor!

- ms/hs **Stille, Darlene R.** *Altering the Biological Blueprint* HW,SO
Compass Point 2011 48 21.49 978-0-7565-4049-4 Headline Science (Capstone)
Overview to genetic engineering including controversies related to this study.
- elm/ms **Stotts, Stuart** *We Shall Overcome: A Song That Changed the World* CFM,HW
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 72p 18.00 978-0-547-18210-0
"Examine the origins of the popular protest song, and describes the role the song played in civil rights, labor, and antiwar movements in America. Includes an audio CD with a performance by Pete Seeger."
- * ms/hs **Sullivan, Laura L.** *Under the Green Hill* JT,MS
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 308p 16.99 978-0-8050-8984-4
Six children are sent to the English countryside to avoid a rampant fever in the States. This is a special place where the fairy kingdoms keep the world alive. It is also the year of the Fairy War and the children become involved.
- elm/ms **Tashjian, Janet** *My Life As a Book* MD,TW
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 210p 16.99 978-0-8050-8903-5
Derek Fallon is 12 years old and a holy terror. His parents are at their wits end when they decide to send him to a Learning Camp where he will be reading and writing to catch up in school. Derek does not fall easily into the routine of the camp until he uncovers a secret that changes his life.
- ms/hs **Traugh, Susan M.** *Vegetarianism* TW,MD
Lucent Books see 2011 96p 30.80 978-1-4205-0272-5 Nutrition & Health
This is the book for teens who are questioning whether they want to become a vegetarian or for those who are researching the topic of vegetarianism. Includes chapter notes, glossary, an annotated list of organizations to contact, an annotated list of books, films, and web sites and an index.
- * hs/adult **Truong, Monique** *Bitter in the Mouth* LF,HW
Random 2010 282p 25.00 978-1-4000-6908-8
A wonderfully written, coming of age novel that beautifully exploits a friendship between two girls in the 1970s and 1980s to describe not only the times they live in, but how friendships and families create the individuals we become.
- elm/ms **Tulien, Sean** *Pecos Bill: Colossal Cowboy* MD,LM
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 39p 22.65 978-1-4342-1896-4 Graphic Spin(Stone Arch)
This graphic novel tells the story of the legendary character Pecos Bill. It is said that in the 1920s, as baby, Bill fell off a wagon and was raised by wolves. He grew to be a man of legend who could wrestle with wild mares and do all kinds of incredible things.
- hs/adult **Turbow, Jason w/Michael** *The Baseball Codes* HW,TW
Pantheon see Random 2010 294p 25.00 978-0-375-42469-4
Clues readers into a value system that is part of the baseball culture through dozens of illustrative stories from baseball history.
- ms/hs **van Tol, Alex** *Knifepoint* LMN,CK
Orca 2010 113p 9.95 978-1-55469-305-4
Jill works on a dude ranch and agrees to a private horseback adventure trip. She realizes she is in trouble when her client takes her hostage. Fast-paced adventure, nail-biting suspense, with believable characters. Great action/adventure. Grades 7-12.
- elm/ms **Walker, Kate** *Food and Garden Waste* HW,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-1-60870-129-2 Recycling (MC/Benchmark)
Food and Garden Waste encourages readers to learn where this waste come from and how we can reduce or recycle this waste to benefit the environment.
- elm/ms **Walker, Robert** *Mapping Mountains* HW,MD
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-1-60870-116-2 Mapping Our World(MC)
Find out how maps of mountains are made and how to interpret them.
- elm/ms **Walker, Robert** *Mapping Towns and Cities* MD,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-1-60870-120-9 Mapping Our World(MC)
A special book that teaches children how to find cities and towns on maps. Mapping is an essential tool all children need and here they will learn about maps, why we need to be able to learn to read a map, and how we can draw our map of our town or our school.
- hs/adult **Wardell, Bradley** *Elemental (Destiny's Embers)* HW,CK
Ballantine see Random 2010 532p 16.00 978-0-345-51786-9
At a frontier outpost, Xander witnesses the destruction of all he knows at the hands of the Fallen, the great enemy thought vanquished during the War of Magic.
- ms **Watson, Renee** *What Momma Left Me* TW,MD
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 224p 16.99 978-1-59990-446-7
Thirteen year old Serenity loses her mother and her father and she and her brother go to live with their grandparents. This is a novel with strong African American characters and is an excellent selection for libraries looking for faith based titles.
- elm/ms **Weaver, Janice** *Hudson* RZ,LM
Tundra Books 2010 48p 22.95 978-0-88776-814-9
Chronicles the life and accomplishments of Henry Hudson, describing his efforts to find a northern route to China, the mutiny that claimed his life, and the legacy for which he is remembered.
- * ms/hs **Weitzman, David** *Skywalkers: Mohawk Ironworkers Build the City* SO,LM,all
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 124p 19.99 978-1-59643-162-1
The Mohawk ironworkers were instrumental in the construction of many of the bridges and skyscrapers that fueled the industrialization of the United States at the turn of the twentieth century. This excellent book describes the work of these indomitable fashioners of metal.
- ms/hs **Wesselhoeft, Conrad** *Adios, Nirvana* MD,LMN
Houghton 2010 235p 16.00 978-0-547-36895-5
Jonathan has talent. He is a poet and he can play his guitar but he is missing his other half, his twin brother who died tragically. Now he has to find where he fits in and try to move on even if it means leaving his past behind. Fortunately, people are looking out for Jonathan and all he has to do is take the challenge.

- ms/hs **White, Tracy** *How I Made It to Eighteen* LMN,TW
Roaring Brook Press see 2010 151p 16.99 978-1-59643-454-7
- In graphic novel format, the author recounts her admission and stay at a mental health facility. Excellent graphics extend the narrative showing viewpoints from friends, family, fellow residents, and doctors. Unsettling yet hopeful. Outstanding! For grades 7-12.
- elm/ms **Wilner, Barry** *Basketball's Top 10 Scorers* MS,JT
Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3470-9 Top 10 Sports Stars (Enslow)
- This little gem covers the most important data about basketball's best from contemporary Kobe Bryant back to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the all-time highest scorer in history!
- elm/ms **Wilner, Barry** *Football's Top 10 Running Backs* JT,MS
Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3468-6 Top 10 Sports Stars (Enslow)
- The ten running backs profiled in this text each have left their mark on the sport of football. Not all have won major awards but these are ten of the greatest to have played football.
- hs **Wilson, Jacqueline** *Kiss* CK,JT
Roaring Press see Millbrook 2010 248p 16.99 978-1-59643-242-0
- Sylvie has always been in love with her best friend Carl and she is waiting for their relationship to move from the platonic to the romantic. But Carl has other ideas.
- ms **Wilson, John** *Written In Blood* LM,HW
Orca 2010 157p 12.95 978-1-55469-270-5
- In the 1870s, a young boy leaves British Columbia to search for his father. In the course of his travels, he meets many unique characters and learns that solving his past opens the door to new beginnings.
- elm/ms **Wingard-Nelson, Rebecca** *Algebra Word Problems* SO,CFM
Enslow 2010 64p 27.93 978-0-7660-3367-2 Math Busters Word Problems
- This volume, part of Enslow's *Math Busters* series, offers an excellent clarification of the topic of solving word problems in algebra that many students find difficult to understand.
- elm/ms **Wingard-Nelson, Rebecca** *Graphing and Probability Word Problems* JT,MS
Enslow 2010 64p 27.93 978-0-7660-3372-6 Math Busters Word Problems
- Detailing the variety of graphing and probability word problems, this text will help students solve these problems by following a plan of attack. Very clear and simplified.
- elm/ms **Wingard-Nelson, Rebecca** *Multiplication and Division Word Problems* SO,LM
Enslow 2010 64p 27.93 978-0-7660-3370-2 Math Busters Word Problems
- This book presents a clear and lucid explanation of the basic tenets of multiplication and division.
- * adult **Wolff, Geoffrey** *The Hard Way Around* CK,PN
Knopf see Random 2010 218p 25.95 978-1-4000-4342-2
- This is a biography of Captain Joshua Slocum, a boat-builder and adventurer who circumnavigated the world by himself in 1895 at the age of 51.
- hs **Wooldridge, Connie** *The Brave Escape of Edith Wharton* LMN,CK
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 184p 20.00 978-0-547-23630-8
- The unconventional life of Edith Wharton is revealed through numerous personal quotes. Highly readable and able to be used for literature courses as well as history courses as the lifestyle of the wealthy in the late 1800s is thoroughly conveyed. Gr. 9+.
- elm/ms **Wyckoff, Edwin Brit** *It's The Man Behind the Gun: Samuel Colt* MS,JT
Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3446-4 Genius At Work! Great Inventor
- Samuel Colt was an inspiration to the inventors of his time with his invention of the 6-shooter and other weapons, his use of mass production, and his ability to interest the world in his product.
- elm/ms **Wyckoff, Edwin Brit** *The Guy Who Invented Home Video Games: Ralph Baer* JT,MS
Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3450-1 Genius At Work! Great Inventor
- Biographical look at the inventor of the home video game who dared to ask "What else can a TV do?" His prototype opened the door to the home video game industry.

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ms/hs **Amazing Human Body#9 (MC)** JT,SO,RZ,TW,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 79p 34.21

This excellent series contains six titles that discuss the nervous system, reproductive system, excretory system, muscles, the senses, and the respiratory system. Well researched and clearly presented, the books offer great insight into how the human body functions and ways to maintain a healthy body.

The Senses *Nervous System* *Muscles*
Excretory System *Reproductive System* *Respiratory System*

elm/ms **American Archeology(MC)** CK,RZ,JT,MS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 64p 25.09

This series offers a unique perspective on the discovery of early cities and towns in the U. S. and Canada. Archaeologists are uncovering more and more information by painstakingly digging through artifacts found in areas populated by the Dutch, the English, the Vikings, the frontiersmen who crossed our nation and, finally, the slaves who voyaged north on the Underground Railroad. The authors present a look at each colony and provide archaeological evidence as to what, why, and how each colony survived or perished.

Uncovers The Underground Railroad *Uncovers the Westward Movement* *Uncovers the Vikings*
Uncovers the Dutch Colonies *Uncovers the Earliest English Colonies*

ms/hs **American History series (Cengage)** LF,PN,TW,CK
 Lucent Books see Gale/Cengage 2010 104p 33.45

The *American History* series, published by Lucent Books, provides excellent background on the major time periods, events, and movements in the history of the United States from the American Revolution to the 20th century. Primary source material, including speeches and letters, bring immediacy to the text.

Trail of Tears: The Relocation of the Cherokee Nation *Environmentalism in America*
The Civil Rights Movement *Protests and Riots*

hs **American Rebels** HW,MD,MS,JT,
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60

Whether it is a trademark fashion statement, an innovative performance style, charismatic personality, or an over-the-top lifestyle, the individuals featured in *American Rebels*, left an indelible impression on the American psyche -- particularly on teenagers. Each of these informative biographies details the life of a high-profile rebel in historical and cultural context, while examining the influence that each person's legacy had on future generations of performers, writers, and artists. The well-researched texts, colorful photos, chapter notes, and reading lists round out solidly researched, balanced biographies of controversial pop icons who were driven to test conventional boundaries and authorities. Andy Warhol has errors that prevent it from being included.

Elvis Presley *John Lennon* *Malcolm X*
Muhammad Ali *Johnny Cash* *Andy Warhol*

ms/hs **Americans-Spirit of a Nation(Enslow)** RZ,SO,MS,CK,
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93

This informative and approachable series covering notable Americans in many fields includes many black-and-white photographs and occasional sidebars which expand upon secondary topics in the main text and will be useful for research, reports, and for personal interest. New books cover Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Dolley Madison, Harriet Tubman, Johnny Appleseed, and John Brown.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton *Dolley Madison* *John Brown*
Harriet Tubman *Billy the Kid* *Johnny Appleseed*

ms/hs **At Issue (Gale/Greenhaven)** PN,CK,LMN,TW
 Greenhaven Press see 2010 116p 22.50

The *At Issue* series, published by Greenhaven Press, is similar in many ways to its *Opposing Viewpoints* series but aimed at a younger audience. Each volume presents a variety of essays, pro and con, on hot social topics of interest to middle school and high school students such as animal experimentation, social networking, junk food, and the rights of students. In all, there are 271 titles in the series that provide excellent resources for research.

Is Childhood Becoming Too Sexualized? *Anorexia* *U.S. Military Deployment*
Should Character be Taught In School

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ms/hs **Barbarians(MC)** CK,JT,HW,MS,

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 80p 35.64

Celts, early Germans, Goths, Huns, Scythians, Sarmatians, and Vikings are the topics of this wonderful series for fans of world history as well as for researchers. Chapters are organized by an introduction to each population, a look at life in each empire, a study of the people who conquered as well as those who were conquered, and, finally, a look at the demise of each group. Images include paintings, sculptures, portraits, and pictures of other archaeological treasures that support both the student and teacher as he/she navigates through the pages. The book about the Visigoths could lose the reader who is not interested in a plethora of names and battles; however, the series has merit otherwise.

Ancient Celts *Early Germans* *Goths*
Huns *Scythians and Sarmatians* *Vikings*

ms **Big Ideas in Science(MC)** CFM,RZ,JT,LM,

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 48p 31.36

There are six titles in the series of *Big Ideas in Science* about interesting major theories or advancements in the world of science. The titles in the series are: *Black Holes*, *Genetics*, *Plate Tectonics*, *Splitting the Atom* and *The Theory of Relativity*. This series will be of interest to teachers as a good resource to complement the text books and very exciting and interesting for students.

Evolution *Plate Tectonics* *Black Holes*
Splitting the Atom *The Theory of Relativity* *Genetics*

elm/ms **Biodiversity (MC)** CFM,SO,MD,

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50

This *Biodiversity* series, aimed at upper-elementary and middle-school students, includes books on coral reefs, coasts, deserts, rainforests, polar regions, and woodlands. Each habitat-specific book offers wonderful information that is easily accessible for reports and further research. The books are very attractively laid out, well-written, informative, and thorough. However, the book on woodlands which discusses invasive species that have been introduced in the UK and have crowded out native vegetation, appears to have been written for a British readership and makes no attempt to address American youngsters.

Biodiversity of Coasts *Biodiversity of Coral Reefs* *Biodiversity of Deserts*
Biodiversity of Polar Regions *Biodiversity of Rain Forests* *Biodiversity of Woodlands*

elm/ms **Bizarre Science (Enslow)** LF,CK,PN,LM,

Enslow 2011 48p 23.93

Highlighted by high-resolution color photos and paired with easy-to-read text, the *Bizarre Science* series presents high-interest science topics for reluctant readers. The five titles in the series range from bloodsucking creatures to meat-eating plants, insects to mummies. This series is sure to appeal to upper elementary and reluctant middle school readers.

Bugged-Out Insects *Weird Meat-eating Plants* *Bloodsucking Creatures*
Mummy Secrets Uncovered *Doomsday Rocks From Space*

elm/ms **Celebrate the States(MC)*##8,9** PN,RZ,MS,MD

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 144p 42.79

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.

Montana *Nebraska* *North Dakota* *Puerto Rico*

ms/hs **Classic Graphic Novel Collection(Cengage)** TW,LM,MD

Lucent Books see Gale/Cengage 2010 144p 32.45

These are great books for both young readers and nonreaders. Their distinctive and expressive watercolors will entice active minds. They are also a very good supplement for those readers who are studying the originals as they will provide visual aspects to the text. The end of the books provide additional information in the form of a glossary, character summary, biography, and other materials. Recommended for middle and high school libraries.

Jane Eyre *Henry V* *Frankenstein*
Great Expectations *Macbeth*

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ms **Colonial People (MC)** MD,MS,CK,JT,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 30.00

"The formative years of the United States come to life through the activities of its community members. Readers discover the roles and interconnections of such diverse members of the colonial community as apothecaries and farmers and many more. Each title explores aspects of their everyday life, their responsibilities, and their social life as colonial Americans."

The Barber *The Shoemaker* *The Farmer* *The Innkeeper* *The Printer*
The Schoolmaster *The Silversmith* *The Apothecary* *The Blacksmith* *The Surveyor*

ms/hs **Cool Science (MC)** MS,LF,CFM,LM,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 19.95

Cool Science contains books about science and crime, the science of emotions, body parts, sports science, diseases, and artificial intelligence. The books examine the history of each subject, the definitions of pertinent terms, and a look at the future.

Artificial Intelligence *Spare Parts for People* *Unusual Diseases*
Science Beats Crime *Science of Emotions* *Sports Science*

ms/hs **Cultures of the World(MC)##8** SO,TW,PN,RZ
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 144p 42.79

Cultures of the World are 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 and provide solid resources for students. They are well-organized, informative, and entertaining. A first place to start research on a country. Grades 7+

Mongolia *Yemen* *Ghana* *Uruguay*
Honduras *Angola* *Estonia*

elm/ms **DC Superheroes** HW,CFM
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 56P 25.32

From the eye-catching endpapers, to the graphic-comic-book-font sound effects mixed into the printed text, and the ten full-color full-page illustrations in each volume, *DC Superheroes* is designed to fly off the shelves. Series collaborators (illustrators and writers) are experienced in the comic book industry and the results are slender novels with short chapters, familiar characters, plenty of action, and an authentic comic book ambiance -- very appealing to general audiences as well as high-low readers.

Robin's First Flight *Mad Hatter's Movie Madness* *Cosmic Bounty Hunter*
Deep Space Hijack *Trial of the Amazons*

ms/hs **Diseases & Disorders#4 (Lucent/Cengage)** MS,TW,SO,CK,
 Lucent Books see Gale/Cengage 2010 120 33.45

This series provides factual data about many diseases and disorders that affect the human population in an accurate and well organized manner. All volumes include primary and secondary source quotations, annotated bibliographies, and lists of organizations to contact for additional information. These titles would be an excellent selection for middle school and high school libraries looking to update their collection.

Leukemia *Multiple Sclerosis* *Migraines*
Breast Cancer *Thyroid Disorders* *Speech Disorders*

ms/hs **Environment At Risk (MC)** MS,CK,PN,LF,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 112p 27.95

These books are well organized and thorough. The writing is good and the indexes, tables, and illustrations are helpful, with references for further research that are up-to-date and valid. However, it bothered us that books with a 2011 copyright discussed oil spills without mentioning the BP oil spill of April 2010. The series is recommended for upper-middle and high-school collections as well as public libraries.

Ecological Footprints *Greenhouse Gases* *Food Supplies*
Natural Wonders *Pollution* *Waste Management*

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ms/hs **Great Explorers of the World (Enslow)** RZ,TS,JT,MS
 Enslow 2010 112p 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 changed the world and history. These titles also examine the long-term effect that the arrival of each explorer had on the lives of the native peoples and how this impact has survived or evolved over time.

Cortes *Vasco da Gama* *Lewis and Clark*
Pizarro *Leif Ericksson*

ms/hs **Great Minds of Ancient Science and Math** HW,SO,MD
 Enslow 2010 112p 31.93

Great Minds of Ancient Science and Math is a series that includes several interesting books for the middle and high 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.

The Father of Geometry: Euclid and His 3-D World *The Great Philosopher: Plato and His Pursuit of Knowledge*
The Great Thinker: Aristotle and the Foundation of Science

elm/ms **Green Cars (MC)** TW,JT,MD,MS,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 19.95

Not just about a specific 'green car,' these books talk about the 'green movement' and the impact that fossil fuels have had on the environment. Each of the cars in this series has been engineered to be fuel-efficient and a low (or no) emissions vehicle. Readers will learn about the development of each car by reading readily understood text and well-captioned illustrations. Sidebars throughout the book address vital statistics and other interesting facts. Each book contains a useful glossary, and places to find more information, both print and web-based.

Insight *Prius* *Volt*
Aptera *Smart Car* *Ebox*

ms/hs **Green Issues in Focus (Enslow)** SO,TW,JT,PN,
 Enslow 2010 112p 31.93

The series *Green Issues in Focus* includes books about endangered animals, clean energy, air pollution, food, and conserving and protecting water. Each discusses specific environmental issues and methods of bringing about better uses of natural resources.

Conserving and Protecting Water *Solving air Pollution Problem* *Green and Clean Energy: What You Can Do*
Unloved and Endangered Animals *Food for a Greener Planet*

ms/hs **Health Alert (MC)#7,9** CK,LMN,MD,CK,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 64p 32.79

Health Alert contains titles that each describe an illness or disorder, including symptoms, history, and treatment. A look at the daily life of a student with the illness/disorder provides a very personal perspective. Colorful photos, text inserts, glossary, index, further reading, and clear concise writing will appeal to grades 4-12.

Arthritis *Tourette Syndrome* *Drug - Resistant Superbugs* *Vision Disorders* *Mosquito-Borne Illnesses*
Cholera *Sickle Cell Anemia* *Digestive Disorders* *Drug Dependence* *Measles and Mumps*
Hearing Disorders *Tuberculosis*

ms **Historical Fiction Adventures (Enslow)** SO,JT,LM
 Enslow 2010 160p 27.93

There are 9 titles in the series with copyright dates 2008-2011. These high-interest stories, although fiction, are historically accurate. Each title features a nonfiction back-matter section with photos.

Simon's Escape: A Story of the Holocaust *The Iron Dragon: The Courageous Story of Lee Chin*
The Devil's Door: A Salem Witchcraft Story

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ms/hs **Hot Topics (Lucent/Cengage)** HW,CK,MS,TW,
 Lucent/Gale 2010 112 26.76

This series has added new books ever since it began in 2006. It presents contemporary topics such as AIDS, organic foods, and online social networking in a format that encourages research and further study. Complex issues are well-researched, well-written, and supported by photographs and charts as necessary. The addition of discussion questions and a list of organizations to contact are helpful to teachers as well as to parents and young researchers.

Eating Disorders *Freedom of Expression and the Internet* *Energy*
Poverty *Body Image* *Bias in the Media*

ms/hs **Humans:An Evolutionary History** JT,MS,CK,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 112p 37.07

This set, *Humans: an Evolutionary History*, details the variety of species of early man and how this information has been discovered. It provides a complete look into the evolution of human beings from an examination of our earliest ancestors to the extinction of all other human species, leaving only Homo Sapiens as we know them today There are four titles in the series.

First Humans *Origins* *Modern Humans*
Ice Age Neanderthals

ms/hs **Investigating Diseases (Enslow)** MD,PN,MS,LMN,
 Enslow 2010 160p 34.60

Investigating Diseases contains six titles that provide detailed information on the history, symptoms, and treatment of illnesses. The books offer definitions, causes, treatments, the science and history of each disorder, and a look into the future. Colorful photographs, inserts on concepts, and myth v. fact boxes are fantastic for health and science classes. Gr. 8-12.

Investigating Diabetes *Investigating STDs (Sexually Transmitted Diseases)* *Investigating Eating Disorders*
Investigating Tuberculosis and Superbugs *Investigating Depression and Bipolar Disorder*

ms **Invisible Worlds(MC/Benchmark)** LF,MS,MD,CFM,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 19.95

This excellent series contains books about plants, the human body, atoms and molecules, animals, the past, and the Earth's secrets. The writing is cohesive and enlightening, providing a well-organized and fascinating look into their hidden worlds. Each book is enhanced by vibrant labeled cross-section illustrations, stunning color photographs, some at great magnification, and boxed sections that amplify the textual information. However, *Atoms and Molecules* tries to cover too much in too few pages.

Earth's Secrets *Exploring the Past* *Inside the Human Body*
Inside Animals *Atoms and Molecules* *Inside Plants*

elm/ms **It's My State(MC/BB)***#7** ALL
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 80p 31.36

These lively, fact-filled volumes will interest upper elementary and middle school students. Easy to read, with many sharp, color photographs and diagrams, the series provides both a quick fact overview and a more in-depth discussion of each state. Topics discussed are history, geography, culture, and government. The books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state. Louisiana, New York, and Pennsylvania were not up to the gold standard.

Colorado *Texas* *Louisiana* *Massachusetts* *Minnesota* *Connecticut*
California *Wisconsin* *New York* *North Carolina* *Pennsylvania* *Delaware*
Virginia *New Jersey* *Maryland* *Washington* *Illinois*

ms/hs **Landmark Legislation (MC)** PN,MS,LF,HW,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 142p 39.93

Grab a front-row seat in courtrooms throughout American history where benchmark legislation was enacted. The chronology of events leading up to each courtroom confrontation is balanced and informative. The resulting judgments have affected the lives of all Americans. In a society that is increasingly litigious, television courtroom dramas are avidly followed by thousands of viewers, and legislation is in the daily headlines, it becomes increasingly paramount that students become familiar with these landmark cases and the effect each piece of legislation has had in the development of this country. Each book also includes the feature "From Bill to Law," which offers clear explanations of the legislative process.

Americans with Disabilities Act *Civil Rights Act of 1964* *Missouri Compromise*
Patriot Act *Social Security Act*

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ms/hs **Landmark Supreme Court Cases* (Enslow)** LMN,MD,PN,SO
 Enslow 2010 112p 31.93

Landmark Supreme Court Cases Gold Edition contains four titles about Supreme Court cases that affect today's society. Each book provides a solid background to complex cases as well as explaining events leading up to the case, its resolution and impact on society. Strongly recommended for Grades 7-12.

District of Columbia v. Heller *The Dred Scott Case*
Furman vs Georgia *New York Times vs United States*

ms/hs **Leading Women (MC)** LF,TW,MN,LMN,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 96p 31.93

Leading Women adds six new titles about women who have been politically influential in their culture during the last 100 years. Focuses on the events and people who influenced their lives as well as their achievements. The title on Benazir Bhutto also becomes an excellent political history of Pakistan. Colorful photos, timeline and index complete these attractive books. Grades 6-12.

Golda Meir *Hillary Clinton* *Eva Peron*
Benazir Bhutto *Shirley Chisholm* *Wilma Mankiller*

ms/hs **Life In Victorian England (MC)** HW,TW,LF,LMN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 80p 34.21

Life in Victorian England contains four titles: city, country, church, and life of royalty. Each book is profusely and elegantly illustrated to complement the text. The books show the lifestyle of the people and the many changes during the era. Grades 6-10.

The Church *The City* *The Countryside* *Victoria and Her Court*

ms/hs **Lucent Library of Historical Eras(Gale/Cengage)** CK,LF
 Lucent Books see Gale/Cengage 2010 96p 33.45

This very attractive and comprehensive Library covers the American Colonies. Every book is visually appealing with well placed color illustrations that provide immediate interest for the reader. Primary sources are placed throughout each book providing substance and depth to the text. Extensive notes at the back of each book provide follow-up research resources for students as do the provided web resources. This series of books should be strongly considered for addition to every secondary school library.

Government and Social Class in Colonial America *Religious Beliefs in Colonial America*
The Establishment of the Thirteen Colonies

hs **Multicultural Literature(Enslow)** LMN,SG,TS,PN
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93

The *Multicultural Literature* series, published by Enslow, provides an in-depth analysis of popular multicultural authors and their works. Each volume focuses on a particular work of literature and provides literary analysis, explanation of literary devices, and biographical background on the author. This excellent resource, aimed at high school students, includes titles by Marjane Satrapi, Gary Soto, Zora Neale Hurston, and Sandra Cisneros.

Reader's Guide to Sandra Cisneros's The House on Mango Street *Reader's Guide to Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis*
Reader's Guide to Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Are Watching God *Reader's Guide to Gary Soto's Taking Side*

ms/hs **Myths of the World (MC)** CK,TW,RZ,MS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 96p 21.35

Myths of the World examines the cultures of some of the dominant world civilizations through their mythology, teaching us about morals and values, life and death, and human foibles. The series begins with a detailed look at the civilization itself followed by a selection of myths that are written primarily for children yet appeal to adults as well. The illustration and layout are of particularly rich quality, paralleling the richness of the writing style and overall presentation.

Ancient India *The Ancient Chinese* *The Ancient Maya*
The Ancient Persians

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ms **New Americans(MC)** LMN,MS,MD,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 80p 35.64

This series presents a comprehensive look at the various groups who have populated the United States and made it into a national melting pot. Chapters include the history of each population, the role of each in society since its arrival, and a look at how each group has established its voice in contemporary society. The compare/contrast aspect of how each population is coping and assimilating today provides readers with an interesting way of organizing text and learning the variety of information which is presented.

Chinese Americans *Americans from the Caribbean and Central America* *Mexican Americans*
West African Americans *Americans from India and Other South Asian Countries* *Korean Americans*
Southeast Asian Americans *Americans from Russia & Eastern Europe*

hs **Opposing Viewpoints** TW,CK,PN
 Greenhaven Press see Gale 2010 224p 27.50

Opposing Viewpoints series examines controversial issues by examining diverse viewpoints. Each volume presents a variety of essays, pro and con, on hot social topics of interest to high school students. This series contains many current topics in the news. This year's entries include books about obesity, energy alternatives, ethics, and tobacco and smoking.

Energy Alternatives *Obesity* *Ethics* *Tobacco and Smoking*

ms/hs **People in the News (Gale/Lucent)** SO,LF,MS,MD,
 Lucent Books see Gale/Cengage 2010 96p 33.45

People in the News is a series that covers the lives of contemporary newsmakers of all ages in movies, in the arts, science, politics, and everyday life and includes their contributions, achievements, and information about their lives. The series contains books about Maya Angelou, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Will Smith plus 29 more.

Michael Phelps *Cesar Millan* *Sean Combs*
Tyler Perry *Derrick Rose*

ms/hs **Perspectives on Diseases & Disorders(Gale/Cengage)** LMN,MS,HW
 Greenhaven Press see 2010 142p 37.10

Perspective on Diseases and Disorders continues to add new titles about diseases and disorders. Symptoms, causes, treatment, and personal experience with the illness provide excellent report information. Each book is colorfully illustrated with charts and photographs, has a timeline, glossary, further reading, and index. Because of the technical vocabulary, these books are best suited for grades 9-12.

Fibromyalgia *Anxiety Disorders* *Learning Disabilities*

ms/hs **Perspectives On(MC)** PN,MD,SO,MS,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 112p 39.93

The five new titles in this series chronicle everything from cause/effect to pertinent data on a variety of world atrocities, controversies, and issues. They all offer non-sensationalized and objective discussions of their topics. Highly recommended.

The Scope's Trial *Japanese American Internment* *Chernobyl Disaster*
Columbine High School Massacre *Women's Right to Vote*

ms/hs **Physics Science Projects Using the Scientific Method** MD,CFM,JT,CK
 Enslow 2010 160p 26.00

This is a wonderful series of books on science fair experiments in physics. 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 and should be required reading for anyone interested in doing scientific experimentation

Electricity and Magnetism Science Fair Projects *Motion Science Fair Projects*
Light, Sound, and Waves Science Fair Projects *Science Fair Projects About the Properties of Matter*

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ms/hs **Political Profiles (Morgan R)#8** SO,HW,MS
 Morgan Reynolds 2010 112p 28.95

These very well written and insightful books provide succinct and lucid treatments of the subjects. They are remarkably balanced and objective in their treatment of the current political leaders today. Each book presents biographical data, photographs, contributions to society, a timeline, and an index.

Sarah Palin *John Lewis* *Joe Biden*

ms/hs **Presidents and Their Times (MC/BB)#8,9** HW,LF,TW,SO,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 112p 34.21

Presidents and Their Times includes biographies about Jackson, Eisenhower, Reagan, Cleveland, Buchanan, and Wilson. Each book gives the history of the times, data about each president's life and, finally, a thorough and objective covering of the accomplishments and failures of each president. The biography of Reagan, however, leaves out the traffic controller controversy.

James Buchanan *Dwight Eisenhower* *Ronald Reagan*
Andrew Jackson *Woodrow Wilson* *Grover Cleveland*

hs **Rebels of Rock** LMN,PN,TW,MS
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93

Rebels of Rock is a well-researched series of biographies about five famous rock bands. 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 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. Better editing is needed on some titles.

The Ramones: American Punk Rock Band *Black Sabbath: Pioneer of Heavy Metal* *The Clash*
Aerosmith: Hard Rock Superstars *Def Leppard* *The Rolling Stones*

ms **Scientists In the Field (HM)#8** HW,SO,LM
 Houghton 2010 128p 18.00

This exemplary series contains various outstanding titles about scientists who work in the natural world and make science and nature study much more accessible and interesting to budding naturalists. These books offer an incredible look into both hidden worlds and those at the frontiers of human knowledge. The text is clearly written and the awesome photographs are carefully presented and enhance the book.

The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*
Project Seahorse *Bat Scientist*

hs **Shakespeare Explained (MC)#9** LF,TW,MD,PN,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 127p 29.95

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 analyses, 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.

Richard III *The Sonnets* *As You Like It*
The Taming of the Shrew *King Lear*

ms/hs **Supreme Court Justices(MR)** SO,TW,LF,LMN
 Morgan Reynolds 2011 112p 28.95

This thoughtful and insightful series on some of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court include books about Earl Warren, John Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, and Sonia Sotomayor. The information is presented in a clear and unambiguous manner that provides a perceptive look at both the social and political climate of the time and analyses of decisions.

Earl Warren *John Marshall* *Sonia Sotomayor* *Thurgood Marshall*

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elm/ms **Team Green Science Projects (Enslow)** LF,TW,MS,JT
 Enslow 2011 128p 31.93

Team Green Science Projects includes books on air, recycling, soil and water. Each book offers definitions of necessary terminology, experiments that might lead a child to come up with his/her own science fair project, and suggestions for ways to help create a greener planet.

Energy *Recycle* *Soil* *Water*

ms/hs **Today's Writers and Their Works (MC)** TW,LMN,CK,PN.
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 158p 27.95

Today's Writers and Their Works includes nine contemporary authors. The books reveal the personal history of the writers and their inspirations and connects the authors' writings to their lives. Also included is literary criticism on their most famous pieces of writing. Well illustrated, these books serve as a first stop for student researchers. Grades 9-12.

Isabel Allende *Amy Tan* *Haruki Murakami*
Bill Bryson *Stephen King*

ms/hs **True Stories of Teens in the Holocaust(Enslow)** SO,RZ,MS,LMN,
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93

This series offers a thoughtful and unsentimental look at the legacy of the Holocaust and its effects on the world by offering first-person accounts of the sufferings of children and teenagers across Europe. Titles include Hidden Teens, Hidden Lives, Trapped-Youth in the Nazi Ghettos, Youth Destroyed-the Nazi camps, and Escape- Teens on the Run.

Escape - Teens on the Run *Shattered Youth in Nazi Germany* *Courageous Teen Resisters*
Trapped - Youth in the Nazi Ghettos *Youth Destroyed - The Nazi Camps*

elm/ms **U.S. At War (Enslow)** MS,MD,CK,PN,
 Enslow 2011 128p 31.93

A comprehensive look at wars that involved the United States and the issues that started them. A truly interesting set of books that will open the eyes of the youth today to what it must have been like living during these harrowing times.

The American Revolution *The Vietnam War* *The Civil War*
World War II in Europe *World War II in the Pacific*

hs **World History(Gale)** LMN,MS,CK
 Morgan Reynolds 2011 128 p 31.26

This series includes four books: Early River Civilizations, The Americas Before 1492, The European Exploration of America ,and The European Colonization of Africa. Each book provides the reader with well-written and well-researched information about these key periods of world history along with timelines, support pictures, and maps, and extensive notes and bibliographies.

The Americas Before 1492 *Early River Civilizations*
European Colonization of Africa *European Exploration of America*

hs **World War II (MC/Benchmark)** LMN,MS,TW,CK,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 128p 24.95

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark series *World War II* explores the war in roughly chronological order, from the first battles to the final victories. Historical photos, colorful maps of the forces in each battle and eyewitness accounts, along with biographies of key figures, make this series a useful resource for middle school readers. A few minor editing errors do not diminish the research value of this accessible series.

Countdown to Catastrophe *Global Chaos* *Horrific Invasions*
Terror and Triumph *The Final Victories* *The First Bloody Battles*



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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TriState's Elementary Books of Note

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- elem **Adler, David** *A Little At A Time* CFM,MS
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-1739-1
"While enjoying a morning together, a little boy asks his grandfather a series of questions about how things got to be the way they are, such as tall trees, deep holes, and big dinosaurs in the museum they visit, but Grandpa's answer is always the same."
- elem **Adler, David and Michael** *A Picture Book of Cesar Chavez* CFM,HW
Holiday House 2010 unpag 17.95 978-0-8234-2202-9
"An illustrated exploration of the life of labor leader and civil rights activist Cesar Chavez."
- * ms **Albee, Sarah** *Poop Happened!* SO,LM
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2010 170p 15.99 978-0-8027-2077-1
There are really three things of which you can be certain: death, taxes, and poop. Poop does happen and, most often, in great quantities. The societies that learned how to deal with the disposal of these mammoth piles of excrement in a safe and sanitary way were the ones that escaped mass epidemics and enormous human death tolls. This fascinating book deals with historical perspective of poop beginning with the change from nomadic life to settled urban centers.
- elem **Amato, Mary** *Edgar Allen's Official Crime Scene Notebook* JT,MS
Holiday House 2010 140p 16.95 978-0-8324-2271-5
Edgar Allen and his friends try to solve the mystery of the theft of the classroom goldfish. There are twists and turns and poetry involved.
- ms **Andrekson, Judy** *Gunner: Hurricane Horse* HW,LM
Tundra Books 2010 95p 7.95 978-0-88776-905-4 True Horse Stories
When Hurricane Katrina passed over Heather Goodwin's ranch, it took with it her fences, her chickens, and her prize-winning horse, Gunner.
- elm/ms **Angleberger, Tom** *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* JT,SG,MS
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 141p 12.95 978-0-8109-8425-7
By recounting their experiences with the folded paper Yoda finger puppet, sixth grader Tommy and his friends try to determine if the puppet can really predict the future. Includes origami directions to make your own Origami Yoda.
- elm/ms **Arato, Rona** *Mrs. Kaputnik's Pool Hall and Matzo Ball Emporium* JT,MS
Tundra Books 2010 188p 11.99 978-0-88776-967-2
This fantasy is set in the turn of the century Russia and New York. The Kapustin children hatch a dragon egg and the family immigrates to New York in search of Mr. Kapustin who has disappeared.
- elem **Bailer, Darice** *Why Does It Thunder and Lightning?* CK,JT
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4825-9 Tell Me Why, Tell Me How? (MC)
This book provides an explanation for thunder and lightning for the elementary school child.
- elm/ms **Banscherus, J.** *Stage Fright (Pathway Books: Klooz)* MD,TW
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 72p 23.99 978-1-4342-2129-2
Klooz is an amateur child investigator and he is good at solving mysteries when he takes his business into school. His homeroom teacher asks Klooz to get involved in solving the mystery of why the actors for the school play keep quitting.
- elm/ms **Bardoe, Cheryl** *Mammoths and Mastodons* JT,PN
Abrams, Harry 2010 44p 18.95 978-0-8109-8413-4
Examining the fossil evidence, cave paintings, and other resources, this text details what scientists know about the extinct mammoths and mastodons. Interviews with noted scientists in the field are included.
- elem **Barner, Bob (trans. Teresa)** *The Day of the Dead/ El Dia de los Muertos: A Bilingual Celebration* HW,CFM
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2214-2
Follow two children as they celebrate their ancestors on a colorful Latino holiday.
- elm/ms **Beaty, Andrea** *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies* JT,RZ
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 184p 12.95 978-0-8109-8347-2
How do you save the world from evil, sugar-addicted, seven-foot tall alien bunnies that invade your summer camp? At Camp Whatsitoooya, twins Joules and Kevin and new friend Nelson face off against large, rabbit-like creatures from the Mallow Galaxy who thrive on sugar but are not above hypnotizing and eating human campers.
- elm/ms **Biskup, Agnieszka** *The Dynamic World of Chemical Reactions with Max Axiom* HW,SO
Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 29.32 978-1-4296-4772-4 Graphic Science (Capstone)
In graphic novel format, this book follows the adventures of Max Axiom as he explores the science of chemical reactions.
- elem **Bozzo, Linda** *At Play in the Past, Present, and Future* CK,LMN
Enslow 2010 24p 21.26 978-0-7660-3436-5 Imagining the Future (Enslow)
The book provides a discussion of the various types of games that children play, have played in the past, and will play in the future.
- elem **Cabrera, Jane** *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush* JT,MD
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2288-3
In this delightful picture book, we follow two adorable spotted puppies through their daily activities with verses to the song "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush."
- elm/ms **Caper, William** *Ancient Greece* JT,MS
Capstone Publishers 2010 112p 29.32 978-1-4296-3417-5 You Choose: Historical Eras
Explore life in ancient Greece by choosing the role of different people from Athens or Sparta. Along the way you must choose which action the character will take. With each decision the story changes.
- elm/ms **Carroll, Lewis (adapted by Campfire)** *Alice in Wonderland* LM,LF
Campfire 2010 72p 9.99 978-93-80028-23-1
Alice retold in graphic style. Alice was an ordinary girl until she decided that she wanted adventure. She got her wish as she dove down a rabbit hole into a magical world.

* denotes books to be read aloud

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- elm/ms **Carson, Mary Kay** *Far Out Guide to Asteroids and Comets* CK,JT
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3188-3 Far Out Guide to the Solar
 Carson explains asteroids and comets, and discusses a variety of issues related to them, including the possibility that one will impact the earth in future!
- elem **Carson, Mary Kay** *Far Out Guide to Mars* CK,JT
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3183-8 Far Out Guide to the Solar
 This book introduces the reader to modern-day Mars exploration and what scientists think we might learn about Mars and whether it once supported life.
- elm/ms **Carson, Mary Kay** *Far Out Guide to Neptune* CK,JT
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3186-9 Far Out Guide to the Solar
 This book about Neptune includes the history of its discovery along with crucial facts about the planet, and projections for future research.
- elem **Carson, Mary Kay** *Far Out Guide to Saturn* JT,CK
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3178-4 Far Out Guide to the Solar
 Up-to-date information on the planet Saturn. Includes both information and photos from recent space probes. Many brief facts about the planet, its rings, and some of its moons.
- elem **Carson, Mary Kay** *Far Out Guide to Uranus* JT,CK
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3185-2 Far Out Guide to the Solar
 Introduction to the planet Uranus, what we know, how we discovered that information, and the space probes that brought us that information. Particularly highlights how Uranus is different from other planets.
- elm/ms **Diterlizzi, Tony** *The Search for WondLa* RZ,LM
 Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2010 468p 17.99 978-1-4169-8310-1
 Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features "augmented reality" pages in which readers with a web cam can access additional information about Eva Nine's world.
- elem **Dodson, Peter** *Diplodocus Up Close* CK,LM
 Enslow 2011 24 15.95 978-0-7660-3333-7 Zoom in on Dinosaurs
 This is a book about Diplodocus dinosaurs for the very youngest researcher, with illustrations, facts, vocabulary words, and references for further information.
- elm/ms **Edge, Laura B.** *Hilary Duff: Celebrity with Heart* CFM,LMN
 Enslow 2010 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3404-4 Celebrities with Heart(Enslow)
 "A biography of American actress and singer Hilary Duff that discusses her childhood, career, charity work, and other related topics."
- elem **Falken, Linda** *Can You Find it? America* SO,CFM
 Abrams, Harry 2010 40p 16.95 978-0-8109-8890-3
 In this lovely book, twenty masterpieces from the Metropolitan Museum of Art are combined with a list of objects to "seek and find" within each painting, print, or textile.
- elm/ms **Gallagher, Diana G.** *Advice About Friends* JT,MD
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 67p 23.32 978-1-4342-1906-0 Claudia Cristina Cortez
 Using the name and format of the *Claudia Cristina Cortez* fiction stories, this title gives advice to middle school students on dealing with the ups and downs of making and keeping friends.
- elem **Gibbons, Gail** *Alligators and Crocodiles* CFM,SO
 Holiday House 2010 32p 17.95 978-0-8234-2234-0
 "An introduction to alligators and crocodiles that features captioned illustrations and describes their physical characteristics, natural habitats, and behaviors, as well as threats to their populations and conservation efforts."
- elm/ms **Gordon, Amy** *Twenty Gold Falcons* JT,MS
 Holiday House 2010 216p 16.95 978-0-8234-2252-4
 Aiden, a seventh grade girl, searches for a stash of gold coins hidden in an old hotel. She is helped by friends and several generations of people associated with the hotel. This is a mystery with historical background.
- * elm/ms **Hanel, Rachael** *Life As A Knight* MS,CK
 Capstone Publishers 2010 112p 29.32 978-1-4296-4026-8 You Choose: Historical Eras
 One learns by navigating through the pages of this book that life as a knight was overly romanticized. A knight worked hard, did his duty to protect his land, and fought to expand the Christian empire! Children will enjoy reading about the various jobs of the knight and they will enjoy the mystery in discovering what happens on the path they have chosen to follow.
- all ages **Hart, Christopher** *Manga for the Beginner Chibis* LMN,MD,LM
 Watson-Guption (see Random) 2010 192p 21.99 978-0-8230-1488-0
 Chibis are super-cute characters in Japanese comics. Instructions on how to draw their bodies, clothes, accessories, action poses, and their environment are shown in detail. Comparisons to manga show the distinct differences. A must for all collections.
- elm/ms **Haywood, Karen** *Hawks & Falcons* CK,PN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 46p 23.94 978-0-7614-4051-2 Endangered! (MC/Benchmark)
 Eight types of hawks and falcons are described in detail and the problem of their dwindling numbers is discussed.
- elm/ms **Hirsch, Rebecca E.** *Top 50 Reasons to Care About Polar Bears:* PN,TS
 Enslow 2010 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-3458-7 Top 50 Reasons to Care About
 An overview and interesting facts about the largest of North America's endangered species. Readers are given 50 reasons to care about the polar bear and specific things that they can do to help.
- elem **Hopkins, Lee Bennett** *Give Me Wings* SO,LMN
 Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2023-0
 Lee Bennett Hopkins has collected thirteen perfect poems that celebrate the imagined wonders of being able to fly from many poets writing for children.

- elm/ms **Ignatow, Amy** *The Popularity Papers* SO,MD
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 207p 15.95 978-0-8109-8421-9
- This book, written as a dual journal, tells the tale of two fifth-grade girls who decide to "crack the code of popularity" and figure how they may achieve this measure of success before they reach the sanctified halls of middle school. All their observations are done in their shared journal in which they both write and comment on each other's thoughts.
- elem **Jackson, Cari** *Revolution in Computers* MD,TW
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4375-9 It Works(MC)
- A history of computers and how they developed into everyday tools for school and home use.
- elm/ms **Jankowski, Susan** *True wilderness Rescue Stories* JT,HW
Enslow 2010 48p 21.26 978-0-7660-3666-6 True Rescue Stories (Enslow)
- Five thrilling short stories of wilderness rescues. Additional information for safe survival in similar situations is included.
- elm/ms **Kelly, Bernadette** *Courage to Ride (Ridgeview Riding Club)* HW,LM
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 138p 23.99 978-1-4342-1931-2
- Annie Boyd's dream of owning her own horse has come true -- but secretly she is scared of riding or falling.
- elm/ms **Keyser, Amber J.** *Decoding Genes with Max Axion Super Scientist* CK,SO
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 27.99 978-1-4296-3976-7 Graphic Science (Capstone)
- In cartoon format, this book offers a basic explanation of genetics and heredity.
- elm/ms **Kinney, Jeff** *The Ugly Truth (Diary of a Wimpy Kid)* MD,CK
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 218p 13.95 978-0-8109-8491-2
- Greg has had a falling out with his ex-best friend Rowley and school is about to begin. How is he ever going to get his friendship with Rowley back on track? Greg is also trying to figure out how growing up will change him especially when he doesn't want to change yet.
- elm/ms **Kinney, Jeff** *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary* CK,RZ
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 199p 14.95 978-0-8109-9616-8
- This is an account of the making of the *Wimpy Kid* movie in 2009 from beginning to end. There are lots of details from the points of view of the actors and lots of pictures reminiscent of the books themselves. For fans who have seen the movie only.
- elm/ms **Klise, Kate** *Grounded* MS,JT
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 196p 16.99 978-0-312-57039-2
- Mother and daughter must learn to cope with loss and that is the theme of the book! However, during their spiritual journey toward acceptance of death, they deal with unique jobs, family members, and small-town turmoil.
- elm/ms **LaFevers, R.L.** *Theodosia and the eyes of Horos* LM,SO
Houghton 2010 375p 16.00 978-0-547-22592-0
- Theodosia Throckmorton's parents run the Museum of Legends and Antiquities in London in the year 1907. It is her job to help her parents with the acquisitions department. Or, in more exact terms, she must keep magic from running amuck in the museum.
- elem **Landau, Elaine** *Chickenpox* CK,JT,LMN
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 22.80 978-0-7614-3498-6 Head To Toe Health(MC)
- This is the low-down on chickenpox, written for the elementary student, with lots of facts, illustrations, and easy-to-use organization.
- elem **Landau, Elaine** *Food Allergies* JT,MS
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-3500-6 Head To Toe Health(MC)
- This title introduces children to food allergies. It tells what foods commonly trigger allergies, what are the typical reactions, how it can be treated, and what is actually going on in the body during an allergy attack. Excellent photographs and index.
- elem **Landau, Elaine** *Harp Seals* JT,LM
Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3460-0 Animals of the Snow and Ice
- This title details the life of harp seals. It gives their life cycle, how they move, what they eat, habitat, adaptations, and threats to their survival.
- elem **Landau, Elaine** *Snow Leopards* SO,LM
Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3463-1 Animals of the Snow and Ice
- This book describes the snow leopards and their physical characteristics, behavior, social life, and hunting methods by focusing on their anatomy, their habits, and their habitats.
- elem **Landau, Elaine** *Snowy Owls* JT,LM
Enslow 2010 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-3464-8 Animals(MC)
- Everything an elementary student will want to know about snowy owls. The text tells their size and features, what they eat, where they live, adaptations, and threats to their survival. It is a very complete look at snowy owls.
- elem **Leedy, Loreen** *The Shocking Truth about Energy* CFM,SO
Holiday House 2010 32p 17.95 978-0-8234-2220-3
- "An illustrated introduction to energy, covering the forms it can take, such as heat, light, fuel, and electricity, and examines topics such as global warming; nuclear, solar, and wind power; how energy transfers from the sun to food to people's muscles; and how to sensibly conserve energy around the home."
- elm/ms **Manning, Matthew/ Ricardo** *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* MD,LMN
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 72p 26.65 978-1-4342-1988-6 Graphic Revolve: (Stone Arch)
- This is a graphic novel of the very popular fairy tale of Ali Baba and the forty thieves.
- elem **Mara, Wil** *Why Do Earthquakes Happen?* JT,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4826-6 Tell Me Why, Tell Me How? (MC)
- Amazingly complete basic information on earthquakes that includes information on tectonic plates and how scientists measure earthquakes.
- elem **Marks, Jennifer L.** *Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius: All About the Fire Signs* RZ,LM
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 26.65 978-1-42964-014-5 Zodiac Fun (Capstone)
- An introduction to the fire signs of the Zodiac--Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius--that discusses typical personality traits, fashion sense, companions, and career matches for people whose birthdays fall under them.

- elem **Marzollo, Jean** *Pierre the Penguin* JT,LM
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 unpag 15.95 978-1--58536-485-5
True story of veterinarian ingenuity to help a captive penguin without feathers. Pierre did not properly molt and did not have the feathers to keep him warm or let him swim in the cold water.
- elem **McMullan, Kate** *School! Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elem. School* CK,JT
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2010 149p 12.99 978-0-312-37592-8
The story revolves around the silly, wordplay names of its characters, which are very clever.
- elm/ms **Menhard, Francha Roffe** *Inhalants* PN,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4350-6 Drug Facts(MC)
An overview of inhalants and how they affect the body and brain. This volume also includes the legal aspects of inhalant abuse and the treatment of inhalant addiction.
- elem **Michelhill, Barbara** *Gruesome Ghosts (Pathway: Damian Drooth Supersleuth)* JT,MD
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 23.99 978-1-4342-1639-7
Damian Drooth, child detective, solves a mystery involving ghosts in this easy reader. Damian tries to impress a new girl and help her grandparents who are afraid of their haunted house.
- elem **Nelson, S.D.** *Black Elk's Vision* MS,SO
Abrams, Harry 2010 48p 19.95 978-0-8109-8399-1
Children's book that tells the story of Black Elk, a Lakota Sioux, who survived several famous battles between his people and the white man. A chosen one who had visions from a higher being, Black Elk shared the gift of hope with his nation.
- elem **O'Connor, Barbara** *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester* HW,CK
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2010 168p 15.99 978-0-374-36850-0
After Owen captures a huge bullfrog, tries to tame it and then has to release it, he and his friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to observe the frog in the pond it came from, while avoiding nosy tag-along Viola.
- elm/ms **Ransome, James E.** *Gunner, Football Hero* MS,CFM
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2053-7
Football "wannabe" Gunner, tries to save the day for his football team, but throws an interception instead and his team loses. However, he shows the town and his classmates what dedication and practice can do for a misfit like himself.
- elem **Reed, Lynn Rowe** *Color Chaos* CFM,HW
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2257-9
"When substitute principal Mr. Greystone prohibits colors at Hughes Elementary School, it takes a visit from illustrator Maurice Coler to set things right. Includes information about primary, secondary, and tertiary colors and the color wheel."
- elem **Rodríguez, Beatrice** *The Chicken Thief* MD,LM
Enchanted Lion Books 2010 unpag 14.95 978-1-59270-092-9
The sly fox has taken the chicken and the chase is on. Bear, Rabbit, and Rooster give chase to save the chicken in this entertaining book without words.
- elem **Rotner, Shelley & Anne** *The Buzz on Bees* SO,CFM
Holiday House 2010 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2247-0
This outstanding book is an introduction to the bee and its habitats. The book discusses importance of bees to the human food chain and the loss of immense numbers of bees due to unknown causes. The book is clearly and crisply written and has eye-catching color photographs of bees and the plants that they pollinate.
- elem **Sandvold, Lynette Brent** *Revolution in Construction* JT,MS
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-4378-0 It Works(MC)
Explains developments in construction by highlighting the people who dreamed the innovations. The science behind the innovations is introduced with simple experiments for the student to try.
- elm/ms **Schwabacher, Martin** *Elephants* CFM,SO
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 24p 19.36 978-0-7614-4343-8 Benchmark Rockets: Animals
"Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of elephants, their family groups, food habits, and threats to their existence."
- all ages **Scillian, Devin** *D is for Down Under: An Australia Alphabet* MD,LM
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 unpag 17.95 978-1-58536-445-9
An alphabet picture book that will teach children all about Australia. In fact this book is not just for kids it is for all ages. Very enjoyable and a learning experience.
- all ages **Shiga, Jason** *Meanwhile* SO,RZ
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2010 unpag 15.95 978-0-8109-8423-3
In this ultimate version of a graphic novel combined with a choose-your-own-adventure, young Jimmy has to make a dangerous decision: whether to buy chocolate or vanilla ice cream. His choices will lead him through a very complicated maze with many different results.
- ms **Sirrine, Carol** *Cool Crafts with Old T-Shirts* HW,LM
Capstone Publishers 2010 32p 26.65 978-1-4296-4009-1 Green Crafts (Capstone)
Each project in this volume uses a t-shirt to create a simple craft or an inexpensive gift.
- * all ages **Smith, Marie and Roland** *S is for Smithsonian* SO,LM
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 unpag 17.95 978-1-58536-314-8
Most alphabet books are designed for the youngest of children. This remarkable one crosses many age groups. Arranged in traditional order, each letter is highlighted by a brief poem, a beautiful painting, and used to explain much more interesting information than normally found.
- elm/ms **Smith, Roland** *I.Q. Book Two: The White House* JT,MS
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 256p 8.95 978-1-58536-456-5
A tale of mystery, suspense, and espionage within the White House. Q (Quest) and Angela must solve another action packed mystery and save the President's daughter.

- elm/ms **Stevens, Eric** *Flu Fighter (Finn Reeder series)* MS,JT
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 75p 25.32 978-1-4342-2450-7
Finn Reeder survives five weeks of the swine flu to live another day. He chronicles his experience in a journal which is required by the first substitute teacher in a line of many as one after another, everyone is hit with H1N1. Relevant book full of humor!
- elm/ms **Stotts, Stuart** *We Shall Overcome: A Song That Changed the World* CFM,HW
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2010 72p 18.00 978-0-547-18210-0
"Examine the origins of the popular protest song, and describes the role the song played in civil rights, labor, and antiwar movements in America. Includes an audio CD with a performance by Pete Seeger."
- elm/ms **Tashjian, Janet** *My Life As a Book* MD,TW
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2010 210p 16.99 978-0-8050-8903-5
Derek Fallon is 12 years old and a holy terror. His parents are at their wits end when they decide to send him to a Learning Camp where he will be reading and writing to catch up in school. Derek does not fall easily into the routine of the camp until he uncovers a secret that changes his life.
- elm/ms **Tulien, Sean** *Pecos Bill: Colossal Cowboy* MD,LM
Stone Arch see Capstone 2010 39p 22.65 978-1-4342-1896-4 Graphic Spin(Stone Arch)
This graphic novel tells the story of the legendary character Pecos Bill. It is said that in the 1920s, as baby, Bill fell off a wagon and was raised by wolves. He grew to be a man of legend who could wrestle with wild mares and do all kinds of incredible things.
- elem **Walker, Kate** *Clothing* CK,LM
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 22.80 978-1-60870-128-5 Recycling (MC/Benchmark)
This book introduces the concept of clothing recycling for the very young student, and discusses ways in which this phenomenon effects the environment.
- elem **Walker, Kate** *Food and Garden Waste* HW,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-1-60870-129-2 Recycling (MC/Benchmark)
Food and Garden Waste encourages readers to learn where this waste come from and how we can reduce or recycle this waste to benefit the environment.
- elem **Walker, Kate** *Paper* LM,SO
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 22.80 978-1-60870-132-2 Recycling (MC/Benchmark)
An interesting overview of the recycling of paper. Readers will get full details about the how, why, where of saving the environment by making used paper into other useable items.
- elm/ms **Walker, Robert** *Mapping Mountains* HW,MD
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-1-60870-116-2 Mapping Our World(MC)
Find out how maps of mountains are made and how to interpret them.
- elm/ms **Walker, Robert** *Mapping Towns and Cities* MD,CK
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50 978-1-60870-120-9 Mapping Our World(MC)
A special book that teaches children how to find cities and towns on maps. Mapping is an essential tool all children need and here they will learn about maps, why we need to be able to learn to read a map, and how we can draw our map of our town or our school.
- elm/ms **Weaver, Janice** *Hudson* RZ,LM
Tundra Books 2010 48p 22.95 978-0-88776-814-9
Chronicles the life and accomplishments of Henry Hudson, describing his efforts to find a northern route to China, the mutiny that claimed his life, and the legacy for which he is remembered.
- elem **White, Linda** *Too Many Turkeys* PN,CFM
Holiday House 2010 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2084-1
The farmer and his wife take in a turkey who helps to keep bugs away and creates fertilizer for their garden. But when he becomes attracted to a female turkey, suddenly hundreds of turkeys show up in the farmer's yard.
- elm/ms **Wilner, Barry** *Basketball's Top 10 Scorers* MS,JT
Enslow 2010 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3470-9 Top 10 Sports Stars (Enslow)
This little gem covers the most important data about basketball's best from contemporary Kobe Bryant back to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the all-time highest scorer in history!

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elem **Amazing Machines(MC)** JT,RZ,TS,CFM,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50

This series of books concentrates on different types of vehicles and machines: aircraft, cranes, trucks, diggers, fire engines, and tractors.

Cranes *Fire Engines* *Trucks*
Tractors *Aircraft* *Diggers*

elm/ms **Amazing Working Dogs w/Amer.Humane(Enslow)** CFM,MD,CK,TW
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93

Amazing Working Dogs does a good job of introducing the subject of working dogs to elementary students, with plenty of excellent color photographs, glossaries, and references for further information. Although the book on service dogs does not describe the training of the dogs, it provides an overview of what life might be like for a disabled person who has one and how that person relies on the dog for basic daily needs.

Guide Dogs Heroes *Fire Dog Heroes* *Police Dogs Heroes*
Search and Rescue Dog Heroes *Service Dog Heroes* *Therapy Dog Heroes*

elm/ms **American Archeology(MC)** CK,RZ,JT,MS
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 64p 25.09

This series offers a unique perspective on the discovery of early cities and towns in the U. S. and Canada. Archaeologists are uncovering more and more information by painstakingly digging through artifacts found in areas populated by the Dutch, the English, the Vikings, the frontiersmen who crossed our nation, and finally, the slaves who voyaged north on the Underground Railroad. The authors present a look at each colony and provide archaeological evidence as to what, why, and how each colony survived or perished.

Uncovers The Underground Railroad *Uncovers the Westward Movement* *Uncovers the Vikings*
Uncovers the Dutch Colonies *Uncovers the Earliest English Colonies*

elm/ms **Beginning Pet Care w/American Humane(Enslow)** CK,CFM,MD,
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93

Each title in this series discusses selecting a pet and the housing, diet, handling, grooming, and health of the pet. Using simple sentences and chapter format, these books have been read by an expert from the American Humane Association. The seven titles printed so far include: bird, cat, dog, horse, fish, reptiles & amphibians, and small mammals.

Learning to Care for a Bird *Learning to Care for a Cat* *Learning to Care for a Dog* *Learning to Care for Small Mammals*
Learning to Care for a Horse *Learning to Care for Fish* *Learning to Care for Reptiles and Amphibians*

elm/ms **Biodiversity (MC)** CFM,SO,MD,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 32p 28.50

This *Biodiversity* series, aimed at upper-elementary and middle-school students, includes books on coral reefs, coasts, deserts, rainforests, polar regions, and woodlands. Each habitat-specific book offers wonderful information that is easily accessible for reports and further research. The books are very attractively laid out, well-written, informative, and thorough. However, the book on woodlands which discusses invasive species that have been introduced in the UK and have crowded out native vegetation, appears to have been written for a British readership and makes no attempt to address American youngsters.

Biodiversity of Coasts *Biodiversity of Coral Reefs* *Biodiversity of Deserts*
Biodiversity of Polar Regions *Biodiversity of Rain Forests* *Biodiversity of Woodlands*

elm/ms **Celebrate the States(MC)*##8,9** PN,RZ,MS,MD
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 144p 42.79

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.

Montana *Nebraska* *North Dakota* *Puerto Rico*

* denotes books to be read aloud

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elm/ms **Environment In Focus(MC/Benchmark)** LF,CK,MD,SO,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 22.80

This series includes six books that are clearly written, beautifully illustrated, and thorough, with illustrations and excellent "fast fact" insets. The web sites, glossary and index are very helpful. Several books discussed oil spills without mentioning the April 2010 BP oil spill, although the books have a 2011 copyright date.

Ecological Footprints *Greenhouse Gases* *Food Supplies*
Natural Wonders *Pollution* *Waste Management*

elem **Far-Out Unusual Pets (Enslow)** HW,CK,MS,JT,
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93

A highly recommended set for the elementary and middle school library, these books take the reader into the world of unusual pets, many of which you will not find in the big box pet stores but rather in zoos. The authors emphasize how important it is for people to learn as much as possible about these animals before purchasing one. Each book has color illustrations showing each pet to its fullest advantage. Sidebars throughout the book highlight interesting little factoids, using humor and fact. Each book contains a useful glossary and places to find more information both print and web-based.

Ferrets *Hairless Cats* *Hermit Crabs*
Hissing Cockroaches *Iguanas* *Potbellied Pigs*

elm/ms **First Americans(MC)#8,9** CFM,PN,JT,MD,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 48p 25.09

There are six new titles in the series titled *First Americans*. Each title includes background, history, lifestyles, beliefs, and present-day lives of a Native American tribe. Crisply written and fully illustrated, these deceptively simple books provide a wealth of information for elementary or middle school students.

The Menominee *The Tlingit* *The Mandan*
The Zuni *The Blackfeet* *The Mohawk*

elm/ms **Green Cars (MC)** TW,JT,MD,MS,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 19.95

Not just about a specific 'green car,' these books talk about the 'green movement' and the impact that fossil fuels have had on the environment. Each of the cars in this series has been engineered to be fuel-efficient and a low (or no) emissions vehicle. Readers will learn about the development of each car by reading readily understood text and well-captioned illustrations. Sidebars throughout the book address vital statistics and other interesting facts. Each book contains a useful glossary, and places to find more information, both print and web-based.

Insight *Prius* *Volt*
Aptera *Smart Car* *Ebox*

elem **Gross and Goofy Body (MC)** CK,PN,HW,JT,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2010 48p 23.94

The 12 titles in the series of *Gross and Goofy Body* are written in a fun, kid-friendly tone, and arranged in lively, illustration-filled spreads that brings in serious science. There is enough yuck quotient thrown in to entice both good and reluctant readers and lead them on to further research.

Now Hear This *Give Me A Hand* *You've Got Nerve!* *Here We Grow: The Secrets of Hair and Nails*
Germ Wars! *Moving and Grooving* *The Skin You're In*

elem **I Like Reading About Animals(Enslow)** TS,RZ,CFM,CK,
 Enslow 2010 32p 22.60

This series is perfect for the younger reader. Its strength lies in its colorful pictures of animals in their natural habitats, its dual presentation of both elementary and more advanced vocabulary for both new and fluent readers, and its choice of topics that are sure to interest young and old alike! The list of vocabulary words has a pronunciation guide that is an excellent tool for literacy study. Selections include books about animals that are athletic, animals that have interesting work habits, and animals and their cleanliness, among others.

Do Animals Work Together? *How Do Animal Babies Live?* *How do Animals Keep Clean?*
How Do Animals Stay Safe? *Which Animals Are the Best Athletes?*

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elm/ms *It's My State(MC/BB)***#7* ALL
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 80p 31.36

These lively, fact-filled volumes will interest upper elementary and middle school students. Easy to read, with many sharp, color photographs and diagrams, the series provides both a quick fact overview and a more in-depth discussion of the state. Topics discussed are history, geography, culture, and government. The books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state. Louisiana, New York, and Pennsylvania were not up to the gold standard.

<i>Colorado</i>	<i>Texas</i>	<i>Louisiana</i>	<i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Connecticut</i>
<i>California</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	<i>Delaware</i>
<i>Virginia</i>	<i>New Jersey</i>	<i>Maryland</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Illinois</i>	

elm/ms *Kid Racers (Enslow)* CFM,JT,HW,RZ
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93

Each title in this series is written in a high-interest, exciting style which is sure to engage all readers, particularly reluctant ones. These books contain action packed photos and stories of the hottest racing vehicles and races for children. Perfect for both those participating in the sport as well as those just interested in it. Five books have been printed so far and include: BMX racers, dirt bike racers, kart racers, snowmobile racers, and speedboat racers.

<i>Speedboat Racers</i>	<i>Dirt Bike Racers</i>	<i>BMX Racers</i>
<i>Kart Racers</i>	<i>Snowmobile Racers</i>	

elem *Prehistoric Beasts (MC)* CFM,CK,SO,PN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 29.93

The *Prehistoric Beasts* series consists of at least five books at this time. 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 by and will enjoy reading these books.

<i>Doedicurus</i>	<i>Hyracotherium</i>	<i>Kronosaurus</i>
<i>Saber-Toothed Cat</i>	<i>Mastodon</i>	

elm/ms *Science Secrets (MC)* SO,CK,JT,MS,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 22.80

The books in this outstanding series cover topics about animal life cycles, flight, habitats, heat and cold, light, and pollution and conservation. Filled with simple scientific information and hands-on experiments that will increase a young reader's knowledge, they provide interesting and informative reading. The original series was first published in Britain and some criticisms were not edited out.

<i>Secrets of Animal Life Cycles</i>	<i>Secrets of Flight</i>	<i>Secrets of Habitats</i>
<i>Secrets of Heat and Cold</i>	<i>Secrets of Light</i>	<i>Secrets of Pollution and Conservation</i>

elm/ms *Secret Lives (MC)* MS,SO,JT,CFM,
 Marshall Cavendish 2011 48p 23.94

This series includes books on soil creatures, burrowing beasts, cave creatures, deep-sea creatures, and seashell dwellers. The writing is succinct and interesting, the photographs are sharp and beautiful, and the glossary, index, and references for further information are helpful.

<i>Soil Creatures</i>	<i>Burrowing Beasts</i>	<i>Cave Creatures</i>
<i>Deep-Sea Creatures</i>	<i>Seashell Dwellers</i>	

elm/ms *Who Dunit? Forensic Science Experiments (Enslow)* MS,CFM,SO
 Enslow 2010 48p 23.93

This well-done series, *Who Dunit? Forensic Science Experiments*, contains books about crime solving science experiments. While these are, by necessity, a cursory overview of forensic crime work, they are sure to whet the interest of their readers for more information.

<i>Who Can Solve the Crime?</i>	<i>Who Forged This Document?</i>	<i>Whose Fingerprints Are These?</i>
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elm/ms *Working Animals (MC)* LF,CK,LM,HW,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 64p 19.95

This is a wonderful series that will be an excellent selection for upper elementary and middle school libraries that need high interest books. They will be useful for research, for students who like to read about animals, and for students who need information about animal training. The writing is clear and interesting, the organization is good, and the references for further information, glossary and index are professional.

Military *Performers* *Transportation*
Farming *Helpers* *Police*

elem *Yucky Science* MD,CFM,SO,CK,
 Enslow 2010 48P 23.93

"This reluctant readers series of six titles covers life science and earth science topics as well as careers, with a gross and yucky twist. The question-and-answer format, along with the high-interest topics will add to the reluctant reader appeal of the books. Features cartoon-style illustrations and fact boxes."

Smog, Oil Spills, Sewage, and More *Dung Beetles, Slugs, Leeches, and More* *Snot, Poop, Vomit, and More*
Tapeworms, Foot Fungus, Lice, and More *Chocolate Ants, Maggot Cheese, and More*