



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 2012**

**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 4/5.

### **Committee**

Magna Diaz (Edison High School)  
Charleen Forba-Mayer (Christina School – Delaware)  
Carol Kennedy (Garnet Valley Middle School-retired)  
Linda McNeil (CCIU#24)  
Lois McNicol (Garnet Valley High School-retired)  
Pat Naismith (Springfield High School)  
Susan Ogintz (Fred S. Engle Middle School-retired)  
Martha Squaresky (Milton Hershey School)  
Joan Theal (Milton Hershey School-retired)  
Hilary Welliver (Director – Kent Co. Public Library)

- elm/ms **Abela, Deborah** *The Ghosts of Gribblesea Pier* MS,JT  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 232p 16.99 978-0-374-36239-3  
Aurelie is raised in an unusual setting as a circus performer. She faces conflicts in school, with friendships, with her family's business, and with a capitalist who wants to take over her home.
- ms **Acampora, Paul** *Rachel Spinelli Punched Me In the Face* HW,LF  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 168p 15.99 978-1-59643-548-3  
Zachary and his dad move to Connecticut for a fresh start after Zachary's mom abandons her family in Colorado.
- elem **Adler, David A.** *Mystery Math: A First Book of Algebra* SO,VM  
Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2289-0  
Algebra is not normally associated with haunted houses and spooky situations but David Adler succeeds admirably in explaining this difficult mathematical concept in a picture book.
- elm/ms **Adoff, Arnold** *Roots and Blues* CFM,SO  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 86p 17.99 978-0-547-23554-7  
"Lyrical text explores how Blues have been part of everyday life throughout history, from its origins in the sounds of the earth, through slaves' voices singing of freedom, to today's greatest performers--and listeners."
- \* ms/hs **Aguirre, Ann** *Enclave* MS,JT  
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2011 262p 16.99 978-0-312-65008-7  
Skilled huntress Deuce is exiled from her underworld kingdom with partner Fade. Both face the Freaks, a sinister group which feeds on humans, and gangs which live aboveground, as all try to eke out an existence in a post-apocalyptic world.
- ms/hs **Alexander, Jill S.** *Paradise* LMN,MD  
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2011 248p 16.99 978-0-312-60541-4  
Paisley, a girl drummer, must decide whether to live life wide open and truthfully or to hide her musical talent from her disapproving mother. The life of a small town Texas teenager rings true in this story of hopes and dreams. Grades 8-12.
- ms/hs **Allen, Elise** *Populazzi* HW,LMN  
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2011 394p 16.99 978-0-547-48153-1  
Cara, who has always been on the bottom rung of the social ladder, plots how to rise to the top and become a "Populazzi" in her new school.
- ms/hs **Altman, Linda Jacobs** *African Mythology Rocks!* LM,JT  
Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3896-7 Mythology Rocks! (Enslow)  
The stories in this book show how the different African cultures have used their myths to explain the natural occurrences of nature. Because there is no one single African culture, there are many variations of the same myths.
- all ages **Aronson, Marc** *Trapped* LMN,CFM  
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 144p 16.99 978-1-4169-1397-9  
A concise dramatic retelling of the mine rescue operation in Chile in 2010. Unique perspective of above and below ground conditions and efforts. Aimed at grades 4-8 but suitable for high school and even adult reading.
- elm/ms **Asselin, Kristine Carlson** *The Real Story about Government and Politics in Colonial America* CFM,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 30p 19.99 978-1-42966-139-3 Life In American Colonies  
"An introduction to the government and politics of colonial America that explains how laws were created and enforced, who ran the government, what Native American laws were like, and more."
- \* ms/hs **Avi** *City of Orphans* JT,MS  
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 368p 16.99 978-1-4169-97102-3  
Life in the lower East Side tenements of New York just before the 1900's. A story of friendship and the real meaning of family, it paints a realistic picture that includes mystery and action. Great read for middle school students.
- elm/ms **Azzarelli, Ally** *Justin Bieber* CFM,LMN  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3873-8 Hot Celebrity Biographies  
"Describes how Justin Bieber became a star and provides an overview of his life."
- elem **Barraclough, Sue** *I Know Someone Who Is Obese* HW,JT  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 32p 26.00 978-1-4329-4566-4  
This book introduces readers to what obesity is, how it affects people, how it can be prevented, and what they can do to be a good friend to someone who is obese.
- hs/adult **Bartok, Mira** *The Memory Palace* TW,MD  
Free Press (Simon & Schuster) 2011 305p 25.00 978-1-4391-8331-1  
Bartok, artist and children's author, has written a memoir about having an increasingly mentally ill mother and the effects of this on her life. This well-written narrative is disturbing, well-written, and heart wrenching.
- ms **Baskin, Nora Raleigh** *The Summer Before Boys* CK,LMN  
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 196p. 15.99 978-1-442-417-922  
A young girl comes of age the summer that her mother is deployed to Iraq when she must go and live with her older sister's family.
- \* ms/hs **Bertozzi, Nick** *Lewis and Clark* MD,LF  
First Second (Macmillan) 2011 136p 16.99 978-0-59643-450-9  
A graphic novel about the Lewis and Clark expedition especially for reluctant readers who will enjoy it while learning about history.
- ms **Bial, Raymond** *Rescuing Rover* JT,CFM  
Houghton 2011 80p 16.99 978-0-547-34125-5  
Introducing students to the dog overpopulation crisis through text and photographs, the reader is taken to see a day in the life of a shelter worker and what life is like for the rescued animals. Finding forever homes is stressed. Grades 5-8

- elm/ms **Biskup, Agnieszka** *The Life of the Great Escape Artist: Houdini* HW,SO  
Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 21.99 978-1-4296-5474-6  
Harry Houdini was the greatest magician and escape artist of his time. In graphic format, this biography summarizes his life and accomplishments.
- elm/ms **Bjorklund, Ruth** *Aikido* CK,HW  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 48p 20.95 978-0-7614-4931-7 Martial Arts In Action(MC)  
This is a thorough description of the martial art aikido from its origins in Japan to its philosophy and practice as an international sport.
- ms/hs **Bjorklund, Ruth** *Immigration* MS,PN  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 80p 22.95 978-0-7614-4973-7 Debating the Issues (MC)  
The debate about immigration policy is a heated one. This volume presents the historical perspective, reasoning behind the different positions, and thought-provoking questions that encourage the reader to form his/her own opinion.
- \* ms/hs **Blackstone, Matt** *A Scary Scene in a Scary Movie* VM,SO  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 248p 16.99 978-0-374-36421-2  
Rene is a freshman with obsessive-compulsive disorder who is trying to fit in and navigate his way through high school. Assisted by his new popular friend Gio, Rene copes with his differences until he runs away to New York and meets with his love Ariel.
- elem **Bliss, John** *Jewish Migration* SO,VM  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4075-9 Migration (Capstone)  
Jews have wandered the world since Moses brought the Israelites out of Egypt, almost always in fear for their lives. In this book, Bliss concentrates on five individuals who offer primary-source information about their travels.
- elem **Blom, Jen K.** *Possum Summer* MS,JT  
Holiday House 2011 155p 17.95 978-0-8234-2331-6  
War hits Oklahoma when Princess's father must go to Iraq. She has promised to take care of their farm but faces much more than ordinary farm life with resilience and resourcefulness.
- \* ms/hs **Blumenthal, Karen** *Bootleg, Murder, Moonshine, & the Lawless Years of Prohibition* HW,LM  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 154p 18.99 978-1-59643-449-3  
Text examines the rise and fall of Prohibition.
- elm/ms **Bozzo, Linda** *Gross Body Jokes To Tickle Your Funny Bone* MD,CK  
Enslow 2011 48p 21.26 978-0-7660-3540-9 Funny Bone Jokes(Enslow)  
A book full of jokes, riddles, tongue twisters, knock- knock jokes, and fun facts about the human body.
- \* hs/adult **Bradley, Alan** *A Red Herring Without Mustard* PN,CK  
Delacorte see Random 2011 399p 23.00 978-0-385-34232-2  
A mysterious gypsy fortuneteller almost beaten to death, a dead thief, a missing baby, and the usual family squabbles all combine to make another memorable mystery novel featuring the irrepressible 11-year-old sleuth, Flavia de Luce.
- ms/hs **Bredsdorff, Bodil** *Tink (Children of Crow Cove series)* HW,LM  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 138p 16.99 978-0-374-31268-8  
Tink leaves Crow Cove only to return with Burd who helps him discover his place in the community.
- elm/ms **Broach, Eise** *Missing On Superstition Mountain* JT,CK  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 262p 15.99 978-0-8050-9047-5  
New to town, three brothers climb part way up Superstition Mountain following their cat. This starts a search for more information about the mysterious mountain and some unexplained deaths and disappearances on it. Grades 4 - 7.
- ms/hs **Brooks, Martha** *Queen of Hearts* HW,LF  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 214p 17.99 978-0-374-34229-6  
Portrayal of teen's journey through a tuberculosis sanatorium in the 1940s.
- elm/ms **Brown, Don** *America Is Under Attack* CK,LM  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 unpag 16.99 978-1-59643-694-7 Actual Times  
This book provides a moment-by-moment accounting of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.
- elem **Bruel, Nick** *Bad Kitty Meets the Baby* CFM,JT  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 143p 13.99 978-1-59643-597-1  
"Bad Kitty is not pleased when a baby joins her family. Includes fun facts and tips for training a cat to perform tricks."
- hs **Bryfonski, Dedria** *War in John Knowles's A Separate Peace* LMN,LM  
Cengage (Gale, Lucent, 2011 175p 26.50 978-0-7377-5269-4 Social Issues in Literature(Gale)  
This book contains reprinted articles that provide literary criticism on John Knowles's *A Separate Peace*. Themes of war, sports, and friendship are explored. Each article starts with an author biography and summary of the article. Excellent for grades 9-12.
- elem **Bunting, Eve** *Pirate Boy* LMN,CK  
Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2321-7  
A boy dreams of sailing on a pirate ship but wants confirmation from his mother that she will always be there to calm his fears. Bright, detail-rich illustrations meld beautifully with the text. A pinch of humor underlies the text and illustrations. Preschool.
- ms **Bunting, Eve** *The Pirate Captain's Daughter* MD,TW  
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 208p 8.95 978-1-58536-525-8  
Catherine's mother is ailing and her father is mostly away at sea as captain of his ship. He has come home but it is too late for her mother and now Catherine must worry about her future. What will become of her if her father leaves her behind?
- ms/hs **Burlingame, Jeff** *Taylor Swift* LMN,CFM  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3870-7 Hot Celebrity Biographies  
Taylor Swift, originally from Pennsylvania, is a successful country/pop singer whose talent surfaced at an early age. This is an easy read biography for middle and high school students who want to read about current pop stars.

- elem **Cabrera, Jane** *The Wheels on the Bus* MS,CFM  
Holiday House 2011 unp \$16.95 978-0-8234-2350-7  
In a wonderful adaptation of the original song, this book combines music with animals, onomatopoeia, and delightful illustrations.
- elem **Cameron, Ann** *Spunky Tells All* CFM,LM  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 106p 16.95 978-0-374-38000-7  
"Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates the family's adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and a new way of looking at his world."
- elem **Caple, Kathy** *Duck & Company Christmas* MS,CFM  
Holiday House 2011 48p 15.95 978-0-8234-2239-5  
When Christmas arrives with only rain, Duck and Rat try to think of ways to drum up business and create holiday spirit at their bookstore.
- ms/hs **Colligan, L.H.** *Global Warming* CK,PN  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 80p 32.79 978-0-7614-4971-3 Debating the Issues (MC)  
The two sides of the global warming issue are presented and explained.
- hs/adult **Collins, Billy** *Horoscopes For The Dead* LF,HW  
Random 2011 106p 24.00 978-1-4000-6492-2  
The author, a former poet laureate, has created another collection of lyrical poetry. Ever smart, the poems cover the many vicissitudes that plague man.
- elm/ms **Colson, Mary** *Coping with Absent Parents* LF,JT  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 48p 24.00 978-1-4329-4760-6 Real Life Issues  
This book attempts to allay some of the fears and misunderstandings that children feel when their parent(s) are not always around. Whether this is because of divorce, illness, careers in the military, medicine and other public services, or other possible reasons, children's common fears are addressed in this book.
- ms **Cooper, Ilene** *Angel in My Pocket* JT,MS  
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2011 278p 16.99 978-0-312-37014-5  
Four students, one at a time, temporarily possess a token with an angel on it. Each has better things happen in their life while they possess the token. All four stories are interwoven.
- \* ms/hs **Cross, Gillian** *Where I Belong* LM,SO  
Holiday House 2011 245p 17.95 978-0-8234-2332-3  
Khadija emigrates to London for a better life. Shortly thereafter, she is discovered by a fashion mogul and engaged to model her new line of clothes. A disgraceful friend discovers her job and kidnaps her brother for a ransom. The action is believable and fast paced.
- elm/ms **Cuevas, Michelle** *The Masterwork of a Painting Elephant* CK,MS  
Farrar Strauss Giroux 2011 136p 15.99 978-0-374-34854-0  
This is a whimsical little tale of a child who is raised by a talking elephant named Birch.
- ms/hs **Dagg, Carole Estby** *The Year We Were Famous* CK,LMN  
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2011 250p 16.99 978-0-618-99983-5  
The author fictionalizes the true story of her great-aunt and great-grandmother, who traveled the county by foot in 1896 to raise money to champion women's suffrage.
- elm/ms **Dahl, Michael** *Green Lantern: Guardian of Earth* HW,LM  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 48p 25.32 978-1-4342-2611-2 DC Superheroes(Capstone)  
Hal Jordan becomes the new Green Lantern, Guardian of Earth, after a close encounter with a mysterious alien from a UFO.
- elem **Davies, Jacqueline** *The Lemonade Crime* CFM,VM  
Houghton 2011 152p 15.99 978-0-547-27967-1  
"When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened."
- \* ms/hs **Davies, Stephen** *Outlaw* LMN,CK  
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2011 289p 16.99 978-0-547-39017-8  
Jake and his sister are kidnapped in Burkina Faso and must make decisions about whom to trust in order to reunite with their parents. Lots of danger and action with many tech tricks, illusions, and gimmicks that keep the good guys in the lead. Gr. 7+.
- ms **DeFelice, Cynthia** *Wild Life* JT,MS  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 177p 16.99 978-0-374-38001-4  
During the deployment of his parents to Iraq, Erik is sent to live with grandparents he does not remember. He finds it intolerable there and runs away with a stray hunting dog to live off the land. In the process, he grows up and chooses to return. Grades 5-9
- elem **Dickmann, Nancy** *La Carne y Las Proteinas* MS,MD  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 24p 16.77 978-1-4329-5130-6  
Children learn which animals and other food products contain proteins, why eating proteins is important, and the negative side of eating too many fatty foods.
- elem **Donahue, Jill Lynn** *Being Honest (Bilingual)* MS,MD  
Picture Window Books 2011 24p 19.49 978-1-4048-6689-8  
Teaching values and morals is the job of the classroom teacher as well as the parent. This book teaches children how to be honest by using various case scenarios and showing how each child resolved the problem by displaying honesty.
- ms/hs **Dooley, Sarah** *Body of Water* JT,SO  
Macmillan (Feiwel & Friends) 2011 326p \$17.99 9780312612542  
Ember's family becomes homeless after someone burns down their trailer in an attempt to push them out of the neighborhood because of their unusual religious observances. She learns that a home is just a home and discovers that relationships are more important.

- elm/ms **Dorisi-Winget, Dianna** *Pythons* LMN,JT  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 26.65 978-1-4296-6014-3 Wild About Snakes (Capstones)  
Discusses the habitat, life cycle, predators, and behavior of pythons. Excellent photos accompany the text which has highlighted words defined at the bottom of the page. Grades 3-8.
- elem **Dunning, Joan** *Seabird in the Forest* LF,ALL  
Boyd's Mills 2011 unnp 17.95 978-1-59078-715-1  
Follows the life cycle of the marbled murrelet, a small seabird indigenous to coastal Pacific waters. In the process, the author presents information about the redwood forests found up and down the northwestern coastal states.
- \* ms/hs **Elliott, Patricia** *The Traitor's Smile* LM,SO  
Holiday House 2011 308p 17.95 978-0-8234-2361-3  
This is the sequel to the *Pale Assassin*. Eugenie Bancœur has fled from Paris to her family in England to escape the French Revolution. A thrilling event has her returning to Paris to save her brother from the guillotine. Readers get a good insight into life in Paris during that time period.
- ms/hs **Emert, Phyllis Raybin** *Sonia Sotomayor* MD,MS  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 112p 33.45 978-1-42-5-0489-7 People in the News  
A biography of Sonia Sotomayor. The road to success is never easy and Judge Sotomayor is proof that if you strive for success you will reach your goal. Follows her road to the Supreme Court through all the difficult stumbling blocks in life.
- \* ms **Engle, Margarita** *Hurricane Dancers* MD,TW  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 145p 16.99 978-0-8050-9240-0  
Based on a true story, this fictionalized version of the incident tells the poetic story of the Indian, the hostage, and the pirate. They were shipwrecked on one of the Islands of the Caribbean where their destinies become intertwined.
- ms/hs **Enslow, Anne & Ridley** *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* CK,LM  
Enslow 2011 28p 23.93 978-0-7660-3635-2 Music of America's History  
This is a collection of songs written and created during the Civil War, by both sides of the conflict, and recorded by modern artists including members of the Enslow family.
- elem **Feldman, Thea** *Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse Starring Harry* SO,VM  
Square Fish/FSG/Macmillan 2011 32p 15.99 978-0-312-68168-5  
In this chapter book for early readers, inspired by George Selden's *The Cricket in Times Square*, children are introduced to Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse as they live together in their cozy drainpipe in Times Square. This adaptation is very true to the original as are the lovely illustrations bring those of Garth Williams to mind.
- ms/hs **Fitzgerald, Stephanie** *Children of the Holocaust* SO,CFM  
Compass Point 2011 64p 33.32 978-0-7565-4390-7 The Holocaust (Compass Point)  
This insightful book presents primary source information about the Holocaust. Fitzgerald offers firsthand accounts of some of the children and teenagers from across Europe who managed to escape the Nazi death machine through luck, determination, self-reliance, and, sometimes, the kindness of neighbors and complete strangers.
- all ages **Fogarty, Mignon** *Grammar Girl Presents the Ultimate Writing Guide for Students* LM,CK  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 294p 19.99 978-0-8050-8943-1  
From podcast sensation to most needed author, Grammar Girl covers it all from the parts of speech to writing style in a easy to read witty style. This is a one stop essential book every student should have as a resource.
- \* elm/ms **Forler, Nan** *Winterberries and Apple Blossoms: Reflections and Flavors of a Mennonite* HW,LM  
Tundra Books 2011 39p 22.95 978-1-770-49284-7  
Through poetry and simple recipes, young Naomi introduces readers to the seasonal events of her rural Mennonite community.
- \* elm/ms **Frederick, Heather Vogel** *Once Upon a Toad* JT,MS  
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2012 262p 16.99 978-1-4169-8478-8  
In this modern fairy tale, Cat has to deal with her evil stepsister who spits out flowers and diamonds when she speaks. Cat spews toads. Funny and, at times, poignant for preteen girls. Grades 4-7
- elem **Freeman, Martha** *The Case of the Diamond Dog Collar* JT,CFM  
Holiday House 2011 136p 16.95 978-0-8234-2337-8  
Second title in *First Kids Mystery* series. The diamond dog collar sent to the White House resident dog is assumed to be fake until one gem disappears. The First Daughters tackle this mystery that may involve White House staff. Grades 3-6
- \* hs **Freitas, Donna** *The Survival Kit* PN,MD  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 351p 16.99 978-0-374-39917-7  
Devastated by her mother's death, Rose finds a "survival kit" left for her in her mother's closet. Although the items seem unrelated at first, they eventually take Rose on a journey of healing and romance.
- ms/hs **Friedman, Lauri S.** *Cyberbullying* PN,LM  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 114p 978-0-7377-5117-8 Introducing Issues w/Opposing  
Utilizing expert opinions on both sides of the subject, this volume examines cyberbullying and provides young readers with opportunities to express their own opinions.
- \* ms/hs **Gantos, Jack** *Dead End in Norvelt* MS,LF  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 341p 15.99 978-0-374-37993-3  
Young Jack Gantos is forced by his participation in an accidental shooting incident to work for the summer or remain "grounded" for eternity. When Jack carries food to the elderly, digs a bomb shelter, and types obituaries for his feisty elderly neighbor, the work becomes entertainment!
- college **Garcia, Cristina** *Dreams of Significant Girls* MD,TW  
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 256p 16.99 978-1-4169-79203  
The story of three girls' journey into womanhood. They met one summer at boarding school where they share a room together. Their dislike for each other would make their stay very difficult but their destinies were interlaced.

- ms/hs **Gardner, Robert** *Earth's Cycles* MD,SO  
 Enslow 2011 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3644-4 Team Green Science Projects  
 A science project book with 23 projects on the Earth's cycles for students to use, explore, and experiment. Many of the projects will need an adult.
- elem **Garland, Michael** *Grandpa's Tractor* HW,JT  
 Boyd's Mills 2011 unnp 16.95 978-1-59078-762-5  
 Timmy and Grandpa Joe visit the family farm and reminisce about Grandpa's old red tractor.
- elm/ms **Garofoli, Wendy** *Hip-Hop Dancing: The Basics* MS,LMN  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 48p 22.99 978-1-4296-5484-5  
 Hip-hop moves are defined and instruction is provided on the basic moves of hip-hop in this 4-volume set. Illustrations jump off the pages, are clearly organized, and wonderfully colorful.
- elem **Gassman, Julie** *You Can't Spike Your Serves* JT,HW  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 56p 18.99 978-1-4342-2231-2 Sports Illustrated Kids  
 Alicia wants to raise money to help a friend's school buy new cheer pompoms. When her school has a visiting volleyball star, a tournament is planned as a fund raiser to help the school of Alicia's friend.
- elm/ms **Gatto, Kimberly** *Kevin Garnett: A Basketball Star Who Cares* CK,LMN  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3772-4 Sports Stars Who Care(Enslow)  
 This is an easy-to-read biography for the child who loves basketball.
- second **Gee, Maurice** *Salt* LF,HW  
 Orca 2011 240p 9.95 978-1-55149-369-6  
 In a dystopian world, there is no equity among the races/species, and Deep Salt is the place that all fear. Two young people are found to have the gift of interspecies telepathic communication and strike out to create a better world for themselves, their families, and their species.
- ms/hs **Gier, Kerstein** *Ruby Red (Ruby Red Trilogy)* LM,SO  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 330p 16.99 978-0-8050-9252-3  
 Gwen is a 16-year-old who discovers she belongs to a family with peculiar abilities. The story shares her trials, close escapes, and feelings as she learns to navigate through time in historic London.
- hs/adult **Gillard, Arthur** *Food-Borne Diseases* CK,LMN  
 Cengage (Gale, Lucent, 2011 153p 41.70 978-0-7377-5252-1 Perspectives on Diseases &  
 This book discusses three major aspects of food-borne diseases: a description of them, controversies regarding them, and personal histories with them.
- \* ms **Gleitzman, Morris** *Then* MS,JT  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 196p 16.99 978-0-8050-9027-7  
 When Zelda and Felix escape from a Nazi train, they find an ally in Genia, a Polish woman, who takes them in and protects them. All face danger from a variety of enemies.
- elem **Gormley, Greg** *Dog in Boots* JT,MS  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp 17.95 978-0-8234-2347-7  
 Dog reads *Puss in Boots* and tries to find the right footwear for himself. After several failed attempts, he finds the perfect choice - his paws.
- \* hs **Grant, Vicki** *B Negative* HW,LMN  
 Orca 2011 125p 9.95 978-1-55469-841-7  
 The physical exam Paddy takes in preparation for joining the Army reveals secrets that threaten to destroy his family.
- elm/ms **Gray, Susan H.** *The Life Cycle of Mammals* VM,SO  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 48p 32.00 978-1-4329-4981-5 Life Cycles (Capstone)  
 This book explores the life cycle of mammals. It provides understanding of the special characteristics all mammals have as well as how they are born, grow, move, protect themselves, live, help us, spend their time, and reproduce.
- elm/ms **Green, Carl R. & William R.** *Mysterious Secrets of Dreams* MD,LM  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3821-9 Investigating the Unknown  
 Everyone dreams but not everyone remembers their dreams. Sometimes a dream is so strong it will wake you and make you wonder what it means. This book will explain how dreams can help you. Sometimes it sends messages, or solves problems and sometimes it sends warnings of danger.
- ms **Greenwald, Tommy** *Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to NOT Reading* CK,JT  
 Roaring Brook Press see 2011 220p 14.99 978-1-59643-691-6  
 Charlie Joe Jackson hates to read and goes to great lengths to get other kids to do his reading for him. He also has some "tips" for weaseling one's way out of having to read.
- ms/hs **Griffiths, Sara** *Singled Out* CK,JT  
 Bancroft 2011 171p 19.95 978-1-890862-96-1  
 This page-turner concerns a teenage girl who finds herself at a formerly all-boys school on a baseball scholarship.
- elem **Gunderson, Jessica** *Life on the Mayflower* LM,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 19.99 978-1-4048-6284-5  
Life on the Mayflower presents some basic facts about the living conditions on the Mayflower for young readers in graphic novel format.
- ms **Haddix, Margaret Peterson** *The Always War* MS,JT  
 Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 208p 16.99 978-1-4169-9526-5  
 Three teenagers from Waterford City seek the truth about the war that their fellow citizens have engaged in for 75 years and make a startling discovery.

- elm/ms **Halls, Kelly** *In Search of Sasquatch* CFM,LM  
Houghton 2011 47p 16.99 978-0-547-25761-7  
"Draws on interviews with cryptozoologists, linguistics experts, anthropologists, biologists, and others to examine evidence related to the existence of Sasquatch."
- ms/hs **Haney, Johannah** *Nuclear Energy* PN,MS  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 80p 32.79 978-0-7614-496-8 Debating the Issues (MC)  
This volume presents the pro and con arguments on the key topic of nuclear energy, and provides tools th help readers formulate their own opinions on the topic.
- all ages **Harbo, Christopher** *Easy Origami Toys* LMN,CK  
Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 23.99 978-1-4296-5386-2  
For any age, this book contains seven origami toys that can easily be created. The directions are clear and each step is shown in photographs. Fun for all ages in this colorful book.
- hs/adult **Harvey, Sarah N.** *Shattered* LF,MS  
Orca 2011 128p 9.95 978-1-55469-845-5  
What is it like to have a perfect life? What happens when it shatters? Follow March as she delves within to become the person she is meant to be.
- ms/hs **Hasday, Judy L.** *Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg* MS,JT  
Morgan Reynolds 112p 28.95 978-159935176-6 Business Leaders(Morgan  
Portraying Mark Zuckerberg's fascinating life story along with the highlights of his meteoric rise to fame as Facebook's originator, this book highlights the personality, the skills, and the selfishness necessary to create the world's premier social network.
- hs/adult **Hay, Jeff** *The Crisis in Darfur* CK,LMN  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 165p 41.70 978-0-7377-5257-1 Perspectives on Modern World  
This compilation of articles on the crisis in Darfur is divided into three sections: the background to the crisis, controversies surrounding the crisis, and personal stories of those affected by the crisis.
- ms/hs **Hengel, Katherine** *Before The Snap (District 13)* LMN,CK  
Saddleback 2011 48p 5.50 978-1-61651-581-2  
The District 13 series provides 1.0 to 2.0 reading level stories that ring true for high school students. This title focuses on a high school boy who hears from his former girlfriend that she is pregnant and worries that everyone will think he is the father. Grades 7-10.
- elem **Hill, Susanna Leonard** *April Fool, Phyllis* CFM,SO  
Holiday House 2011 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2270-8  
" When Punxsutawney Phyllis forecasts a blizzard on April Fools' Day--the same day as the Spring Treasure Hunt--the other groundhogs are convinced that Phyllis is pulling a prank. Includes information of the origins of April Fools' Day and how it is celebrated around the world."
- elm/ms **Hilmo, Tess** *With A Name Like Love* HW,CK  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 249p 16.99 978-0-374-38465-4  
Thirteen-year-old Olivene Love is caught up in a murder-mystery when her family visits Binder, Arkansas in 1957.
- elm/ms **Holbrook, Sara** *Weird? (Me, too!) Let's Be Friends* CK,LMN  
WordSong (Boyd's Mills Press) 2011 56p 16.95 978-1-59078-821-9  
This is a collection of poems about friendship in all of its aspects.
- ms/hs **Houle, Michelle M.** *Gods and Goddesses in Greek Mythology Rock!* HW,LM  
Enslow 2011 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3897-4 Mythology Rocks! (Enslow)  
Collection of ten Greek myths.
- \* elm/ms **Hunt, Sara** *Stay Fit* VM,SO  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 26.65 978-1-4296-6545-2 Healthy Me (Capstone)  
Provides information and tips for young readers to get fit, stay fit, exercise, eating good foods, and making healthy choices for a healthy lifestyle.
- ms/hs **Hunter, Nick** *Cyber Bullying* LMN,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 56p 33.50 978-1-4329-4869-6 Hot Topics (Capstone)  
Discusses the meaning of cyberbullying, who does it, how to stop it, and the forms it takes. Colorfully illustrated and sure to draw in readers and researchers. Grades 5-12.
- elm/ms **Hurd, Thacher** *Bongo Fishing* LMN,CK  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 233p 16.99 978-0-8050-9100-7  
For any child who has stared at the night sky and wondered if there is life out there. Jason goes on an intergalactic trip with Sam from Pleiades in a space vehicle that resembles an old Dodge Dart. Witty with just enough science terms tossed in. Gr. 4-7.
- elem **Hurley, Michael** *World's Greatest Olympians* MS,CK  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4122-0 The Olympics (Capstone)  
Exciting biographical information, a vivid layout, and outstanding photographs combine to create a winning book about world record-breaking Olympic stars.
- elm/ms **James, Harry** *Graphing with Pets* LF,SO  
Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 19.99 978-1-4296-6618-3 Real World Math  
Mathematics meets young entrepreneurship in this book that uses the finances and organization of a startup pet care business to illustrate how graphing information can be really useful when running a business.
- hs/adult **Johns, Geoff** *Superman Secret Origin* HW,LM  
DC Comics see Random 2010 unnp 29.99 978-1-4012-2697-8  
Details Clark Kent's journey from a Smallville farm to Metropolis' urban center.

- elm/ms **Jonell, Lynne** *Emmy and the Rats In The Belfry* CK,JT  
Henry Holt 2011 372p 17.99 978-0-8050-9183-0  
Emmy is being harassed by her arch enemy, Miss Barmy, and her co-conspirator, Cheswick Vole, who trash her bedroom every night so that her parents begin to doubt their daughter's character.
- ms **Jones, Traci L.** *Silhouetted By the Blue* PN,CK  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 200p 16.99 978-0-374-36914-9  
After her mother's death, Serena's father has fallen more and more into "the blue." That leaves Serena to deal with the entire house and her younger brother Henry. How can she juggle all this and still play the lead in the school musical?
- ms/hs **Kent, Trilby** *Stones for My Father* LMN,CK  
Tundra Books 2011 176p 19.95 978-1-77049-252-3  
Outstanding imagery shows tension and fear as Corlie and her family are forced into an internment camp during the Boer War in South Africa. Unwanted by her mother, Corlie struggles until she finds comfort from others including a British soldier. Gr 7+.
- hs **Kessler, Jackie Morse** *Rage* VM,SO  
Graphia see Houghton Mifflin 2011 213p 8.99 978-0-547-44528-1  
Missy is a cutter who cuts too deep after being publicly humiliated at a party. As she faces death, she makes a deal that will take her back to life with powers and a magical blade as a weapon that can change events and outcomes.
- ms **Keyser, Amber J.** *Anatomy of a Pandemic* MS,LF  
Capstone Publishers 2011 48p 22.99 978-1-4296-5493-7  
Major pandemics of the world, including polio, typhus, smallpox, cholera, influenza, TB, and the bubonic plague are discussed. Information about causes, interesting facts, and progression of each pandemic combine with support charts and photographs which add interest level and clarity.
- elem **Kimmel, Eric A.** *The Story of Esther: A Purim Tale* SO,MS  
Holiday House 2011 unsp 16.95 978-0-8234-2223-4  
Eric Kimmel presents the whole "Megillah" in this exuberant description of the Jewish holiday of Purim, the Festival of Lots.
- elm/ms **Kinney, Jeff** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* CFM,VM  
Abrams, Harry 2011 216p 13.95 978-1-41970-223-5  
"Greg, stuck indoors with his family over the holiday because of a blizzard, suffers from claustrophobia and worries they will not be able to weather the storm."
- elm/ms **Klise, Kate** *Till Death Do Us Bark* MS,JT  
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2011 109p 15.99 978-0-547-40036-5  
Seymour Hope finds a new friend in his dog Secret but there is too much controversy in town following the death of Secret's owner, Noah Breth, and the two conniving children who hope to inherit all \$7 million of Noah's fortune.
- elem **Knudson, Shannon** *Eggs, Legs, Wings: A Butterfly Life Cycle* LM,JT  
Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 16.99 978-1-4296-5367-1 First Graphics (Capstone)  
The life cycle of the monarch butterfly is described in graphic format.
- elem **Kudela, Katy R.** *My First Book of Hindi Words* CK,LMN  
Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 25.99 978-1-4296-5967-3 A+ Books(Capstone)  
This beautiful picture dictionary is very appealing and attractive and gives Hindi equivalents of many common English words from everyday life.
- elm/ms **Kupescic, Rajka** *The White Ballets* HW,LM  
Tundra Books 2011 40p 19.95 978-0-88776-923-8  
Introduction to the White Ballets: "Giselle," "Swan Lake," and "La Bayadere."
- elm/ms **LaFevers, R.L.** *Theodora and the Last Pharaoh* LM,SO  
Houghton 2011 394p 16.99 978-0-547-39018-5  
Eleven-year-old Theodora sets off for Egypt with her mother to document some findings of a previous dig. Actually, Theodora is subtly trying to return a valued relic to its rightful owner with the help of her cat Isis.
- ms **Lairmore, Dawn** *Ivy and the Meanstalk* HW,JT  
Holiday House 2011 227p 16.95 978-0-8234-2392-7  
What happened after Jack climbed the beanstalk? When he made off with the harp and hen, did he consider the repercussions of his actions?
- second **Landalf, Helen** *Flyaway* MS,JT  
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2011 167p 16.99 978-0-547-51973-9  
Stevie learns about relationships and self-worth in this novel about a mother-daughter relationship that is threatened by Mom's drug abuse.
- elm/ms **Lassieur, Allison** *Colonial America: An Interactive History Adventure* MS,SO  
Capstone Publishers 2011 112p 22.99 978-1-4296-5481-4 You Choose: History (Capstone)  
Life in Colonial America has never been presented in a more user-friendly format! Students will learn about indentured servants, sailors, and soldiers and their contributions to pre-Revolutionary War days, and life in Philadelphia prior to the war.
- elm/ms **Lassieur, Allison** *Can You Survive the Titanic? An Interactive Survival Adventure.* JT,CFM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 112p 30.65 978-1-4296-6586-5 You Choose: Survival  
This "You Choose" title takes place on the Titanic. You can choose to be a medical assistant, an governess, or a twelve-year-old boy traveling with his father. Within these characters, there are additional choices. Grades 3-7.
- ms/hs **Latta, Sara L.** *Bones* PN,SO  
Enslow 2011 104p 23.95 978-0-7660-3669-7 True Forensic Crime Stories  
This volume in the *True Forensic Crime Stories* series deals with forensic anthropology. History and current practice are explored through a series of case studies, highlighting the ways in which the science developed and is used today.

- elm/ms **Latta, Sara L.** *Cybercrime* LM,JT  
 Enslow 2011 104p 23.95 978-0-7660-3668-0 True Forensic Crime Stories  
 This book explains to young readers how to effectively navigate the online world safely.
- elm/ms **Latta, Sara L.** *DNA and Blood* MD,LM  
 Enslow 2011 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-3667-3 True Forensic Crime Stories  
 DNA and blood play a very important part in solving crimes. Today it can prove who the real criminal is with absolute proof. The book has case studies and for all interested in forensic criminology, this will be a book for you!
- \* elm/ms **Lawson, Julie** *Ghosts of the Titanic* LM,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 169p 16.95 978-0-8234-2423-8  
 Twelve-year-old Kevin Messenger finds himself drawn to the Titanic shipwreck when his class studies the disaster. Kevin becomes even more enthralled with the event after his father inherits a house in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and he discovers a link to the disaster.
- \* all ages **Loewn, Nancy** *Stubborn as a Mule and Other Silly Similes* LM,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 unp 20.49 978-1-4048-6271-5  
 This book explains that a simile shows us what two things have in common. Readers will understand this figure of speech that is supported by very descriptive watercolors.
- ms/hs **Lourie, Peter** *The Manatee Scientists* LF,SO  
 Houghton 2011 80p 18.99 978-0-547-15254-7 Scientists In the Field (HM)#8  
 Three different species of manatees live around the world and are presented in this very informative book that talks not just about manatees but the scientists and the research they conduct.
- elem **Lowry, Lois** *Bless This Mouse* SO,VM  
 Houghton 2011 150p 15.99 978-0-547-39009-3  
 Mouse Mistress Hildegard is the leader of the colony of 219 mice that inhabits Saint Bartholomew's Church. It will be up to her to save her flock from both cats and exterminators. Gentle and charming in its presentation, it is filled with memorable characters, picturesque details about the church and its mouse and human community, and a suspenseful and satisfying plot.
- \* ms/hs **Lunge-Larson, Lise** *Gifts from the Gods* VM,SO  
 Houghton 2011 90p 18.99 978-0-547-15229-5  
 This book identifies and explains various familiar words and terms that have been taken from Greek mythology. Definitions and brief stories regarding the origination of the words are presented.
- \* hs/adult **Lynch, Chris** *Kill Switch* LMN,CK  
 Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2012 169p 16.99 978-1-4169-2702-0  
 Daniel takes his grandfather on a clandestine road trip where grandpa's secret past is revealed. This book is filled with humor, love, and questions about what is best for Dan's grandpa. Along for the ride is Dan's marijuana-smoking cousin. Grades 10+.
- elm/ms **Lynette, Rachel** *Ogres (Monsters)* JT,LMN  
 Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 48p 27.50 978-0-7377-5075-1  
 Traces the history of ogres from tales found in Germany, France, and the British Isles. It highlights their appearances in literature, tales, and film. Similar creatures are Orcs and Oni.
- ms **Mack, Gail** *Kickboxing* HW,CK  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 48p 20.95 978-0-7614-4936-2 Martial Arts In Action(MC)  
 Provides an overview of kickboxing, a martial art.
- hs/adult **MacKay, Jenny** *Gangs* MS,LF  
 Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 112p 33.45 978-1-4205-0343-2 Hot Topics (Lucent/Cengage)  
 Six chapters about gangs include the history and the culture of gangs, the business aspect, the legal system (how gangs are organized as well as how our police forces deal with gangs), the promotion of gang life, and the effects of gangs on society.
- ms **Marino, Andy** *Unison Spark* LM,MD  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 232p 16.99 978-0-8050-9293-6  
 Unison is a social network world that knows you better than you do yourself. However, it is another story when you are not on the inside. Readers will experience a fast paced read with adventures between both Unison and the underworld while meeting some unusual characters.
- \* elm/ms **Martin, Ann M.** *Ten Rules for Living With My Sister* CK,VM  
 Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2011 228p 16.99 978-0-312-36766-4  
 This novel presents a year in the life of a nine-year-old New York girl who lives with her parents and teenage sister.
- elem **Mayer, Mercer** *Too Many Dinosaurs* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2316-3  
 Dinosaurs rule in this contemporary, charming children's book about a boy's imagination and a neighborhood in which dinosaurs keep appearing and wreaking havoc!
- hs/adult **Mayor, Mireya** *Pink Boots and a Machete* LF,LMN  
 National Geographic 2011 301p 26.00 978-1-4262-0721-1  
 The author has written this autobiography that chronicles her life from early childhood to NFL cheerleader to National Geographic employee who travels the globe scouring for new species of fauna and flora, by following her instincts as a modern day explorer.
- ms/hs **McClintock, Norah** *She Said/She Saw* MS,JT  
 Orca 2011 211p 12.95 978-1-55469-335-1  
 Tegan witnesses a murder of two friends in the front seat of their car. Unable to delve into her own mind to help police solve the crime, she shuts down. Even her best friend refuses to believe her, leading her to take surprising steps in the end to help police.
- ms **McMann, Lisa** *The Unwants* MS,JT  
 Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 400p 16.99 978-1-4424-0770-1  
 Twins are split. Aaron, to move forward to become a leader of Quill, and Alex, to go to his death as an Unwanted because he is deemed to have creative tendencies. Instead, Alex goes to a magical land where he not only survives but is also trained to use his creativity to battle the enemy.

- \* elm/ms **McMullan, Kate** *Get to Work, Hercules* JT,MS  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2012 208p 23.99 978-1-4342-3196-3 Myth-O-Mania (Stone Arch)  
Hades, King of the Underworld, tries to set the world straight as to what really happened when Hercules had to perform his twelve impossible tasks. He received help from his Uncle Hades. Cute, funny intro to Greek myths. Grade 5-8
- elm/ms **Meinking, Mary** *Creative Nail Art for the Crafty Fashionista* MD,ALL  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 26.65 9781429665520 Fashion Craft studio  
Are you tired of wearing just one color on your nail? How about making a fashion statement by creating a work of art on your nails!
- elem **Meinking, Mary** *Crocodile vs Wildebeest* MS,JT  
RainTree (Capstone) 2011 32p 22.04 978-1-4109-3935-7 Predator vs. prey  
In this exciting easy reader, the crocodile takes on the wildebeest and the reader decides which will become prey and which will be the predator. It contains geographical information, characteristics of each animal, and amazing photographs.
- hs/adult **Meisler, Stanley** *When The World Calls* LMN,LF  
Beacon Press (dist by Random) 2011 272p 26.95 978-0-8070-5049-1  
Traces the 50 year history of the Peace Corps including the challenges it has faced as well as the impact that it has had. An intriguing look at an organization that has faded from public view but still has impact around the world. For grades 9-adult.
- elem **Meister, Carl** *Buzz Beaker and the Super Fast Car (Stone Arch Readers)* LMN,JT  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 31p 15.99 978-1-4342-2529-0  
Buzz uses his scientific ability to invent a super fast car with which his slow-moving father falls in love. Great humor, the illusion of speed in the illustrations, in a father/son feel good read. Boys will especially relate to this "love of speed" book. Grades 1-3.
- \* hs/adult **Michaelis, Antonia** *The Storyteller* LM,LMN  
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2011 402p 18.95 978-1-4197-0047-7  
A murder mystery embedded within a fairy tale told by Abel, a high school drug dealer, to his six-year-old sister also intrigues Anna, a classmate of Abel. As she falls in love with Abel, she must decide if Abel could be a murderer. Grades 11 to adult.
- elem **Michaelson, Richard** *Lipman Pike, America's First Home Run King* SO,LM  
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unpag 16.95 978-1-58536-465-1  
Son of Dutch immigrants who arrived in New York in the mid-1800s, Lipman Pike was both the first Jewish and the first professional baseball player in the newly formed National Association of Base Ball Players.
- second **Miller, Debra** *Energy Production and Alternative Energy* LF,JT  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 123p 38.20 978-0-7377-5106-2 Confronting Global Warming  
Very well written compilation of the current thinking about energy production and use today written by the author. It discusses the different aspects of energy production, use, sources, and alternatives.
- hs **Miller, Debra, editor** *Iran* LMN,SO  
Greenhaven Press see 2011 224p 27.50 978-0-7377-5182-6 Current Controversies#4  
The threat posed by Iran is evaluated in a series of reprinted articles from the last two years. Both sides of the argument are well represented. Some of the reading is challenging due to high level vocabulary. Grades 9-12.
- second **Miller, Sarah** *The Lost Crown* LF,LMN  
Atheneum see Simon & 2011 448p 17.99 978-1-4169-83408  
A fictionalized account of the final year of the Romanov family of Russia prior to their executions.
- second **Mills, Rob** *Charlie's Key* MS,JT  
Orca 2011 254p 9.95 978-1-55469-872-1  
Charlie's father dies and Charlie is left with a legacy of secrets, a dysfunctional family, and a key to a safety deposit box that his recently paroled and very dangerous uncle wants.
- ms/hs **Mitchell, Sandra** *The Vespertine* MD,TW  
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2011 295p 16.99 9780547482477  
Amelia van der Broek has finally gotten an opportunity to spread her wings by being able to attend balls, teas, and parties. She is enjoying her new freedom away from her brother when she discovers that she has visions she can not control. All goes well until one of her visions becomes a terrible tragedy.
- elem **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Codes and Ciphers* LF,LM  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3709-0 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
An elementary introduction to the science and stories behind cryptography.
- elm/ms **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Gizmos and Gadgets* JT,LM  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3710-6 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
Tools of the spy trade from invisible ink to cameras, listening devices, to passing information along are introduced in this volume. A variety of tools are explained with specific examples of their use by spies. Grades 3-6.
- elem **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Tech - Digital Dangers* LM,JT  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3712-0 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
This book discusses the world of digital dangers that spies would encounter when working with such tools as lasers, robots, drones, computer software, satellites, etc.
- \* ms/hs **Moriarty, Chris** *The Inquisitor's Apprentice* SO,LM  
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2011 343p 16.99 978-0-547-58135-4  
Thirteen-year-old Sacha Kessler can see witches. This would probably be an asset in any other place rather than the Lower East Side of New York City at the turn of the twentieth century, an alternate universe where magic is part of an ordinary way of living and everyone uses it to some extent.
- \* ms **Morpurgo, Michael** *An Elephant in the Garden* JT,MS  
Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2011 199p 16.99 978-0-312-59369-8  
An elderly lady in a nursing home tells the story of how her family escaped during the bombing of Dresden, Germany. Her mother was a zookeeper in charge of the elephants and the family took a young elephant with them on their escape. Grades 5-8

- elm/ms **Morris, Gerald** *The Adventures of Sir Gawain the True (Knight's Tales)* SO,VM  
Houghton 2011 118p 14.99 978-0-547-41855-1  
In Morris's delightful addition to the legends of King Arthur and his Court that is aimed at the elementary school crowd, he tells the story of Sir Gawain the Undefeated who learns a life lesson in courtesy and humility through his dealings with the Green Knight.
- hs/adult **Moskowitz, Tobias J. & L.J.** *Scorecasting* LMN,PN  
Crown see Random 2011 278p 26.00 978-0-307-59179-1  
Besides talent, what wins a game? Moskowitz statistically examines factors such as referees, home court advantage, and coaching decisions to see what influences the final score. Thought provoking and sure to spark debate. For grades 9 to adult.
- \* ms/hs **Murdock, Catherine Gilbert** *Wisdom's Kiss* PN,MD  
Houghton 2011 284p 16.99 978-0-547-56687-0  
Princess Wisdom's (Dizzy) impending marriage to the Duke of Farina provides the springboard to a hilarious and engaging supernatural tale, complete with a love triangle, intrigue, and laced with hints of other fairy tales.
- elem **Myers, Laurie** *Escape by Night: A Civil War Adventure* JT,MS  
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 120p 14.99 978-0-8050-8825-0  
During the Civil War, Tommy and Annie and their dog Samson meet a wounded soldier at the hospital in their church. They conclude that he is a Yankee and help him and a local slave escape from Augusta, GA. For grades 3-6.
- hs **Nardo, Don** *The Birth of Christianity* JT,HW  
Morgan Reynolds 2011 112p 28.95 978-1-59935-145-2 World Religions and Beliefs  
How Christian followers moved from being looked down on and persecuted, to the turning point in the fourth century, to world wide expansion, and how beliefs and practices became solidified to what we know today. Grades 8-12
- elm/ms **Niven, Felicia Lowenstein** *Fabulous Fashions of the 1990s* JT,LM  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3827-1 Fabulous Fashions of the  
This title introduces students to the fashions, fads, pop culture, and relevant world events of the 1990's. It shows how some of the trends of the past were resurrected with a modern twist. For grades 4-8.
- ms/hs **Noel, Alyson** *Shimmer (Riley Bloom series)* MS,VM  
Square Fish/FSG/Macmillan 2011 196p 7.99 978-0-312-64825-1  
In a thought-provoking book in the *Riley Bloom* series, Noel writes a new challenge for Riley, a protagonist who aids others in passing on once they have died. Riley meets the tortured Rebecca, a slave owner's daughter who perished in a slave uprising and must help her put her brutal death aside to move to the afterlife.
- hs **O'Brien, Caragh M.** *Prized* JT,LF  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 356p 16.99 978-1-59643-570-4  
Sixteen-year old Gaia enters Sylum carrying her infant sister and learns to deal with this dystopian society where the women rule but the men drastically outnumber them. Gaia tries to be true to herself while trying to change Sylum. Mature high school.
- \* ms/hs **O'Connell, Caitlin & Donna** *The Elephant Scientist* SO,VM  
Houghton 2011 72p 17.99 978-0-547-05344-8 Scientists In the Field (HM)#8  
In this newest addition to the superb series *Scientists in the Field*, naturalists and photographers Caitlin O'Connell and Timothy Rodwell take their readers on a trip through the harsh environment of the African scrub desert of Etosha National Park to follow the movements of the elephants.
- ms/hs **O'Connor, George** *Hera: the Goddess and Her Glory* LM,MS  
First Second (Macmillan) 2011 77p 9.99 978-1-59643-433-2  
This is the story of Hera, the goddess of air, the sky, and the heavens. Her husband, Zeus, well and truly fears her wrath. The story is told in graphic format.
- \* ms/hs **Oppel, Kenneth** *This Dark Endeavor* MD,TW  
Simon & Schuster/Little Brown 2011 304p 17.99 978-1-44240315-4  
Victor Frankenstein and his twin Konrad are inseparable. They do everything together and enjoy each other's company. Then the day comes when Konrad falls ill and the doctors can not find what is wrong with him. It is up to Victor to try and save his brother.
- elem **Orr, Wendy** *Missing! A Cat Called Buster (Rainbow Street Shelter)* JT,CFM  
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 117p 15.99 978-0-8050-8932-5  
When the pet you have loved dies, can your heart find room for a new pet? In this the second title in the *Rainbow Street Shelter* series, Josh finds that Buster, a marmalade colored cat, has wormed his way into his heart.
- hs/adult **Ottaviani, Jim** *Feynman* LF,SO  
First Second (Macmillan) 2011 264p 29.99 978-1-59643-259-8  
An unbelievably delightful biography of one of the premier physicists of our time. Feynman was something of a character, even in the world of theoretical physicists, and this comes through loud and clear in this graphic biography, narrated by said Feynman.
- elm/ms **Palika, Liz** *Dog Obedience* CK,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 26.65 978-1-4296-6525-4 Dog Ownership (Capstone)  
Children are given step-by-step instructions on training a dog to sit, heel, come, walk, and so on.
- ms **Peacock, Shane** *The Dragon Turn* LM,SO  
Tundra Books 2011 220p 21.99 978-1-77049-231-8  
Once again the boy Sherlock Holmes becomes mixed up in the mysteries of a magical dragon and the disappearance of a well known magician. It is a story full of mystery, conflict with the police, drama, and fast paced chases that will capture the readers' interest.
- \* ms/hs **Pearson, Mary E.** *The Fox Inheritance* PN,HW  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 295p 16.99 978-0-8050-8829-8  
After the car accident that supposedly killed them, Locke and Kara's minds have been preserved digitally for 260 years. A mysterious scientist gives them new bodies but when they realize his intentions, they escape into a bizarre new world.

- all ages **Peot, Margaret** *Inkblot* LM,SO  
Boyd's Mills 2011 53p 19.95 978-1-9078-720-5  
The book demonstrates how the inkblot has been used for centuries by famous people like Victor Hugo, Leonardo DaVinci, and others to stimulate creativity. Detailed instructions and examples are provided for the reader.
- \* hs **Pfeffer, Susan Beth** *Blood Wounds* CK,LMN  
Harcourt Brace/Houghton Mifflin 2011 248p 16.99 978-0-547-49638-2  
Willa lives with her mother, step-dad, and step-sisters in what everyone says is a happy family until a series of brutal murders shakes up the foundations of her life.
- hs **Pixley, Marcella** *Without Tess* LF,LMN  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 277p 16.99 978-0-374-36174-7  
A heart wrenching novel about how a family copes with the mental illness of a child and her death by suicide.
- ms/hs **Polak, Monique** *Miracleville* CK,LMN  
Orca 2011 246p 12.95 978-1-55469-330-6  
The summer that Ani's mother has a terrible accident is the same summer that Ani learns a lot more about her family than she ever dreamed of.
- elem **Powell, Martin** *The Elves and the Shoemaker (Grimm Graphic Novel)* LM,JT  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 32p 17.99 978-1-4342-2553-5  
This is an adaptation of a Grimm's fairy tale that shows generosity of the shoemaker is important. This act of generosity is rewarded by help from magical elves.
- elem **Poydar, Nancy** *No Fair Science Fair* CFM,SO  
Holiday House 2011 32p 14.95 978-0-8234-2269-2  
"As the judging of his class's science fair approaches, Otis has trouble even thinking of an idea but once he has built a bird feeder he is determined to make some good observations, no matter how long it takes."
- \* ms/hs **Price, Charlie** *Desert Angel* MD,TW  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 236p 16.99 9780374317751  
Angel knows that she can not stop running. Scotty will catch up to her and try to kill her. She believes she is at the end of her rope when she gets help from the most unlikely place and unexpected group of people giving her hope.
- elm/ms **Pryor, Bonnie** *Captain Hannah Pritchard* JT,LM  
Enslow 2011 160p 27.93 978-0-7660-3817-2 Historical Fiction Adventures  
Third book about Hannah Pritchard. Having escaped a prison ship, Hannah, Daniel, and Dobbs return to Portsmouth and set sail for South Carolina to recover the treasure they had previously buried while avoiding a pirate. Grades 3-7
- elm/ms **Raczka, Bob** *Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed From a Single Word* CK,LMN  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 44p 16.99 978-1-59643-541-4  
Each of these poems is created from a single word ... they are funny, interesting, and joyful. Students will have fun with them, and will be able to use them for inspiration.
- elem **Rand, Casey** *Glass Squids and Other Spectacular Squids* SO,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4194-7 Creatures of the Deep  
This brightly illustrated book presents the basic facts about the glass squid and other members of the squid family.
- elem **Ransome, James E.** *New Red Bike!* JT,SO  
Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2226-5  
Tom receives a brand new bicycle and rides to his friend's house. The bike disappears because Sam takes it to ride. They share the bike until Sam also gets a new bike from his parents. This gentle book is perfect for new readers.
- ms/hs **Rau, Dana Meachen** *A Teen Guide to Creative Delightful Dinners* LF,?  
Compass Point 2011 64p 25.49 978-0-7565-4408-9 Teen Cookbooks  
Recipes along with nutritional information geared to pre-teens and teens interested in cooking.
- ms/hs **Rau, Dana Meachen** *Freking Out! The Science of the Teenage Brain* LMN,JT  
Capstone Publishers 2012 64p 33.32 978-0-7565-4486-7 Everyday Science (Capstone)  
With minimal scientific jargon, the book explains how the brain matures, what regions regulate specific behavior, and how thought and emotions are processed. Perfect for middle school students who are interested in how and why they learn and behave.
- elm/ms **Raum, Elizabeth** *Orphan Trains: An Interactive History Adventure* SO,MS  
Capstone Publishers 2011 107p 30.65 978-1-4296-5479-1 You Choose: History (Capstone)  
In this "You Choose" adventure, the reader can become a newsboy in New York City in 1866, go west with three younger siblings in 1904, or be left alone with a baby sister in 1919. As the reader progresses through each story, further choices are offered that change the final outcome.
- hs/adult **Reef, Catherine** *Jane Austen: A Life Revealed* PN,LMN  
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2011 192p 18.99 978-0-547-37021-7  
A well-researched biography of the popular 19th century author Jane Austen. Created for students wanting to know more about the enigmatic author who left little behind but her novels of romance and social controversy.
- elem **Regan, Dian Curtis** *The Snow Blew In* JT,CFM  
Holiday House 2011 unpag \$16.95 978-0-8234-2351-4  
As Emma waits for a sleepover with her cousin Abby, a snowstorm is raging. Guests keep arriving seeking shelter until the inn is bursting at the seams but still no Abby. Mama and Emma even give up their own rooms. A winter tale for Pre-K to grade 3.
- ms/hs **Robison, John Elder** *Be Different: Adventures of A Free-Range Aspergian* CK,LMN  
Crown see Random 2011 286p 24.00 978-0-307-88481-7  
The author shares his views on Asperger's syndrome with young people along with tips for living with Asperger's.

- ms **Rodman, Sean** *Infiltration* MD,CK  
Orca 2011 128p 9.95 9781554699858  
Bex can infiltrate any place he wants; the more dangerous it is the better the challenge. Up to now his motto has been "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints." Then the day comes when he meets a challenge that may take him one step closer to death.
- elem **Rotner, Shelley** *I'm Adopted!* HW,JT  
Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 97-0-8234-2294-4  
Addresses most common questions children have regarding adoption.
- elem **Rubin, Susan Goldman** *Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto* SO,JT  
Holiday House 2011 40p 18.95 978-0-8234-2251-7  
Irena Sendler was a Polish social worker who personally saved more than 400 Jewish children from extermination at the hands of the Nazis. This inspiring story of bravery and compassion in a time of fear is presented in an appropriate manner for its intended age group.
- ms/hs **Rutkoski, Marie** *The Jewel of the Kalderash* HW,LF  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 320p 16.99 978-0-374-33678-3  
In the conclusion to the *Kronos Chronicles*, Petra rescues her father, who has become a Gray Man, and must face down Prince Rodolfo, who is close to ruling Europe.
- elm/ms **Salas, Laura Purdie** *Picture Yourself Writing Poetry* MS,CFM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 25.99 978-1-4296-6124-9 See It! Write It! (Capstone)  
Teachers and students who are stuck with a poetry assignment will find explanations as well as inspiration in this short guide to making poetry writing easier!
- elm/ms **Savage, Jeff** *Top 25 Gymnastics Skills, Tips, and Tricks* HW,JT  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3868-4 Top 25 Sports Skills, Tips, &  
Examines gymnastics skills and techniques for a variety of events.
- \* ms/hs **Schmidt, Gary D.** *Okay for Now* MS,JT  
Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2011 360p 16.99 978-0-547-15260-8  
Three brothers, all abused, navigate their way through trials of growing up in turbulent times, the 60s. One withdraws, another uses his wits to survive, and the oldest returns from Vietnam spiritually and physically wounded.
- hs **Schraff, Anne** *The Lost* LF,CK  
Saddleback 2011 198p 8.95 9778-1-61651-585-0 Urban Underground  
Paul Morales, "lost" young man, considers himself found by Carmen Ibarra and both learn about life and each other together.
- \* hs **Schrieber, Joe** *Au Revoir Crazy European Chick* LM,LMN  
Houghton 2011 190p 16.99 978-0-547-57738-8  
Perry takes a foreign exchange student to the prom only to find she is an assassin set on avenging her sister's death. Suspend belief and rocket along on prom night in a five stop tour of death. Nonstop action with a hint of humor. Grades 9-12.
- ms/hs **Schroder, Monika** *My Brother's Shadow* CK,PN  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 217p 17.99 978-0-374-35122-9  
In the fall of 1918, young Moritz is working as a printer and living with his mother, a political activist, his sister, and grandmother while his older brother is at the front.
- elem **Schroeder, Alan** *Ben Franklin His Wit and Wisdom from A-Z* CFM,SO  
Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-1950-0  
"An illustrated overview of Benjamin Franklin's inventions, wisdom, and accomplishments."
- ms/hs **Schuman, Michael** *Maya and Aztec Mythology Rocks!* JT,LM  
Enslow 2011 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3899-8 Mythology Rocks! (Enslow)  
Myths of the Mayan and Aztec peoples focusing mostly on creation myths. Each is introduced, the story given, study questions presented, and expert commentary provided on the myth. Middle into high school.
- ms **Schuman, Michael A** *Scarlett Johansson* CK,LF  
Enslow 2011 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3556-0 People To Know Today (Enslow)  
This is a detailed biography of the actress Scarlett Johansson, complete with discussion of her movies, a chronology, and a filmography.
- elm/ms **Schwartz, Ellen** *The Case of the Missing Deed (Teaspoon Detectives)* LM,SO  
Tundra Books 2011 189p 17.99 978-0-88776-959-7  
In this story, five cousins try to help their Grandmother find the deed to her house. It seems her husband had hidden it so no one could find it. The cousins turned detective with some hilarious results as they cook their way through the recipes that he left as clues.
- elm/ms **Schwartz, Heather E.** *Breaking Barriers (Women of the US Marine Corps)* LMN,LF  
Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 20.25 978-1-4296-5450-0 Snap Books(Capstone)  
Colorful photos illustrate the history of women in the Marine Corps. The focus is on current service by women as helicopter pilots and combat support positions. Glossary terms appear in bold with definition at the bottom of the page. Grades 4-8.
- hs/adult **Scieszka, Casey & Steven** *to Timbuktu* LF,HW  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 491p 19.99 978-1-59643-527-8  
A travel log begun by a college junior that is completed in her mid-twenties. As the cover so aptly labels it "nine countries, two people, one true story."
- \* ms/hs **Sedgwick, Marcus** *White Crow* PN,LF  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 234p 16.99 978-1-59643-594-0  
Winterfold is a village crumbling into the sea when 16-year-old Rebecca and her father "vacation" there to escape controversy at home. Her encounter with Fereolith brings her into a dark game, as they uncover the town's dark history.

- elem **Seven, John** *The Ocean Story* MS,SO  
Picture Window Books 2011 unp 16.99 978-1-4048-6785-7  
This book describes how water returns to the ocean after cycling through its many uses, shows creatures of the ocean in their many colors and antics, and teaches children what can go wrong if we don't protect this treasure.
- all ages **Shakespeare, William** *A Midsummer Night's Dream* LM,PN  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2012 88p 26.65 978-1-4342-2605-1 Shakespeare Graphics (Stone)  
This is a graphic novel that retells Shakespeare's play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In addition to colorful graphics and clear text, the book includes facts about Shakespeare, historical information about the play, and other support activities.
- ms/hs **Shakespeare, William** *Romeo and Juliet* CK,LMN  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 168p 21.61 978-1-4205-0631-0 Classic Graphic Novel Collection  
This is a graphic-novel version of *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, with accompanying notes.
- elm/ms **Sheen, Barbara** *Foods of Afghanistan* LF,LMN  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 64p 30.00 978-0-7377-5420-9 A Taste of Culture (Cengage)  
Through a variety of recipes and an introduction to the different foods used in the recipes, the author presents the culture and food of Afghanistan.
- ms/hs **Sherman, Zachary** *A Time for War (Bloodlines)* LMN,LF  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 88 6.95 978-1-4342-2558-0  
The emotions of fear, exhilaration, and apprehension of a paratrooper being dropped behind enemy lines in order to take out Germans in advance of the D-Day operation are powerful. This graphic novel provides a grim but not gory look at what D-Day was like. Grades 6-10.
- elem **Simons, Lisa M. Bolt** *Airmen of the US Air Force (bilingual)* HW,LF  
Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 17.99 978-1-4296-6115-7 Pebble Plus (Capstone)  
From recruitment to civilian life, learn all about airmen of the U.S. Air Force. Bilingual text.
- elm/ms **Singh, Asavari** *How to Draw the Darkest, Baddest, Graphic Novels* LM,VM  
Capstone Publishers 2012 48p 30.65 978-1-42966594-0 Drawing (Capstone)  
This is a step-by-step book that explains how to draw the various graphic characters. Tips and tricks are also included to help the reader.
- all ages **Singh, Rina** *Nearly Nonsense: Hoja Tales from Turkey* MD,PN  
Tundra Books 2011 48p 17.95 978-0-8877-6974-0  
A collection of delightful and very wise tales. Nasrudin Hoja has a way of confronting everyday problems in a most unique way that will get you laughing and enjoying his wisdom. Excellent for read aloud.
- elem **Smith, Alex T.** *Foxy and Egg* CFM,SO  
Holiday House 2011 28p 17.95 978-0-8234-2330-9  
"Foxy DuBois is delighted when Egg rolls up to her door, and she invites him in to enjoy dinner, games, and a place to sleep, even as she makes plans for a special breakfast."
- elem **Smith, Lane** *Grandpa Green* PN,CFM  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 unp 16.99 978-1-59643-607-7  
The young narrator takes the reader through a garden of memory - topiaries depicting the life of his great grandfather. Grandpa is growing forgetful, but the garden remembers for him in whimsical illustrations in varying shades of green. A beautiful tribute to an extraordinary grandfather told through vision of a topiary garden.
- \* ms/hs **Smith, Sharon J.** *Young Activist's Guide to Building a Green Movement + Changing the World* CK,CFM  
Ten Speed Press see Random 2011 214p 14.99 978-1-58008-561-8  
Using examples of students who have organized for positive changes regarding the environment, this how-to book gives step-by-step guidelines on making a difference.
- elem **Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk** *The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood* MS,VM  
Holiday House 2011 unp \$16.95 978-0-8234-2134-3  
Preacher's daughter, Virginia, shares her coat with her best friend Evelyn and learns the lesson of sacrificing one's own needs for another.
- elm/ms **Sobey, Ed, Ph.D.** *Solar Cell and Renewable Energy Experiments* CK,SO  
Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3305-4 Cool Science Projects with  
This is a how-to book about creating science experiments that make use of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power.
- elm/ms **Sobey,Ed, Ph.D.** *Electric Motor Experiments* LF,SO  
Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3306-1 Cool Science Projects with  
Through the use of series of experiments, readers learn about how battery driven DC motors work.
- elm/ms **Somervill, Barbara** *The Story Behind Maps* LF,LM  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4329-5443-7 True Stories (Capstone)  
A small book with a lot of information, this title presents information about the different types of maps since the first was created, what maps represent, how to read maps, how technology has been integrated with maps, and the historical figures involved in map making.
- \* ms/hs **Sommer, Shelley** *Hammerin' Hank Greenberg* SO,LM  
Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mills) 2011 135p 17.95 978-1-59078-452-5  
Hank Greenberg was the American League's two-time MVP, five-time All-Star, and the first Jewish player to be named to baseball's Hall of Fame. This engaging narrative is filled with fascinating historical details and baseball statistics and highlighted by wonderful black-and-white archival and personal photographs.
- elm/ms **Sonneborn, Liz** *Northwest Coast Indians* JT,LMN  
Capstone Publishers 2012 48p 32.00 978-1-4329-4949-5 First Nations of North America  
An overview of the culture of the Native American tribes found along the Pacific Northwest coast. Tribes are identified and the similarities are explained. The book also discusses foods, clothing, housing, beliefs, and life today. Grades 5-8

- ms **Soto, Gary** *Hey 13!* CK,MD  
Holiday House 2011 197p 16.95 978-0-8234-2395-8  
Thirteen short stories revolve around realistic situations that middle-school-age children face in their everyday lives. The main characters are all Hispanic.
- elm/ms **Spilsbury, Richard & Louise** *The Printing Press* LM,LF  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4329-4876-4 Tales of Invention (Capstone)  
This is the story of the printing press from its conception through all stages until modern day.
- ms/hs **Spilsbury, Richard Y. &** *Fossils* MS,LF  
Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 32p 29.00 978-14329-5650-9 Let's Rock (Heinemann)  
Students learn all about fossils in this comprehensive guide to their study. The author blends text which includes fossils' origins, descriptions, and uses with drawings, photographs and maps to provide a tool for science teachers and students alike.
- hs **Stein, R. Conrad** *Emiliano Zapata and the Mexican Revolution* SO,HW  
Morgan Reynolds 2012 144p 28.95 978-159935-163-6 Story of Mexico(MR)  
This densely packed compendium of information about the role of Emiliano Zapata in the Mexican Revolution offers a thoughtful and realistic view of this harrowing time. The writing is cohesive and well constructed and will offer the reader a compelling narrative of the war.
- ms/hs **Stevenson, Robin** *Outback* JT,MS  
Orca 2011 131p 9.95 978-1-55469-4119-8  
A survival story. When Jayden joins his uncle on a trip into the Australian Outback to search for new species of lizards, it turns into life and death survival when the jeep catches fire.
- elm/ms **Stiefel, Carmen** *Sweaty Suits of Armor* JT,MS  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3784-7 Ye Yucky Middle Ages (Enslow)  
This title gives readers a glimpse at some of the realities of the life of a knight in the Middle Ages. It particularly dwells on the yucky aspects like sweating in hot armor, diseases, and sieges. Elementary into early middle school.
- ms/hs **Stiefel, Chana** *Fingerprints* SO,LM  
Enslow 2011 104p 23.95 978-0-7660-3689-5 True Forensic Crime Stories  
Beginning with a discussion of early means of criminal investigations and how fingerprint physiology methods drastically changed the ways crimes were solved, Stiefel explains the methods by which fingerprints can be characterized and how law enforcement agencies make and use fingerprint records.
- elm/ms **Stiefel, Chana** *Ye Castle Stinketh* MD,LM  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3786-1 Ye Yucky Middle Ages (Enslow)  
The middle ages was a dark time in history but more than that it was a time where cleanliness was not important and often purposely neglected. Could you survive living in a castle? Read on and find out!
- \* ms/hs **Stout, Glenn** *Soldier Athletes (Good Sports)* HW,LMN  
Sandpiper see Houghton Mifflin 2011 99p 5.99 978-0-547-41729-5  
Contains four stories of athletes who interrupted their professional sports careers to serve in the United States Armed Forces.
- ms **Strange, Jason** *The Mothman's Shadow* HW,MD  
Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 64p 23.99 978-1-4342-2965-6  
Four boys go camping and encounter the mysterious Mothman.
- hs **Streissguth, Michael E.** *Extreme Weather* JT,LF  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 116p 37.10 978-0-7377-4859-8 Confronting Global Warming  
This title details both the recorded and possible future effects of global warming on extreme weather conditions. It includes heat and drought, rainfall and flooding, storms and seasonal variations.
- elm/ms **Strother, Ruth** *B is For Blue Planet* SO,LM  
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unnp 16.95 978-1-58536-454-1  
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 fascinating illustration, and used to explain much more interesting information than normally found.
- ms/hs **Sullivan, Laura L.** *Guardian of the Green Hill* JT,MS  
Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 292p 16.99 978-0-8050-8985-1  
Sequel to *Under the Green Hill*. Meg realizes that she is to be the next Guardian and she fights back and forth in her desires. Plenty of familiar mythical and made up beings to delight the fantasy lover. Middle to high school.
- elm/ms **Tashjian, Janet** *My Life As A Stuntboy* MS,JT  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 256p 13.99 978-0-8050-8904-2  
When Derek is invited to participate in a movie as a stuntboy, his life falls apart. His best friend is jealous, his monkey eats one of his toys and becomes deathly ill, and his classmates ridicule him because he must perform stunts for a girl.
- \* ms/hs **Tate, Nikki** *Fallout* VM,SO  
Orca 2011 168p 9.95 978-1-55469-272-9  
Tara has carried the guilt of not answering her sister Hannah's call on the day that she committed suicide a year ago. Tara works through her myriad of emotions by writing poetry to compete in poetry slams.
- hs **Tillit, L.B.** *Edge of Ready* MS,LF  
Saddleback 2011 196p 8.95 978-1-61651-778-6  
Dani wants to finish high school but finds her mother's demands for child care to be a hindrance. When she is raped by her friend's brother, Dani faces worse challenges but becomes empowered with the help of supportive friends and a rape counselor.
- ms/hs **Tillit, L.B.** *Unchained* JT,MD  
Saddleback 2012 197p 8.95 978-1-61651-7-922 Gravel Road  
TJ is torn back and forth between druggie parents, loving foster care, rehabilitated mom, drug gang, and who he really wants to be. Realistic urban street literature but well written and offers hope for the future.

- elem **Torres, John Albert** *Top 25 Basketball Skills, Tips, & Tricks* JT,HW  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3857-8 Top 25 Sports Skills, Tips, &  
 Written at an entry level, this book explains skills used in basketball. For each skill, one player who uses that skill is highlighted.  
 Includes examples from both men's and women's teams. Glossary, sources for further information, and index. Grades 3-6
- ms **Tougas, Shelley** *Little Rock Girl 1957* PN,LMN  
 Compass Point 2012 64p 33.99 978-0-7565-4440-9 Captured History (Capstone)  
 Explains the history behind the 1957 photograph, taken by Will Counts, of one of nine African-American students trying to enter Little  
 Rock High School while being taunted by an angry white mob.
- elm/ms **Tourville, Amanda Doering** *Manners on the School Bus (Bilingual)* CK,LMN  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 25.99 978-1-4048-6696-6  
 Specific instances of good manners in riding the school bus are given in Spanish and in English.
- elem **Troupe, Thomas Kingsley** *Margo and Marky's Adventures in Reading* MD,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 25.99 978-1-4048-6291-3  
 Margo and her bookmark Marky love to go on adventures in the library. On this occasion, they explain how they begin their adventures  
 through books they borrow from the library.
- \* ms/hs **Turgeon, Carolyn** *Mermaid* MD,TW  
 Broadway Books see Random 2011 240p 16.00 9780307589972  
 Lenia the mermaid saves the Prince of the South from drowning and places him at the feet of the Princess of the North. The princess  
 mistakenly believes it is a gift from the mermaid and that this young prince is meant for her.
- ms/hs **Uschan, Michael V.** *Graffiti* LMN,LF  
 Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 112p 33.45 978-1-4205-0324-1 Eye on Art (Cengage/Gale)  
 Is graffiti vandalism or a legitimate art form? The history of graffiti from prehistoric times through modern times, especially in  
 Philadelphia, is chronicled with prominent graffiti artists featured. Excellent photos. Grades 7-12.
- ms/hs **Uschan, Michael V.** *Serena Williams* MS,MD  
 Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 104p 33.45 978-1-4205-0488-0 People in the News  
 Serena Williams is a product of solid family relationships, strong work ethic, talent, and motivation that have made her a star. She has  
 survived injury, prejudice, family crises, and depression on her rise to fame as one of the world's best tennis stars ever.
- ms **Valente, Catherine M.** *The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship Of Her Own Making* JT,CK  
 Feiwel&Friends/Macmillan Child 2011 247p 16.99 978-0-312-64961-6  
 A twelve-year-old girl is spirited away to Fairyland. She meets some very unusual characters and has the opportunity to demonstrate  
 courage, bravery, and faithfulness. Reminiscent of Andre Norton and Frank L. Baum, for middle school.
- \* second **van Allsburg, Chris** *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick* HW,SO  
 Houghton 2011 221p 24.99 978-0-547-54810-4  
 Collection of short stories by best-selling authors based on the illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's story, "The Mysteries of Harris  
 Burdick."
- elm/ms **Van Allsburg, Chris** *Queen of the Falls* LMN,CK  
 Houghton 2011 unpag 18.99 978-0-547-31581-2  
 With the recognizable drawings of Van Allsburg, the book captures the personality, drama, and events about the first person, a 62-  
 year-old woman, to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. The text will thrill students who are into extreme sports. Grades 3-7.
- hs **van Tol, Alex** *A Punta de Cuchillo (Knifepoint)* MD,TS  
 Orca 2011 128p 9.95 978-1-55469-863-9 Orca Soundings  
 Jill is looking for a way to earn money during the summer. She took a job as a tour guide on trail rides. At first it sounded like a great  
 job but the truth is that it is a job that pays next to nothing, requires a lot of hard labor taking care of the horses and feeding them.
- \* ms/hs **VanHecke, Susan** *Raggin' Jazzin' Rockin'* CK,LMN  
 Boyd's Mills 2011 129p 17.95 978-1-59078-574-4  
 This book discusses the origins of eight musical instruments that are vital to American jazz and rock music.
- all ages **Wadworth, Ginger** *First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliet Gordon Low* LF,LM  
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2012 210p 17.99 978-0-547-24394-8  
 At a time in U.S. history when women were still kept in the background, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low was a somewhat controversial  
 woman that was truly ahead of her times. She encouraged young girls to look forward not just to being a housewife, but also a  
 professional woman in any field of study she should choose to aspire. This is the biography of Juliette Gordon Low.
- elem **Wallner, Alexandra** *J.R.R. Tolkien* HW,LM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 17.95 978-0-8234-1951-7  
 Juvenile biography of fantasy writer John Ronald Reuel Tolkien.
- ms/hs **Walters, Eric** *A Reventar* MS,MD  
 Orca 2011 142p 9.95 978-1-55469-861-5 Orca Soundings  
 All for the love of a woman, high school student, Ian, takes on a fast food chain which serves unhealthy food, calls for a boycott over  
 the Internet, and has to decide whether he should cave in and take an offer from the company's lawyers or stick to his original idea for  
 a boycott.
- \* **Warren, Andrea** *Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London* CK,LM,LMN  
 Houghton 2011 156p 18.99 978-0-547-39574-6  
 Dickens' own experiences with childhood poverty is tied to his interest in correcting society's ills as an adult and an author. Warren  
 takes the time to inform her readers about the social institutions of the era, and the great societal changes that were taking place. The  
 illustrations are apt, well placed and beautiful.

- elm/ms **Webb, Sophie** *Far From Shore* MS,JT  
Houghton 2011 80p 17.99 978-0-618-59729-1  
Artist/field biologist-naturalist takes to the Pacific Ocean to explore dolphin populations and the effects of tuna net fishing industry on this threatened species.
- hs/adult **Whaley, John Corey** *Where Things Come Back* CK,LMN  
Atheneum see Simon & 2011 228p 16.99 978-1-4424-1335-1  
Two seemingly disparate stories converge in this fascinating look into the life of a teenage boy in a sleepy southern town.
- elm/ms **White, Ruth** *A Month of Sundays* JT,MD  
Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 168p 16.99 978-0-374-39912-2  
A gentle story of April Garnet Rose who finds her first love while living temporarily with an aunt and her family. April also discovers the real love within a family. Grades 4-7.
- ms/hs **Whitley, David** *Children of the Lost (Agora Trilogy)* HW,JT  
Roaring Brook Press see 2011 357p 16.99 978-1-59643-614-5  
Banished from Agora, where all transactions are bartered, Mark and Lily discover the seemingly idyllic land of Giseth. Should the two outcasts abandon their quest for the children of the lost and settle in Giseth?
- elem **Whittaker, Helen** *Energy* CK,MS  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 32p 22.85 978-1-60870-573-3 Living Green (MC)  
This book defines energy and sustainability for the elementary-school student, and presents a number of science projects that demonstrate ways of reducing one's environmental footprint.
- elm/ms **Whittaker, Helen** *Food* MS,CK  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 32p 22.61 978-1-60870-574-0 Living Green (MC)  
The path to environmentally friendly food choices is not easy, but in this book, children learn how to help. The journey that food makes from the field to the table, ways to help lessen our environmental footprint & recipes are presented in a user-friendly format.
- \* elm/ms **Wilbur, Helen L.** *E is For Eiffel Tower* MS,JT  
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2010 unpag 17.95 978-1-58536-505-0  
Learn about France by reading each poem about the people, places, events, geography, or foods of France. A letter of the alphabet introduces each new topic and nonfictional support information to explain each topic appears in the side margins.
- elm/ms **Wilner, Barry** *Tom Brady* MS,JT  
Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3773-1 Sports Stars Who Care(Enslow)  
Tom Brady played at University of Michigan where he did not always get the opportunity to show his talent as quarterback then moved to the Patriots where he displaced the powerful Drew Bledsoe all-pro to become a world class quarterback.
- \* ms/hs **Wilson, Diane Lee** *Tracks* VM,SO  
McElderry Books see Simon & 2012 275p 16.99 978-1-4424-2013-7  
While working of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1866, an unlikely friendship evolves out of two diverse individuals: an Irish boy and Chinese boy.
- ms/hs **Wilson, John** *Ghost Town (Desert Legends Trilogy)* LMN,LM  
Orca 2011 172p 12.95 978-1-55469-879-0  
James meets up with Billy the Kid and encounters Wild West violence in New Mexico Territory in 1878. Information about the Buffalo Soldiers and the Alamo are interwoven into the dialogue. Grades 7-12.
- elm/ms **Winter, Jonah** *Wild Women of the Wild West* LMN,LM  
Holiday House 2011 40p 16.95 978-0--8234-1601-1  
Biographies of 15 women who shaped the frontier during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Their background and impact on their communities and American history are accompanied by full page color portraits. Grades 3-7.
- elem **Winter, Judy A.** *Jokes About Sports* LMN,MD  
Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 15.49 978-1-4296-5270-4 Jokes About (Capstone)  
Chapters containing jokes are arranged by the type of sport. Some of the jokes are groaners and others produce belly laughs. The illustrations are as funny as the jokes. Grades 1-4.
- ms/hs **Withers, Pam** *First Descent* LMN,HW  
Tundra Books 2011 265p 19.99 978-1-77049-257-8  
Rex hopes to make a first descent while kayaking an infamous river in Columbia. As he sets out to prove himself to his grandfather, he finds himself caught up in the conflict between guerrillas, paramilitary, and indigenous people who live along the river. Gr. 7+.
- ms **Woelfle, Gretchen** *All The World's A Stage* SO,LM  
Holiday House 2011 163p 16.95 978-0-8234-2281-4  
This novel of Elizabethan London is presented as a play in five acts. This fascinating account of the era gives young readers a chance to experience life both as a poor orphan and a member of the theater company with its myriad of tasks and opportunities. The "reality" of the time is enhanced by the pencil drawings that add to the sense of time and place.
- ms/hs **Wyborny, Sheila** *Tourette Syndrome* LMN,VM  
Cengage (Gale,Lucent, 2011 103p 25.03 978-1-4205-0280-0 Diseases & Disorders#4  
Although the Tourette Syndrome treatment chapter is bogged down with clinical terms, the diagnosis of the disease, effects on family, life with TS, and alternate therapies chapters are presented in engaging terms and are understandable. Grades 6-12.
- \* elm/ms **Yelchin, Eugene** *Breaking Stalin's Nose* JT,LM  
Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 151p 15.99 978-0-8050-9216-5  
This unusual title introduces young readers to the oppression and fear of the populace in Russia under Stalin. Sasha unwaveringly idolizes Stalin until his father is falsely accused and arrested. For grades 6-8.
- all ages **Yolen, Jane** *Birds of A Feather* LM,MS  
WordSong (Boyd's Mills Press) 2011 unpag 17.95 978-1-59078-830-1  
Poetry and photography make this an enjoyable experience for readers of all ages. In addition to heart warming poems and exquisite photographs, the book contains brief notes on the life and environment of each bird.

- \* all ages **Yomtov, Nel** *The Grimy, Gross Unusual History of the Toilet* LM,JT  
 Capstone Publishers 2012 48p 30.65 978-1-4296-5489-0 Unusual Histories (Capstone)  
 Little known details and amazing facts unfold as you read this unusual history of the toilet.
- elem **Young, Judy** *A Book For Black-Eyed Susan* JT,SO  
 Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unp 16.95 978-1-58536-463-3  
 While traveling on the Oregon Trail, a young girl makes a cloth first book for her baby sister so she will always remember the trip and the sister who loves her.
- \* ms/hs **Zevin, Gabrielle** *All These Things I've Loved* LM,SO  
 Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 354p 16.99 978-0-374-30210-8  
 Falling in love with the new DA's son is not the best idea for Anya Balanchime, daughter of the city's notorious crime boss. But then who would believe that coffee and chocolate would be illegal in New York City at any time.
- \* ms/hs **Zimmerman, Dwight Jon** *Saga of the Sioux* CK,LMN  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan Children's 2011 208p 18.99 978-0-8050-9364-3  
 This is a retelling of Dee Brown's Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee for young readers and focuses mainly on the Sioux.

elm/ms **Ace Your Math Test** (Enslow)

Enslow 2012 104p 31.93 HW,LF,MD,CFM,CK

Each title in this series can be used both as remedial math books for students who need extra help mastering the skills and by students who just can't get enough math. Topics include percents and ratios, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, geometry, fractions and decimals, and pre-algebra and algebra.

Multiplication and Division

Fractions and Decimals

Geometry

Pre-Algebra and Algebra

Percents and Ratios

Addition and Subtraction

elm/ms **Amazing Animal Skills** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 48p 29.93 HW,MS,CFM,PN,VM

Amazing Animal Skills explains a variety of animal behaviors, adaptations, and characteristics of diverse life-forms in different environments. The special qualities of animals and insects are featured along with support photographs and a glossary.

Sniffs and Stinks

Leaps and Creeps

Movers and Makers

Spits and Squirts

Screams and Songs

elm/ms **AnimalsAnimals** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 48p 29.93 LMN,JT,PN,HW,MS,CK

This series includes books on many different animals and describes their physical characteristics, behavior, social life, and hunting methods by focusing on their anatomy, their habits, and their habitats.

Vultures

Prairie Dogs

Rats

Walruses

Donkeys

Scorpions

hs **At Issue**

(Gale,Lucent,Kidhaven/Blackbirch 2011 119p 23.85 HW,MD,LM

The At Issue series looks at current hot topics and provides primary and secondary sources of information on both sides of the issue. All sources are cited with additional sources listed in bibliographies. Annotated lists of organizations related to the issue are also provided. Should the United States Be Multilingual?

Women in Islam

Are Social Networking Sites Harmful?

Should Junk Food Be Sold in the Schools?

elm/ms **Biodiversity** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 32p 28.50 HW,MS,CFM,CK,JT Biodiversity studies alpine zones, grasslands, rivers, temperate forests, wetlands and much more! In a clear format with excellent visual aids, animals and their habitats are examined, threats are delineated, and solutions are offered to help our planet survive.

Biodiversity of Temperate Forests

Biodiversity of Oceans and Seas

Biodiversity of Rivers

Biodiversity of Grasslands

Biodiversity of Wetlands  
Biodiversity of Alpine Zones

ms/hs **Civil Rights Movement**

Morgan Reynolds 2012 128p 28.95 CK,LMN,SO

Clearly written and extremely informative, these books offer well balanced, succinct, and lucid treatments of difficult topics in American history. The books are filled with primary source accounts, dramatic anecdotes, and well-captioned black-and-white photographs that enhance the text. They end with a timeline of important dates, source notes, an extensive bibliography of books and web sites, and an index.

Black Power

With All Deliberate Speed: Court-ordered Busing and American Schools

ms/hs **Colonial People (MC)**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 29.93 MD,VM,LM,JT

The formative years of the United States come to life through the activities of its community members in this fifteen book series. Readers discover the roles and interconnections of such diverse members of the colonial community. Each book examines the aspects of everyday life, responsibilities, and social life of each contributing community member. Clear, crisp text and beautiful illustrations add to the visual appeal of each book.

The Doctors

The Glassblower

The Miller

The Tailor

The Tanner

hs **Controversy!(MC)**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 144P 42.79 LMN,PN,CK,JT,LF

Controversy contains six titles that reflect current events in the news. Each book provides an historical background to the topic as well as current concerns related to the topic. Colorfully illustrated with index, chapter notes, further reading. Gr. 7-12.

Government Entitlements

Prisons

Torture

Reproductive Technology

Same-Sex Marriage

Military Might and Global Intervention

hs **Craft of Writing (MC)**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 96p 37.31 CK,HW,LMN,PN,MS

The Craft of Writing includes books about fiction, journalism, plays, poetry, and screenplays. Each book presents a brief history followed by types and techniques of its genre and shares ideas on how to produce one's own writing sample.

Screenplays

Fiction

Plays

Journalism

Poetry

ms/hs **Cultures of the World**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 144p 42.79 ALL

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. The book on India was a bit weaker: although most of the information was accurate, there were several over-generalizations, especially in the introductory chapter. Grades 7+

Bahrain

Bhutan

Wales

Guyana

Belize

Scotland

Eritrea

Trinidad & Tobago

Maldives

Bahamas

Grenada

Kazakhstan

Niger

India            Moldova            Cameroon            Malta            Croatia            Singapore            Indonesia  
Malaysia      Japan                Myanmar            Fiji

ms/hs **Documents of Democracy** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 96p 23.95 LF,MS,MD,CK

The four documents that serve as the foundation of the principles and values of the United States are presented in an easily accessible and informative manner in this set of books. Secondary level students will find the information to be useful for research and personal understanding.

The Constitution

The Declaration of Independence

The Bill of Rights

The Emancipation Proclamation

elm/ms **Easy Cookbooks for kids** (Enslow)

Enslow 2012 48p 23.93 JT,PN,MD,CK,CFM,LF

Each title in this series provides hands-on cooking kids can do with some adult help, as well as cultural information on each country. The around the world cookbooks include: breakfasts, desserts, lunches, main dishes, snacks, and vegetarian foods.

Easy Snacks From Around the World

Easy Vegetarian Foods From Around the World

Easy Lunches From Around the World

Easy Breakfasts From Around the World

Easy Desserts From Around the World

Easy Main Dishes From Around the World

ms/hs **Environment At Risk** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 112p 39.93 PN,LF,HW,MD

The series Environment at Risk is complete with nine titles. Well written, documented, and illustrated, the titles in this series would be a welcome addition to any middle school, high school, or public library collection. The focus of the series is the science behind environmental problems and steps being taken to reverse the environmental damage.

Maintaining Earth's Oceans

Preserving the Living Earth

Managing Land Use

Earth's Growing Population

elm/ms **Flavors of the World** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 64p 21.95 JT,SO,MD,LF

Titles in this very well done series contain books on the cuisine and cultures of China, Greece, Italy, Mexico, and Thailand. Each discusses the geography, history, customs, and celebrations through its food.

The Food of Mexico

The Food of Italy

The Food of Thailand

The Food of China

The Food of Greece

ms **Great Escapes** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 80p 23.95 JT,CFM,SO,MS,LFM

There are five titles in the Great Escapes series. Each title presents individuals who have been caught in history's atrocities. It tells the story from a distinctly personal perspective that "illuminate historical events" through primary-source material.

The Lost Boys of Sudan

The Irish Potato Famine

The Underground Railroad  
The Holocaust  
The Khmer Rouge

ms/hs **Holocaust Through Primary Sources** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 LMN,SO,VM,MS,LF

This excellent series contains books covering Kristallnacht, Auschwitz, liberation of the concentration camps, saving the children of the Holocaust, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and rescuing the Danish Jews. Each presents primary source information that is well-researched and clearly written, providing an excellent discussion of one of mankind's darkest periods.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising  
Rescuing the Danish Jews  
Saving Children From the Holocaust  
Auschwitz  
Kristallnacht  
Liberation

elm/ms **It's My State**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 80p 31.36 SO,JT,MS,LMN,CFM This series presents a thoroughly engaging overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each one. Very appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state.

Arizona  
Oregon  
South Carolina  
Indiana  
Michigan  
Ohio

hs **Landmark Legislation** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 143p 27.95 MD,LF,LMN,PN,HW

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 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.

Clean Air and Clean Water Acts  
Freedom of Information Act  
Health Care Reform Act  
Taft-Hartley Act  
Sherman Antitrust Act

ms/hs **Life A How-to-Guide** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 LF,MS,VM,SO,HW

Life-a How-to Guide contains books about dealing with stress, friendship, choosing a community service career, volunteering, getting ready to drive, getting the hang of fashion and dress codes, and using technology. Written in a common sense tone, these are very good books for both parents and teens to use in learning to manage their futures.

Getting Ready to Drive  
Volunteering

Using Technology  
Choosing a Community Service Career  
Getting the Hang of Fashion and Dress Codes  
Dealing With Stress

ms **Math Smarts** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 64p 27.93 ALL

This new series offers a clear and lucid explanation of different types of math. In cohesive and well-constructed language, the author begins with the simplest of concepts and works up to the more complex. The series informs and supports the readers' continuing understanding. Titles include Algebra I and II Smarts, Geometry Smarts, Problem Solving and Word Problems Smarts, and Pre-Algebra and Algebra Smarts. Unfortunately, the volume on Pre-algebra has errors and does not match the quality of the other titles.

Addition and Subtraction Smarts!  
Data, Graphing, and Statistics Smarts!  
Fraction and Decimal Smarts!  
Multiplication and Division Smarts!  
Problem Solving and Word Problem Smarts!  
Pre-Algebra and Algebra Smarts!  
Algebra I & Algebra II Smarts!  
Percent and Ratio Smarts!  
Trigonometry Smarts!  
Geometry Smarts!

ms/hs **Opposing Viewpoints**

Cengage (Gale, Lucent, Kidhaven/Blackbirch 2011 27.50 LMN,TW,PN,SO

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.

Celebrity Culture  
Web 2.0 Writing the Critical essay  
Gun Violence  
The Middle East Peace Process

ms/hs **Perspectives On**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 112p 27.95 LF,MS,PN,LMN

The 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 Attack on Pearl Harbor  
The Titanic Tragedy  
The Montgomery Bus Boycott  
The Texas Polygamist Raid

ms/hs **Presidents and Their Times**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 96p 34.21 MS,LMN,PN,LF

Presidents and Their Times includes biographies about John Quincy Adams, Harry Truman, William Taft, and Zachary Taylor. 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.

John Quincy Adams  
Harry Truman  
William H. Taft  
Zachary Taylor

George W. Bush  
James Garfield

elm/ms **Sharpen Your Writing Skills** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 64p 27.93 LM,HW,MS,CK,LF,MD

Books in this series cover writing for essays, debates and speeches, and stories. These little guides are certainly thorough in their step-by-step descriptions of the various genres covered, and they will all be helpful to students who have the patience to read through them. However, the information about research, outlining, plagiarism, and paraphrasing is still valid and timeless in its importance, and the books are well organized. They are recommended for classroom teachers to use with their students at the elementary and middle-school levels. The books are very well organized, and filled with good information on successful writing.

Sharpen Your Good Grammar Skills  
Sharpen Your Report Writing Skills  
Sharpen Your Story or Narrative Writing Skills  
Sharpen Your Essay Writing Skills  
Sharpen Your Debate and Speech Skills  
Sharpen Your Business Letter Writing Skills

ms/hs **Stories in American History** (Enslow)

Enslow 2012 128p 31.93 MS,LF,LMN,JT,HW,CK

Stories in American History contains six books that provide insight into the people involved and impact of nation-changing events in American history from the Oregon Trail through the Manhattan Project. Well illustrated to capture student interest. Grades 6-12.

The Incredible Transcontinental Railroad  
The Legend of the Alamo  
The Secret of the Manhattan Project  
The California Gold Rush  
The Amazing Underground Railroad  
Surviving the Oregon Trail

ms/hs **Super Chef**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 96p 24.95 VM,MS,PN,CK,SO,CFM

This new edition of the superb Superchef series informs readers of the palates and cooking of different countries and explains how different regions within countries influence the notorious foods, spices, and flavors of the different parts. Responsibly, each title in the series begins with an emphasis on safety and introduces cooking terms to prepare young readers for cooking. The only aspect missing in the books is nutritional information.

The Cooking of China  
The Cooking of France  
The Cooking of Greece  
The Cooking of India  
The Cooking of Italy  
The Cooking of Mexico  
The Cooking of Thailand  
The Cooking of Brazil

ms **Technology of the Ancients** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 64p 22.95 SO,MS,LF,PN

Books in this excellent series cover ancient technologies from China, Mesopotamia, the Aztecs, the Romans, and the Vikings. The text is enhanced with colorful, eye-catching illustrations, photographs, simple maps, and fascinating facts. There are sidebars in each chapter that give informative tidbits that add to the text.

The Chinese  
The Aztecs

The Mesopotamians  
The Romans  
The Vikings



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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Blog: <http://tristatereviews.blogspot.com>

Please check out our blog. You will find more details for many of the books on the list as well as other books pertinent to classroom teachers and young readers.

# Books of Note 2012

## Elementary

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

The Elementary list covers K-grade 4/5.

Included are books whose format, text, and readability are appropriate for elementary schools.

*Please check the general Books of Note list for picture books appropriate for all ages, and books whose format, text, and readability make them applicable for both elementary and middle schools.*

- elem **Adler, David A.** *Mystery Math: A First Book of Algebra* SO,VM  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2289-0  
 Algebra is not normally associated with haunted houses and spooky situations but David Adler succeeds admirably in explaining this difficult mathematical concept in a picture book.
- elem **Barraclough, Sue** *I Know Someone Who Is Obese* HW,JT  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 32p 26.00 978-1-4329-4566-4  
 This book introduces readers to what obesity is, how it affects people, how it can be prevented, and what they can do to be a good friend to someone who is obese.
- elem **Bliss, John** *Jewish Migration* SO,VM  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4075-9 Migration (Capstone)  
 Jews have wandered the world since Moses brought the Israelites out of Egypt, almost always in fear for their lives. In this book, Bliss concentrates on five individuals who offer primary-source information about their travels.
- elem **Blom, Jen K.** *Possum Summer* MS,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 155p 17.95 978-0-8234-2331-6  
 War hits Oklahoma when Princess's father must go to Iraq. She has promised to take care of their farm but faces much more than ordinary farm life with resilience and resourcefulness.
- elem **Bruel, Nick** *Bad Kitty Meets the Baby* CFM,JT  
 Roaring Brook Press see 2011 143p 13.99 978-1-59643-597-1  
 "Bad Kitty is not pleased when a baby joins her family. Includes fun facts and tips for training a cat to perform tricks."
- elem **Bunting, Eve** *Pirate Boy* LMN,CK  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2321-7  
 A boy dreams of sailing on a pirate ship but wants confirmation from his mother that she will always be there to calm his fears. Bright, detail-rich illustrations meld beautifully with the text. A pinch of humor underlies the text and illustrations. Preschool.
- elem **Cabrera, Jane** *The Wheels on the Bus* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp \$16.95 978-0-8234-2350-7  
 In a wonderful adaptation of the original song, this book combines music with animals, onomatopoeia, and delightful illustrations.
- elem **Cameron, Ann** *Spunky Tells All* CFM,LM  
 Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 106p 16.95 978-0-374-38000-7  
 "Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates the family's adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and a new way of looking at his world."
- elem **Caple, Kathy** *Duck & Company Christmas* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 48p 15.95 978-0-8234-2239-5  
 When Christmas arrives with only rain, Duck and Rat try to think of ways to drum up business and create holiday spirit at their bookstore.
- elem **Davies, Jacqueline** *The Lemonade Crime* CFM,VM  
 Houghton 2011 152p 15.99 978-0-547-27967-1  
 "When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened."
- elem **Dickmann, Nancy** *La Carne y Las Proteinas* MS,MD  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 24p 16.77 978-1-4329-5130-6  
 Children learn which animals and other food products contain proteins, why eating proteins is important, and the negative side of eating too many fatty foods.
- elem **Donahue, Jill Lynn** *Being Honest (Bilingual)* MS,MD  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 19.49 978-1-4048-6689-8  
 Teaching values and morals is the job of the classroom teacher as well as the parent. This book teaches children how to be honest by using various case scenarios and showing how each child resolved the problem by displaying honesty.
- elem **Dunning, Joan** *Seabird in the Forest* LF,ALL  
 Boyd's Mills 2011 unnp 17.95 978-1-59078-715-1  
 Follows the life cycle of the marbled murrelet, a small seabird indigenous to coastal Pacific waters. In the process, the author presents information about the redwood forests found up and down the northwestern coastal states.
- elem **Feldman, Thea** *Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse Starring Harry* SO,VM  
 Square Fish/FSG/Macmillan 2011 32p 15.99 978-0-312-68168-5  
 In this chapter book for early readers, inspired by George Selden's *The Cricket in Times Square*, children are introduced to Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse as they live together in their cozy drainpipe in Times Square. This adaptation is very true to the original as are the lovely illustrations bring those of Garth Williams to mind.
- elem **Freeman, Martha** *The Case of the Diamond Dog Collar* JT,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 136p 16.95 978-0-8234-2337-8  
 Second title in *First Kids Mystery* series. The diamond dog collar sent to the White House resident dog is assumed to be fake until one gem disappears. The First Daughters tackle this mystery that may involve White House staff. Grades 3-6
- elem **Garland, Michael** *Grandpa's Tractor* HW,JT  
 Boyd's Mills 2011 unnp 16.95 978-1-59078-762-5  
 Timmy and Grandpa Joe visit the family farm and reminisce about Grandpa's old red tractor.
- elem **Gassman, Julie** *You Can't Spike Your Serves* JT,HW  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 56p 18.99 978-1-4342-2231-2 Sports Illustrated Kids  
 Alicia wants to raise money to help a friend's school buy new cheer pompoms. When her school has a visiting volleyball star, a tournament is planned as a fund raiser to help the school of Alicia's friend.

- elem **Gormley, Greg** *Dog in Boots* JT,MS  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 17.95 978-0-8234-2347-7  
 Dog reads *Puss in Boots* and tries to find the right footwear for himself. After several failed attempts, he finds the perfect choice - his paws.
- elem **Gunderson, Jessica** *Life on the Mayflower* LM,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 19.99 978-1-4048-6284-5  
*Life on the Mayflower* presents some basic facts about the living conditions on the Mayflower for young readers in graphic novel format.
- elem **Hill, Susanna Leonard** *April Fool, Phyllis* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2270-8  
 "When Punxsutawney Phyllis forecasts a blizzard on April Fools' Day--the same day as the Spring Treasure Hunt--the other groundhogs are convinced that Phyllis is pulling a prank. Includes information of the origins of April Fools' Day and how it is celebrated around the world."
- elem **Hurley, Michael** *World's Greatest Olympians* MS,CK  
 Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4122-0 The Olympics (Capstone)  
 Exciting biographical information, a vivid layout, and outstanding photographs combine to create a winning book about world record-breaking Olympic stars.
- elem **Kimmel, Eric A.** *The Story of Esther: A Purim Tale* SO,MS  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2223-4  
 Eric Kimmel presents the whole "Megillah" in this exuberant description of the Jewish holiday of Purim, the Festival of Lots.
- elem **Knudson, Shannon** *Eggs, Legs, Wings: A Butterfly Life Cycle* LM,JT  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 16.99 978-1-4296-5367-1 First Graphics (Capstone)  
 The life cycle of the monarch butterfly is described in graphic format.
- elem **Kudela, Katy R.** *My First Book of Hindi Words* CK,LMN  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 25.99 978-1-4296-5967-3 A+ Books(Capstone)  
 This beautiful picture dictionary is very appealing and attractive and gives Hindi equivalents of many common English words from everyday life.
- elem **Lowry, Lois** *Bless This Mouse* SO,VM  
 Houghton 2011 150p 15.99 978-0-547-39009-3  
 Mouse Mistress Hildegarde is the leader of the colony of 219 mice that inhabits Saint Bartholomew's Church. It will be up to her to save her flock from both cats and exterminators. Gentle and charming in its presentation, it is filled with memorable characters, picturesque details about the church and its mouse and human community, and a suspenseful and satisfying plot.
- elem **Mayer, Mercer** *Too Many Dinosaurs* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2316-3  
 Dinosaurs rule in this contemporary, charming children's book about a boy's imagination and a neighborhood in which dinosaurs keep appearing and wreaking havoc!
- elem **Meinking, Mary** *Crocodile vs Wildebeest* MS,JT  
 RainTree (Capstone) 2011 32p 22.04 978-1-4109-3935-7 Predator vs. prey  
 In this exciting easy reader, the crocodile takes on the wildebeest and the reader decides which will become prey and which will be the predator. It contains geographical information, characteristics of each animal, and amazing photographs.
- elem **Meister, Carl** *Buzz Beaker and the Super Fast Car (Stone Arch Readers)* LMN,JT  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 31p 15.99 978-1-4342-2529-0  
 Buzz uses his scientific ability to invent a super fast car with which his slow-moving father falls in love. Great humor, the illusion of speed in the illustrations, in a father/son feel good read. Boys will especially relate to this "love of speed" book. Grades 1-3.
- elem **Michaelson, Richard** *Lipman Pike, America's First Home Run King* SO,LM  
 Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unp 16.95 978-1-58536-465-1  
 Son of Dutch immigrants who arrived in New York in the mid-1800s, Lipman Pike was both the first Jewish and the first professional baseball player in the newly formed National Association of Base Ball Players.
- elem **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Codes and Ciphers* LF,LM  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3709-0 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
 An elementary introduction to the science and stories behind cryptography.
- elem **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Tech - Digital Dangers* LM,JT  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3712-0 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
 This book discusses the world of digital dangers that spies would encounter when working with such tools as lasers, robots, drones, computer software, satellites, etc.
- elem **Myers, Laurie** *Escape by Night: A Civil War Adventure* JT,MS  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 120p 14.99 978-0-8050-8825-0  
 During the Civil War, Tommy and Annie and their dog Samson meet a wounded soldier at the hospital in their church. They conclude that he is a Yankee and help him and a local slave escape from Augusta, GA. For grades 3-6.
- elem **Orr, Wendy** *Missing! A Cat Called Buster (Rainbow Street Shelter)* JT,CFM  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 117p 15.99 978-0-8050-8932-5  
 When the pet you have loved dies, can your heart find room for a new pet? In this the second title in the *Rainbow Street Shelter* series, Josh finds that Buster, a marmalade colored cat, has wormed his way into his heart.
- elem **Powell, Martin** *The Elves and the Shoemaker (Grimm Graphic Novel)* LM,JT  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 32p 17.99 978-1-4342-2553-5  
 This is an adaptation of a Grimm's fairy tale that shows generosity of the shoemaker is important. This act of generosity is rewarded by help from magical elves.

- elem **Poydar, Nancy** *No Fair Science Fair* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 32p 14.95 978-0-8234-2269-2  
 "As the judging of his class's science fair approaches, Otis has trouble even thinking of an idea but once he has built a bird feeder he is determined to make some good observations, no matter how long it takes."
- elem **Rand, Casey** *Glass Squids and Other Spectacular Squids* SO,LM  
 Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4194-7 Creatures of the Deep  
 This brightly illustrated book presents the basic facts about the glass squid and other members of the squid family.
- elem **Ransome, James E.** *New Red Bike!* JT,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2226-5  
 Tom receives a brand new bicycle and rides to his friend's house. The bike disappears because Sam takes it to ride. They share the bike until Sam also gets a new bike from his parents. This gentle book is perfect for new readers.
- elem **Regan, Dian Curtis** *The Snow Blew In* JT,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag \$16.95 978-0-8234-2351-4  
 As Emma waits for a sleepover with her cousin Abby, a snowstorm is raging. Guests keep arriving seeking shelter until the inn is bursting at the seams but still no Abby. Mama and Emma even give up their own rooms. A winter tale for Pre-K to grade 3.
- elem **Rotner, Shelley** *I'm Adopted!* HW,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 97-0-8234-2294-4  
 Addresses most common questions children have regarding adoption.
- elem **Rubin, Susan Goldman** *Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto* SO,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 40p 18.95 978-0-8234-2251-7  
 Irena Sendler was a Polish social worker who personally saved more than 400 Jewish children from extermination at the hands of the Nazis. This inspiring story of bravery and compassion in a time of fear is presented in an appropriate manner for its intended age group.
- elem **Schroeder, Alan** *Ben Franklin His Wit and Wisdom from A-Z* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-1950-0  
 "An illustrated overview of Benjamin Franklin's inventions, wisdom, and accomplishments."
- elem **Seven, John** *The Ocean Story* MS,SO  
 Picture Window Books 2011 unpag 16.99 978-1-4048-6785-7  
 This book describes how water returns to the ocean after cycling through its many uses, shows creatures of the ocean in their many colors and antics, and teaches children what can go wrong if we don't protect this treasure.
- elem **Simons, Lisa M. Bolt** *Airmen of the US Air Force (bilingual)* HW,LF  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 17.99 978-1-4296-6115-7 Pebble Plus (Capstone)  
 From recruitment to civilian life, learn all about airmen of the U.S. Air Force. Bilingual text.
- elem **Smith, Alex T.** *Foxy and Egg* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 28p 17.95 978-0-8234-2330-9  
 "Foxy DuBois is delighted when Egg rolls up to her door, and she invites him in to enjoy dinner, games, and a place to sleep, even as she makes plans for a special breakfast."
- elem **Smith, Lane** *Grandpa Green* PN,CFM  
 Roaring Brook Press see 2011 unpag 16.99 978-1-59643-607-7  
 The young narrator takes the reader through a garden of memory - topiaries depicting the life of his great grandfather. Grandpa is growing forgetful, but the garden remembers for him in whimsical illustrations in varying shades of green. A beautiful tribute to an extraordinary grandfather told through vision of a topiary garden.
- elem **Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk** *The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood* MS,VM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag \$16.95 978-0-8234-2134-3  
 Preacher's daughter, Virginia, shares her coat with her best friend Evelyn and learns the lesson of sacrificing one's own needs for another.
- elem **Torres, John Albert** *Top 25 Basketball Skills, Tips, & Tricks* JT,HW  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3857-8 Top 25 Sports Skills, Tips, &  
 Written at an entry level, this book explains skills used in basketball. For each skill, one player who uses that skill is highlighted. Includes examples from both men's and women's teams. Glossary, sources for further information, and index. Grades 3-6
- elem **Troupe, Thomas Kingsley** *Margo and Marky's Adventures in Reading* MD,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 25.99 978-1-4048-6291-3  
 Margo and her bookmark Marky love to go on adventures in the library. On this occasion, they explain how they begin their adventures through books they borrow from the library.
- elem **Wallner, Alexandra** *J.R.R. Tolkien* HW,LM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 17.95 978-0-8234-1951-7  
 Juvenile biography of fantasy writer John Ronald Reuel Tolkien.
- elem **Young, Judy** *A Book For Black-Eyed Susan* JT,SO  
 Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unpag 16.95 978-1-58536-463-3  
 While traveling on the Oregon Trail, a young girl makes a cloth first book for her baby sister so she will always remember the trip and the sister who loves her.

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elem **Easy Cookbooks for kids (Enslow)** JT,PN,MD,CK,  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93  
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*Easy Snacks From Around the World* *Easy Vegetarian Foods From Around the World* *Easy Lunches From Around the World*  
*Easy Breakfasts From Around the World* *Easy Desserts From Around the World* *Easy Main Dishes From Around the World*

elem **Edge Books (Capstone)** SO,JT,CK,CFM,  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 19.99  
 Books in this group include various subseries that will greatly appeal to younger students. Well written and illustrated, they will add much to the elementary library.  
*Build Your Own Car, Rocket, and Other Things That Go* *Wild About Snakes: Cobras* *Maine Coon Cats* *Body Bugs*  
*How to Build Hair-Raising Haunted Houses* *The Kids' Guide to Balloon Twisting* *Science Experiments That Fizz and Bubble*

elem **Fact Finders: Extreme (Capstone)** LF,PN,JT,LM  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 25.99  
*Fact Finders* by Capstone includes several series including the Solar System (10 books), Ancient Civilizations (4 books), Animals on the Edge (6 books), Race for History (4 books), and Disgusting History (8 books). We reviewed one title out of each subseries. They deal with animals and extinction, historical events, space, and the nitty gritty dirty aspects of history. They are designed for upper elementary and middle school grades.  
*Giant Pandas in a Shrinking Forest* *Gritty, Stinky Ancient Egypt*  
*Our Earth* *Who Reached the South Pole First?*

elem **Head-To-Toe Health (MC)** HW,LF,CK,CFM  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50  
 Each title in this series explores typical health issues that affect children, the science behind them, and how to prevent health problems. Six titles include topics such as: warts, burns, rashes, earaches, sprains, and strep throat.  
*Warts* *Burns* *Ear Aches*  
*Rashes* *Sprains and Strains* *Strep Throat*

elm/ms **It's My State(MC/BB)\*\*\*#7** SO,JT,MS,LMN,  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 80p 31.36  
 This series presents a thoroughly engaging overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each one. Very appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state.  
*Arizona* *Oregon* *South Carolina*  
*Indiana* *Michigan* *Ohio*

elm/ms **Sports Science (MC)** MD,JT,PN,MS,  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 32p 19.95  
*Sports Science* series covers the laws of motion and the law of conservation of energy linked to a specific sport. Common and understandable examples of players applying science are given. Scientific principles covered overlap among the titles. The author uses a variety of explanations to explain each physics principle.  
*Science At Work In Football* *Science At Work In Baseball* *Science At Work In Snowboarding*  
*Science At Work In Auto Racing* *Science At Work In Basketball* *Science At Work In Soccer*

\* denotes books to be read aloud

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elem ***Surprising Science (MC/Benchmark)*** PN,JT,CK,LF  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 24p 22.79

The *Surprising Science* series is part of the Bookworms chapter books from Benchmark, an imprint of the Marshall Cavendish Company. These books on five different science topics are designed to expand the reading skills of independent readers. They both arouse curiosity and provide many answers to student's questions.

*Fireworks* *Hot Air Balloons* *Mummies* *Robots*

elem ***Which Animal is Which? (Enslow)*** SO,MS,PN,HW,  
Enslow 2011 24p 21.26

The *Which Animal is Which* series helps students distinguish within sets of similar animals. A variety of characteristics of the two similar animals are contrasted & supported by pictures and a summary of information. There are five titles in the series.

*Alligator or Crocodile?* *Butterfly or moth?* *Frog or Toad?*  
*Insect or Spider?* *Shark or Dolphin?* *Salamander or Lizard? :*

elm/ms **Ace Your Math Test** (Enslow)

Enslow 2012 104p 31.93 HW,LF,MD,CFM,CK

Each title in this series can be used both as remedial math books for students who need extra help mastering the skills and by students who just can't get enough math. Topics include percents and ratios, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, geometry, fractions and decimals, and pre-algebra and algebra.

Multiplication and Division

Fractions and Decimals

Geometry

Pre-Algebra and Algebra

Percents and Ratios

Addition and Subtraction

elm/ms **Amazing Animal Skills** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 48p 29.93 HW,MS,CFM,PN,VM

Amazing Animal Skills explains a variety of animal behaviors, adaptations, and characteristics of diverse life-forms in different environments. The special qualities of animals and insects are featured along with support photographs and a glossary.

Sniffs and Stinks

Leaps and Creeps

Movers and Makers

Spits and Squirts

Screams and Songs

elm/ms **AnimalsAnimals** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 48p 29.93 LMN,JT,PN,HW,MS,CK

This series includes books on many different animals and describes their physical characteristics, behavior, social life, and hunting methods by focusing on their anatomy, their habits, and their habitats.

Vultures

Prairie Dogs

Rats

Walruses

Donkeys

Scorpions

hs **At Issue**

(Gale,Lucent,Kidhaven/Blackbirch 2011 119p 23.85 HW,MD,LM

The At Issue series looks at current hot topics and provides primary and secondary sources of information on both sides of the issue. All sources are cited with additional sources listed in bibliographies. Annotated lists of organizations related to the issue are also provided. Should the United States Be Multilingual?

Women in Islam

Are Social Networking Sites Harmful?

Should Junk Food Be Sold in the Schools?

elm/ms **Biodiversity** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 32p 28.50 HW,MS,CFM,CK,JT Biodiversity studies alpine zones, grasslands, rivers, temperate forests, wetlands and much more! In a clear format with excellent visual aids, animals and their habitats are examined, threats are delineated, and solutions are offered to help our planet survive.

Biodiversity of Temperate Forests

Biodiversity of Oceans and Seas

Biodiversity of Rivers

Biodiversity of Grasslands

Biodiversity of Wetlands  
Biodiversity of Alpine Zones

ms/hs **Civil Rights Movement**

Morgan Reynolds 2012 128p 28.95 CK,LMN,SO

Clearly written and extremely informative, these books offer well balanced, succinct, and lucid treatments of difficult topics in American history. The books are filled with primary source accounts, dramatic anecdotes, and well-captioned black-and-white photographs that enhance the text. They end with a timeline of important dates, source notes, an extensive bibliography of books and web sites, and an index.

Black Power

With All Deliberate Speed: Court-ordered Busing and American Schools

ms/hs **Colonial People (MC)**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 48p 29.93 MD,VM,LM,JT

The formative years of the United States come to life through the activities of its community members in this fifteen book series. Readers discover the roles and interconnections of such diverse members of the colonial community. Each book examines the aspects of everyday life, responsibilities, and social life of each contributing community member. Clear, crisp text and beautiful illustrations add to the visual appeal of each book.

The Doctors

The Glassblower

The Miller

The Tailor

The Tanner

hs **Controversy!(MC)**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 144P 42.79 LMN,PN,CK,JT,LF

Controversy contains six titles that reflect current events in the news. Each book provides an historical background to the topic as well as current concerns related to the topic. Colorfully illustrated with index, chapter notes, further reading. Gr. 7-12.

Government Entitlements

Prisons

Torture

Reproductive Technology

Same-Sex Marriage

Military Might and Global Intervention

hs **Craft of Writing (MC)**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 96p 37.31 CK,HW,LMN,PN,MS

The Craft of Writing includes books about fiction, journalism, plays, poetry, and screenplays. Each book presents a brief history followed by types and techniques of its genre and shares ideas on how to produce one's own writing sample.

Screenplays

Fiction

Plays

Journalism

Poetry

ms/hs **Cultures of the World**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 144p 42.79 ALL

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. The book on India was a bit weaker: although most of the information was accurate, there were several over-generalizations, especially in the introductory chapter. Grades 7+

Bahrain

Bhutan

Wales

Guyana

Belize

Scotland

Eritrea

Trinidad & Tobago

Maldives

Bahamas

Grenada

Kazakhstan

Niger

India            Moldova            Cameroon            Malta            Croatia            Singapore            Indonesia  
Malaysia      Japan                Myanmar            Fiji

ms/hs **Documents of Democracy** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 96p 23.95 LF,MS,MD,CK

The four documents that serve as the foundation of the principles and values of the United States are presented in an easily accessible and informative manner in this set of books. Secondary level students will find the information to be useful for research and personal understanding.

The Constitution

The Declaration of Independence

The Bill of Rights

The Emancipation Proclamation

elm/ms **Easy Cookbooks for kids** (Enslow)

Enslow 2012 48p 23.93 JT,PN,MD,CK,CFM,LF

Each title in this series provides hands-on cooking kids can do with some adult help, as well as cultural information on each country. The around the world cookbooks include: breakfasts, desserts, lunches, main dishes, snacks, and vegetarian foods.

Easy Snacks From Around the World

Easy Vegetarian Foods From Around the World

Easy Lunches From Around the World

Easy Breakfasts From Around the World

Easy Desserts From Around the World

Easy Main Dishes From Around the World

ms/hs **Environment At Risk** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 112p 39.93 PN,LF,HW,MD

The series Environment at Risk is complete with nine titles. Well written, documented, and illustrated, the titles in this series would be a welcome addition to any middle school, high school, or public library collection. The focus of the series is the science behind environmental problems and steps being taken to reverse the environmental damage.

Maintaining Earth's Oceans

Preserving the Living Earth

Managing Land Use

Earth's Growing Population

elm/ms **Flavors of the World** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 64p 21.95 JT,SO,MD,LF

Titles in this very well done series contain books on the cuisine and cultures of China, Greece, Italy, Mexico, and Thailand. Each discusses the geography, history, customs, and celebrations through its food.

The Food of Mexico

The Food of Italy

The Food of Thailand

The Food of China

The Food of Greece

ms **Great Escapes** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 80p 23.95 JT,CFM,SO,MS,LFM

There are five titles in the Great Escapes series. Each title presents individuals who have been caught in history's atrocities. It tells the story from a distinctly personal perspective that "illuminate historical events" through primary-source material.

The Lost Boys of Sudan

The Irish Potato Famine

The Underground Railroad  
The Holocaust  
The Khmer Rouge

ms/hs **Holocaust Through Primary Sources** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 LMN,SO,VM,MS,LF

This excellent series contains books covering Kristallnacht, Auschwitz, liberation of the concentration camps, saving the children of the Holocaust, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and rescuing the Danish Jews. Each presents primary source information that is well-researched and clearly written, providing an excellent discussion of one of mankind's darkest periods.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising  
Rescuing the Danish Jews  
Saving Children From the Holocaust  
Auschwitz  
Kristallnacht  
Liberation

elm/ms **It's My State**

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Arizona  
Oregon  
South Carolina  
Indiana  
Michigan  
Ohio

hs **Landmark Legislation** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 143p 27.95 MD,LF,LMN,PN,HW

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 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.

Clean Air and Clean Water Acts  
Freedom of Information Act  
Health Care Reform Act  
Taft-Hartley Act  
Sherman Antitrust Act

ms/hs **Life A How-to-Guide** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 128p 31.93 LF,MS,VM,SO,HW

Life-a How-to Guide contains books about dealing with stress, friendship, choosing a community service career, volunteering, getting ready to drive, getting the hang of fashion and dress codes, and using technology. Written in a common sense tone, these are very good books for both parents and teens to use in learning to manage their futures.

Getting Ready to Drive  
Volunteering

Using Technology  
Choosing a Community Service Career  
Getting the Hang of Fashion and Dress Codes  
Dealing With Stress

ms **Math Smarts** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 64p 27.93 ALL

This new series offers a clear and lucid explanation of different types of math. In cohesive and well-constructed language, the author begins with the simplest of concepts and works up to the more complex. The series informs and supports the readers' continuing understanding. Titles include Algebra I and II Smarts, Geometry Smarts, Problem Solving and Word Problems Smarts, and Pre-Algebra and Algebra Smarts. Unfortunately, the volume on Pre-algebra has errors and does not match the quality of the other titles.

Addition and Subtraction Smarts!  
Data, Graphing, and Statistics Smarts!  
Fraction and Decimal Smarts!  
Multiplication and Division Smarts!  
Problem Solving and Word Problem Smarts!  
Pre-Algebra and Algebra Smarts!  
Algebra I & Algebra II Smarts!  
Percent and Ratio Smarts!  
Trigonometry Smarts!  
Geometry Smarts!

ms/hs **Opposing Viewpoints**

Cengage (Gale, Lucent, Kidhaven/Blackbirch 2011 27.50 LMN,TW,PN,SO

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.

Celebrity Culture  
Web 2.0 Writing the Critical essay  
Gun Violence  
The Middle East Peace Process

ms/hs **Perspectives On**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 112p 27.95 LF,MS,PN,LMN

The 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 Attack on Pearl Harbor  
The Titanic Tragedy  
The Montgomery Bus Boycott  
The Texas Polygamist Raid

ms/hs **Presidents and Their Times**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 96p 34.21 MS,LMN,PN,LF

Presidents and Their Times includes biographies about John Quincy Adams, Harry Truman, William Taft, and Zachary Taylor. 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.

John Quincy Adams  
Harry Truman  
William H. Taft  
Zachary Taylor

George W. Bush  
James Garfield

elm/ms **Sharpen Your Writing Skills** (Enslow)

Enslow 2011 64p 27.93 LM,HW,MS,CK,LF,MD

Books in this series cover writing for essays, debates and speeches, and stories. These little guides are certainly thorough in their step-by-step descriptions of the various genres covered, and they will all be helpful to students who have the patience to read through them. However, the information about research, outlining, plagiarism, and paraphrasing is still valid and timeless in its importance, and the books are well organized. They are recommended for classroom teachers to use with their students at the elementary and middle-school levels. The books are very well organized, and filled with good information on successful writing.

Sharpen Your Good Grammar Skills  
Sharpen Your Report Writing Skills  
Sharpen Your Story or Narrative Writing Skills  
Sharpen Your Essay Writing Skills  
Sharpen Your Debate and Speech Skills  
Sharpen Your Business Letter Writing Skills

ms/hs **Stories in American History** (Enslow)

Enslow 2012 128p 31.93 MS,LF,LMN,JT,HW,CK

Stories in American History contains six books that provide insight into the people involved and impact of nation-changing events in American history from the Oregon Trail through the Manhattan Project. Well illustrated to capture student interest. Grades 6-12.

The Incredible Transcontinental Railroad  
The Legend of the Alamo  
The Secret of the Manhattan Project  
The California Gold Rush  
The Amazing Underground Railroad  
Surviving the Oregon Trail

ms/hs **Super Chef**

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 96p 24.95 VM,MS,PN,CK,SO,CFM

This new edition of the superb Superchef series informs readers of the palates and cooking of different countries and explains how different regions within countries influence the notorious foods, spices, and flavors of the different parts. Responsibly, each title in the series begins with an emphasis on safety and introduces cooking terms to prepare young readers for cooking. The only aspect missing in the books is nutritional information.

The Cooking of China  
The Cooking of France  
The Cooking of Greece  
The Cooking of India  
The Cooking of Italy  
The Cooking of Mexico  
The Cooking of Thailand  
The Cooking of Brazil

ms **Technology of the Ancients** (MC)

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 64p 22.95 SO,MS,LF,PN

Books in this excellent series cover ancient technologies from China, Mesopotamia, the Aztecs, the Romans, and the Vikings. The text is enhanced with colorful, eye-catching illustrations, photographs, simple maps, and fascinating facts. There are sidebars in each chapter that give informative tidbits that add to the text.

The Chinese  
The Aztecs

The Mesopotamians  
The Romans  
The Vikings



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 2012

## Elementary

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

The Elementary list covers K-grade 4/5.

Included are books whose format, text, and readability are appropriate for elementary schools.

*Please check the general Books of Note list for picture books appropriate for all ages, and books whose format, text, and readability make them applicable for both elementary and middle schools.*

- elem **Adler, David A.** *Mystery Math: A First Book of Algebra* SO,VM  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2289-0  
 Algebra is not normally associated with haunted houses and spooky situations but David Adler succeeds admirably in explaining this difficult mathematical concept in a picture book.
- elem **Barraclough, Sue** *I Know Someone Who Is Obese* HW,JT  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 32p 26.00 978-1-4329-4566-4  
 This book introduces readers to what obesity is, how it affects people, how it can be prevented, and what they can do to be a good friend to someone who is obese.
- elem **Bliss, John** *Jewish Migration* SO,VM  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4075-9 Migration (Capstone)  
 Jews have wandered the world since Moses brought the Israelites out of Egypt, almost always in fear for their lives. In this book, Bliss concentrates on five individuals who offer primary-source information about their travels.
- elem **Blom, Jen K.** *Possum Summer* MS,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 155p 17.95 978-0-8234-2331-6  
 War hits Oklahoma when Princess's father must go to Iraq. She has promised to take care of their farm but faces much more than ordinary farm life with resilience and resourcefulness.
- elem **Bruel, Nick** *Bad Kitty Meets the Baby* CFM,JT  
 Roaring Brook Press see 2011 143p 13.99 978-1-59643-597-1  
 "Bad Kitty is not pleased when a baby joins her family. Includes fun facts and tips for training a cat to perform tricks."
- elem **Bunting, Eve** *Pirate Boy* LMN,CK  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2321-7  
 A boy dreams of sailing on a pirate ship but wants confirmation from his mother that she will always be there to calm his fears. Bright, detail-rich illustrations meld beautifully with the text. A pinch of humor underlies the text and illustrations. Preschool.
- elem **Cabrera, Jane** *The Wheels on the Bus* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unnp \$16.95 978-0-8234-2350-7  
 In a wonderful adaptation of the original song, this book combines music with animals, onomatopoeia, and delightful illustrations.
- elem **Cameron, Ann** *Spunky Tells All* CFM,LM  
 Farrar Strauss see Macmillan 2011 106p 16.95 978-0-374-38000-7  
 "Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates the family's adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and a new way of looking at his world."
- elem **Caple, Kathy** *Duck & Company Christmas* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 48p 15.95 978-0-8234-2239-5  
 When Christmas arrives with only rain, Duck and Rat try to think of ways to drum up business and create holiday spirit at their bookstore.
- elem **Davies, Jacqueline** *The Lemonade Crime* CFM,VM  
 Houghton 2011 152p 15.99 978-0-547-27967-1  
 "When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened."
- elem **Dickmann, Nancy** *La Carne y Las Proteinas* MS,MD  
 Heinemann (Capstone) 2011 24p 16.77 978-1-4329-5130-6  
 Children learn which animals and other food products contain proteins, why eating proteins is important, and the negative side of eating too many fatty foods.
- elem **Donahue, Jill Lynn** *Being Honest (Bilingual)* MS,MD  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 19.49 978-1-4048-6689-8  
 Teaching values and morals is the job of the classroom teacher as well as the parent. This book teaches children how to be honest by using various case scenarios and showing how each child resolved the problem by displaying honesty.
- elem **Dunning, Joan** *Seabird in the Forest* LF,ALL  
 Boyd's Mills 2011 unnp 17.95 978-1-59078-715-1  
 Follows the life cycle of the marbled murrelet, a small seabird indigenous to coastal Pacific waters. In the process, the author presents information about the redwood forests found up and down the northwestern coastal states.
- elem **Feldman, Thea** *Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse Starring Harry* SO,VM  
 Square Fish/FSG/Macmillan 2011 32p 15.99 978-0-312-68168-5  
 In this chapter book for early readers, inspired by George Selden's *The Cricket in Times Square*, children are introduced to Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse as they live together in their cozy drainpipe in Times Square. This adaptation is very true to the original as are the lovely illustrations bring those of Garth Williams to mind.
- elem **Freeman, Martha** *The Case of the Diamond Dog Collar* JT,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 136p 16.95 978-0-8234-2337-8  
 Second title in *First Kids Mystery* series. The diamond dog collar sent to the White House resident dog is assumed to be fake until one gem disappears. The First Daughters tackle this mystery that may involve White House staff. Grades 3-6
- elem **Garland, Michael** *Grandpa's Tractor* HW,JT  
 Boyd's Mills 2011 unnp 16.95 978-1-59078-762-5  
 Timmy and Grandpa Joe visit the family farm and reminisce about Grandpa's old red tractor.
- elem **Gassman, Julie** *You Can't Spike Your Serves* JT,HW  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 56p 18.99 978-1-4342-2231-2 Sports Illustrated Kids  
 Alicia wants to raise money to help a friend's school buy new cheer pompoms. When her school has a visiting volleyball star, a tournament is planned as a fund raiser to help the school of Alicia's friend.

- elem **Gormley, Greg** *Dog in Boots* JT,MS  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 17.95 978-0-8234-2347-7  
 Dog reads *Puss in Boots* and tries to find the right footwear for himself. After several failed attempts, he finds the perfect choice - his paws.
- elem **Gunderson, Jessica** *Life on the Mayflower* LM,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 19.99 978-1-4048-6284-5  
*Life on the Mayflower* presents some basic facts about the living conditions on the Mayflower for young readers in graphic novel format.
- elem **Hill, Susanna Leonard** *April Fool, Phyllis* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2270-8  
 "When Punxsutawney Phyllis forecasts a blizzard on April Fools' Day--the same day as the Spring Treasure Hunt--the other groundhogs are convinced that Phyllis is pulling a prank. Includes information of the origins of April Fools' Day and how it is celebrated around the world."
- elem **Hurley, Michael** *World's Greatest Olympians* MS,CK  
 Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4122-0 The Olympics (Capstone)  
 Exciting biographical information, a vivid layout, and outstanding photographs combine to create a winning book about world record-breaking Olympic stars.
- elem **Kimmel, Eric A.** *The Story of Esther: A Purim Tale* SO,MS  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2223-4  
 Eric Kimmel presents the whole "Megillah" in this exuberant description of the Jewish holiday of Purim, the Festival of Lots.
- elem **Knudson, Shannon** *Eggs, Legs, Wings: A Butterfly Life Cycle* LM,JT  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 16.99 978-1-4296-5367-1 First Graphics (Capstone)  
 The life cycle of the monarch butterfly is described in graphic format.
- elem **Kudela, Katy R.** *My First Book of Hindi Words* CK,LMN  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 25.99 978-1-4296-5967-3 A+ Books(Capstone)  
 This beautiful picture dictionary is very appealing and attractive and gives Hindi equivalents of many common English words from everyday life.
- elem **Lowry, Lois** *Bless This Mouse* SO,VM  
 Houghton 2011 150p 15.99 978-0-547-39009-3  
 Mouse Mistress Hildegarde is the leader of the colony of 219 mice that inhabits Saint Bartholomew's Church. It will be up to her to save her flock from both cats and exterminators. Gentle and charming in its presentation, it is filled with memorable characters, picturesque details about the church and its mouse and human community, and a suspenseful and satisfying plot.
- elem **Mayer, Mercer** *Too Many Dinosaurs* MS,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2316-3  
 Dinosaurs rule in this contemporary, charming children's book about a boy's imagination and a neighborhood in which dinosaurs keep appearing and wreaking havoc!
- elem **Meinking, Mary** *Crocodile vs Wildebeest* MS,JT  
 RainTree (Capstone) 2011 32p 22.04 978-1-4109-3935-7 Predator vs. prey  
 In this exciting easy reader, the crocodile takes on the wildebeest and the reader decides which will become prey and which will be the predator. It contains geographical information, characteristics of each animal, and amazing photographs.
- elem **Meister, Carl** *Buzz Beaker and the Super Fast Car (Stone Arch Readers)* LMN,JT  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 31p 15.99 978-1-4342-2529-0  
 Buzz uses his scientific ability to invent a super fast car with which his slow-moving father falls in love. Great humor, the illusion of speed in the illustrations, in a father/son feel good read. Boys will especially relate to this "love of speed" book. Grades 1-3.
- elem **Michaelson, Richard** *Lipman Pike, America's First Home Run King* SO,LM  
 Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unp 16.95 978-1-58536-465-1  
 Son of Dutch immigrants who arrived in New York in the mid-1800s, Lipman Pike was both the first Jewish and the first professional baseball player in the newly formed National Association of Base Ball Players.
- elem **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Codes and Ciphers* LF,LM  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3709-0 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
 An elementary introduction to the science and stories behind cryptography.
- elem **Mitchell, Susan K.** *Spy Tech - Digital Dangers* LM,JT  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3712-0 Secret World of Spies (Enslow)  
 This book discusses the world of digital dangers that spies would encounter when working with such tools as lasers, robots, drones, computer software, satellites, etc.
- elem **Myers, Laurie** *Escape by Night: A Civil War Adventure* JT,MS  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 120p 14.99 978-0-8050-8825-0  
 During the Civil War, Tommy and Annie and their dog Samson meet a wounded soldier at the hospital in their church. They conclude that he is a Yankee and help him and a local slave escape from Augusta, GA. For grades 3-6.
- elem **Orr, Wendy** *Missing! A Cat Called Buster (Rainbow Street Shelter)* JT,CFM  
 Henry Holt/Macmillan children's 2011 117p 15.99 978-0-8050-8932-5  
 When the pet you have loved dies, can your heart find room for a new pet? In this the second title in the *Rainbow Street Shelter* series, Josh finds that Buster, a marmalade colored cat, has wormed his way into his heart.
- elem **Powell, Martin** *The Elves and the Shoemaker (Grimm Graphic Novel)* LM,JT  
 Stone Arch see Capstone 2011 32p 17.99 978-1-4342-2553-5  
 This is an adaptation of a Grimm's fairy tale that shows generosity of the shoemaker is important. This act of generosity is rewarded by help from magical elves.

- elem **Poydar, Nancy** *No Fair Science Fair* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 32p 14.95 978-0-8234-2269-2  
 "As the judging of his class's science fair approaches, Otis has trouble even thinking of an idea but once he has built a bird feeder he is determined to make some good observations, no matter how long it takes."
- elem **Rand, Casey** *Glass Squids and Other Spectacular Squids* SO,LM  
 Capstone Publishers 2012 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-4194-7 Creatures of the Deep  
 This brightly illustrated book presents the basic facts about the glass squid and other members of the squid family.
- elem **Ransome, James E.** *New Red Bike!* JT,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2226-5  
 Tom receives a brand new bicycle and rides to his friend's house. The bike disappears because Sam takes it to ride. They share the bike until Sam also gets a new bike from his parents. This gentle book is perfect for new readers.
- elem **Regan, Dian Curtis** *The Snow Blew In* JT,CFM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag \$16.95 978-0-8234-2351-4  
 As Emma waits for a sleepover with her cousin Abby, a snowstorm is raging. Guests keep arriving seeking shelter until the inn is bursting at the seams but still no Abby. Mama and Emma even give up their own rooms. A winter tale for Pre-K to grade 3.
- elem **Rotner, Shelley** *I'm Adopted!* HW,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 97-0-8234-2294-4  
 Addresses most common questions children have regarding adoption.
- elem **Rubin, Susan Goldman** *Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto* SO,JT  
 Holiday House 2011 40p 18.95 978-0-8234-2251-7  
 Irena Sendler was a Polish social worker who personally saved more than 400 Jewish children from extermination at the hands of the Nazis. This inspiring story of bravery and compassion in a time of fear is presented in an appropriate manner for its intended age group.
- elem **Schroeder, Alan** *Ben Franklin His Wit and Wisdom from A-Z* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-1950-0  
 "An illustrated overview of Benjamin Franklin's inventions, wisdom, and accomplishments."
- elem **Seven, John** *The Ocean Story* MS,SO  
 Picture Window Books 2011 unpag 16.99 978-1-4048-6785-7  
 This book describes how water returns to the ocean after cycling through its many uses, shows creatures of the ocean in their many colors and antics, and teaches children what can go wrong if we don't protect this treasure.
- elem **Simons, Lisa M. Bolt** *Airmen of the US Air Force (bilingual)* HW,LF  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 24p 17.99 978-1-4296-6115-7 Pebble Plus (Capstone)  
 From recruitment to civilian life, learn all about airmen of the U.S. Air Force. Bilingual text.
- elem **Smith, Alex T.** *Foxy and Egg* CFM,SO  
 Holiday House 2011 28p 17.95 978-0-8234-2330-9  
 "Foxy DuBois is delighted when Egg rolls up to her door, and she invites him in to enjoy dinner, games, and a place to sleep, even as she makes plans for a special breakfast."
- elem **Smith, Lane** *Grandpa Green* PN,CFM  
 Roaring Brook Press see 2011 unpag 16.99 978-1-59643-607-7  
 The young narrator takes the reader through a garden of memory - topiaries depicting the life of his great grandfather. Grandpa is growing forgetful, but the garden remembers for him in whimsical illustrations in varying shades of green. A beautiful tribute to an extraordinary grandfather told through vision of a topiary garden.
- elem **Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk** *The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood* MS,VM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag \$16.95 978-0-8234-2134-3  
 Preacher's daughter, Virginia, shares her coat with her best friend Evelyn and learns the lesson of sacrificing one's own needs for another.
- elem **Torres, John Albert** *Top 25 Basketball Skills, Tips, & Tricks* JT,HW  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3857-8 Top 25 Sports Skills, Tips, &  
 Written at an entry level, this book explains skills used in basketball. For each skill, one player who uses that skill is highlighted. Includes examples from both men's and women's teams. Glossary, sources for further information, and index. Grades 3-6
- elem **Troupe, Thomas Kingsley** *Margo and Marky's Adventures in Reading* MD,JT  
 Picture Window Books 2011 24p 25.99 978-1-4048-6291-3  
 Margo and her bookmark Marky love to go on adventures in the library. On this occasion, they explain how they begin their adventures through books they borrow from the library.
- elem **Wallner, Alexandra** *J.R.R. Tolkien* HW,LM  
 Holiday House 2011 unpag 17.95 978-0-8234-1951-7  
 Juvenile biography of fantasy writer John Ronald Reuel Tolkien.
- elem **Young, Judy** *A Book For Black-Eyed Susan* JT,SO  
 Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2011 unpag 16.95 978-1-58536-463-3  
 While traveling on the Oregon Trail, a young girl makes a cloth first book for her baby sister so she will always remember the trip and the sister who loves her.

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elem **Easy Cookbooks for kids (Enslow)** JT,PN,MD,CK,  
 Enslow 2011 48p 23.93  
 Each title in this series provides hands-on cooking kids can do with some adult help, as well as cultural information on each country. The around the world cookbooks include: breakfasts, desserts, lunches, main dishes, snacks, and vegetarian foods.  
*Easy Snacks From Around the World* *Easy Vegetarian Foods From Around the World* *Easy Lunches From Around the World*  
*Easy Breakfasts From Around the World* *Easy Desserts From Around the World* *Easy Main Dishes From Around the World*

elem **Edge Books (Capstone)** SO,JT,CK,CFM,  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 19.99  
 Books in this group include various subseries that will greatly appeal to younger students. Well written and illustrated, they will add much to the elementary library.  
*Build Your Own Car, Rocket, and Other Things That Go* *Wild About Snakes: Cobras* *Maine Coon Cats* *Body Bugs*  
*How to Build Hair-Raising Haunted Houses* *The Kids' Guide to Balloon Twisting* *Science Experiments That Fizz and Bubble*

elem **Fact Finders: Extreme (Capstone)** LF,PN,JT,LM  
 Capstone Publishers 2011 32p 25.99  
*Fact Finders* by Capstone includes several series including the Solar System (10 books), Ancient Civilizations (4 books), Animals on the Edge (6 books), Race for History (4 books), and Disgusting History (8 books). We reviewed one title out of each subseries. They deal with animals and extinction, historical events, space, and the nitty gritty dirty aspects of history. They are designed for upper elementary and middle school grades.  
*Giant Pandas in a Shrinking Forest* *Gritty, Stinky Ancient Egypt*  
*Our Earth* *Who Reached the South Pole First?*

elem **Head-To-Toe Health (MC)** HW,LF,CK,CFM  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 32p 28.50  
 Each title in this series explores typical health issues that affect children, the science behind them, and how to prevent health problems. Six titles include topics such as: warts, burns, rashes, earaches, sprains, and strep throat.  
*Warts* *Burns* *Ear Aches*  
*Rashes* *Sprains and Strains* *Strep Throat*

elm/ms **It's My State(MC/BB)\*\*\*#7** SO,JT,MS,LMN,  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 80p 31.36  
 This series presents a thoroughly engaging overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each one. Very appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state.  
*Arizona* *Oregon* *South Carolina*  
*Indiana* *Michigan* *Ohio*

elm/ms **Sports Science (MC)** MD,JT,PN,MS,  
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2012 32p 19.95  
*Sports Science* series covers the laws of motion and the law of conservation of energy linked to a specific sport. Common and understandable examples of players applying science are given. Scientific principles covered overlap among the titles. The author uses a variety of explanations to explain each physics principle.  
*Science At Work In Football* *Science At Work In Baseball* *Science At Work In Snowboarding*  
*Science At Work In Auto Racing* *Science At Work In Basketball* *Science At Work In Soccer*

\* denotes books to be read aloud

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elem *Surprising Science (MC/Benchmark)* PN,JT,CK,LF  
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2011 24p 22.79

The *Surprising Science* series is part of the Bookworms chapter books from Benchmark, an imprint of the Marshall Cavendish Company. These books on five different science topics are designed to expand the reading skills of independent readers. They both arouse curiosity and provide many answers to student's questions.

*Fireworks* *Hot Air Balloons* *Mummies* *Robots*

elem *Which Animal is Which? (Enslow)* SO,MS,PN,HW,  
Enslow 2011 24p 21.26

The *Which Animal is Which* series helps students distinguish within sets of similar animals. A variety of characteristics of the two similar animals are contrasted & supported by pictures and a summary of information. There are five titles in the series.

*Alligator or Crocodile?* *Butterfly or moth?* *Frog or Toad?*  
*Insect or Spider?* *Shark or Dolphin?* *Salamander or Lizard? :*